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Indians honor 2009 baseball team

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The season is over but the accolades are still arriving for members of the 2009 TCHS Indians baseball team. The players attended their annual baseball banquet May 18th at Monte Alban Restaurant in Hiawassee. Coach Shannon Moss presented awards to several of the outstanding players for their efforts during the season.

Receiving awards at this years banquet were:

Defensive Award: Ezekiel Gribble, threw out nine of eleven runners trying to steal second or third base.

Defensive Award: Andy Page, roamed center field and hauled down numerous catches.

Pitching Award: Trystan Drummond, led the team in pitching wins.

Coaches Award: Randy Smith, went above and beyond what was asked by the coaches.

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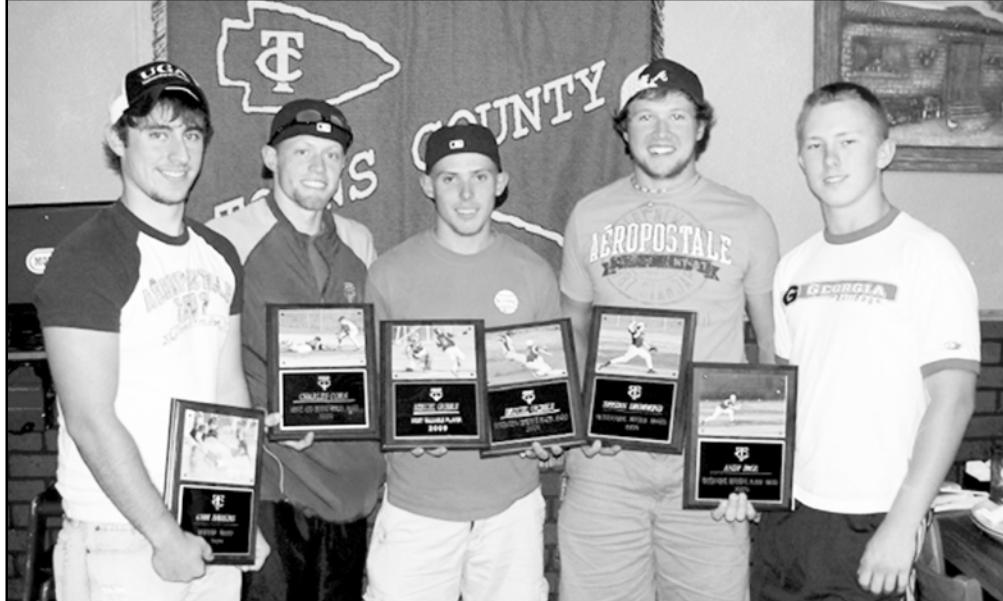
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Warrior Award: Cody Harkins, often played sick and still belted the HRs.

MVP: Ezekiel Gribble, hit over 20 career homeruns and 150 career Ks on the mound.

Coach Moss also noted that Ezekiel Gribble was named All Region First Team Pitcher for Region 8A and Cody Harkins was named All Region Second Team DH for Region 8A. The Indians will be losing

five seniors who helped to make this team one of the most competitive teams in years. He further stated that "we are excited about some of the underclassmen stepping in to fill their shoes."



Players receiving awards at the 2009 TCHS Baseball Banquet.

Photos by Jim/Lisa Bryant



Cody Harkins,
Warrior Award



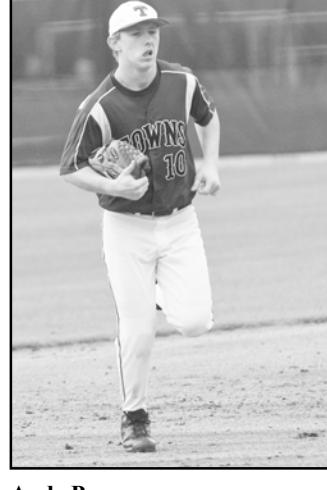
Ezekiel Gribble,
Defensive Award & MVP



Charles Corn,
Coaches Award



Randy Smith,
Coaches Award



Andy Page,
Defensive Award



Trystan Drummond,
Pitching Award

Youth Football Registration

Registration for Towns County Youth Football will be held on June 6, June 13, June 20, 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.

Former YHC Mountain Lions drafted to bigger things

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Young Harris College not only turns out champions (2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008), they turn out professional prospects. In the 2009 Major League Draft, six former YHC Mountain Lions made the top fifty draft choices.

Round #24 (719) Derrick Lowery (Western Carolina Signee), Cincinnati Reds

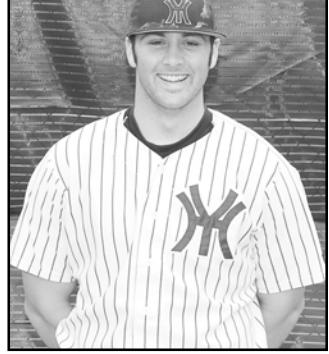
Round #28 (#838) Eric Swegman (UGA Signee), Atlanta Braves

Round #30 (#905) Bryson Smith (University of Florida Signee), Cleveland Indians

Round #32 (#96) Will Harvil (UGA), Arizona Diamondbacks

Round #41 (#1231) Matt Sanders (Clemson) Colorado Rockies

Round #48 (#1439) Kenny Swab (University of Virginia Signee), Cincinnati Reds



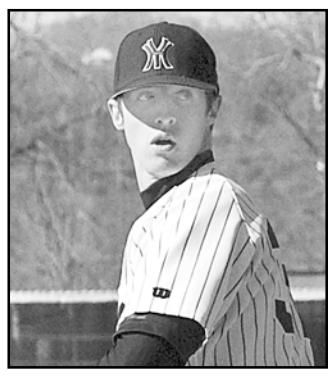
Derrick Lowery



Bryson Smith



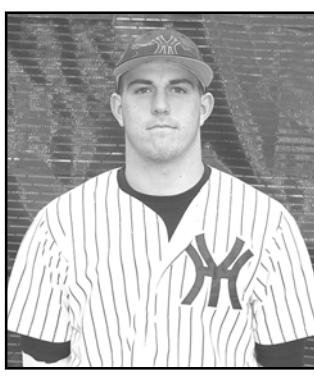
Matt Sanders



Eric Swegman



Will Harvil



Kenny Swab

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.

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



Photos by Lowell Nicholson

Local Racing

Action

by Carl Vanzura



Murphy's racing school teacher wins \$3000 at Tri-County

Murphy High School champion basketball coach, David Payne, won his biggest race at his home town track in front of a huge cheering crowd. Payne followed Clinton, TN driver Anthony "Dirty White Boy" White, just inches apart for 38 laps until he made a bottom groove move under the high riding White in the second turn. White moved right back to Payne's bumper, but had to settle for the runner up spot.

While Payne and White battled, Brasstown's Ray Cook and Maryville, TN driver Tommy Kerr, the current Tennessee Thunder points leader, were in their own duel, just a few car length behind for third place with Cook taking that position.

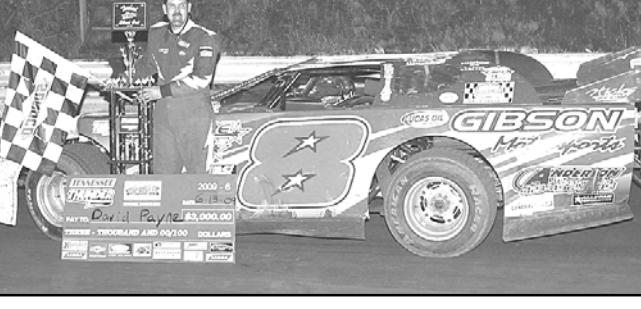
The night started under clear skies with the track looking like it was ready for fast and exciting action. Just as the first set of cars were in line to enter the track, the first drops of rain hit the track. It rained for about 20 minutes and cars were called to enter the track and help dry it out to racing condition. Track promoter Steve Morris told the fans, "We will do everything we can to get the track race worth if we can do it in time to meet our mid-night curfew."

With a two hour delay the first race hit the track for heats and qualifying. Murphy driver Jim Twiggs won the Modified Street feature in a caution free 15 lap event. Blairsville's Jacob Grizzle won the Nesmith Crate Late Model feature.

David Payne won the first fast six dash and Anthony White took the second dash which set the front row for the 40 lap Tarheel Shoot-Out. The race started with 23 of the 25 cars entered able to start. Various drivers at the tail of the field spun out causing seven cautions, once the drivers got that out of the way, racing was fast with battles all the way around the track. Kayne Hickman, Johnny Chastain, World of Outlaws national champion Steve Casebolt, Dan Tipton, Russell Thomas and Rodney Weeks rounded out the top 10.

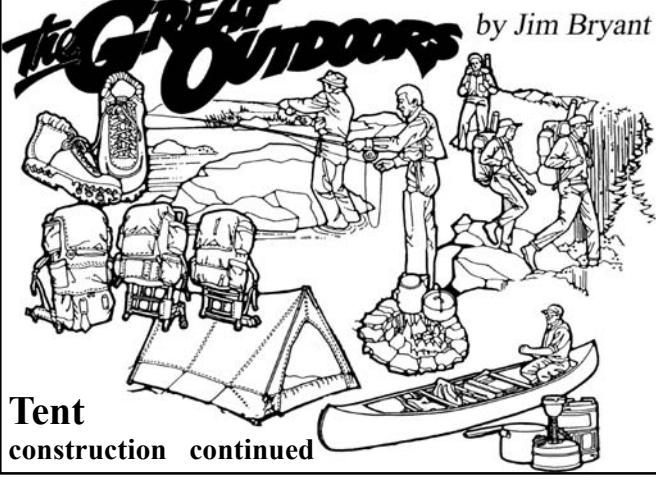
Due to the rain delay and the curfew, the Mini Stocks were unable to race, so they will run two features next Saturday night. The Street Stocks will also run their Mid-Season Championship.

The Lucas Oil Series ran at North Georgia Speedway Friday night and Joe Armes from east Tennessee was the winner, with Ray Cook running second. The series moves to Cleveland Speedway on Tuesday. A big crowd favorite, Clint Smith, won at Dixie Speedway Saturday night. David McCoy was the winner at Toccoa Speedway. Young Harris driver Randy Nichols took third place in the main event. Racing return to Sugar Creek Raceway in Blue Ridge this Friday. Go karts also return to Tri-County Friday night.



Murphy school teacher and coach, David Payne took the trophy and \$3000 check at Tri-County Saturday night.

Photo by Jack Appleget



Tent construction continued

Tent floors should be made of the same type of tough, waterproof material used in the first six-eight inches of the tent wall, nearest the floor. This configuration forms a sort of plastic "bathtub" shape in the bottom of the tent. This bathtub configuration seals out water from entering the tent. It should also be noted that if water gets into the tent, this bathtub bottom also holds in the water! Seams on the floor should be "sealed" with lengths of waterproof tape or liquid seam sealer. Some tents come unsealed so check the directions to see if you have to apply seam sealer yourself.

Tents should be constructed with bound and lap-felled seams. BOUND-SEAMS are crafted by stitching through a layer of material (non-waterproof taffeta) folded over two other pieces being joined. The bound seam method is the weaker of the two types of seams. LAP-SEAMEDS are created by placing the two pieces of the fabrics being joined over one another, then folding and stitching them together. Better quality tents are made using as many lap-felled seams as possible, and have bound seams when more than two pieces of material are joined. Generally, lighter, better constructed tents employ lap-felled seams which are flatter than bound seams.

RAINFIES are not insects but covers attached to a tent some 2-4 inches above the breathable tent fabric. The space created prevents outside moisture from entering the tent while allowing inside air and moisture to escape. Rainflies have to be seam-sealed every few seasons.

VENTILATION is an important factor for the average weekend camper. The amount and location of ventilation is important, especially in warm climates. Windows, doors dome panels and their locations will give the camper "breathing" space in the tent. Keep in mind that windows located too high on the tent sides will offer much less circulation for a sleeper lying on the tent floor well below these windows. Dome panels work well to quickly remove hot air and moisture out of the tent in arid climates, but are a poor choice in cold climates.