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## Summer youth camps in the books, fall sports underway Aug. 1

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The recent youth camps at Union County High School concluded last week with football, volleyball, and wrestling hosting local youngsters on campus. In addition to the high school camps, the fourth annual Junior Golf Clinic was hosted at Old Union Golf Course.

The football camp, which honored the late Noah Helton, welcomed 75 young athletes entering grades 1-6 on July 16-18. The kids received coaching from Union County players and coaches at different positions, breaking into groups based on

The first day of the football camp kicked off with a few words from Rev. Jerry Helton, followed by a special message from Noah Helton's father, Nathan. Union County head foot-

ball coach Michael Perry said, "I'm really proud of the turnout, and we had a lot of fun. Our players enjoyed working with the kids, and it was heartwarming to see all the kids wearing the number '67' on their shirts

The Panthers will host Chestatee in a scrimmage game

Union County Wrestling hosted grades K-6 at the 'rubber floor gym' from July 15-17.

'Our youth camp was a great success this year," said Union County wrestling coach Justin Byers. "The campers are the future of this sport, and the future looks bright. I would like to thank Coach Michael Smith-Foot for leading the camp, Crystal Gary for organizing our camp shirts, and our high school wrestlers who worked



hosts its first-annual Grapple Fest on Aug. 3 at the rubber floor gym.

volleyball, more than 30 young ladies were in attendance at the UCMS gymnasium from

Brown and the UCHS players Union County Wrestling were on hand to instruct young-

sters entering grades 3-8 in all

facets of the sport.

Volleyball opens 2024 As for Union County on Aug. 8 at 5 p.m. vs Pickens.

Meanwhile, 36 young golfers participated in Old Union Golf Course's Junior July 17-19. Head coach Megan Golf Clinic on July 15, 16,

and 18.

The event teaches golf and life skills to help kids improve not only as golfers but as young people, Old Union General Manager Cameron

The youngsters spent time on the driving range and putting green, while also learn-

ing the rules and etiquette of the cially get underway on Aug. 1 game over the three-day clinic. On the final day, the kids were able to hit the course for a round

"We want to thank all the volunteers, parents and juniors who participated in our clinic," Forrest added.

UCHS fall sports offi-

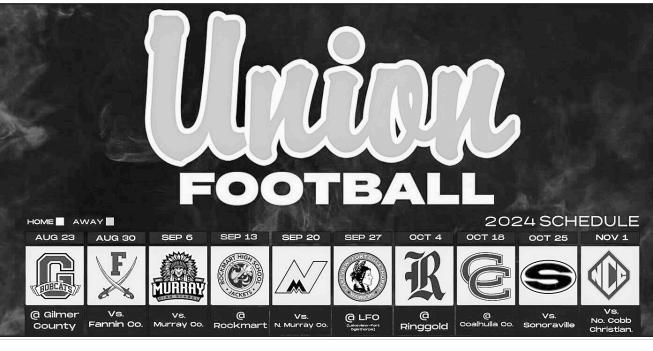
when the Lady Panthers softball team visits Pickens. The softball home opener is Aug. 3 vs. Woodland High School.

Union County softball will host its annual Players vs. Parents softball game on

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Union County wrestling camp wrapped up July 17 at the rubber floor gym. Photo/Todd Forrest





Youngsters and high schoolers get in the fun during last week's UCHS wrestling camp. Photo/Todd Forrest



Future Union County volleyballers go through drills at last week's camp. More photos on Page 9A. Photo/Todd Forrest

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UCHS Volleyball youth campers at the UCMS gym ahead of day three. Photo/Todd Forrest



Old Union hosted its three-day junior golf clinic last week. Photo/Matt Brown



The Union County youth football camp drew 75 campers to last week's three-day event. Photo/Todd Forrest

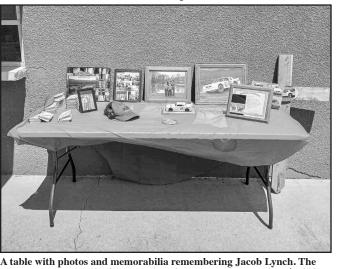


A pair of young grapplers attempt a takedown of Union County's State



season opens Aug. 8 at home. Photo/Todd Forrest

#### Jacob Lynch Memorial Softball tourney raises \$5K



Jacob Lynch Memorial Scholarship softball tournament raised \$5,000 for local UCHS and MEC scholarships.

Lynch would like to thank the 13 teams that came out to the softball tournament on July 14. We would like to thank

The Family of Jacob

Tony Hughes for running the tournament. We would like to

thank the following businesses: Foodland, Ingles, Kevin Chase, and Pepsi for donations to the concession stand. We would also like to

thank our sponsors: Crossroads Baptist Church, Julie's Childcare, Nelson's Tractor, Berrong Towing, United Community Bank, Cozy Cove Cabin Rentals and Realty, RNR Painting, King Ford, Candi Landscaping Services, The Bell Shack Souvenirs, Jennifer L. Wimpey, Fleets LLC, Mike Hemphill Trucking

and Matheson Lawn Care. We would like to thank Recreation Department for

We would like to thank Lake Hughes, Jay Lynch, Darrin Ingram and Justin Gwynn for umpiring the games. And a special thanks to

allowing us to use the field.

the Gideons, who came out to give away Bibles. Thanks to Jason Deal

for throwing out the first pitch and all the ladies that ran the concession stand, and most of all, the community for coming out and supporting this cause. We would love to make this a yearly event.

Special thank you to Bell Shack Souvenirs for doing our T-shirts and anyone else we may have forgotten.

All money raised will be given out in local scholarships to Union County High School students and Mountain Area Education students.



## UNION COUNTY SCHOOL CAMPUS

Join Union County Wrestling for live outdoor wrestling (ALL AGES!) with competitors from all over the Tri-State area!

Vendors, Craft Booths, Live Wrestling, Concessions, Bounce House, and **Children's Activites!** 

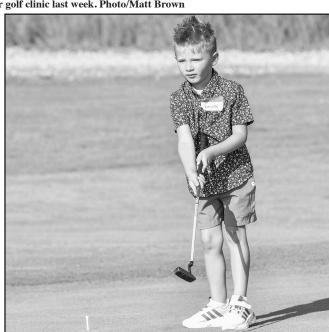




Travel Baseball for seasons Fall 2024 and *Spring 2025* Sign Ups are open for the seasons

in the following age groups: Ages 9-10 Ages 11-12

Ages 13-14 For more info contact Derek at 706-994-8973



Junior golfers practice on the putting green. Photo/Todd Forrest

#### UCHS 2024 Softball schedule

4:00 / 6:00 F

August 10	vs. Alcovy - Tigers  Prince Avenue - Wolverines  201 Ruth Jackson Rd., Bogart, GA	Away	Varsity Varsity	11:00 PM 1:00 PM
August 12	White County - Warriors 2600 Hwy 129 North, Cleveland, GA	Away	JV / Varsity	4:00 / 6:00 PI
August 15	Rockmart - Yellow Jackets (R) 990 Cartersville Hwy., Rockmart, GA	Away	Varsity	5:30 PM
August 16	Tallulah Falls - Indians	Home	<u>JV</u>	4:30/6:00
August 17	© Lumpkin County - Indians Vs. Lanier High School - Longhorns 2001 Indian Dr, Dahlonega, GA	Away	Varsity Varsity	10:00 AM 12:00 PM
August 20	North Murray - Mountaineers (R)	Home	Varsity	5:30 PM
August 22	Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe (LFO) - Warriors (R) 1850 Battlefield Pkwy, Fort Oglethorpe, GA	Away	<u>Varsity</u>	5:30 PM
August 23	Gilmer County - Bobcats	Home	JV	4:30 / 6:00 P
August 26,	Gilmer County - Bobcats 408 Bobcat Trail, Ellijay, GA	Away	<u>JV</u>	4:30 PM
August 27	Sonoraville - Phoenix (R)	Home	Varsity	5:30 PM
August 29	Ringold - Tigers (R) 29 Tiger Trail, Ringgold, GA	Away	<u>Varsity</u>	5:30 PM
September 5	Murray County - Indians (R)	Home	Varsity	5:30 PM
September 6	Pickens County - Dragons	Home	JV	4:00 / 6:00 P
September 9	North Cobb Christian - Eagles (R) 4500 Eagle Dr, Kennesaw, GA	Away	Varsity	5:30 PM
September 10	Coahulla Creek - Colts (R)	Home	Varsity	5:30 PM
September 12	Rockmart - Yellow Jackets (R)	Home	Varsity	5:30 PM
September 17	North Murray - Mountaineers (R) 2568 Mount Carmel Church Road, Chatsworth, GA	Away	Varsity	5:30 PM
September 19	Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe (LFO) - Warriors (R)	Home	Varsity	5:30 PM
September 21	Gilmer County - Bobcats	Home	Varsity	10:00 AM
September 23	Lumpkin County - Indians	Home	JV	5:00 PM
September 24	Sonoraville - Phoenix (R) 7340 Fairmount Hwy SE, Calhoun, GA	Away	Varsity	5:30 PM
September 26	Ringgold - Tigers (R)	Home	Varsity	5:30 PM
October 1	Murray County - Indians (R) 1001 Green Rd., Chatsworth, GA	Away	Varsity	5:30 PM
October 3	North Cobb Christian - Eagles (R)	Home	Varsity	5:30 PM
October 8	Coahulla Creek - Colts (R) 3361 Crow Rd. NE, Dalton, GA	Away	<u>Varsity</u>	5:30 PM
October 9	White County - Warriors 2600 Hwy 129 North, Cleveland, GA	Away	Varsity	5:30 PM
October 14-15	1st Round of State			
October 21-22	2nd Round of State			

### **UCHS 2024 Volleyball Schedule**

**Union County High School** 2024 Volleyball Schedule (R) = Region Pla @ = Tri-Match Host, vs. = A White County Camp 2600 Hwy 129 North, Cleveland, GA Gainesville Training Camp ugust 8. 2024 Pickens County - Dragons HOME Rabun County - Wildcats Stephens County - Indians 5:00 PM 7:00 PM ugust 13, 2024 HOME ugust 15, 2024 © Franklin County - Lions Commerce - Tigers 70 GA Hwy 145, Carnesville, GA drews, NC - Wildcats HOME 6:00 PM Dawson County - Tigers West Hall - Spartans 55 Perimeter Rd., Dawsonville, GA ugust 22, 2024 un Gap-Nacoochee - Eagles HOME :00 / 6:00 F Banks County - Leopards Habersham County - Raiders HOME

assee Dam, NC - Eagles ommerce - Tigers awson County - Tigers НОМЕ ordon Lee Tournament ordon Lee High School 5 Lee Cir., Chickamauga, GA Andrews, NC - Wildcats
50 High School Drive, Andrews, NC @ Ringgold - Tigers (R)

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(LFO) - Warriors (R) Tiger Trail, Ringgold, GA **Hiwassee Dam** 267 Blue Eagle Cir., Murphy, NC JV / Varsity Murray County - Indians (R ) North Murray - Mountaineers (R) 1 Green Rd., Chatsworth, GA East Jackson \*Senior Night JV / Varsity Coahulla Creek - Colts (R)

North Cobb Christian - Eagles (R) JV / Varsity JV / Varsity

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