



Towns County Herald's Sporting News



Indians hold annual Indians basketball summer camp

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It's that time again. Summer sports camps and the TCHS Indians opened the season with their annual basketball camp at the high school gym. Basketball coach, Jim Melton and several of the varsity girls put on the clinics for children in grades 2-5 in the morning sessions and the afternoon sessions for children in grades 6-8. Fifty plus children participated in the clinics with monies raised going towards the four summer camps for the varsity players. This year plans call for the Lady Indians to attend camps at Clemson University, University of Georgia, Pickens High School and Union County High School

throughout the summer.

The Tribe has also been raising monies through a car wash (another planned in August); funds from the play-offs gate receipts; vending machines at the school and running several concessions booths at the Georgia Mountain Fair in July. This year if all goes according to plans, all the girls will have their ways completely paid through the fund raising efforts.

At the basketball camp on the TCHS campus, the participants will deal with skills in agility, quickness, shooting techniques, ball handling, basic offensive moves and defensive positioning. They will participate in dribbling contests, free throw contests, have a hot shot contest and play in scrimmage games.



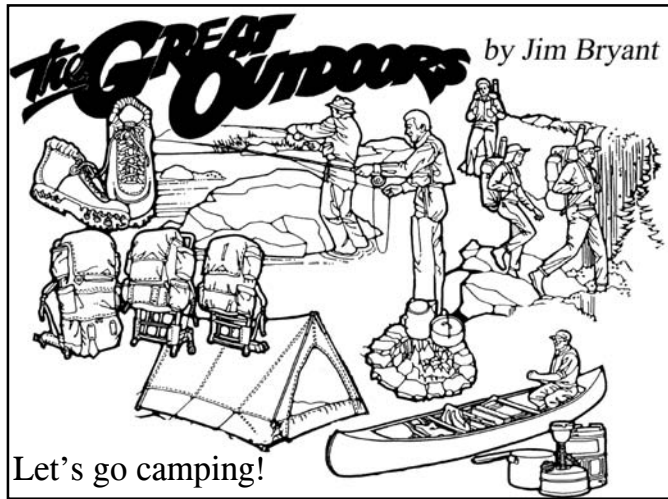
Kerri Abernathy works with a camper on dribbling skills.



Ali Bleckley works with a participant on shooting skills.



Gabby Arencibia drives for a lay-up during offensive drills. Photos by Jim and Lisa Bryant



Let's go camping!

Last camping season we dwelt primarily with selecting the types of camping, your location to camp and dressing properly to camp. This year the focus will be on selecting the proper shelters in which to camp and how to dish up some yummy meals while camping.

Tents are the most common method of providing shelter for campers since they cost oodles less than expensive pop-ups, travel trailers and motor homes. Tents bear little or no resemblances to the old heavy canvas, bottomless, net-less dinosaurs of the past. Today's tents are truly cottages away from home. They are light weight,

highly portable and come in every size and price range. It is strongly advisable that when purchasing a tent, you don't cut corners. This is your shelter from the elements and YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR.

The key factors in tent purchases are:

- Expected type of use (backpack, vehicle, etc.)
- Expected number of persons utilizing the tent (one or multiple).
- Frequency of use (occasionally, seasonal).
- Price range (one season, four seasons).
- Construction, construction, construction!

Tents designed as family tents, those which accommodate up to eight people, are made for vehicle camping; are not practical for backpackers, cyclists or those traveling by canoe. These tents are much weightier and generally have apartment-sized rooms and windows. These tents are designed for campers who plan to arrive via vehicle and stay at one location for a longer period of time.

1. Tent Construction

Many tents are equipped with vestibules. A vestibule is essentially a tent's front porch. It is designed to protect gear from the elements and can offer a canopy under which to put muddy shoes or cook during foul weather. Whenever possible, do not cook in or near your tent to avoid contaminating the tent fabrics with food odors that will attract animals. Cooking inside a tent is recommended ONLY in tents specifically designed for such purposes and then only in Arctic conditions. It is best therefore, to say

"Never cook inside your tent." You run a high risk of dying from fumes or suffering tent melt-down from stove heat.

Well constructed tents also have mesh storage pouches that are good for storing small personal items like watch, compass, flashlight, etc. Never use these pouches for storing foods! In fact, don't even have food inside the tent because the fabric absorbs the smell of food and attracts animals during the night. Ants also have a fondness for food crumbs dropped while eating inside the tent. Some tents also have a loop in the top for hanging a small light.

All good tents have finely woven "no-see-um" insect netting in their roof panels, entrances, end panels and windows. Depending on the time of the year, the tent acts as an impenetrable barrier for mosquitoes and black flies, yet provides you with ventilation and a view of your surroundings.

Herald's sports quote of the week

"Camping is nature's way of promoting the motel business."

- Dave Barry, humorist

NASCAR 2009 By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

STEWART WINS ON FUMES AT POCONO

POCONO, Penn. — "I hate this kind of racing," said Tony Stewart just prior to winning Sunday's Sprint Cup Pocono 500 on fuel mileage.

Stewart, who won the pole, had to start the 200-lap race as the last car in the 43-car field after wrecking his primary car during Saturday's practice. He conserved fuel during the final 10-laps for his first points victory of the season and as a car owner.

"This has been an awesome weekend," continued Stewart. "I've always had a great group of people to work with, but this is one of the best teams I've ever been with."

Carl Edwards finished second for his third top-5 finish of the season.

"I didn't think Tony was going to be a factor at the end," said Edwards. "My Ford was good all day. He barely beat us off pit road. We asked ourselves if we were going to race him or save fuel. We decided to save fuel."

"I was sure that he was going to run out of fuel, but he

didn't."

David Reutimann finished third, and Jeff Gordon was fourth.

Stewart's teammate, Ryan Newman finished fifth.

"The guys did a great job on pit road, but we had a bad spark plug," said Newman. "I was trying to drive and trouble-shoot at the same time. We got lucky being able to stay on the lead lap and finish where we did."

The sixth-place finisher was Marcus Ambrose.

Jimmy Johnson's late race rally failed. He had moved into second with three laps to go, but his motor sputtered after his gas tank went dry on the last lap, and he coasted to the start/finish, in seventh-place.

"We were in great position, but at the end we were just playing a fuel game, and we didn't play it well."

Juan Montoya, Jeff Burton, and Sam Hornish were the remaining top-10 drivers.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. and his team were never a factor in the race. After qualifying 18th, he wound up 27th.

Top-12 Chase Contenders after 14 of 26: 1. Stewart-

2043, 2. J. Gordon-1972, 3. Johnson-1940, 4. Newman-1840, 5. Kurt Busch-1819, 6. Edwards-1762, 7. Biffle-1753, 8. Kenseth-1745, 9. Kyle Busch-1731, 10. Burton-1725, 11. Reutimann-1701, 12. Hamlin-1679

KYLE BUSCH WINS NATIONWIDE RACE

Kyle Busch celebrated his win in the Nationwide Series Federated Auto Parts 300 at Nashville Superspeedway by smashing the Gibson Guitar given him for winning.

Busch said he made a promise to his team members last year that if he ever won a race at Nashville, he would give them each a piece of the guitar.

"I always said, 'Man, if I win here, I'd smash that thing.' I had to stick to my word. It's karma or something, I guess. I won here, so I tried to smash it up."

"All them sorry saps (drivers), they take it home in one piece and put it on their shelf, man. I break that thing up and spread it within the team so everybody's got a piece."

"It didn't break according to plan. I was actually hoping to get more pieces for the guys on the team. We'll go back to the shop and cut it up, and they can have nice, smooth pieces of it."

Top-10 points leaders after 13 of 35: 1. Kyle Busch-2031, 2. Edwards-1966, 3. Leffler-1843, 4. Keselowski-1838, 5. Logano-1670, 6. Bliss-1520, 7. Keller-1519, 8. Allgaier-1468, 9. McDowell-

1465, 10. Gaughan-1455

Weekend Racing: The Sprint Cup and Camping world Trucks are at the 2.0-mile Michigan International Speedway. The Nationwide Series visits the 1.5-mile Kentucky Speedway.

Sat., June 13, Camping World Series Cool City Customs 250, race 9 of 25; Starting time: 1:30 p.m. (EDT); TV: Speed.

Sat. June 13, Nationwide Series Kentucky 300, race 14 of 35; Starting time: 8 p.m. (EDT); TV: ESPN2.

Sun., June 14, Sprint Cup Lifelock 400, race 15 of 36; Starting time: 12:30 p.m. (EDT); TV: TNT.

Racing Trivia Question: Which is the longest track on the NASCAR Cup circuit?

Last Week's Question: How many children does Jeff Gordon have? Answer: Jeff and his wife Ingrid have one daughter, Ella Sofia Gordon.

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Tony Stewart

Local Racing Action

by Carl Vanzura



Murphy hot shoe takes \$1000 victory at Tri-County

Murphy's Jamie Oliver tuned up for next Saturday's \$3000 to win Tennessee Thunder Series event by taking home \$1000 by winning the 30-lap Super Late Model feature at Tri-County Race Track. Leading from the pole with his mid 13 top time, he managed to stay just in front of Danny Ledford and Johnny Chastain, while Jeff Weber and Rodney Weeks fought for fourth and fifth. Shawn Chastain, Glenn Barnett and George Mashburn rounded out the field.

The Sportsman cars put on another great show as Morganton's Bobby Panter took to the high side of the track and Galen Robinson ran the low groove for side by side action all night. At the drop of the checkers, it was Panter, Robinson, Preston Crisp, Devin Dillbeck and Jamie Lunsford in the top five positions.

Blairsville driver Brian Kinnersley edged out Jason Deal to take the Nesmith Crate Late Model feature as Jacob Anderson, Terry Ledford and Kevin Sutton rounded out the top five.

Brasstown driver Greg Sudderth returned to victory lane in the Modified Street feature by just a car length over Heather Taylor. Billy Robinson made it interesting as he was right on the bumpers of the two leaders. Frank Brzozowski and Jeffrey Wood ran fourth and fifth.

Hiawassee's Steven Soffield and Murphy's Jeremy Woody swapped the lead four times before Soffield won his sixth straight Street Stock feature. Charles Toomey rounded out the small field.

The Mini Stocks put on a good show as Sylva driver Justin Woodard made it two wins in a row by beating Adam Creekmore, Lynn Burchfield, Casey Carter and Shawn Robinson.

Racing returns to Tri-County this Saturday night when 24 Super Late Models are scheduled to start the \$3000 to win, \$300 to start Tennessee Thunder race.

The richest race of the year is held each year at Tony Stewart's Eldora Speedway in Rosburg, Ohio. The 100,000 dollar to win event drew over 20,000 spectators and 116 Super Late Models. The best drivers in the country were on hand. Ray Cook and Jonathan Davenport both made the race from our area, Cook finished 13th and Davenport was 17th. Some drivers have never made the show in their whole driving careers. Randy Weaver won the Southern All Stars race at Maryville Speedway. David McCoy won at Toccoa Speedway. Young Harris's Randy Nichols placed third. Danny Ledford took the win at Sugar Creek.



Bobby Panter drove Kenny Garretts Chevy to victory.



Stephen Soffield took his sixth win Saturday night.

Photos by Jack Appleget

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.



Do you have bats in your belfry? Maybe not, but you could have them in your attic. Georgia's bats mate and rear young from May through July, and they often find the louvers in your attic vents as good places to do so. As long as your vent screens are intact, bats will stay on the outside of the screen and won't get inside your attic.

When the young are about a month old and can fly, the

whole colony often leaves. However, the same bats may return next year. Bats are beneficial insect-eaters and killing them is illegal.

For more information, visit www.georgiawildlife.com or www.batcon.org.

WILD Facts is a regular feature written by Linda May, a wildlife interpretive specialist with the Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division.

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