

Track and Field: Union County athletes pick up six medals at Banks County

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HOMER - Evelyn McBride set a new high jump school record as Union County brought home three gold medals at Banks County last week.

Along with McBride's 5-foot high jump that etched her name in the school record books, Zoe Sanchez and Hunter Hartzog also placed first in their respective events.

Sanchez crossed the finish line at 12:38 in the 2-mile race, while Hartzog clocked in at 4:43 in the 1-mile. Sanchez also picked up a silver medal in the 1-mile, finishing with a time of 5:55.

Brendan Bowman received a silver medal after recording a 51.22 in the 400-meter dash.

Picking up bronze was Hunter Hartzog, who posted a time of 2:09 in the 800.

At the meet, Union County faced a deep and talented field that included the host Leopards, Riverside



The 4x400 Relay team: (L-R) Noah Underwood, Zion Ross, Carson Walker and Brendan Bowman.

Military Academy, Madison County, Oglethorpe County, Rabun County, Jackson County and East Jackson.

Union has one more

tune-up prior to the postseason when they visit Rabun County on Thursday. The Region meet gets underway on Wednesday, April 24 at Banks with the Sec-

tionals on May 4 in Bremen. Berry College will host State on May 9-11 at Valhalla Stadium.



Evelyn McBride set a school record in the high jump.



Chad Buzzard competes in the shot put. Photos courtesy of Jody McLane

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Senior Maddie Sutton with family



Senior Madison Yost with family



Senior Cesar Velador with family



Senior Josue Haight with family



Senior Colby Ives with family



Senior Matthew Patrick with family



Senior Reese Patterson with family



Senior Brian Smith with family



Senior Samuel Mendoza with family



Senior Steven Seiler with family

Run Above the Clouds gears up for 20th Anniversary



When the Run Above the Clouds is run on Saturday, October 5th as the kick off of the Indian Summer Festival in Suches it will mark two decades of raising money to help Woody Gap students. The assistance now takes the form of scholarships which are not only given in the year of graduation but may be renewed for a total of four years. Scholarships are available to tech school students as well as to students enrolled in traditional college programs. The level of student support has risen from a few hundred dollars the first year to total offerings of scholarships that routinely exceed \$10,000.

This support means that we depend on those businesses

and individuals who sponsor the event. Canvassing for sponsors will begin soon and the run committee hopes folks will consider signing on to help sponsor this worthwhile program. All sponsor contributions go directly into the scholarship fund and are not used for operating expenses or any other purpose. Business sponsors are recognized in the runner's t-shirts, in print reports and on the run website where the postings of the sponsors are hot linked to the sponsors website.

The growth in scholarship giving is not the only thing happening at The Run Above the Clouds. In recent years the number of runners has continued to increase and in order to be able to continue to manage timing of the race and determination of winners in the several categories of runners, the hand timing system which had worked well with smaller numbers of runners has been replaced with an electronic timing system. At the same time this system was changed both the 5k and 10k race courses

have been certified by a national track and field organization and as a result of these changes The Run Above the Clouds is recognized as a qualifying event for the world famous Peachtree Road Race. The run has also had the opportunity to use the timing system as a tune-up for our event and in the process provide free timing services to a small event in the area, saving them the hand timing work we used to do. It was a win-win operation.

The scholarship committee is already geared up and running for the year. This year's graduates and those eligible students already in the pipeline have been notified of the application deadline and the organization is looking forward to meeting with them to help them with their continuing education.

For more information you can check our website at www.therunabovetheclouds.org or e-mail us at cloudrun10k@yahoo.com.

For more information about The Indian Summer Festival, go to www.suches.com.

Local Racing Report: Tri-County

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BRASSTOWN - Tri-County Racetrack First Responders Night on Friday, April 12; here are the top five from each class.

Pony - Coming in first was No. 8 Johnny McClure. Coming in second was No. 15 Ryan Crawford, finishing in third place was No. 01 Zack Sanders, finishing in fourth place was No. 00 Cam Winkler and coming in fifth place was No. 76K Korah Bumganer.

Street Stock - Coming in first place was No. 1 Evan Winkler Jr. In second place was No. 05 Michael Harper. Third place went to No. 5 Carson Shields, fourth place went to No. 01 Jacob Lynch and finishing in fifth place was No. 22 Mark Wright.

Modified Street - Coming in first was No. 88 Ricky Smith, coming in second place was No.

48 Colton Stroud and coming in third place was No. 81 John Howard. In fourth place was No. 20 Lynn Burtchfield and finishing fifth was No. 25 Jacob Hamby.

Limited/Crate - Taking home first place was No. 1 Kenny Collins. Finishing in second place was No. 7 Jason Deal, finishing in third place was No. 200 Jacob Anderson, coming in fourth place was No. 16W Wesley English and rounding out the top five was No. 55 Kip Cochran.

FWD - Coming in first was No. K3 Sandi Klukie, coming in second place went to No. 14 Michele Devine. Finishing in third place was No. J3 Josh Dease, coming in fourth place was No. 21 Stephen Godfrey and taking fifth place was No. 192R Robby Lynch.

Beginner 602 - Coming in first place was No. M42 Roger Morrow, placing second was No. 8 Jesse Patterson and coming in third place was No. 13 Shannon Elliot.



3-D Outdoor Archery Benefit Shoot

The Cross Outdoor Ministry is hosting a 3-D Archery Shoot with realistic targets on wooded trails, crossbows welcome on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at The Cook Farm, 302 Sweetgum Road, Blairsville.

Registration begins at 8 AM; Shotgun Start at 9 AM; Entry Fee: Donations. All proceeds go to Heidi and Terry Sosebee. Breakfast and lunch will be available, each category, including cross-bow.

For information contact Matthew Cook at 706-897-2408 or Jeff Deaver at 706-897-5074.