

# Track and Field: Nine different Panthers punch ticket to Sectionals

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**HOMER** - Union County track and field will send nine athletes to the Class AA Sectionals following their respective performances at last week's Region 8-AA meet.

Highlighting Union's nine representatives is junior Zoe Sanchez, who claimed the Region 8-AA title in the 1600M and 3200M events - setting a school record in the 3200 with a time of 12:11.

Brendan Bowman also returned in a school record time in the 200M with a 23.09 - good enough for fifth. He was also third in the High Jump with a sectional qualifying height of 5-feet, 10 inches, to go with a second place showing in the 400, clocking in at 50.97 - good enough to reach sectionals.

Other qualifiers from day one of region include Evelyn McBride with a 4-10 in the High Jump.

Molly Kay West placed fourth in the Triple Jump at 31-0.25.

Carson Walker was the runner-up in the Long Jump at 21-2.25.

Hunter Hartzog placed third in the 1600 with a time of 4:43.

The second day featured more qualifiers from UCHS with Hartzog accomplishing the feat in two events.

After placing second in



Zoe Sanchez ran away from the field in the 3200M. Photos/Todd Forrest

the 800 with a personal best time of 2:05.29, he also qualified as a member of the 4x400 relay team that finished third at 45.04.

Luke Gambrell came in second in the 3200 with a personal record time 10:20.33.

Hayes Glover was third in the 800 with a PR of 2:10.52. He also qualified as a mem-

ber of the aforementioned 4x400 relay squad that included Thomas Mellendorf, Hartzog, Bowman, and alternate Nathan Cobb.

Sectionals are scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at Bremen. The State Championships will be held May 9-11 at Berry College in Rome.



Carson Walker at the 100M starting line. Track photos by Todd Forrest

## UCHS Fishing begins fundraising

The Union County High School Fishing Team has made great strides this year with 14 members, making seven teams. Through the Student Angler Federation as well as Georgia Bass Nation, the team has competed in several competitions all over the Southeast, and have progressed to have 5 qualifying teams for the state and national tournaments.

Due to this remarkable feat, the Fishing Team now focuses on fundraising efforts in order to enable them to attend these week-long competitions. Thus far, the team has successfully hosted a Cornhole Tournament and a Turkey Shoot. At the Cornhole Tournament, Jerry Parker and Cole Davis walked away as the winning team, each receiving a set of North Georgia Cornhole Association official cornhole bags.

This accomplishment as well as the entire tournament was only made possible through the help of several critical sponsors, all of which the UCHS Fishing Team would like to extend a large, humble thank you: to North Georgia Cornhole Association, Jimmy Combs, Evan Hughes for

making the knife to be raffled off and won by Kole Jenkins, Patton Excavating, and Jeff Underwood. In addition to the Cornhole Tournament, the Fishing Team has hosted a Turkey Shoot with the grand prize winner being Terry Stover. Lunch at the event was provided by Ingles and Foodland while the Stover Family hosted the proceedings. Overall, both fundraising events have been successful, but the team still needs additional funds to support the five teams representing UCHS.

Union County High School Fishing Team would like to thank everyone who organized, donated, and participated in these events. The team will continue to raise funds as they send these 5 teams for week-long tournaments in the state and national tournaments.

If you would like to donate to the UCHS Fishing Team or learn more about helping the team please contact Rhonda Colwell at rcolwell@ucschools.org. Once again, the UCFT extends an enormous thank you to the events' sponsors because of their generosity to help the students in their community.

## Blue Ridge Motorsports Park Opening Day results

Race Fuel was in the air as Blue Ridge Motorsports Park had their opening day this past Saturday with the demo derby and here is the top five from each class.

Street Stock-Coming in first place was No.169 Jim Weller, Coming in second place was No.19 Jim Gilbert, Finishing third place was No.01 Jacob Lynch, Finishing in fourth place was No.k3 James Klaucke, Coming in fifth place was No.192 Jay Lynch

Pony- Coming in first place was No.9 John Smars, Coming in second place was No.71 Tim Bristol, Coming in third place was No.42b Dylan Cole, Coming in fourth place was No.8 Jonny McClure, Finishing in fifth place was No.32jr Franklin Burk.

Hobby 602- Coming in first place was No.17 Brad Thomas, Finishing in second place was No.88 Ricky Smith, Finishing in third place was No.44 Bobby Elkins, Finishing in fourth place was No.81 John

Howard, Coming in fifth place was No.4 Jacob Parris.

Crate/Limited- Coming in first place was No.9 Brian Kinnersley, Finishing in second place was No.7 Jason Deal, Finishing in third place was No.12w Daniel Wilson, Finishing in fourth place was No.30 Daven Dilbeck, Coming in fifth place was No.2 Seth Wimpey.

FWD- Coming in first place was No.2 Justin Queen, Finishing in second place was No.32 Logan Exum, Coming in third place was No.95t Dale Fortner, Finishing fourth place was No.9 Sean Rice, Finishing in fifth place was No.18 Isaac Hicks.

Beginner 602- Coming in first place was No.66 Trae Kirk, Finishing in second place was No.22 Matt Sandfort, Coming in third place was No.56 Colton Berrong, Finishing in fourth place was No.81 Travis Davenport, Finishing in fifth place was No.7 Steve Brannon.

The Derby Winner was DJ Ray. N(May1230)CA

## S.A.F.E. Kids Fishing Derby



Kage and Kaden getting ready for the Fishing Derby at Nottely Marina

**S.A.F.E. Kids Fishing Derby**  
May 4th 11am - 3pm  
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**Saturday May 4, 2019**  
**11am - 3pm**

**Admission:**  
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## Register today for the Clay Dotson Open Golf Tournament

Young Harris College invites community members to register for the 15th annual Clay Dotson Open on Monday, May 13 at Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris, GA. This highly anticipated golf tournament is YHC's premier fundraising event for student scholarships.

This event is the perfect opportunity to have fun while supporting a great cause. Participants will play one of Georgia's top courses in one of the state's most beautiful locations. The morning flight will start at 8 a.m., and the afternoon flight will begin at 2 p.m. Each flight is limited to 112 players.

The cost to play in the tournament is \$200 per person or \$800 for a team of four. Teams with three or more YHC alumni qualify for the Tom Forkner, Sr. Alumni Challenge and a special discounted rate (\$150 per alumnus/alumna player). In the spirit of competition, YHC will award prizes for the low net score in each flight and will offer a putting contest with prizes. Continen-



tal breakfast, lunch and refreshments are included in the registration cost, as well as a team photograph.

"To keep the tournament viable, we need younger alumni and younger players to participate each year," said Dr. Clay Dotson, who served YHC as a history professor, academic dean and interim president. Dr. Dotson also noted that non-golfers and those unable to participate this year can still contribute. "You need not play in the tournament to

be an important supporter. Contributions can be made to YHC with a designation for the golf tournament. All support is appreciated."

Sponsorships, player registrations, mulligans and more are available for purchase at yhc.edu/claydotsonopen through Tuesday, May 7. If you have any questions or need additional information about the tournament, please contact YHC's Executive Director of Development Mark Dotson at (706) 379-5355 or mcdotson@yhc.edu. N(May1223)CA