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in the area sectionals but came up short of their quest to travel to Gwinnett Arena. Senior Jake Cole finished his wrestling career losing at the 140-pound weight class. Jack Hodges failed to place at 171 pounds and sophomore Wesley Bloodworth finished fourth in the heavyweight class. Bloodworth battled back through the loser's bracket to try and nail down the coveted third place finish after an opening round loss. Leading 12-4, Bloodworth was pinned by the heavyweight from The

Walker School. Head Coach Jeff Stowers was elated to send two wrestlers to next week's state tournament. "Obviously, we would have liked to send more, but Tim and Tyler are our only representatives," Stowers said. "I'm really proud of our whole team. They've battled adversity throughout the year and here we are sending two wrestlers to state. "You have to be proud of the effort from everyone on the team. "We really wish that

we could've sent at least three to state," he said. "We hope to have the two standing on the podium in Gwinnett." The Bremen meet marks the end of high school wrestling competition for Cole. "What can you say about Jake Cole," Stowers said. "He gives you his all every time he sets foot on the mat. It just wasn't in the cards for him to advance out of Bremen. That doesn't mean we're any less proud of Jake and what he represents as a wrestler and as a human being. He's a class act."

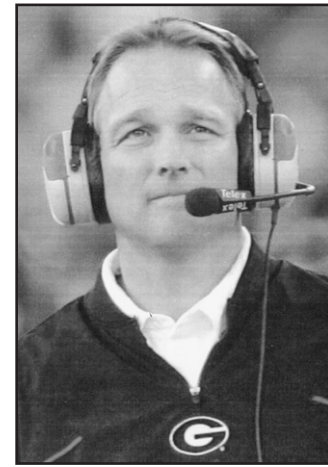


Tim Collier has his hand raised in victory in Bremen and advances to state. Photo/James Reese

Inspirational speaker Coach Mark Richt to speak at First Baptist Church to benefit Glenda Gooch House

We would like to thank each and everyone that has purchased a ticket for this upcoming event. Proceeds from this event go to benefit The Glenda Gooch House. Mark Richt is a devoted husband and father to four children. His personal appearances are always very positive and uplifting. Coach Richt does three to four benefit events per year and The Glenda Gooch House was selected for the event on February 18, 2011. Adult tickets are \$20 each and student tickets (5-18 yrs.) are \$10 each. A parent or responsible adult must escort any child (under 16) to and from the event. Parents of students with tickets will be allowed to check their child out of school at 11 a.m. No nursery provided. Tickets are available at United Community Bank. The doors will open at 11 a.m. with the speaking event starting at 12:15. In

compliance with UGA there will not be an opportunity for photo or autograph sessions. We also ask that there are no cell phones, cameras or electronic devices used in the church at that time. If you lose your ticket IT WILL NOT BE REPLACED and there cannot be a bad weather make up day. Your ticket purchase is a tax deductible donation, so write "donation" on your check. Your checks should be made out to The Glenda Gooch House. There will be no food allowed in the church. Some of our local restaurants will offer a 10% Bulldog Discount for lunch following the speech. Just show your ticket to receive the discount. The participating restaurants will have red/black balloons outside and an announcement on the door. A list of these restaurants will appear in the paper and be available online at theglendagoochhouse.org closer



Inspirational speaker and UGA coach Mark Richt to the time of the event. Parking is limited so please carpool if possible. First United Methodist Church on Hwy. 515, will allow parking in their lot for this event with a shuttle bus to and from First Baptist Church. NTJan19.Z6/CA

YHC women cruise to win over Hiwassee College

The Young Harris College women's basketball team used a big run to end the first half and didn't look back as the Mountain Lions recorded a season-high in points scored in an 84-46 rout over Hiwassee College Thursday at the YHC Basketball Arena.

"We needed one like that," Young Harris head coach Brenda Paul said. "We wanted to hold them to under 20 in the first half and we did that. Most of our games have come down to the last minute, so it's good for all the student-athletes that have worked so hard. Our goal

tonight was to keep it under 16 turnovers and we achieved that. We wanted to out-rebound them which we also did. We met several of our goals." Nikki Winn, a former Towns County High School standout, led Young Harris (8-12) with 17 points on 7-of-10 shooting. Breanna Gleeson added 14 points, including draining four 3-pointers. LaDondra Johnson had 14 points and eight rebounds and Lauren Smith scored all 12 of her points in the second half as the Mountain Lions shot 52 percent (33-for-63).

Look Good Feel Better class coming

The Union County American Cancer Society has announced the free Look Good Feel Better class for women cancer patients will be held on Monday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. The free 2 hour class will be held at First Baptist Church in Blairsville, GA. To register please call Stacy Head at 706-745-1045 to pre-register for the class to be taught by a trained licensed cosmetologist volunteer. "Any women cancer patients in the tri-state area are welcomed to sign up for the class," stated Mrs. Head. "The program will

cover topics such as skin and nail care during chemo and radiation treatments as well as wig selection and using scarves and hats when hair loss is experienced," she added. This program is supported by our local Relay For Life and American Cancer Society volunteers. For more information about the Look Good Feel Better class and other cancer patient and caregiver programs check out the web site at www.cancer.org or call 1-800-ACS-2345. Remember to pre-register by contacting Stacy Head at 706-745-1045. NT(Feb16.F1)SH

Young Harris opened the game with a 9-0 run and led 22-9 with 8:22 remaining in the first half. Hiwassee trimmed the margin to 22-12 with 7:39 left, but the Mountain Lions closed out the half on a 19-6 run to take a 41-18 advantage into the break. In the second half, the Mountain Lions built a 60-22 advantage with 12:17 remaining and the Lady Tigers couldn't recover. Britnie McDannald paced Hiwassee (9-17) with 17 points, including sinking five 3-pointers as the Lady Tigers were 18-for-54 from the floor for 33 percent. The Mountain Lions return to action 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12 at the YHC Basketball Arena against King College. The game can be viewed through Live Stats at: yhcathletics.athleticsite.net/livestats/wb/xlive.htm. TFeb16.G2/SH

Monogram service

Marilyn Bostrum and Joy Garcia will be at ArtWorks monogramming towels, sheets, pillowcases, etc from 11 AM until 4 PM on March 5th. After that date, they will offer it as a full-time service. They will pick up items to be monogrammed and return them when finished to Art Works. TFeb16.H1/SH

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have also made 14 treys in one game, beginning in 1992 in California. Arencibia's performance came on a hot shooting night, 50 percent from the field or 15 for 30 from the field, including 13 of 26 from 3-point range. She wasn't just shooting on this night; she added four rebounds, three assists, three blocked shots, and three steals to compliment her sharpshooting effort. The 13 treys are not only a statewide record, but Arencibia also established a new single-game school scoring record under what might be considered the modern era of full court play in girls' basketball. Her 43 points eclipse the 37 scored by her former Lady Indian teammate and

current Young Harris College standout Nikki Winn, who scored 37 points on Jan. 4, 2008. Winn's record-setting effort actually came in the same game that she reached the 1,000 point total for her career. Margie Gibson (Hooper) continues to hold the known overall Lady Indians' school record of 44 points in one game established more than 43 years ago on Feb. 2, 1968, in the old Towns County Gym against Toccoa Falls. That effort required every one of Gibson's points for a Lady Indian victory in that game as the Lady Indians took a foul infested game by the inordinately high score of 82-81. Arencibia's Lady Indians had a much more comfortable evening, taking the Lady Tigers

by a score of 85-40. Your reporter considers it a true honor to have viewed history in the making and had indirect involvement in both record setting games, as score keeper during Gibson's game and as your newspaper reporter keeping a shot-by-shot chart during Arencibia's game. They displayed the highest of skills in reaching such noteworthy personal accomplishments and leading their teams to victory. Appreciation for the memories and congratulations are extended to both Margie and Gabby as they share the status of holding admirable school scoring records in two widely diverse eras of girls' high school basketball.

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ans' fate seemed sealed well before tip off. The Wolverines (10-14), who led 41-15 at the half, didn't give Towns County any breathing room from the opening tip. Prince Avenue defeated the Indians Monday night in the first round of the Region 8-A boys' basketball tournament 82-45. The Indians knew

things weren't going their way just moments before the two teams hit the locker room at halftime. Wolverine senior Hunter Dant lofted a nearly half-court shot at the halftime buzzer and hit nothing but net. To add insult to injury, he got fouled and converted a 4-point play. It was a vivid inclina-

tion for how the Indians' night and Region 8-A hopes would end. Seniors D.J. Rogers, Devin Henderson, Brett Bradshaw, Bradley Swanson and Corbin Gilfilian bid Indian fans farewell in what would be the final game of the basketball careers wearing the blue and white of Towns County.

NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Kurt busch is Bud Shootout winner

Kurt Busch was declared the winner of Saturday night's Bud Shootout, the season-opening exhibition race, when Denny Hamlin was given the black flag for passing below the yellow out-of-bounds line as the cars approached the finish. "What an unbelievable experience, this two-car draft," Busch said. "I had no idea what to expect going in. I was just going to take it one lap at a time and see how it played out. I wanted to learn as the race went on. Jamie McMurray came home second, narrowly edging Ryan Newman, who led the race off the final corner, only to have Hamlin slingshot past him in the dogleg. "It's completely different plate racing than we've ever had," McMurray said. "I hope it was exciting for the fans to watch. But from the driver's seat, it was actually really exciting to push two-by-two and do the side draft. It is awesome the runs you were able to get, so I hope the fans enjoyed it." Newman was third, followed by Jimmie Johnson and Greg Biffle. "Well, I knew I was a sitting duck," said Newman. "I wish it would've been just a two-car battle instead of a four-car battle, but that's selfish of me. "I didn't know what to expect other than the fact that I knew it was going to happen off of (turn) four. I didn't know if (Hamlin) was going to go high or low, and I didn't know if I was going the right way, pointed in the right direction that the No. 22 (Busch) and the No. 1 (McMurray) were going to go. It's a unique race and I'm glad we got back to the finish line in the way we did." Hamlin, who was inches ahead at the stripe, was demoted to 12th for the infraction and scored as the last car on the lead lap. Hamlin said he chose to dip below the yellow line, rather than knock Newman into the fence. "That yellow line is there to protect us and the fans in the stands, and I just chose to take the safer route," Hamlin said. "A win in the Shootout is not worth sending the 39 (Newman) through the grandstands. For me, as fast as we're running, if I got into his left rear, that car will go airborne." Polesitter Dale Earnhardt Jr. was involved in a multicar crash on the backstretch on Lap 28. Contact from Regan Smith's No. 78 Chevrolet turned Carl Edwards' No. 99 Ford into Earnhardt's No. 88 Chevy and spun it into the outside wall. The chain-reaction crash also collected Joey Logano, Juan Pablo Montoya and Kevin Conway. Nascar fans are getting older. An article on www.scenedaily.com said the

average fan age is rising, but the real reason behind the jump in the age increase isn't that we are getting older, the younger generation is leaving the sport. Last year, Fox's ratings for Cup races dropped 29 percent among males 18-34. The tracks have seen it, too, in terms of attendance. "The biggest problem facing NASCAR is that the young males have left the sport," Fox Sports Chairman David Hill said. Advertisers want the 18-34 male demographic because they either have or will have money to spend and represent potential customers for a long time. The tracks want them for the same reason - a young fan today may turn into an adult fan tomorrow. "The younger you get people engaged, that's when they're flexible, and by the time they're older, they're more entrenched in their ways," Texas Motor Speedway President Eddie Gossage says. "If we get them to become a fan now, they're going to be a fan 25 years down the road. "NASCAR also needs to market its younger drivers to young fans. Drivers such as 25-year-old Kyle Busch, who is sponsored by M&M's, would be perfect to market to kids. Joey Logano, with his Nationwide sponsor GameStop, already does sponsor appearances at stores. As other young drivers like Trevor Bayne work their way up, encourage them to engage with younger fans." Here's the rub. The vast majority of older fans don't identify with either of these drivers. First, Kyle Busch is a smart-aleck, and most older folks resent that. Joey Logano is strictly a Corporate America driver. He knows the right answer before he's asked the question. And Trevor Bayne. What has he achieved in order to merit the attention of us older folks? Texas Motor Speedway has kicked off a campaign that features sexy young women and fast cars. The Texas campaign borders on the limits of sex and taste, in trying to expand and broaden the fan base. Will more young adults be attracted to NASCAR because of the marketing campaigns featuring hot women? Even Gossage wonders why the sport has not resonated with the young males. "Did we lose them to action sports?" Gossage said. "Well, this is the ultimate extreme sport. You can bust your tail on a half-pipe but you're still not hitting a wall at 200 miles an hour. ... Somewhere along the line, we kind of lost touch with the younger crowd. I don't know why." I personally resent NASCAR or any track that tries to turn their back on the generation that brought them to where they are. They should dance with the fans that brought them to the dance, not try to change the dancing-style, so we no



Kurt Busch celebrates his Bud Shootout victory longer enjoy the party. DALE JR ON POLE FOR DAYTONA 500 Dale Earnhardt Jr. will start on the pole in Sunday's Daytona 500. Jeff Gordon earned the outside pole position, during this past Sunday's qualifying trials. The remainder of the 43-car starting field will be determined by two Gatorade Duel races on Thursday. NASCAR plans to switch from old style carburetors fuel injection in 2012. They announced a partnership last week with two companies to develop and integrate fuel injection systems into the Sprint Cup Series, beginning with the 2012 season. Freescale Semiconductor will provide the processors for McLaren Engine System control units that will be used to manage the fuel and ignition systems in the engines for all Cup Series cars, replacing carburetors which have been used in the series since its inception in 1949. NASCAR and its top series teams will test the technology during the 2011 season with the anticipation of the systems being rolled out for the 2012 season. Weekend Racing: Everyone is focused on the Daytona International Speedway this week for NASCAR's first and biggest race of the season on Sunday. But there is plenty of other racing during the traditional period known as Speedweek. Thurs., Feb. 17: Gatorade Duels at Daytona. These are two 125-lap qualifying races. The first begins at 2 pm, and the second starts at approximately 4 pm. Both will be televised on Speed Channel. Fri. Feb. 18, Camping World Truck race, 1 of 25. Starting time: 7:30 pm; TV: Speed. Sat., Feb. 19, Nationwide series race, 1 of 34, Starting time: 1:15 pm; TV: ESPN2. Sun., Feb. 20, Sprint Cup Daytona 500, race 1 of 36, Starting time: 2 pm. TV: Fox. All times are Eastern. Racing Trivia Question: Lee Petty won the first Daytona 500. How many times did he win the series driving championship? Last Week's Question: Who was the oldest driver to win the Daytona 500? Answer: Bobby Allison in 1988. He was 50 years, 2 months, 11 days. The youngest was Jeff Gordon in 1995. He was 23 years, 10 months, 27 days. You may contact the Racing Reporter at: hodges@race500.com. NT(Feb16.C1)bc

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