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TCHS BASEBALL
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Eagles spoil Senior Day for the Indians with 1-0 win

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Indian runners on the corners left hanging in loss.

With runners in scoring position in the bottom of the final inning, a line shot into the pitcher's glove for the third out was not the way the Indians wanted to remember Senior Day. Luck was with the Eagles from Athens Christian Acad-

emy and that's the way it happened in the 1-0 loss to the Birds from Athens. The second batter in the top of the first inning touched starting pitcher for the Indians, Zeke Gribble for an RBI double to set the game at 1-0. The rest of the day was basically a pitching duel with neither team gaining an advantage. Matt Beni singled off an error by the Bird second baseman in the first but on the second pick attempt, the Eagles nailed him. In the sec-

ond, the Tribe put three long fly outs to right.

The Tribe almost got the wagon out of the ditch in the fourth when Matt Beni singled to right and a sac by Alan Turpin got him to second. On a fielder's choice by Zeke Gribble, Beni was caught between bases and chased down for the out. The two teams traded a couple of barbs in the late innings but the scoreboard remained dormant at 1-0. Af-

ter an Eagle single in the seventh the Tribe tightened their grip and held on. In the bottom, Charles Corn sent a single in the gap and Billy Meier walked. A fielder's choice hit by Randy Smith got him on first but Meier was thrown out at second. With two outs and Indians on the corners, Andy Page hit a line drive directly into the glove of the startled Bird pitcher and the 1-0 win for Athens Christian was in the books.



Senior baseball players were honored prior to the start of the Athens Christian game. (L-R) Ezekiel Gribble, Randy Smith, Andy Page, Charles Corn and Trystan Drummond.



Cody Harkins comes down from a leap for an overthrown ball in play at home.



Randy Smith is dusted off at the plate by the Athens Academy relief pitcher.



Matt Beni makes the putout on an Eagle runner at second base.



Local Racing Action

by Carl Vanzura

Tri-County prepares for special weekend after two rain outs

Racing at Tri-County Race Track was hit by rain both Friday and Saturday forcing track management to cancel both events.

On Friday for the first ever go kart event to be staged at the "County", the track was just great according to the drivers able to make a test run, and excitement was growing among the drivers when the rain came. After a two hour delay as track promoter Steve Morris tried to get the track back to racing condition, rain returned and the plug was pulled. About 50 karts braved the rain and another 50 or more called and said they were waiting to see what was going to happen. Tri-County will try it again next Friday.

On Saturday, they didn't even get to open the gates before rain made the already saturated track condition unfit for racing. With more rain in the forecast on the way, races were also canceled.

Next Saturday night, the Southeastern Sportsman Series will make their first of two visits at Tri-County with some of the fastest cars in that class in the nation.

Can anybody challenge local racers like Devin Dillbeck, Bobby Panter, Preston Chrisp, Doug Sneed, Trig Parris, Jamie Lunsford, Sammy Berrong, Kevin Bradshaw and Randy Dillard?

It was miserable all over the south if you were into racing. I don't think any track in Georgia, North Carolina or Tennessee got to race this weekend. Talked to a bunch of my buddies from the race tracks and they said they were going to put all this water to good use and were going fishing. Well we can all look forward to no rain and go racing this weekend.



Charles Corn watches as a passed ball goes by the Eagle catcher.



Andy Page watches the last ball he will hit in his senior year at TCHS.

Herald's sports quote of the week

"In the management of your principles, take example by the pugilist, not the swordsman. One puts down his blade and has to pick it up again; the other is never without his hand, and so needs only to clench it."

- Marcus Aurelius, Roman emperor

Mountain Lions advance in GJCAA Baseball Tournament

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After battling Andrew College, rain and rain delays, Cats win.

After taking a game suspended 13-5 win in the first game or round one of the GJCAA Region XVII Baseball Tournament on their home field, the Mountain Lions squared off against the Andrew Tigers to finalize their trip to Douglas, GA for the remainder of the tournament. Joining the #2 YHC Mountain Lions were the #1 Georgia Perimeter Jaguars, the #6 Truett McConnell Bears and the #4 Middle Georgia Warriors.

The Cats kept their of-

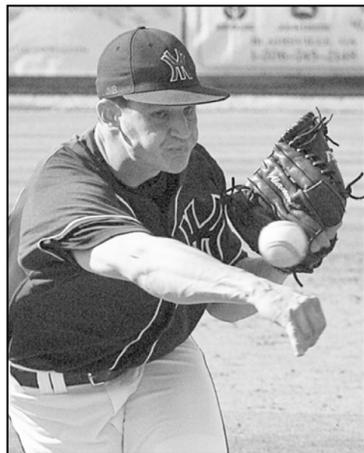
fense alive, scoring eight runs off ten hits. With the power at the plate, Derrick Lowery jacking his 17th homerun and going 2-4 with teammate Bryson Smith going 2-3, the Cat bats stayed just ahead of the incoming rain. The Mountain Lions used a carousel of hurlers to keep the Tigers off balance

enough to pull out the 8-5 win. Starting on the hill for the Cats was Eric Swegman who was relieved by Andrew Chilcoat then Matt Crouse then Kurt Frisbee and finishing off with C. J. Smith. Chilcoat got the win and Smith got the save. The two game sweep moved the Mountain Lions into the final

four, taking on fourth seed, Middle Georgia in their first outing. To allow for more game coverage, the final four results will run on May 27th. The Mountain Lions season however, ended with one win over Truett McConnell and two losses in the final four to Middle Georgia College.



Shane Hammond warms up before stepping to the plate as Cats advanced to final four.



Kurt Frisbee was the fourth Cat pitcher in a carousel of hurlers.



Austin Schultz make the throw from shortstop to Clay Remole at first base.



Mountain High Hikers schedule two hikes each Tuesday, occasional specialty hikes, and regular trail maintaining trips — all in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina and Georgia. Check the web site: MountainHighHikers.org for schedule and meeting locations or call 828-389-8240 for information.



Derrick Lowery puts air under his 17th homerun shot in 8-5 win over Andrews.

Corn Hole Tournament on May 30

Towns County High School and the Towns County Lady Indians Basketball Program are holding a cae wash and cook out on May 30. A car wash from 10am to 3 pm will be \$5 or any donation. A hamburger or hotdog plate (available from 11am to 2pm) will be \$5, which includes slaw, baked beans, dessert and chips. The Corn Hole Tournament begins at 11am and runs until finished. The cost is \$10 per person and \$20 per team registration. Registration will last until 10am on May 30, but please register ASAP. See a Varsity or JV Lady Indian Basketball Player for your tickets or call Coach Melton at 706-896-4131 (ext 1231) for more details and Corn Hole Registration Forms.