

# Towns County Sports

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## Honors continue rolling in for Indians and Lady Indians basketball

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The 2021 season is now history for the Towns County Indians and Lady Indians varsity basketball teams but many honors have been received by various individuals with Region 8A Public recognitions already reported and those by three other prominent entities to be recognized here.

First of all, the Georgia High School Association provided a massive and informed recognition with state awards for all eight classifications in basketball from Class A Public and Class A Private through Class 7A. Indians head coach Rob Benson was named the statewide Class A Public Coach of the Year while junior Jake McTaggart and senior Kolby Moss received First Team All State honors.

Then recently, the Atlanta Journal and Constitution presented a likewise massive listing of all state honors very similar to the listing by the GHSA but with a noteworthy added bonus for the Indians basketball team.

Not only was Coach Rob Benson selected as the Class A Public Coach of the Year but Jake McTaggart was honored as the Class A Public Player of the Year along with McTaggart and Kolby Moss being selected as first team Class A Public members.

Not only did the three Indians receive honors by the AJC but Lady Indians senior Kennedy Henson was one of ten statewide Class A Public Girls players receiving honorable mention status placing her among the top twenty honored players in the state following five each as first and second team all state in Class A Public.

And finally, Kolby Moss has been named the Blitz Boys Basketball Player of the Year along with his team having been named the Blitz Boys Basketball Team of the Year based upon both Region 8A Public regular season and tour-



L-R: Seniors Vanessa Floyd and Kolby Moss each turned in seasons to remember in 2021, collecting both team and individual accolades. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

nament championships and of course the Class A Public State Championship.

Moss is the first Class A player to win the Blitz Boys Player of the Year since the award was initiated at the end of the 2010 season with prior winners being distributed among Banks County, Dawson County, Habersham Central, Rabun County, and White County.

Moss will join Carl Cleveland as a teammate at Young Harris College this fall. Cleveland won the Blitz Boys Player of the Year award as a senior last year and shared it as a junior two years ago while at Banks County High School.

Moss has recently signed to be a Mountain Lion with separate coverage included in last week's Herald.

And it is also noteworthy that Lady Indians senior Vanessa Floyd finished sixth in the Blitz Girls Player of the Year voting, just one point from a tie for fifth place among just eight players considered from among twelve schools in the Blitz Northeast Georgia coverage area.

The voting for the Blitz awards was done by thirteen wide ranging sports experts placing Moss at the top among male players and Floyd among the top six in the area among

female players with additional details available at their blitzsports.com website.

For those not familiar with Blitz, it is a prep sports entity providing coverage, including interviews about twelve schools in northeast Georgia



with every sport and every season included.

It was created in 2006 by Brian Carter as "3 N' Out" but renamed Blitz in 2009.

Congratulations are extended from the Towns County Herald and this reporter

to Coach Rob Benson, Jake McTaggart, and Kolby Moss for receiving well deserved rewards and to Vanessa Floyd and Kennedy Henson for receiving such strong consideration for such noteworthy recognitions.

## VFW Golf League news

The Veterans Golf League plays every Thursday morning at Chatuge Shores Golf Course. The league is open to all veterans who are members of the VFW or American Legion and their auxiliaries regardless of post affiliation. The course is in great condition and this week's winner was the team led by Danny Barrett. Team members contributing to the victory were Chuck Lehman, Harry Steiner and Jon Romig. Together they shot a blistering score of 64 which is 8 strokes under par. Congratulations! T(Apr14,G1)SH

## Chatuge Shores Ladies preseason play



L-R: Sevgi Gough, Katie Farris and Bonnie Shore

The Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf League (CSLGA) started its preseason on Tuesday, April 6 with 10 ladies playing 18 holes on a beautiful spring day. The course has added sand and groomed all of the bunkers.

Several holes that had drainage issues over the winter have been addressed and the course is in good shape for spring. A fun time was had by all.

CSLGA plays every Tuesday at Chatuge Shores Golf Course 260 Golf Course

Rd, Hayesville, NC 28904. Tee times during preseason start at 10 a.m. with a shot gun start.

During the month of April anyone can come out and play without joining the league. A fun group of ladies, the league has 20 members from throughout the tri-county area. The course fee is \$27 which includes a cart.

Members can sign up on the web site. Nonmembers interested in playing should email vhealy55@gmail.com. The league web site is www.chatugeshoreslga.com.

## Local Racing Results: Tri-County

By Blake Lynch  
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**Brasstown, NC** - The racing season has begun in the mountains and Tri-County Racetrack hosted its first event of the season.

Friday night was the American Pro-Late Model All-Star Series with \$2500 to the winner. And what a show the drivers gave to the fans.

### Super Late Model:

The Super Late Model win went to Murphy, NC's own No. 38 Jamie Oliver. Second went to No. 17 Kurt English. Shawn Chastain's No. X15 car took home third. David Payne was fourth. No. 86 Jeff Neubert rounded out the top five.

**Modified Hobby:** The Modified Hobby winner was No. 25 Jacob Hamby. Second was No. 37 Michael Barnett.

Third went to No. 42 Johnny Galizia. Fourth was No. 4 Jacob Paris. No. 44 Bobby Elkins placed fifth.

**Beginner 602:** The winner was No. 117 Dillion Beaver. Coming in second was No. 22 Tucker Anderson. Third was No. 192 Jay Lynch. Fourth No. 4 Mark Ledford. Coming in fifth was 71X Shawn Harin.

**Pony:** The winner was



Tucker Anderson placed second in the 602 race at Tri-County.

No. 407 was Marty King. Second was No. 441 Matt Gerrin. Coming in third was No. 00 Cam Winkler. In fourth place was No. 18 Damien Holt.

**Front Wheel Drive:** No. 232 Jim Exum took the checkered flag. Coming in second was No. 42x Scott Gosnell. Coming in third was No. 10 Blake Lynch. In fourth was No. 7 Shannon Jones. Rounding out the top five was No. 26h John Burnett.

**Street Stock:** No. 95 Alex Vance took home the win. No. 21 Troy Turner was second. No. 44 Chuck Sims

came in third. No. 01 Jacob Lynch was fourth and No. 41 Andy Arnes took home fifth.

**Crate 604:** No. 148 Booger Brooks went three-wide to take the lead and the win. Second belonged to 01 Jason Weishan. Third place was No. 3 Carson Ferguson. Fourth was No. 9S Zach Sise. Rounding out the top five was No. 14 Sylvan Schuette.

Tri-County's next race will be on April 23. Come out and support your local drivers that range from ages 12 to 73.



BRMJ welcomes all Jeep enthusiasts to join us for any or all of our events.

Whether you enjoy driving through the forest on gravel roads, riding in parades, or if you prefer to engage your FWD and wrangle the creeks and mud, we've got your ride.

Join us at one of our club meetings and find out what we are about. Meetings are held the second Friday of each month at the Blairsville Skillet Cafe. We eat lunch at 12 PM and the meeting begins at 1 PM. We would love to have you.

For more information, please attend a meeting or contact us via our website, www.blueridgemountainjeepers.com. You can view our Calendar of Events and see photos of recent rides and activities. Also "like" us on Facebook.

## Trout stocking sites week of April 5-9, 2021

Fannin: Hemptown Creek, Hothouse Creek, Rock Creek, Rock Creek Lake, Toccoa River, Toccoa River Delayed Harvest and Toccoa River Tailwaters (below Lake Blue Ridge Dam)

Lumpkin: Etowah River, Nimbalewill Creek and Dockery Lake

Union: Cooper Creek, Toccoa River and Winfield Scott Lake

Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. Stay up-to-date with stocking and events through Facebook www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnfh. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. N(Apr14,Z16)CA