

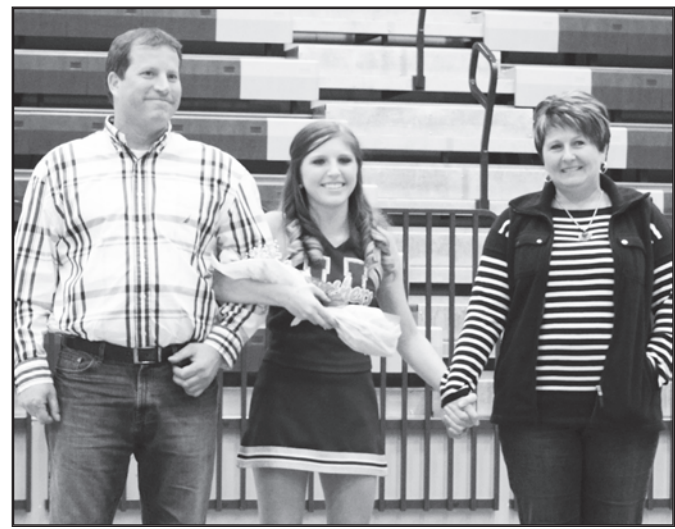
Union County High School says goodbye to senior basketball cheerleaders



Taylor Mull with Angel and Curtis King



Sidney Rowan with Darren and Stacy Rowan



Ashley Rowe with Todd and Jamie Rowe



Amber Sykes with Rad and Kelly Sykes

Fishing events officially cancelled

Special Kids Fishing Rodeo scheduled for May 13th and the Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo scheduled for May 8th must be officially cancelled due to the ongoing construction project at the hatchery. June fishing events are still scheduled but may have to be cancelled as well if construction isn't complete by the end of May. For the latest updates and information on the construction project, fishing events, and stocking please like the hatchery on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ChattahoocheeForestNationalFishHatchery.

Raceway construction update at Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery

The Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery has been closed to visitation since August 4, 2014 due to an ongoing construction project. The project was to completely reconstruct 18 raceways from the ground up, install new drain line and supply line, and concrete around all the new raceways. As of February 7, 2015 the project has been shut down due to cold weather. It is expected to resume the last week in April or first week in May, depending on conditions. At this point in the construction phase the only thing left to do is get a final grade on the grounds and pour around the raceways.



Deputy Hatchery Manager Kelly Taylor beside one of the newly constructed raceways.

The construction has in no way affected the upcoming trout season. Hatchery crew members are already gearing up for stocking trout in all the streams the week of opening day. The hatchery is still being kept closed to visitation due to the construction. We are hoping to reopen the hatchery to visitation around the end of

May. Even though the trout stocking will go unaffected, the fishing events in May did not fare so well. After talking it over with the contractors and the hatchery staff, Deputy Project Leader Kelly Taylor has decided to cancel the Veterans' Appreciation Fishing Rodeo on May 8th and the Special Kids Rodeo on May 13th. Mr. Taylor thought the presence of participants for the events on hatchery grounds while still in construction phase would pose too much of a safety issue. The staff of the Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery is deeply saddened by this turn of events.

For further updates follow us on www.facebook.com/ChattahoocheeForestNationalFishHatchery.

NASCAR 2015

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Keselowski wins G-W-C Thriller

FONTANA, Calif. — Brad Keselowski's four-tire pit stop allowed him to outpace Kevin Harvick and Kurt Busch in Sunday's Sprint Cup race.

"I had no idea if we could win it," said Keselowski. "I knew we had a car that could run with them, but it was the team's decision to put on all four. And it turned out to be the right call."

A caution came out on lap 199 of the 200-lap race forcing it into overtime with Busch leading and Harvick running second.

All the leaders pitted. Harvick's team intended to put four fresh tires on his No. 14 Chevrolet, but once the two right side tires were on, he sped out of his pit. Busch only took two right side tires, while Keselowski waited around for all four tires to be changed.

Back on the track, Busch and Harvick were the leaders, while Keselowski was back in 14th.

Busch and Harvick raced each other for one lap, and then another caution came out.

On the restart, it was again Busch and Harvick, but Keselowski had moved up to sixth. When the green flag was given, Keselowski was on the move.

Before the white flag was given, signifying one more lap, Keselowski had gotten by Harvick and had his sights set squarely on the one remaining car in front of him, the No. 41 driven by Kurt Busch.

He was even with Busch as they entered turn-3. Busch was running up against the outside wall, so Keselowski dove down, and as they exited turn-4, and headed for the checkered flag, the new leader was Keselowski. Busch scraped the outside wall, allowing Harvick to edge him out for the second spot.

Had it not been for Harvick's miscue, he might have been him standing in victory lane for his third consecutive win.

"What a race," said Harvick. "It all happened so fast. I'm not sure two tires were the way to go, but that was our call, and we'll live with it."

Busch led 65 laps, the most of any driver, but had to settle for third. "We had an awesome car all day long," said Busch. "We just got hung out. Brad's four tires were better than our two. I drove it as hard as I could, and there at the end I got up a little too high."

Paul Menard finished fourth, followed by Ryan Newman, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Joey Logano, Martin Truex, Jimmie Johnson, and Jeff Gordon.

Denny Hamlin led 56 laps, mostly during the middle portion of the race. He was assessed a stop-and-go penalty by NASCAR because his team allowed a tire to roll outside their pit box on the race's last caution. He wound up finishing 28th.

Top-16 Chase contenders after 5 of 26: 1. Harvick-225, 2. Logano-197, 3. Truex-192, 4. Earnhardt-164, 5. Keselowski-163, 6. Newman-162, 7. Johnson-159, 8. Kahne-159, 9. Menard-152, 10. Almirola-138, 11. Allmendinger-137, 12. Mears-132, 13. Kenseth-127, 14. Hamlin-126, 15. Ragan-124, 16. McMur-



Brad Keselowski and his girlfriend Paige White after he won the California Sprint Cup race. Furnished by NASCAR.

HARVICK ROLLS TO XFINITY WIN

Kevin Harvick put a whipping on the rest of the field in Saturday's Xfinity race at Fontana. He led four times for 100 laps of the 150-lap race, and was ahead by 3.317-seconds when he crossed the finish line.

Brendan Gaughan finished second, followed by Erik Jones, Chase Elliott, Chris Buescher, Brian Scott, Kyle Larson, Brad Keselowski, Regan Smith, and Elliott Sadler.

Top-10 leaders after 5 of 32: 1. T. Dillon-187, 2. C. Buescher-182, 3. Elliott-172, 4. Reed-168, 5. D. Wallace-165, 6. Gaughan-164, 7. Smith-157, 8. Sadler-148, 9. Starr-136, 10. Scott-134.

THE HIGH COST OF RACING

Most racing fans are aware that NASCAR is like a traveling side show; a two-three day expensive carnival, that's costly not only for the fans that attend, but especially for the team owners.

A conservative estimate of building a Sprint Cup car and getting it on the track is in the neighborhood of \$300,000-\$350,000.

Sounds overpriced doesn't it? Let's look at where the dollars go.

Last week Michael Waltrip Racing answered a lawsuit by an employee, who was fired from his \$160,000 a year job.

Brandon Hopkins was a tire changer on weekends, and a shop worker during the week.

He was allegedly fired for stealing one of the team's air guns, which could cost up to \$1-million to develop and manufacture.

Sound far fetched? It's all in the court records of North Carolina Superior Court in Charlotte. Engines top out at around \$100,000 each. Other parts, pieces and equipment that go into the car run another \$125,000. Tires are almost \$500 each, and a team uses up to 16 sets per race for a total of \$32,000. Travel to and from the track for each team: \$75,000-\$90,000.

Oh yes, NASCAR charges \$5,000 to inspect each car. If a team wrecks a car during practice and has to go to a backup, that's another \$5,000.

Don't forget that all NASCAR teams have air-

planes, pilots, truck drivers, and engineers in addition to their regular shop staff.

So now, let's look at the official NASCAR Phoenix payout for Jamie McMurray and Kyle Larson, the two Ganassi Racing teams. McMurray finished second and earned \$194,931. Teammate Kyle Larson came in 10th and took in \$116,438.

The two teams had \$311,369 in total NASCAR earnings. Each driver gets at least 40 per cent of his winnings, so based on that figure, Ganassi Racing took home \$186,821. Their estimated total racing costs for the Phoenix race for both teams was at least \$600,000. That means sponsor money had to make up the \$413,179 deficit.

So where's the good news for race teams? It might be hard to find.

Cup teams are getting less money in 2015 as NASCAR has quietly increased the purses for the Xfinity and Truck series', ESPN reported.

Chairman Brian France said last year that NASCAR would consider giving the two series' a bigger portion of the new television deal that went into effect this year. That is what NASCAR has done, although it won't say by how much. It never announced the change, but it did confirm to ESPN that that was the case.

The bottom line is you need deep pockets to own a NASCAR team.

Weekend Racing: It will be the Sprint Cup cars and Camping World Trucks this weekend at the .52-mile Martinsville Speedway. The Xfinity teams have an off weekend.

Sat., Mar. 28; Truck Series race 3 of 23; Starting time: 2:30 pm ET; TV: FoxSports1.

Sun., Mar. 29; Sprint Cup Series race 6 of 36; Starting time: 1 pm ET; TV: FOX.

Racing Trivia Question: The first NASCAR race held at Martinsville Speedway was in 1949. Who was the winner?

Last Week's Question: Which team did Kevin Harvick score his first Cup win with? He took over the Richard Childress car after Dale Earnhardt was killed at Daytona in 2001. He won in only his third career Cup start, edging out Jeff Gordon at Atlanta.

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lead into a 4-0 advantage.

The first 23-plus minutes of the game were a 0-0 stalemate until Innis got Union on the board. Eight minutes later, Vester, who finished with a hat trick, made it a 2-0 game, then with just under 4 minutes left in the half, Carter scored two goals in a span of 62 seconds to give her team a 4-0 advantage at the intermission.

Vester scored her second goal of the evening in the sixth minute of the second half. Morlock got in on the action in the 14th minute, and Vester recorded her third, and her team's final goal, for a 7-0 Union lead with 9:56 left in the game.

Carter and Morlock each finished with a pair of assists each. Seniors Katie Miller and Joanna Van Pelt each had an assist, as did Robbins and Baenninger.

Afterwards, Union County Head Coach Tim Hunter bragged about the play of two of his seniors. "Katie Miller and Joanna Van Pelt both played great on the defensive end," Union County Head Coach Tim Hunter said. "Also, Brenna Innis scored our first goal probably less than 90 seconds after entering the game."

The Lady Panthers hosted Towns County on Monday night after deadline. Union will host Rabun on Friday in an important Region 8-AA matchup.

Bowling scores

Monday Night Ladies: Sarah Chumbley 213, Lora Ashe 200.

Monday Night Men: Dewey Allen 224, 254, 715 Series, Chris Roberts 213, 215, Jonathan Everett 216, John Stevens 211, 233, Jeb Plott 214, 236, 214, Ernest Rice 214, Richard Tanner 238, Joe Teague 202, 202, Jason Swanson 204, 208, Jim McCreary 214, 237, 202, Rick Bracken 256, Larry Cannan 208, 225, Gary Brown 218, Dave Davis 238, Chris Ellinwood 214, De-jay DeJoseph 212, Jay Burrell 222, 200, Micheal White 208, 203, Kirk Bass 239, Taz Matetzschk 233, BJ Gilbert 237, 200, Ron Wingate 206.

Hazel Farmer Senior League: Ken Thigpen 203, Dee Langlois 237, Mike Newsome 213, Mo Rodgers 203, Bart Rodgers 213, 225, Mel White 206, 207, Del Neiffer 204, Ron Wheppleman 209, Ron Wingate 216, Cliff Hall 202.

Thursday Night Fun: Doug Roberts 235, 204, Dewey Allen 277, Jay Burrell 203, Jordan Moore 212, 221, Johnathan Everett 267, 213, Ray Everett 217, 212, DJ De-Joseph 214, Zach Moore 229, 221, Tim Moore 238, 214, 222, Bonnell Thoman 206, 202, Bill Smith 207, Mike Davis 204, 234, Larry Cannan 223, Jim McCreary 235, 210, 216, Jerry Thomas 209, Tim McVay 277, Kirk Bass 203, Chuck Reeves 217, 214, Rainy Hughes 200, Dana Gilbert 223, Jason Swanson 209, 200, Taz Matetzschk 230. (NMar25,ZR/CA)



The Lady Panthers acknowledge their fans after the win at Social Circle. The victory was Union's sixth shutout of the season - matching the 2013 team's season total of six shutouts. The 2015 Lady Panthers are now one shutout shy of matching last year's total of 7 shutouts with six regular season games remaining. Photo/John Innis

UNION COUNTY LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL CAMP
APRIL 25TH 2015 10:00-1:00
 Fundamentals of throwing, hitting, fielding and baserunning
 Location: UCHS Softball/Baseball Complex
CAMP GRADES 1ST-8TH
CAMP COST: \$25.00 (Make checks payable to UC Lady Diamond Club)

SEND FORM TO:
 Camp Director: Jessica Stewart
 Mail to: 165 Elementary way Blairsville, Ga 30512
 (706) 897-7372
jstewart@ucschools.org
 or drop off form at Union County Elementary School

BRING TO CAMP:
 Glove
 Bat/Helmet: optional
 water bottle
 tennis shoes and cleats
 \$ for concession optional

"Registration will also be available the day of camp starting at 9:00am"

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ ZIP _____
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 PARENTS/GUARDIANS _____ CELL PHONE # _____
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 2. _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: (CIRCLE ONE)
 YOUTH: S M L ADULT: S M L XL

I certify that my dependent as listed above has had adequate physical exam and is physically able to participate in the camp activities. I authorize the coaching staff of the Union County Panthers camp to supply any treatment, which they deem necessary due to an accident, injury, illness that occurs to my dependent.

Parent _____ Date _____

Union County Recreation Department
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
5000 EGGS
MEEKS PARK
MARCH 28th • 10 AM
 Ages 2-12 Years Old
 Drawing for Easter Basket
 in each Age Group
 Egg Hunt located at Upper Ball Fields

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