

# Pit crew hopeful from Lexington trains with NASCAR combine program

#### NASCAR

on Friday, May 24.

NASCAR. This year's com- CAR careers." petitors include football, soccer and baseball student- will earn a spot in the NASathletes.

Racing director of athletic where they will spend six performance, the four-hour months training as pit crew combine will test the athletes members at Rev Racing, in a series of strength, agil- with hopes of one day pitting ity and flexibility exercises for a national series team. to assess their fitness for a NASCAR pit crew. Ad- ton, was one of twelve parcrew members.

Following a national talent Jusan Hamilton, NASCAR search at universities across director of racing operations the country, NASCAR and and event management. Rev Racing invited 12 colle- "Each athlete possesses giate athletes to compete for something special and has roles as tire changers, carri- demonstrated the potential to ers and jackmen at the fourth work in a fast-paced, highly annual NASCAR Drive for competitive environment. Diversity National Pit Crew Rev Racing's recruiting ef-Combine in Concord, N.C., forts have identified some phenomenal athletes who The annual event was held can translate what they've at the NASCAR Research accomplished in their reand Development Center and spective sports to success on featured athletes from col- pit road. We look forward leges and universities across to training those selected to the nation with aspirations the program and positioning of a professional career in them for successful NAS-

Top performing athletes CAR Drive for Diversity Pit Led by Phil Horton, Rev Crew Development program

Alvin Wilson, of Lexingditionally, each athlete will ticipants in the NASCAR learn how to perform tasks Drive for Diversity National required of over-the-wall Pit Crew Combine held in Concord, N.C. Wilson, who "We're excited to witness played football at Alcorn the impact this year's com- State University (linebacker) petitors bring to NASCAR was put through a series of and the overall pit crew de- strength, agility and flex-

velopment program," said ibility exercises to assess his fitness for a NASCAR pit crew.

> During his time at Holmes County Central High School, Wilson led the state of Mississippi as a senior with 186 tackles while picking up five sacks during his senior year season. Additionally, Wilson was voted the District's Most Valuable Defensive Player and was selected to compete in the highly competitive Bernard Blackwell All-Star Game. Wilson's athletic ability prevailed in college as he helped Alcorn State finish runner-up in the HBCU National Football Championship.

> The NASCAR Drive for Diversity Pit Crew Development Program bodes a 100-percent placement rate in one of the top NASCAR national series', The Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series and/or NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series. However, only six of the twelve participants, announced later this summer, will be chosen to join a sixmonth development program with NASCAR and Rev Racing.

"We couldn't be prouder



crew development program and program graduates have taken from its inception," said Max Siegel, owner and CEO of Rev Racing. "With the expansion of our recruiting efforts across the country, the talent level rises, and our program continues to evolve and create more opportunities for advancement at a higher level. We're energized by the opportunity to work with these talented athletes and foresee a very impactful future on pit road for those selected to participate in our program."

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Since the NASCAR Drive for Diversity Pit Crew Development Program began, more than 100 athletes have participated, and 65 graduates are now working in NASCAR. Thirty-five crew members have reached and competed in the sport's national series, including the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series<sup>™</sup>.

Program alums include Raphael Diaz, rear tire changer for Roush Fenway Racing, and Jordan Paige, now a jackman for Richard Childress Racing. Earlier this season, Breanna O'Leary and Brehanna Daniels became the first female graduates of the NASCAR Drive for Diversity Pit Crew Development Program to go over the wall in the DAYTONA 500. Both women participated in the 2016 pit crew combine and now pit regularly across the national series.

As part of the recruiting process, NASCAR and Rev Racing traveled to host

## Lexington woman sentenced for theft of mail by a postal employee

**Press Release** 

Lexington, was sentenced Adrian Gonzalez with the on Tuesday, June 18, by U.S. U.S. Postal Service Office of District Judge Carlton W. Inspector General. Marshall Reeves to 12 months' proba- was also ordered to pay \$197 tion for theft of mail while in restitution. she was a U.S. Postal Service employee, announced

U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst Jasmine Marshall, 29, of and Inspector in Charge

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The Lexington location of Fred's (pictured above) was added to the list of store closures on June 21 by Memphis based Fred's Inc. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

### Fred's Inc. to close county stores, pharmacies to remain open

Staff Report

Fred's, Inc. (NASDAQ: open at certain locations, FRED) announced on Fri- including both county locaday, June 21, it will close an tions. Customers will still additional 49 underperform- be able to fill their prescriping stores as part of an ongo- tions, receive vaccinations, ing effort to optimize store and purchase over the counfootprint.

Both locations in Holmes County, Durant and Lexing- reach out to Durant Mayor ton, are set to close. No of- Henry Robinson, Jr. and student-athlete workouts at ficial closing date was listed Lexington Mayor Robin Mc-Alabama A&M University, on the company's website Crory for comment on the

Pharmacies will remain ter medications.

The *Herald* attempted to

Lexington native Alvin Wilson shares his experiences with an interviewer on the NAS-CAR Pit Crew program. (NASCAR/Getty Images)

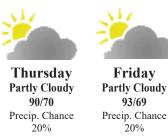
Alcorn State University, with the majority of other stores closings. More local Arizona State University, stores nationwide set to close responses in next week's paper. (Continued on page 7) on June 29. (Continued on page 2.)











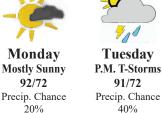




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