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Mountain Cheer All Stars complete season; accepting new cheerleaders



Mountain Cheer All-Stars competed in five competitions this year ranging in location from Nashville, TN to Asheville, NC to Atlanta. Through sickness, routine changes, and injuries, the girls worked extremely hard and made serious improvement throughout the season, with their highest finish of second place. They finished the season getting to work out with some of the cheerleaders from Young Harris College's nationally ranked competition team, as pictured above. Mountain Cheer All-Stars is still accepting new cheerleaders on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. Any girls that are upcoming 6th - 12th graders that are interested in competing can come by Mountain Gymnastics Center to get more information. No experience is needed, just a good attitude and a willingness to work hard.

Recreation Department's July 4th Activity Day 2014

The Towns County Recreation Department's annual July 4th Activity Day will be on Friday, July 4, 2014 at the Recreation Department Ball Fields. The Recreation Department invites everyone to come out and have fun in the sun! The schedule of the events during the day and locations are as follows:

- Youth Single Horseshoes (16 & Under Division) (Boys & Girls) Ball field, 9:30 AM;
- Men's Single Horseshoes (17 & Older Division) Ball field, 10 AM;
- Women's Single Horseshoes (16 & Older Division) Ball field, 10:30 AM;
- Men's Partner Horseshoes (17 & Older Division) Ball field, 11 AM;
- Men's Homerun Derby (15 & Older Division) Ball field, 10:30 AM;
- Women's Homerun Derby (15 & Older Division) Ball field, 11:15 AM;
- Youth Homerun Derby (14 & Under Division) (Boys & Girls) Ball field, 10:45 AM;
- Youth Homerun Derby (11 & Under Division) (Boys & Girls) Ball field, 11 AM;

Team Cornhole Tournament (10 & Under Open Division) 2 Person Team Ball field, 11:30 AM; Team Cornhole Tournament (16 & Under Open Division) 2 Person Team Ball field, 12 noon; Team Cornhole Tournament (Adult 17 & Over Open Division) 2 Person Team Ball field, 12 noon.

In each of the Recreation Department events,

Summer Day Camp at Rec Center

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 3 sessions of day camp. Each session is two weeks, running Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may bring your child between 7:30 and 9 a.m. and pick your child up between 4 and 4:30 p.m.

Session dates are as follows: Session III July 7th thru July 18th. Our Day Camp offers children sport game activities, social game activities,

plaques and trophies will be given to all winners in each event. There is no charge for any of the activities. All events will begin at the times listed. To pre-register just be on time for the events in which you wish to participate. See all of you on July 4th.

For more information call the Recreation Department at 706-896-2600.

Fun hike

Fun Hike: Boyd Gap to Ocoee Whitewater Center. This hike takes you from Boyd Gap off Highway 64 down to the Old Copper Road and on to the Whitewater Center. Another easy hike, this offers a chance to take a cool dip in the Blue Hole swimming hole in the Ocoee River. Bring lunch. Hike Leader is Hank Baudet. To sign up and for meeting location and time call Hank at 706-492-4318. NJUN18Z1CA

No pre-registration required, just show up at the new Recreation Center for camp located off of Mining Gap Trail at 150 Foster Park Rd.

For more info please call us at 706-896-2600.

NASCAR 2014

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Johnson gets win number three

Jimmie Johnson has now won three of the last four Sprint Cup races. His latest win came Sunday, and was his first at the Michigan track.

Johnson, who led 39 laps of the 200-lap race, pitted for the last time on lap 164. He regained the lead with five-to-go, and from that point on, it was no contest.

"We've tried a long time to win this race and today we did it," said Johnson. "We had an awesome car. I'd have to say it was a picture perfect race. Everyone did a fantastic job and the car ran great the entire race."

Polesitter Kevin Harvick, who led the most laps (63) finished second, 1.214 seconds back.

"The car was good at times, and then the handling went away," said Harvick. "We had some good runs, and some that was not so good. We needed a little something that we didn't have there at the end."

Brad Keselowski ran up front most of the day and came in third.

"Man, I was trying to drive the wheels off," said Keselowski. "I knew we didn't have a first-place car, but I knew it was a third or fourth-place one. We were in a good position to win. Obviously, we've got to do a little more work to keep up with those guys."

Paul Menard, winner of Saturday's Nationwide Series race finished fourth. Kasey Kahne was fifth, and then it was Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, Kyle Larson, Joey Logano, and Clint Bowyer.

The race started off with two separate wrecks within the first five laps.

Before the first lap was completed, Brian Vickers hit the outside wall, collecting Travis Kvapil.

On the first green flag lap after the restart, Kyle Larson hit the wall coming out of turn-2. Kasey Kahne spun down into the infield to avoid Larson's car.

Both drivers were able to re-group and finish within the top-10.

Top-10 Chase leaders after 15 of 36: 1. Gordon-537, 2. Johnson-522, 3. Earnhardt-514, 4. Kenseth-513, 5. Keselowski-490, 6. Edwards-462, 7. Logano-454, 8. Larson-454, 9. Harvick-447, 10. Kyle Busch-446.

MENARD GETS BREAK AT MICHIGAN

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Paul Menard wasn't sure he could catch leader Joey Logano in Saturday's Nationwide race before he ran out of laps. But he didn't have to worry, because with four laps remaining in the 125-lap race, Logano had a flat tire and had to pull into his pits, giving the lead to Menard.

"I was trying to run Joey down, but I wasn't having much luck," said Menard. "I really thought I had given it away on that last restart, but the best car won today. It took us about three runs (during practice) Friday to get the car dialed in. After that I felt like we had the best car."

Menard led three times for 28 laps. The win is just the second for him in the Nationwide Series. His previous win came at Milwaukee in 2006.

Sam Hornish was second, followed by Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kyle Busch, Brian Scott, Chase Elliott, Regan Smith, Kyle Larson, Ty Dillon, and Chris Buescher.

WALLACE JR WINS SECOND TRUCK RACE

Darrell Wallace Jr. won Saturday night's truck race at Texas Motor Speedway for his second career win.

The remaining top-10 finishers were: German Quiroga, Timothy Peters, Johnny Sauter, Ron Hornaday, Cole Custer, Ryan Blaney, John Wes Townley, Chase Pistone, Tyler Malsam.

Top-10 leaders after 7 of 22: 1. Sauter-261, 2. Crafton-251, 3. Hornaday-248, 4. Peters-246, 5. Blaney-244, 6. Quiroga-243, 7. Townley-234, 8. Kennedy-229, Wallace-9, 218, 10. Burton-211.

HUMPY WHEELER SPEAKS OUT

For over three decades, Humpy Wheeler was the head hon-



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cho at Charlotte Motor Speedway, before leaving in 2008. He was considered one of the best salesmen and promoters to ever hit NASCAR.

Since his retirement from CMS, he has designed a program to help America's small race tracks. Last week he did an interview with Autoweek.

AW: What is Sprint Cup missing?

WHEELER: The most important thing is the repass, when the leader gets passed and within 20 laps he comes back to pass the new leader. That's where rubbing comes in, and you've got to have some rubbing. Nobody except TV gets excited about rubbing for seventh, so you need rubbing up front. And you need a superhero like Tiger Woods or Joe Namath, somebody like that. Walt Disney told his people to draw in a villain within the first 90 seconds. We need something like that. We need villains, but, instead, we have too many pretty boys. There just aren't any personalities.

AW: Even though things have changed, does racing still get its fair shake?

WHEELER: The media is doing a great job, but the publicity isn't as great as it was because the flower isn't blooming like it was. It was that way with the PGA and the NBA and Major League Baseball at some points. Racing is at a plateau right now like so many other sports have been at plateaus. It's a normal thing because you just can't have these 10- or 15-year periods of percentage growth like we did. I think it's about to turn the corner.

Davenport rules Twin 25 features at 311 Motor Speedway



By Gene Murphy

Pine Hall, NC - Jonathan Davenport proved that double the races can just mean double the fun.

The Blairsville, GA, native dominated both of the Ultimate Super Late Model Series Twin 25 features at 311 Motor Speedway Saturday night. The 30-year-old racer has been enjoying a career year in 2014 and is showing no signs of slowing down anytime soon.

Davenport grabbed the pole position for the first feature after topping a list of 21 entrants in time-trial qualifying with a lap of 16.288 seconds. He led a three-car contingent of Longhorn Chassis with his fast lap, beating out Dennis "Rambo" Franklin of Gaffney SC, and a Sprint Cup Series race winner in Justin Labonte, the son of two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup (then Winston Cup Series) Champion Terry Labonte, of Trinity, NC, for the top spot.

In the first feature, he immediately jumped out to the lead at the drop of the green flag and refused to share the view out front with anyone. In leading every lap of the first 25-lap feature, he earned a \$2,500 payday.

Finishing in the runner-up spot was G.R. Smith of Charlotte, NC. Rounding out the top five was Franklin, Jeff Smith of Dallas, NC and Labonte.

For the second main

VFW Golf League news

It looked like rain on Thursday, but it held off long enough for the crafty team of Bill Kiser to win. His teammates were Glen Greenwald, Chuck Woodworth, and Ray Ward. Our next road trip will be Tuesday, July 15 at Butternut Golf Course. Do not forget this Thursday will be Hot Dogs at the Post following golf. Make a note that our Par 3 tournament will be on August 7th. All Veterans are invite to join our Golf League on Thursdays at 9 AM at Chatuge Shores Golf Course.

AW: We're guessing you would have promoted and hyped Danica Patrick unlike anything we've ever seen.

WHEELER: Danica has sold a lot of tickets, just like Janet Guthrie did [in May 1976]. When Janet qualified here [for the Coca-Cola 600] it was the biggest day we ever had. Danica is good for racing because she gives girls—notice I didn't say women, I said girls—someone to pull for. They can relate to her because she's a little-bitty thing who looks like a high school kid. When she was in IndyCar, it was like a ballet; over here, it's more like a square dance. She's good for NASCAR, no doubt about it.

Weekend Racing: Both the Cup and Nationwide teams will be on road courses. The Cup teams will travel west to Sonoma, California while the Nationwide teams are at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. The Trucks have an off week.

Sat., June 21, Nationwide Series race 14 of 33; Starting time: 2:30 pm ET; TV: ABC.

Sun., June 22, Sprint Cup race 16 of 36; Starting time: 2 pm ET; TV: TNT.

Racing Trivia Question: How many drivers will this year's Chase consist of?

Last Week's Question: Which Cup team does Martin Truex drive for? **Answer:** The No. 78 Cup team of Furniture Row Racing.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at hodges@race500.com.

event, the top five finishers from the first race were inverted in the starting lineup. The remainder of the field was lined up how they finished in race one. This placed Labonte on the front row alongside Smith to bring the field to life at the wave of the green.

Smith would go on to lead lap one, but would be overtaken by Davenport from his third-row inside starting spot before reaching the flagstand to complete lap two. After getting a taste of how good the clean air out front was in the first race, Davenport wasted no time in establishing that everyone would again be eating his dust in the second main event.

Franklin would advance to the second spot, but could never mount a threatening charge on Davenport's lead. Rounding out the top five in the second feature was Smith, Brandon Overton of Appling, GA, and Doug Sanders of Springwood, NC.

"In the first one, we

started on the pole and got the jump," Davenport said. "Just ran our own line, and moved around a little bit in (lapped) traffic there to get an idea of how to adjust the car for the second race since we knew they would invert.

"In the second race, we made a really good call on tires there. This place blows so much grit we knew it would be really hard to pass the leader once we all got strung out. I wanted to get up through there as fast as I could."

In Fastrak Racing Series action, Smith and Davenport each claimed a trophy in the twin features for the crate cars.

Lug Nuts: Don O'Neal of Martinsville, IN, claimed the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series "Clash at the Mag" Saturday night. The Clint Bowyer Racing/Barry Wright Race Cars house car wheelman earned \$20,000 for the win at Magnolia Motor Speedway in Columbus, MS.

Youth Football Registration

Towns County Youth Football will be holding registration at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center from 2 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on June 21st and June 28th for the upcoming season. Ages of eligibility are 5 - 12 years old. The registration fee is \$90 which includes insurance. If your child has not played before, you will need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate when registering.

The first practice for the 2014 Season will be on July 14th from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Towns County High School Practice Field.

There will also be a one day camp held on July 12th from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Towns County High School Practice Field. There will be no cost for this camp.

If you have any questions, you may contact Jimmy Smith at 706-835-6176.

MUSA Fall registration now open

MUSA Fall registration is open for age Groups 6&U to 16&U. Register online at http://mountainsoccer.wordpress.com/. Registration forms are also available to print from the website. Forms can be mailed to P. O. Box 1862, Blairsville, GA 30514.



For additional information contact the league at: musa.soccer@gmail.com or visit us on

the web at http://mountainsoccer.wordpress.com.

Trout stocking sites week of June 9-13, 2014

Fannin: Rock Creek, Toccoa River, and Toccoa River Tailwaters (below Lake Blue Ridge Dam) Lumpkin: Dockery Lake, Etowah River, and Nimblewill Creek Murray: Holly Creek Union: Cooper Creek

Note: Information is subject to change. For the latest on stocking and event information, remember to "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ChattahoocheeForestNationalFishHatchery. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. NJUN18Z13CA

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ALL CAMPS WILL BE HELD AT THE UNION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD

Questions? For the Fastest Response Email LuannR36@yahoo.com or call 706-897-2363

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Registering for: Instructional Junior Elite Senior Elite Which Week: Week #1: June 23-27 Week #2: July 14-18

Name: _____ City: _____
Address: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ School: _____ Age: _____
Grade Completed in 2013-14 school year: _____ E-mail (required): _____
Parent Name: _____ Daytime Phone(s): _____ If Elite, Primary Position: _____
Emergency Phone: _____ NAME: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

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Plan Number: _____ Other #: _____

MEDICAL CONSENT (REQUIRED): (For parent's signature) I hereby authorize the physicians, nurse practitioners, physician's assistants and staff members of the Rock to treat my son/daughter if deemed necessary and to release information to other college and medical officials as necessary in the case of an emergency. Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____
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