

Be Strong Run Long proclamation Be Strong Run Long in Hiawassee



Left to right: Bradley's grandparents, Donnie and Sharon Payne, Mayor Mathis, Bradley Rogers and Bradley's mom, Julie Payne.

Whereas, Bradley Rogers is an active member of this community, school and church; and

Whereas, a cancer survivor is defined as anyone living with a history of cancer from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life, and those people in their lives who are affected by the diagnosis, including family members, friends, and caregivers; and there are 9.8 million cancer survivors in America; and

Whereas, since more than 1.3 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States this year, increased access to quality can-

cer care, screening and prevention, must be a top priority in our community; and

Whereas, Towns County and the surrounding area has an active, productive cancer survivor population; and

Whereas, on behalf of the people of Towns County, we salute all cancer survivors and those that support them.

Given under my hand at Hiawassee, Georgia, on the 19, day of October 2010, I declare October 30, 2010 as Be Strong Run Long – the Bradley Rogers Celebration Event.

Barbara Mathis
Mayor, City of Hiawassee

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Bradley Rogers

Be Strong Run Long will take place on Saturday, October 30th in Hiawassee from 8 AM until 3 PM. Planned are a 10K, 5K walk/run and a Toddler Trot, softball tournament and corn hole tournament. On the Square there will be music, food, games, silent auction and cake walk.

Be Strong Run Long is a celebration for Bradley. The proverb, it takes a village to raise a child could not be more true as we ask Towns County to support Bradley and his courageous battle against cancer that knows not age or sex. Everything that will be raised from Be Strong Run Long will be given to Bradley for his continuing medical treat-

ments.

Event Day Schedule

7:30 a.m. Race Day
Registration \$25 per person.
8 a.m. 10K Run and 5K Run/Walk - A Run and See Georgia Grand Prix Event.
8:10 a.m. The Bradley Rogers Honorary Mile.
8:15 a.m. Tot Trot (100 yard dash) \$10 per child.
10:30 – 11:30 Georgia Defense Force Band.
10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Kids games, crafts and activities: silent auction, Music on the Square, cake walk, bake sale, hair cuts \$5 per person.
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. BBQ (tickets now available at Bank of Hiawassee \$8 each).
12:30 p.m. Softball Tournament at the Georgia Mountain Fair ball fields.
1 p.m. Corn Hole Tournament \$20 per team on the square. T10oct27.G2JSH

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brief in his comments about the team's third consecutive win.

"No. 5," Noblet said, referring to Meier's jersey number. "This one was for No. 5."

Only a week earlier, in the seventh game of the Indians' football season, Meier, playing the only way Billy Meier knows how to play, was injured either in the third or fourth quarters.

The senior can't pinpoint the exact moment when his spleen was ruptured, but he can tell you he's a lucky young man.

The heart and soul of the Towns County Indians football team almost died following the near lethal injury suffered in the Indians' 14-7 Homecoming win over River Ridge.

Meier, minus a spleen, was released from the hospital just before the Indians completed their final walkthrough

for Glascock County last week. He was driven to the practice field and waved to his teammates to let them know he was okay.

The rest, as they say, is now Indian lore, as Towns County played five quarters to win one for No. 5

Indians' Head Football Coach Kyle Langford acknowledged that his team played with pure heart and desire to win the game for Meier, as well as themselves.

"I'm just real proud of our boys tonight," Coach Langford said.

"They wanted to win this one for Bill (Meier) and for themselves. They just never quit. They kept playing. That's a good team we beat out there tonight. We're real proud to get the win."

Coach Langford said Meier is handling his physical recovery just like he does everything else, "like a fighter."

"He's tough, he'll

never give up, never quit and that's what's going to get him through this," Coach Langford said. "He's facing a hard road ahead of him, but that's never stopped him before."

In most cases, when Billy Meier's on the field, he's generally the smallest player out there. However, as his coach says, "he's got the biggest heart of any football player I've ever coached.

"Billy's been an underdog in just about everything he's ever done," Coach Langford said.

"So this recovery is not going to be anything out of the ordinary for him."

As for the Indians' senior class that includes Meier, Coach Langford said that the win over Glascock County made the Class of 2011, the top senior class in terms of victories in Towns County history.