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Left: Jeff Smiley's Farmers agency, located on Highway 31 in Brownsboro. It's the place to go for a variety of insurance needs, including the ever-important life insurance policy.

Below: Smiley with his family. He has said family is very important to him and his business.

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## ★ Talladega

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Jr. started in the 43rd position but moved his way up and won the race. Jr. has won five times at this track, four of those wins came consecutively. In 2007 Jeff Gordon started in 34th and finished first. This year, only 18 cars got to finish the full 190 laps.

Jr. had the car to win this past Sunday but he was taken out by the big wreck with only 14 laps left to the finish.

The biggest wreck happened on lap 174 causing the ninth caution of the race. As the saying goes; "Save the best for last". Five of the Chase drivers were wiped out and the one to blame was Carl Edwards. Edwards was bump drafting teammate Greg Biffle, which is actually meant to help increase speed, when he accidentally pushed a little too much on turn three. This then caused Biffle to spin out and eleven cars suffered; Edwards, Martin Truex Jr., Dale Earnhardt Jr., David Blaney, Kevin Harvick, Matt Kenseth, Reed Sorenson, Michael Waltrip, Kyle Busch, Juan Montoya and Travis Kvapil.

"Carl didn't mean to do it, it wasn't his fault. He caused it, but he was just trying to help and did everything he could to help," Biffle said. "We knew we were probably going to wreck here, because we've been in so many wrecks before."

This Saturday, October 11, forty-three drivers will duke it out under the night lights at the 1.5 mile track Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, North Carolina for the Bank of America 500. The race will air on ABC at 7p.m.

Last years Sprint Cup winners at Charlotte were Jeff Gordon and Casey Mears. Gordon has not yet won a race for this year and neither has Mears. Kasey Kahne took his first victory of the 2008 season at this track.

We are four races deep into the Chase and it will only get more cut-throat from here. Will Gordon get his first win along with Mears or will Jr. bring back that great Chevy engine?

### Talladega Superspeedway Poll Results

- 1). Tony Stewart
- 2). Paul Menard
- 3). David Ragan
- 4). Jeff Burton
- 5). Clint Bowyer
- 6). Bobby Labonte
- 7). Scott Riggs
- 8). Robby Gordon
- 9). Jimmie Johnson
- 10). Elliot Sadler

### Current Point Standings in the Chase for the Sprint Cup

1). Jimmie Johnson	5718
2). Carl Edwards	5646
3). Greg Biffle	5641
4). Jeff Burton	5619
5). Clint Bowyer	5566
6). Kevin Harvick	5547
7). Tony Stewart	5515
8). Jeff Gordon	5486
9). Matt Kenseth	5473
10). Dale Earnhardt Jr.	5469
11). Kyle Busch	5387
12). Denny Hamlin	5383

## New TTAS Girls' softball league to hit Chandler

The City of Chandler has announced that a new TTAS Girls' softball league will be coming to Winchester Park next spring after a year's absence.

When the board of East Texas Girls' Softball elected to move all of their games to Brownsboro last year, many parents contacted City Hall expressing their desire to have their daughter be allowed to continue to play in Chandler. After several meetings at the conclusion of this past season involving City officials and Council members, coaches, parents and officials from Texas Teenage Baseball, it was determined to be in the best interest to again offer girls' softball to those children who wish to play in Chandler.

With that in mind, BMC Youth Foundation, which currently operates a TTAB Boys' Little League at Winchester Park each year, will form a new TTAS affiliated Girls' Softball league which will play their games in Chandler while the East Texas Girls' Softball League will continue to play their games in Brownsboro. By having the Chandler league Boys and Girls under one organization, it will be more in line with how the vast majority of organizations from other area towns run their leagues. Officials from Texas Teenage Baseball will be meeting soon with both Girls' leagues to determine boundary lines for each league, however it is understood that a child will be able to choose which league she wants to play in for the first and possibly second year, regardless of her residential address.

"We are very pleased that the City of Chandler will once again be offering Girls' softball," Chandler City Administrator Jim Moffett said. "We had an extraordinary amount of calls from parents wanting to know if Chandler could do something to allow their daughters to play again at Winchester Park. Several parents we spoke with had both a son and a daughter playing ball and it made it very difficult to have their son playing in Chandler and daughter in Brownsboro, occasionally on the same night."

An organizational meeting will be announced soon for any parent who has a daughter interested in playing in Chandler next year as well as anyone wishing to coach or be involved in the organization.

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