

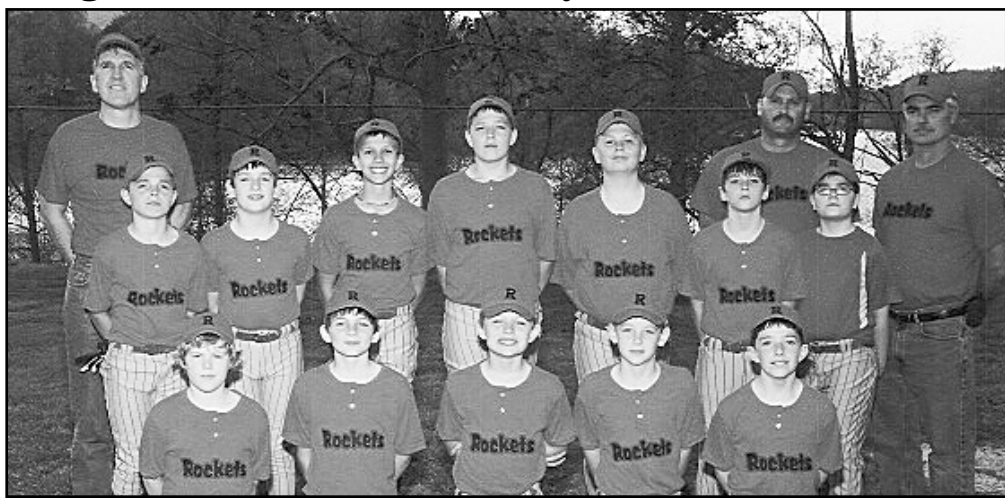
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Congratulations, Towns County Rockets!



The Towns County Rec. Dept. 12 and under boys baseball team, the Rockets, ended their season 7-5. They did a great job and had a good time. Way to go, Boys! We are all

so proud of you. Way to go, Boys!

Team consisted of: Russell Cox, Johnathon Watson, Major Moss, Adam Barrett, Chase Lovell, Owen Bouchard,

Riley Roach, Isaiah Shook, Kobe Denton, Andrew Rogers, Brody Graper and Colton Shook. Coaches: Ketrone Moss, Doug Chambers and Roy McClure. Thanks a lot! TJum16.J15H

Good luck, 12 and Under Boys' All-Star Team



We want to wish the Towns County Rec. Dept. 12 and Under All Stars 2010 Boys' Baseball Team good luck in the District Tournament. The boys will play in Hall County on Thursday, June 17, 2010. They have been practicing very hard getting ready for the

Tournament. Do your best and have fun. We are so proud of each one of you. Go All Stars Team!

The team players are Brody Graper, Russell Cox, Isaiah Shook, Colton Shook, Major Moss, Adam Barrett, Owen Bouchard, Hogan Nich-

olson, Dylan Roberts, Dillon Ingram, Gavin Langelier and Curtis Swanson.

The coaches are Ketrone Moss, Roy McClure, Doug Chambers and Charlie Lindemath. Also helping with the team are "the dads". We thank you as well! TJum16.J15H

Local Racing Action

By: Carl Vanzura



Ricky Smith won the Mid-Season Championship at Tri-County.

Hiwassee's Ricky Smith wins Street Stock Mid-Season Championship

Hiwassee driver Ricky "Fat Rat" Smith set fast time and went on to win the 20-lap Street Stock Mid-Season Championship and took home extra money and a big trophy. Josh Roberts and Jeremy Woody challenged Smith but crossed the finish line second and third. Rounding out the top five were Stacy White and Jim Exum.

Morganton hot shoe Bobby Panter drove a flawless race when he won the Late Model feature over Blue Ridge's Trig Parris closely followed by Danny Ledford, Preston Crisp and Kevin Sutton.

Murphy speedster Jacob Anderson made it three wins in a row in the GM Performance Late Model feature when he bested Copperhill's Jason Deal, San Parris, Tony Ledford and Kurt English.

Thirteen cars started the Cornwell Tools Modified Street main event with Chattanooga's Booger Brooks and Brasstown's Greg Sudderth on the inside and outside poles. The two ran side-by-side until Sudderth took a car length lead to take the win over Brooks, Junior Whitner, Sammy Berong and Heather Taylor.

The Mini Stock feature saw 15 laps of fender rubbing action between Blairsville driver Shannon Jones and Andrews driver Marty Clark as the two black Mustangs duelled for every inch on the track. Lynn Burchfield, Doug Thompson and Josh Stapler

filled the top five positions. This coming Saturday, the winged alcohol burning-100 mph Georgia Mini Sprint cars will join the regular classes for an exciting night of entertainment.

Hall of Fame driver Billy Moyer won the \$100,000 Dream 100 at Tony Stewart's Eldora Speedway Sunday. Local racer Ray Cook led the first 20 laps until Moyer got around him. Cook still won \$20,000 for second place. Blairsville's Jonathan Davenport finished 11th in the race that saw 104 cars try to make the 26 car field.

Shannon Beardson won the Late Model feature last week at North Georgia Speedway in Blairsville. Owner Randy Shope's Rick's Rentals PPM Chassis Monte Carlo. Frank Ingram won at Dixie Speedway. Rick Hixson won at both Boyds Speedway and

Cleveland Speedway. Johnny Chastain in the Randall Twigg's prepared Monte Carlo placed fourth at Cleveland. Bruce Taylor edged out Young Harris driver Randy Nichols for the win at Toccoa Speedway.

Chase Elliott and the crew of his Aaron's Dream Machine played the weather strategy to perfection and came away a winner in Saturday's rain-shortened "Show Me the Money" race at Montgomery Motor Speedway. Elliott and his crew figured they'd need to be in front in case the rains came, so that was their strategy from the start. Elliott started on the outside pole beside and at Lap 47, rain began to fall mixed with severe lightning, and within an hour's time officials called off the remainder of the event, awarding the win to Elliott.

Chase Elliott might only be 14 years old, but the former Blairsville driver scored his biggest victory to date in the Papa John's 100 at Five Flags Speedway in Pensacola, FL. That is where the second generation driver won Round Two of the 2010 Blizzard Super Late Model Series against some stiff competition at an historic track. In 14 starts so far this season among seven different touring series the young Elliott currently has an average finish of 3.86. Chase's dad Bill spots for him at most of the races. TJum16.G15H



The 100 mph winged Georgia Mini Sprints will return to Tri-County this Saturday night.

NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Hamlin is on a hot win streak

Denny Hamlin easily pulled away from Kasey Kahne to win at Michigan for his second consecutive Sprint Cup victory and fifth in the past ten races.

"It's been a good year," said Hamlin. "It's so easy to drive cars like we had today. I knew a caution was coming just before the end of the race. I just backed off and saved my tires."

Runner-up Kasey Kahne appeared to have an overheating engine during most of the race.

"It really wasn't that big of a deal," said Kahne. "We got some debris on the front, but it never really got too hot. We've struggled, so it was nice to get a good finish."

Kurt Busch finished third.

"We had a strong car early on, but it seemed like we lost a little speed there at the end," said Busch. "We had solid pit stops with good adjustments, and that's what a good race team is all about."

Jeff Gordon was fourth, followed by Tony Stewart, Jimmie Johnson, and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

"I enjoyed the car all day," said Dale Earnhardt Jr. "It was a good top-10 car. We just didn't have any speed during qualifying. I won't really be satisfied until we can get back winning, but this was a good run for us."

Jeff Burton was eighth, while Greg Biffle and Joey Logano rounded out the top-10.

Top-12 Chase contenders after 15 of 36: 1. Harvick-2169, 2. Kyle Busch-2147, 3. Hamlin-2122, 4. Kurt Busch-2051, 5. Kenseth-2019, 6. Johnson-1999, 7. J. Gordon-1987, 8. Burton-1945, 9. Biffle-1865, 10. Edwards-1856, 11. Stewart-1840, 12. Martin-1826

THREE-PEAT FOR LOGANO

Joey Logano became the first driver in series history to win three consecutive races at one track from the pole as he held off Carl Edwards for the Nationwide win Saturday at Kentucky Speedway.

Logano, 20, has won the pole and the race every time he has raced at the 1.5-mile track. The victory in 2008 was his first in one of NASCAR's national series.

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series double-duty drivers swept the top three positions, as Edwards finished second and NASCAR Nationwide Series points leader Brad Keselowski was third. Edwards moved up

one spot in the standings to second, and is 272 points behind Keselowski.

Gaughan finished fourth, with Reed Sorenson fifth. Rounding out the top 10 were Steve Wallace, Scott Wimmer, Justin Allgaier, Scott Riggs and Raybestos Rookie Colin Braun.

Top-10 points leaders after 14 of 35: 1. Keselowski-2306, 2. Edwards-2034, 3. Allgaier-1993, 4. Kyle Busch-1945, 5. Harvick-1852, 6. Menard-1745, 7. Logano-1593, 8. S. Wallace-1536, 9. Gaughan-1530, 10. Lefler-1450

ALMIROLA GETS MICHIGAN TRUCK RACE

Aric Almirola passed Todd Bodine and Kyle Busch three-wide through the middle with seven laps left in Saturday's VFW 200 and held on to win the Truck Series race at Michigan International Speedway.

Bodine finished second and retained his series lead by 55 points over Almirola, who won for the second time this season in Billy Ballew's No. 51 Toyota. Busch ran third, followed by Ron Hornaday Jr. and polesitter Austin Dillon, who overcame a late pit-road penalty to post his second straight top five.

"I didn't think it was the greatest place to be," Almirola said of his middle position after a restart on Lap 93 of 100. "But I knew we were going to run wide open through the corner. We were either going to crash, or we were going to make it out the other side—because I knew how important clean air was."

"I knew that was my only shot to get out in the lead, and if I didn't get out in the lead, there was no chance of us winning the race. So I went down in Turn 1, and I knew I was going to run a shorter distance than Todd (who was on the outside), so I just tried to hang tight on Kyle's door and get him loose, which I did."

"By the time we got off Turn 2, I was almost clear of Todd, and then when we went through (Turns) 3 and 4, I cleared him. So I think that was the move of the race, as far as I'm concerned."

Top-10 points leaders after 9 of 25: 1. Bodine-1443, 2. Almirola-1388, 3. Peters-1278, 4. Hornaday-1273, 5. Sauter-1179, 6. Skinner-1171, 7. White-1145, 8. Starr-1132, 9. Carmichael-1107, 10. Crafton-1098

RAYMOND PARKS

On June 6, as many have for the previous 11 years, some of the biggest friends and fans of Raymond Parks traveled to Easley, South Carolina to celebrate the birthday of the man called "The Godfather of NASCAR."



BIRTHDAY PARTY

They came from near and far, the greats, and many not-so-greats. But each had a singular purpose, and that was to honor Parks.

Raymond Parks, who, as a car owner, scored multiple wins at Daytona Beach and won the first two NASCAR titles, had turned 96 the day before.

J.B. Day and his wife, Willavene, hosted the party, as they have since 1998. Among those in attendance were David Pearson, Harold Fountain, Rex White, Cotton Owens, Bud Moore, Gene Hobby, Harold and C.L. Pritchett, Hoyt Grimes, Jimmy Summerour, Bruce Brantley, Marvin Panch and many, many others.

The most important part of the day is honoring one of our most important racing heroes. While NASCAR's new Hall of Fame may have overlooked him this past year, everyone in attendance made sure he understood how important he is to us, and how glad we are to have him with us.

Weekend Racing: The Cup and Nationwide teams each have road courses venues this weekend. The Cup teams are at Sonoma, CA, while the Nationwide teams race at Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI. Sat., June 19, Nationwide Series Road America, race 15 of 35; Starting time: 1:30 pm ET; TV: ESPN2.

Sun., Jun 20, Sprint Cup Toyota/SaveMart 350, race 16 of 36; Starting time: 1 pm ET; TV: TNT.

Racing Trivia Question: How many Cup teams does Hendrick Motorsports have?

Last Week's Question: Where is the NASCAR Hall of Fame located? It opened in May, 2010 in Charlotte, NC. You may contact the Racing Reporter at: hodgesnews@earthlink.net. NTJum16.C12ac

Towns County Youth Football

Towns County Youth Football registration will be held June 19th and June 26th and July 10th and July 17th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Towns County School football fieldhouse. The registration fee is \$60. The ages for eligible players are from 5 years of age to 12 years of age. Each player must have the \$60 registration fee and copy of birth certificate when registering. The first day of regular practice is July 19th at 6 p.m. at the Towns County School soccer practice field.

Towns County Youth Football along with the assistance of the Towns County varsity coaches will also be holding a camp July 14th and 15th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The camp is free and any child from 5 years of age to 12 years of age is encouraged to attend.

If anyone has any questions, they may contact Jimmy Smith at 706-896-2622 or 706-835-6176.

2010 Summer Day Camp

Summer is just around the corner and that means hot weather and Summer Day Camp for boys and girls ages 6 thru 12. This summer The Recreation Department will offer day camp for 3 sessions, each session being two weeks, running Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sessions will be as follows: Session I June 7th thru June 18th, Session II June 21st thru July 2nd, Session III July 12th thru July 23rd.

The fee for the two week session is \$120. The fee is payable to the Towns County Recreation Department the first Monday of each session.

Day Camp offers children sports game activities, social game activities, field trips, nature hikes and much more. Give your child a lot to do this summer and sign them up for Day Camp. You may send your child to any or all of the sessions. Children need to bring a swimsuit, towel, sprayable sunscreen and sack lunch. The Recreation Department will furnish the drinks for the campers.

Registration will be the first Monday of each session at the Recreation Department located on Hwy.76 west of Hiwassee. For more information please call the Recreation Department at 706-896-2600.

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Galaxy Bowl Blood Drive

Saturday, June 19, Noon - 6 p.m.

Look for the LifeSouth Community Bloodmobile at: 104 Backyard Lane Blairsville, GA 30512

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SportsZone to host Firecracker 5K Race in Franklin, NC

The SportsZone will host a "Firecracker" 5K Race on Saturday, July 3, 2010. The race will begin at 9 am in front of the SportsZone.

Pre-registration is \$15 and walk-ups on race day will be \$20. The categories will be Men 18-25, 26-40, 41 & up and Women 18-25, 26-40, and 41 & up. The winner in each category will receive a

gift card for SportsZone.

All participants will receive a T-shirt, tote bag, and coupons.

Registration forms available at SportZone, Monday - Saturday, 9 am - 8 pm.

For More Information Contact: Tom Giegerich Thomas.Giegerich@DrakeSoftware.com. NTJum16.C12ac

VFW Golf League News

The results for league play on Thursday, June 10th. Our format for this play day was our "A" Scramble and the winning team was: Jim Taylor, Chuck Woodworth and Glenda Geddings with a score of 67, coming in -5 under par.

Dance at Clay County Senior Center

DANCE at the Clay County Senior Center, 196 Ritter Road, Hayesville, NC, Friday, June 18th, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Music by "Swing Time Band". Playing Foxtrots, Waltzes, Latins, Line Dances, Country, Rock, and Polkas. For more information call: (828) 389-9271, (828) 369-9155 or (828) 586-6373.

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