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ter where you travel in life, remember where you came from and those who helped you," Bentley said.

It was a night to remember as Senior Class Rep. Mikala Jones welcomed the Class and the crowd of well-wishers to the event; Lorene Irvin provided the appreciation of the Class of 2013, James Rowe recognized the achievements of the 161 seniors, Cassidy Davis asked the class and the crowd to reflect on the class' accomplishments, Keaton Wheeler paid tribute to the seniors in song.

Before Bentley's farewell to his fellow classmates, UCHS Salutatorian Gloria Bowen, bound for Georgia Tech, told her fellow classmates that they are a part of the "next great generation."

"Well guys, we made it," she said. "Some of us will follow a path to college, some are bound for the military, and others to the workforce."

"We come together one last time as the Class of 2013," she said. "As we



go, remember, we are the next great generation. As you make your way out into the world, remember, you are a member of the next great generation, destined to change the world."

Afterwards, UCHS Principal Ed Rohrbaugh declared that the Class of 2013 had met all requirements

for graduation from Union County High School.

He presented the Class to Superintendent Gary Steppe, who presented each senior with the carrot at the end of the stick, their high school diplomas.

Class of 2013, good luck to each of you. The *North Georgia News* wishes

you all a life of adventure.

In the words of T Bentley, "to do your best, you must have goals in your life. Not easy goals, but goals that stretch yourself to be your best."

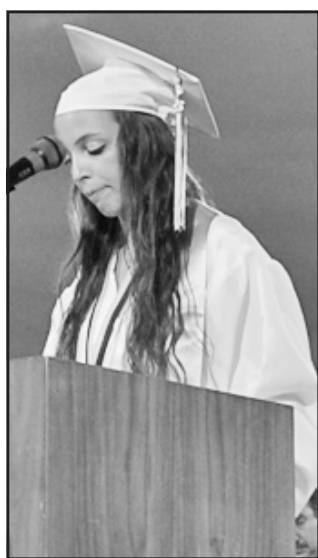
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Mikala Jones was presented this year's Loving Cup Award from the Blairsville Kiwanis Club. Her Grandmother, Betty B. Jones received the same award in 1951. Mikala is the daughter of Mike Jones.



The Class of 2013 is the largest graduating class in the history of Union County High School. There were 161 members of the Class of 2013. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



UCHS Salutatorian Gloria Marie Bowen delivers her Salutatory Address to the Class of 2013 at Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



The Class of 2013 was all smiles on Friday at Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium. Photo/Lowell Nicholson