## Trojans Softball: Tri County Tournament

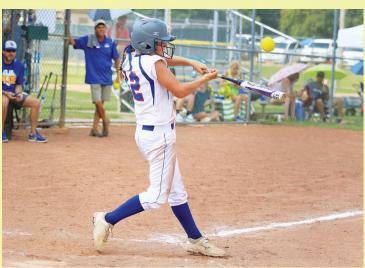


Senior, McKenna Polk delivers a strike against Brookhaven Bobcats.

The lady Trojans went two for three in this past Saturday's, August tournament 18, with a 7-2 loss Brookhaven to Academy followed by an 8-0 win against Tallulah Academy and a 6-1 win against Clinton Academy. The Lady Trojans record now stands at 12 wins, 5 losses and 1 tie.



Sophmore, McKaylee Polk drives one up the middle for a single.



Morgan Bigbee, Junior shortstop battles at the plate.



Senior, Shelby Lindsay, gets a base hit to left field.



Landry Gardner, 1st baseman, singles to left field.

## **Whitetail workshop** highlights best practices for deer populations

By Betsy Padgett Camera Survey and For- property

Holmes and Yazoo County to utilize game cameras to Extension hosted the Game survey whitetail deer on a recommending est Management for White- using one camera per 100 tail Deer Workshop, Friday, acres. Alec and Pierce went August 17, sponsored by over how to identify what Holmes County Forestry As- you photograph, and the sociation and Soil and Wa- challenge of going through ter Conservation District in and sorting the hundreds of the Holmes County Exten- pictures that the cameras sion office. Dr. Brady Self, will take. Recommendations Mississippi State Extension of placement for the cam-Forestry Specialist, led the eras was also made. Highly workshop with help from trafficked paths of whitetail Dr. Bronson Strickland, MS should be targeted as op-State Extension Wildlife posed to feeding sites. This Specialist, and assistance method is to capture natural from Alec Conrad and Pierce patterns of the deer and to cut Young, both MS Wildlife, down on unwanted photos of Fisheries, and Parks Biolo- squirrels, raccoons and the like. Similarities of doe and

Brady, Alec and Pierce fawn in pictures were shown Holmes Co. Ext./4-H Agent covered recommended ways and how to distinguish was explained.

> After lunch, the group went to the field to hear from Bronson and Brady about the importance of proper forest management to the enhancement of deer health and hunting success. Tracts of hardwoods adjacent to thinned pines were the perfect site to show the contrast of hunting habitat to whitetail deer and sustainability. Comparisons of the forest canopy in both tracts were alluded to - and how the sun coming through Forestry Workshop participants were pictured in the woods while observing forest produced little to no browse. Padgett.

treatment, and/or mulching all have their value in ben-

It was pointed out that pre- more palatable browse for has been shown that habitat scribed burning, chemical the deer and less competition enhancement through pine for growing trees.

eficial wildlife and forest his statement that he opposes best scenario for sustaining management by controlling feeding of whitetail and that healthy whitetail deer (and plant populations producing throughout his research it hunting situations).

thinning and proper for-Bronson left the group with est management yield the



the canopy produced deer floor contrasts from thinned pine to hardwood. Pictured from the far left clockwise browse that sustained them were: Dr. Bronson Strickland and Dr. Brady Self, both MSU Extension specialists. as opposed to the closed can- Chris Dees, Russell Fletcher, Joseph Guess, Buddy Clairain, Billy and Randy Robinopy of the hardwoods that son, Pierce Young and Alec Conrad, MSWFP Biologists, Randy Hutchinson and Paul (Photo by Betsy Padgett)