

Towns County Recreation Department Activities Day 2013

The Towns County Recreation Department's annual July 4th Activity Day will be on Thursday July 4, 2013 at the Recreation Department Ball Fields. The Recreation Department invites everyone to come out and have fun in the sun! The schedule of the events during the day and locations are as follows:

Youth Single Horse-shoes, (16 & Under Division) (Boys & Girls) Ball field, 9:30 AM.
Men's Single Horse-shoes, (17 & Older Division) Ball field, 10 AM.
Women's Single Horse-shoes (16 & Older Division) Ball field, 10:30 AM.

Men's Partner Horse-shoes (17 & Older Division) Ball field, 11 AM.

Men's Homerun Derby (15 & Older Division) Ball field, 10:30 AM.

Women's Homerun Derby (15 & Older Division) Ball field, 11:15 AM.

Youth Homerun Derby (14 & Under Division) (Boys & Girls), Ball field, 10:45 AM.

Youth Homerun Derby (11 & Under Division) (Boys & Girls), Ball field, 11 AM.

Team Cornhole Tournament (10 & Under Open Division) 2 Person Team, Ball field, 11:30 AM.
Team Cornhole Tourn-

ment (16 & Under Open Division) 2 Person Team, Ball field, 12 PM.

Team Cornhole Tournament (Adult 17 & Over Open Division) 2 Person Team, Ball field 12 PM.

In each of the Recreation Department events, plaques and trophies will be given to all winners in each event. There is no charge for any of the activities. All events will begin at the times listed. To pre-register just be on time for the events you wish to participate. See all of you on July 4th.

For more information call the Recreation Department at 706-896-2600. T(Ju13,F1)SH

Appalachian Duplicate Bridge Club news

On Monday, June 24, eleven and one half tables were in play at the Appalachian Duplicate Bridge Club in All Saints Lutheran Church in Blairsville, GA.

First, North-South, Jim Bell and Kitty Tomkinson; second, Jim and Nancy Malte; third, Joe and Joan Lane; fourth, Sally Forest and Shirley Scrivner; and fifth, George Seiferman and Richard King.

First, East-West, Mike Knowles and Frank Holland; second, Ray Berry and Harry Reynolds; third, Blanche Hudleston and Lisa DeCarlo; fourth, Marcia Schultz and Mary Stoll; and fifth, Carol Baxter and Chris Thompson.

On Thursday, June 27, eleven full tables were in play at All Saints. Again, the Mitchell movement was in use. First, East-West, Mike Knowles and Joyce Geiger; second, Ray Berry and Harry Reynolds. There was a tie for third/fourth among Jim and Nancy Malte and Carol Baxter and Chris Thompson.

First, North-South, Kitty Tomkinson and Jim Bell; second, Gretchen Bryant and Shirley Scrivner; and third, Dee Short and Dorothy Smith.

The club meets every Monday and Thursday beginning at 1 p.m. If you need a partner or more information about the game, call Susan at 706-379-9686. See you at the tables! NT(Ju13,Z8)CA

Operation PUP



PUP will help spay and neuter
There are so many good reasons to spay and neuter your pets and Operation PUP is ready to help do just that. Call our toll-free number to let us schedule an appointment—1-888-496-2387. You will help prevent testicular cancer and prostate problems in males; decrease their roaming and aggression; decrease their urge to mark their territory (in your house); decrease breast and uterine cancer in females. Remember kittens can get pregnant as early as four months, so don't delay. Two breeding cats plus all their kittens and all their kittens' kittens, if none are ever neutered or spayed, add up to 80,290 in 10 years!

PUP's goal is to help Towns citizens spay & neuter cats & dogs—the kindest way to end overpopulation. Most of our grocery stores, restaurants, and many places of business see this overpopulation problem every day. Don't have unwanted litters—call PUP (Prevent Unwanted Pets). T(Ju13,G1)SH

Eastern Star sponsors 10 & Under Girls Softball



Alanna Crist, OES (left), presents check to Coach Gail Bradley. Congratulations to the Towns County 10 & under girls softball team for making it to state. On behalf of the Hiwassee Chapter #305 Order of the Eastern Star it is an honor to help sponsor these girls! Way to go girls! T(Ju13,G3)SH

Jessi's Gift

A "Pay it Forward" 5K Run and 2 Mile Walk

Jessi Patrick was an 8th Grade student at Towns County Middle School when she was diagnosed with AML (Acute Myeloid Leukemia) on June 26, 2010. During treatment at Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta she became friends with Lily Anderson who was also fighting cancer. Lily introduced Jessi to Kingdom Kids which is an organization that grants wishes to children facing challenging circumstances and health issues. Jessi was granted her wish through Lily's Run. After becoming part of the Kingdom Kids family Jessi was looking forward to "Paying it Forward" when she finished treatment and was excited about organizing a run to help grant more wishes to children. With great sadness, Jessi succumbed to side effects from treatment so we are continuing to carry on her wish to help other children. Please come join us and help a child "Have a Happily Better After".

Benefiting: Kingdom Kids
\$15 pre-registered, \$20 Race day Student - \$10 pre-registered, \$15 race day
T-shirts guaranteed to all 5K runners or walkers who pre-register by June 27th
Awards to: Overall Male and Female 10 and under then 5 year age brackets

All runners and walkers are also entered in a raffle to win prizes donated from our generous sponsors: Golfopia, The Ridges, Brassstown Valley Resort & Spa, Brothers, Body Sense & The Rustic Rose.

3rd Annual 5K Race and 2 Mile Walk
Saturday, July 13, 2013
Race Time 8:00 AM

Clay County
Recreational Park
Myers Chapel Road
Hayesville, NC 28904

Register at active.com
Contact Kathi Patrick at 706.994.3857 / kathipatrick3@gmail.com
or Merri Murphy at 407.451.1102 / merriandmichaelmurphy@gmail.com
PO Box 314, Young Harris, GA 30582

Thanks to all our sponsors for making this event possible: Jacky Jones Automotive Group, Nantahala Bank, Mountain Graphics, Absolute Dental Lab, United Community Bank, Scrubs & More, Ingles Hayesville

Castoff Pet Rescue
Pet of the Week
CPR saves lives



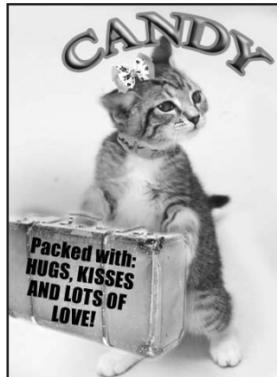
Tank is a handsome Hound mix, all tan with a little black on his nose. He is about 1-2 years old and weighs around 40 pounds. He would do well with older children since he is a big and strong boy. Introduced properly, he would be good with other dogs. A fenced in yard would be perfect for him as he needs play and exercise time. Tank is neutered and vaccinated and just needs his family to come adopt him.

Call Shannon at 678-630-0452 and visit our website castoff-pet-rescue.org. The shelter is located in Blairsville - Tank is waiting on your call! NT(Ju13,Z4)CA

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I am just licking my chops dreaming about a great new loveable home. Just 9 months and 8 lbs. with plenty of puppy love left to share. OK are you ready for this, Dachshund, Standard Smooth Haired Mix, brown solid (they gotta be kidding, that got me tongue tied). This princess is loveable, cute, adorable and ready to sit in your lap. So I hope I have told you enough about myself that makes me seem so irresistible that you just have to come on in and visit me. My hot line is Bella at 706-781-3843.



My bags are packed and I am ready to go. I am a little 12 week Candy sweetheart who will fill your life with love and laughter. I'm an adorable little thing at 3 lbs with the softest fur north of Atlanta. I love to play and I am funny and rambunctious (big word for me to say). Standing out in a crowd makes me a natural beauty with black, gray and white markings. So put on your Candy thinking cap and think of a way Candy can come into your life. Come visit and we can run around together. Remember, you can never have too much Candy. Call me at 707-781-3843. NT(Ju13,Z7)CA

NASCAR 2013

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Kenseth wins at Kentucky

Jimmie Johnson led 198 laps of Sunday's 267-lap Sprint Cup race at Kentucky Speedway, but it was Matt Kenseth that led the last 20 on the way to his fourth victory of the season.

Johnson at one point in the race was over 13-seconds ahead of the second-place driver. His flawless performance was overshadowed by a terrible restart with 24 laps to go in the 267-lap race.

It all started when Brian Vickers hit the outside wall on lap 240, after blowing a right front tire to bring out a caution. All the lead lap cars pitted. Johnson took on two outside tires and fuel, while Kenseth only took on fuel. Back on the track, Kenseth was lined up first on the outside, while Johnson was second on the inside.

When the green flag was given, Kenseth and the rest of the field, except for Johnson took off. It appeared Johnson's car actually stalled, and several cars in the inside row stacked up behind him.

Joey Logano bumped Johnson, and then got under him. As Johnson and Logano went into the first turn, Johnson came down, bumped the front of Logano's No. 22, and spun around.

The caution flag came out again. Johnson pitted for four fresh tires. This time he restarted the race from 25th position.

When the green flag was given, Kenseth was gone again. He was followed by Clint Bowyer, Jeff Gordon, and Jamie McMurray. As the race neared its end, McMurray moved into second, but was never close enough to challenge Kenseth.

"I didn't think there was any way we could win this race," said Kenseth. "We had older tires, and our car wasn't handling the way I thought it should. There had to be a lot of luck on our side for us to win today."

Jamie McMurray was second, followed by Clint Bowyer, Joey Logano, Kyle Busch, Martin Truex, Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, and Kevin Harvick.

Kurt Busch caused a seven-car pileup on lap 48. Going into turn-3, Busch was racing down on the track apron. As he came back onto the track, he clipped the rear end of Brad Keselowski's No. 2 car. Keselowski's car veered off, initiating a seven-car pileup.

Greg Biffle, Travis Kvapil, Paul Menard, and Dave Blaney were finished for the day.

"It was all my fault," said Busch. "I misjudged the distance between cars when I started back up."

The race, which had been rescheduled from Saturday due to rain, was red flagged while speedway crews cleaned up the mess.

Top-10 leaders after 17 of 36: 1. Johnson-610, 2. Edwards-572, 3. Bowyer-569,

4. Harvick-544, 5. Kenseth-528, 6. Earnhardt-512, 7. Kyle Busch-500, 8. Truex-490, 9. Biffle-489, 10. Logano-479.

TY DILLON TAKES KENTUCKY TRUCK RACE

Ty Dillon found a burst of speed with 25-laps remaining in Thursday night's truck race to pass Kyle Busch for his second career truck win.

"My car just took off at the end," Dillon said. "I knew I was faster, so I just really tried not to kill my car, kill my tires, and it finally came to us. I got a good run through (Turns) 1 and 2 and got by him in 3 and 4. It (Dillon's No. 3 Chevrolet) turned into a rocket ship there at the end."

"I wasn't that great in the beginning and the middle, but (crew chief) Marcus (Richmond) and the guys kept digging and kept digging."

"To beat Kyle Busch and Brad Keselowski, two of the best drivers on four wheels right now is pretty special."

Brad Keselowski finished second, followed by Kyle Busch, James Buescher, Ryan Blaney, Timothy Peters, Miguel Paludo, German Quiroga, Jeb Burton, and Matt Crafton.

Top-10 leaders after 8 of 33: 1. Crafton-319, 2. Burton-297, 3. T. Dillon-279, 4. Buescher-275, 5. Sauter-272, 6. Blaney-272, 7. Gaughan-267, 8. Paludo-268, 9. D. Wallace-236, 10. Peters-234.

KESELOWSKI WINNER OF NATIONWIDE RACE

Brad Keselowski was declared winner of Friday's Kentucky Speedway Nationwide race after NASCAR shortened it by 30 laps, due to rain.

Top-10 leaders after 15 of 33: 1. Smith-521, 2. Hornish-513, 3. Allgaier-510, 4. Sadler-5012, 5. A. Dillon-501, 6. Larson-477, 7. Kligerman-475, 8. Vickers-473, 9. Scott-466, 10. Bayne-453.

IS DANICA A REAL RACE DRIVER

This past week in an interview with Jim Utter for the Charlotte Observer, Kyle Petty gave his take on Danica Patrick, "I've said from the very beginning, she's just a marketing machine."

That's right. Danica is a marketing machine, but so are the other 42 drivers that start each NASCAR race. It's just that Danica being the only woman, plus her attractiveness, makes her marketing machine, more attractive than most of the men.

But is she a race car driver?

Of course she is. She is out there on the track every week driving during a race.

I think what Kyle was referring to is that in his opinion, she's not a "real" driver. "Lot's of drivers can drive fast, but very few drivers can race," he said.

In that case, most of the 43-car fields in NASCAR races aren't racers, because only a small percentage of drivers



Matt Kenseth wins at Kentucky Truck Race. Furnished by NASCAR

ever win a race.

Take Paul Menard as an example. He too is a marketing machine. He drives the No. 27 Richard Childress Chevrolet and in seven years of Cup racing, has won only once. How has he managed to stay in the big league all those years?

It's simple. His daddy's company, Menard Supply Company, pays Childress to provide him a car and crew at a cost in the neighborhood of \$12-\$15-million per year. In exchange Menard's gets publicity and use of the car in his marketing strategy.

No different than Go-Daddy, the sponsor on Patrick's No. 10.

It's all part of the NASCAR game.

What most fans don't realize is that "on track racing," is only a small part of the NASCAR game plan.

It doesn't matter how good a driver you are, if you can come up with someone, (which includes your father's company) to shell out between \$10-\$20-million, you can go racing. You might not win a race, but once you get on the track, in a race car, and the green flag drops, you are a race car driver.

I think Kyle and a lot of fans confuse the past, when drivers had to race by the seat of their pants, with today's modern style of racing.

They aren't the same. Danica and Paul race in the here-and-now.

No doubt Danica and Paul are racers. How good are they? I don't know. It's in the minds of the beholders.

Weekend Racing: The Nationwide and Cup teams will be at the 2.5-mile Daytona International Speedway. The trucks do not race again until July 13.

Fri., July 5, Nationwide race 16 of 33; Starting time: 7:30 pm ET; TV: ESPN.

Sat., July 6, Sprint Cup race 18 of 36; Starting time: 7:30 pm ET; TV: TNT.

Racing Trivia Question: What old-time driver had three stints in NASCAR—1950-'54, 1971-'78, 1980-93, and didn't retire from racing until 2001?

Last Week's Question: A. J. Foyt focused mainly on Indy-racing, but he raced several partial seasons in NASCAR. What year did he win the Daytona 500? **Answer:** It was in 1972.

You may e-mail the Racing Reporter at: hodges@race500.com. NT(Ju13,C2)CAC

VFW Golf League news

27 June we had fewer players than the previous week with some cloudy weather to boot. But us die-hards set out anyway. We did have a small shower for about 10 minutes but that was all. The winning team was a threesome consisting of Frontz Goring; Dick Metzler; and Frank Geddings who posted a score of 5 under, total of 65. No eagles to report this week. Still a great time with a group of great people. Always looking forward to next week. T(Ju13,F1)SH

Trout stocking sites week of June 24-28, 2013

Fannin: Hemptown Creek, Hothouse Creek, Rock Creek, Toccoa River, Toccoa River Tailwaters (below Lake Blue Ridge Dam), and Wilcott Creek

Lumpkin: Etowah River and Nimbellewill Creek

Murray: Holly Creek

Murray: Cooper Creek

Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. NT(Ju13,Z4)CA

New Tri-County British Car Club

On Sunday June 23rd, 24 owners of classic British cars got together at Brother's restaurant in Young Harris for the first get together of the newly formed Tri-County British Car Club here in the mountains. The first meeting was a great success with attendance from Hiwassee, Blairsville, Hayesville, Murphy, Blue Ridge and Braselton.

Eleven cars were on show from MG As and Bs, MG TDs and TFs, a Lotus Europa, a Triumph TR6 and a Rolls Royce Corniche Cabriolet. A good time was had inspecting all the cars, discussing technical details on the vehicles and



stories about their restorations, before having a great meal and planning road trips around the mountains for future get-togethers.

If anyone has a classic British car or an interest in them and would like to join, inquiries can be made at tri-countybritishcarclub@yahoo.com. NT(Ju13,Z10)CA