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## Diamond Indians struggles continue in Region 8



Cruz Shook looks for the sign from Coach Vardo.

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The Towns County Indians' baseball teams' struggles continued last week. On Tuesday, the Indians held a 2-0 lead over Athens Academy in a game that was called because of lightning in the area. The Region 8 match was rescheduled for the following day. The results were exactly opposite, as the Spartans scored early and often as they defeated the Indians in three innings.

In the first official meeting of the year on March 6th, the Spartans topped the Indians 9-6 in a closely contested ball game.

Last week's setback leaves the Indians with a 1-12 record on the season, as prospects continued to look dim for the 2012 season.

The Indians have had some bright spots, junior Dillon Diehl has pitched admirably this season. With the growing pains of a youthful ball club, Coach Chris Vardo said his team is taking their season record in stride as they attempt to improve in all facets of

the game. Boone Moss has looked impressive at first base, as well as Luke Parker's progress had made great strides in 2012.

The pitching staff has had its struggles, but figures to improve with experience. The Indians only lose one senior following this season, that being Jake Mullins. Junior Bradley Smith also will be gone next season, as he enters college after the fall semester.

Payton Chambers has looked strong defensively in the outfield and has been coming around at the plate.

The Indians' match up with Commerce on Friday was washed out, leaving the team with a ton of make up games because of inclement weather.

The Indians were scheduled to play Lakeview Academy on Tuesday. Game results were not available at press time. They hit the road to Gainesville on Thursday to take on Riverside Military Academy. And on Friday, the Indians are at home against Athens Christian at 5 p.m. at Kimsy Stadium.



The runs came early and often as the Indians dropped another game.



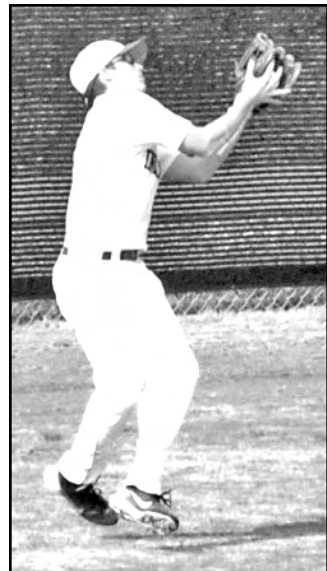
Dillon Diehl is safe at first after a one-out single.

On April 17th, the Indians play the Tallulah Falls Indians; and on April 20th, play host to the

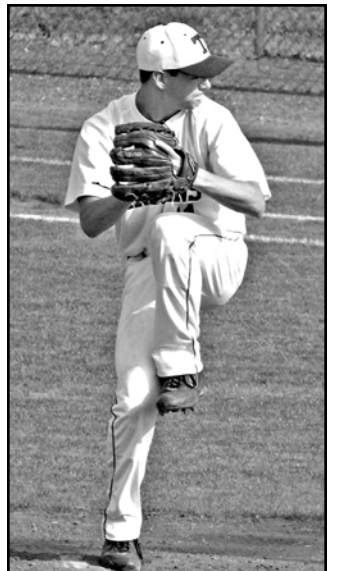
Andrews, NC team. Come out and support the Indians.



The Indians say a prayer before their region matchup.



Bradley Smith makes circus catch in left field.



Dillon Diehl fires away last week.

## Lady Indians return to soccer action; playoff hopes alive



Ali Bleckley steals the ball against Athens Academy.

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The Towns County Lady Indians' soccer team has their work cut out for them this week.

The Ladies, 5-5, 2-2 in conference, take on Highlands, NC on Tuesday and later in the week, face take on a talented Hebron Christian Team at home.

The Lady Indians are trying to reach the state playoffs for the second consecutive year, a school record.

The Lady Indians are led by a group of scorers that include Faithie Robinson, Ali Bleckley and Makayla Underwood.

The Lady Indians have scored 32 goals in their last five contests, led by super sopho-

more Robinson.

The last time the Lady Indians played Highlands, Robinson scored six goals as the Lady Indians topped the Highlanders by a score of 9-1.

Coach Peter Byrne's squad plays host to Hebron Christian Academy on Friday at 4 p.m. It's the first meeting of the year for the two squads. Hebron is 6-2-1 on the season and 4-0 in conference.

The Lady Indians have their work cut out for them and one can only hope that goalkeeper Alex Fagin brings her A-game to McClure Field on Friday at 4 p.m.

The final conference games of the season will be crucial for the Lady Indians. It will be the difference between staying at home or competing in the

state playoffs.

The Towns County Lady Indians' soccer team achieved a first in school history last season. They've made it to the state soccer playoffs against Our Lady of Mercy Bobcats.

They also hosted the playoff game, another first.

Unfortunately, the Lady Indians are 0-1 in state playoff games.

They lost to the Lady Bobcats in last April.

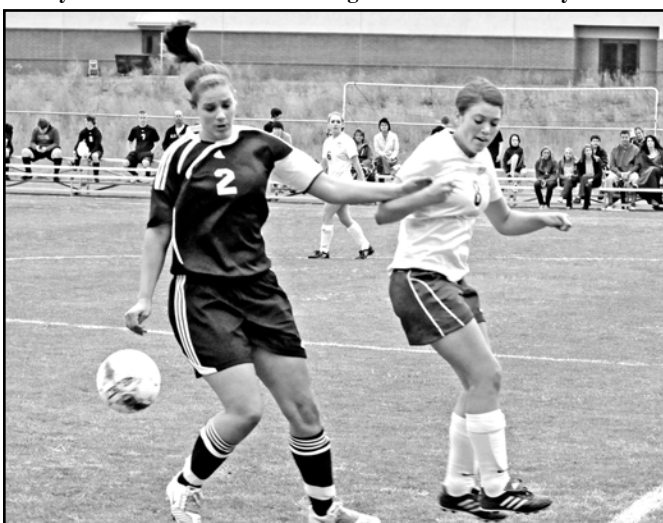
The Lady Indians finished the 2011 regular season with an overall record of 6 wins, 3 losses and 2 ties. The Lady Indians finished with a 5-2 record in Area 5 and claimed the Third Seed out of Area 5.

Come out and support the Lady Indians in their quest to return to state.



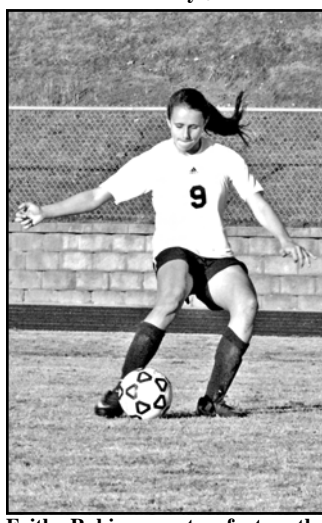
Makayla Underwood on the move against Athens Academy.

Photo by James Reese



Ali Bleckley is focused on ball control during last season's State Playoffs.

Photo by James Reese



Faithie Robinson puts a foot on the ball against Athens Academy.

Photo by James Reese

## NASA Astrobiologist & Lunar Scientist Dr. Brad Bailey at YHC

On Thursday, April 12, Young Harris College's Division of Mathematics and Science will host "Life in the Universe, as Told by the Moon and Mars," a guest lecture by NASA astrobiologist and lunar scientist Brad Bailey, Ph.D., at 7 p.m. in Wilson Lecture Hall of Goolsby Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Bailey received his B.S. in physics with minors in optics, chemistry and Japanese from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre

Haute, IN, before earning his M.S. in astrophysics from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, where he used the Very Large Array (VLA) to qualitatively analyze spectra from pulsars.

In 1998, Dr. Bailey was accepted into the NASA Ames Astrobiology Academy, an immersive summer research program for college students that provides direct contact with NASA researchers. After working for two years as a hardware engineer for the

International Space Station at NASA's Ames Research Center, Dr. Bailey earned his Ph.D. in marine microbiology and geochemistry from Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego, CA.

Dr. Bailey currently serves as deputy director for the NASA Ames Academy for Space Exploration as well as a staff scientist at the NASA Lunar Science Institute.

For more information about this event, call (706) 379-5217. NT/APR11/29/CA

## ICL Classes starting week of April 16 at YHC

The Institute for Continuing Learning (ICL) at Young Harris College offers a wide range of educational opportunities for adults of all ages who are interested in intellectual stimulation as well as cultural enrichment and shared interests.

Landscape Painting - indoors (6 Sessions) - start date: April 18th - Let's face it, it's still too cold and we're too old to haul art supplies around the countryside! Using photographic references, we will learn how to compose scenes dynamically, how to apply atmospheric perspective, and how to use color for the best possible effect. Open to all painting media.

The Honey Bee - Garden Bees (4 Sessions) - start date: April 19th - The English have perfected the "Garden Hive." We will learn the benefits of keeping honey bees in your own garden, resulting in larger, more abundant fruits, vegetables, and flowers.



Glen Henderson Honey Bee Course Leader

Introduction to Wine - History, Appreciation, and Enjoyment (7 Sessions) - start date: April 20th - Interested in wine, but don't think you know enough? Or do you know some...but would like to know much more? No matter which, this class will deliver the insights you need to improve your knowledge of and appreciation for the wonderful world of wine.

Get Involved... Your

Community Needs You! (4 Bi-Weekly Sessions - limited seating) - start date: April 21 - Our beautiful mountains have so many wonderful things to offer with their vistas, forests, lakes, wildlife and streams. An additional blessing resides in the people. Many of these people have brought with them a career and life during which they had accumulated a valuable set of "Knowledge, Skills and Aptitudes."

ICL is offering a series of free seminars, open to the public to allow these organizations to present their programs and to explain how volunteers can participate. The first session will kick off the series with ICL and the Chambers of Commerce giving an overview.

Visit the ICL web site www.iclyhc.org for registration and detailed course information. For more information, call 706.379.5194 and leave a message or send an email to icl@yhc.edu. NT/APR11/21/CA

## Juried Art Exhibition at YHC's Campus Gate

Young Harris College's Campus Gate Art Gallery will host a Student Juried Art Exhibition featuring artwork by YHC students. The exhibit opens Thursday, April 12, with an opening reception at 6 p.m. in the Campus Gate Art Gallery. The exhibit will be on display through Friday, April 27. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

All Young Harris College students are eligible to submit artwork created while enrolled in classes at the College to be juried for awards. Student artists awarded Best of Show, second place and third place will receive cash prizes. All awards will be presented at 6:30 p.m. during the opening reception.

The jurors for the show are illustrator Paula Joerling and kinetic artist Tom Haney, who presented an exhibition titled "Foundation to Fruition" at the Campus Gate Art Gallery in 2011.

Known for incorporating fabric, stitched paper and found objects into her artwork, Joerling finds ideas for her



Paula Joerling

mixed media pieces by scouring flea markets, antique stores and garage sales. Her illustrations, stitched paper collages and three-dimensional paper sculptures are often inspired by vintage items such as old department store catalogs, wallpaper sample books, costume jewelry and buttons.

Haney has been making mechanical pieces, or "automata," since 1994. Most of Haney's recent pieces have taken approximately 100-175 hours to complete. Along with creating the figures and mechanisms by hand, Haney often seeks out



Tom Haney

and incorporates found objects that have a natural antique age and distress to them.

For more information about Joerling's work, visit www.paulajoerling.com. For more information about Haney's work, visit www.tomhaney.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. NT/APR11/21/CA