

Towns County Sports

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2nd annual Trapshooting benefit event

Sheriff Chris Clinton of Towns County and Ed Jones, President of the Chatuge Gun Club, announce the 2nd Annual Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes Benefit Trapshooting Event to be held on June 11, 2010 at the Shooting Range on Owl Creek Road in Hiawassee. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be shooting awards, silent auctions, raffles for guns, guided hog hunting trips, guided fishing trips, horseback riding, a day's use of a pontoon boat, paintings, knives, and many other items. Many door prizes, which have been donated by local businesses will be distributed to participants. A free lunch will be provided to shooters. Lunch will also be available for non-shooters and visitors, who may also participate in the raffles and silent auctions.

The event will be conducted on a regulation trap field with each shooter having 50 shots at clay targets. The

highest team score and high individual scores will receive awards.

You are invited to participate in the event, either as an individual or with a team of friends. The tax deductible contribution is \$50 a person or \$250 per team. The event will have a maximum of 18 teams or 90 people. Many participants from last year have already sent in funds to make reservations. Space is going fast.

If you are not a shooter, come and participate in the various silent auctions and raffles for excellent prizes.

Don't miss out on this great event. Call early, call now!

Last year the event raised \$7,500 for the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes.

The mission of the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes is: To provide quality child care for Georgia's children who, through no fault of their own, may be products of abuse, neglect, and dysfunctional fami-

lies. To provide opportunities for boys and girls in care to resolve their personal conflicts, find their identities, and learn proper values as they work toward a lawful, productive and secure future.

This mission will be accomplished through continued development of child care centers located strategically throughout the state. These programs provide counseling, residential care, camping, independent living and alumni services.

You must register in advance to receive a scheduled shooting time. To register, call Verlee Jones at 706-896-1783. If you are unable to attend, advance raffle tickets may be purchased from several sources. Call for more information.

Make checks payable to Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes and mail to: PO Box 86, Hiawassee, GA 30546.

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Indian Basketball Camp set for Jun 1-3

Girls and Boys entering Grades 1-8 for the 2010-2011 school year are invited to attend. Indian Basketball Camp is divided into two sessions. Session I is for grades 1-5 and Session II is for grades 6-8. Indian Basketball Camp is designed to develop skills, as well as, promote enthusiasm and pride for future Indian Basketball Players.

Camp features include dribbling contest, free throw contest, hot shot contest, daily

team games. Camp focus areas will be ball handling, shooting techniques, basic offensive positioning, and team game play.

Camp dates are June 1, 2, and 3, 2010 at Towns County High School Gym. Session I (grades 2-5) 9:00am-11:30am and Session II (grades 6-8) 12:30pm-3:00pm.

Camp cost is \$60.00 for 3 days (\$50.00 each for 2 or more in same family). Make checks payable to Indian Bas-

ketball. Registration Deadline: May 19, 2010

For more information and registration forms, call the High School and Coach Jim Melton at 706-896-4131 ext 1231.

Camp Coaches are Coach Melton (Varsity Girls Coach), Coach Hamilton (Varsity Boys Coach) and members of Girls and Boys Varsity and JV Teams. TMay19,26,TSPts2)ac

Mountain Magic invited to AAU National Tournament



Pictured Above: LEFT TO RIGHT Back Row: Amanda Thompson (Hayesville NC), Madison Johnson (Hiawassee GA), Misty Lundermuth (Hiawassee GA), Jadrian Penland (Hayesville NC), Carly Albach (Hiawassee GA), Stephanie Patton (Hiawassee GA) Front Row Left to Right: Brice Graves (Hayesville NC), Savannah Anderson (Hayesville NC) NOT PICTURED COACHES STEVE PATTON AND FRANK JOHNSON (both of Hiawassee GA)

On May 15 and 16th Mountain Magic played in the National Qualifying tournament in Woodstock Georgia. Magic started out strong with a 41-17 victory over the Pistols. There next game was at 2pm with the Georgia Metros a team sponsored by Nike with no losses in 2 ears. Magic showed up to play and battled out a 46-45 win. Middle Georgia Starz was the last team played on Saturday with a 20 point win for the magic. Sunday the girls came to play with a 48-32 game over Peak

Performance another big win for the girls. The last game on Sunday for the Championship Magic came head to head with Georgia Metro's again and this time lost with the score 48-40. Because the girls came finished 2nd in this tournament and 3rd in the YBOA National Qualifying tournament they have been invited to attend Nationals for AAU Basketball which is located in Minnesota this July and the YBOA Nationals located in rlando Fl also in July. The Girls would like to send a SPECIAL THANKS OUT TO THEIR COACHES AND THEIR WIVES for all

they do. Thank you STEVE & PAIGE PATTON and FRANK AND LIZA JOHNSON! These girls have worked hard & have showed real dedication to play at the National Level with hopes that the communities will support them in their efforts to raise money to get to Nationals. As playing at this level is at the expense of the girls and their families. Magic will be out in the community raising money for their trip. They will be having garage sales and carwashes in Towns & Clay County.

They look forward to seeing you. TMay19,TSPts2)ac

Car show benefits local athletic programs

By: Jessica Keaton
TOWNS COUNTY HERALD

Glistening chrome was a big favorite of those in attendance at the Car Show in the Towns County High School parking lot on Saturday. Local enthusiasts brought their hot rods out, polished and perfect, for the community to see.

From the '59 Ranchero to the '84 Chevy Silverado, each automobile came with a story and a smile from its owner. The folks over at Men on the Move in Young Harris brought out their white '59 Chevy Panel Truck to meet the crowds. With its glistening white paint and blue logo, it drastically contrasted its surroundings, making it stand out from the rest. "It's a nice cruising truck," stated Ken Sutton of Men on the Move, "the paint just sparkles."

The car show, sponsored by Towns County's Athletic Booster Club, is one of the major fundraisers for local athletic programs.

Sitting beneath the shade on the far side of the lot were Jim Lawson, Paul Hodge, Wayne Miller, Stan Southern, and Gordon Harbuck. The five men, all wearing different kinds of hats shielding their eyes from the sun, had different things to say about each of their cars.

Lawson, with his Towns County Indians hat and '84 Chevy Silverado, gushed over the durability of his truck.

"It's in good shape. I'm proud of it. I'm a truck person and I drive it every day," Lawson said.

Hodge was next in line, sharing information about his classic, 1932 Ford, with its bright red interior. He bought the car five years ago and went to work on it, "fixing pretty much everything on there."

Miller, with his matching hat both the body and era of the car, followed, laughing about the car's possible background. "It's a 1932 Lincoln... it came from Los Angeles," he said. "I'd like to think some movie star owned it, but I'd have to make up that story. It's a flamboyant car, not very practical."



Dallas Manus stands beside his award winning Go Kart during the annual Athletics Booster Club Car Show at Towns County High School on Saturday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Locals take a gander at Gordon Harbuck's 1959 Ford Ranchero during the annual Athletics Booster Club Car Show at Towns County High School on Saturday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Gordon Harbuck stands beside his 1959 Ford Ranchero. Photo/Jessica Keaton

Stan Southern was quick to reveal his details of his car, or rather it's famous cousin.

"It's a 1938 Ford 4-door convertible... President Roosevelt had one like it. It's in a case down in Warm Springs, Georgia," he said.

Harbuck took onlookers back to the 1950s with his car that looked like it came out of the movie Grease. Complete with its own name plate, his 1959 Ranchero gleamed al-

most as much as he did as he told the car's tale.

"It originally came from El Paso, Texas. It was restored from the ground up. They made about 14,500 of them," he said.

The day glittered not with gold, but with chrome finish. For local car enthusiasts, this collection of cars was worth more than their weight in gold.

Young Harris College to host summer camps

Young Harris College will once again host several sports camps this summer, giving children ages 5-18 the opportunity to learn and compete at several different levels.

YHC's baseball team will host three different camps during both a June 14-18 session or a July 19-23 session. The Fundamental camp is for children ages 5-12 and offers full-day or half-day options. The Junior Elite camp is for rising 5th - 8th grade students, while the Senior Elite camp is for rising 9th graders through students who graduated from high school in 2010. The camps provide instruction to advance all players in the fundamentals and in advanced, posi-

tion specific techniques.

Along with the camps, YHC will also host an instructional showcase for high school players to promote their abilities to college, university and professional scouts. The summer showcase will take place August 28-29. There will also be a fall showcase Oct. 2-3. Both take place at YHC's Zell B. Miller Field.

A combined boys and girls basketball camp will be held at YHC's brand new Athletics and Recreation Center July 19-23. Campers will learn basketball fundamentals, play two games per day and work on offensive and defensive drills with noted college coaches Pete Herrmann

and Brenda Paul. The camp is open to players ages 8-15, and players will be divided according to age and ability.

The Mountain Lions' women's soccer team will host a pair of camps. The Girls Overnight Soccer Camp is scheduled for June 25-27 and is for middle school and high school girls, and both overnight and day camp rates are available. The Soccer Camp for Girls will take place from July 12-15, and is for all girls ages 5-18. No experience is required for this day camp. Both camps take place at the YHC Soccer Field.

The Young Harris Boys & Girls Soccer Camp, hosted by YHC's men's team, is for participants ages 6-18. The day camp (9-11a.m., for ages 6-8; 9 a.m.-noon for ages 9-18), will take place at the YHC Soccer Field.

There will be two sessions of the Young Harris College Summer Softball Camps. The first session is scheduled from June 15-16 and is for players ages 8-13. The second session is June 17-18 and is for players ages 14 and above. Both sessions will be held at YHC's E.D. Rivers Field.

More information about all Young Harris College Athletics summer camps, including camp brochures and registration forms, is available online at www.yhcathletics.com. Follow the "camps" link under the "athletics info" header.

Local Racing Action

By: Carl Vanzura



Track champion driver Bobby Panter and car owner Kenny Garrett won the Late Model feature.



Ricky Smith came out of retirement to win Saturday night at Tri-County.



Kevin Bradshaw carried the flag in Ricky Franks beautiful race car.

We beat the rain and the racing was great

It has been a bad year already with Tri-County Race Track in their effort to get in a good race with the weather. Two rain outs and this week it rained at the track and all around the area all day. Track promoter Steve Morris stated that the track was prepared for racing and if the cars and fans showed he would race. Well the cars and fans, even though not in great numbers, showed up and the racing was great in all five classes.

Morganton driver Bobby Panter driving Kenny Garrett's Monte Carlo cut a fast time of 14.181 to out pace Peachtree's Jamie Oliver who turned 14.188 to put the two drivers on the front row. Panter and Oliver toured the clay oval at speeds nearing 100 miles-per-hour side by side, tail to tail for 25-lap as Panter took the checkered flag by a car length. Right behind the two, Jonathan Cope and Preston Crisp had their own battle for 20-laps until a flat tire put Crisp in the pits, through for the night. Randy Dillard took after Cope

and finished a strong fourth. Peachtree driver Doug Sneed rounded out the top five.

Copperhill, TN driver Jason Deal made it two in a row in the GM Performance Late Model feature when he finished in front of Murphy's Jacob Anderson, Kevin Bradshaw, Nick Sellers and Erick

A native of Motherwell, Scotland, McKeever completed his sixth season as Head Coach of the Young Harris Mountain Lions men's soccer program.

Coaching accreditations include the Scottish Football Association "D" license and the NSCAA National, Advanced National and Premier Diplomas. As a coach he has been involved with both men's and women's programs, winning the Gulf South Confer-

McCracklin.

The Cornwell Tools Modified Street feature saw 11 highly modified cars put on the track with Blue Ridge driver Justin Thomas, Sammy Berong, Greg Sudderth, Mike Bryson and Nick Sellers taking the top five positions.

Ricky Smith, Josh Roberts and Charles Toomey finished in that order in the Street Stock feature while Shannon Jones, Darrell Hodgins and Josh Cordin filled the top three spots in the Mini Stock main event.

Tri-County will be in action this Friday with go karts and on Saturday with six classes and three age groups of bicycle racing for the kids.

Racing around the area tracks saw rain outs at Cleveland Speedway and North Georgia Speedway. Hartwell was off and Toccoa is still closed until this Saturday when David Pritchard takes over the track as the new promoter. At Dixie Speedway, Lee Sutton set a new track record and then went on to take the feature. Josh Collins was the big winner at Boyds Speedway. Kip Cochran won the South-eastern Sportsman Series race at Lavonia Speedway as the tour's next race will be at Tri-County May 29th.

Some of the big series races around the country this weekend: Jimmy Owens won at Wythe Speedway in the Lucas Oil race. Ray Cook finished 6th and Jonathan Davenport was 16th among the 44 cars entered. The World of Outlaws race at Hagerstown Speedway saw Josh Richards take the \$10,000 event. At Talladega Short Track, Randy Weaver won the Red Farmer 97 over Ronnie Johnson. Famed driver Red Farmer presented the \$9,700 check to Weaver in honor of his number 97 car he drove. TMay19,FJSH

Kid's Fishing Rodeo at Vogel

Vogel's Kids Fishing Rodeo will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 8 a.m.-noon. The park is located at 7485 Vogel State Park Rd, Blairsville, GA 30512, 11 miles south of Blairsville on Hwy. 129/11. The cost of the event is \$5 per vehicle parking fee. Wolf Creek will be stocked with trout for children 12 years and younger to fish. Your child must be present at the registration tent for sign-in and to receive a free t-shirt prior to fishing. The first 300 will receive a t-shirt. Also, the lucky ticket

holders will receive a prize. Park staff and volunteers will be helping by giving out bait, bating hooks, taking fish off, and giving out prizes. Prizes are donated by the local businesses. A limited supply of loaner rods/cane poles, corn, and worms will be available. So please, bring your own if possible. All fishing laws are to be followed. We want to teach the children to protect and conserve the resources while having fun. For more information, please call 706-745-2628 or visit www.georgiastateparks.org.

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ence two consecutive years.

As a player at Tyler Junior College he earned awards such as All-American and All-National Tournament First Team. As a player at CBU, McKeever captained a team which remains one of the most successful men's soccer teams in the school's history. Furthermore, he was voted Conference Player of the Year in 2000. At CBU, his academic career included a B.A. in Psychology and a Masters degree in education.

Camp Dates: July 6 - 9
Camp details available at www.baseballinstructionalcampsandshowcases.com/9.html. Matthew 7: 24-25.

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