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Claire Wilson a National Champion

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The Wilson family has another ring. Last month, freshman Claire Wilson and the Auburn-Montgomery Warhawk softball team won a National Championship following AUM's 10-6 win over William Carey.

Claire Wilson joins her father Brad Wilson who was a member of Towns County High School's 1988 State Champion baseball team.

Brad Wilson was a second round Major League Baseball Draft Choice in 1989, playing three years of professional baseball.

When Claire Wilson signed with AUM last spring, she talked about what she has learned from her father.

"My dad has been my mentor and my biggest influence," she said. "It is definitely hard to be coached by my dad especially since he accomplished so much in his career. He has always seen my talent and abilities and pushed me to be my best. I reverently refer to him as 'the Legend' and I am blessed to have had him as my father and as my most influential coach."

Her grandfather, Bruce Wilson, was the armed forces athlete of the year in Panama based on his stardom on the baseball field back in the 1960's.

Now, Claire Wilson has joined the ranks of noteworthy sports accomplishments as her Auburn Montgomery softball team is National NAIA Champion for this year.

As a freshman, Claire didn't see too much action on the field this year but got in four of the five National Championship games as a pinch runner, scoring a run in the 10-6 championship win over William Carey.

She actually had the highest batting average on the team at .500 but was just one-for-two.

The Warhawks completed its 2014 campaign with a 44-7 record and were 16-0 at home, 15-1 away, and 13-6 at neutral locations. They also went 25-1 in conference play.

The Towns County Herald congratulates Claire on a noteworthy accomplishment with memories to last a lifetime.



Freshman Warhawk Claire Wilson following Auburn-Montgomery's championship 10-6 victory over William Carey.



Family tradition: Claire Wilson with family during Towns County Softball's 2012 Senior Night festivities. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Youth Football Registration

Towns County Youth Football will be holding registration at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center from 2 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on June 7th, June 14th, June 21st and June 28th for the upcoming season. Ages of eligibility are 5 - 12 years old. The registration fee is \$90 which includes insurance. If your child has not played before, you will need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate when registering.

Summer Day Camp at Rec Center

Summer is just around the corner and that means hot weather and Summer Day Camp for boys and girls ages 6 thru 12. This summer the Recreation Department will offer 3 sessions of day camp. Each session is two weeks, running Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may bring your child between 7:30 and 9 a.m. and pick your child up between 4 and 4:30 p.m.

Session dates are as follows: Session II June 16th thru June 27th; Session III July 7th thru July 18th. Our Day Camp offers children sport game activities, social game activities,

field trips, nature hikes and much more. Give your child a lot to do this summer by signing them up for Day Camp. You may send your child to any or all of the sessions. Children need to bring a swimsuit, towel, sprayable sunscreen and sack lunch. The Recreation department will furnish drinks for the campers.

No pre-registration required, just show up at the new Recreation Center for camp located off of Mining Gap Trail at 150 Foster Park Rd.

For more information please call us at 706-896-2600.

VFW Golf League news

Thursday, May 29th, for the first time this season, we saw 2 teams tie for the winner's column. The team of Halfon, Patterson, Cooper and Jacobson shot a 68, the team of Julio, Greenwald, Nichols and Grizio also shot a 68 for the 18 holes. On the 17th hole Vince Cooper did it again, for the second time this season he had a scorching shot reach the green on his second shot, as usual our tee time on Thursdays is 9 a.m.

Summer baseball camp at YHC

YHC's Head Coach Rick Robinson & his staff of college coaches coordinate all instruction to ensure a professional experience for your player(s)! This is a camp that will help the motivated player to get better in a positive atmosphere. 2 Camp weeks: June 23-27 & July 14-18. Three camps are offered each week to accommodate players of all ages and levels of play. Visit us on the web for more details at www.TheRockSports.com. Registration open: The website has a printable registration form or you can email LuannR36@yahoo.

NASCAR 2014

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Johnson strikes down the monster

Jimmie Johnson tamed Dover's Monster Mile in Sunday's Sprint Cup race for his second consecutive victory of the season. Johnson led 272 laps on the way to his ninth win at Dover.

"It was a great race for us," said Johnson. "The car was great. We knew we were close to the setup we wanted as soon as we unloaded. Chad (crew chief Chad Knaus) told me I was going to love it. Boy was he ever right."

Polesitter Brad Keselowski finished second, 0.885-seconds back.

"We had an up and down day," said Keselowski. "We were good on the start, and then we went from second to 13th about midway of the race. The handling came back, and the car was good at the end, but we just ran out of laps."

Matt Kenseth, who finished third spun his tires on the last restart with five laps to go, and was given a push by Clint Bowyer, who was lined up behind him.

"Yeah, I didn't get off too good on that last one," said Kenseth. "We were a little off on the car, and then I didn't get a good restart. Bowyer didn't mean anything, he just wanted to get going like everyone else, and I was holding him up a little."

Bowyer, who finished fourth talked with Kenseth after the race, but neither driver had an axe to grind with the other.

"Yeah, Matt kind of threw me off there at the end," said Bowyer. "I really had no place to go. I had gotten my speed up, and couldn't help getting into the back of him."

"We had planned our strategy around fuel mileage. We saved fuel all day, and the end of the race didn't play out in our favor. That last caution did us in."

Denny Hamlin, Martin Truex, Tony Stewart, Joey Logano, Dale Earnhardt Jr., and Paul Menard rounded out the top-10 finishers.

Top-10 leaders after 13 of 36: 1. Kenseth-463, 2. Gordon-461, 3. Edwards-438, 4. Johnson-436, 5. Earnhardt-429, 6. Logano-414, 7. Kyle Busch-411, 8. Keselowski-404, 9. Hamlin-379, 10. Larson-377.

A portion of the Monster Mile's track surface cracked and attacked Jamie McMurray's No 1 car during lap 160. As he was exiting turn two, a piece of concrete flew up and damaged the nose of his car, causing McMurray to hit the outside wall. NASCAR had to stop the race for 23 minutes while speedway crews repaired the pothole.

The concrete broke the splitter on the front of his car and did other damage. After the red flag period his team made repairs, but the extra work done on his car put him a lap down. His team asked NASCAR to give him his lap back, but they refused. He finished 13th.

"I didn't know what happened," said McMurray. "When I came off the corner I thought I had blown a tire. It pushed me to



Jimmie Johnson and daughter Genevieve look at the Monster Mile trophy Johnson received for winning at Dover. Furnished by NASCAR

the right and up into the wall."

KYLE BUSCH TAKES DOVER NATIONWIDE RACE

"Rowdy" Kyle Busch didn't start off well in Saturday's 200-lap Nationwide race at Dover, but after his team finished making adjustments, Busch had a rocket ship and went on to win his third Nationwide race of the season.

"We started off pretty bad," said Busch. "For the first 30-40 laps, I was just holding on. But about halfway, they got it right and from then on, I had an awesome race car."

Trevor Bayne, who finished second, turned in one of his better performances. Bayne got a quick jump on a late-race restart to move his No. 6 Ford from fourth to second with just under 50 laps to go in the race, and was able to hold on for his best finish of the season.

"We had a top-5 car today," said Bayne. "I was able to almost run Kyle down, but there was no way I was going to pass him. All we needed was one more adjustment, and we would have had a winning car."

The remaining top-10 finishers: 3. Joey Logano, 4. Matt Kenseth, 5. Chase Elliott, 6. Kyle Larson, 7. Brian Scott, 8. Ty Dillon, 9. Elliott Sadler, 10. Regan Smith.

Top-10 leaders after 12 of 33: 1. Smith-448, 2. Sadler-444, 3. C. Elliott-426, 4. Bayne-421, 5. T. Dillon-414, 6. Scott-391, 7. Gaughan-341, 8. J. Buescher-332, 9. C. Buescher-328, 10. Kwaniewski-303.

"ROWDY" KYLE IS FOUR-FOR-FOUR

Kyle Busch has started four truck races this season and won them all. His latest victory came in Friday's race at Dover. He led 150 of the 200-laps, and showed that he was clearly the class of the field.

His closest competitor was Matt Crafton, who led 48 laps, before crashing hard into the outside wall during lap 56.

Johnny Sauter was third, followed by Brandon Jones, Joey

Free Seniors Fishing Rodeo and Family Fishing Festival

Mark your calendars! and Brook 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 stockings. Everyone come on out for the fun! Friends of the Hatchery, Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited Chapter #696 and many other loyal volunteers make these events possible by offering volunteer time and/or providing donations through Friends of the Hatchery (a non-profit 501(c)3) for lunch, prizes and educational supplies. For more information, please

Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery located in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains on Rock Creek Road off GA Hwy. 60 near Suches, will host a Seniors Fishing Rodeo on Friday, June 6, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The free event will be open to seniors ages 55 and older. There will be free lunch, 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 7, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This free event is open to youth ages 16 and under. There will be free lunch, 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

Edgar Cantrell and his grandson Cayden Cantrell holding signs with dates for each event

U.S. Forest Service Fishing Rodeos

In celebration of National Fishing Week, the U. S. Forest Service will be sponsoring 2 fishing rodeos in the upcoming weeks. Cosponsors include the Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources-Wildlife Resources Division, and Trout Unlimited.

Lake Winfield Scott Kid's Rodeo - Saturday, June 7. Registration begins at 9 AM and is open to all kids 16 and under. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Dockery Lake Senior Rodeo - Wednesday, June 11.

Registration begins at 8 AM and is open to all fishermen 55 years-old and up.

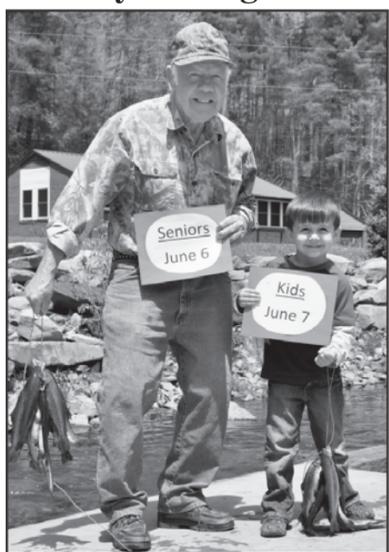
There will be free refreshments at both rodeos. All registered participants will be eligible for the drawing for prizes donated by sporting goods manufacturers and distributors, and local merchants to be held after the rodeos.

Parking at Lake Winfield Scott will be free on Saturday, June 7 for the Kid's Fishing Rodeo. In addition, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has made Saturday, June 7, Free Fishing Day. Adults (Georgia

residents) can fish without a license on Saturday after the rodeo. Parking also will be free at Dockery Lake on June 11 for the Senior Rodeo.

Lake Winfield Scott will be closed to fishing on June 6 and June 7 in preparation for the kid's rodeo. It will reopen at noon on June 7 after the rodeo. Dockery Lake also will be closed on June 10 and 11 for the Senior Rodeo. It will reopen at noon on June 11.

For more information call the U.S. Forest Service office in Blairsville (706-745-6928).



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