



Laurens 10-Under gets rematch with Northwood

By Nick Herman
Sports Editor

The Laurens 10-Under All-Star Little League Baseball Team will have to work a little harder to get a state championship, but it still has a shot after its most recent pair of games at Laurens City Park.

Laurens was sent to the loser's bracket Tuesday when it lost to Northwood, 10-1, and was left to play an elimination game Wednesday evening against Greenville instead of getting the extra day off before the final round. But Laurens made the most of its extra game, winning 4-2 to earn a rematch against Northwood Thursday night.

If Laurens were to win Thursday night, the two teams would meet again Friday night in a winner-take-all championship game.

Tuesday

Northwood 10, Laurens 1: The hopes of an undefeated run through the state tournament for Laurens came to an end in Tuesday's championship bracket final as Northwood pitcher Jack Zadel went five 5 1/3 innings to earn the victory, Zadel, who did not give up a hit until a two-out single to Auston Williams in the bottom of the fourth inning, allowed just four hits and one run. Zadel also struck out six batters without allowing a walk.

Northwood, facing Laurens pitcher Ryland Paxton, won by chipping away at its opponent. After a scoreless first inning Northwood came back with a single run in the second, then two more in the third, one in the fourth, and two in the fifth - before delivering the finishing touch with a four-run sixth inning.

Paxton, who went one batter into the fifth inning, was left taking the loss. He gave up four runs on five hits and five walks, striking out one before being lifted after giving up a lead-off single in the fifth. That runner did not score.

Laurens' offense, meanwhile, could never get into full gear against Zadel. After Zadel struck out the side in the first, with only Luke Young reaching on an error with two out. Laurens did not get a runner to second safely in the second inning before being retired in order in the third, and after Williams' single with two out in the fourth, Northwood got out of any slight trouble when Laurens' Braden Yarbrough struck out swinging to end the inning.

Laurens, with two out in the fifth, finally saw the bats come to life. Wyatt Pinson had an infield hit to short, followed by a Brayden Patterson infield hit to put runners on first and second before Dee Suber, on the first pitch he saw, singled to right-center to allow Pinson to score after the Northwood catcher dropped the throw to the plate. Had the catcher held on to the throw, Pinson would've been out.

But Northwood erased any lingering hope of a comeback in the sixth when it scored its final four runs, and Laurens went down with just a Williams single to account for the team's final hit of the game. Williams finished the game 2 for 3.

Wednesday

Laurens 4, Greenville 2: Laurens had to sweat it out a little bit as Greenville put the potential go-ahead run at the plate in the bottom of the fifth, then had the potential tying run at the plate in the sixth inning, before the host squad held on to stay in the tournament.

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Tumbling Shoals Brotherhood participates in BEMSC meet

By Dr. Dennis Martin

For The Advertiser

Travel time commenced on Saturday, June 2, at 5 a.m. Destination? Manning High School. Location? You nailed it, Manning, site of the 2018 Baptist Education Missionary South Carolina (BEMSC) Brotherhood State Track and Field Meet. An approximate three hour drive; including travel on Interstate 95 crossing the impressive Lake Marion, the largest lake in our great state. We reach a well groomed stadium, with both the principal present to greet us, and the groundskeeper on duty.

With the grateful awareness and acknowledgment that God is our guide the Meet commenced with public devotion and prayer. President Fletcher Martin exhibited the personal leadership observable in God inspired leaders: transporting, encouraging, and providing a well appreciated breakfast! The weather started with pleasant temperatures. As the day unfolded the heat of the sun made its presence known.

Tumbling Shoals Brotherhood participants included: Demeetri Payne, 5, First Place, Standing Broad Jump, White Plains Baptist Church; Skyln Floyd, 12,

Second Place, 50m, Little River Zion Baptist Church; Jimiere Pyles, 17, First Place in both the 100m and 200m, Flat Ruff Baptist Church. Other Tumbling Shoals Association participants included Nick Fowler, Tylan Fowler, and Avery Franklin Jr., all of Bethel Hall Baptist Church. Every participant is a "Winner and Ambassador" for Tumbling Shoals Baptist Association. We thank our participating parents and coaches for the time and commitment expending by them on behalf of such promising and worthy youngsters.

Congratulations and appreciation to our TSBA Moderator, the Rev. Kenneth Murray; along with 2018 participating or supporting churches and pastors. These include: Bethel Hall, Bethlehem Grove, Christian Hope, Duncan Creek, Hebron, Little River Zion, Flat Ruff, and White Plains.

Tumbling Shoals Baptist Association, organized 1876, is composed of Baptist churches in Laurens County with the common goal of evangelizing to the World the Sovereignty and Glory of God and the urgency to obtain the Salvation provided through the life, death, and resurrection



BEMSC STATE MEET — Pictured are, from left, front row, Nick Fowler, Tylan Fowler, the Rev. Valerie Thacker; middle row, Bro. Stephen Fowler and Skyln Floyd; back row, Bro. Avery Franklin and Jimiere Pyles.

of God's Beloved Son, Jesus the Christ!

TSB officers include: Pres. Fletcher Martin Jr., First VP George Franklin, Second VP Marion Blakely, Sec. Avery Franklin, Treas. Willie B. Madden, Chaplin John Young, C. Sec. Michael Richey, B Bee James Henry, and T/F Dennis Martin.

Track coaches include Marion Blakely, Stephen Fowler, Avery Franklin, Roderick Huff, Dennis Martin, John Posey, Jimiere

Pyles, Mark Sullivan, Wilson Rice, Michael Richey, and James Robinson.

We recognize the urgency of mentoring our men and boys through ministering toward their physical, mental, and spiritual development. Activities include "Track/Field and Bible Bee Training/Competition" for boys ages five to 17.

Interested? Feel free to contact any of the above officers or coaches.

IRS, Security Summit Partners warn of scam twist

The Internal Revenue Service recently warned of a new twist on an old phone scam as criminals use telephone numbers that mimic IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs) to trick taxpayers into paying non-existent tax bills.

The IRS and its Security Summit partners — the state tax agencies and the tax industry — urge taxpayers to remain alert to tax scams year-round, especially immediately after the tax filing season ends. Even after the April deadline passes, the tax scam season doesn't end.

In the latest version of the phone scam, crim-

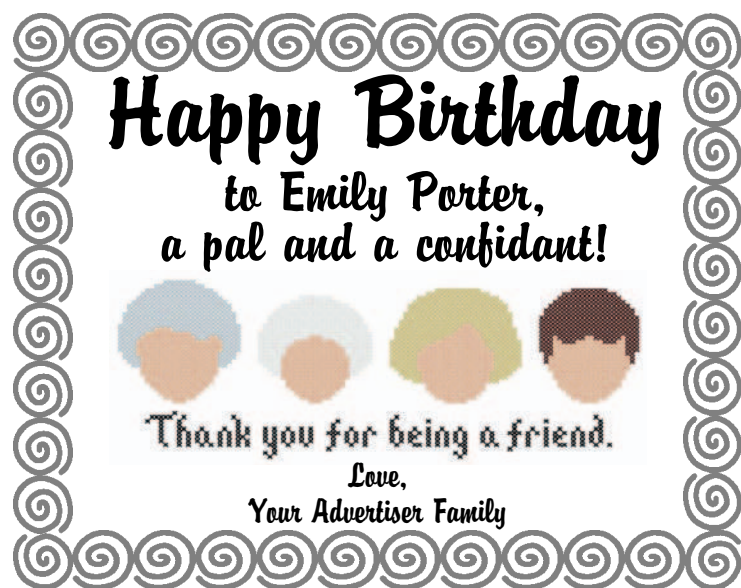
inals claim to be calling from a local IRS TAC office. Scam artists have programmed their computers to display the TAC telephone number, which appears on the taxpayer's Caller ID when the call is made.

If the taxpayer questions their demand for tax payment, they direct the taxpayer to IRS.gov to look up the local TAC office telephone number to verify the phone number. The crooks hang up, wait a short time and then call back a second time, and they are able to fake or "spoof" the Caller ID to appear to be the IRS office calling. After the taxpayer has "verified" the call

number, the fraudsters resume their demands for money, generally demanding payment on a debit card.

Fraudsters also have been similarly spoofing local sheriff's offices, state Department of Motor Vehicles, federal agencies and others to convince taxpayers the call is legitimate.

IRS employees at TAC offices do not make calls to taxpayers to demand payment of overdue tax bills. The IRS reminds taxpayers it typically initiates most contacts through regular mail delivered by the United States Postal Service.



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