

MGC opens its competitive season at Denim and Diamonds

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DAHLONEGA - The 2017-18 competitive season is underway for Blairsville's Mountain Gymnastics Center.

Earlier this month its seven different levels of gymnasts took part in the Denim and Diamonds meet in Dahlonega.

Bringing home a first place all-around score at the AAU Bronze Level was Adriana Viera, who tied for first place on the vault with MGC teammate Millie Banks with a score of 9.25. Viera took first place on the bars and tied for first on the floor to give her an all-around score of 37.

MGC claimed two first place all-around scores in the USA Level 4 competition with Lola Patton and Lillian Peacock each taking the gold.

Patton was first on the beam and floor with second place scores on the vault and bars for a total of 36.75. Meanwhile, Peacock took first on the floor and was third on the vault, bars, and beam for a total of 35.725.

Hana Gregory recorded a first place all-around score of 35.7 in the USA Level 5 competition. She was first on the bars, second on the vault and beam, and third on the floor.

Erin Raper picked up a first place all-around finish at the USA Platinum level with a 36.75. She was second on the beam, vault, and floor with a fourth place performance on the bars.

Mia McCombs was fourth all-around in USA Platinum with a first place performance on the beam and third on the bars.

Kiersten Queen was second in the USA Level 6 competition with second place scores on the bars and beam. She also placed fourth on the floor.

Jacey Lee competed at USA Level 5 and placed sixth all-around with a pair of fifth place finishes on the bars and beam.

Other USA Level 4 competitors were second place Avery Frechette - first on the vault and bars, fourth on the floor.

Madison Pelfrey - third all-around; second place on the vault.

Josie Poston - second all-around; first on the vault, second on the beam and the floor.

Annalyse Kiernan - third all-around; first on the bars, third on the beam, fourth on the floor.

Bre Arp - sixth all-around.

In the AAU Silver, Reese Chambers was second all-around after tying for first on the vault, placing second on the beam, third on the floor, and fourth on



AAU Level 1: (L-R) Reagan Gwynn and Keely Shook



AAU Bronze: (L-R) Adriana Viera, Samantha Blackwell, Kara Lodge, and Millie Banks



USA Level 6: (L-R) Kiersten Queen and Sofia Swartz



AAU Silver: (L-R) Emma Schuette, Nevaeh Leopold, Reese Chambers, and Kristy Garrett



USA Level 4 (L-R) back row: Josie Poston, Bre Arp, Maddie Pelfrey; front row: Annalyse Kiernan, Avery Frechette, Lola Patton, and Lillian Peacock.



USA Level 5: (L-R) Jacey Lee and Hana Gregory



USA Platinum: (L-R) Erin Raper and Mia McCombs

the bars. Others competing in AAU Silver were: Emma Schuette - fourth all-around; first on the vault, third on the bars, fourth on the beam and floor.

Nevaeh Leopold - sixth all-around with a fourth place performance on the vault.

Kristy Garrett - seventh all-around.

The AAU Bronze level saw Banks place seventh all-around with a first place performance on the vault to go with seventh and eighth place finishes on the bars and floor, respectively.

Kara Lodge was 10th all-around after placing sixth on the beam and seventh on the bars.

Samantha Blackwell finished 12th all-around after plac-

ing fourth on the beam. In AAU Level 1, Keely Shook was second all-around with first place finishes on the bars and floor.

Reagan Gwynn was 11th all-around with a ninth place performance on the bars.

MGC will be back in action with two January meets in Hiram and Canton.

Golden Club Bowling League 2017



Golden Club Bowling League 2017 High Average Winners (L-R): Rose Marie Terry and Chris McKee



(L-R): Clifton Deal, Denise Praizler, John Robinson, Ray DaSilva, Karen Hall; Individual Awards:

Scratch Series Men: Chris McKee 772; Gale Glascock 658; Cleaston Burger 635. Scratch Series Ladies: Rose Marie Terry 546; Jackie Keene 498; Linda McKee 438. Scratch Game Men: Ray DaSilva 278; Rich Hartshorn 244; John Robinson 243. Scratch Game Ladies: Bonna Graham 195; 189 Tie Margie Slodysko, Cindy Prater, Betty Molfetto.

Hdcp Series Men: McRoberts 834; Larry Dumas 787; Jeff Washburn 750. Hdcp Series Ladies: Brenda Hartshorn 772; Marlene Parker 754; Carol Shields 742. Hdcp Game Men: Clifton Deal 305; Ed Gerhard 289; Wendell Barnes 277. Hdcp Game Ladies: Barbara Stodghill 299; Paula Washburn 277; Karen Hall 266; Denise Prizler 266.

Our winter league will begin Wednesday, January 3rd at 1 p.m. If you are interested in bowling, please call Rose Marie Terry 706-745-4268.

Union football places three on All Region team

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With the GHSA football state champions recently crowned, Union County football recently received a few accolades when the 7-AAA All Region Team for 2017 was announced last week.

Three Panthers were named to the All Region team with senior quarterback Cole Wright headlining the Union County selections. Wright made the list for the second straight season after picking up Offensive Most Valuable Player honors in 2016.

Joining him is fellow senior, middle linebacker RJ Banton, making up for last year's travesty when he was left off the 7-AAA All Region team.

Finally, junior kicker Brian Smith joins Banton as another first-timer on the All Region team.

East Hall quarterback Austin Parker was Region Player of the Year. Offensive MVP was Dawson County quarterback Coey Watson. Defensive MVP was GAC linebacker Jeremy Fowler. Tyler McMichael of GAC was named Athlete of the Year and fellow Spartan Chris Hinton was Lineman of the Year. The Academic Player of the Year went to another GAC Spartan, Ford Roberts.



Cole Wright



RJ Banton



Brian Smith

Bowling scores

Monday Night Ladies: Rice 200, Stanley Tyler 263, 236, Brenda Hamilton 186, Nell Rice 183, 181, 187, Karie Harkins 205, Janet Burrell 182, 201.

Monday Night Men: David McGregor 201, Curtis Corn 201, Josh Mathis 200, Richard Tanner 225, Pete DeJoseph 217, 264, Series 672, Doug Tanner 206, Bill Cox 226, 202, Greg Wittenberg 257, 256, 225, Series 738, Stanley Tyler 243, 201, Series 629, Branden Hartness 237, Series 604, Jay Burrell 236, Ryan West 204, 206, Series 600, Justin Miller 230, 211, Series 626, Bart Rogers 229, Series 601, Jeff Boyle 212, Taz Matetzsch 220, 181, 221, Series 622, Derick Rice 203, Guy Hill 210, 210, Larry Cannon 221, 200, 210, Series 631, Jim McCreary 213, 236, 209, Series 658.

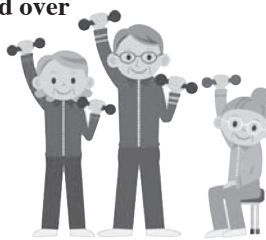
Thursday Night Fun Mixed: Branden Hartness 205, 206, Greg Wittenberg 207, DJ DeJoseph 202, 204, 207, Series 613, Doug Roberts 209, Brett Hogsdon 208, 234, 236, Stanley Tyler 248, 216, Series 643, Tony Lynch 201, 226, 214, Janet Burrell 201, Jim McCreary 216, 236, 236, Series 688, Bill Breedlove 222, Steve Fischer 258, Van Day 234, Justin Miller 210, 208, Mary Everett 200, Justin Mathis 201, Jeremy Lands 232, David McGregor 211, 231, Series 616.

Blairsville Winter Youth Bowlers: Noah Freuen 97, Lily Love 107, Joshua Collins 118, 117, Connor Rexroad 139, 116, Christian Theriot 133, 161, 114, Jaden Love 152, 100, 121, Cooper Boyle 163, 184, 236, Kiley Hartness 85, 83, Cody Meeks 112, 169, 104, Cooper Allen 107, 111, Jared Edwards 180, 164, 161, Ivy Robbins 129, 92, 125, Ben Love 92, 114, 114, Nick Love 152, 154, 116. NDDec20Z3CA

Young @ Heart League: Mel White 213, Rainy Hughes 182, Nell Rice 180, Ron Wingate 203, Sarah Chumbley 180, 181, Bob Bischoff 201, Bill Cox 211, Bob Shannon 193, Del Neiffer 195, 192, 278, Series 665, Pat Craig 192, Jerry Clark 202, Barry

Union County Recreation Department Winter Aerobics and Indoor Walking 2018 Low Impact Aerobics and Walking Ages: 50 and over

The New Year is quickly approaching! If you are looking for indoor exercise programs to fit your New Year's Resolution of a healthier lifestyle, then come on down to the Union County Recreation Department and sign up for our Winter Aerobics and indoor walking programs! The Program Director of Union County Parks and Recreation will be leading aerobic sessions two times a week for January and February and indoor walking sessions for January twice a week for 60 minutes. This is a great time to socialize and exercise with a fun group!



**Winter Aerobics Registration begins on December 13, 2017 and ends January 2, 2018 at the Recreation Office (310 Wellborn Street) Registration must be done in person. If you have any questions, please call our office at (706) 439-6074.