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**Kneeling left to right: 14-George Page, 2-Thomas Dyer, 42-Damien Chitwood, 00-Lake Hughes and 99-Bret Ballew. Back Row left to right: 8-Josh Orr, 11-Joseph Rockenbaugh, 16-Isaak Mullanack, 3-Kaston Hemphill, 22-Conner Shields and 19-J.J. Littles.**

The Panthers then faced rival Towns County and won by run-rule in the 5th inning with a final score of 10 to 0. Rockenbaugh paced the Panther bats with two hits and led four Panther pitchers that held the Indians scoreless while Hemphill added a double and Bret Ballew added a line drive single.

That left Union County facing White County, who had

not lost in the tournament. The first game was another blowout, with the Panthers coming out on top by a score of 21 to 3. Shields led the offense with three hits, Orr, Hughes and Dyer each had two hits, George Page had two hits and two stolen bases, Hemphill had a single, double, two walks and four stolen bases, Chitwood contributed a triple and J.J. Littles added a single, a stolen base and was Hit by Pitch three times during the game.

Littles earned the nickname "Bullseye" from his coaches and teammates for being Hit by Pitch 10 times combined in the two tournaments. The Panthers used six pitchers to hold the Warriors to only three runs. That set up a one game "winner take all" matchup between the Panthers and the Warriors of White County. The Warriors scored two runs in the first inning but the Panthers continued with their strong hitting, finally taking the lead in the bottom of the 5th inning.

Mullanack held the Warriors scoreless through the final two innings allowing the Panthers to claim the Championship Trophy with a score of 8 to 6.

The win points the Panthers to Rossville, where they will be competing in the State Tournament beginning June 23.

The Panthers would like to thank Larry Conley, Terry Plott and the entire Union County Recreation Department for their support throughout the year.

They also would like to thank Cody Ching, Dawson Groves, Patrick Baggett and Zach Odom for their instruction, guidance and development of the players. Players, parents and coaches truly appreciate the support of Union County Commissioner Lamar Paris and his involvement with youth sports. He is an integral part of the development of Meeks Park into one of the finest facilities in North Georgia. The players and coaches feel that

are the finest they've played on this year thanks to the hard work of the Union County Recreation Department staff.

## EMC Director Steven Phillips completes Board Leadership Program



**(L-R): Steven Phillips and Jeremy Nelms**

Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Director Steven Phillips has been awarded his certificate for having successfully completed the Board Leadership Program. This is the second level in training offered by NRECA available to Electric Board Members across the United States. Out of 7300 directors nationwide, only 35.1% have earned their Board Leadership certificate.

This certificate program focuses in greater depth on specific industry and governance issues such as risk management, ratemaking and policy development. In addition to the five core classes required

for the first level of Credentialed Cooperative Director Vice Chairman Steven Phillips took 10 additional classes in a variety of specialty areas: Communications, cooperative business model, grassroots financial, governance, power supply, risk management and technology. One of the key strengths of the rural electric program is its commitment to education and professional development.

These courses are designed to better prepare directors to fulfill their fiduciary duty as elected officials serving on behalf of the membership.

## Avita Board Meeting

Avita Community Partners will hold the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Avita Community Partners' Administrative Office, located at 4331 Thurmon Tanner Parkway, Flowery Branch, GA.

The public is invited to attend. For further information or directions, please contact Regina Grisham at 678-513-5748 or 1-800-525-8751 or by email [regina.grisham@avita-partners.org](mailto:regina.grisham@avita-partners.org).

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