



Young Harris College 2009 Baseball Team



Photo by Jim and Lisa Bryant

YHC Lady Mountain Lions place two on the Region XVII team

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Chelsea Davidson and Sam Woolf 2nd team all-conference.

The Lady Mountain Lions season came to its conclusion with a 4th place finish at the GJCAA Region XVII Softball Tournament. The tournament winner was the Darton College Lady Cavaliers over the Lady Warriors from Middle Georgia College.

Young Harris freshman outfielder Chelsea Davidson of Ringold, GA and catcher, Sam Woolf of Woodstock, GA received all-conference honors.

Both players were selected to the Region XVII end Teal All-Conference Team. Davidson batted .333 in the regular season and upped her average to 3.80 in conference play. Playing the left corner, Davidson

was tagged with only two errors all season and was noted for hauling down foul balls deep in the left corner near the fence. In one game she capped three shutouts for outs. Freshman, Woolf batted .295

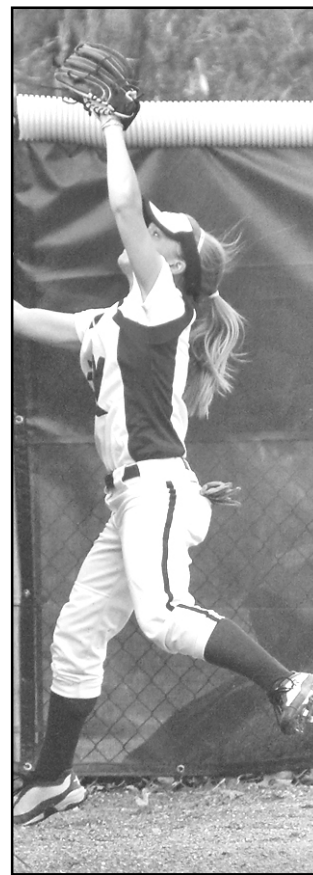
for the season and upped it to .340 in conference play. Woolf sat behind the plate at most games but was known also at first base for her "split stretch" that nailed many runners.



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Sam Woolf spent much of her time in a cloud of dust guarding home plate for the Cats.



Chelsea Davidson worked the left "foul ball corner" like a pro throughout the season. Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant

Lake Chatuge Scholarship Golf Classic

We need your help to make the 2009 Lake Chatuge Scholarship Golf Classic a SUCCESS! June 13 & 14 - two great days of golf, Chatuge Shores Golf Course and Brasstown Valley Resort. Form a team and/or be a sponsor.

SPONSORSHIPS DONATIONS DOOR PRIZES

Help support the Towns County Chamber of Commerce by your sponsorship, donation, and/or door prize. This two-day tournament brings in teams from out-of-town, many of which, will bring their spouses or guests to stay overnight, dine and shop here.

A \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Will be awarded to a senior who is a member of a high school athletic program in the Tri-County Area of Towns, Union and Clay Counties. A great way to support your community and the youth in our area.

Sponsorship Benefits -

Platinum - \$2500
Two teams and complimentary dinner for one guest per player at the Saturday's BBQ at Chatuge Shores Golf Course and tent to advertise your business.

Gold - \$1000
One team with banner sign and two rounds of golf, tee/green sign and tent to advertise and promote your business.

Silver - \$400
Exclusive Tee Box - set up tent or table to advertise and promote your business.

Bronze - \$100
Tee/Green sign to advertise your business.

Contact the Towns County Chamber of Commerce

If you are interest in being a sponsor, making a donation or entering a team in the tournament, call Jane Holland at 706-896-4966. Entry Deadline - June 5.

2009 Rec Dept Summer Day Camp

Summer is just around the corner and that means hot weather and Summer Day Camp for boys and girls ages 6 thru 12. This summer The Recreation Department will offer day camp for 4 sessions, each session being two weeks, running Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sessions will be as follows:
Session I June 1 - June 12
Session II June 15 - June 26
Session III July 6 - July 17
Session IV July 20 - July 31

The fee for the two week session is \$120, payable to the Towns County Recreation Department the first Monday of each session.

Day Camp offers children

sports game activities, social game activities, field trips, nature hikes and much more. Give your child a lot to do this summer and sign them up for Day Camp. You may send your child to any or all of the sessions.

Children need to bring a swimsuit, towel, sprayable sunscreen and sack lunch. The Recreation department will furnish the drinks for the campers.

Registration will be the first Monday of each session at the Recreation Department located on Hwy. 76 west of Hiawassee. For more information please call the Recreation Department at 706-896-2600.

Guatemala Mission 2: We've been and have gone again!

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Third visit to Guatemala earns God-parent status.

Once again two TC Herald Newspaper reporters had the opportunity to visit Guatemala for the third time and the second on a humanitarian mission. Squeezed in between away ball games, another trip down the Rio Dulce River to visit two jungle schools was made with a new mission. This year, two schools received enough books in Spanish to establish small libraries. Additionally, they received Spanish workbooks and teacher's editions. Since the children are all Q'eqchi Mayan Indians, that speak twenty-eight dialects, the push by the government of Guatemala is to teach Spanish as a common language. We also delivered two world globes to the schools. The "little school" is located in a chicken coop and the "big school" has two small block buildings. Teaching positions are available if you can speak Spanish and are willing to teach for \$2,000 a year.

For these students classes begin at 7:00 am and dismisses at 12:00 to beat the jungle heat. There are no roads in the jungle along the Rio Dulce River so all the children arrive in their Cayucos (dugout canoes). Many paddle while standing up and one student even had her pet parrot standing on the front of her cayuco. This trip the students at the "big" school entertained us with their newly

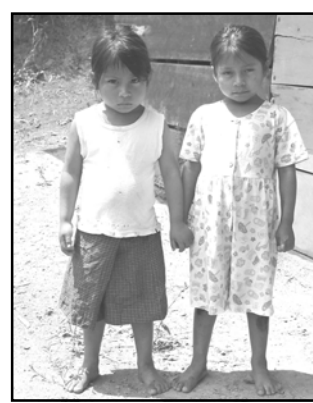
donated Marimba (the national instrument of Guatemala) with songs in English, Spanish and Mayan. We in turn carried two parachutes and about sixty pounds of candy in lieu of the Piñatas we carried last year. This year these children had their first experience with chocolate candy.

Although the school visits were the primary mission, we also carried special bags loaded with knitting materials for the parents gathered at the schools and a special mother we met last year at the little river store. She had six children and was expecting number seven. We arrived at the store at 2:00 pm on Thursday and she had previously delivered a baby girl at 5:00 pm on Wednesday. We were the only people on the tour to actually get to visit her in their one room home. After Gus Turcios our guide and translator spoke with her she handed the small infant to Lisa. We don't know if she was letting her hold the baby or giving it to her! After all, she had six other beautiful children and everything said was lost in translation. Upon our return to Georgia we received a call for our guide in Guatemala to tell us that she had named her baby "Lisa." Guess this makes us God-parents. What an honor.

If you would like to see the DVD of the entire trip, go to YouTube.com and type in Go with Gus 2009. There are three five minutes segments to the video. The still photography was by Jim Bryant, videography by Lisa Bryant and post-production editing by Daniel Nichols.



Giving out bags of yarn and knitting supplies to parents at the "little" school.



Little sisters watch as visitors bring school supplies to the school.



Showing wide-eyed children their photos taken from the 2008 trip.



My little buddy from last year meets us in his cayucos at the river store.



Little girl paddles her cayucos around in the lake as she fishes for supper. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant



Girl stands in her cayucos as she leaves the "big" school at noon.



Using the parachute to toss candy into the air at the "big" school.



Lisa gets to hold a Mayan baby born the day before our arrival. Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant