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7-6 advantage.
 "We started making errors and they started hitting and we allowed some walks too," said Coach Stewart.
 Trailing by a run in Union's final at-bat, Courtney Busbee, again opened with a lead off double, Brown singled, Seeba singled home Karley Nix - who pinch ran for Courtney Busbee, to tie up the game. Stroman reached on an error and Crystal Busbee reached on a fielder's choice.
 That's when Rich stepped to the plate and smacked an opposite field single that scored two runs and gave Union the lead for good.
 Crystal Busbee picked up the win, pitching a complete game for Union in her season debut from the circle.
 "Our pitchers, for the most part, did pretty good," said Coach Stewart. "They all did well in their first games. They weren't helped out by our defense and that's something we still need to work on."
 Hughes went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, Brown finished with two hits, an RBI, and a run, Courtney Busbee had two hits and scored twice, and Stroman added an RBI triple in Union's five-run second inning.

Union Co. 13, West Hall 4

Union finished unbeaten in pool play thanks to seven runs in the third to blow the lid off a close contest early on.
 Crystal Busbee went 2-for-2 with two walks and scored four times. Hughes drove in three and freshman Madison Garrett knocked in two.
 Junior Chelsey Cook pitched a complete game, throwing four innings in a time-limit shortened affair. Cook struck out two and allowed two earned runs.
 "I knew coming into the tournament that I would use all three pitchers," said Coach Stewart. "But it was a game-time decision to go with Cook."
 Brown went 3-for-3 with a run and Adams also went 3-for-3 with three stolen bases, an RBI, and a run.
 Rich scored twice, Seeba

and Stroman scored a run with Stroman chipping in an RBI double.
 Sophomore Haylle King opened Union's seven-run third with a lead off walk and would later score.
 West Hall picked up two runs in the top half of the first but Union responded when Hughes doubled home Crystal Busbee and Rich.
 Later, a single by Brown allowed Garrett to use a sacrifice fly to bring in Hughes.
 The Lady Panthers added two more in the second to take a 5-2 lead, however West Hall took advantage of two Union errors in the third to make it a 5-4 game.
 The Lady Panthers would answer by sending 12 hitters to the plate, that produced seven runs during a lengthy bottom of the third.

Union Co. 6, East Hall 4

The bottom of the Lady Panthers' lineup ignited a three-run sixth inning that propelled Union to a win.
 Trailing 4-3 and down to its last three outs, Courtney Busbee and Brown opened the final frame with consecutive singles. Adams' sacrifice bunt moved two runners into scoring position for Seeba. The senior would line a single into left - scoring Courtney Busbee.
 Stroman's sacrifice fly scored Brown with the red hot bat of Crystal Busbee on deck.
 Busbee, who already had five hits in the tournament, laced an opposite field single, scoring Seeba.
 "They were never scared and answered the challenge," Coach Stewart said. "That's something that can take half of a season to develop."
 Union was able to overcome a costly error in the second inning that handed East Hall two runs.
 Byers went the distance for Union - allowing two earned runs in the win.
 Crystal Busbee finished with two RBIs, Hughes drove in one, while Rich scored another.
 Hughes gave Union an early lead when she drove in



A vocal sophomore, Crystal Busbee, whose bat, arm, and glove proved vital to the Lady Panthers' success. Photo/Todd Forrest

Crystal Busbee in the first but East Hall scored two in the second and two in the fourth.

Union Co. 8, White Co. 5

The Lady Panthers came away with a Friday night victory in the opener of the Lanier Point Tournament, despite it not being declared an official game.
 Union led 8-5 with two outs in the top of the fourth when the evening's second rain delay forced an early end to a much-anticipated clash of two North Georgia powers.
 Just one out away from being ruled an official game, the umpires noticed lightning in the distance and ordered the teams off the field.
 Play never resumed.
 For most of the contest, Union's offense was powered by Crystal Busbee, who went 3-for-3 with a run and an RBI. The second baseman sparked Union to a two-run early lead thanks to Byers' one-out single, scoring Crystal Busbee and Rich.
 The Lady Panthers post-

ed three more in the second when Hughes' grounder to shortstop was mishandled, then thrown into right field, clearing the bases. Seeba, Stroman, and Crystal Busbee each scored on the throwing error.
 White took advantage of a brief shower by answering with four unearned runs in the top of the third. Mostly due to two Union errors and consecutive walks during less-than-desirable playing conditions.
 After a brief rain delay, Byers pitched her way out of trouble, and with her team clinging to a one-run lead, the senior needed the Union bats to respond.
 Respond they did, during a critical three-run third inning to seize momentum back from the Lady Warriors.
 "I was really proud of how we responded," Coach Stewart said. "That shows maturity."
 Courtney Busbee reached on an error and scored, Brown singled and scored, an Adams single knocked in Brown, while Crystal Busbee's third single scored Adams.

Panther Wrestling begins

The Union County Panther wrestling coaches invite all students from ages 5-18 to join us for Panther Open Mat beginning Aug. 14. Open Mat will take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Elementary School gym.
 Wrestlers will participate in proper techniques for stretching and conditioning, team building activities, learning individual wrestling skills and the Union County Panther wrestling system.

Quarterback Club Meeting

Quarterback Club members, please plan on attending the next Quarterback Club meeting on Tuesday, August 14, at 6:00 PM, in the Quarterback Club Room in the Field House.
 The following topics are planned to be discussed:
 *Tremendous results with Football Program sales
 *FANTastic planning for the Meet the Team event
 *Great news for Panther All-

The primary focus of Panther Open Mat is for young people to be physically active and have fun in a positive environment.
 Wrestlers need to wear T-shirts and gym shorts with no zippers or buttons. Wrestling shoes are not required.
 For more details contact Coach Bob Williams at bwilliams@ucschools.org or Coach Michael Smith-Foot at msmithfoot@ucschools.org

UCHS All-Sports Pass now available

Panther Nation now has an All Sports Pass available for purchase in the high school front office.
 This pass will gain one person in your family access to ALL Union County High School JV and Varsity regular season home games for the 2012 -2013 school year.
 Again, if you seem to always have at least one family member paying to go to

different events, this pass is for you.
 The passes are numbered and can only be used once per game. Pass holders must sign in at the gate.
 Cost: \$100 (A potential savings of over \$150)
 Football season passes also available for \$30 at UCHS front office.
 For more details visit www.uchspanthers.com

MUSA Rockfest

The Mountain United Soccer Rock N Roll Festival is Aug. 25th at The Lodge at Copperhead.
 This is our annual fund raiser. We are asking you if you would help us by being a sponsor.
 Family sponsor: \$25, includes two tickets and your name on a banner.
 Business sponsor: \$50. Includes four tickets and your name on two banners and announced two times during the event.
 *Poolside sponsor \$500. Includes 20 tickets, private pool area, your own banner and listing on advertising
 *Event Sponsor \$1,000. Includes tickets and listing and a promotional material.

*Contact us for more information
 This event is raising funds for our soccer programs in Union and Towns counties. It is also raising money for MS, and also for a child to travel to Milan to play. We are sharing this event, and the other two causes are raising money for us.
 Please be generous. Donation tickets in advance are two for \$5 and will be \$5 at the gate. Please reserve Aug. 25th from noon to 8 p.m. to come out and listen to four to five bands and have some fun. We are expecting a large crowd again this year. Help us help others. For more details, contact Richard Smith at (706) 781-8152

UCB Golden Club Bowling League winners



First Place Winners: Nottely Crew, Nancy Hopkins, Sandy Langford, Gene Langford



Runner Up Winners: Lucky Seven: Judy North, Joanna Peoples, Chris Padgett, not pictured.

Golden Club held their awards banquet on Thursday, August 9th, and the following winners were announced.
 1st Place: Nottely Crew: Capt. Gene Langford; 2nd Place: Lucky 7: Capt. Judy North; 3rd Place Tie: Blue Ridge Trophies: Capt. Rose Terry; Patton's Pals: Capt. Pat Lance; 5th Place: Lakeside Village: Capt. Monte Tolson; 6th Place: Radio Shack: Capt. Ted Nesius; 7th Place: Blue Mtn Critters: Capt. Sue Ganitch.
 Scratch Series: Paul Napolitano, 653; Rudy McMillan 600; Wayne Abercrombie 493; Sue Ganitch, 532; Marian Tolson 482; Rose Terry, 480; Scratch Game: John Poffen-

berge, 246; Gene Langford, 231; Nancy Hopkins, 207; Pat Lance 179; Frankie Yancey, 166; Hdcp Series: Monte Tolson, 724; Ron Weppleman 713; Chris Padgett 706; Margaret Scagliun; 704; Joanna Peoples, 664; Hdcp Game: Ted Nesius, 285; Jin Ganitch, 259; Sandy Langford 254; Judy North 253; Jeanie Nesius, 241.
 High Average: Paul Napolitano 188, Sue Ganitch 151. Most Improved, Nancy Hopkins & Rudy McMillan.
 The league will begin their fall schedule Thursday, August 30th. Meeting will be 1 p.m. This is a fun trio league. Please call 706-897-9437 to reserve your spot on this league.

Certified Royal Academy of Dance Instruction offered at Brasstown Dance Academy

Royal Academy of Dance ballet instruction is offered to students preprimary and up at Brasstown Dance Academy. Madge Smith completed the 3 year instructor certification program and has presented students for official Royal Academy of Dance examinations for the past 2 years. RAD students at BDA have excelled at examinations and passed with distinction and merit. Students who passed their examinations last Spring were Joni Lyvers, Skylar Stephens, Mai Lim, Amaira Barrett, Lydia Moss, Tori Anderson, Ansley Vardeman, Lindy Hollingshead, Sarina Kurribukus, and Caitlin Sheffield. Students and parents can be sure that they are receiving top notch quality instruction when outside examiners rate them so well.



Madge Smith dance opportunities, college programs or professional avenues. They will have a strong foundation indicated by the RAD that can be built strongly upon.

Founded over 80 years ago, the Royal Academy of Dance is the largest, most influential dance teacher training and examining body for classical ballet in the world. This teaching method is used in over 70 countries in the world, setting high standards of dance training for over 250,000 students each year. The international network of examiners travels the world examining pupils in the Syllabus at every level. Having an institution outside of our studio accredit our work, gives the teacher accountability, and sets a standard for excellence. The examined student will forever carry a resume that is internationally recognized. As such a student may choose to audition for

Brasstown Dance Academy will begin its 21st dance season on Monday, August 20th. BDA will continue to offer instruction in a wide variety of dance styles for ages 3 and up, including Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical, Contemporary, Modern and Hip Hop, as well as combination classes. If you are considering dance classes for your student, this is a great time to register. BDA is now offering classes for our youngest dancers at the Peacock Playhouse in Hayesville on Mondays. Call or visit Brasstown Dance Academy for more information about classes, schedules, registration or RAD.
 Studio office hours are Monday-Thursday 2:00 - 6:00pm and the phone number is (706) 379-2651. Thank you, from the studio that is "Turned on to Life!" NT(Aug15,C6)ac

Blairsville School of Dance to offer free Cardio Hip Hop Class

On Thursday, August 16, Blairsville School of Dance will offer its Cardio Hip Hop class for free to kick off its new program. The Cardio Hip Hop class, which is for teens and adults, will be held on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.
 Cardio Hip Hop can burn hundreds of calories per hour, depending on your body type and the intensity with which you perform the dance moves.
 Blairsville School of Dance aims to make exercise fun with upbeat music, a positive environment and fairly simple movements that beginners can pick up on right away. No dance experience is necessary.
 The class will be instructed by Brett Taylor, who is beginning her fourth season as an instructor at BSoD. Taylor has an extensive career in

dance and is excited to begin this program at BSoD. She also teaches ballet technique, pointe, lyrical and jazz classes at BSoD and is a fitness instructor at Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center in Murphy.
 Cardio Hip Hop joins the BSoD Fitness Schedule, which also includes twice a week Zumba classes. All fitness classes are \$5 a class to drop-in or \$25 a month for unlimited classes.
 Blairsville School of Dance is located at 80 Blue Ridge Street in the Merchant's Walk Plaza across from the Blairsville Police Department. Participants should arrive about 5-10 minutes before the start of classes. For more information, call (706) 835-1415 or email blairsvilledance@yahoo.com. NT(Aug15,C7)ac



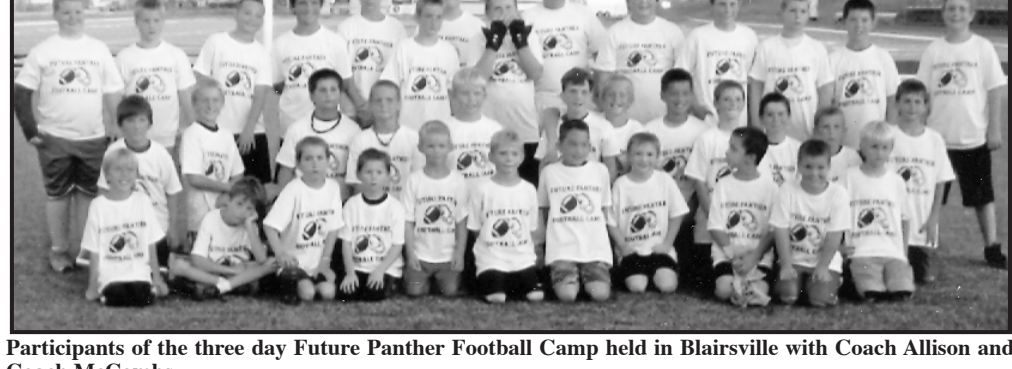
Blairsville Kiwanis Club

Golf Tournament set for September 21st

Kiwanis Club of Blairsville invites you to a Friday afternoon of golf, food and good old fashioned competition.
 The tournament will be held at the Old Union Golf Course on September 21, 2012, located off Hwy 129 north into the Owen Glen Golf Community of Blairsville.
 Registration will begin at 11 a.m. in the clubhouse.

A shotgun start will occur at 12:30 p.m.
 Cash prizes will be given for Closest to the Pin on par 3s and Long Drive/ Accuracy. Many door prizes will be given away as well!
 For more information, please contact Jimmy Nichols at 706-745-2151 or Mary Colwell at 706-781-8489. NT(Aug15,C7)ac

Summertime fun at the Future Panther Football Camp



Participants of the three day Future Panther Football Camp held in Blairsville with Coach Allison and Coach McCombs. N(Aug15,Z20)CA

Bowling for Cure

Bowling for a Cure, Saturday, August 18th at 12 p.m. with prizes, raffles and 50/50 drawing at Galaxy Bowling, 104 Backyard Lane, Blairsville, GA, 706-745-4444. Cost is \$20 per person, includes 2 games, shoe rental, pizza and drink.
 All proceeds benefit Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure. For more information contact Shannon Foster at 706-781-9583 or www.the3day.org. N(Aug15,Z22)CA



Alzheimer's Walk Kick-off
 Please join us on Thursday, August 16, 2012 for the Kick-off Meeting for the Georgia Mountain Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Georgia Mountain Walk to End Alzheimer's. The meeting will be held at Blue Ridge Methodist Church, 328 W Main Street, Blue Ridge, GA at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided.
 GA Mtn Walk to End Alzheimer's will be October 6th at Fannin Co. Senior Ctr. Any questions please contact Sharon Penner (770) 789-2044 or penner.sharon@yahoo.com.