

# Sports

## Tour

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ditional polka dots on the jersey with a Georgia-inspired theme of peaches.

Cyclists compete to earn the KOM jersey by collecting points at designated KOM locations along the course, such as the world famous Brasstown Bald Mountain summit, and Wolfpen Gap in Union County. Only the top three cyclists who cross the KOM climbs receive points, and the rider with the most accumulated points is awarded this jersey. Some of the top climbers to have worn the KOM jersey include: Chris Horner (USA) 2003, Jason McCartney (USA) in 2004, José Luis Rubiera (ESP) 2005 and a repeat by McCartney in

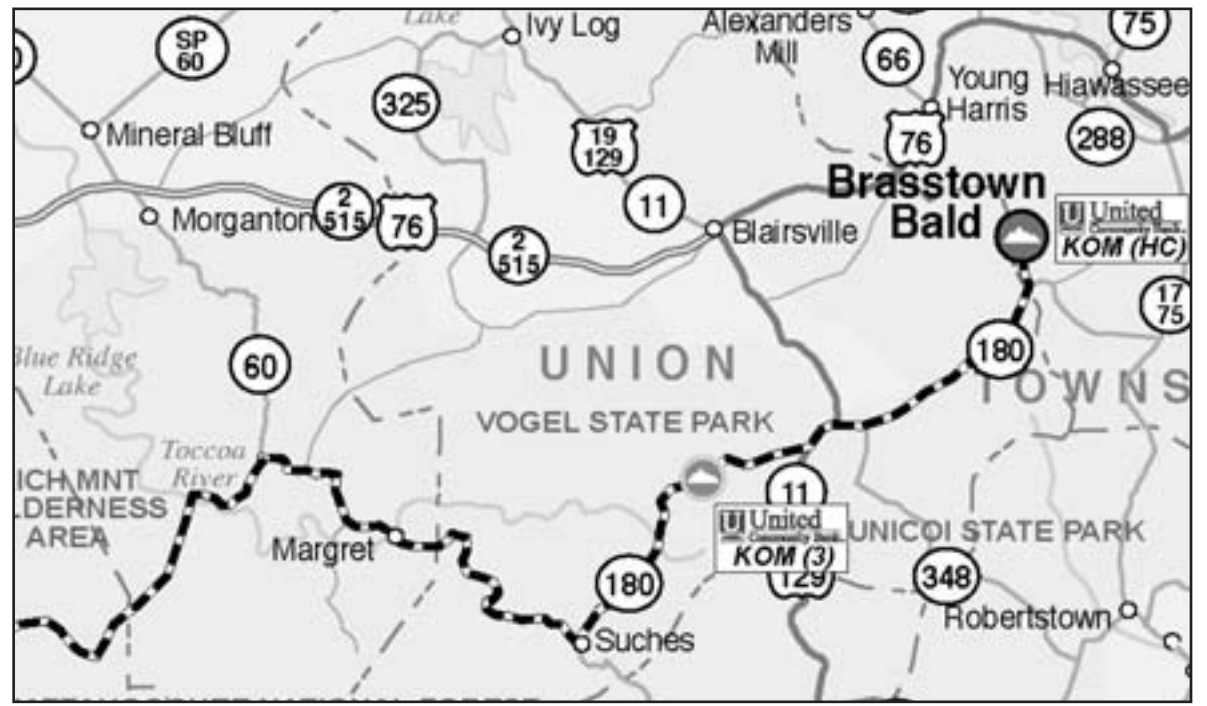
2006.

As with any major sporting event, the Tour is about more than athletics, as it serves as a showcase for the areas in which it travels through. Last year the event once again offered significant economic benefits for Georgia, generating \$26.6 million in direct economic impact to the state.

Asked what the event means to Union County, Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce Director Cindy Williams said that the race helps expose the area to many who may not be very familiar with it. "The Tour de Georgia brings thousands of people that really may other-

wise not ever have the chance to come to Union County and see the beautiful [scenery]," Williams said. "It is a tremendous opportunity for us, not only for our businesses at this point, but long-term, that we see effects afterwards."

Williams added that while the Tour may be the primary draw for many of these visitors at this time, the race helps put the county on the map as a location that has a lot to offer, including other popular events such as the upcoming Scottish Festival and Highland Games. "I think a lot of times with travel, it just depends a lot on what is in front of you, your awareness [of it,]" Williams said.



## 14U Fastpitch team awards cash



The UC Panthers 14U fastpitch softball team wishes to thank all those that bought tickets for the fundraiser the team participated in for the last few months.

The team drew the winning ticket on March 31. Kenny Henderson was the lucky winner of the \$1,000 cash prize. Kenny is shown in the picture receiving the cash, along with Coach David Seabolt, and four of the girls on the team.

The 14U UC Panthers softball team is in their third season of playing travel ball in weekend tournaments.

These girls are facing some of the best players and teams in the state of Georgia in their age group while playing in these tournaments, and appreciate this support of all those individuals and businesses that bought tickets for this fundraiser.

## Fishing tourney supports Panthers

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The Union County Diamond Club recently held a fishing tournament on Lake Chatuge as a fundraiser for the UCHS varsity baseball team. The money goes toward helping the team pay to attend a University of Georgia baseball camp this summer.

The UGA camp provides a great opportunity for the players to see the college, train with the coaches, and participate in games on Foley Field.

First place honors were captured by Chris Robins and Jimmy Anderson with a total weight of 14.98 lbs. Second place was earned by Fred Cook, who was close behind at 13.71 lbs. Third place winners were Jeremy Dalton and Mingus with 12.60 lbs. Fourth place was awarded to Freddie Chastain and Jerry Ledford with 12.53 lbs.

The "Big Fish" prize went to Fred Cook with his fish weighing in at 5.86 lbs.

A special thank you goes to Perry Graves for helping make the tournament a success, and also to all the participants for coming out and supporting our youth.

The fishing tournament was sponsored by Re/Max Enotah Realty.



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"Big Fish" and 2nd place winner Fred Cook.



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1st place winners Chris Robins and Jimmy Anderson.

## Union County Diamond Club Homerun Derby

April 21st, 2007

Time: 10:30 a.m. Place: Meeks Park  
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