

# Sports

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## District, summer camps, 7-on-7 on deck for UCRD, UCHS sports

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Monday marked the official start of summer vacation, but between the high school and recreation department, there's still plenty of June action for those needing to scratch their sports itch.

Meeks Park and the Union County Recreation Department (UCRD) are hosting the 12U District 7 baseball tournament beginning Monday, June 5, when the Panthers face White County at 5:30 p.m.

Next week, the 12U team will play Hayesville, NC during the first round of the Mountain Athletic Conference tournament on Thursday, June 1.

The 10U Panthers travel to Yahooola Creek Park in Lumpkin County on Friday, June 9 for a 6 p.m. meeting with Commerce.

Towns County hosts the 10U softball tournament starting Thursday, June 1, when the Lady Panthers and Indians square off at 6 p.m. The winner will face Lumpkin County on June 2 in the three-team, double-elimination tourney.

All three UCRD teams will receive a tune-up ahead of district when they participate in Fannin County's Diaz Tournament on May 25-28 at Tom Boyd Park.

State tournament action



Rising-senior tight end Tyler Grasty hauls in a one-handed grab during spring practice. Grasty and the offense expect to receive plenty of reps this summer in 7-on-7 action. Photo/Todd Forrest

opens June 20 with Jeff Davis County hosting 10U baseball. Evans County hosts the 12U baseball tourney and 10U softball is at Putnam County.

At the Union County High School, the men's basketball team will practice this

week before taking off May 29-June 4 for the Georgia High School Association's mandatory dead week.

The Panthers resume summer activities with a June 5 practice, then travel to Hayesville, North Carolina for a June 6 play day. Union will host Andrews, NC at 1 p.m. on June 7 and attend an all-day camp at Towns County on June 8.

The Panthers take part in North Forsyth's camp on June 12-13, visit Andrews, NC on the 14th and Towns on the

15th. June 19-21 is a three-day University of North Georgia camp; Union will host its youth camp from June 26-29.

The Lady Panthers also feature a busy summer slate under incoming head coach Thomas Nelson. The Union County women's individual youth camp is June 27-29.

The girls will attend the University of North Georgia Camp from June 8-10th. On June 12, Union County will visit Murphy, North Carolina for a play day with multiple

## Union FOOTBALL SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

**HOSTED BY THE UCHS FOOTBALL TEAM**

**When: June 13th & June 14th**  
**Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**Where: UCHS Stadium**  
**Who: Rising 2nd Grade - Rising 6th Grade**  
**Cost: \$50**  
(Includes Panther Football Camp Shirt)

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schools.

Another multi-team play date at Murphy, NC is slated for June 15. The Lady Panthers will travel to Towns County for a camp on June 21.

Union's final play day is June 27 at Fannin County featuring the Lady Rebels and other local teams.

Union County softball is hosting a youth camp on June 12-14. The volleyball team will practice through Thursday of this week, then once a week after the dead week.

The volleyball youth camp is July 11-13 for grades 4-8.

Lastly, Union County football will practice three days a week beginning June 6 with 7-on-7 action on the first three Thursdays of the month. The GHSA's second dead week runs from June 26-July 7. Summer workouts resume four days a week on July 10.

Ahead of the 2023 season, the Panthers will host an acclimation week on July 24 with the official start of fall practice set for July 31.

The Panthers' youth football camp is June 13-14 for grades 2-6.

## YOUTH BOY'S BASKETBALL CAMP

**JUN 26 - JUL 28, 2023**  
**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**  
 UPCOMING 2ND - 8TH GRADERS  
 UCHS GYM

**REGISTRATION FEE:**  
\$60

Scan the QR code to sign-up:

## PANTHER BASKETBALL

### UC WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL CAMP

**When: June 27th - June 29th**  
**Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Where: UCHS Gym**  
**Who: Rising 2nd - Rising 8th Grade**  
**Cost: \$60.00**  
(Includes a Camp T-Shirt)

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## Tri-County hosts King Ford Spring Championships



King Ford sponsored the Friday, May 19 Limited Late Models Spring Championship at Tri-County Racetrack, featuring a \$1,500 top-prize during the evening's final race.

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**Brasstown, NC** - Dirt was flying at Tri-County Friday night during King Ford's \$1500-to-win Crate Late Model. Additionally, the evening included an \$800 top prize in Street Stock and \$800-to-win Open wheel modified.

**Street Stock:** No.14 Charles Devine Jr. was the winner, taking home \$800. No.95

Alex Vance was a very close second. No.4 Dylan Beaver was third. No. 91 Clint Watkins was fourth. No. 44 Chuck Simms was fifth.

**Pony:** No. 15 Ryan Crawford took home the win. No. 11 Ricky Dyer was second. No. 88 Steven Beaver was third. No.10 Shannon Jones came in fourth.

**Open Wheel Modified:** No. 22 Matt Sandeful took home the checked flag and an \$800 payday. No. 55 Brad

Sosebee was second. No. 95 Stevie Clark was third. No. 27 Jamie Cross was fourth.

**602 Non Qualifier:** No. 100 Copper Twiggs took home the win. No. 89 Clay Fancher was second. No. 1 Daniel Helton was third. No. 28 Roy Hardman was fourth.

**Interstate Welding 602:** No. 44 Bobby Elkins was the winner. No. 50 Charles Devin Jr. was second. No.56 Colton Berrong was third. No. 73 CB McKinnon was fourth. No. 4

Lynn Burchfield was fifth.

**FWD:** No. 59 Matt Coradin was the winner. No. 32 Shannon Jones was second. No. F3 John Fulford was third. No. 32 Logan Exum was fourth. No.16 Jake Ware was fifth.

**King Ford Limited/Crate Late Model:** The biggest win of the night was No.7 Jason Deal. No. 17 Brett Shook was second. No. 371 Drew Benfield was third. No. 81 John Howard was fourth. No. 88 Ricky Smith was fifth.

# QB Club Golf Mountain Made Golf Tourney benefits Panthers football

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The Union County Quarterback Club's May 4 'Mountain Made' fundraiser golf tournament at Butternut Creek proved a resounding success with nearly 80 players participating in the event.

While the Union County football program was the biggest winner of the day, the golfers that took home hardware included the first place low-grossing team of Rick Davenport, Joe Fallis, Phillip Stubblefield and David Gowder.

The Young Harris College team of Bo Wright, James Bradley, Brandon Hargrove and Aaron Johnson were the foursome with lowest net score.

Second place low-net went to the Panel Built team of Daryl Allison, Christian Forney and Curtis Phillips.

Third-place low-net was claimed by the Rich Trucking team of Trint Rich, Bentley Rich, Jason Busbee and Marty Groves.

The Union County Quarterback Club and the Panthers football team would like to thank all of its sponsors.

Diamond Level sponsors: Benchmark Physical Therapy, Brett Owenby Grading, Chick-fil-A, Expos Baseball, Kendrick & Associates Law, PC, Lucky Dog Restaurant Group, Mountain Top Furniture, North GA Sign and Apparel, Rich Trucking, State Farm Jerry Henderson, United Community Bank and Young Harris College.

Gold Level sponsors: Alexander's Store, Carter Williams, Lakewood Capi-



Union County football's 'Mountain Made' Golf Tournament at Butternut Creek Golf Course attracted almost 80 golfers to raise money for the program. Photo/Amanda Parker

tal Group, Panel Built, Rib Country and Southern Polyurethanes.

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## McCarter's 'Megladons' 2023 Battle Ball Champs



Meg McCarter's 2nd grade class survived Union County Primary School's annual Battle of the Classes Battleball Tournament. The Battleball Tournament is a yearly event hosted by coach Chris Robbins' physical education class. McCarter's 'Megladons' claimed the trophy by outlasting nine other classes: Driskell's Dynamite, Cook's Cobras, Mrs. Carly's Clever Captains, Arnick's American Army, Mrs. Georgia's Giants, Chambers' Chargers, Warren's Warriors, Mrs. Underwood's Underdogs and Thurmond's Thrashers.

## Class of '23 claims Ulympics Class of the Year



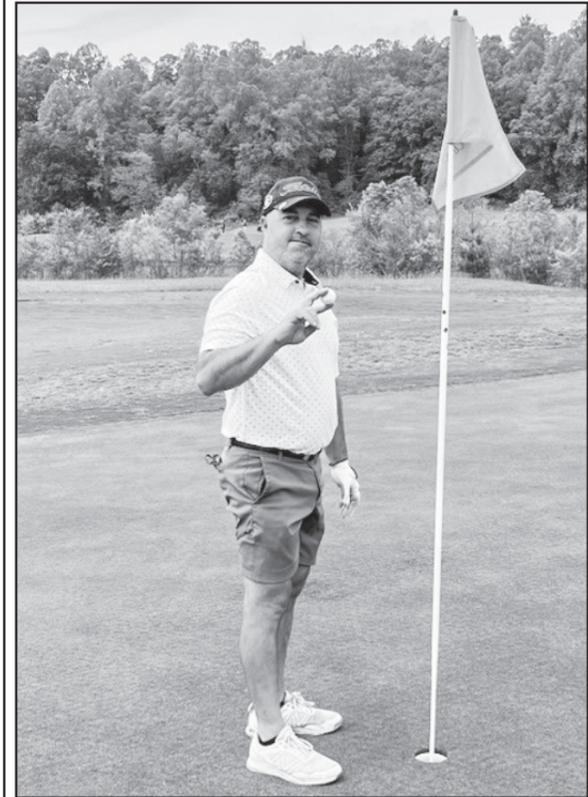
Union County High School's senior class held off a ferocious challenge from the sophomores to seize the coveted Class of the Year trophy during the annual Ulympics. The Class of 2025 took home first place in the Academic and Athletic competitions, but it wasn't enough to overtake the school's elder statesmen. Starting in 2007, the Ulympics are a year-long competition between each of the four classes at UCHS, culminating with an all-day athletic competition in May. Throughout the school year, classes are judged on participation in extracurricular activities, Grade Point Average, discipline referrals, attendance, athletics, school spirit and more. Photo courtesy of UCHS.

## Bailey Adams signs with YHC



The Union County Fine Arts Center hosted a signing ceremony for outgoing senior Bailey Adams on May 15. Adams is attending Young Harris College to study music education. More to come in a future edition of the North Georgia News. Photo/UCHS

## It's a hole-in-one for Busbee



Blairsville's Jason Busbee recorded an ace at Old Union Golf Course on Saturday, May 13. The hole-in-one came on the 13th hole. Congratulations, Jason!

### Summer Fun Days 2023 at the Union County Recreation Department

- June 6th-8th Golf**  
3 PM - 6 PM, Ages 8-17... \$25
- June 12th-14th Pickleball**  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Ages 8-15... \$20
- June 20th -22nd Ultimate Frisbee**  
4 PM - 7:30 PM, Ages 8-14... \$25
- June 26-28th Dodge Ball**  
1 PM - 4 PM, Ages 8-14... \$25
- July 1st and Aug 5th Baseball**  
9 am - 1 PM Must be age 7-10 as of 9/1/2023... \$15

Skill levels will range from beginner to advanced. SPACE IS LIMITED and you must register in person at The Union County Recreation Department located at 519 Industrial Blvd. More info will be given at registration. Please call 706-439-6074 with any questions. Our office is open M-F 8 AM - 4:30 PM, closed for lunch 12 PM - 1 PM.