



# Towns County Herald's Sporting News



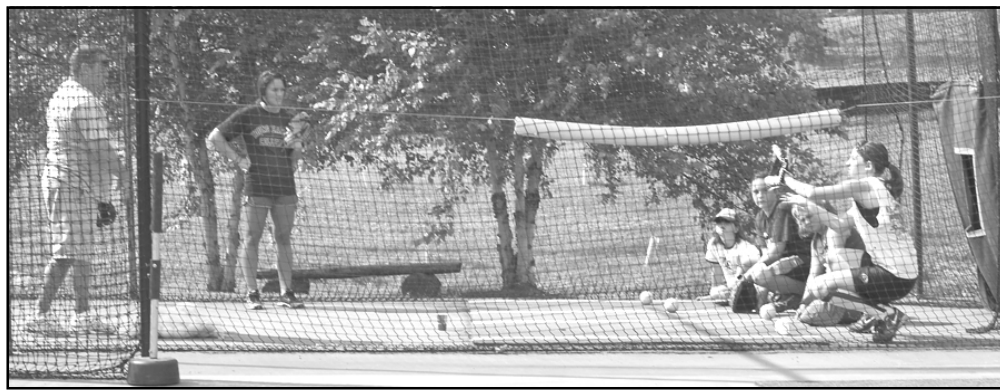
## Annual softball camp held at YHC

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Sports Writer

Despite the heavy construction going on at the Young Harris College Site, the sixth annual softball camp was held on schedule. With construction noises in the background, the coaches still had a great time working with the seventeen players that signed up for the three day camp. This year the staff at YHC even added an additional day on Thursday due to the popularity for advanced pitchers.

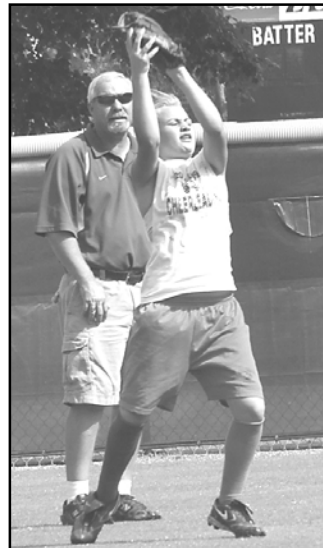
Each day from 9:00-3:00, the camp had three hours of pitching and fundamentals with guest coaches, followed by hitting instructions and batting cage practice by YHC Assistant Coach, Danny Rubino and a player from the Gordon College varsity team. Proper throwing and catching mechanics were taught by YHC Head Coach Eric Geldart and YHC pitcher, Rikki Powers. Each day a new fundamental was taught by guest coach Brian Staubly, Head Softball Coach from Broward Community College and at the end of the camp, a recruiting seminar was held to show the players how to market themselves to various potential colleges.



Coach Rubino and Gordon College player work inside the net with the catchers.



YHC pitcher, Rikki Powers works on pitching with a softball camp participant.



Broward College coach, Brian Staubly works on fielding fundamentals with player.



One of the younger pitchers works to YHC coach Eric Geldart.



Outfielders practice their fielding fundamentals at sixth annual YHC softball camp.



YHC assistant coach, Danny Rubino works with a group of catchers. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant

### The Rock Regional Sports Academy

The Rock Regional Sports Academy (formerly Baseball Instructional Camps @ YHC) has set dates for summer camps for baseball, soccer and tennis.

Our 2009 Cross-Training for Christ Multi-Sport camp

and Leadership Training Camp dates are July 6-10. New to The Rock are Tennis, Soccer & Baseball lessons ranging from individual to small group to team. For more info or for a registration form, call 706-897-2363 or e-mail LuannR36@yahoo.com

### Youth Football Registration

Registration for Towns County Youth Football will be held on June 27 and July 11 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Field House located at the Towns County High School Football Field. The cost of registration is \$60.00. Each player will need to present the registration fee and a copy of the player's birth certificate upon registration. If the player played last year no birth certificate is required.

Towns County Youth Football along with the assistance of the Head and Assistant Football Coaches for the Towns County High School will also hold a mini camp on July 13 and July 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Towns County Soccer Field. There is no cost for this camp.

If you have any questions, you may contact Jimmy Smith at 706-896-2622 or 706-835-6176.

### Miss Ga Mtn Fair Beauty Pageant

The Georgia Mountain Fair is taking applications for girls ages 17-24 to represent the fair in community events during 2009-10.

The Miss GMF Pageant, to be held Monday, July 20, will consist of evening gown, one-piece swimsuit, personal interview, stage question and overall presentation. After judging of regular pageant, an optional talent contest will be held.

There is no entry fee. There will be cash & merchandise prizes.

To qualify, contestants must be residents or full-time high school/college students in the counties of Towns, Union, Rabun, White, Habersham, Lumpkin, Fannin, and Stephens in Georgia or Clay and Cherokee counties in North Carolina; they must be single, never married, nor have children, and all applications should be received in office by Sunday, July 12.

For more info & application: call 706-896-4191 or go to georgiamountainfairgrounds.com

### Recreation Department's July 4 Activity Day

The Towns County Recreation Department's annual July 4 Activity Day will be on Friday, July 3 at the Recreation Department Ball fields. The Recreation Department invites everyone to come out and have fun in the sun! The Schedule of the events during the day and locations are as follows:

- Youth Singles Horseshoes 16 & Under Boys/Girls: ball field, 9:30 am
- Mens Singles Horseshoes 17 & Older: ball field, 10 am
- Womens Singles Horseshoes 16 & Older: ball field, 10:30 am
- Mens Partner Horseshoes 17 & Older: ball field, 11 am
- Mens Homerun Derby 15 & Older: ball field, 10:30 am
- Youth Home Run Derby 14 & Under Boys/Girls: ball field, 10:45 am
- Youth Home Run Derby 11 & Under Boys/Girls: ball field, 11 am
- Womens Home Run Derby 15 & Older: ball field, 11:15 am
- 3-Legged Race 10 & Under Boys & Girls: ball field, 11:30 am
- 3-Legged Race 13 & Under Boys & Girls: ball field, 11:40 am

Little Miss Recreation Girls 2 thru 6: Outdoor stage at Fairground next to ball field, 1pm

In each of the Recreation Department events, Plaques and Trophies will be given to all winners in each event. There is no charge for any of the activities. All events will begin at the times listed. To pre-register just be on time for the events you wish to participate. See all of you on July 3. For more information call the Recreation Department at 896-2600.

### 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 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 info, call 706-896-2600.

### Chatuge Shores golf scores

- 5-14-09 Jim Taylor hole in one hole # 16
- 5-14-09 Bill Kiser, Jim Taylor, Robert Lyle 9- Under, score 63
- 5-21-09 Bill Kiser, Ray Ward, Glen Greenwald 6- Under, score 66
- 6-4-09 Chuck Woodworth, John Chambers, Bill Kiser, Bucky Hancock 9- Under, score 63

### Herald's sports quote of the week

"If you want to learn to swim jump into the water. On dry land no frame of mind is ever going to help you."

- Bruce Lee, martial artist

### North Georgia Rapids Swim Team



The North Georgia Rapids Swim Team recently headed south to Winder, Georgia to compete in the North Georgia Swim League Pentathlon Swim Meet. Eleven teams, consisting of over 250 swimmers participated in this popular summer meet.

With family vacations impacting the team's numbers, the team sent only seven swimmers to compete. Of those seven, five finished within the top seven of their age group,

taking home beautiful rosette ribbons for their efforts. All team members swam personal best times and were pleased with their team's achievements.

The team practices at the Blue Ridge Mountain Fitness Club's saltwater pool year round. New team members are always welcome with ages ranging from six to eighteen. For more information contact swim coach Barry Gay at 706-835-1662.



## Local Racing Action

by Carl Vanzura

### With 4th win, Bobby Panter takes Sportsman point lead

Morganton GA driver Bobby Panter took the Sportsman point lead at Tri-County Race Tracks with his 4th feature win in the Kenny Garrett Hiawassee based GRT Chevy. After several restarts with outside pole setter Sammy Berrong, the two blasted into the first turn side-by-side with Panter taking the lead and holding it for the 20-lap win. Preston Crisp, racing out of Robbinsville, NC, worked his way through the pack to challenge Panter and finish second, followed by Doug Sneed, Mike Davis and Adam Morrow.

Also as Panter from Morganton, Kevin Sutton, a former winner at the "County" when he drove in the Mini Stock division, thrilled the crowd with his first win since moving up to the Nesmith Crate Late Model ranks. In a battle of the Kevin's, Hiawassee's Kevin Bradshaw drove Ricky Franks' Chevy to a runner up spot in front of Terry Ledford, Jacob Anderson and Jeremiah Bolling.

Murphy driver Mike Bryson took the win in the highly competitive Modified Street feature when he led Greg Sudderth, Heather Taylor, Brandon Dills and Jeffery Woods across the finish line stripe.

A good field of cars showed up for the Mid-Season Championship in the Street Stock race won by Hiawassee's Steven Sofield. Sofield, celebrating his 20th birthday won his sixth straight feature in his Chevy Camaro as Johnny Burnett ran second, followed by Jim Exum, William Watson and Chris Laitner.

Andrews driver Marty Clark won the first of two Mini Stock features when he edged Sylva's Justin Woodard by inches in one of the most exciting races of the night. Jamie Cross, Adam Creekmore and Travis Robinson rounded out the top five. In the second feature, it was another close action packed main event as Jamie Cross and Justin Woodard battled the whole 15-lap race trading paint in each corner as Cross edged out the win. Woodard, Phil Henderson, Adam Creekmore and Travis Robinson filled the top five spots in the 12 car field.

Racing at Tri-County is gearing up for the big Circuit World of Murphy Southern All Stars Super Late Model Series show and fireworks show on July 4th.

In other racing action, 13 year old Chase Elliott, driver of the No. 9 Aaron's Lucky Dog Dream Machine, made his tenth career Late Model start last weekend among some of the best Late Model drivers in the Southeast, including Bubba Pollard and Augie Grill. The second-generation driver made his debut at South Alabama Speedway (Kinston, Ala.) in the Pro Late Model Viper Series, qualifying fifth, starting second after the inversion and finishing third.

After his great run at Tri-County last week in the Tennessee Thunder race, Ray Cook won \$10,000 in the Lucas Oil Series race Saturday at Fayetteville Speedway. On Friday at Cherokee Speedway he ran 13th while having car problems. Chris Madden won that race. Jonathan Davenport was 14th after running in the top five before a flat dropped him out of the top. Davenport also had a flat at Fayetteville while running forth with just two laps to go. Vic Hill won the Tennessee Thunder race at Maryville, TN Saturday night. Cleveland Speedway had to cancel when they had problems with some track equipment. Track manager Monty Morrow said they will race next week. David McCoy won the Southeastern Sportsman Series race at Toccoa Speedway.



Bobby Panter won for the 4th time at Tri-County.



Steven Sofield celebrates his 29th birthday with a win Saturday night Photo by Jack Appleget

## The Great Outdoors by Jim Bryant

### Finalizing tent considerations before purchasing

You need a few more tent construction considerations before purchasing your soft shelter. Although the bottom of your tent is made of reinforced material that is thicker than either the rainfly or tent walls, the ground is an abrasive place. To prevent accidental puncture from rocks and twigs, lay a plastic GROUND CLOTH under the tent's floor. This ground cover should be cut or folded to the shape of the tent but several inches small that the width of the tent. A ground sheet that protrudes outside the edges of the tent will channel water underneath and between the tent and ground sheet and no amount of waterproofing will stop water from seeping inside the tent. The best ground cover on the market is blue on one side for summer use and silver on the other side

- for reflective winter use. The best is made of rip-stop material but a sheet of plastic from the local hardware store will suffice and is far cheaper.
- KEY POINTS IN TENT CONSTRUCTION**
- Light-weight nylon taffeta tent material
- Waterproof tub bottom which extends up the side of the tent 6"
- "No-see-um" mesh in windows, doors and dome panels
- Breathable air space between tent and rainfly
- Shock-corded tent support poles
- Sleeved or hooked internal pole system
- Water-proof rip-stop nylon rainfly
- Free standing
- Anchor stakes