

Cross Country: Underwood fifth, Sanchez 13th at AAA State Championships

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Carrollton - Union County senior Lance Underwood put the finishing touches on a remarkable career with a top five finish at the Class AAA State Championships over the weekend, leading the Panthers to eighth place in the team standings.

Underwood's time of 16:52 was 8 seconds back of fourth place Jack Douglass of Pace Academy and 14 seconds behind third place Shane Shelafoe of East Jackson. Taking home first was Region 7-AAA Champion Devan Crow of North Hall, who clocked in at 16:26; six seconds ahead of Westminster's Will Wallace.

In the girls race, Union County sophomore Zoe Sanchez placed 13th with a time of 21:21. Region 7-AAA champ Frankie Muldoon of Dawson County was sixth with a time of 20:45. However, there would be no catching Bremen's Grace Clements, who ran away from



The Union County boys team (left) placed eighth and were one of four teams from Region 7-AAA to place in the top 10. Lance Underwood (right) a Region 8-AA Champion early in his career, went out with a top five finish at the Class AAA State Championships over the weekend.

the field with a time of 19:44, nearly 30 seconds better than Westminster's Naima Turbes and Delaney Graham, who crossed the finish line in 20:12 and 20:13, respectively. Bronte Bachetta, also of Westminster, placed fourth with a time of

20:21 - leading the Wildcats to a team championship with five runners in the top 10.

Rounding out the individual top five was Sue Morales of East Jackson, who crossed the finish line in 20:36.

Union County's girls

placed 13th in the team standings with Latty Ryals in 79th (24:51), Lexie Ochoa in 83rd (24:58), Destiny Orellana-Irvin in 86th (25:04) and Emmi Schakat in 88th (25:13) to round out the top five. Other runners were Jessie Holbrook in 106th (26:01)



and Sadie Underwood in 140th (27:10) out of the 199 competitors that completed the race.

In the boys race, freshman Luke Gambrell was 43rd (18:43), Timothy Murphy placed 55th (19:00), Guage Shumaker was 85th (19:31), and Colby Ives

rounded out the top five with a time of 19:56, good enough for 103rd. Other Union County runners were 112th place Milo Bauman (20:19) and Gehrig Patterson in 124th (20:36) out of the 210 competitors that finished the race.



The Union County girls cross country team (left) placed 13th and were paced by a 13th place finish by sophomore Zoe Sanchez (far right). Hopefully 13 will be lucky as the girls return the majority of the team next year, including Sanchez.



UC basketball opens at home Friday, Nov. 17

2017-2018 Basketball Schedule					
Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Varsity	JV
Friday	Nov. 17	Gilmer	Home	7:00/8:30	
Tuesday	Nov. 21	Towns	Away	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Tuesday	Nov. 28	Rabun	Away	6:00/7:30	4:15 Boys
Saturday	Dec. 2	Towns	Home	6:00/7:30	3:00/4:30
Tuesday	Dec. 5	Fannin	Away	6:00/7:30	4:15 Girls
Friday	Dec. 8	Rabun	Home	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Friday	Dec. 15	N Hall	Away	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Monday	Dec. 18	Andrews	Home	6:00/7:30	4:15 Boys
Tuesday	Dec. 19	Gilmer	Away	6:00/7:30	4:15 Boys
Thursday	Dec. 21	Pickens	Home	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Wednesday	Dec. 27	TBD	Towns	TBD	
Thursday	Dec. 28	TBD	Towns	TBD	
Friday	Dec. 29	TBD	Towns	TBD	
Tuesday	Jan. 2	E Hall	Home	6:00/7:30	4:15 Girls
Friday	Jan. 5	Lumpkin	Home	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Saturday	Jan. 6	Andrews	Away	2:00/3:30	12:00 Boys
Tuesday	Jan. 9	Dawson	Away	6:00/7:30	4:15 Boys
Friday	Jan. 12	Fannin	Home	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Saturday	Jan. 13	GAC	Home	6:00/7:30	3:00/4:30
Tuesday	Jan. 16	Pickens	Away	6:00/7:30	4:30 Girls
Thursday	Jan. 18	White	Home	6:00 JV Boys	
Friday	Jan. 19	GAC	Away	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Tuesday	Jan. 23	N Hall	Home	6:00/7:30	4:15 Boys
Friday	Jan. 26	E Hall	Away	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30
Tuesday	Jan. 30	Lumpkin	Away	6:00/7:30	4:15 Girls
Friday	Feb. 2	Dawson	Home	7:00/8:30	4:00/5:30

8U Panthers reach Super Bowl



Union County's 8U football team with coaches and cheerleaders.

By Blake Lynch
North Georgia News
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Blue Ridge - Over the weekend, the 8U Union County Panthers took on the Chestatee War Eagles at Fannin County in the first ever Mountain Football League

Super Bowl. It was a heck of a game as Lassiter Windsor rushed for two touchdowns - both of them from over 40 yards out.

Chestatee came out on fire in the fourth quarter as they came back to take the lead with 1:22 left in the

game. They would hang on and win by an 18-14 final score.

Last Saturday's Super Bowl wrapped up the 2017 youth football season. This was first time that a Union County team has reached the Super Bowl since 2010. Great job guys.

Blairsville Pickleball Club presents donation to the Ed Webster Scholarship Fund



(L-R): Dave Evans, Marty Evans, Tournament organizers, of Morganton, GA; Union County Sole Commissioner, Lamar Paris; BPC 2nd Vice-President Chris Miller; Club-community liaison Marian Schneider; Recreation Department Director, Larry Connelly; BPC Treasurer, Cathy Berggreen; Secretary, Christine Ferras; President, Nolan Lang, all of Blairsville

Officers of the Blairsville Pickleball Club were delighted to present a check in the amount of \$1562 to the Ed Webster Scholarship Fund. Proceeds from the October 17-18 tournament were dedicated to this fund, and more than doubled the amount raised last year. The annual tournament

is a healthy and fun-filled activity enjoyed by the club members, and by visitors who come to watch the matches, held at Meeks Park. The scholarship helps young athletes in need by assisting in paying the fees and expenses involved in sports activities.

The Blairsville Pickleball

Club, now with 200 members, hopes to see the sport grow even more in our area, with resources offered to school students. The club members range in age from 15 to 85 years old, with all benefiting from pickleball by way of socialization, physical fitness, and mental activity.

Upward 2018 Indoor Soccer



House of Prayer Church is pleased to announce its Upward 2018 Indoor Soccer season for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade, with on-line registration now available at www.hopb.org.

Registration will remain open through January 15, 2018 at the cost of \$60 per child, and payment plans are available, if needed. Convenient weekly practices commence the second week of January 2018, while 6

games will be played on Saturdays between January 27th and March 3rd.

Registrants should attend the evaluation that will be held on Monday, December 4th on a drop-in basis between the hours of 5:30 and 7 p.m. at the House of Prayer Family Life Center gym. For more information regarding registration, call the HOP church office at (706) 745-5925.

Established in 1995, Upward Sports is the world's largest Christian youth sports provider. It remains unique by providing a substitution system that ensures every young athlete plays, and

conveniently requires only one 1-hour practice a week followed by one game per week. Upward Sports develops total athletes mentally, athletically, spiritually, and socially - producing players who excel both on and off the field.

Today, approximately 6.2 million players have participated at more than 2,000 churches in 47 states, in camps, clinics, and leagues through Upward Sports' Recreation Division. Information regarding Upward Sports can be found online at www.upward.org.

UCHS basketball scrimmage game

Union County will visit Hayesville, NC on Tuesday, Nov. 14th for a varsity basketball scrimmage contest. The girls get underway at 5 p.m. with the boys to follow.

Bowling scores

Monday Night Men's: David McGregor 209, Curtis Corn 207, Tim McVay 212, Andrew Haire 200, 209, Stanley Tyler 200, Tony Lynch 212, Brandon Hartness 235, Bob Bischoff 235, Doug Tanner 237, Justin Miller 254, Jeff Boyle 207, 213, Taz Matetzschk 232, 225, Derick Rice 227, 210, Jim McCreary 206, Mel White 228, Bryan Cuthbert 204.

Un-Bowleivable League: 1st Place - Split Happens, 2nd Place - Spare Me, 3rd Place Exit Realty, 4th Place SLB.

Young @ Heart Seniors: Walter Carpenter 218, Del Neiffer 211, 213, 212, Peggy Kidder 172, Mel White 203, Bob Bischoff 214, Ernest Rice 184, Nell Rice 212, Bart Rogers 211, 213, Series 623, Susan Ganitch 194, Cliff Hall 204, Gene Langford 203, Ted Nesius 212, Steve Fischer 204, 192.

Thursday Night Fun Mixed: Janet Burrell 209, Jim McCreary 202, Stanley Tyler 201, 202, Tony Lynch 212, Justin Miller 206, Josh Mathis 228, John Delphino 204, Doug Roberts 213, Jimmy Southern 227, 205, Brett Hogged 225, 205, 213, Branden Hartness 223, 249, 244, Series 716, Greg Wittenberg 212, 214, 237, Series 663, Tim McVay 204, 255, Van Day 223, Steve Fischer 244, Series 617, Mary Everett 200, Ray Everett 225, 211, Series 630.

New Liberty Baptist Church Heaven Bound Sportsmen's 6th Annual Coon Hunt

COME OUT AND JOIN US FOR SOUPS, SANDWICHES AND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Lots of Door Prizes to be Given Away
Coon Squalling Contest 12 & under

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of rocks" Jeremiah 16:16

Will be held Saturday, November 11, 2017
Sign in From 4pm-5pm at New Liberty Baptist Church
5741 Town Creek School Road, Blairsville, GA 30512

Meeting and Door Prizes at 5pm
Any child under 12 and will receive a special door prize
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Check-in a coon of any size by Midnight and You will be entered for the Grand Prize
\$10 per Dog Entry Fee

Come Out & Join Us for some Good Christian FUN!
Remember to always take a child hunting with you!

For Questions Contact Tronnie Elliott 706-745-8888
Jason Sisk 706-892-6978, or Tim Robinson 706-745-4978

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Blairsville Community BLOOD DRIVE

Haralson Civic Center

**Tuesday, November 14th
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

Call Betty Easter at 706-745-2335 to make your appointment today!