

# Sports

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## Baseball: Mancuso, Rich, Banton receive top honors at end-of-year banquet



Union County baseball assistant coach Dana Reece (left) presents senior pitcher/catcher Lance Rich (middle) with the Defensive MVP award and senior Joseph Mancuso (right) with the Pitcher of the Year award. Photo/Todd Forrest



Union County baseball assistant coach James Avery presents sophomore RJ Banton with the Offensive MVP award at the Union County baseball banquet held on Friday, May 20th. Photo/Todd Forrest



The Union County baseball seniors (left to right) Lance Rich, Will King, Joseph Mancuso, and Andrew Brown graduated last week as one of the most successful classes in program history. The Class of 2016 departs with four State Tournaments, two Region Championships, two Region Runner-up finishes, three Sweet 16 appearances, and one Elite 8 appearance. Photo/Todd Forrest

## Eight UCPS students receive Coaches Award for excellence in Physical Education



The eight students who received the Coaches Award: pictured left to right: Holden Payne, Taylor Reece, Jaden Munn, UCPS Coach Chris Robbins, Riley Voss, Kainen Shirley, and Isaac Spratlin. Not pictured is Danielle Schmelz and Mason West. Photo/Todd Forrest

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Eight 2nd graders at Union County Primary School successfully mastered eight different tests given in different areas of Physical Education and received the Coaches Award for excellence in P.E..

The tests were a combination of coordination and skill and were given to over

200 second graders.

The areas tested were sports skills and hand-eye coordination drills including: jump rope, rock wall climb, high jump, hula-hoop, two different types of basketball skills, throwing, and catching.

The students begin working on each of these skills in kindergarten but aren't tested until 2nd grade.

Each student that passed

all eight tests were given a large, medium, and small prize.

Those that passed seven-of-eight were given a medium and small prize, and those passing six-of-eight received a small prize.

Union County Primary School P.E. Coach Chris Robbins would especially like to thank Ms. Alice at the Blairsville Walmart for donating the prizes.

## Accolades continue to roll in for Union County golf



Union County golfers Maddie and Ally Horinek were named the Blitz Sports Golfers of the Year for 2016. Blitz covers all the local high school sports teams at Habersham Central, White, Dawson, Lumpkin, Towns, Union, Banks, Rabun and Commerce, and Hayesville, NC. The weekly show features interviews with coaches and players, highlights and the player of the week. For more info visit: [www.facebook.com/BlitzSports](http://www.facebook.com/BlitzSports)



Union County golf thanks its sponsors following the 2016 season.

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## Kelley named Peach Belt Coach of the Year

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St. Augustine, Fla - Young Harris College was well represented in the 2016 Peach Belt Conference Men's Golf awards that were announced on April 14th at the World Golf Village, the site of the 2016 PBC Golf Championship.

David Wallin was named the conference's Player of the Year while Caleb Kelley was honored as the league's Coach of the Year.

Kelley, who is a 2012 YHC graduate and a 2007 Union County High School graduate, earns his first PBC Coach of the Year honor in his first full season as the Mountain Lions coach. Kelley served as assistant coach



Caleb Kelley (left) with YHC's David Wallin - PBC Player of the Year for two years and as interim ever be named a PBC Coach of the Year, joining men's soccer coach Mark McKeever (2013).

## MGC correction

The headline for last week's Mountain Gymnastics Center article incorrectly stated that MGC won a total of 10 State Championships during the recent State meets.

While 10 different girls came home as State Champions, some of them won multiple titles for a total of 15 State Championships captured by the MGC.



MGC's Sofia Swartz

## TUCKER'S BASKETBALL CAMP

Union County High School  
June 20-23, 2016  
David Tucker  
106 Sherwood Ave.  
Box 26  
Calhoun, TN 37309  
(423) 336-3045

Union County High School is hosting a basketball skills camp for boys and girls K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. The camp will begin daily at 8:30am and end at 11:30am. Every camper will receive a camp t-shirt. There will be an awards ceremony on Thursday at 11:00am. The cost for each camper will be \$60.00. You may bring this form and money on June 20th, or mail this form and money to David Tucker at the address above.

David Tucker - Union County Panthers Head Girls Coach  
Junior Tucker - Walker Valley High School  
Jon Tucker - Polk County High School  
Mandy Hunter - Union County Panthers  
Ray Stone - Tennessee Wesleyan Basketball  
Lane Colwell - Union County High School

Activities will include: Ball handling drills, dribbling drills, shooting drills, offense and defense instruction, contests, 5 on 5 play, 3 on 3 play, and one on one play.

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

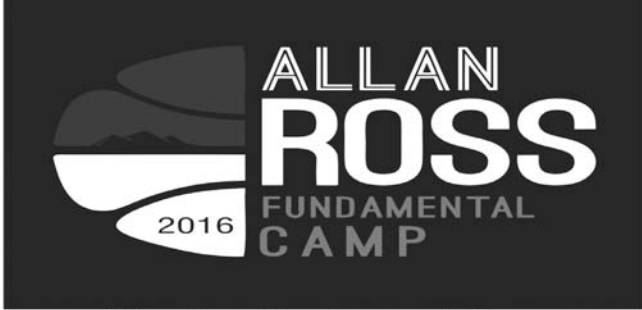
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MGC Level 2 and Bronze



Lola Patton and Avery Frechette



**ALLAN ROSS**  
FUNDAMENTAL CAMP

Allan Ross Fundamental Camp

Dates: June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>

Location: Union County High School Gym

Age Groups: Boys and Girls; Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Time: 9AM-12 Noon

Cost: \$60 per child  
(\$50 if child is registered **by May 23, 2016**)

Optional Free Breakfast and Lunch served to campers Thurs. and Fri.!

Elite Level Training (ELT) is happy to announce it will be hosting its annual fundamental based basketball camp in Blairsville, Georgia. The focus of this camp will be player and skill development through focused teaching of fundamentals and functional movement. All instructors of this camp will have collegiate basketball experience, through their playing or training backgrounds or will be a part of the Union County High School Basketball Program, to better help campers achieve their own goals and improve their own personal development. For additional information and registration forms email ELT instructor Michael Ross at [rossma24@yahoo.com](mailto:rossma24@yahoo.com) or by calling 706-897-4581. Acceptable payment methods are cash or check and must be made out to Michael Ross. We look forward to helping our athletes improve their skills and overall game!