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Towns County Parks and Recreation baseball and softball



Towns County Parks and Recreation baseball and softball seasons are well under way. Each team is averaging about two games a week. The games are attracting a crowd. The season is coming to a close. The Dizzy Dean District baseball tournaments are com-

ing up in mid-June. The girls' softball 14-and-under District Tournament will be hosted in Towns County on June 18. That's fast pitch softball at it's best, Parks and Recreation Director Wes Hooper said.



4 Players named All-Region in tennis

By Charles Duncan
TOWNS COUNTY HERALD
Four members of Towns County's tennis team have been named to the Class A All-Region team for Region 8.

Ginny Rhoades and Alexa Arencibia have been named to the first team All-Region team as voted on by the coaches. Mat Hogsed and Ethan Burch were named to the second team All-Region team following a solid season in doubles play.

The Lady Indians advanced to the state tournament after completing a stellar



Mat Hogsed named to All-Region Tennis Team

regular season and advancing through the Region Playoffs.

The Indians lost in the first round of the Region Playoffs.

New mural at the Towns County beach

The Towns County Recreation Park Beach has a new 9 ft x 20 ft wall mural painted by David Sellers.

Over a year ago a mural was started but never finished. Commissioner Kendall contacted David this spring to repaint the wall on the bath house adjacent to the beach on Lake Chatuge. The result is a beautiful mountain and lake scene.

A local business owner, David celebrated 35 years in business May the first of this year. He opened the first art gallery and picture frame shop in Towns County in 1975 and started the first private video production studio in 1993. His business, Appalachian Gallery is located on Thomastown Road across the street from the new athletic center at Young Harris College.



Painting mountain scenes for private collectors, businesses, and foundations is David's first love. His business also provides painting restoration and cleaning services, a picture framing studio and video

production services producing information videos, documentaries and commercials. Film and video transfers to DVD are also available.

To help promote the arts in the area, his video business

has produced 350 half hour Art in the Mountains programs for Windstream Cable Channel 4 in the past 15 years. The program airs Monday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. TMay26,HJ/SH

Local Racing Action

By: Carl Vanzura



Ricky Smith seems to like victory lane as he makes it two in a row.



Bobby Panter is a favorite to win this weeks Southeastern Sportsman Series \$1,200 to win feature.

Track was fast as Bobby Panter makes it two Late Model wins in a row

Bobby Panter made it two wins in a row in the super-fast Late Model class Saturday night at Brasstown's Tri-County Race track. "The track was in good shape tonight," stated Panter. "If the track is this good next Saturday when the Southeastern Sportsman Series come to town, expect some of the best racing you will see all year." Following Panter under the checkered flag were Jason Payne, Preston Crisp, Doug Sneed, Jonathan Crisp, Jr. Carswell and Danny Ledford who had engine problems.

The race of the night saw Copperhill driver Jason Deal and Murphy's Jacob Anderson duel side-by-side for the complete 25-lap GM Per-

formance feature, Deal on the high side and Anderson on the low side with Deal edging out the victory, his third in a row, by less than a car length. Tony Ledford, Wayne Wilborn and Kevin Bradshaw rounded out the top five.

Brasstown driver Greg Sudderth showed why he was last year's track champion when he went to the high side to move into the lead in the Cornwell Tools Modified Street feature for his first win this year. Rounding out the top five positions were Sammy Berrong, Brad Thomas, Mike Bryson and Heather Taylor.

It was two wins in a row for former track champion Ricky Smith out of Hiawassee when he pulled ahead of Josh Roberts, William Wren, Jeff Mashburn and Charles Tom-

Andrews driver Marty Clark took his second race of the season when he beat Shannon Jones, Doug Thompson and Matt Cordin.

Racing returns to Tri-County this coming Friday night with go karts and Saturday with the Southeastern Sportsman Series, a touring group that will see between 20 to 24 cars starting the \$1,200 to win event. All six classes are on the schedule.

Racing around the area saw Randy Weaver win the Southern All Stars race at Cleveland Speedway. Jonathan Davenport looked like he would be the driver to beat when he turned under the track record in hot laps. On his qualifying laps, he touched the wall and damaged the chassis and withdrew from the competition. Ethan Hunter won at Toccoa Speedway as the track re-open this week. Young Harris driver Randy Nichols finished sixth. Lee Sutton made it two in a row at Dixie Speedway. Royce Bray won at Hartwell Speedway. Scott Bloomquist won the Lucas Oil Series race at LaSalle Speedway Saturday while Ray Cook finished eighth out of the 48 cars entered. Boyds Speedway and Westminster Speedway fell to rain Friday night.

Former Union County Middle School student Chase Elliott started his new Aaron's 2010 Ford Mustang in the Sunoco National Tour series at Rockingham. He sat on the pole for the event and led every lap to post a win in his first race on a one-mile oval race track. The race, requiring the new-style Mustang and Camaro bodies, attracted only eight cars, with four finishing. TMay26,FO/SH

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Annual Senior Fishing Rodeo and Family Fishing Festival

Mark your calendars! Friends of Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery located on Rock Creek Road off GA Hwy. 60 near Suches, Georgia, will host a SENIORS FISHING RODEO on Friday, June 4, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The free event will be open to seniors ages 55 and older. There will be free lunch, t-shirts, prizes and lots of great fishing! Participants must register for free upon arrival and must bring their own fishing gear and bait.

The FAMILY FISHING FESTIVAL will be held

the next day, Saturday, June 5, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The Festival is being held in June again this year, rather than September. This free event is open to youth ages 16 and under. There will be free lunch, t-shirts, prizes, educational/environmental booths and a scavenger hunt. Participants must register for free upon arrival and must bring their own fishing gear and bait.

Rock Creek will be stocked with many beautiful Rainbow Trout. All Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations will apply. All other non-eligible

family members are welcome to fish after 12 noon each day for remaining stockers. Everyone come on out for the fun!

Friends of the Hatchery, a non-profit 501(c)3, Trout Unlimited and many other loyal volunteers make these events possible by offering volunteer time and/or funds payable through Friends of the Hatchery for lunch, t-shirts, prizes and educational supplies. For more information, please contact Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery at 706-838-4723. N(May26,Jun2,ZJ)/SH

NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter



Kurt Busch takes a reverse victory lap

KURT BUSCH TAKES ALL-STAR RACE
CHARLOTTE, NC -- Kurt Busch survived two late cautions and held off Martin Truex Jr. to win the Sprint All-Star Race for the first time.

"Way to go boys!" Busch shouted on the radio after taking the checkered flag. "A million cool ones—whoo!"

"Man, this car was a rocket ship at the end. This is huge. This is one of the big marquee events. We were able to dodge the wrecks and, ultimately, we had the fastest car when it counted."

Most of the action in the Saturday night extravaganza was packed into the final 10-lap segment, in which only green flag laps counted toward the total.

Joey Logano ran third, followed by Hamlin and Tony Stewart. Kevin Harvick, Brad Keselowski, Matt Kenseth,

Greg Biffle and Bobby Labonte completed the top 10 in the non-points race that paid \$1,028,309 to the winner.

Kurt Busch was well on his way to victory after completing Lap 98 of 100, but Kyle Busch bounced off the wall at the end of the tri-oval and clipped Kasey Kahne's Ford to cause the fifth caution of the night.

On the restart with two laps to go, Kurt Busch picked the outside lane and took the green flag with Jimmie Johnson beside him, followed by Logano and Hamlin. Busch pulled away again, but before the cars got back to the finish line, Johnson spun across the infield grass to put the race under yellow for the sixth time.

Busch then put the race away in the final two-lap dash. Hamlin and Kyle Busch were battling on Lap 93, with Busch getting a strong run to

the outside of the No. 11 Toyota. Hamlin moved up the track in front of his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate, and Busch hit the outside wall after running out of room.

After a blown tire sent Kyle Busch into the wall and then into Kahne, he drove to the garage, telling his crew on the radio that they needed to keep him away from Hamlin. After the race, Hamlin, Busch and team owner Joe Gibbs were closeted in the No. 11 transporter, according to a Twitter post from SceneDaily.com's Bob Pockrass.

After a 10-minute break between the third and final segments—during which crews could work on the cars but were not allowed to change tires—Johnson led the field back on the track and then to the pits for mandatory four-tire pit stops.

Hamlin was first off pit road, followed by Kyle Busch and Johnson. Mark Martin, Logano and Jamie McMurray followed in the next three positions when the field took the green flag for the final 10-lap shootout.

A wreck in the first corner, however, damaged eight cars and eliminated Martin, McMurray, David Reutimann, Jeff Gordon and Carl Edwards.

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