

Softball girls make history at Lowell Nicholson Field



Britney Ledford pitches a gem against Commerce.
Photo by James Reese.

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Emily Anderson entered the record books and led the Towns County Lady Indians' fast pitch softball team to its second consecutive region win at Lowell Nicholson Field on Thursday.

Anderson smashed the first home run (over the fence) ever by a Lady Indian fast pitch softball player. It broke open a 2-1 lead over Commerce, giving the Lady Indians a 5-1 cushion that they would not surrender.

It was a week of firsts for the Towns County girls fast pitch softball team.

Earlier in the week the Lady Indians traveled to the Classic City in a region match-up against the Prince Avenue Wolverines. The final result was a lopsided 20-2 Lady Indians' road win.

Lady Indians' Head Softball Coach Lakyn Traquair downplayed the one-sided affair.

"We didn't bring everything we had, but we apparently brought enough," she said.

Thursday the Lady Indians looked to avenge prior season setbacks at the hands of the visiting Commerce Lady Tigers at Lowell Nicholson Field. The Lady Indians sent the Lady Tigers back to Commerce with 5-1 defeat under their belts.

Following a couple of scoreless innings, the Lady Tigers struck first in the top of the third inning when freshman Bridgett Barrett drove in senior Drea Mathis from third base following her two stolen bases.



It was pandemonium Thursday at Lowell Nicholson Field as the Lady Indians make it two in a row.
Photo James Reese.



The Lady Indians celebrate another region win.
Photo by James Reese.



The Indians celebrate a win and a home run by Emily Anderson.
Photo by James Reese.

Lady Indians' freshman Morgan Bradley started the bottom of the third with a leadoff hit. That was followed by a walk to Carly Gilfilian who later came around to even the score at 1-1 on a balk by Lady Tigers' pitcher Kayla Burks.

The Lady Indians took the lead for good when Tori Morgan doubled in junior Britney Boyer to give Towns a 2-1 lead heading into the fourth inning.

Junior Claire Wilson led off the bottom of the fifth inning with a double up the middle. Tori Morgan reached base again giving the Lady Indians runners at first and third.

After looking at a couple

of strikes, Emily Anderson sent Burks' next pitch over the left field fence putting the Lady Indians up for good with a monumental three-run shot and a 5-1 advantage. Not to be overlooked, sophomore starting pitcher Britney Ledford cruised from that point to a complete game victory.

Tribe tidbits: Anderson's three-run shot is the first Lady Indian homer and the win is believed to be the first back-to-back region wins according First Base Coach Mike Anderson and TCHS Principal Roy Perren. Incidentally, that first dinger came at Lowell Nicholson Field.

TCHS Cross country team off to a running start



Walker Guss led the Towns County Indians Cross Country efforts.

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The 2011 Cross country team trained hard all Summer in preparation for improving upon their girls team featuring Ansley Vardeman.

Braving 90-degree temperatures has so far paid off.

In the Union County 3.1 mile meet the boys and girls team made a nice showing with the girls leading the way.

Participating in the meet were teams represented by Towns, Union, Fannin, Gilmer, Murphy N.C. and Hayesville N.C. The Towns girls took first place honors with 41 points over Union, which finished with 70 at their home track. Hayesville finished with 82, Fannin 84 and Gilmer 127 points.

Ansley Vardeman led the field of females with a time of 23:31 for the Lady Indians. Her twin sister Taylor Vardeman



The 2011 Towns County Cross Country teams.



Ansley Vardeman leads the pack at Union. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

followed with a close second, Sierra Nichols third, Caitlin Sheffield, Carly Albach and the tiebreaker was Cassie Buck. Walker Guss led the way for the Indians' boys finishing a respectable fourth overall with a time of 19:48, followed by Dakota Barrett, Jordan Woodard, Kyle Tyler, Rylan Albach and Johnny Arrowood the tiebreaker.

Last Thursday the team traveled to Athens Academy and competed admirably. The Indians were the only public school participating. Ansley Vardeman finished second overall on the girls' side. The Indians finished ahead of region rivals Prince Avenue Christian at a huge meet.

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in the revamped 9th Congressional District due to recent Congressional redistricting after Georgia was awarded a 14th Congressional District based on increased population statewide based on the count of heads during the 2010 U.S. Census.

Under the revamped Congressional maps, current 9th District Congressman Tom Graves shifts to the newly created 14th Congressional District, leaving the 9th Congressional District seat open for the 2012 elections.

Collins, who represents portions of Hall, Lumpkin and White counties, and currently is serving his third term in the Georgia House of Representa-

tives, spoke to Towns County Republicans last week.

He said that Zoller is a friend and lives close to his Hall County home. He said what separates the two is leadership.

"I've been there, people know my record, I'll defend that record," he said. "I've also been to war (Iraq war veteran) and I know what our troops go through because I've been there."

"I respect Martha, but I think what will separate us is ideas, and putting those ideas in practice," Collins said. "I have a proven record out there for everybody to see."

Zoller has laid out a clear vision for why she is running.

"I have been involved in radio for 15 years now, not just giving my opinion, but helping my listeners analyze the critical issues of the day," she said. "Most importantly, I have given people a chance to be heard."

"Talk radio has given me incredible opportunities to see the greatness of America. I have broadcast everywhere from Georgia to Washington, DC, to Iraq, talking with people from all walks of life," Zoller said. "Everywhere I go I hear the same thing - people are fed up with the political games in Washington and the professional politicians who pay lip service to their constituents."

Theatre Young Harris announces 2011-12 Season

Theatre Young Harris will present an exciting new lineup of performances for the 2011-2012 season. The season will be comprised of a four-show Mainstage Series, a three-show Studio Series and a New Work Series, offering audiences a wide range of both classic and contemporary theatre and musical theatre productions.

The season ticket package provides a 30 percent discount for the Mainstage Series. Season tickets and individual show tickets are on sale now online at www.yhc.edu/tickets. Tickets may also be purchased through the Young Harris College Box Office at (706) 379-4307. The Box Office, located in the lobby of Goolsby Center, opens Tuesday, Sept. 13, for phone and walk-up ticket purchases for season tickets and the first show. It will also be open two weeks prior to opening night for the remaining shows in the season. Box Office hours are Monday-Friday, 3-5 p.m.

Theatre Young Harris will open its Mainstage Series in September with its children show, *A Year with Frog and Toad*. True to the spirit of Arnold Lobel's popular children's stories, this light-hearted musical follows two good friends, the cheerful and popular Frog and the rather grumpy and stubborn Toad, as they overcome challenges together over the course of four fun-filled seasons. Seven



The Theatre Young Harris troupe ended last season with Rodgers and Hammerstein's groundbreaking Broadway favorite Carousel

school performances will take place in Glenn Auditorium of the Clegg Fine Arts Building Tuesday, Sept. 20, through Friday, Sept. 23, while free public performances are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 25, at 2 p.m.

Next, the group will present English playwright Ray Cooney's rollicking farcical comedy *Out of Order*, a show that takes a look at the lighter side of political infidelity. Performances are scheduled in Dobbs Theatre, located inside Goolsby Center, for Thursday, Nov. 10, through Saturday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. with a matinee on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m., and Thursday, Nov. 17, through Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. Tickets

are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors 65+ and with YHC ID.

All of the wit and romance of Jane Austen's classic 1813 novel *Pride and Prejudice* comes to life in this refreshingly fast-paced and engaging new adaptation by Jon Jory. Performances are scheduled in Dobbs Theatre, located inside Goolsby Center, for Thursday, Feb. 16, through Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. with a matinee on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 23, through Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors 65+ and with YHC ID.

The Mainstage Series will close out the season with Neil Simon's Tony Award-winning musical comedy *Sweet Charity*, which follows the romantic misadventures of the ever-hopeful Charity Hope Valentine, a Times Square dance hall hostess who always gives her heart and dreams to the wrong man. Performances are scheduled in Dobbs Theatre, located inside Goolsby Center, for Thursday, April 12, through Saturday, April 14, at 7 p.m., with a matinee on Sunday, April 15, at 2 p.m., and Thursday, April 19, through Saturday, April 21, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors 65+ and with YHC ID.

Theatre Young Harris will also present an exciting Studio Series, which will consist of three productions showcasing student direction. This series will open with noted American playwright Edward Albee's innovative first play *The Zoo Story*. Two strangers meet by chance one sunny afternoon and become acquainted. Through a series of stories ranging from practical to the absurd, the two lives become connected and forever changed. Performances are scheduled for Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 20-21, at 7 p.m.

All Studio Series performances are free and open to the public and take place in Dobbs Theatre, located inside Goolsby Center.

For more information, contact the Young Harris College Box Office at (706) 379-4307 or visit www.yhc.edu/tickets.

Campus Gate Art Gallery to host Artist Wayne White

Young Harris College's Campus Gate Art Gallery will host "Owner and Operator" Art 2001-2011, an exhibit by Emmy award-winning artist Wayne White. The exhibit opens Monday, Sept. 19, with a special guest lecture on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. in Susan B. Harris Chapel followed by a reception in the Campus Gate Art Gallery. The exhibit will be on display through Friday, Oct. 14. The guest lecture, reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

Wayne White's masterful work channels the landscape of his native Tennessee, turning everyday objects and scraps of our culture into puppets, paintings, drawings and sculpture. He paints language on vintage framed lithographs, recalling the intelligence and incisive bite of Mark Twain. His paintings are colloquial tidbits, humorous tales of knowledge—a kind of wisdom within the shadows of human nature.

White's lecture will cover his career as a visual artist in New York and Los Angeles, including his tenure with the Pee Wee's Playhouse television show in the 1980s, as well as his award-winning music videos with well-known



Wayne White artists.

White earned his B.F.A. from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. During the last 25 years, he has worked as an artist, director, producer, writer, designer, cartoonist, illustrator and puppeteer. The artist and his work have been featured in many prestigious publications including *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Huffington Post*, *Village Voice* and *Rolling Stone*.

White won the MTV Music Video Award for best art direction for "Tonight, Tonight" by the Smashing Pumpkins in 1996. He also won

three Emmys for production design for Pee Wee's Playhouse and was nominated for an additional five Emmys.

In 2009, Wayne's life and career were chronicled in a book edited by Todd Oldham titled *Wayne White: Maybe Now I'll Get the Respect I So Richly Deserve*. The book features hundreds of images from Wayne's earliest work as an illustrator all the way to his most recent fine art sculptures.

For more information about the artist, visit www.waynewhiteart.com.

Campus Gate Art Gallery is located at 5149 College Street on the Young Harris College campus. Regular gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information contact the Campus Gate Art Gallery at (706) 379-5256 or campusgate@yhc.edu.

Karaoke at VFW Post #7807

VFW Garrett Owenby Post #7807 at 1329 Sunnyside Rd., would like to welcome you to our Karaoke Night each Saturday night at 7:30 PM. Members and guests are welcome and beginning August 1 our post became smoke-free. There will be a smoking area provided.

Joel Turpin, Commander

Smokie Mountain Melodies fundraiser

Smokie Mountain Melodies will hold an All-U-Can Eat Hotcakes fundraiser. For a \$3 donation at McDonald's in Blairsville only on Tuesday, September 20, 4 - 7 p.m. you

can get unlimited hotcakes. Beverages, sausage and bacon may be purchased at regular price. Smokie Mountain Melodies will be on site, entertaining the customers. NT(Sep14,Z18)/CA

Guild member teaches class



Connie Tackett of Morganton, GA

Members of the Misty Mountain Quilters Guild will attend a workshop "Magic 20" Square" at the Mountain Presbyterian Church in Blairsville. The class, led by Connie Tackett, will result in the construction of a wallhanging in one day. The methods of cutting and piec-

ing the pattern were streamlined to make quick assembly possible. "Sewcials" such as this are offered free to Guild members each month, but registration is required. For information about the Oct.14-15 Quilt Show, visit the website: mystymountainquiltguild.com. NT(Sep14,A4)SH

Look at those legs!



Look at those legs! Can anyone identify the majorette?? T(Sep14,M1)SH