

Union County Volleyball hosts Hiwassee Dam for Senior Night



L-R: UCHS Volleyball seniors Tyler Williams, Ashlyn Hall, and Jessica Palomo with coaches Tim Hunter and Michael Ross. Photo/Todd Forrest



UCHS also recognized Hiwassee Dam's two seniors. Photo/Todd Forrest



Volleyball senior Ashlyn Hall with family. Photo/Todd Forrest



Volleyball senior Tyler Williams with family. Photo/Todd Forrest



Volleyball senior Jessica Palomo with family. Photo/Todd Forrest

Union County youth football report

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The Union County 10U Panthers remain undefeated at 5-0 after a 6-0 win.

The seventh-grade Panthers took on Fannin County and the Rebels won the game 14-0.

The seventh-grade Panthers are done for the season. Their record was okay but they did a fantastic job and can't wait until next year.

Union County's 8U Panthers took on the East Hall Vikings and the Panthers ran away with a 40-6 win to improve to 4-1 on the season.

The Union County 8U Player of the Game is No. 88 Michael Wallace.



Youth football photos by Todd Forrest

Cross Country previews Region 7-AAA course at Unicoi meet

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Helen - Last week Union County was offered a glimpse at what to expect later this month when Unicoi State Park hosts the Region 7-AAA Cross Country Championships.

Not only did they get an up close look at the course, they were able to size up the competition with Dawson County, North Hall, Lumpkin County, East Hall, and Greater Atlanta Christian all in attendance at the White County Runners Fit Mountain Invitational.

Union was led by a pair of fourth place finishes from Lance Underwood and Zoe Sanchez to lead the boys team to a 13th place finish and the girls to 10th place.

As for the Region 7-AAA shakedown, both Dawson and North Hall finished ahead of Union in the boys and girls team standings, however, both UCHS squads were third among Region 7-AAA competition.

Individually, Sanchez was 15 seconds back of third place Frankie Muldoon of Dawson - the region's highest girls finisher.

The next highest 7-AAA runner was more than 90 seconds behind Sanchez.

Meanwhile, Underwood was nine seconds behind second place Devan Crow of North Hall- 7-AAA's fastest boys time. Underwood clocked in



The Union County cross country teams prior to their respective races at Unicoi State Park. Photos by Todd Forrest

23 seconds faster than the next closest region competitor.

The Union girls top seven were: Sanchez at 19:04; Latty Ryals in 64th at 22:21; 66th place Destiny Orellana-Irvin 22:26; 67th Sadie Underwood 22:31; 91st Lexie Ochoa,

23:34; 106th Emmi Schakat, 23:50 and 140th Jessi Holbrook at 24:57.

The boys top seven were: Underwood with an impressive time of 16:07; 29th Luke Gambrell 17:05; 66th Timothy Murphy 17:50; 134th

Colby Ives 18:46; 141st Gauge Shumaker 18:54; 143rd Gehrig Patterson 18:56; 149th Milo Bauman 19:00.

On Tuesday Union County will race at Riverside Military Academy beginning at 5 p.m.

QB Club HOF inducts seven into inaugural class



Union County football's first seven AJC All State selections were honored last Friday night before the Dawson County game by the UC Quarterback Club. Photo/ Todd Forrest

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Some of the greatest athletes to ever buckle up a chin strap at Union County High School were welcomed back to their Alma Mater last Friday night as the Quarterback Club inducted seven members into the all new QB Club Hall of Fame.

Each member of the inaugural HOF Class of 2017 were, at minimum, selected to the All State Team during

their playing days as a Panther.

The first inductee was Gary Hill. A tackle on the 1964 Sub-Region Championship team, Hill was the first Panther to be selected to an all state team.

In 1965, Bill Jones, Lewis McAfee, and Terry Rogers were each named All State on a team that went undefeated in sub-region play.

McAfee was selected as a tackle while Rogers and Jones were both all state at end.

While McAfee made it again, this time as a guard. Union finished 7-4 in 1966.

Jones received all state honors for the third time in 1967, leading the Panthers to a 7-3-1 record.

Union went 9-1 in 1974 thanks to all state linebacker Phil Kelley and the AJC Class B Back of the Year Robby Rogers.

In 1975, the Panthers finished 6-3-1 behind First Team All State quarterback Mickey Jones.

In 1966, Jones was a

Bowling scores

Blairsville Winter Youth: Noah Freuen 100, Lily Love 92, Kiley Hartness 114, Cody Meeks 123, Cooper Allen 102, 102, Jared Edwards 171, Jacob Fos 180, Cooper Boyle, 280, 180, 133 Series 595, Eric Fox 182, 177, Ivy Robbins 158, Michaela Caldwell 131, Joshua Collins 170, Connor Rexroad 180, Christian Theriot 141, Jaden Love 153, Ben Love 94, Nick Love 160.

Monday Night Mens: Bart Rogers 200, 202, 206, Series 608, Josh Mathis 213, Pete DeJoseph 208, 221, Doug Tanner 234, Ron Wingate 200, Justin Miller 246, 246, 190 Series 682, Ryan West 206, 228, Tony Lynch 245, 221, Series 649, Brandon Hartness 203, Jay Burrell 257, 223, Series 660, Rick Bracken 212, Guy Hill 203, Larry Cannon 224, Jeff Boyle 230, Taz Matetzschk 243, 243, 201, Series 687, Derick Rice 234, Ray Everett 235.

Young @ Heart Seniors: Kelvin Craig 212, 212, Ron Wingate 201, Gordon Stanton 200, Bryan Cuthbert 247, 205, Series 622, Steve Fischer 204, 224, 231, Series 659, Del Neiffer 224.

Un-Bowl-ievable League: Kristina Moutrey 101, Steve Moutrey 164, Kathy Vetten 94, Lynda Mann 126, Corky Vetten 132, John Mann 110, Brad Rodemeyer 181, Becky Walker 102, Chrissy Sidler 90, Philip Brix 159, Patty Keiffer 97, Sam Keiffer 167.

School athletes to benefit from Blairsville Pickleball Tournament



(L-R): Tournament organizer and 2nd Vice-President Dave Evans, of Morganton; BPC President Nolan Lang, of Blairsville, GA

The Blairsville Pickleball Club has announced the 2nd Annual "Ed Webster Scholarship Fund Tournament," to be held at Meeks Park on Tuesday, October 17 and Wednesday, October 18. On Tuesday, October 17, 2.5 will compete in a 'round robin' style play, in which six games are played and partners rotated. Wednesday will have players at the 3.0 level playing. Three courts will be used, accommodating twelve players at a time. In each event, medals will be awarded to the 3 competitors with the highest scores. Play begins at 10 AM, with players arriving at 9:30.

The Ed Webster Scholarship Fund was established several years ago to honor Ed Webster, who spent an active retirement organizing sports programs for youth. The fund is used to provide equipment and participation fees for students who cannot afford them. The Blairsville Pickleball Club greatly appreciates the helpfulness of the Union County Recreation Department and the Board of Education in allowing use of one of their gyms by BPC members.

Last year, the club raised \$750, and they hope to top that this year. Spectators are invited (bring a lawn chair), and donations are gratefully accepted for the Ed Webster Fund.

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