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achievement that he has never received is enshrinement into the NFL Hall of Fame, for what many consider a 10-year Hall-of-Fame career. It's a fact that has led many of the game's greatest players to question the Hall of Fame selection process.

Former Falcons' All-Pro quarterback Steve Bartkowski once told a reporter that Nobis was the greatest Falcon of all time, both on and off the field. He meant it and spoke it from the bottom of his heart.

Nobis cites as one of

his greatest achievements, the development of the Tommy Nobis Center. The center provides youth and adults, with disabilities, job training and employment services.

Through his good works, Nobis was once honored as the NFL Man of the Year. Currently the Falcons' vice president of corporate development, Nobis has been a member of the organization, in the front office and on the field, for more than 40 years.

"I just want to wish you all the best," Nobis said.

"The best years of your life are ahead of you. Your four years in high school, and then college, are the most important years to develop yourself as the person you will be for the rest of your life."

"Be prepared for life," he said. "That's one of the things that I love about football, it prepares you for the road ahead."

"I just want to wish you all the best with the remaining three games in the season," he said. "I honestly believe y'all will finish it up the way it's truly supposed to be played."

Fall Festival...from page 1A

Percy Sledge's show was one of pomp and circumstance. The show consisted of Sledge's memorable songs from yesteryear, including some of his legendary hits like *When a Man Loves a Woman* and *Whiter Shade of Pale*.

The crowd cheered as Sledge broke into his classic song *Whiter Shade of Pale*. However, the moment that got the most cheers is when the crowd stood for Sledge's performance of his biggest hit, *When a Man Loves a Woman*. After the show, many flocked to the stage, in hopes of shaking Sledge's hand.

Marty Stuart's show was a lively one as well. His hits including *Tempted*, *Farmer's Blues*, and *Hill-billy Rock*, all big crowd pleasers.

On Monday, Connie Smith wowed the crowd with songs that included her biggest hit, *Once a Day*, talking about her longing for her man's love. She closed her show with *It's a Sin to Tell a Lie*.

Also during the week, the Quebe Sisters from Fort Worth, Texas features Grace, Sophia and Hulda. Each sister plays the fiddle, together, they sing three-

part harmony. They perform Western Swing, Bluegrass, vintage Country and Jazz.

Those attending the performance seemed quite surprised that the three darlings from Texas had that much music in them, but they did. The sisters are promoting their latest album, *Timeless*.

The music itinerary wouldn't be complete without the amazing Tams, which delighted a crowd that even joined them on stage for a dance session.

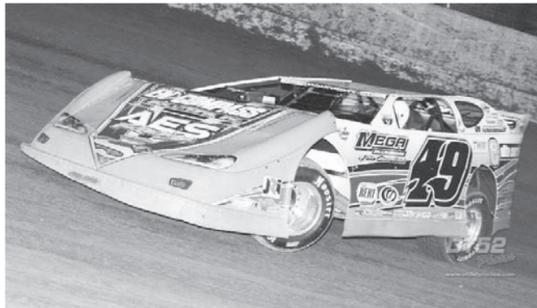
Undoubtedly, the 2010 Georgia Mountain Fall Fest will not be one that is soon forgotten.



Local Racing Action

By: Carl Vanzura

Davenport and Grizzle have a good weekend



Jonathan Davenport picked up \$17,000 Saturday in West Virginia

Jonathan Davenport and Jacob Grizzle had a good weekend when both were rewarded for efforts at different dirt tracks. The two Blairsville drivers saw a \$10,000 victory for Davenport and a second place finish in the SRRS points championship and the 2010 Rookie of the Year title for Grizzle.

Davenport race to a fourth place finish in the \$50,000 to win Dirt Track World Championship at West Virginia Motor Speedway taking home \$7,000 for his effort in the race won by Earl Person JR. He then climbed in to his Fastrak Crate car and proceeded to win that \$10,000 feature.

Grizzle raced in the Southeastern Regional Racing Series seasonal final Saturday night at Cleveland Speedway where his 13th place finish locked up his second place standing in the points and his Rookie of the Year title. An-

thony Burroughs edged out Grizzle for the points championship as Riley Hickman won the race. Ray Cook ran third after leading early in the event.

Benji Cole edge out Hiawasse's Danny Ledford and Young Harris's Randy Nichols Saturday night at Toccoa Speedway on a cold night in the Super Late Model feature. Parker Herring won the Southeast Sportsman feature and Hiawasse's Kevin Bradshaw took a strong 10th place finish at a track that he very seldom races at.

Skip Arp won the Volunteer Racing Series at Boyds Speedway Friday night and Ray Cook was third. Casey Roberts won the Carolina Clash main event at Screven Speedway. The Volunteer Racing Series will wind up their season this Saturday night at Timmy Millwood's North Georgia Speedway in Chatsworth. NT(Oct20,C2)ac



Jacob Grizzle is the Rookie of the Year on the SRRS circuit for 2010

Youth basketball registration at Rec Department

The Towns County Recreation Department is having youth Basketball registration through Saturday, October 23, 2010. You may register your child at the Towns County Recreation Department. Our hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. til 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. till 7 p.m. Fee for the program will be \$45.

Age divisions will be 10 and under divisions (8,9 & 10 year olds) 12 & under divisions (11 & 12 year olds), and 14 and under divisions (13 & 14 year olds). This is for both male and female.

For more information please contact the Towns County Recreation Department at (706) 896-2600. TO(Oct20,F)SH

Appalachian Duplicate Bridge Club news

On Monday, October 11, nine full tables played a Mitchell movement at All Saints Lutheran Church in Blairsville, GA with the following results: North-South, first, Joan and Joe Lane; second, Marilyn Bulkley and Joyce Tyson; third, Anne Mincey and Sally Miller; and fourth, Kitty Tomkinson and Lorraine Klug.

First place East-West went to Joyce Geiger and Pat Mosteller; second, Frank Holland and Martha Brewer; third, Carolyn Neighbors and Gloria Hoffman; and fourth, Richard King and Ned Cahill.

On Thursday, October 14, seven full tables played a Mitchell movement. First, North-South, Joe and Joan Lane; second, Mary Stoll and Myrna Ponkauskas; and third, Jim Bell and Gwen Weaver.

East-West, first, Frank Holland and David Turner; second, Kitty Tomkinson and Marilyn Demers; and third, Richard King and Ned Cahill.

It was great having Anita Lippman playing with us this afternoon. Hopefully she will join us more often. The club plays every Monday and Thursday at All Saints and would welcome any interested bridge players to join them. For partners or information, please call Dorothy Smith at 706-745-1532. NO(Oct15,Z6)CA

Prostate Cancer Support group

No man needs to face prostate cancer alone. The Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month from 5-6 PM in the auditorium of the Cancer Treatment Center in Blairsville. This is an open discussion, educational and sharing meeting. There are no dues or fees. Contact the American Cancer Society 800-ACS-2345 or www.cancer.org. Steve Sloan 706-896-1064 or Dick Dillenbeck at 706-745-9767 for more information. TO(Oct20,F)SH

NASCAR 2010

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

McMurray night at Charlotte

The night belonged to Jamie McMurray.

Jamie McMurray drove by Kyle Busch with 21 laps to go after a restart on lap 314 of the 335-lap Bank of America 500 at Charlotte Saturday night, and went on to win his third Cup race of the season.

"It was just our night," McMurray said. "Our car was unbelievable those last 25 or 30 laps. It was effortless to drive and had a lot of speed in it."

Busch had dominated the event, leading a race-high 217 of 334 laps, but McMurray was closing in on Busch's rear bumper when the ninth and final caution waved on lap 310. When the race went green on lap 313, McMurray made his race-winning pass around Busch off Turn 2 and never looked back, crossing the finish line 1.866 seconds ahead of Busch.

"He was faster than me and he beat us. Nothing to it but that. Just didn't quite have it at the end. I gave it up two nights in a row," said Busch, who suffered another late-race disappointment when Brad Keselowski won Friday night's Nationwide race at Charlotte.

Jimmie Johnson and Denny Hamlin, both dodged trouble and finished third and fourth, respectively, to set up a showdown Oct. 24 at Martinsville, a short track the two drivers have dominated the past four years.

Greg Biffle finished fifth, and Matt Kenseth, Joey Logano, Kevin Harvick, David Reutimann and David Ragan completed the top-10.

Pole-sitter Jeff Gordon had his share of trouble. On Lap 191, one of Gordon's batteries failed, and he lost a lap while switching to a second battery. Gordon got a free pass back to the lead lap after the caution flew for Marcos Ambrose spin, but he struggled the rest of the way.

Last week's winner, Tony Stewart came home 21st and lost touch with the championship battle. He and Kyle Busch are tied for fifth in the standings, 177 points behind Johnson.

Chase leaders after 31 of 36: 1. Johnson-5843, 2. Hamlin-5802, 3. Harvick-5766, 4. J. Gordon-5687, 5. Kyle Busch-5666, 6. Stewart-5666, 7. Edwards-5643, 8. Biffle-5618, 9. Kurt Busch-5606, 10. Burton-5604, 11. Kenseth-5587, 12. Bowyer-5543

KESELOWSKI GETS CHARLOTTE NATIONWIDE WIN

Brad Keselowski picked up his first NASCAR Nationwide Series win at Charlotte, for his fifth victory of the season and the 11th of his career.

Martin Truex Jr. ran second, followed by Justin Allgaier, Joey Logano and polesitter Clint Bowyer, whose winning chances disappeared with a pit-road speeding penalty on his last stop. Kyle Busch, Reed Sorenson, Aric Almirola, Ryan Newman and Kevin Harvick

completed the top-10.

"I might be biased, but I thought that was the best race I've ever seen in my life," said Keselowski, who has won two of the four races in the new NASCAR Nationwide car this year. "And I was driving the car, so I can imagine what the fans saw—that was awesome."

Keselowski widened his lead in the NASCAR Nationwide standings to 450 points over 13th-place finisher Carl Edwards.

Top-10 leaders after 31 of 36: 1. Keselowski-4954, 2. Edwards-4504, 3. Kyle Busch-4439, 4. Allgaier-4103, 5. Menard-3929, 6. Harvick-3902, 7. Logano-3557, 8. Bayne-3503, 9. Leffler-3433, 10. S. Wallace-3427

Top-10 Camping World Truck Series leaders after 20 of 25: 1. Bodine-3196, 2. Almirola-2934, 3. Sauter-2896, 4. Dillon-2808, 5. Peters-2773, 6. Crafton-2773, 7. Hornaday-2687, 8. Skinner-2549, 9. Starr-2504, 10. Lofton-2379

2011 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

NASCAR announced last week that the second class of inductees into the NASCAR Hall of Fame will be David Pearson, Bobby Allison, Lee Petty, Ned Jarrett, and Bud Moore.

Also receiving votes were Dale Inman, Cale Yarborough and Darrell Waltrip.

Here were the 25 nominees for induction into the 2011 NASCAR Hall of Fame class:

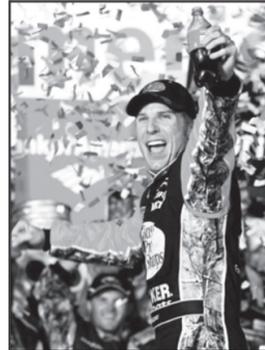
Bobby Allison, Buck Baker, Red Byron, Richard Childress, Jerry Cook, Richie Evans, Tim Flock, Rick Hendrick, Jack Ingram, Dale Inman, Ned Jarrett, Fred Lorenzen, Bud Moore, Raymond Parks, Benny Parsons, David Pearson, Lee Petty, Fireball Roberts, T. Wayne Robertson, Herb Thomas, Curtis Turner, Darrell Waltrip, Joe Weatherly, Glen Wood and Cale Yarborough.

The Class of 2011 will be officially inducted in a ceremony in May 2011 at the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte.

Class of 2011:

Bobby Allison: Allison, winner of the 1983 NASCAR premier series championship, ended his career with 84 victories, tied for third on the all-time list. In 1972, he won 10 races, had 12 second-place finishes and was the NASCAR premier series runner-up (to Richard Petty). Allison captured the NASCAR Modified Special Division championship in 1962 and '63 and then went on to win the Modified Division the following two years. In 1998, Allison was named one of NASCAR's "50 Greatest Drivers."

Ned Jarrett: Jarrett was a two-time NASCAR champion (1961 and 1965) and two-time Sportsman Division champion (1957 and '58). Through his career he totaled 50 premier series wins, tied for 11th all-



time. In 1998 he was named one of NASCAR's "50 Greatest Drivers." After retiring in 1966, Jarrett helped grow the sport through his second career as a broadcaster.

Bud Moore: A decorated World War II infantryman, Bud Moore became a successful NASCAR Sprint Cup owner almost immediately upon fielding a team in 1961. Moore won back-to-back championships in 1962-63 with Joe Weatherly. Earlier, in 1957, Moore - who referred to himself as "a country mechanic" - was crew chief for champion Buck Baker.

David Pearson: Pearson is a three-time NASCAR champion whose career total of 105 victories is second on the all-time list. Pearson won his titles in 1966, '68 and '69. He also won the sport's biggest event, the Daytona 500 in 1976. In 1998 he was named one of NASCAR's "50 Greatest Drivers."

Lee Petty: Petty became the sports first three-time series champion after winning titles in 1954, '58 and '59. He was also the winner of the first Daytona 500 in 1959. His 54 career victories stands ninth on the all-time list and he never finished lower than fourth in points from 1949-1959. In 1998, he was named one of NASCAR's "50 Greatest Drivers." Petty is the founder of Petty Enterprises and as an owner had more than 2,000 starts and 268 wins.

Weekend Racing: The Sprint Cup and Camping World truck teams are at Martinsville Speedway, the smallest track (.52-mile) on the NASCAR circuit, while the Nationwide Series will be at Gateway Speedway, just across the river from St. Louis.

Sat., Oct. 23, Camping World Truck Series Kroger 200, race 21 of 25; Starting time: 12:30 pm ET; TV: Speed Channel.

Sat., Oct. 23, Nationwide Series Gateway 250, race 32 of 35; Starting time: 3 pm ET; TV: ESPN2.

Sun., Oct. 24, Cup Series Tums 500, race 32 of 36; Starting time: 1 pm ET; TV: ESPN. **Racing Trivia Question:** Why did the U. S. Government ban automobile racing in July, 1942?

Last Week's Question: How many Cup wins did Earnhardt Sr. have? **Answer:** He had 76 wins and 676 starts.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at: hodgesnews@earthlink.net. NT(Oct20,C)ac

Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Masters Junior Golf Tournament held at Chatuge Shores course

Chatuge Shores Golf Course was the venue for the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Masters junior golf tournament. The four younger age divisions' players were greeted and given water bottles by Byron McCombs from Blue Ridge Mountain EMC. The weather cooperated with the tournament by providing a delightful afternoon for golf. Playing in the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Masters were the Girls 9 and under division, Boys 8 and under division, Girls 10-12 division, and the Boys 9 and 10 division. Each of these younger divisions has their top five finishers awarded for their performance in the tournament.

In the Girls 9 and under division playing 4 holes, Kennedy Henson placed first, Grace Jones placed second, Bailey Mock placed third, Jala Stamey placed fourth, and Madison Logan placed fifth.

In the Boys 8 and under division playing 4 holes, Eli Logan placed first, Hugh Martin placed second, Matthew Shirah placed third, Reid Schoeffler placed fourth, and Jarvis Hobby placed fifth.

In the Girls 10-12 division playing 5 holes, Ally Horinek placed first, Ashley Burnette placed second, Megan Rowe placed third, Julia Schoeffler placed fourth, and Elli Martin placed fifth.

In the Boys 9 and 10 division playing 5 holes, Josh Cottrell placed first, Beck Burnette placed second, Trevor Shaw placed third, Aaron Ledford placed fourth, and Baylee Hall placed fifth.

The TCJGA is looking for items to be donated for their silent auction taking place later this month. Proceeds from this auction support the TCJGA college scholarship program. In May of 2010, the TCJGA awarded over \$3,000 in college scholarships to their graduating seniors, which two of the recipients are playing college golf. If you have something to donate to the auction, please contact Tsali Bentley at 706-745-0001.



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