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Football: scrimmage in the books, Hayesville up next on Aug. 18

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Sharpsburg - Towns County went on the road last week to face the Trinity Christian Lions from the Georgia Independent Schools Association (GISA). At the conclusion of three quarters, the game was tied at 6-6 and both teams turned it over to the JV/freshman units for the fourth quarter.

The game was strictly offense and defense with no special teams, kicking, or extra points - hence the 6-6 tie.

Trinity and its spread option attack got on the board first with a quarterback keeper in the second quarter.

The Indians responded in the third quarter when running back Cole Ledford powered his way up the middle for a 30-yard score.

As for the defense, head coach John Cornett liked what he saw, considering two of the biggest question marks were on that side of the ball.

"We've got two big spots to fill at defensive end and line-backer, so we're really focusing on them to see how they do and they did well," he said. "Hunter Frisk (junior, linebacker) ended up with 14 tackles and defensive end Wes Calhoun (junior) did really well too. He hasn't had much work at end so he did well in limited practice."

According to Cornett, the defense also gained valuable experience against the spread option offense - something they'll see from three or four teams during the season.

During the summer workouts, Towns County football was drawing about 35 participants but according to Cornett, that number continues to grow since school began with transfers and a few late additions.

However, Cornett and



The Indians take the field at Trinity Christian last Friday evening. Towns will open the season in less than two weeks vs Hayesville, NC. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

staff will hope to get any issues sorted out before the first regular season game - slated for Aug. 18. With nine region games on the schedule, the Indians only get one scrimmage and one non-region contest to get things sorted out. And that non-region game happens to be against one of the school's biggest rivals.

The Hayesville, NC Yellow Jackets will make the short drive across the state line looking to avenge last year's loss when they visit the Indians in less than two weeks.

According to Cornett, Hayesville features several athletes in its spread option offense that will present a challenge for his defense.

Leading the way for the rival Jackets is quarterback

Alan Gillis.

"They graduated a few guys but they've got some really talented athletes returning," Cornett said. "Plus it's a rivalry game so they're going to give us everything they've got."

The Indians will have a bye week on Aug. 25 before jumping into region play on Sept. 1 at George Walton Academy.

According to Cornett, the George Walton game, and Homecoming on Oct. 13 vs Athens Christian, are two games he has circled on his calendar this season.

Towns will also have a bye week leading up to Athens Christian so they will benefit from an extra week of preparation before two of the biggest games.



The Indians defense brought its A-game last Friday at Trinity Christian. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

The Racing Roundup: Tri County and Blue Ridge results

By Blake Lynch
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The cars came, the fans came but so did the rain as Tri-County race track hosted its Fan Appreciation Night on Friday, Aug 4.

Due the rain out, the race has been rescheduled for Friday, Aug. 18 so please save your arm bands for free admission at the track on the 18th.

Blue Ridge Motorsport Park was rain free on Saturday night and fans were treated to an exciting night of racing.

The following drivers collected the checkered flag at Blue Ridge.

Street Stock - No. 14 Charles Devine, Jr; Modified Street - No. 17 Brad Thomas; Limited Late Models - No. 105 Shawn Chastain; Crate Late Models - No. 1 Junior Whitener; Pony - No. 11 Colt Thomason; Front Wheel Drive - No. 56 Jason Berrong; Beginner 602 - No. 4 Jacob Parris.



Chatuge Shores Ladies best ball scramble



Judy Schmitt gives instructions to the Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association members and guests for the day's game on Tuesday, August 1st. The format was a Net Scramble with each team having the flexibility to decide the best ball to use for every shot on each hole. This format made for some awesome scores. The winners: First Place: team of Mary Reece, Lee Cromwell, Judy Wright and Kathy Stewart with a Net Score of 59.6, Second Place: team of Nancy Outlaw, Diana Azor, Beckie Suverkrup and Star Glock with a Net Score of 60.1. T(Aug9,F2)SH

Early bird registration ending soon for 5K race

There are still a few days left to get the \$25 early-bird registration cost of \$25 for the 4th Annual Dash to the Vineyards 5K Race scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 2017! Early registration ends 8/11 to receive the \$25 rate and beginning 8/12 the price will be \$30. All pre-registered runners are guaranteed a Dash T-shirt! Registration is available online at goo.gl/4Lk5aS or on the Towns County Chamber website, www.Go-LakeChatuge.com/visitors/what-to-do/.

This year's event will be in conjunction with Tomato Daze Weekend at Crane Creek Vineyards. Tomato Daze has traditionally been a "Celebration of the Fruit of the Other Vine". The Towns County Chamber of Commerce is excited to be a part of this super fun, super exciting weekend at Crane Creek. Following the 5K, a great tomato-themed lunch will be available (and of course the food served will compliment Crane Creek's delicious wine); music will begin at 12 noon and feature Troy Underwood; local food vendors, local farm veggie produce stand, tomato head photo booth, hayrides, winery tours and much, much more.

This year, the race is again part of the Run & See Georgia series. As in the past, the race will begin at beautiful Crane Creek Vineyards by Holly Hill Event Center and

finish back at the vineyards beginning at 8:30 a.m. Racers will have the opportunity to compete on roads with hills, twists and best of all, beautiful scenery. And, what a great time of year to be racing at Crane Creek - August is not only harvest time in their tomato garden, but the best month to see grapes at their peak just one month before they are harvested in September!

T-shirts will be given to all pre-registered racers. Awards and commemorative wine glasses will be awarded to 5K runners placing in the following categories: Top Overall Male and Female and Top Male and Female Masters (40 and over) and the first three places in each male/female age group. And, this year, it's all about the swag!

We are loading racer's swag bags with lots and lots of goodies. We want everyone to turn out - runners, walkers, stroller-racers, pet walkers - we want everyone to come out and have a good time! Each registrant will also receive a certificate for a free wine tasting (must be 21 yrs. of age). Don't miss the race - lots of fun, lots of goodies, lots of friends!

For more information, call the Chamber at (706) 896-4966 or for activities at Crane Creek Vineyards, visit www.cranecreekvineyards.com. T(Aug9,G2)SH