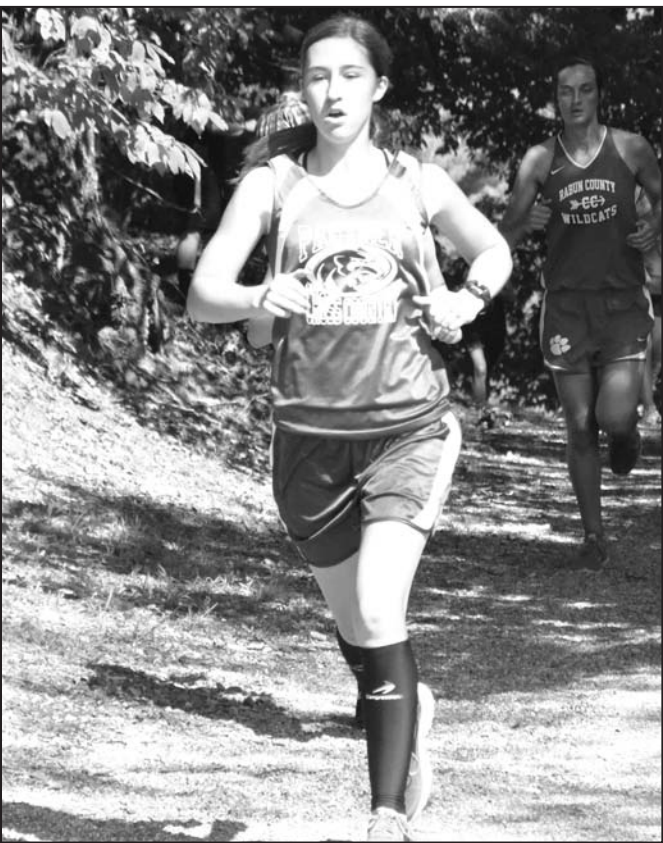


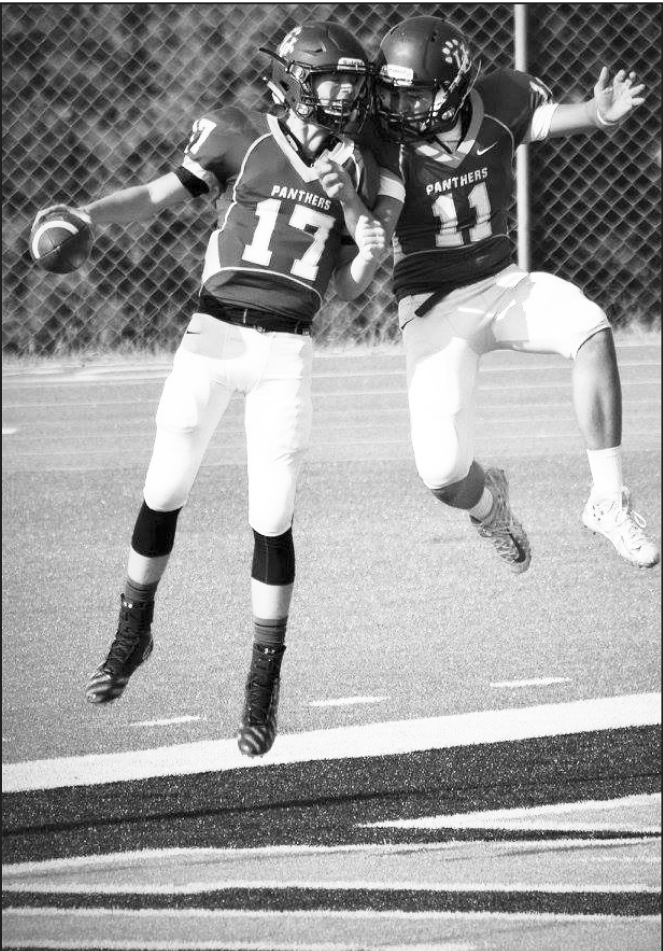
Lady Panthers XC place second at RMA

Guys take fourth behind Underwood's second place time



Last week Union County's cross country squads raced on a familiar course when they traveled to Riverside Military Academy, the site of the last three Region 8-AA meets where runners from both the guys and girls' teams have taken home plenty of hardware. At RMA, the girls placed second behind Class AAAA's Chestatee with Zoe Sanchez placing second and Emmi Schakat (pictured - above left) coming in sixth. Three more freshmen, Lexie Ochoa, Sadie Underwood, and Jessie Holbrooks rounded out the Union top five. The guys finished fourth thanks to Lance Underwood placing second. Timothy Murphy (pictured - above right), Adam Bachman, Colby Ives, and Will Harkins made up the boys' top five. On Tuesday Union travels to West Hall before racing at Murphy, NC, one day later. Photos/Todd Forrest

JV Football: Union County routs Rebels, 39-0



The Union County Junior Varsity football team won its home opener last Thursday by a score of 39-0 over Fannin County. Scoring for the Panthers were Pierson Allison (x2), Cayden Rich, Bryan Nelson, Jacob Spratlin, and Kyle Morlock. Allison also threw for a pair of scores while Rich had one touchdown throw. Union County's JV will host Pickens County on Thursday following the middle school game at 5 p.m. Photos/Jenni Dixon

Major Pickleball Tournament coming to Towns County Complex

Georgia Mountain Pickleball and Towns County are hosting a major Pickleball tournament, the Georgia Mountain Pickleball Fall Classic, Sept. 16-18, 2016 at the Towns County Pickleball Complex (across the highway from the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds entrance). About 320 players from as far away as Arizona are coming to compete and will feature some of the top players in the country including Gigi LeMaster, one of the top international

lady players in the world. The Women's Doubles are taking place Friday, the 16th starting at 8 AM. The Men play Saturday and the Mixed Doubles will be played Sunday. Come and see what this game is all about and watch some world class Pickleball. Admission is free, just bring a comfortable chair and some sunscreen. Fresh grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for purchase so come out and make a day of it. NT(Sep14,29)CA

World class tennis players are always young at heart

Forty thousand people watch World Class tennis players at the US Open Tennis Tournament in New York while forty people watch World Class 85 to 94 year old tennis players in Boston. The US Open Tennis tournament seemed to be much more important to sportspeople than the National Grass Court Championships for men 85 to 94 years old. In New York any age player could compete but in the Boston area competition men 85 to 89 years old competed with each other as did players 90 and older. Three players from Georgia competed at the Longwood Cricket and Tennis Club at Chestnut Hills, MA which is the oldest tennis club in the United States. Georgians Walter Kerr, Julian Mohr, and Duke Bown competed at the National Grass Court Championships at the same time as the US Open was played in New York. Walter Kerr is a resident of Blairsville, GA. Julian Mohr is a resident of Atlanta, GA. Duke Bown is a part-time resident of Hiawassee, GA. Tennis players were happy with Walter Kerr's performance at the tournament. Walter Kerr defeated Graydon Nichols in the semi-final match of the men's 90 and over singles competition. Graydon was the #1 ranked player in the world for



Walter Kerr of Blairsville, left, and Duke Bown of Boynton, FL and Hiawassee, GA competitors in the 90+ category. his age group for many years. Graydon lost his US #1 ranking last year to Tony Franco. He is now ranked #2 in the US men's 90+ category. Duke Bown, who resides in Boynton Beach, FL but spends part of the year in Georgia, competed. He is ranked #1 in Florida in the 90+ category. Duke is a WWII veteran and is an authority in American History. Of interest is that Yakuta Kobayashi of Massachusetts, who competed in the 90+ category, was a primary scientist in the group that developed penicillin. Walter Kerr, also a WWII veteran, was on the team that sent 7 Surveyor Spacecraft to the moon to determine whether it was safe to send as-

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading



On-line registration for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading will be open through October 22nd for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade at www.hopb.org. Registration price to participate in basketball or cheerleading is \$60. If needed, payment plans are available. Practices will take place once a week and they begin the week of October 10th, while games will be held on consecutive Saturdays between October 29th and December 3rd (with the exception of the week of Thanksgiving). Everyone is encouraged to attend the evaluation. It will

be held on September 22nd on a drop-in basis, anytime between 5 and 7 PM at the House of Prayer Family Life Center. Form and registration fees may also be dropped off, Monday through Friday, at the House of Prayer offices in the Family Life Center between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at HOP (706) 745-5925. Upward Sports, the world's largest Christian sports program for children, was created with a vision to introduce kids and families to Jesus Christ and to provide a great sports experience for every child while ensuring equal playing time for all. Each year some 1 million people around the world play, coach, referee, or volunteer in Upward Sports leagues and camps hosted by more than 2,600 churches. All are welcome! NT(Sep14,21)CA

Domination... continued from 2B

cording to Coach Allison, the Panthers lost senior lineman Kyle Underwood to a potential season-ending knee injury at Andrews.

Seniors Nic Rodriguez and Slade Thompson are probable to return at Banks County. Meanwhile, Chris Thompson is still dealing with an ankle injury and a return this Friday remains in doubt.

Looking ahead... The Panthers will face their toughest test of the season as they travel to Banks County on Friday in a 7-AAA vs 8-AA matchup. In the offseason, the two schools traded regions after Union requested to play up in AAA. As a result, Banks County, who still has Class AAA enrollment numbers, was allowed to play down in AA to take the place of the departed UCHS.

The Leopards, who were members of Region 8-AA with Union until they were forced to move up to AAA following the 2011-12 school year. The two schools have met 37 times on the gridiron with the Panthers holding a slim 19-to-18 advantage in wins.

Banks will be coming off a bye-week following a 54-35 victory over Johnson back on Sept. 2. Prior to the win, they were routed 43-0 by Commerce and fell 21-16 to Jackson County in the season opener.

The Leopards are replacing its coach, a 1,000-yard running back, and the entire offensive line off a 5-5 team in 2015. However, they return senior quarterback Griffin Goodwin (1,200 passing yards and 13 TDs in 2015) to lead Banks County's one-back offense. Backup running backs Demetrius Walker and Clayton Dykehouse both return, along with seven starters on defense.

On that side of the ball, they are led by senior linebackers Walker, Zach Lehotsky, senior lineman Cole Griffin and safety Montre Calloway, who will anchor the middle of their 3-4 defense.

The Panthers have an opportunity to improve to 4-0 before traveling to State Semifinalist Greater Atlanta Christian where Union will begin a grueling four-game stretch of region contests vs playoff teams from 2015.

Team stats: Union County 325 yards of total offense. RUSHING: 25 carries, 193 yards. PASSING: 9-of-20, 132

yards. Andrews: 186 yards of total offense. RUSHING: 54 carries, 96 yards. PASSING: 5-of-11, 90 yards.

Individual stats: (OFFENSE) Wright: 7-of-13, 102 yards, 2 TD. 4 carries, 103 yards, 2 TD. Pierson Allison: 2-of-7, 30 yards. 3 carries, 4 yards.

Dockrey: 8 carries, 62 yards, 1 TD. Lynch: 3 carries, 18 yards. 1 reception, 22 yards, 1 TD. Chad Buzzard: 7 carries, 14 yards.

Strayer: 3 receptions, 48 yards. Pattee: 2 receptions, 15 yards, 1 TD. Sawyer Drake: 1 reception, 18 yards. Dobbins: 1 reception, 17 yards. Kyle Morlock: 1 reception, 12 yards.

(DEFENSE): Banton: 12 tackles, 2 TFL. Winkler: 10 tackles. Zach Gilliam: 6 tackles. Hunter Kelley: 6 tackles. Chandler Day: 6 tackles. Colwell: 6 tackles.

Stone: 4 tackles, 1 TFL. William Lueckert: 3 tackles. Pattee: 3 tackles. Dylan Williams: 3 tackles.

Micah Gilbert: 2 tackles. Matthew Beise: 2 tackles. Nathaniel Ledford: 2 tackles. Ulises Montelongo: 2 tackles. Bryan Nelson: 2 tackles. Dakota Dyer: 2 tackles.

English: 1 tackle, 1 TFL. Dockrey, Tyler McConnell, John Mancuso, Cayden Rich, and Kyle Williams - 1 tackle each.

Scoring Summary:
1ST QUARTER
UC - 1 play, 22 yards in 10 seconds. Lynch 22-yard TD pass from Wright.

UC - 5 plays, 3 yards in 2:22. Smith 29-yard field goal.

UC - 6 plays, 21 yards in 1:35. Wright 1-yard TD run.

2ND QUARTER
UC - 3 plays, 78 yards in 52 seconds. Wright 71-yard TD run.

UC - 1 play, 8 yards in 7 seconds. Pattee 8-yard TD pass from Wright.

UC - 9 plays, 69 yards in 4:25. Dockrey 3-yard YD run.

3RD QUARTER
AHS - Recovered Union fumble in the endzone.

UC - Colwell 24-yard fumble return for TD

AHS - 17 plays, 70 yards in 6:12. 1-yard TD run.

4TH QUARTER
AHS - 9 plays, 59 yards in 3:40. 1-yard TD run.

Nora Starks Memorial 4-H/Youth Open Fun Show

The Cherokee Riders 4-H Horse Club cordially invites you to attend the Nora Starks Memorial 4-H/Youth Open Fun Show. It will be held September 17, at Mountain Folk Center, in Ranger, NC. Registration begins at 11 AM for the horse show and the show starts at 12 PM. The arena has been renovated nicely so come out and see all the hard work that has made a great place for our community to ride. We will have a variety of events for all children ages 5 to 18, regardless of 4-H membership.

Events for the horse show include riding and non-riding events like: Stick Pony (non-riders); Pole Bending (Riders); 3-Legged Race (Non-riders); and Cloverleaf Barrels (Riders). There are 30 different classes. Youth are riding against youth in their own age group except for the open classes, which are open to youth 9-18. A negative coggin is required for all horses. Helmets are required for all riders. You must bring your own helmet. Ribbons will be awarded to all 1st-5th places in all divisions except Cloverbud and a few of the open classes that are noted on the show bill. All Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon. Each event is \$4 for all 4-H Members (from any state) and \$5 for non 4-H members or \$25 for all events even if you are not a 4-H member. Membership for Cherokee County 4-H will be available at the show. Concessions will be available. If it has been raining and participants need to know if the



Hannah Smith



Aleisha Roberts

show is on please call Angie Hopkins (828)557-1408.

We hope you will attend and bring friends and family to show your support for the youth of our county and surrounding area. For more information contact Shannon Coleman (828) 837-2210 extension 4 or Angie Hopkins (828) 557-1408. NT(Sep14,21)CA

McCay Lodge Bass Tournament

The McCay Lodge Bass Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 24th at Lake Chatuge, Ledford Chapel Ramp, beginning at 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. 100% guaranteed based on 40 boat field. Entry fee is \$80 per boat.

First Place - \$1,000; Second Place - \$700; Third Place - \$500; Fourth Place - \$300; and Fifth Place - \$100. Big Fish - \$200 donated by Blue Ridge Insurance and Smallest Fish - Victory Custom Road donated by Interstate Battery.

This is a fund raising project for two Masonic lodges, Young Cane and McCay. With the proceeds from this tournament, we help support the children's home and other projects.

Bowling scores

Monday Night Ladies- Susan Ganitch 209, Nell Rice 192, Monita Rodgers 198. Monday Night Men - Mike Brandenburg 223, Keith Rhodes 223, 215, Greg Whittenberg 209, Taz Matetzschk 245, Jeb Plott 212, Joe Teague 213, 225, 221, Series 659, Derrick Rice 240, 200, Jim Kidder 214, 203, Richard Tanner 236, 217, Bart Rodgers 233, Doug Tanner 202, Stanley Tyler 213. Young @ Heart Seniors- Bart Rodgers 267, Bob Landis 266, Series 740, Stanley Tyler 257, Series 634, Monita Rodgers 199, Claudia Harrison 190, Nell Rice 187.

2017 Basketball Registration will open at the Union County Recreation Department

September 1st!

Age Group	Registration Ends
5/6 yrs old	October 3 rd
7/8 yrs old	October 3 rd
9/10 yrs old	October 31 st
11/12 yrs old	October 31 st

****Registration fee is \$50.00 and open to both boys and girls. ****

Registration can be completed online at meekspark.com or at the Recreation Office.

If you need any additional information, please call 706-439-6074.