

Jessi's Gift 5K Run/Walk a triumphant success



On behalf of Kingdom Kids we would like to say "Thank You" to everyone that supported Jessi's Gift 5K Run/Walk on July 14th at Clay County Recreational Park.

Thanks to all our sponsors who so graciously contributed to this event: Jacky Jones Automotive Group, Nantahala Bank, King of

Diamonds, Lowes, Brasstown Valley Resort, Citizens South Bank, Body Sense, First Free-Will Baptist Church Of Hayesville, Raymond James Hiawassee, Ridges Resort, Mountain Graphics, Rustic Rose, Absolute Dental, Bob's Clam Hut, United Community Bank, Brothers Restaurant, Scrubs and More, Brit

and Capri, Ingles of Hayesville, and Golf Emporium.

Thank you to all our volunteers that rose up early to help make this another successful 5k Run. Thank you to all the runners and walkers that came out and participated in Jessi's Gift. Last years event granted wishes to three children from the sur-

rounding area and we will be "Paying it Forward" again this year to more local children.

We encourage everyone to visit www.supportkingdomkids.com and see the children being supported by Kingdom Kids and learn more about this great organization you help support!

Jessi's Gift Race Results:

Overall Female: Shaundra Martin - 22:05
Overall Male: Dylan Johnson - 17:48

Female Winners:

10&U: Sydney Boland - 27:54
11-14: Skylar Bolyard - 32:19
15-19: Ashley Rowland - 24:26
20-24: Lisa Brown 39:35
25-29: Bethany Hogsed 28:09
30-34: Jody Ford - 25:40
35-39: Jeannie Ledford - 23:51
40-44: Christine Schoenholz - 29:08
45-49: Rebecca Stewart - 22:58
50-54: Gracie Weigwitz - 25:10
55-59: JoAnna Atkinson - 25:44
60-64: Karen Duncan - 29:12
65-69: Odena Randall - 27:34

Male Winners:

10&U: Traveler Shaw - 42:15
11-14: Adam Urbanieke - 20:25
15-19: Kyle Tyler - 27:36
20-24: Jerimiah Prince - 22:57
25-29: Collin Griggs - 19:55
30-34: Richard Hughes - 24:22
35-39: Justin Ashe - 25:05
40-44: Mark Bolyard - 19:58
50-54: Robert Gougher - 23:47
55-59: Bob Buckner - 23:07
60-64: Hoyt Brown - 24:53
70+: Brian Blue - 25:42

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junior Allie Stroman and Vice President of Advancement at Young Harris College was always quick to joke with Angie Hughes that she should have chosen to pitch for YHC. Angie responded by proving she is also capable of handling a bat by driving in more than half of the challengers' 17 runs.

We're sorry, YHC.

When the smoke finally cleared more than three hours later, everyone gathered for a picture in the outfield and it was back to laughing, joking and spending time with

the extended Lady Panthers' family.

"We had a great turnout," said Coach Stewart. "Lots of people played, had fun and we raised a lot of money."

For those in attendance, one thing is obvious: the Union County community stands behind its Lady Panthers' softball team. Coach Stewart has an extraordinary group of young ladies who are role models, both on and off the field.

We commend you, support your efforts and cheer "Go Lady Panthers!"



Lady Panther Seniors with Coach Stewart and Coach Cagle at the 100 Inning Softball Game.

Second Annual Putts for Paws Golf Scramble

Want to enjoy a day of golf, win great prizes, eat a fabulous steak dinner, and support an important cause?

Join us Saturday, September 8, for the second annual Putts for Paws Golf Scramble benefiting Castaway Critters Pet Rescue. The tournament will take place at Butternut Creek Golf Course in Blairsville. Check-in is at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The scramble will be followed by a steak and chicken dinner and silent auction for all participants and their guests in the beautiful Union County Community Center at the golf course.

Players may register as individuals or as teams of four. The cost is \$80 per player if you register before August 28. After August 28, the cost will be \$85. Registration includes a fabulous dinner consisting of steak, chicken, salad, sides, dessert, and drink. Additional dinners for guests are available for \$30 each and must be reserved in advance.

First, second, and third place

teams will receive prize packages. Special prizes will be awarded for longest drive, straightest drive, closest to the hole, and hole in one.

Registration forms are available at Butternut Creek Golf Course and at www.castaway-critters.org. Teams are limited and will be accepted in the order in which they register.

All levels of sponsorship are still available. If you would like to promote your business by sponsoring a hole or donating prizes, auction items, or goody bag items, please contact Dawn Burnette at dawnburnette@yahoo.com or 706-745-9432. Special thanks to our "early bird" sponsors: The Aviator Cafe, Zaxby's of Blairsville, the Tennessee Aquarium, Brasstown Valley Resort, The Ridges Golf Course, Chatuge Shores Golf Course, Art Miller, Nelson Ace Hardware, Alair Photography, and Sunset Printing.

Castaway Critters is a non-profit, no-kill dog and cat rescue shelter in Blairsville.

Blairsville School of Dance to offer two additional pre-registration days

In preparation for its seventh season, Blairsville School of Dance is offering two more registration events to give the community the opportunity to sign up for classes before the new season begins. Registration days will be held on Tuesday, August 7 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, August 11 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Classes for the 2012-13 season begin on Monday, August 13.

The Registration Days give the community an opportunity to tour the facility, meet the teachers and find out more about the classes at Blairsville School of Dance. The studio is also excited to premier several new classes this season including Musical Theater, Jazz/Hip Hop Combo, Fairy Tale Ballet and Preschool Clogging.

BSoD will also be holding auditions for its 2012-13 competition groups. Dancers interested in joining any of the BSoD Force competition groups should call (706) 835-1415 for audition information. BSoD offers competition opportunities in clogging, hip hop, jazz and lyrical. Students may choose to compete in as few or as many dance styles as they wish.

Blairsville School of Dance offers classes in ballet, clogging, hip hop, jazz, lyrical, ballroom, musical theater, break dance, Zumba, cardio hip hop, creative movement and preschool classes for ages 2-adult. BSoD is located in the Merchant's Walk Plaza at 90 Blue Ridge St. in downtown Blairsville. For more information, call (706)835-1415 or visit www.blairsvilledance.com

Upward Flag Football, Cheerleading



Upward Sports, the world's largest Christian sports

program for children, was created with a vision to introduce kids and families to Jesus Christ and to provide the best sports experience possible for every child while ensuring equal playing time for all. Each year some 1 million people around the world play, coach, referee, or volunteer in Upward Sports leagues and camps hosted by more than 2,600 churches. Anyone - children and volunteers of any faith or no faith - can participate in Upward Sports. The goal of Upward Sports is to bring out "the winner" in every child - regardless of the game's score.

On-line registration for Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading remains open for

boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 6th Grade at www.hopb.org or at www.fumcunioncounty.org. The price to participate in both football and cheerleading is \$60, and after August 4th, \$70.

If needed, payment plans are available. Practices will be held once a week and they begin the week of August 13th, while games will be held on consecutive Saturdays between September 1st and October 6th.

Form and registration fees may also be dropped off, Monday through Friday, at First United Methodist's business office or the House of Prayer Family Life Center between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information, contact either church office at FUMC (706) 745-2073 or HOP (706) 745-5925. NT(Aug8,28)CA