

UBBMMG to sponsor Big Coal River Little League team

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WHITESVILLE- The Upper Big Branch Mining Memorial Group will proudly sponsor one of the Big Coal River Little League teams this upcoming 2013 season, a spokesperson for the group announced earlier today. The team is still to be determined but the players will wear “UBB Miners Memorial” on the back of their jerseys.

“Community involvement, especially involvement in youth sports, is something the memorial group feels strongly about,” said President Sheila Combs. “Many of the men lost at UBB were athletes in high school or had children and grandchildren that played youth sports in their communities. We are very proud to be a sponsor of the Big Coal River Little League and to have the opportunity to again honor and remember the lives lost at Upper Big Branch.”

Since 2011, the memorial group has been involved with youth sports in the Big Coal River area. The group treated players and cheerleaders of a local youth football league to Marshall University football and basketball games as a reward for successful seasons the past two years. This is the first year the group will have sponsored a local Little League team.