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Towns County Cross Country honors Sabrina King

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The Towns County Cross Country teams traveled to Banks County on Thursday to compete in their third race of the 2012 season and challenged the very difficult and rugged Banks County course. "Their course is a true cross country course with a lot of hills and rugged areas. We really like the course because it is difficult and challenging," said Head Coach Jeannie Ledford.

This week was Breast Cancer Awareness week and both teams wore pink and ran in honor of Sabrina King who is a guidance counselor at the Towns County Elementary

school and is battling cancer at this time. "We love Sabrina and we wanted to honor her with this race and let her know that we are concerned and praying for her," declared Ledford.

The men's team did really good and managed a fourth place finish. They were again running against larger schools but held their own with some really good effort on the part of Bradley Smith, who ran another great race, and Aaron Collier who is starting to show good form.

The team got a look at Commerce, who they will actually run against at the Area Championship, and beat them overall.

"The men are working their tails off and it is starting to

show. This is the first year for Bradley and Aaron and they are really doing well," proclaimed a proud Ledford.

The girl's team continued their improvement this week. They are learning that they are going to need to work harder to improve their team's times.

"Our girls are learning that there are no short cuts to getting better and if they want better times then they are just going to have to stay focused and work harder," said a concerned Ledford when talking about how the girls are progressing. Ansley Vardeman had another great week and continues to improve her times as the girl's team also finished fourth. Commerce had no girl's team, as of yet, so they did not get a

look at any of the Area teams that they will compete against at the Area Championship.

The Cross Country teams are on track to peak at the Area Championship in Oct. and Ledford feels really good about how the teams are progressing. Some of the runners will compete in Murphy on Saturday at the Murphy Medical Center 5K race and we hope those who are running do well.

The next TCHS race is at Murphy on Sept. 19 starting at 4:00 p.m. The teams will take on the strong runners of the Smoky Mountain Conference. Come out and support the runners with your cheers. It will really help them do better. Good luck Indian runners we are pulling for you!

Young Harris College basketball 2012-13 season tickets on sale now

Season tickets for the upcoming 2012-13 Young Harris College men's and women's basketball seasons are now available.

The VIP premium seating season ticket package is \$200 a seat and includes an assigned seat at center court for all men's and women's home games - 25 games in all - on either the east

or west sides of the arena, plus access to exclusive halftime hospitality suite. The package also features the best seats in the house at center court with full-back chairs with armrests.

The reserved seating season ticket package is \$125 a seat and includes an assigned seat for all men's and women's home games.

General admission tickets may be purchased at the door for each individual game based on availability. YHC students, faculty and staff are admitted to all home games with a valid YHC I.D. and the end zone bleachers are reserved for YHC students.

The home opener for both teams is Nov. 17 as YHC celebrates Homecoming 2012. The

women's basketball team will host Bryan College in a 2 p.m. contest at the YHC Basketball Arena followed by the men's game against Shorter University at 4 p.m.

For more details or to purchase a season ticket package, contact the athletics department at 706.379.5296.

MUSA Rockfest another hit

In its first year at a new location, the fundraising event for Mountain United Soccer Association, GA Top Soccer, Cole Bowen, and Recording Artists Against MS, was a huge success!

Three local bands, 12 Gauge Persuaders, Ratz, and Modern Vinyl entertained the crowd all afternoon. Shad Bradley graciously MC'd the event throughout the day, with sound expertise provided by Michael Kennedy, and videography by Sean Clyde of C&C Media.

Spectators feasted on fresh smoked Pulled Pork sandwiches, Baby Back ribs and Turkey Legs by Chef Bill Minkert. Volunteers manned the ticket booths and food booths, and the event couldn't have happened with all of them who gave so freely of their time.

David Zeger ran the Corn Hole Tournament which was a thrill for young and old alike. Georgia Soccer Association gave away free shirts all day long and had plenty of soccer balls and beach balls for the kids to play with. Raffles held throughout the day with prizes provided by Best Buy, and The Lodge at Copperhead gave

spectators a little something extra to take with them besides the memories of a great day filled with music and fun.

This event, in its fifth year, would not be possible without the support of our local businesses, family sponsors and most importantly, Richard Smith, founder of MUSA and the hardest working volunteer for this event every year. Patronize our sponsors, and let them know how important their support is for keeping kids in soccer and helping those suffering with Multiple Sclerosis.

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Co-Ed Adult Softball League

The Towns County Recreation Department will be having a Co-Ed softball League. The deadline to register your team is the 21st of September. All players must

be at least 18 years of age by registration date. For more information or league rules please call The Towns County Recreation Department at 706-896-2600. T(Sep19,F1)SH

Ladies Golf Club Championship

Where did the season go so quickly? Alas, it has ended and the Chatuge Shores Ladies golfers have won awards galore.

The CSLGA champion for the 2 rounds played on Sept. 4 and on Sept. 11 is Judy Schmitt for her low gross score. Judy also won the low gross Ace of Aces play off on Sept. 4, as well as the low gross for the A flight ringer scores. Wow!

Debi Holland played some really good golf on 9/4 and 9/11 to keep Judy on her toes. Debi won the low net for these 2 rounds.

In addition to the 2 top awards, there are awards for the B, C, and D flights. Nancy Steck has won low gross for the B flight. She also won the low net award for Ace of Aces, as well as the low gross in her flight for the ringer scores. Pat

Mosteller is the low net winner of the B flight.

The 2 winners in the C flight are Karen Whittaker (gross) and Donna Workman (net).

The D flight winners are Ines Bergstrom (gross) and Sandy Jersey (net). Ines also won the low net ringer award for her flight.

We have some more ringer winners not mentioned above, and they are: Ann Parsons (net) for A flight, Ellen Moore (net) for B flight, Pat Seeley (gross) and Sandy Navarre (net) for C flight, and Bobbi LeHoullier (gross) for the D flight.

The checks will be distributed on Sept. 25 at the final meeting and luncheon at 1 p.m. See you there for some good camaraderie for our last official business for the 2012 season. T(Sep19,V1)CA

TCHS softball schedule

- Sept. 20 @ Hebron Christian
- Sept. 24 vs Lakeview Academy
- Sept. 25 vs Athens Christian
- Sept. 27 @ Commerce
- Oct. 1 vs Providence Christian
- Oct. 2 @ Athens Christian

Golf news from The Ridges

Once again, on Thursday, September 13, several of the ladies got together for the weekly ladies day competition.

As they have for the past several weeks, they did not play any special games. They chose to keep individual scores and enjoy each other's company and the beautiful early fall weather.

On Friday, September 14, twenty members and guests played in the weekly scramble.

It took a six hole play off to determine the first place gross winners between team Porter and team Warner. Both teams finished with a three under thirty-two but team Porter along with his playing partners of Bill Anderson, Jerry Mirocke, and Deborah Warner, birdied the sixth hardest hole on the back to win.

Team Warner and playing partners, Jim Glock, Mary Anderson, and Mary Rau, finished in first place low net.

Second place low net went to the team of Larry Luck, Dave Larson, Sally Mirocke, and Rita Robinson. We had new closest to the pin winners this week.

Tom Warner was closest to the pin on hole number sixteen and Mary Rau was closest to the pin on hole number fourteen.

The Men's and Ladies Club Championship will be played on Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30. It will be a 36 hole stroke play event with net and gross prizes awarded.

Male players may select to play from the Gold or the Blue tees and will only compete against golfers playing from the same set of tees.

Ladies will play from the Green tees. The cost for the event will be \$25 per player and will include lunch on one of the two days.

The course will still be open to the public on these days. NT(Sep19,Z18)gg

Young Cane Lodge and McCay Lodge Annual Fall Bass Tournament

The Annual Fall Young Cane Lodge and McCay Lodge Bass Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2012, 7 a.m. til 3 p.m. at Lake Chatuge, Ledford Chapel Ramp.

1st Place - \$1,200, 2nd Place - \$800, 3rd Place - \$600, 4th Place - \$500, 5th Place - \$400, 6th Place - \$300, 7th Place \$200, 8th Place - \$100 and Big Fish - \$100. Entry fee is \$80 per boat. NS(Sep5,Z9)CA

Entry Form					
Good luck, have fun, and be safe!					
Entrant #1			Entrant #1		
Address			Address		
City	State	Zip	City	State	Zip
Signature			Signature		
Entry form must be completed and signed by both entrants!					
<small>Attention... Any or all winners may be subject to a polygraph test!</small>					

YHC Men's Tennis in action at Georgia College

MILLEDEGEVILLE, Ga. - The Young Harris College men's tennis team finished up play at the Georgia College Fall Championships Saturday (Sept. 15) at the Centennial Center Tennis Facility.

Gabriel Oliveira picked up the lone win by the Mountain Lions as he defeated Lander University's Adam Jonsson 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 in singles. Lander picked up seven singles victories over the Mountain Lions. Vincent Verpeaux defeated Joan Valls 6-1, 6-2, Samuel Poutnigat recorded a 6-0, 6-2 win over Martin Harach, Oscar Axelsson got past Tom Gibaud

6-2, 6-3, Paulo Fernandes defeated Andrew Timms 6-2, 6-1 and August Iwdal defeated Devin Hampton 6-3, 6-1. Iwdal also defeated Timms 6-0, 6-0.

Georgia College's Johan Wadstein defeated Valls 6-1, 6-1 and Wictor Andersson defeated Gibaud 5-7, 6-1, 6-2 in other singles matches. The Bobcats also picked up a doubles win against the Mountain Lions as Wadstein and Tyler Franks defeated Valls and Oliveira 8-4.

The Mountain Lions return to action Friday (Sept. 21) when they compete at the ITA Regionals in Sumter, S.C.

Young Harris Men's Soccer hang on at NGCSU

DAHLONEGA, Ga. - Andreas Pechmann's penalty kick midway through the second half gave Young Harris College a 3-2 Peach Belt Conference men's soccer victory over North Georgia College & State University Saturday (Sept. 15) evening at the North Georgia Soccer Field.

The Mountain Lions, who are ranked No. 18 in the latest NSCAA/Continental Tire NCAA Division II Top 25 poll, improved to 5-0-0 overall and to 1-0-0 in the Peach Belt while North Georgia fell to 2-3-0 and 0-1-0. Young Harris returns home for a 2 p.m. PBC contest Wednesday (Sept. 19) when they host the University of South Carolina Aiken at the Frances Wood Wilson Soccer

Field.

With the match tied at 2, Pechmann converted a penalty kick at the 59:05 mark of the match after the Saints were called for a handball inside the box. It was Pechmann's first goal of the season.

The first half of the game saw two major momentum swings as Young Harris controlled the early going. The Mountain Lions scored their first two goals four minutes apart with the first score coming just 12 minutes into the match.

William Schonfeldt headed the ball into the net off a corner by Lewis Hilton for the first score before Hilton scored a goal of his own off an assist by Khurram Shazad. It

was the first goal of the season by Schonfeldt and the third for Hilton.

"We started the game with serious quality and scored two quality goals," said YHC head coach Mark McKeever.

"We allowed them into match by providing them two goals from our own errors - an own goal and a goalkeeper error. As the game got heated, we kept our composure and Pech slotted a penalty kick in the center of goal."

North Georgia got a goal back in the 29th minute as the Saints got an own goal after YHC's Ashley Walker knocked in the goal.

Amin El-Shami scored an unassisted goal - the first of his career - to tie the match

at 2.

Scoring summary 12:46 - Young Harris, William Schonfeldt (1) (Lewis Hilton) 16:35 - Young Harris, Lewis Hilton (3) (Khurram Shazad) 29:38 - North Georgia, OWN GOAL; 34:02 - North Georgia, Amin El-Shami (unassisted) 59:05 - Young Harris, Andreas Pechmann (1) (unassisted) - PENALTY KICK)

Shots: Young Harris 16 North Georgia 16

Corner kicks: Young Harris 8, North Georgia 6

Goalie saves: Young Harris 6 (Wezly Barnard 5, TEAM 1), North Georgia 6 (Kristopher Alonzo 5, TEAM 1)

Fouls: Young Harris 14 North Georgia 16

YHC Women's Soccer falls in Peach Belt opener

DAHLONEGA, Ga. - North Georgia College & State University used three first-half goals to defeat Young Harris College 4-0 in a Peach Belt Conference women's soccer match Saturday (Sept. 15) evening at the North Georgia Soccer Field.

The Saints, who are ranked No. 11 in the latest NSCAA/Continental Tire NCAA Division II Top 25 poll, improved to 7-0-0 overall and to 1-0-0 in the Peach Belt. The Mountain Lions, who were playing in their first-ever PBC contest, suffered their first loss as they fell to 4-1-0 and 0-1-0. Young Harris returns to action Wednesday (Sept. 19) with a 4:30 p.m. league contest against the University of South Carolina Aiken at the Frances Wood Wilson Soccer Field.

Megan Morrow scored the first goal of the game and her first of the season three minutes into the match as the ball bounced around in the box off a deflected shot. Kelly Penston scored her third goal of the season as Emily Bowen fed her the ball at the top of the box. Penston then deftly placed the ball into the back of

the net to put the Saints up 2-0 10 minutes later.

Caroline Wallace capped the first half scoring for North Georgia as she cleaned up a free kick from Morrow. Morrow recorded a second assist in the second half when Sophia Matonak scored in the 54th minute.

North Georgia outshot the Mountain Lions 27-8. Taylor Erickson tallied 12 saves for the Mountain Lions while Mallory Sayre recorded five saves to record her fifth shutout of the season.

Scoring summary: 3:09 - North Georgia, Megan Morrow (unassisted); 13:10 - North Georgia, Kelly Penston (Emily Bowen); 35:19 - North Georgia, Caroline Wallace (Megan Morrow); 54:08 - North Georgia, Sophia Matonak (Megan Morrow)

Shots: Young Harris 8, North Georgia 27

Corner kicks: Young Harris 4, North Georgia 8

Goalie saves: Young Harris 12 (Taylor Erickson 12), North Georgia 5 (Mallory Sayre 5)

Fouls: Young Harris 4, North Georgia 5

YHC Cross Country squads compete at Mercer

MERCER, Ga. - The Young Harris College men's and women's cross country teams competed at the Mercer RunFit Invitational Saturday (Sept. 15) morning at the Georgia Industrial Children's Home course.

Young Harris finished in fifth place out of 19 teams in the women's 5K event with 168 points.

Fellow Peach Belt Conference institution Columbus State University won the race with 62 points.

Nicole Smith was the top runner for the Mountain Lions as she came in eighth place with a time of 19:50 while Ciara Wood also recorded a top-10 finish as she came in 10th with an effort of 19:56. Holli Abernathy came in 29th place with a time of 20:46 followed by Dorie Brunzelle (68th, 22:15), Erica Brooks (70th, 22:19), Alison Missler (88th, 23:10), Kristin Fuhs (121st, 25:01), Christelle Vereb (131st, 25:40), Robin Finley (135th, 25:26), Stephanie Nich-

ols (138th, 26:18) and Ashley Short (149th, no time).

The Mountain Lions finished in sixth place in the 16-team men's 8K event with 153 points. Columbus State also captured the men's team title with 28 points.

Alex Bitok was the top finisher for Young Harris as he came in 13th place with a time of 27:38 while Cody Decker finished inside the top 25 with in 22nd with an effort of 28:10. Tony Kipkembai was 33rd after a time of 28:53 and was followed by Trent Jones (39th, 29:13), Dakota Barrett (56th, 29:58), Harrison Myers (58th, 30:06), Drew Milner (59th, 30:08), Stephen Kuni (72nd, 30:54), Josiah Bennett (86th, 31:47), Trevor Rich (88th, 32:04), Tyler Gunnin (96th, 32:35), Chase Alford (99th, 32:40) and Danny Brewer (103rd, 32:51).

The Mountain Lions return to action next Saturday (Sept. 22) at 10 a.m. when they travel to the West Georgia Invitational in Carrollton, Ga.

Rec Department Info

Attention Fitness Room Participants:

Listed are the operating hours and new participant orientation hours. Anyone using the equipment must go thru an orientation. The weekly schedule is as follows: Orientation Instructor is Gary Noe
Hours of orientation:
Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Tuesdays: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Hours of Operation:
Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Come Exercise With Us
The Recreation Department wants to remind everyone that we are offering the fol-

lowing exercise classes each week at the Towns County Recreation Center.
YOGA CLASSES - We have 2 separate class times instructed by Pat Tomczyk.
EVENING CLASS- Each Monday from 4 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
MORNING CLASS Each Thursday from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. (\$10 per Class or \$30 per calendar month.)
MORNING AEROBICS CLASSES - Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Our instructor is Donna McAuliffe.
Tai Chi- Each Thursday morning from 10:45 a.m. - noon. Our instructor is Pat Tomczyk. (\$10 per Class or \$30 per calendar month.
For these programs and any other information we can help you with, just call the Recreation Department at (706)-896-2600.