

# Towns County Sports

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## Termites exterminate Pickens County Dragons



Towns County's Kyle Oakes leaves the Dawson County Tigers in their tracks on Saturday.tif

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The Towns County 5-6 year old Termites have racked up a 4-0 start to the football season in 2010.

On Saturday, the Termites defeated Dawson County by a score of 27-6 behind the outstanding running game led by Kyle Oakes. The young man who wears No. 2 racked up 201 yards on 5 carries and two touchdowns. He also led the team in tackles with nine.

Earlier last week, Oakes and the Termites made quick work of the Pickens County Dragons for the season's third win. The Termites remain undefeated on the season.

In the 10-year old Recreation Department League game, teams played host to the visiting Pickens County Dragon teams last Tuesday evening.

First up, the Termites, led by the rushing tandem of McClure and Ivester were held in check by a stingy Dragon



The Indians Kyle Oakes romps on a 51-yard touchdown run

defense early on. That would change soon-enough. Ivester made a touchdown saving tackle to preserve a deadlock defensive battle ending in a scoreless first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Pickens running back Shoffer took off on a touchdown run staking the Dragons a 6-0 lead.

Receiving the ball on their own 25-yard line, Indians quarterback McClure took off on a 75-yard jaunt of his own evening the score at 6-6 with 5:05 left in the second quarter.

The Dragons took the lead on a Doss 7-yard touchdown going up 12-6. Nevertheless, once again the Indians special teams stepped up and answered the call. Ivester tied the game at 12-12 on a 70 yard run with 2:42 left in the first

half. Entering the second half, the Termites would look to pull away from the Dragons. The Indians would kick to the Dragons to start the third quarter.

With the Dragons driving, Ivester yet again made another great game changing defensive play taking a Dragon fumble recovery back 85 yards giving the Indians a decisive 18-12 lead on the touchdown.

Ivester wasn't through; he had another 87-yard touchdown run but was brought back due to penalty. Undeterred and unfazed he later scored from 47 yards out from the line of scrimmage with 3:06 left to ice the game and seal the Indians' victory with a final score of 25-12.



When your team is called the Termites, gang tackling is a necessity

## Indians come from behind early to take down Dragons

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In the second part of the Towns County Youth Football Tuesday night doubleheader, the 10-year old Indians came back from a first half deficit to tame the Dragons in the second half.

The Dragons were first to crack the scoreboard on a Brumby touchdown from 11 yards out putting the Dragons up 6-0. Afterwards, the first half was a stalemate for both squads with Pickens taking the 6-0 lead into the locker room at the half.

Cody Williams took the opening second half kickoff 65 yards for the go ahead touchdown, including the extra point giving the Indians a 7-6 lead.

A Dragon fumble recovered by the Indians' Barrett set up a Cole Ledford touchdown at 2:05 in the third quarter giving the Indians a 14-6 lead.

In the fourth, Ledford scored yet again to give the Indians a decisive 21-6 victory over the Dragons.



Sheriff Clinton works the Chain Gang during the Pickens County games

## CB & T sponsors Junior Golf Tournament



Community Bank & Trust sponsored the Tri-County Junior Golf Association's Jr. Golf Tournament on September 16, 2010. Cindy Hyatt, Loan Assistant for

Community Bank & Trust stopped by to snap a picture with all of the golf players, stating, "It is a pleasure for Community Bank & Trust to sponsor an event that brings so much joy to the children of our communities." Community Bank & Trust is located at 232 Chatauge Way, Hiawassee, across from the Eastgate Church. TI(Sep29,F3)SH

## Ride with the Mountain Miatas

Do you have a Mazda Miata? The Mountain Miatas have formed a group right here in the North Georgia Mountains. We ride on the first Saturday of every month and a few rides in between. Come join us. Call Jon or Pegg at 706-897-3784. NI(Sep29,Z6)CA

## Fun hikes on Benton MacKaye Trail

The Benton MacKaye Trail Association (www.bmta.org) has two Fun Hikes set for Saturday, October 16. Open to members and non-members, call Hike Leader in advance to register as there is limited space available. No dogs allowed.

1) Fall Color Dayhike: Dally Gap to Jacks River (Section 10 on BMT). Easy to Moderate - Distance: 5 to 6 miles. Meet in Blue Ridge. Bring bag lunch. Bring Tevas/Crocs and a walking stick if you want to ford the Jacks River. Hike

Leaders: Tom & Jane Keene (770) 422-4838 or (770) 722-6016.

2) Brasstown Bald Fall Color Hike: Two short hikes, for a total of 4 miles. Plus 1 mile round trip on a steep paved trail to the summit with 360 views. Total distance: 5 miles. Meeting time, 9 a.m. at upper parking lot of Brasstown Bald. Lunch out after Hike. Contact Hike Leader: Pam Sullivan to register at (706) 374-5281 or hikingchair@bmta.org. NT(Sep29,A6)SH

### Local Racing Action

By: Carl Vanzura

## Tri-County will try it again this Sunday



Tri-County will try to get the show in this Sunday

For the third time, the Aarons Sales and Leasing 35-lap Southeastern Late Model Sportsman Series \$1200 to win race fell to Mother Nature at the third mile Tri-County Race Track in Brasstown, North Carolina. With the track all prepared for the Sunday event, rain came in early in the morning and never let up.

On the schedule for Sunday was the make up of the September 11th show that had several of the South's top Late Model Sportsman drivers having already made their hot laps and in the process of qualifying when the rain came. Series CEO Randy McCoy and TCR promoter Steve Morris have rescheduled the race for this Sunday October 3, 2010. Gates will open at noon, with racing activities starting at 2 p.m.

Steve and Sandra Morris will present the top points drivers for the 2010 season trophies and awards during intermission. Previous rain checks and arm bands will be honored.

To end the exciting day and wrap up the season at Tri-County will be the Annual

Demo Derby, where the cars race to a given amount of dash for cash laps until the checkered flag drops and then the crashing starts until only one car is left running.

Management and staff wish to thank the fans and drivers who came out and supported the track this year and hope to give them a great show to wrap up the season.

Rain hit most of the tracks all over the country with only Toccoa and North Georgia getting their show in. Frankie Beard won at Toccoa with Young Harris driver Randy Nichols taking fourth. At North Georgia, Kevin Gibson edged out David Payne for the win. Johnny Chastain finished back in the pack with car troubles. Randy Shopes saw his driver, Shannon Bearden, run a strong fourth place in the 16 car Limited field. Jamie Lunsford finished 12th. Jonathan Davenport set a new track record in the rain delayed Alabama State Championship which will be completed this Sunday. NT(Sep29,C6)BC

## Thanks for road race support

September 18th was a beautiful day in western North Carolina. Murphy Medical Center conducted its 20th annual 'Two Hours from Anywhere' 5K Challenge, Heart Walk and Kids' Fun Run, and it was a big success thanks to the support and participation of our area community.

The event was a fundraiser for installation of digital mammography equipment which is used in the detection of breast cancer. To date, we have raised over \$36,000 toward the most expensive capital purchase the hospital will make this year. Sincere thanks go to our vendors, employees, medical staff, and numerous businesses and individuals in the area who support the efforts of our non-profit hospital.

With 347 registrants for this year's race, we had good

support in the overall categories as well as in the individual age groups for both the run and walk events. Congratulations to all the winners and competitors for their performance!

There were many uplifting stories among participants. Groups walked together in memory of a loved one who died of breast cancer, determined to help other women fight that awful cancer. And we had even more breast cancer survivors participating, showing that the fight against breast cancer is winnable. As they say, "The best protection is early detection."

It's not too late to help. If you'd like to donate to this worthy project, please call me at 828-835-7506. We appreciate your support. TI(Sep29,J1)SH

## Tai Chi classes resume at Rec Center

Tai Chi classes have resumed at the Towns County Recreation Center. Tai Chi is an ancient form of exercise originating in China. Practicing Tai Chi has many health benefits such as improved balance, mental focus, strength and flexibility. It has been shown to be helpful in relieving back and joint pain, fibromyalgia, obesity and many other conditions. It is also an excellent cross training for those with a more traditional work-out practice.

Classes are offered on Thursday mornings at 10:45. There is a \$5 fee per class.

The Recreation Center also continues to offer Yoga and aerobics classes several times weekly. For more information please contact the Towns County Recreation Department at (706) 896-2600.

## Blairsville School of Dance wins at Nationals

The BSOD Force clogging team at Blairsville School of Dance recently returned from a successful weekend at the USA National Clogging Championships in Nashville, TN. On Labor Day weekend, the Opryland Resort hosted the country's best competition clogging teams.

"To participate in the competition, all teams had to qualify at regional events held throughout the year," said Angela Puleo, Studio Director. "We competed in two NCHC regional events, which is the hosting organization for this national competition."

Three teams from Blairsville School of Dance participated in the competition. The Elementary team placed first place in the Standing Line category. They also won a second place trophy for their new traditional line routine, which they performed for the first time at the competition. The Junior team won first place in the Traditional Line, Hoedown

and Exhibition categories. The Adult team won first place with their Standing Line and Small Team routines. In addition to successes in the team events, the soloists also enjoyed many successes. Caitlyn Ledesma and Nathan Mauney placed first in their age divisions, and Emily Galpin placed third in the 6 and under age division. Kenan Olson won first in his age division and went on to win Overall Amateur Male Soloist of the Year.

The dancers competing in Nashville were Andee Casey, Emily Galpin, Raven Heyer, Jessica Ledford, Caitlyn Ledesma, Cayla Ledesma, Mary Mauney, Nathan Mauney, Kaitlyn Odom, Kameron Odom, Kenan Olson, Amy Pollin and Angela Puleo.

Blairsville School of Dance is located at 90 Blue Ridge Street, and is in the Merchant's Walk Plaza. For more information, call (706) 835-1415 or visitwww.blairsvilleschoolofdance.com.

## MUSA All Girl U-12 Soccer Team



Left to right coaches: Lee Baenninger and assistant coach: Tim Barrett. Back: Lydia Arrowood, Harper Lynch, Callie Hogsed. Front: Brooke Barrett, Hannah Whitehead, Riley Nicholson, Lea Neumyer, Brenna Innis, Layne Baenninger, Alyssa Hunter, Braedyn Robbins.

Last Saturday in Dawsonville, Mountain United Soccer Association's all girl academy U-12 team brought home victory to the North Georgia area. The team is a

combination of select girls from various counties of: Clay, Fannin, Towns and Union. The girls began practicing in August. They are very dedicated and take the sport very

seriously. Lee Baenninger, the team's coach, was very pleased with the girl's performance and hopes it is a sign for the rest of the fall season. Way to go girls, we are proud of you. NT(Sep29,F4)SH