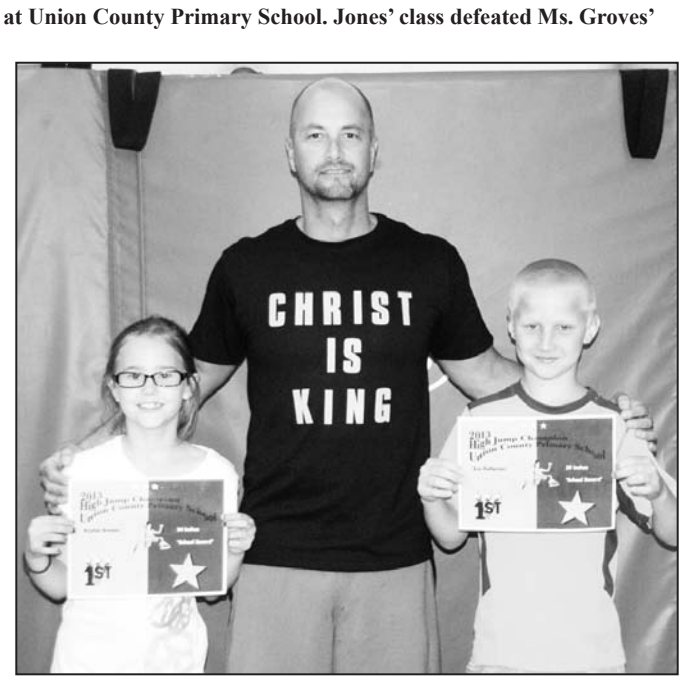
Primary school P.E. completes record-breaking year

Misty Jones' 2nd Grade Class won the 2013 Battle Ball championship at Union County Primary School. Jones' class defeated Ms. Groves' class 3-2 in the Battle Ball Championship. Photo/Todd Forrest

Kaylee Brewer (left) and Eric Patterson each set school record in the Big Air contest (High Jump). Brewer cleared 34 inches and Patterson cleared 39 inches. Photos by Todd Forrest



Coach Robbins presents Big Air champions Kaylee Brewer with their certificates for the triumph. Photo/Todd Forrest

Girls Coaches Award winners with Coach Chis Robbins. Caroline Karnes, Corinne Hill, Alli Franklin, and Ellie Cook. Of the 87 girls who took the challenge, only these four were able to complete it. Photo/Todd Forrest

Coach Robbins with Griffin Young and Adam Ashton were the only two boys out of 95 at UCPS to complete the challenge and receive the Coaches' Award. Photo/Todd Forrest

MGC competition season come to a close

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The Mountain Gymnastics Center has completed another competition season and are already preparing for 2013-14.

Last month the MGC squads took part in the Zenit Invitational in Canton where nine-year old Emma Patterson picked up a first place all-around finish with a score of 34.55 in the Prep-Op 1 level.

Emma topped the field on the beam and reeled in third place finishes the vault, bars, and floor exercises.

Two 11-year olds placed in Prep-Op 1, Erin Raper and Jordan Swanson. Erin came in second place in her age division with an impressive all around score of 37.125. Swanson was fifth with a score of 35.55.

Sierra Louima, age 12, came in third place after taking first place on the beams. Her overall score was a 37.725.

Prep-Op 2 saw two of MGC's gymnasts take home the gold. Eight-year old Jaylen Hogsed came in first on the vault and beam for an overall score of 33.775.

Reagan Ledford dominated the vault and bars in the 10-year old division en route to a 34.45 all-around score and first place.

Laura McGaha came in second in the eight-year old group after placing first on the bars and the floor.

Nine-year old Mia McCombs picked up second after an outstanding performance on the beam.

Kaylie Kendall and Evelyn McBride each placed third in their respective divisions.

Addicyn Dockery and Madelyn Savage each recorded fourth place finishes and Lexi Stephens added another top-10 performance by coming in seventh.

Jacey Lee was MGC's highest placer in Level 3, with a sixth place all-around score. Caymin Thompson was seventh, and Annalyse Kiernan was 10th.

Other MGC participants were Haley Craig, Kaitlyn Daves, and Brandy Barlow.

At the State Meet in Cobb County on April 20th and 27th, Raper came in fourth all around in Prep-Op 1. Nine-year old Olivia Blocker was seventh, Swanson and Patterson were eighth, respectively and Louima finished 12th.

Hogsed just missed a State title in Prep-Op 2, coming in second. McGaha was third, Ledford fourth, and McBride 5th. Dockery was sixth and Savage, Kendall, McCombs, and Stephens also placed in the top 15.

Level 3 saw Thompson lead MGC with a sixth place finish. Lee and Craig were 10th, Kiernan came in 11th, and Barlow 12th.

The MGC is offering summer camps and are training hard over the summer for the upcoming season in the fall and the State Meet in 2014.

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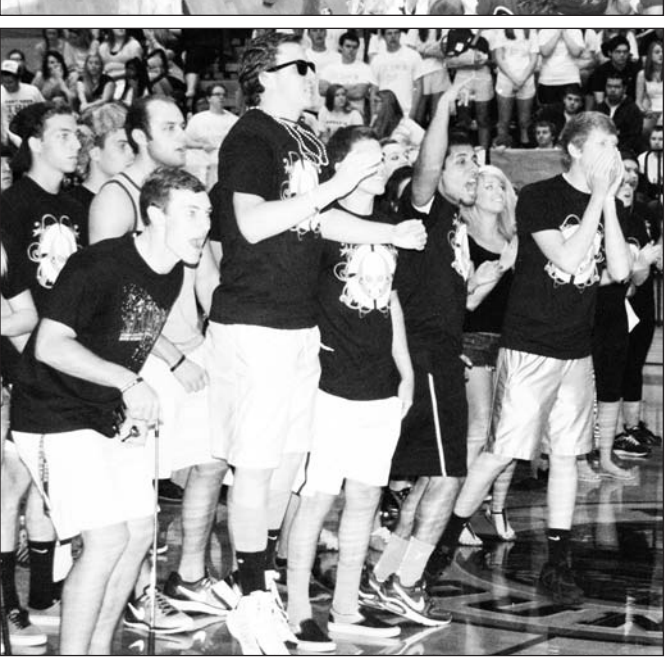
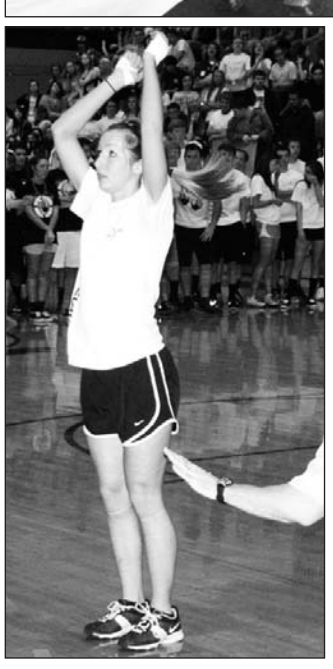
Mountain Gymnastics Competition Team. Photo/Todd Forrest

Juniors swipe U-lympics title away from seniors





Sights from the U-lympics at Union County High School. Earlier this month UCHS held its 7th Annual U-lympics competition. Each grade is judged on grades, attendance, behavior, school spirit, and athletic competition. This year the junior class took the crown after they disposed of the seniors. For the first time since 2008, a class other than the seniors won. That year the juniors took home first and then successfully defended their crown as seniors. This yearly event has turned into one of the highlights of the school year with everyone being able to compete in their area of expertise. These games, coordinated by new Principal CT Hussion is just one of many ways that keep students involved. Photos by Todd Forrest

Brian Jordan tours Meeks Park for upcoming camp

Brian Jordan and Will Nelson visit Meeks Park as the former Brave and Falcon will host a baseball/softball camp at the park. Photo/Todd Forrest

Two-Sport Athlete Brian Jordan has announced a series of baseball/softball camps aimed at scouting talent and inspiring children.

When former MLB star, Brian Jordan played for the Atlanta Braves, he made his childhood dreams come true. Since 1998 and more so since his retirement from baseball in 2006, Jordan has worked tirelessly within his children's foundation to give less fortunate kids opportunities through health, fitness, literacy and scholarships. That mission is at the forefront of the baseball and softball camps on his calendar this summer. Jordan will be in Blairsville June 29th and 30th.

"GameFace Sports Camps are really multi-purpose. I've always said 'In Every Child There is the Potential for Excellence,' so, we are out there right in the thick of it trying to prove that theory! We teach all five tools that kids need for baseball and the tools needed for softball too. My friends and I are able to teach, mentor and be a real and tangible example of success and that can matter so much to a child's hope for his future. We are able, with the help of my foundation and the community to provide scholarships for students that couldn't otherwise afford the camp and finally we are looking for All-Stars! We'll take the MVPs from each age group in each city and put them on an All-Star team that will travel to Orlando the week after Christmas and they'll participate in the Game Face and Stars and Stripes Winter World Series at Universal Studios," Jordan explained.

Only 25 students in each age group will be accepted into the camps. Along with Jordan other instructors on his list of probable Pro's are former Braves catcher Javy Lopez, renowned Braves pitching coach Leo Mazzone, Golden Glove recipient Marquis Grissom among other MLB alumni.

"We are so excited to travel to these communities to meet and teach the kids and to build our world series teams!," said Jordan. Baseball instruction is for ages 9-18 and softball instruction is for ages 11-18. The camp is open to the community, citizens are encouraged to come out and watch. For their participation, kids will receive two days of top caliber instruction, Game Face Sports Glasses, hat and jersey along with lunch both days.

A few partnership opportunities exist for area businesses that would like to be involved. To register visit www.gamefacesportscamps.com. For questions or to get involved call 404-581-9200 or e-mail tess@kasemanagement.com or traciep@kasemanagement.com.

UCRD summer registrations

Football (tackle): registration is May 1 - June 15, ages 7 - 12; fee $90 (after June 15 $100); teams assigned by age.

Football (flag): registration is May 1 - June 15, ages 5-6; fee $35 (after June 15 $45).

Wrestling: registration is May 1 - 15, ages 4 - 14; fee $30.

Cheerleading: registration is May 1 - June 15, ages 5 - 12; fee $95. At registration child must be present to be fitted for uniform.

Summer Day Camp: location is Union County Kidz Korner, 683 Ledford Road; registration is Now; ages 4 - 13; fee $80 per week (includes breakfast, lunch and most activities; May 20 thru Aug 2nd.