



Towns County Herald's Sporting News



Young Harris College holds cross country invitational



The YHC women's soccer team celebrates the CC win by the Lady Mountain Lions.

Photo by Jim and Lisa Bryant

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Due to newspaper constraints from a busy sports weekend, the Young Harris

College Cross Country Invitational will run a week late. The team results can be found in the SPORTSWATCH box scores. To whet your appetite, the following photo of the women's soccer team acting as

cheerleaders for the winning women's cross country is being run.

Young Harris College sports action photos and team shots are available for \$20 prepaid this season. Post/past sea-

son CDs are \$30. Place your order early by seeing Jim or Lisa Bryant or contact at F5sports@yahoo.com to place your order.

Individual photos may be purchased immediately by log-

ging on to <http://jilbphotography.photorelect.com> OR Photorelect.com (type in Jim Bryant) and reviewing selected game photos of current sports. Young Harris sports have been archived from the

past thirteen years. Also be aware that the sports pages are now on line at townscountyherald.net each week.

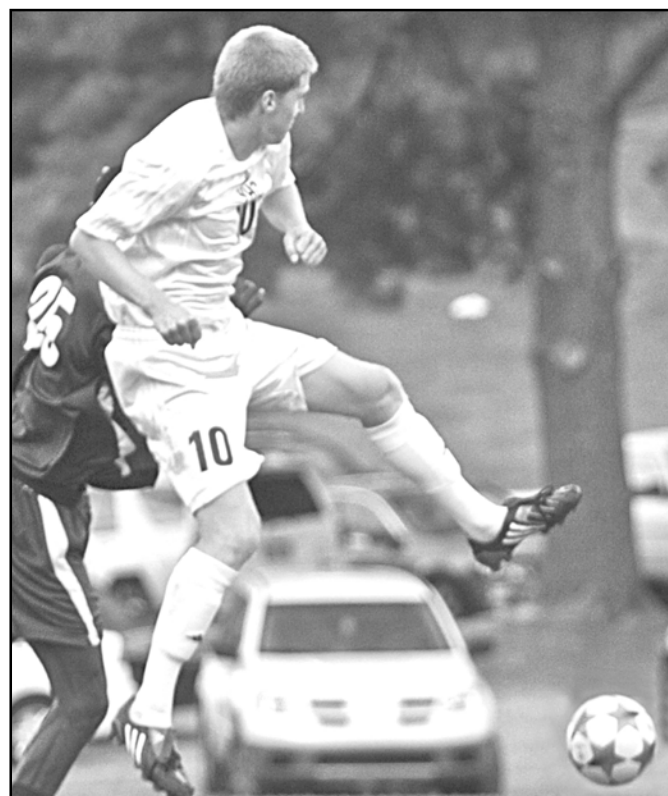
M'Lions open big at home against the Hawks

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Cats out-shoot Hawks 22-6

The YHC Mountain Lions opened big on their home field, taking an 8-1 win over the hawks of Tri-County College. The 15th nationally ranked men's team was led by Sam Walker's two goals. Taking an early lead, the Cats scored just three minutes into the contest, 1-0 of a penalty kick. The hawks responded six minutes late to knot the score at 1-1. A header by Felix Reich off a corner kick gave the Mountain Lions the go ahead for good score. In the second half, the Cats aced two goals in the first five minutes and after a Zach Trobaugh goal from the front of the box, the home team held a 7-1 lead. They went on to take an 8-1 decision. The Cat keeper went largely unchallenged during the entire game as the match was played mostly on the YHC attacks.



Adrian Klammer goes vertical in battle with a Tri-County Hawk. Photo by Jim and Lisa Bryant

Junior Golf New Member Orientation

The Tri-County Junior Golf Association (TCJGA) held their new member orientation and rules seminar last week. This year, 34 new junior golfers have joined to play in the 2009 Mountain Falls Junior Tour. These 34 junior players will be joining 54 current members to play competitive golf each week for the next five weeks. Upon arriving Cathy Lewis, TCJGA treasurer and membership chairperson,

checked in the junior players. During the orientation, Steve Gonyea, president of TCJGA, greeted the junior players and their parents. Steve talked about the format of the fall tour and TCJGA's mission statement. Brett Beazley, Vice President of TCJGA, held an interactive discussion with the junior players on specific course rules and helpful hints for faster play and better sportsmanship. The meeting was

wrapped up by Steve Gonyea giving each player 12 golf balls with which to practice before the upcoming first tournament. Also attending was Mike Stewart, TCJGA tournament director and Tsali Bentley, TCJGA marketing director. For more information on the TCJGA please contact Steve Gonyea at 706-379-1532 or Cathy Lewis at 828-389-1867. Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Tsali Bentley at 706-745-0001.



Pictured attending the junior golf new member orientation were the following: Junior Players: Delaney Phelps, Haley Phelps, Bailey Mock, Grace Jones, Caroline Owens, Hayley Nix, Hayley Duncan, Lindsay Robertson, Roanin Mock, Jackson Burch, Blake Hancock, Kolbe Ashe, Jared Covington, Kolby Phillips, DJ Mock, Wade Covington, Harrison Duncan, Trey Sisson, Casson Owens, Kyle Wade, Austin Robertson, along with TCJGA officers: Steve Gonyea, Brett Beazley, Cathy Lewis, and Mike Stewart.

38th annual National Hunting and Fishing Day

In celebration of the passion for the outdoors that you share with 64 million other Americans, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division encourages you to get out and participate in one of the many FREE celebrations that will be held in honor of the 2009 National Hunting and Fishing Day. Governor Sonny Perdue recently signed a proclamation in honor of the conservation efforts led by America's hunters and anglers, recognizing Saturday, Sept. 26 as NHF Day in Georgia, noting the plans underway for a statewide celebration.

Events that will be offered in Georgia include nine kids' fishing events and five Outdoor Adventure Days (activities will differ at each event - but some highlights include archery and air rifle shooting, trout fishing, hunting dog demonstrations, wildlife programs, exhibits and more). These events are spread out across the whole state - meaning that one is probably near you! In addition to these events, a FREE fishing day is offered to all Georgia residents on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009. On this day, residents do NOT need a fishing license or a trout license to fish on any public wa-

ters in the state including lakes, streams, ponds and public fishing areas (PFA). In addition, residents do not need to obtain a wildlife management area (WMA) license to fish on a PFA, WMA or on Waters Creek on this day. And if you thought the day could not get better - it just did. Georgia State Parks and Historic

Sites are offering a FREE day on Sept. 26, 2009, which means no parking or admission fees.

For more information on NHF Day in Georgia - including a complete listing of all events in the state visit www.georgiawildlife.com, and then select "Get Involved." For more on NHF Day across the nation, visit www.nhfd.org

6th Annual HRWC Trout Dinner

The 6th Annual HRWC Trout Dinner is only 10 days away on Sept. 10th at 6:00pm! I want to give three cheers for *Blue Ridge Mountain EMC*, *Lake Nottely Improvement Association*, *Nantahala Bank & Trust*, and *United Community Bank* for sponsoring this year's event. [There is still time to get your logo on the banner if you want to sponsor this event! Contact me ASAP!] If you haven't purchased a ticket or called in your reservation, please do so as soon as possible! The event is shaping up nicely; hopefully the weather will cooperate again this year.

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help out at the event and/or bring a dessert! We still need about 5 desserts. Here are some other

ways to help if you don't want to/aren't able to make something homemade:

-purchase a dessert from a local restaurant or bakery and bring it

-pay for a dessert at a local restaurant or bakery and call us to go pick it up

-send a \$15 check to purchase a dessert

We could also use one more set of hands serving/managing sides and desserts at the event! We appreciate your consideration of this opportunity to help and the notes some of you have sent expressing your regrets.

See you around the watershed! Callie D. Moore Executive Director Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition, Inc.

YHC's Women's Soccer ranked 6th in National Coaches Preseason Poll

YOUNG HARRIS, Ga. - Young Harris College's women's soccer team has been ranked sixth in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America preseason national junior college poll.

Defending national champion Lewis & Clark (Ill.), which YHC defeated 1-0 during the regular season in 2008, sits atop the preseason poll. The top five is rounded out by Darton (Ga.), Chandler-Gilbert (Ariz.), Navarro (Texas) and Monroe (N.Y.). Young Harris is followed by Iowa Western, Schoolcraft (Mich.), Polk (Fla.) and Laramie County (Wyo.). Community College of Rhode Island is ranked 11th, and Southwestern Illinois, Paradise Valley (Ariz.), Barton County (Kan.) and Cincinnati State Technical (Ohio) round out the top 15.

Young Harris returns 12 players from a squad that was 17-3-1 overall and ranked eighth in last year's final national poll. The 2008 team featured a pair of All-Americans in Sara Dashiell (first team) and Candace Edwards (second team).

Among those 12 returnees are three All-Region selections in goalkeeper Kelsey Cunningham, forward Rachel Wilkes and midfielder Emily Villas. Cunningham had the nation's third lowest goals against average in 2008, holding opponents to just 0.41 goals per match. Cunningham allowed just six goals in over 1,300 minutes of action.

Wilkes finished third on the team with 21 total points, which came on seven goals and seven assists. Her assist total was tied for the most on the team. Villas finished with 17 points on seven goals and three assists.

Cunningham, Wilkes and Villas were joined on last year's All-Region team by Dashiell, Edwards and Cat Durham.

The other returnees from last year's squad include goalkeeper Allie Matulia (0.53 GAA in 341 minutes); defenders Kelley Lyness (three goals, six assists) and Kaylin Canup (one goal, one assist); midfielders Lauren Martin (seven goals, three assists), Alyxandra Hogg (six goals, two assists), Jolie Kahn-Foss (one goal, four assists), Kelley Hoyt (one goal, three assists) and Autumn Gronborg (one goal, no assists); and forward Lauren Lipsey (three goals, one assist).

Along with the returning players, Young Harris welcomes 11 newcomers, all freshmen.

The Mountain Lions, who are just three years removed from its 2006 national championship season, open the 2009 season August 31 at Carson Newman College. Following a Sept. 4 match at Brevard College, Young Harris plays its first home match

Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. against Hiwassee College.

About Young Harris College

Founded in 1886, Young Harris College is a private, baccalaureate degree-granting college located in the beautiful mountains of north Georgia. Historically affiliated with The United Methodist Church, Young Harris College educates, inspires and empowers students through the highest quality liberal arts education. Long known for nurturing students during the first two years of college, Young Harris College received accreditation in 2008 to grant bachelor's degrees. The College currently has approximately 700 students across four divisions—Fine Arts, Humanities, Mathematics and Science, and Social and Behavioral Science—and plans to increase enrollment to 1,200 over the next few years. The historic campus in Young Harris, Ga., is currently undergoing major campus improvements to accommodate the College's growth. For more information, visit www.yhc.edu.

Unicoi Detachment 783

Marine Corps League's 13th annual golf tournament



Unicoi Detachment 783, Marine Corps League is holding its 13th annual golf tournament at Chatuge Shores Golf Course on Thursday, Oct. 8. Our tournament benefits local children, elderly, families and individuals as well as charities in our area. If you are interested in being a sponsor or a player, or want more information about our tournament, please contact Sal Laratta, Tournament Chairman at 706-781-8900 or Walt Scott, Commandant at 706-897-9610.