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## Union County High School hosts its first wrestling tournament

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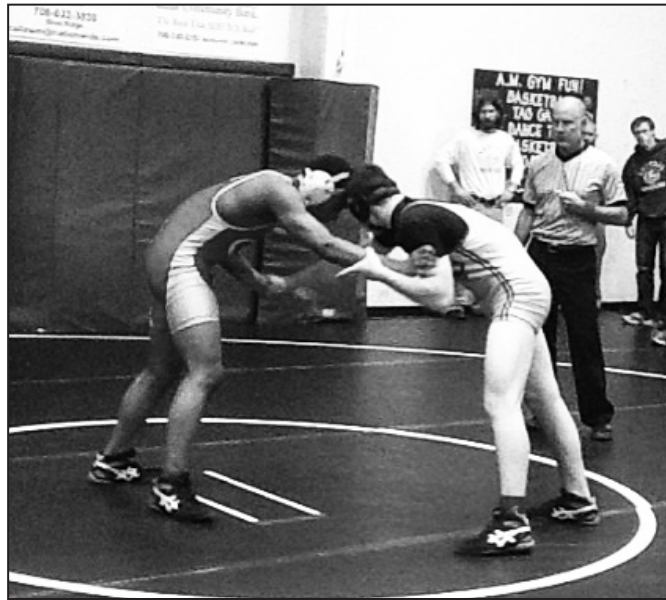
‘The Pit’ played host to the First Annual Union County Panther Classic last Saturday, as Union County wrestling continues to exit its infant stages.

The event saw five Panther wrestlers place in their respective weight classes during Union County High School’s first ever hosting of a Varsity Wrestling tournament.

First-year wrestler Kyle English placed fourth in the 126-pound division.

Senior Chase Stancil reached the finals despite the tournament being just his third day on the mat since the conclusion of football season.

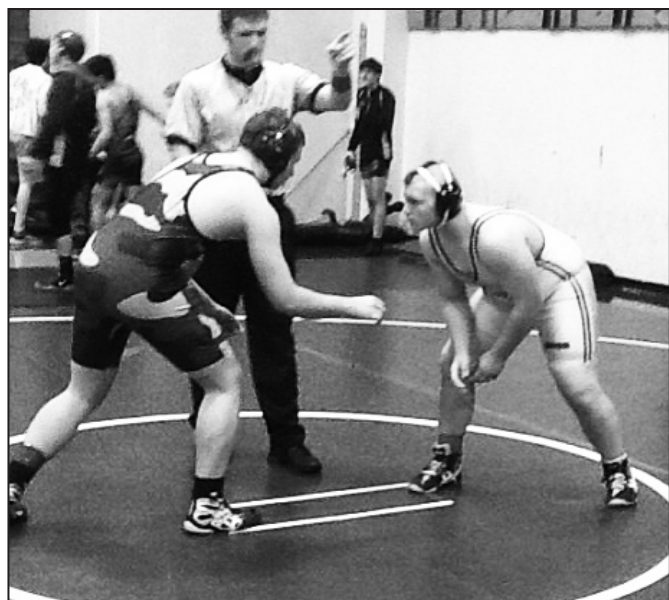
Sophomore Justin Eigel wrestled in the 182-pound



Justin Eigel (right) placed third over the weekend.

class and placed third, despite competing at more than 15 pounds heavier than his usual weight class.

Junior Tulsa Queen placed third in the 195-pound weight class and Stephen Richardson placed fourth at



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220-pounds.

Others who wrestled but did not place were: Payton Tumey at 126 pounds, Brandon

Richman at 145 pounds, Nick White at 152 pounds, Bo Lynch at 170 pounds, Nick Bertuna at 170 pounds, and Jared Main at

285 pounds. Jon Floyd, Chase Barnett, Dylan Byers, Orlando Lara, Addie Stephens, and Maci Hayes did not compete in this tournament.

“Even though we did not fill every weight class and many of our competing wrestlers were in heavier weights than normal, we still produced five placers,” Union Coach Michael Smith-Foot said.

Overall Union came in sixth out of nine teams.

Many of them were much larger schools,” Coach Smith-Foot said. “Clarke Central was first, Flowery Branch was second, and third was Madison County.”

Union will be back in action on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd before taking part in the highly anticipated King of the Mountain Tournament in Towns County that following weekend.

## Chambers named First Team All-Region; three others make second team

### 2013 8AA All-Region 1st Team

IF-Olivia Husted - Jefferson (Player of the Year)  
P-Lexi Griffin - Social Circle (Pitcher of the Year)

C-Ashley Boyd - Jefferson  
C-Tonya Huckaby - Oglethorpe  
IF-Savannah Snapp - Jefferson  
IF-Haley Barnes - Social Circle  
IF-Dominique Welborn - W-Wilkes  
IF-Bailee Thornton - W-Wilkes  
OF-Emily Dufty - Jefferson  
OF-Erin Jackson - Jefferson  
OF-Alexis Austin - Social Circle  
OF-Trenetta Smith - Oglethorpe  
UT-Jennah McElheney - Oglethorpe  
P-Laken Chambers - Union

### 8AA All-Region 2nd Team

Courtney Busbee - Union  
Brea Dickson - Social Circle  
Hallye King - Union  
Karley Nix - Union  
Jesse Echols - W-Wilkes  
Cassie Mayfield - Social Circle  
Trista Houston - Rabun  
Caitlin Cantrell - Jefferson  
Tessa Matheson - Rabun  
Abby Everett - Social Circle  
Leslie Souther - W-Wilkes



Freshman Laken Chambers



Junior Hallye King



Junior Courtney Busbee



Sophomore Karley Nix

## Union County swimmers hit the pool



Union County Head Coach Carol Knight’s Panthers and Lady Panthers swim teams posted very solid times at Murphy, NC last weekend despite each team losing its top swimmer from a year ago. Coach Knight has called the 2013-14 season a rebuilding year but Union brought home some positive results from Murphy. The Girls 200 Medley Relay picked up Fourth place (Anna Knight, Maggie Davis, Megan Foster, Lindsey McCann). The Boys 200 Medley Relay finished in Third place (Jeremy Herum, Joseph Mancuso, Austin Norton, Brennen Wilkes). Boys 200 Freestyle Fourth place went to Austin Norton, Girls 200 Individual Medley: 5th place to Megan Foster, Girls 50 Freestyle - First place to Anna Knight and Fourth place to Lindsey McCann. Union took the top three in the Boys 50 Freestyle First place to Joseph Mancuso, Second place to Austin Norton and Third place to Brennen Wilkes. Girls 100 Freestyle: Second place to Lindsey McCann, Boys 100 Freestyle: First place to Brennen Wilkes, Girls 200 Freestyle Relay - Fourth place (Lindsey McCann, Maggie Davis, Megan Foster, Anna Knight), Boys 200 Freestyle Relay: second place (Nick Rodriguez, Austin Norton, Joseph Mancuso, Brennen Wilkes). Girls 100 Backstroke First place Anna Knight. Girls 100 Breaststroke Fourth place Megan Foster.

## MGC already collecting hardware



Six local gymnasts from the Mountain Gymnastics Center have qualified for the State Meet after a remarkable performance in Cumming earlier in the month. The USA Level 4 team picked up a First place overall finish at the Shake, Rattle, and Roll Meet on Nov. 2nd. Addieyn Dockery, Evelyn McBride, Jaylen Hogsed, Kaylie Kendall, Reagan Ledford, Mia McCombs, Laura McGaha, and Erin Raper each played a vital role in MGC’s success. Meanwhile, Dockery, McBride, Hogsed, McCombs, and McGaha each qualified for State due to wracking up 32 point or higher twice on their All-Around scores.

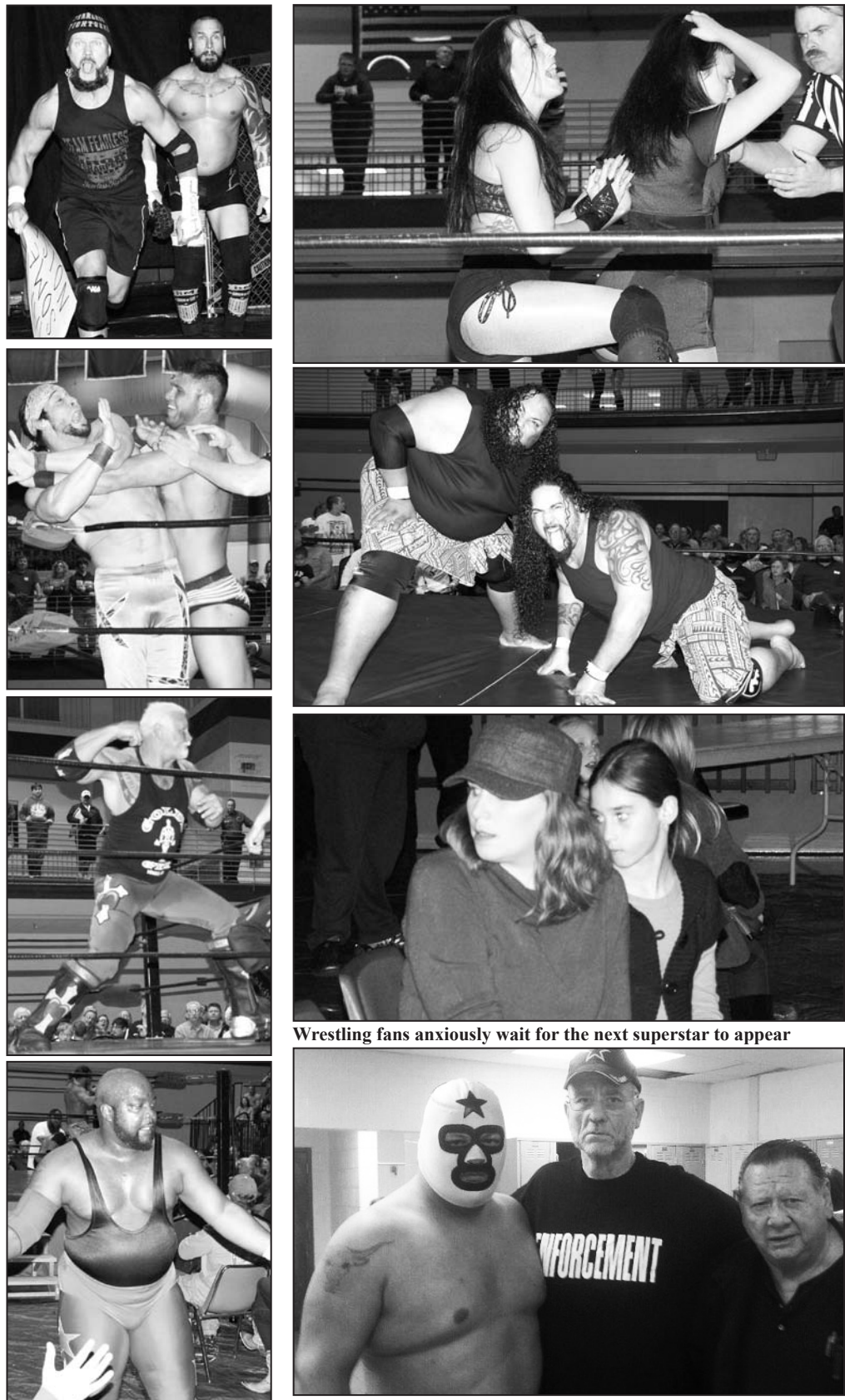
## TCJGA Fall Awards Ceremony



Left to right: Danielle Diehl (3rd place), Kenzie Jenkins (1st place), and Lydia Gray (2nd place) were honored at the awards ceremony held at the Union County Community Center. The young golfers participated in tournaments hosted by Chatuge Shores and the Ridges in North Carolina and Brass-town Valley Resort and Butternut Creek in Georgia. All of the participants were given an first, second, or third place trophy. The older participants were also awarded with all-academic rewards for their achievements. Each year the senior golfers are able to apply for scholarships that will be awarded in the spring. If you would like more details about the Tri-County Junior Golf Association, please contact Matt Liss at Chatuge Shores Golf Course.

## ‘Hometown Throwdown’ storms UCHS

Photos by Todd Forrest and Joelle Miller



Wrestling fans anxiously wait for the next superstar to appear

Jody Hamilton AKA Assassin, Chet ‘The White Bull’ Grimsley, and Paul Kimbrell backstage following the ‘Hometown Throwdown.’