



Spc. Jason L. Foster deployed in April to Iraq. Jason is the son of Jerry and Sandra Bond Foster of Indiana and the nephew of Byron and Tina Bond Johnson of R.I. 2, Clinton. Jason was always the "joke player" of the family and still is -- who would have known. We are very proud of him.

"Adams"

(Cont. from front)

connect and disconnect service, maintenance at water and sewer plants. Vehicles and equipment used in all departments are repaired any time it's possible by this department.

Immediately, when the snow stopped, we've had an uncommon amount of rainfall which made water problems and run off worse, times needed cleaning out, roads needed maintenance, ditches and tiles were added to roads, gravel was hauled on three of the newly acquired city roads. More is planned in our coming budget year.

A lot of extra mowing has been done this year and I hope that it has been noticeable and also garbage has been kept up from the town areas and

parke. We've also been mowing the parks and doing some work on the ballfields at Old Broadhead Road and at Lake Linville. We are working to locate all the bleachers that are being used at other facilities to return those to our practice fields, both at Lake Linville and the park on Old Broadhead Road. Those were never supposed to be removed from those parks and we need them for the fans who participate in our youth programs. Hopefully, by next spring, we will have the fields in better shape also.

Regrettably, the City of Mt. Vernon was turned down on our city park grant that would have made it possible to build restrooms and other improvements for our park. We have resubmitted our application for the next round of grants. In the meantime, I'm checking on getting Portapotties set in the park for at least the summer months.

For now, I don't plan on replacing the one employee who resigned from the office at city hall after she had her baby. She decided to be a stay-at-home mom. We miss her and wish her and her family the best. There's the savings of her yearly salary plus all insurance paid out.

The internet service that Verizon provided for the city was terminated after I looked at the cost and saw an outstanding bill of \$1,000. I negotiated with Charter Communica-

tions and got new lines installed and there were no charges to the city. The police department had to have this service in order to send accident reports to Frankfort. It's also helpful to get grant applications and do research. This is another \$3,000.00 a year or more in savings to the city. This service was added at a service plant and fire department.

After coming into office, I immediately began calling to get all street lights back on. The city was almost dark. After telling KU I didn't feel like we should pay for a service we weren't receiving, they agreed to check all lights in the city and do the necessary repairs. There are areas that still need a few more lights and we're looking at getting KU out to give us

a price. There's a toll free number on your KU bill that you can call if your street light is not working.

In February, I renegotiated a contract with Uniform Rental and got new work clothes for employees at \$6,500 less on the year.

A plan is in the works to revitalize our boards and committees to get back to working on projects in our downtown Mt. Vernon area. Looks are very important, especially cleanliness and litter-free streets. If we hope to bring back shoppers and shop owners to our town, all business owners and private citizens will have to continue working with the City of Mt. Vernon to accomplish this.

The City of Mt. Vernon is very important to me because I have always hoped to be able to contribute

to making it better and I believe it's heading in the right direction.

If anyone has questions or concerns, feel free to drop by City Hall or phone me or talk to one of the clerks. I appreciate the people for having patience in this first six months that I have been mayor."

"Fiscal Court"

(Cont. from front)

the jail's policy and procedure manual, for their approval.

The changes ranged from required all jail employees to undergo random drug testing to penalties for minor and major offenses by inmates. The court approved the changes.

The Racing Reporter

By Gerald Hodges

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Michael Waltrip have won four of the last five races held at Daytona International Speedway. Their DEI teams have practically dominated racing on the superspeedways for the past two seasons.

In addition, to his 2001 Pepsi 400 victory, Earnhardt Jr. has won the last four races at Talladega, including the April 6, Aaron's 499. While his teammate, Waltrip won the 2003 Daytona 500, both teams have struggled on short tracks.

But this Saturday means another long race, and the opportunity for either Earnhardt's No. 8 Chevrolet or Waltrip's No. 15 to wind up in victory lane seems pretty good.

"Well, obviously, Daytona is one of our better tracks," said Dale Jr. "We've had pretty good luck there. I can't say it's that much luck, because our team is always prepared."

"We prepare for the worst, but we hope for the best. The odds last time was against us winning, but Michael did it. I think staying in the draft especially near the end is critical. I'm sure we'll have a good car and strong engine, but we're not going to run away from anyone. It's a long race, and patience plays its part."

"But when it gets close to the end, you've got to be up front and hope you can get some help in the draft."

"We might not win even if we have the best car, but if we run a smart race, and have a good car, then maybe we can beat the odds again."

While there will be all the regular Winston Cup drivers, which includes points leader, Matt Kenseth, there will also be several new faces trying to make the 43rd starting field.

They include former Winston Cup drivers, Stacy Compton and Buckshot Jones.

Compton will be driving the No. 4 Morgan McClure Motorsports Kodak Pontiac. The team used Johnny Miller at Sears Points two weeks ago, and after testing several other drivers this past week, settled on Compton.

Jones will attempt to qualify James Finch's No. 09 Micooskee Dodge, a car that was driven at Daytona the past two seasons by Geoffrey Bodine and Mike Wallace. Wallace is currently driving the No. 01 U. S. Army Pontiac in the Winston Cup series for the injured Jerry Nadeau, and was not available.

Mike Bliss will be attempting his first Winston Cup start in the No. 80 Adair Chevrolet owned by Joe Gibbs Racing.

Also trying to make the field for Saturday's Pepsi 400 will be Kerry Earnhardt, Dale Green, and Shane Hmiel.

Weekend Race Results

Keller gets his first

Buschwin of the season

The results of the NASCAR Busch Series GNC 250, run Sunday, June 29 at West Allis, WI: 1. Jason Keller, 2. Brian Vickers, 3. David Stremme, 4. Ryan Hirsley, 5. David Reutimann, 6. David Green, 7. Scott Riggs, 8. Todd Bodine, 9. Stacy Compton, 10. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 11. Randy LaJoie, 12. Ashton Lewis, 13. Johnny Sauter, 14. Scott Wimmer, 15. Kerry Earnhardt, 16. Casey Kahne, 17. Jay Sauter, 18. Shane Hmiel, 19. Casey Atwood, 20. Joey Clanton, 21. Mike Bliss, 22. Mike Wallace, 23. Tim Sauter, 24. Coy Gibbs, 25. Jimmy Vasser, 26. Jason Schuler, 27. Jason White, 28. Lowell Bennett, 29. Caleb Holman, 30. Derrick Cope, 31. Damon Lusk, 32. Blake Mallory, 33. Mike Harmon, 34. Larry Gunselman, 35. Kevin Grubbs, 36. Dana White, 37. Regan Smith, 38. Brett Oakley, 39. Tim Edwards, 40. Chad Blount, 41. Ron Barfield, 42. Rick Markle, 43. Justin Robinson. Top-10 points leaders after 17 of 34 races: 1. D. Green-235, 2. Riggs-2290, 3. T. Bodine-2255, 4. Hornaday-2247, 5. Keller-2235, 6. Vickers-2206, 7. Hamilton Jr.-2152, 8. J. Sauter-2055, 9. Bliss-2038, 10. Wimmer-2008.

Gaughan wins Milwaukee track race

The results of the Craftsman Truck Series GNC 200, run Saturday, June 28 at Milwaukee, WI: 1. Brendan Gaughan, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Rick Crawford, 4. Ted Musgrave, 5. Dennis Setzer, 6. Travis Kvapil, 7. Terry Cook, 8. Hank Parker, 9. Matt Crafton, 10. Jon Wood, 11. Paul Menard, 12. Bill Lester, 13. Chad Chaffin, 14. Randy McDonald, 15. Carl Edwards, 16. Shane Wallace, 17. Eric Jones, 18. David Stiver, 19. J. C. Stout, 20. Randy Briggs, 21. Ken Schrader, 22. Steadman Martin, 23. Jerry Hill, 24. Jody Lavender, 25. Tina Gordon, 26. Trevor Boys, 27. Rich Bickle, 28. T. J. Bell, 29. Bobby Hamilton, 30. Bobby Hirsley, 31. Richard Ibaas, 32. Phil Boquist, 33. Morgan Shepherd, 34. Ken Weaver, 35. Kevin Harvick, 36. Stan Boyd.

Gaughan takes over points lead
The top-10 points leaders after 9 of 25 races: 1. Gaughan-1300, 2. Hamilton, Crawford-1170, 4. Kvapil-1369, 5. Musgrave-1350, 6. Setzer-1307, 7. Wood-1246, 8. Cook-1208, 9. Leffler-1206, 10. Edwards-1112.

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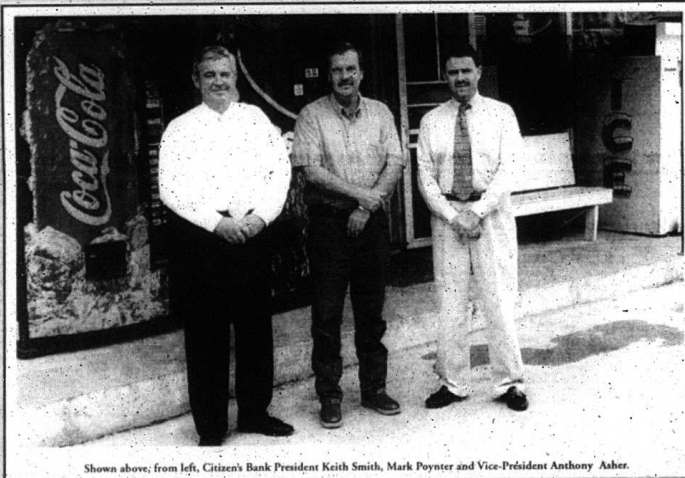
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