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Indians attend Panther Basketball Camp in Blairsville

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The Towns County Indians basketball teams have a busy week ahead. This week both Towns County squads traveled to Union County High School for Coach David Tucker's Panther Basketball Camp.

Joining the Indians and Panthers will be teams from three other states. Murphy NC, Hiwassee Dam NC, Hayesville NC, Andrews NC, McMinn County TN, Sequoia, TN, Kings Academy from Miami, FL, Fannin County, Banks County, and Gordon Lee.

The rules of play were similar to the Towns County camp last week, except no score was kept and a nine-minute running clock was used.

The Lady Indians saw their first action of the camp at 9 a.m. when they played the Fannin County Lady Rebels. At noon, Towns County returned to take on the Banks County Lady Leopards. Their third and final game was at 2:15 against the host team, the Union County Lady Panthers.

Coach Jim Melton's Lady Indians just returned from Athens and the University of Georgia Basketball Camp. Melton's squad went 6-2 at the camp against some very tough competition.

On Sunday, Towns defeated the Hillgrove Lady Hawks from Powder Springs, the defending Class AAAAA State runner-up. The Lady Hawks finished the 2012 season with a 26-5 record.

Towns County also defeated another Class AAAAA



A Lady Indian gets past her defender and goes for two against Fannin at last week's camp. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

school, Etowah High School from Woodstock. Other wins came against Dougherty County, an 18-7 team from Class AAA, Savannah Country Day, a state-playoff team from Class A, and Galloway from Region

5-A.

The Lady Indians' two losses came against Pope from Class AAAAA and South Effingham, also from Class AAAAA.

Coach Melton thought that overall, his team had a

good camp.

"We played well," said Coach Melton. "They might have turned the corner a little bit."

Coach Melton also saw an improvement over his team's performance at their own camp, early last week and is expecting his team to continue to improve during the Union County camp.

"I hope they can keep it up," Coach Melton said. "They looked a little sluggish in the first game. We got back (from Athens) at 3 p.m. yesterday so they probably laid around all day but the second half was much better."

On Tuesday, Towns County played Murphy NC, Gordon Lee, and McMinn County, TN. On Wednesday they faced Hayesville NC, Kings Academy FL, and Union County.

Towns County's Junior Varsity team played Union County, Banks County, and Sequoia TN on Monday, Hayesville NC, and Hiwassee Dam twice, on Tuesday.

Finally on Wednesday, Towns County's JV met Banks County twice and Hayesville NC.

The Towns County Boys' will begin play in the Union County Camp on Thursday. The boys segment of the camp will run from Thursday through Saturday.

Union County High School and Coach David Tucker will host two individual camps from June 25-28 and July 12-14. The first camp is a basketball skills camp and the second is a shooting camp. For more details Coach Tucker can be reached at (423) 336-3045.

Youth Football Registration

Sign-ups for ages 5-12 years old will begin on Saturday, June 30 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Towns County High School Field House. Sign ups will take place every Saturday, at the same time, until July 28.

The registration fee is \$90 and you will need to bring a copy of the player's birth certificate. Players who played last year will not need to bring a birth certificate. No sign ups can be accepted until the registration fee is paid. The fee will cover their insurance and equipment. The players will be allowed to keep their jersey at the end of the year. Players must be present at sign up so they can be sized for their uniform.

Practice begins on Mon-

day, July 30. Practices will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

As for the younger squad, 5 and 6 year olds will play together but each age from 7-12 will have its own team.

There will be a free Towns County youth football camp on July 19 and July 20 at the Towns County High School Football field from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The camp will once again be conducted by Towns County High School Head Coach Kyle Langford along with his staff and players. The Youth Football League coaches also will be in attendance.

For more details Jimmy Smith can be reached at (706) 896-2622 or (706) 835-6176.

Mountain United Soccer registration begins

The Mountain United Soccer Association is ready for Fall Soccer. Registrations are currently being accepted. Forms will be mailed to all players who have participated in a previous season. Forms are also available by visiting the league's website: www.mountainsoccer.org.

The spring 2012 season was a big success. Our younger teams played in Blairsville, Hiwassee, and Blue Ridge. The older age groups competed throughout Georgia. We had players registered from all the surrounding counties as well as some from North Carolina.

In Blairsville, Cott Beverage is our community host for the soccer fields. In Hiwassee, the fields at the Towns County Fairgrounds are utilized through the cooperation of the local recreation department. The league is grateful for their commitment

and support.

The fall season will begin in early September. Anyone who is interested in playing needs to register promptly. In some cases space is limited.

M.U.S.A. is a volunteer run organization and is also a 501C3 non profit. Any and all donations are directed to the youth player. Field Sponsors, Sign Sponsors, and Team Sponsors are always needed. If you are interested in supporting the youth soccer player in our community through sponsorship and/or a donation, please contact the Association.

For additional information contact the league at 706-835-1077, musa.soccer@gmail.com, or visit www.mountainsoccer.org on the web.

Like "Mountain United Soccer Association" on Facebook and follow the league on Twitter @MUSoccerA.



Towns County Rec News

Hours of Operation:
Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dance and meeting rooms are used for special programs and classes. The general public can also reserve it for small gatherings such as birthday parties, showers, etc. with a two hour limit.

Gymnasium: Check at front desk for gym hours of availability. Gym is open to general public unless organized programs are in session.

Exercise and Weight room: Must be a resident of Towns County. Must be 16 years of age or 13 if accompanied by a parent. Must go through orientation. Check with office on dates and times. There is no charge to use the exercise and weight room. All Participants must attend an orientation session prior to using the exercise areas. Times and dates for training sessions are available at the lobby office. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent on the initial visit. A parent will complete the application, release, and attend a training session with the child. No children under the age of 13 will be allowed in the exercise areas. Children 13 and 14 years of age must have a parent present in the recreation center while using the exercise facilities.

Come Exercise With Us
The recreation department wants to remind everyone that we are offering the following exercise classes each week at the Towns County Recreation Center:

Yoga Classes: We have 2 separate class times instructed by

Pat Tomczyk. Evening Class: each Monday from 4:00pm-5:15pm. Morning Class: each Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Morning Aerobics Classes: Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-10:45a.m. instructed by Donna McAuliffe.

Evening Aerobics Classes: Each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30 p.m.-6:30p.m. instructed by Jeannie Ledford.

Fresh Air Qigong: Each Tuesday morning from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. instructed by Michelle Holmes LMT

Sun Style Tai Chi: Each Thursday from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. instructed by Pat Tomczyk.

Any additional information on these programs or other questions about the facility see the person on duty or call (706)896-2600.

The Towns County Recreation Department Full Time Staff:

Wes Hooper, Director
Alan Rogers, Assistant
Michael Kimsey, Assistant
Tammy Holcomb, Recreation Center Attendant

The Towns County Recreation Department is always interested in beginning new programs and classes. If you have a special talent and are willing to instruct and teach others your skills, we would be delighted to talk with you about offering such a program to interested people through the recreation department please call us at (706) 896-2600.



Coach Jim Melton addresses his squad after their first game on Monday morning at Union Co High School. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Towns player passes it to a teammate. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



A Lady Indian looks for space vs Fannin. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



A Lady Indian plays tight defense vs Fannin. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Towns Co. converts a layup vs Fannin. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



A Lady Indian and Lady Rebel battle for a rebound. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



A Lady Indian shoots for two at last week's camp. Photo/Lowell Nicholson