

Track: Union girls sweep distance races at Hayesville

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Hayesville, NC - Union County Track and Field were perfect in the girls distance races at Hayesville, NC on March 23rd.

Competing against Swain County NC, Andrews NC, and Hayesville, Union's girls were victorious in the 3200M, 1600M, 800M, and the 4x400 relay.

Stephanie Busse was first in the 3200M race and third in the 800M race. Emma Garrison finished first in the 1600M and 800M, while Garrison, Emmeline Stuart, Jordan Stubblefield, and Anna Danek took home first in the 4x400 relay race. Stubblefield also took fifth in the 400M race.

Danek was second in the 1600M race and the 800M race while finishing fourth in the Triple Jump.

Fallon Cipriani was fourth in the 100M and the Long Jump, along with a fifth place finish in the 200M race. Courtney Moose placed fifth in the Discus.

Cole Payne placed second in the 800M race, Jacob Kelley was second in the High Jump and fourth in the 400M.



Emma Garrison on the medal stand after winning a recent event

The 4x100 relay team of Payne, Kelley, Zach Stone, and Chad Buzzard placed second. The 4x400 team of Kelley, Buzzard, Dakota Dyer, and Adrian Shaw

came in third. Shaw also took third in the 800M race to go along with a fifth place finish in the 1600M. Stone was fourth in the Long Jump

and Buzzard placed fourth in the Triple Jump.

Dyer came in fifth in the 300M Hurdles and Zack Gilliam took fifth in the Discus.

Rain gives Panthers the week off; all alone atop Region 8-AA

Region 8-AA Baseball standings		
TEAM	REGION REC	OVERALL REC
1. UNION COUNTY	6-1	10-4
2. SOCIAL CIRCLE	6-2	10-6
3. RIVERSIDE MILITARY	5-4	8-5
T4. RABUN COUNTY	4-4	6-12
T4. WASH WILKES	4-4	4-14
6. OGLETHORPE CO	3-5	6-10
7. GREENE COUNTY	0-8	1-9

THIS WEEK'S REGION GAMES:
Tuesday: Greene Co. @ Oglethorpe Co.
Tuesday: Social Circle @ Wash Wilkes
Tuesday: Riverside Military @ Rabun Co.
Friday: Union Co. @ Greene Co. (DH)

Union County remains the only one-loss team in 8-AA due to a split between Social Circle and Rabun County during a doubleheader last week.

The Wildcats took the first game 9-5 but the second contest was all Redskins in an 11-3 victory. Social Circle also dismantled Oglethorpe County 11-1 last week.

The lone game on the Panthers' schedule last week was a Thursday matchup with Andrews, NC. The game would be washed out and no makeup date has been scheduled yet.

This week, the Panthers will travel to White County on Wednesday for a 6 p.m. showdown with the Class AAAA

Warriors.

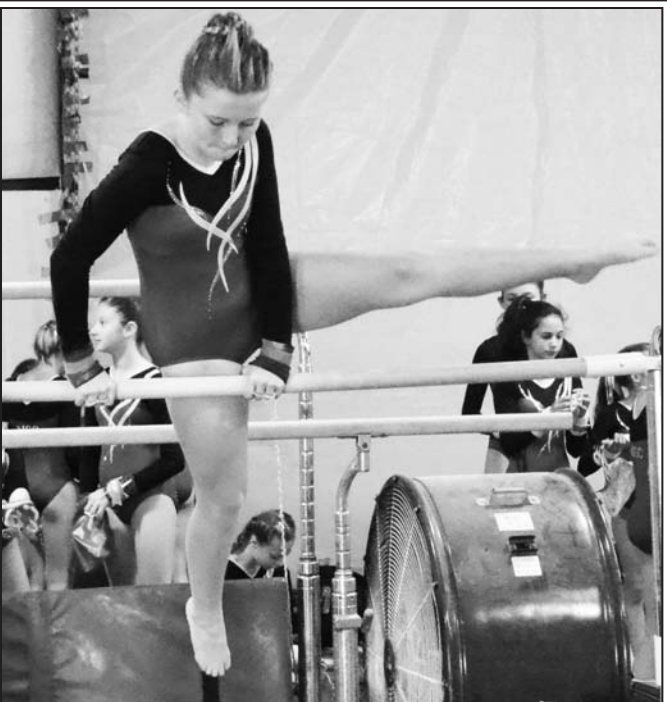
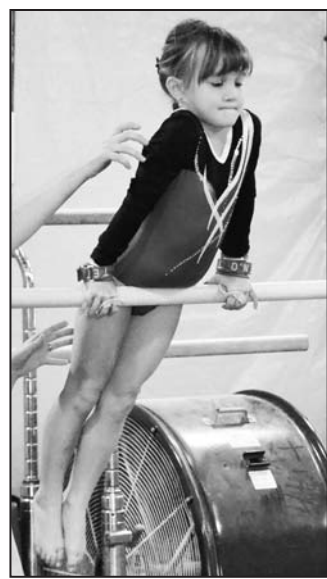
In the previous meeting between the two squads, White County won easily 13-0 while Union played without eight varsity players due to basketball.

Since beating Union in its season opener, the Warriors have gone 4-12 with wins over Rabun, Dawson County, Stephens County and Chestatee.

The Panthers will resume region-play on Friday with a visit to last place Greene County for a doubleheader at 5 and 7 p.m..

The Tigers are winless in 8-AA and have been outscored 142-7 in their eight region contests thus far.

Mountain Gymnastics Center 2015-16



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Official season for Butternut Creek Ladies Association - April 7th



(L-R): Cindy Andrews, Patricia Plott, Lilly Adams, Terie McCombs, Jane Childers, Pam Herrick, Cynthia Flanders, Kathie McAfee & Cappie Harper

The ladies pictured participated Thursday, March 17th in preparation of the upcoming '2016 Season'. The Regular Season Play for the Butternut Creek Ladies Golf Association will begin on Thursday, April 7th. The game for our first 2016 Season is: Low Gross/Low Net - with 'Ace of Aces' Competition (the entry fee for Ace of Aces is \$3 and must be paid before participating

along with a current handicap index).

We start at 10 AM so be at the clubhouse by 9:30 AM to sign up, pay your dues for membership and get acquainted with fellow golfers.

The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, April 5 by 1 PM on our website at www.butternutcreeklga.com or call Jane Childers at 706-838-5599 for information. NTA(Apr6,26)CA

Justin Gonyea awarded USCAA Student Athlete of the Year

Justin Gonyea of Warne, NC was Team Captain of the 2015-2016 Warren-Wilson College Owls.

Justin and the #4 seeded Owls finished in the final four of the USCAA National Championships in Union Town, PA on March 4th. The Owls faced #1 seed Berkeley College from New York City in the semi-finals and failed to make the National Championship Game. This is the fourth trip to Nationals for the Owls, winning the Championship in 2013, Justin's freshman year.

The Owls are 6-4 in tournament play in four years at the National Championship. Justin is the first player for Warren-Wilson to start in all 10 National Tournament games. His senior season including tournament play Justin averaged 15.8 points per game, shot 46.3% from the field, 44.1% from the three point line and was a 84.9% free throw shooter. Justin's career scoring total is 1,481 points, 229 three point shots made, 392 rebounds, 170 steals and 282 assists.

This year Justin ranked 3rd in the USCAA DII in three point



Justin Gonyea

percentage and also ranked 3rd in free throw percentage at the finish of the season. Justin led the Owls in scoring his sophomore and senior year, his junior and senior seasons earned him a spot as a USCAA All-American and in 2014 Justin was the three point contest Champion during tournament week.

This year at the USCAA Annual Banquet held at Nemacon Woodlands Resort in Union Town, PA, Justin was recognized as The USCAA Student Athlete of the Year which is the first time any athlete has received this honor in Warren-Wilson College history. NTA(Apr6,26)CA



It is time to get your horses back on the trailer! The Union County Saddle Club's calendar is starting to fill up with great events.

On April 8 at 6 p.m. there will be a 3-person sorting. Come on out for the 3-person team penning on April 22 at 6 p.m.

On April 23 at 8 a.m. Josh Peebles will be teaching a horsemanship clinic. Contact Josh for more information at 706-897-3244.

Also, the UCSC open horse shows are starting back up! The first one is April 30, so whether you are a competitor or just want to come and watch for

free, don't forget to mark your calendars. The open horse show will start at 9 a.m. with warm-up barrels first, followed by youth and open barrels, agility, trail, racking, Western, and English classes.

For a full list of the arena's events, visit unioncountysaddleclub.org. Have fun getting your horse ready for April's events, and we hope to see you on April 21 for the monthly meeting at 7 p.m.

TVA Mountain Biking & Hiking Trails opening

Grand Opening April 8, 2016 at 10 a.m. Please join TVA and Union County for the Grand Opening of the TVA Mountain Biking and Hiking Trails!

Located one mile past Nottely Dam on the left. Follow the signs. Please contact the Commissioner's Office with any questions, 706-439-6000.