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## Brasstown Dance Academy to hold spring recital May 15

Brasstown Dance Academy will be presenting their Annual Spring Recital on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the Clegg Fine Arts Building at Young Harris College. The theme this year is "On The Radio," celebrating the variety of musical styles that are broadcasted over the airwaves. The Spring Recital showcases a variety of dance styles including Modern, Jazz, Tap, Hip-Hop, Ballet, Pointe, Lyrical & Contemporary. The students of Brasstown Dance Academy reside in Towns, Union, Cherokee & Clay Counties and have been working hard all year to be able to present an exciting performance to their families and our communities. The recital will also feature several pieces from The Fuzion Dance Company, a project of Brasstown Dance Center, which has just completed an award-winning second season. We hope that you will be able to join us for this exciting program! If you are considering dance classes for your student, this is a great opportunity to preview



what we are all about. Call for information about our exciting summer programs; Princess & Superhero Camp, Hanah Montana Camp and Dance Sampler Camp. Register now for summer and fall classes at Brasstown Dance Academy.

When: Saturday, May 15, 2010. Performance at 6 p.m. Location: Clegg Fine Arts Center at Young Harris College. Cost: Adults \$12 Students \$5.

Tickets are available for advance purchase at BDA Studio and Head 2 Toe Dance Supply, both located across the street from BRMEMC in Young Harris. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Call or visit the studio for more information. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 2-6 p.m. and the phone number is (706) 379-2651. Come and see why we are "Turned On To Life!" NT(May5,Y4)SH

## ASKL Karate National Championships



Yama Bushi Karate recently attended the ASKL Nationals. We had 13 compete and I am very proud of the hard training and all of the effort. Competitors were there from all over the country. The results were as follows. Brook Hamby 2nd in Kata, 4th in Fighting, Josh Silvers 2nd in Kata 3rd in Fighting, and 4th in weapons, James Grubbs 4th

in Fighting, Michael Ashton 1st Fighting and 2 Kata, Anastasia Grubbs 4th in Fighting and Kata, Dario Rosas 3rd Kata, 4th Fighting and 2nd weapons, Brent Hinnant 1st in fighting and Kata, Bill Hinnant 2nd Kata, 1st fighting, Dalton Denmark 4th in fighting, Dawson Denmark 4th fighting, Zack Pennington 1st Kata, 4th Fighting, Drew Dobbins 1st

Kata, 4th fighting, Sean Dobbins 3rd fighting.

Also Will King gave an impressive performance in Kata and in Sparring. He was in a huge division with a lot of pressure and was one of the fan favorites. Will, Michael, Dawson, Zack, Brent and Bill made their Debut on the National Stage - what a great job.

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## FORE! Scholarship Golf Tournament



Austin Arrowood

As his senior project, Towns County High School Senior, Austin Arrowood, wanted to establish a scholarship. On April 17, 2010, Aus-

tin hosted the FORE! Higher Education Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Ridges Resort in Hayesville. The tournament was held for the purpose of providing a scholarship to help two members of the Towns County High Class of 2010 as they begin college next year. With six teams of four playing in the tournament and 14 hole stretch, the tournament was able to raise \$1,300. A special thanks must be given to all those who participated in making this tournament a success. Thanks to The Ridges Resort, Chip's Plumbing and Electric, The Deer Lodge, United Community Bank, The Mountain Perk Coffee Shop, Monte Alban, Anderson's, Tiger's, Bear Meadows Grill, Green to Bean,

and many more.

To be sure that there was not a conflict of interest, it was determined at the very beginning of the planning stage that Austin would not be eligible for the scholarship. Austin did a great deal of work in organizing this project. Two of the applicants for the \$650 scholarship will receive their award on Senior Honors Day at Towns County High School on Friday, May 21. Austin has shown true leadership, commitment, organization, and compassion for others as he implemented his senior project. Austin has skills that will carry him a long way in life as he graduates from Towns County High School. TM(May5,J2)SH

## NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

### KYLE BUSCH OUTRUNS GORDON

Richmond, VA -- Kyle Busch dominated the Crown Royal 400 but had to rally late to win Saturday night at Richmond International Raceway.

Busch grabbed the lead from Jeff Gordon on a restart with three laps to go and steadily pulled away down the stretch, beating Gordon to the checkered flag by .755-seconds to win for the first time in 2010.

"All I really knew was just to get into Turn 1 smooth and be able to get a good launch off of Turn 2 to get down the backstretch, then make sure I got into three without overdriving it," Busch said. "On the previous restart, when I was with [Kevin] Harvick, I kept overdriving, locking up the left front tire into Turn three, sliding up the track. I knew if I could get through Turn 3 okay, hammer down off of Turn four, get him clear, it would be pretty good. That's what I did."

Gordon finished second for the eighth time since his last win in the series on April 5, 2009 at Texas, 39 races ago.

"I've been doing this long enough to know they don't give out trophies for leading any lap other than the last one," said Gordon, who reached the boiling point at Talladega last week after Johnson, his Hendrick Motorsports teammate, forced him onto the apron in Turn 3. Moments later, Gordon was wrecked.

"We're a team that's made huge strides, in my opinion, from last year. ... That's what I'm excited about. We're leading laps at a lot of different types of tracks, and I think our team is really on top of our game."

"Yeah, it's a little disappointing that we haven't won some races yet, but if we keep doing this, those will come. We've got to keep putting ourselves in position."

Kevin Harvick, last week's winner at Talladega finished third, right on Gordon's rear bumper.

"It was a solid night for us," Harvick said. "We were right in the middle of the top five all night, which is where you got to be to have a chance. We had a chance there at the

end. The 18-car, he could run the outside where none of the rest of us could. He could carry that momentum."

"He had a couple lap fresher tires than we all did and was able to really make the move on the outside, make it stick. But all in all, it was a solid night and we'll take it."

Harvick is the new Chase leader. He leads Jimmie Johnson by 10 points.

Jeff Burton, Carl Edwards, Juan Montoya, Martin Truex Jr., Ryan Newman, Marcos Ambrose, and Jimmie Johnson were the remaining top-10 finishers.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who finished 32nd, addressed a rumor about a story that appeared in the National Enquirer, which said that he broke up the marriage of his current girlfriend, Amy Reimann.

"We've been in there a lot. I don't know why we keep popping up in there. I guess we're relevant in some realm," Earnhardt Jr. said. "You learn a lot of new stuff about yourself that you never knew before. ... There's no truth to that particular story."

Earnhardt's poor finish dropped him to 13th in the points standings, 258 points out of first.

Top-12 Chase contenders after 10 of 36: 1. Harvick-1467, 2. Johnson-1457, 3. Kyle Busch-1358, 4. Kenseth-1348, 5. Biffle-1334, 6. J. Gordon-1305, 7. Hamlin-1268, 8. Kurt Busch-1255, 9. Burton-1247, 10. Martin-1242, 11. Edwards-1227, 12. Bowyer-1213

### KESELOWSKI POWERS TO NATIONWIDE WIN

After a late caution turned a runaway into a challenge for Brad Keselowski, a late four-tire call proved decisive, as Keselowski stormed to the front from fourth place during a green-white-checkered finish to win Friday night's Bubba Burger 250 Nationwide Series race at Richmond International Raceway.

Keselowski, who led 189 of 252 laps, had an advantage of almost two seconds when Paul Menard slammed the Turn 2 wall on Lap 245 of a scheduled 250 laps at the .75-mile short track.

"I'm coming," Kesel-

owski radioed to crew chief Paul Wolfe, steering his car toward pit road for a four-tire stop.

Kyle Busch and Justin Allgaier stayed out on old tires, while Jamie McMurray and Greg Biffle each took two. Busch led the field to green on Lap 251 with Allgaier beside him, McMurray on the inside of the second row and Keselowski alongside in fourth.

Biffle surged forward from the fifth spot, and by the time the cars reached Turn 3 on the next-to-last lap, Keselowski and Biffle had separated themselves from the pack. A lap later, Keselowski passed to the inside and ultimately crossed the finish line .261 seconds ahead of Biffle.

McMurray finished third, Busch fourth and Carl Edwards fifth. Keselowski extended his series lead to 59 points over seventh-place finisher Kevin Harvick.

The victory was Keselowski's second in as many weeks to go with last Sunday's victory at Talladega Super-speedway.

Top-10 points leaders after 9 of 35: 1. Keselowski-1469, 2. Harvick-1410, 3. Kyle Busch-1385, 4. Allgaier-1289, 5. Edwards-1266, 6. Logano-1228, 7. Menard-1191, 8. Biffle-1039, 9. Gaughan-976, 10. Scott-955

**Weekend Racing:** The Cup and Nationwide teams will be at the 1-mile Darlington Raceway for night races. The Camping World Trucks have the weekend off.

Fri., May 7, Nationwide Series Royal Purple 200, Starting time: 7:30 pm ET; TV: ESPN2.

Sat., May 8, Sprint Cup Southern 500, Starting time: 7:30 pm ET; TV: Fox.

**Racing Trivia Question:** Where is Brad Keselowski's hometown?

**Last Week's Question:** What series did Jimmie Johnson race in before moving to the Cup series? Answer: It was the NASCAR Busch Series, now known as the Nationwide Series.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at: hodgesnews@earthlink.net N(May5-G4)gg

## North Georgia Rapids update

Four members of the North Georgia Rapids Swim Team braved adverse weather conditions and traveled to Dalton, GA to compete in the 18th Annual "Mako Mania Swim Meet". Gracie Weldon, Megan Foster, Courtney Marshall and Tanner Gay represented the Rapids against eleven other teams, with a combined total of 250 swimmers.

The morning competition involved the team's younger swimmers. Gracie, swimming in the girls' eight and under age group earned four out of five personal best times in her races, barely missing a third place trophy by .5 seconds. She earned three ribbons and is eagerly looking forward to the summer season.

Megan swam two personal best times in her four races earning a heat winner ribbon in the 50 yd. breaststroke. Megan swims in the girls' ten and under age group which includes the largest number of swimmers with over forty competitors.

In the afternoon, Courtney and Tanner competed with the older swimmers. Courtney, whose birthday was also on race day, gave herself quite



a present. She won four trophies, a first and three seconds in her four events. All of her races were personal best times. Tanner, swimming in the senior division, also earned four trophies, taking two firsts and two second place trophies, missing a first place in the 100 yd. freestyle by .04 of a second. Tanner had two personal

best times.

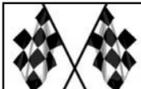
The team practices at the Blue Ridge Fitness Club's heated in-door pool which has recently undergone extensive renovation and is now one of the premier swimming facilities in North Georgia. For information about the swimming program, contact Barry Gay at (706) 835-1662. NT(May5,A2)SH

## Gray Panthers news

The Gray Panthers of the senior men's softball league, lost a pair of games to the fan-inn generals Sunday. Fannin took the first game 16-6 and the second game 10-9. In the opener the panthers were led by Vic Cascarano and Biff Lehman who both went 2 for 3 with Lehman knocking in a run with a triple. In the second game Ron Massucco was a one man show going 3 for 3 with a double and home run and knocking in 5 runs. Vic Cascarano had two more hits, as did DJ DeJoseph, Kurt Wederbrook and Ron Tomczyk. Vince Rizzitello had hit and an RBI in each game and Dave Wesche collected a single in each game. The Panthers are

off next week for Mother's Day but resume play May 16th with a double header against

Murphy. The Panthers are sponsored by Union Realty and Zaxby's. NT(May5,C2)ac



### Local Racing Action

By: Carl Vanzura



Hiawassee driver Dallas Manus won his feature Friday night at Tri-County Race Track.

Some got to race and some didn't.

Several tracks waited out the rain and some pulled the plug and went home. Those that waited out probably wish they didn't because the car count was down as well as the spectator count. Those that canceled were Tri-County and Cleveland with Hartwell not running as well.

David McCoy won at Toccoa with Young Harris racer Randy Nichols finishing third. At Livonia, Benji Cole took top honors. Derek Ellis won again at North Georgia Speedway on a super-fast track. Dixie Speedway opened their season with Tony Knowles winning. The World of Outlaw Series raced at Fayetteville, NC Friday night with Josh Richards taking the win. Ray Cook placed 12th and Jonathan Davenport had troubles and finished 22nd

out of the 36 cars entered. At Swainsboro, GA on Saturday, Tim McCreddie took home top honors as Ray Cook once again came in 12th and Davenport once again had problems with a 23rd finish.

The Southern Regional Racing Series, in which Blairsville driver Jacob Grizzle is leading the points, was scheduled to race at Tennessee National Speedway but was canceled. The next race for Grizzle will be Friday at Boyds Speedway and Saturday at Wartburg Speedway. Tri-County did get their go kart show in on Friday and Blair's Hunter Young picked up his winning ways with victory in Jr. Box Stock feature. Dallas Manus from Hiawassee won the Gold Plate feature. Tri-County runs go karts on Friday nights and stock cars on Saturday nights. Gates open at 4 p.m. TM(May5,C1)ac

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