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Towns wrestling practice goes on the road to Fannin

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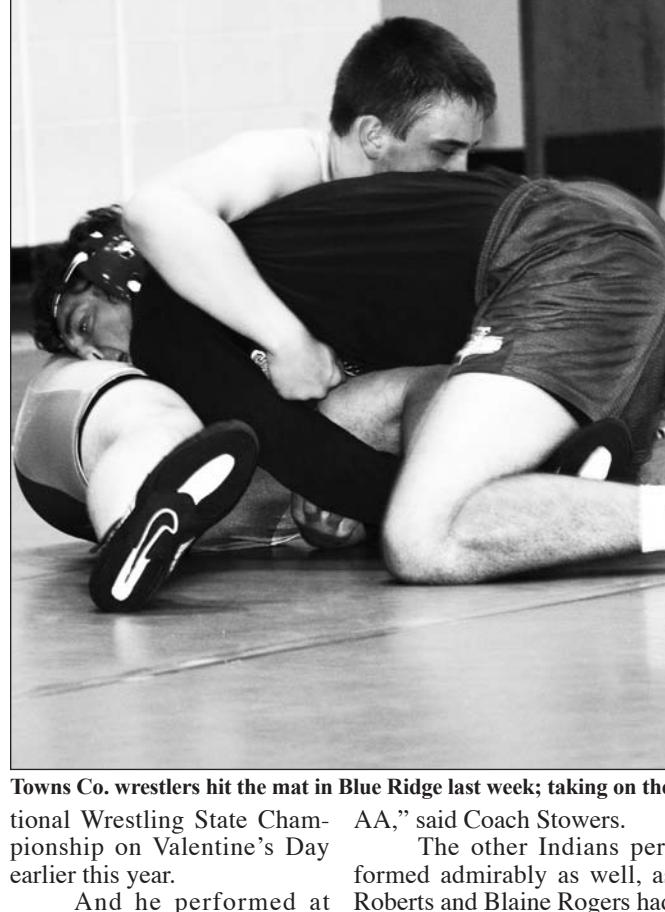
Blue Ridge - Towns County Indian grapplers squared off against the Rebels and the War Eagles on Thursday, June 18, at Fannin County High School.

"We went down there to practice, and we got some of that in," said Indians Head Coach Jeff Stowers. "We did some good stuff. All of them did some pretty good stuff on their feet, and that's really kind of what we were looking for."

"We still obviously have a lot of work to do, but when you take these kids that haven't done anything all summer and throw them on a wrestling mat and expect them to wrestle three live matches in an hour – conditioning is a factor, and all those other things are factors. It makes it hard, but we did some really good stuff, and that's what we went down there for."

Four Indians were able to make it to the matchup against Fannin County and Chestatee High School: Daulton Rogers, Blaine Rogers, Dylan Roberts and Peyton Smith.

Daulton Rogers will be a senior this year and has been wrestling since the seventh grade. He placed third in the 2014-15 GHSA Class A Tradition



Towns Co. wrestlers hit the mat in Blue Ridge last week; taking on the

AA," said Coach Stowers.

The other Indians performed admirably as well, as Roberts and Blaine Rogers had winning matches, and Smith put a lot of heart into his matwork.

"In fact, all three of his matches he was winning early in the match, he just ran out of gas at the end of them," said Coach Stowers of Smith, who



Rebels and Chestatee High in practice matches. Photos/Shawn Jarrard

couldn't attend wrestling camp due to prior obligations. "So, we're looking for some really big things out of him next year as one of our lightweights."

Coach Stowers called the matches at Fannin on Thursday a "glorified practice," just to get kids from different schools together, and get them on the mat for a couple of hours.

"It's shaping up to be a pretty successful season," said Coach Stowers, looking ahead. "We've got some holes we've got to fill, some kids graduated, and we're going to miss Kyle Davis, Cruz Shook and Aaron Collier. But we've got some kids coming up from the eighth

grade into the ninth that can fill some of those holes."

Towns County Wrestling has been able to achieve new successes each year, and next year looks to be no different, though Coach Stowers admits there are some challenges ahead.

"Really, our biggest issue now is we're just going to be looking for some big kids," said Coach Stowers. "We don't have a lot of big kids in the school, and we don't have a lot of big kids on the wrestling team. We're going to have to beat the bushes and grab somebody out of the hallway to try to find a 195 and 220. So,

Update on TCYFL Camp signup

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Towns County Youth Football Camp will take place Saturday, July 11, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Towns County High School practice football field, and signups continue Saturday, June 27, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center.

Interested young athletes and their parents should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate at signup, as it will be provided to the Smoky Mountain Conference as proof of age.

The camp will be free, but a one-time payment of \$90 will be required at the time of signup in order to cover costs of playing during the season, including insurance, a game jersey that kids will get to keep at the end of the season, and a trophy at the end-of-year banquet.

Following signups this Saturday, the next opportunity to sign up will be the day of camp, which is July 11.

Again, in order to be accepted on one of the teams, parents will need to provide a copy of their child's birth certificate at the time of signup, along with the \$90.

Kids who played last year will not need to provide



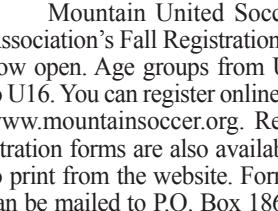
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Teams are broken down into categories according to age: Pee Wees are 5 and 6-year-olds; Termites are 7 and 8-year-olds; Mites are 9 and 10-year-olds; and Midges are 11 and 12-year-olds.

This year will be Youth Football Director Jimmy Smith's 19th year directing the Towns County program, as well as the county's second year in the Smoky Mountain Conference.

Youth football kicks off its regular season on Saturday, Aug. 15, when the Franklin Panthers head over from North Carolina to play at Towns County.

MUSA Fall Registration



Mountain United Soccer Association's Fall Registration is now open. Age groups from U6 to U16. You can register online at www.mountainssoccer.org. Registration forms are also available to print from the website. Forms can be mailed to P.O. Box 1862, Blairsville, GA 30514. Deadline to register is July 18th.

For additional information, please check our website at: www.mountainssoccer.org or email us at: musa.soccer@g.mail.com

VFW Golf League news

This week's competition was won by Bill Long, Randy Tompkins and one of our newest members Bill Shaw. The shot was a blistering 67 which is 5 strokes under par on an equally blistering day. Congratulations guys. Additionally, we have two other new members. They are Susanna and Mel White. Welcome!

Registration will be the first Monday of each session at The Towns County Recreation and Conference Center located 150 Foster Park Rd. For more information please call the Recreation Department at 706-896-2600. TJun24,FJSH

Plans for the June 23 Chatuge Shores Classic were finalized, including an auction and a listing of prizes to be awarded. Proceeds from the tournament will be used for repairs and enhancements to the Chatuge Shores Golf Course.

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