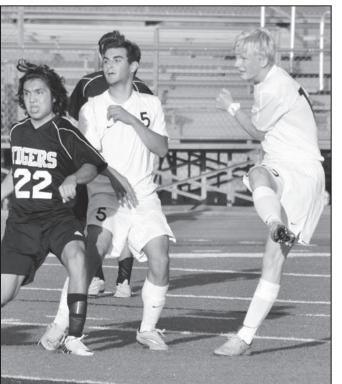
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Four Union County wrestlers reached the State Sectionals last February: Alex Barrett, Logan McClure, Bryan Nelson and Zach Payton.



Brenna Innis (left) and Ansley Garrison (right) during the State Tournament of Union County girls' Region 8-AA Championship and State Elite 8 season in 2016. Photo/Todd Forrest



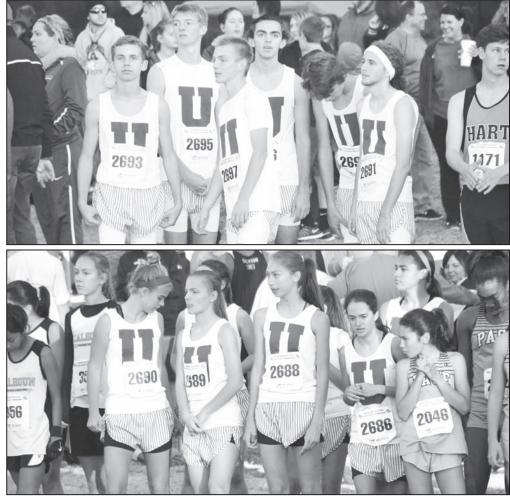
Senior Jake Walts (left) and freshman Brian Smith (right) during Union's State Tourney win over Temple. Photo/Todd Forrest



Union County softball reached the Sweet 16 for the third consecutive season and just missed out on back-to-back trips to the Elite 8 after dropping a pair of extra inning games at Southeast Bulloch with a spot in Columbus on the line. Photo/Todd Forrest



Emma Garrison (middle-right) and Anna Danek (middle-left) atop the medal stand as Union County track owned Region 8-AA and just missed out on a State Championship. Photo/Todd Forrest





Junior Cole Wright dives over a defender into the endzone for a TD. The Panthers finished their first year in AAA with an 8-2 record and placed third in region play. The seniors became the winningest class in program history after winning 32 games in four years. Photo/Todd Forrest

2017 Baseball & Softball Registration Will Be Open at the Union County Recreation Office January 3rd-February 10<sup>th</sup>!



#### DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

### **Register at the**

Recreation Office (310 Wellborn St.) OR

Online at meekspark.com before February 10th

#### Age Groups

3-4 CoEd - Smart Start
5-6 CoEd - T-Ball
7-8 Boys - Marchine Pitch
7-8 Girls - Machine Pitch
9-10 Boys - Baseball
9-10 Girls - Softball

11-12 Boys - Baseball
11-12 Girls - Softball
13-14 Boys - Baseball
13-14 Girls - Softball

Both Union Cross Country teams (above) finished in the top four of a brutal Region 7-AAA to earn a trip to Carrollton and the State Championships once again. Photo/Todd Forrest

## January meetings to discuss hunting regulations

Hunters and other interested persons are encouraged to attend any of eight upcoming public meetings regarding the development of proposed hunting regulations for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 hunting seasons.

These meetings, sponsored by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division, are one opportunity for the public to provide input for consideration in the development of proposed hunting regulations.

"Science provides the foundation for development of hunting regulations. Additionally, public input is also important and valuable. It is our goal to maintain simple, easy-to-follow hunting regulations that are biologically appropriate while encouraging hunting participation, and maximizing management flexibility and opportunity," said John Bowers, chief of the Game Management Section.

All meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

January 11: Augusta Tech College (216 Hwy. 24 South, Waynesboro, GA 30830).

Middle Georgia State University – Dillard Hall (1100 Second Street, SE, Cochran, GA 31014).

January 12, 2017: Lion's Club Barn (1729 South Main Street, Ellijay, GA 30540).

Banks County High School (1486 Historic Homer Hwy., Homer, GA 30547).

Any participant at a meeting may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, either orally or in writing. Statements should be concise to permit everyone an opportunity to speak.

Participants must register upon arrival and notify the registering official of their intent to give a statement. Those unable to attend a meeting may submit input in one of the following methods (input must be received by Friday, Jan. 20, 2017).

Statements may be electronically submitted at: www. georgiawildlife.com/Hunting/ Regulations/SubmitComments.

Written statements should be mailed to: GA DNR/Wildlife Resources Division/Game Management Section; Attn: Tina Brunjes; 2070 U.S. Highway

278, S.E.; Social Circle, Georgia 30025.

Call 770-918-6404.

These meeting sites are accessible to people with physical disabilities. To request sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids, contact Tina Brunjes at (770) 918-6404.

Hunting regulation proposals will be available in early-April and will be considered by the Board of Natural Resources on May 31, 2017.

For more information, visit www.georgiawildlife.com/ Hunting/Meetings.



A limited number of tickets are available at the Union County Recreation Office located at 310 Wellborn Street.

You must purchase in advance. You may contact 706-439-6074 with questions.