

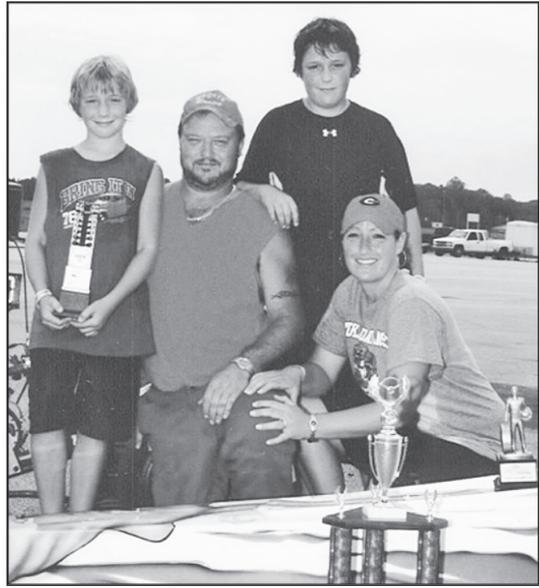
# Towns County Sports

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## Rogers Brothers win big at Atlanta Dragway



The Rogers family at Atlanta Dragway

July 17th was National Dragster challenge which happens once a year at every NHRA-sanctioned track. The winner in each division wins a "Wally". A "Wally" is a gold statue of Wally Parks, the founder of NHRA. A "Wally" is a very coveted prize, with the number of members probably owning a "Wally" being in the 1000s.

The morning starts out with both kids red lighting. Dalton and Blaine, not good. I was aggravated and frustrated and gave them a stern lecture about why we were there. Qualifying starts. Guess what? Blaine's on pole and starts No. 1. But five rounds later when the race was over, Dalton is

receiving his "Wally". Proud mama and papa, yes. I've won a couple of races in my time, but seeing your son being presented a "Wally" is priceless! Even better, one week later, we return to Atlanta Dragway. After all from other kids on winning the "Wally," Blaine sits on pole again. Wow! Four rounds later, Dalton is in winner's circle, again, two weeks in a row. Proud mama and papa, you bet.

Daulton went from 13th in points to 3rd in two races, but now is the time for football for both Blaine and Daulton. So maybe we can go from qualifying on pole and winning races, to sacks and touchdowns. NT(Aug18,H2)SH



Blaine Rogers



Daulton Rogers

## Gray Panthers

The Gray Panthers lost a pair of close games to the Fanin Generals this past Sunday, 14-13 and 21-19. The Panthers were led by DJ DeJoseph who was a perfect 6 for 6. Ron Masuccio was 6 for 7 with a double and triple, Vince Rizzitello was 5 for 6 and Bobby Pittman was 5 for 7. Vic Cascarano, Davey Jones, Steve Robitaille and Syd Garrett had 4 hits each. Ron Tomczyk and Tyree Dietz had 3 hits apiece. The Gray Panthers would like to thank their sponsors, Union Realty and Jock's Sporting Goods for their continued support. NT(Aug18,C1)ac

## Fuzion Dance Company performs

The Fuzion Dance Company, having completed their award winning second season, has appeared throughout the community this summer at several events. Earlier this summer, they performed at benefit programs for the Peacock Playhouse and the Towns County Food Pantry. This past Saturday they brought their exciting style to the Hayesville Town Square for their annual Family Fun Fest.

If you missed these performances, the Fuzion Dance Company will be appearing at Young Harris' first Arts Festival on Sunday, August 29th in Mayors Park, and also at the end of September on the square in Hiawassee at "Summer's Last Kiss." The members of the Company come from all parts of our community including Towns, Union, Cherokee & Clay Counties and have been working hard all summer to be able to present fresh and exciting choreography to our performances throughout our



L-R: Easton Payne, Lindy Hollingshead, Ginny Rhoads, Sarina Kurrimbukus, Taylor Vardeman, Katherine Buck, Ansley Vardeman and Caitlin Sheffield.

communities. We always welcome the opportunity to support our community at local events, whether we're dancing on grass or pavement, but you won't want to miss the chance to see them on stage in full costume and make-up in October at their annual Halloween Fright Night performance. Fright Night will feature thrilling variety of dance styles including Modern, Jazz, tap,

Hip-Hop, Ballet, Pointe, Lyrical & Contemporary. We hope that you will be able to join us this fall for this exciting program! Watch for more information as the date approaches.

If you are considering dance classes for your student, this is a great time to enroll. Call or visit Brasstown Dance academy for information about classes from beginner to expert. NT(Aug18-G2)gg

## Carolina Christian 2nd annual golf tournament

Carolina Christian Academy will be holding their 2nd annual golf tournament on Saturday, August 21, at The Ridges Golf Course. The tournament will begin at 8:30 AM with a shotgun start. Tournament highlights: Four-man select shot, Hole-in one, Closest to the pin (on all par 3s).

Longest drive, Putting contest, Chipping contest, Door prizes, \$5000 in cash and prizes: 1st - \$1000, 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$250. Participant package: \$350 per team of 4 includes: 4 mulligans (1 per player), 50/50 contest, Closest to pin, Entry into the chipping and putting contest and lunch. TA(Aug18,F1)SH

## VFW Golf League news

The format for league play on August 12 was the "a" Scramble. Another real hot day with a hot team coming in first.

The team of Jim Taylor, Myron Grizio, Glen Greenwald and Frank Geddings came in with a score of 66, -6 under par. TA(Aug18,F2)SH

## NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter



Kevin Harvick, winner of Sunday's Michigan Cup race. *Furnished by NASCAR*

### Happy Harvick gets third win

Kevin Harvick powered past Denny Hamlin late in Sunday's Sprint Cup Carfax 400 to capture his third win of the season.

"This has been a very bad track for us," said Harvick. "We had a good car in practice, and a lot of work by the team got us here. The car just kept getting better and better. It was fun being able to pass and beat all those other guys."

Hamlin's runner-up finish moved him up from sixth to third in Chase points.

"This team needed to get back in the swing of things," said Hamlin. "The 29-car was stroking down the backstretch, no way I could keep up with him. We've just got to continue fixing little things as they happen to get back into our real form."

Carl Edwards finished third, followed by Greg Biffle, who led the most laps.

"It was a pretty good race for us," said Biffle. "I got a weird set of tires about midway of the race, and after adjusting, we never got the car back to where it was."

Matt Kenseth was the fifth-place finisher, followed by Tony Stewart, Juan Montoya, Martin Truex, Elliott Sadler, and Joey Logano.

Logano's car got loose early in the race and slid up the track into the No. 39 driven by Ryan Newman. After the race ended, Newman was seen talking with Logano, and then giving him a shove.

"I was just taken out," said Newman. "That's all it was."

Mark Martin got into several minor accidents during the race. He finished 28th and dropped from 12th to 13th in points.

"I don't know what happened to our car a couple times," said Martin. "I was a little aggressive, and got into some scrapes. We might go down, but we're going down swinging."

Top-15 Chase contenders after 23 of 26 races: 1. Harvick-3400, 2. J. Gordon-3107, 3. Hamlin-3047, 4. Stewart-3020, 5. Johnson-3014, 6. Edwards-2986, 7. Burton-2986, 8. Kyle Busch-2975, 9. Kenseth-2961, 10. Kurt Busch-2935, 11. Biffle-2913, 12. Bowyer-2755, 13. Martin-2720, 14. Newman-2652, 15. McMurray-2650

Note: Only the top-12 drivers will qualify for the 10-race Chase.

### Keselowski takes Nationwide race

Brad Keselowski won the CARFAX 250 at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday in dominating fashion.

"This one was even harder," Keselowski said. "We lost our clutch and ruined the burnout."

He took the lead on a late-race restart with only eight laps to go, and pulled away.

With his win in 2009, Keselowski became the first driver in MIS history to win back-to-back Nationwide Series races at MIS.

It was the fourth Nationwide victory of the season and 10th of his career for Keselowski, who holds a dominant lead in the series points standings.

Edwards took second by inches over Kyle Busch's No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota. Justin Allgaier was fourth in a second Penske Dodge, while Edwards' teammate Paul Menard was fifth.

Danica Patrick finished 27th in her first appearance at MIS since 2007.

"It was really hard to drive in the beginning," she said. "It was just really, really loose. I don't know why. It never felt that loose in practice. ... It took some significant adjustments to get it back in the ballpark where I could actually maintain pace."

"I'm really disappointed overall."

Her next scheduled NASCAR event will be September 25th at Dover.

It was the second race for NASCAR's new Nationwide car, which made its debut at Daytona in July.

Top-10 points leaders after 23 of 35: 1. Keselowski-3904, 2. Edwards-3357, 3. Kyle Busch-3201, 4. Allgaier-3059, 5. Harvick-2908, 6. Menard-2892, 7. S. Wallace-2735, 8. Bayne-2571, 9. Gaughan-2497, 10. Lefler-2450

### Bodine wins, increases point lead

Todd Bodine got his second consecutive Truck series win in Saturday night's Too Tough To Tame 200 at Darlington Raceway.

"We've got it going on," Bodine said. "[We're] fast every week. I wasn't on a Sunday drive; I knew I had to go with Timmy behind me. He was tough."

Timothy Peters, Ron Hornaday Jr., Johnny Sauter, and rookie Austin Dillon completed the top-five.

Bodine has a 231 point lead over Aric Almirola with 10 races left in the season.

Top-10 points leaders: 1. Bodine-2383, 2. Almirola-2152, 3. Peters-2136, 4. Sauter-2115, 5. Dillon-2060, 6. Hornaday-2045, 7. Carfatto-2044, 8. Skinner-1951, 9. Starr-1900, 10. White-1788

### Roush back at the track

NASCAR team owner

Jack Roush was at the Michigan track Friday, having permanently lost vision in his left eye, but otherwise feeling lucky to have survived.

Roush, who crashed his jet just over two weeks ago while trying to land at an air show in Wisconsin, said he ruptured his left eyeball in the crash and doesn't expect to ever be able to see out of it again. "Everything will come back, except for the eye," he told reporters at Michigan International Speedway. Roush then joked that he uses his right eye to examine spark plugs anyway.

"It was basically a landing accident, based on a conflict in airspace with another airplane. After I'd been given clearance to land at Oshkosh, Wisconsin," continued Roush.

Roush said he was not comfortable with the traffic when he was instructed to land.

"I was put in conflict with the flight plan of another airplane close to the ground, and I was unable to address the conflict and keep the airplane flying," Roush said. "I ground-looped the airplane."

"I think it's very likely that I'll be able to fly. I've got to get recovered. I have to go through my recovery. Wiley Post was a one-eyed pilot, and there's no restriction. Maybe if you're an airline pilot you can't have one eye. There's not a reason I can't fly with one eye."

In addition to his eye injury, Roush said he broke his jaw, sustained a compression fracture in his back and hurt his left cheek.

Three of his drivers are in the hunt for this year's Chase for the Championship.

Carl Edwards is sixth, followed by Matt Kenseth (ninth) and Greg Biffle (11th).

**Weekend Racing:** With only three races to go before the Chase begins, the Cup, Nationwide and Camping World Series will be at the .54-mile Bristol Speedway.

Wed., Aug. 18, Camping World Trucks, race 16 of 25; Starting time: 7:30 p.m. ET; TV: Speed.

Fri., Aug. 20, Nationwide Series, race 24 of 35; Starting time: 7 p.m. ET; TV: ESPN.

Sat., Aug. 21, Sprint Cup Irwin Tools 500, race 24 of 36; Starting time: 7:30 p.m. ET; TV: ABC.

**Racing Trivia Question:** Richard Petty leads all drivers with 200 career Cup wins. Who has the second most wins?

**Last Week's Question:** Ken Schrader continues to race in the Truck series at the age of 55. What year did he win the Sprint Cup rookie of the year? Answer: He earned rookie of the year honors in 1985.

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## Local Racing Action

By: Carl Vanzura

### Bobby Panter only led two laps as he wins Mid-Season championship



Photo: Kenny Garrett and driver Bobby Panter took the trophy and extra money for winning the Mid-Season Championship at Tri-County.

Peacree's Jamie Oliver and Copperhill driver Jason Payne set on the inside and outside pole in Saturday's Mid-Season Late Model Sportsman feature as both took a turn leading the race until Oliver lost a drive shaft, putting him out for the night. Payne had a car length lead as Morganton's Bobby Panter tried high and low to move to the front of the pack. On the 28th lap, Panter edged past Payne as they blasted under the white flag and held on to the checkers. Doug Sneed, Jacob Anderson, Oliver, Preston Crisp and Josh Morrow rounded out the field.

Copperhill's Jason Deal beat Kurt English and Tony Ledford across the finish line to win the GM Performance Late Model feature. Copperhill youngster

Heather Taylor won her first feature of the year in the Cornwell Tools main event as it was a photo finish over points leader Greg Sudderth. Sammy Berrong, Frank Brzozowski and Floyd Self rounded out the top five.

The Street Stock feature saw Andrews drive Josh Roberts come from the back of the field to out distance Charles Toomey, Jeremy Woody, who led most of the feature and Harold Garrett.

Sylva's Justin Woodard won the Mini Stock feature for the third week in a row in his Toyota over Mark Jones, Joshua Cordin and Gary Wilkins.

On schedule this Saturday night will be the \$3,000 to win Southern Regional Racing Series Super Late Model show. The series could bring

any where between 15 to 30 cars to the popular clay oval in Brasstown.

Reports from area tracks were a little hard to get this week. Weather played a big part as a lot of tracks cancelled because of rain or the threat of it. Cleveland Speedway cancelled early Saturday and I could find nothing on Dixie Speedway, Lavonia Speedway and Toccoa Speedway. Boyds Speedway fought off the bad weather Friday night and saw Rick Hixson take the main event. Another track that got their Friday night show in was Westminster Speedway where Jonathan Davenport won the Fastrack feature. Ronnie Johnson won at North Georgia as David Payne took second place in the SRRS feature. Jacob Grizzle came in with an 11th place finish and is tied with Tony Morris for the points lead going into Saturday night's race at Tri-County. Johnny Chastain finished in 20th place. Shannon Bearden driving Randy Shope's car ran second in the Limited feature. Jamie Lunsford placed fourth. In the \$50,000 to win North/South race in Florence, KY, Jimmy Owens was the winner which saw local racer Ray Cook finish fifth out of the 71 cars entered. NT(Aug18,C1)ac

## 2010 Youth coed basketball

The Towns County Recreation Department will begin registration for The Youth Coed Basketball League for children ages 5 thru 7. (Must turn 5 by November 1st of 2010 to be eligible).

Boys and girls will be placed together on teams. Teams will have volunteer coaches who will lead, teach and direct their team.

Registration will begin on August 23rd and run thru Saturday September 4th.

Fee for the program will be \$25 per child (this includes a uniform). You must register your child and volunteer to coach during this period.

For more information contact the Recreation Department at (706) 896-2600 Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. till 9 p.m. And Saturday 9 a.m. till 7 p.m. TA(Aug18,F1)SH

## Georgia Guitar Quartet concert

Brasstown Concert Association will present the Georgia Guitar Quartet on Sunday, September 12 at 2:30 p.m. in a high energy performance of repertoire ranging from classical to rock to original compositions. The concert will be held at Keith House, John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC.

No reservations are required. Adult tickets are \$15, student tickets are \$7. For information contact brasstownconcertnews@gmail.com. NT(Aug18-G2)gg

## Rock N' Roll Festival for soccer



The Mountain United Soccer Association is hosting the second annual Rock N' Roll Festival at Meeks Park on August 28 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The bands performing at this time are The High Five Band and Sundown. It will be a lot of fun. This is an outdoor event so everyone bring your

lawn chair or blanket. Food will be available. The proceeds will benefit the soccer association.

Advance tickets are available for \$4 or \$5 at the event.

For more information contact the association at 706-745-7865. NT(Aug18,A5)SH

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