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Towns County Indian Raider band camp 2010



It's time for Indian Raider Marching Band Camps at Towns County!

Here is the schedule for Band Members: Percussion and Color Guard Camp: Thursday, July 22 to Friday, July 23, 2010, from 1-5 p.m. each day, at the high school.

Full Marching Band Camp: Report Monday, July 26, 2010 at 12:45 p.m. for rehearsals.

Each day from Monday till Thursday the schedule will

be 12:45-9 p.m., concluding the last day of band camp on Friday, July 30, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The marching band will be performing the show "LOVE ROCKS!" featuring the music of The Beatles, Journey, and much more!

The new and improved Towns County Band Boosters organization is coordinating much of the fundraising efforts for the band program. The Band Boosters will have a

booth set up during the Georgia Mountain Fair at the fairgrounds. Please come visit and support the band program. Donations are welcome!

The marching band is now under the direction of Daniel R. Isaacs. He is extremely excited to be a part of the Towns County Band family and equally excited about the new growth and determination of the band program.

Go Indian Raider Band! Go Indians! T01021,F21,SH

Road race to benefit digital mammography



Participants at the start of the 2009 'Two Hours from Anywhere' road race.

Murphy Medical Center Foundation is seeking sponsors for its twentieth annual 'Two Hours from Anywhere' 5K Challenge, two-mile Heart Walk and Kids' Fun Run. The September 18 event is a fundraiser supporting installation of a breast cancer detecting Digital Mammography Imaging System.

"Improved detection in women ages 40-50 and reduced radiation levels for all women are just two of the benefits of Digital Mammography. But it's a large capital expenditure; one that will be particularly difficult in this year in which we're projecting to provide \$12 million in uncompensated care to our patients," said Kathi Osborne, Foundation Director. "When businesses

and individuals donate to this event, they'll be helping the people of their own community for years to come," Osborne stated. "Folks can feel good about contributing to quality local healthcare by donating to the road race."

The non-profit hospital is accepting tax-deductible donations through the event date. To be included in event promotion materials, donations should be submitted by August 13.

"We're also looking forward to everyone showing up in strong force to run or walk to help bring this equipment to their community," said Osborne. "The registration fee, which includes a t-shirt for the participant, helps offset the cost of producing the event."

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the Nursing Home entrance at the rear of the hospital. Awards for top male and female runners and walkers in a range of age groups will be presented. A free Kids' Fun Run follows the adult challenge and all children will receive participation trophies.

The pledge form and registration form for the 'Two Hours from Anywhere' event are available in the lobbies and cafeteria at Murphy Medical Center and online under 'News' at www.murphy-medical.org. For more information about sponsoring or participating, contact Osborne at 835-7506. Participants at the start of the 2009 'Two Hours from Anywhere' road race. NT01021,X2,SH

Buy raffle tickets now for festival raf-

Well known wildlife photographer Ted Cooper recently donated one of his original wildlife photographic prints to the High Country Artisans. This beautiful photo print, approximately 3 x 4 foot, will be raffled off during the upcoming Butternut Creek Festival. The painting is currently on display at Gallery on the Main (next to the Ware Chevrolet).

Lowe's of Murphy also donated a great raffle item. This Grill Master will be a great addition to some lucky winner's backyard patio or deck!

Tickets are available now for \$1.00 donations (\$5.00 donations receive 7 tickets). Two winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, July 25, 2010 at

2:30 p.m. during the 2nd day of the festival. Winners need not be present to win but MUST be available by phone from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2010 to make arrangements for pick up OR the next name will be drawn. Winners should claim prizes at the pavilion in Meek's Park by 4:00 p.m. that same Sunday since prizes cannot be shipped.

Tickets are currently on sale at Carol Moore Demme's Gallery on the Main located at 3073 Chevy Drive at Main Street USA. Please call (706) 897-7692 for directions. Tickets will be on sale during the festival or may also be purchased from HCA members Barbara Cone, Ellen & Roger Gerber,

Carol Anne & Gene Harrison, Marilyn Jobe, Linda Karmgard, Sharry Morrison, Dione & Larry Outlaw, Phyllis & Sam Reina, Berta & Richard Saberton, Madeline & Robert Scoda, Judy & Mike Smith, Judy & Robert Snow, Linda Wimmers, Mark Wingertsahn, and Karen & Francis Moates.

HCA is a 501c3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. To contact photographer Ted Cooper, please call (706) 268-3778. For more information about the Butternut Creek Arts & Crafts Festival or High Country Artisans, Inc., please call (706) 781-1221 and leave a message or visit www.butternutcreekfestival.com. N01021,SC1



Grill Master donated by Lowes of Murphy



Photo print by Ted Cooper

VFW Golf League news

The format for play day on Thursday, July 15th was the "C" Scramble. This format was a challenge with everyone having to take two drives on all par 4's and one drive on a par 5 and par 3. The remaining two par 4's were Captains choose as to the drive taken on these two holes. Then all had to play their own ball in and the lowest score was taken on each hole.

The winning team for the day was, Jim Taylor, Robert Lyle and Ray Ward with a score of 74 coming in only 2 over par.

Free diabetes workshop at Chatuge Regional Hospital Thursday, July 29th

Dealing with diabetes? Head in the right direction. Being told that you have diabetes can leave you with questions. Where can you get information? What should you look for? What changes should you make to your diet? Get some answers.

Call now about this free workshop. Find out how to manage your diabetes and plan

meals better. Have your questions answered by a diabetes expert. Work in groups for a fun, interactive learning experience. Learn the importance of checking your blood sugar and what the results mean.

The workshop will take place at Chatuge Regional Hospital on Thursday, July 29 at 6 PM. Call 877-532-4545 to sign up. Space is limited!

NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

EDWARDS BANGS BY KESELOWSKI FOR WIN

Carl Edwards prevailed over Brad Keselowski in a wild green-white-checked finish to get the win in Saturday night's Nationwide Series race.

"I just couldn't let him take the win from me," said Edwards. "My guys work way too hard for that."

The fireworks-type finish was set up on the restart of lap 198 of the 200-lap race. Keselowski was on the pole and Edwards was on the outside. After one lap, Edwards was slightly ahead of Keselowski, but Keselowski drifted up and into the rear of Edwards No. 60 right after the white flag was given.

"We had a great restart," continued Edwards. "We came here to win and he took it from us there in Turn 1."

Edwards regained control and the two drivers raced side-by-side for most of the final lap. With Keselowski edging ahead as the cars approached the stripe, Edwards turned Keselowski's Dodge, igniting a multicar pileup on the frontstretch.

"I had to do what I had to do," said Edwards. "Maybe one day he'll learn he can't do things like that and get away with it."

Keselowski's take on what happened was entirely different.

"He turned left into me and wrecked me on purpose," Keselowski said. "I gave him the lane, and he still wrecked me. ... I figured out a way to beat him. He wasn't happy with me, so he wrecked me. Wrecking down the straightaway is never cool, whether it's at 200 mph or 120. I'm sorry that's the way it had to end."

Nationwide Series director Joe Balash attributed the final-lap crash to hard racing.

"I think at the last lap there was a lot of hard racing going on," Balash said. "There was some movement on the racetrack. It was a tough finish for a really great race."

Reed Sorenson finished second.

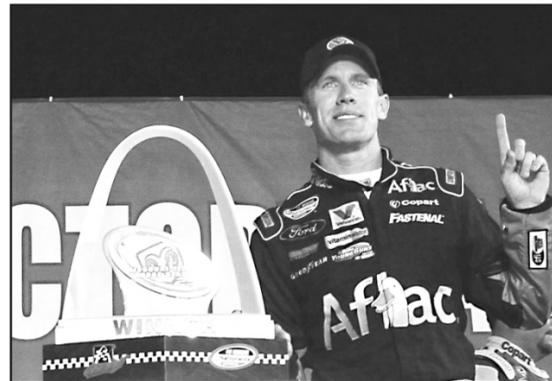
"I really couldn't see what happened," said Sorenson. "We're all racing for the win. The 60 car (Edwards) got into the right-rear of the 22 (Keselowski). I couldn't tell what was going to happen, I just was hoping I could beat them to the finish line."

Polesitter Trevor Bayne ran third, Paul Menard came home fourth, followed by Steve Wallace. Brian Scott, Colin Braun, Josh Wise, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Tony Raines completed the top 10.

Top-10 points leaders after 19 of 35: 1. Keselowski-3042, 2. Edwards-2874, 3. Allgaier-2545, 4. Kyle Busch-2486, 5. Harvick-2434, 6. Menard-2367, 7. S. Wallace-2204, 8. Gaughan-2127, 9. Logano-2108, 10. Lefler-2088

HARVICK IS TRUCK WINNER

Kevin Harvick rolled to his third Camping World Truck Series victory in four starts this



season, winning the Camping-World 200.com at Gateway International Raceway on Saturday.

He now has seven victories in his past 12 Truck Series starts dating to 2008.

Top-10 points leaders after 11 of 25: 1. Bodine-1715, 2. Almirola-1614, 3. Sauter-1519, 4. Peters-1510, 5. Skinner-1456, 6. Hornaday-1454, 7. Dillon-1434, 8. Crafton-1418, 9. Starr-1390, 10. White-1369

KENSETH NEEDS THE RIGHT ANSWERS

Frustration. Disbelief. Disappointment. These are just a few of the emotions swirling through the minds of Matt Kenseth and his No. 17 Roush Ford teammates.

The 2003 Cup champion is having a terrible year, and needs some good answers.

After winning the first two races of the 2009 season, Kenseth's season went downhill. He wasn't one of the 12 Chase drivers. Instead, the team that once carried the banner for Roush Fenway Racing, in its quest to knock off its rivals at Hendrick Motorsports wasted the strong start, collapsing amidst a career-worst slump.

The lackluster performance and 14th-place finish in the standings might be easier to take if you could glance at the stat sheet and see one glaring problem, like repeat mechanical failures or bad luck getting caught up in wrecks. But other than two engine issues, that wasn't the case with Kenseth.

During the off last season, the team dug deep to find the solutions.

But the answers haven't arrived, yet.

"I'm disappointed, but we just haven't performed," Kenseth said. "Yeah, there were some mistakes here and there, and there were some points left on the table, but you can say that every year. Basically, we didn't perform, and we need to figure out why — because none of our cars really run the way they should."

Is it Kenseth, his crew chief, race team, or make of car?

In an order to end the 53-race winless streak, Kenseth's team is now on their fourth crew chief in less than two years.

Chip Bolin, Drew Blickensderfer, Todd Parrott, and Jimmy Fennig are rated among the best crew chiefs in the business.

Not only is Kenseth and his team frustrated, but Ford is equally frustrated. The only

Ford wins this season were by Carl Edwards and they came in the Nationwide Series.

So if it isn't Kenseth, his crew chiefs, or Ford, just what is the problem?

"I think that if Jack (Roush) had the answer, he'd fix it," continued Kenseth. "I don't think any of us have the answer right now. We all have our different ideas and theories. The people running the place don't like mine, so we will just keep going the way we're going and hope it gets better."

I'm betting that before long, Kenseth, Roush, Ford and whoever the crew chief is will stumble upon the right combination, and Kenseth will be back on top.

I say that because, I believe Kenseth and the Jack Roush organization are top notch and are capable of coming up with the right solution.

Weekend Racing: It's on to Indianapolis for all three NASCAR series'. The Nationwide and Truck teams race on the .686-mile Indy Raceway Park, while the Cup cars are at the 250,000 seat, 2.5-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

In 1994, NASCAR Sprint Cup Series racing made its debut at IMS. That contentious early rivalry spawned what has turned out to be the happiest of unions. The inaugural Brickyard 400 hosted the largest crowd ever to witness a NASCAR event, and has now become one of the most highly anticipated events of the entire racing season.

The winners' list includes names like Earnhardt, Jarrett, Gordon, Elliott and Stewart. This year, a new name could join that list of notables, or a repeat winner could once again lower his face to those bricks to kiss his gritty but beautiful bride. Who knows?

Fri., July 23, Camping World Trucks AAA Insurance 200, race 12 of 25; Starting time: 8 pm ET; TV: Speed.

Sat., July 24, Nationwide Kroger 200, race 20 of 35; Starting time: 8 pm ET; TV: ESPN2.

Sun., July 25, Sprint Cup Brickyard 400, race 20 of 36; Starting time: 1 pm ET; TV: ESPN.

Racing Trivia Question: Who was the winner of the inaugural Brickyard 400?

Last Week's Question: What color is Todd Bodine's hair? **Answer:** He has no hair, because he keeps his head clean shaven. He did tell me that as a boy he had black hair.

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Glenda Gooch House Golf Classic at Owen Glen

Glenda Gooch House Golf Classic announces sponsors, golf spots still available

The inaugural Glenda Gooch House Golf Classic to be played on Saturday, August 7, 2010, on Old Union golf course at Owen Glen has announced its sponsors.

United Community Bank, Owen Glen and Old Union have committed significant support to the golf tournament. Café Portofino is the sponsor for the Friday, August 6th, Kick-off Party.

DH Communications is the cart sponsor. Mountain View Homes will sponsor the score cards. Other corporate sponsors include: American's Home Place, ETC, North Georgia Ford, Smith & Boemanns, Davenport Transportation, Rick's Rental and O'Reilly Auto Parts.

A very special thank

you to our other sponsors The Home Depot, The Flower Garden, Hughes Service, Crane Creek Vineyard, Sear Roebuck & Co, and Head Westgate.

Mountain Valley Motors has provided a 2010 Dodge Challenger that will be awarded for a hole-in-one on Hole #16.

The tournament is a fund-raiser for the Glenda Gooch House in Blairsville which offers free accommodations to the families of patients at Union General Hospital or Union County Nursing Home.

Golf spots are still available for the 18-hole scramble tournament to be played on the 7,667-yard layout created by Denis Griffiths.

The entry fee of \$100 per golfer includes: golf and cart, continental breakfast, box lunch on the course, and an awards party following play. Golfers and their guests will also attend a gala kick-off

party on Friday evening, August 6th, with live and silent auctions, music, lowcountry boil dinner and beverages, at no additional charge.

"We are so grateful that our community has supported this wonderful event for the Glenda Gooch House," said Jeanne Tallent and Yvonne Redd, co-founders of the Glenda Gooch House.

"We know that all participants are in for a great day of golf, delicious food and beverage, festivities, entertainment and fun."

Glenda Gooch, a native of Blairsville, received a heart transplant at age 8 and passed away from heart failure in 2008 at the age 22. The Glenda Gooch House was established to honor her memory by providing free accommodations to patients' families. Since opening, over 90 families have stayed here.

Tournament volunteers are continuing to seek corporate sponsors, hole sponsors and donations for a live and silent auctions.

Golfers may sign up as a single, couple, trio or foursome. For information or a registration form, contact Kim Warren at Owen Glen. Telephone is 706-835-9420 or email kwarren@owenglen.com. N01021,Y2,SH