

Local Blairsville Pickleball Players bring medals home

Several members of the Blairsville Pickleball Company competed in a tournament held June 10-12 in Cleveland, GA. The event was held as a fundraiser for "Habitat for Humanity of Northeast Georgia."

Members of several pickleball clubs, as well as many spectators, enjoyed the fast-moving games, with "Habitat for Humanity" benefiting from the tournament.

Winners of the Bronze Medal in Women's Doubles were Cathy Bergreen and Pam Moran; the Gold Medal was taken in Men's Doubles by Nolan Lang and Alan King; the Bronze Medal was won by Nolan Lang and Pam Moran in Mixed Doubles.

The Blairsville Pickleball Company now has over 80 members, and invites people interested in Pickleball to observe the game at the Meeks Park tennis courts #3 and #4 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. NJun29.Z4/CA



(L-R): Nolan Lang, Alan King



(L-R): Nolan Lang, Pam Moran



(L-R): Cathy Bergreen, Pam Moran

Dance Project to hold Annual Free Clogging Session

Blairsville Dance Project will be hosting a free 3-week clogging session. Designed for the beginner, new students will be introduced to basic clogging by members of the BSoD Force competition clogging team.

"We are so excited to be able to offer this for the eighth year," said Angela Puleo, Studio Director. "We usually get a great turnout not only from Blairsville, but also from the surrounding communities."

The classes will be open to anyone ages 6 and up and will take place on Tuesdays, July 5, 12 and 19 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Participants should plan on attending all classes.

The BSoD Force competition clogging teams are well equipped to lead the session. With its regular participation in the regional and national competition circuit, the group is on the cutting edge of contemporary clogging. In addition to the classical dance forms, BSoD has a nationally recognized clogging program that begins training recreational and com-



Clogging team

petitive dancers at age 3.

"Our beginning session focuses more on traditional clogging," said Puleo. "While our group performs a mix of traditional and contemporary style clogging, most of the more modern steps contain elements of Irish, tap and Canadian step dance."

This session's beginning students will learn the "drag/slide" style of clogging. At the completion of workshop, the new dancers will have learned a simple new routine.

Those interested in par-

ticipating in this year's 3 Free Week Session should reserve a spot by calling (706) 835-1415 or emailing blairsvilledance@gmail.com. While the session is free, space is limited, so a reservation is required. Participants must be age 6 or older.

Next Blairsville Dance Project will be preparing for its August 6th "Day of Dance" event, on which it will offer free trial classes in multiple dance styles for ages 18 months and up. BSoD is located at 80 Blue Ridge St. in downtown Blairsville. NJun29.Z17/jg

Upward Flag Football & Cheerleading 2016 registration



House of Prayer Church is glad to announce that Ben Boykin and Nicole Helton

Appalachian Duplicate Bridge Club news

On Monday, June 13, eight and one half tables played a Mitchell movement at All Saints Lutheran Church in Blairsville, GA with the following results: First, North-South, Ray Ferree and Jim Bell; second, Bobbie Mace and Lorraine Klug; third, Dolores Corsini and Frank Holland; and there was a tie for fourth among Debbie Foster and Peg Kieffer with Joan and Joe Lane.

First, East-West, Jean Pittman and Barbara Mitchell; second, Ray Berry and Joe Wald; third, Dennis and Linda Ray; and fourth, Sally Forest and Pat Mosteller.

On Thursday, June 16, six full tables played a Howell movement. Ray Berry and Sue Wall claimed first place honors. They were followed closely by Karen Miller and Lisa DeCarlo; second; Pat Mosteller and Dorothy Smith; third; Jim Bell and Tom Faulconer; fourth; and Mike Knowles and Joyce Geiger, fifth.

On Monday, June 20, the longest day of the year, seven and one half tables played a Howell movement. Ray Ferree and Jim Bell were first. They were followed by Myrna Ponkauskas and Dan Cornett; second; Ray Berry and Joe Wald; third; Carol Baxter and Mary Anderson; fourth; Connie Smith and Chris Barnett; fifth; Jean Pittman and Barbara Mitchell; sixth; and Karen Miller and Chris Thompson, seventh.

Thursday, June 23, had only four full tables playing a Howell movement. Karen Miller and Lisa DeCarlo came in first followed by Jim Bell and Joe Wald; second; and Myrna Ponkauskas and Chris Thompson, third.

The bridge club plays every Monday and Thursday at All Saints Lutheran Church and would welcome any and all interested bridge players to join them each week. For partners or information on the games, call Dorothy Smith at (h) 706-745-1532, (c) 706-994-0497, or email, dorothyessmith772@gmail.com. NJun29.Z15/jg

will be back as league directors for the Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading 2016 season. On-line registration is now open for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade at www.hopb.org.

The registration price to participate is \$60, through August 14th, and an additional \$10 will be applied thereafter, with registration closing on September 1st. Payment plans are available, if needed. Convenient weekly practices commence Thursday, August 25th, while games will be held every Saturday between September 10th and October 8th.

Registrants should attend the evaluation that will be held on Saturday, August 13th on a drop-in basis between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on the football field by the House of Prayer Family Life Center located behind the sanctuary. For more information regarding registration, call the church office at HOP (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 requiring only one hour practice a week with one game per week. Upward Sports develops total athletes mentally, athletically, spiritually, and socially - producing players who excel both on and off the field. To-

day, 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. NTJun29.Z7/CA

Bowling scores

Summer Solar Fun Youth: Ivy Robbins 117, Joshua Collins 116, Christian Theriot 173, DJ Robbins 134, Kiley Hartness 99, Cooper Boyle 157, Dylan Willis 56, Eric Fox 181, Jarred Edwards 168, Michael Fox 202, 568 Series, Sabrina Willis 168.

Young @ Heart Seniors 6-15: Walter Carpenter 210, Jim Kidder 204, Ron Wingate 211, Cliff Hall 225, Ken Thigpen 213, Bob Landis 251, 210, 228, Series 689, Martha Sisum 180, Barry Rice 234.

6-22: Stanley Tyler 216, Bob Landis 240, 203, 207, Series 650, Walter Carpenter 202, Dewey Allen 219, Nell Rice 198, Jim Kidder 208, Ron Wingate 221, Series 603, Herb Pokey 200, Peggy Kidder 201.

Thursday Summer Mixed 6-16: Tim McVay 222, Branden Hartness 220, Jeb Plott 225, Tony Lynch 218, Dee Tyler 222, Dan Wilson 230.

6-23: Tony Lynch 228, 234, 198, Series 660, Charles Reynor 201, Paul Lierd 210, Branden Hartness 213, Jeb Plott 203. NJun29.Z15/jg

Notice of Union County School System Special Education Records

In compliance with the Georgia Record Act, the Union County Board of Education records retention schedule, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations on the destruction of data collected, maintained, or used in the provision of a free and appropriate public education of students with disabilities in the Union County Schools, the Special Education department announces its intention to destroy special education records by July 1, 2016.

Records of students who were enrolled in a special education program in the Union County School System who were born before June 1, 1994 and were 22 years of age by June 1, 2016, or graduated

with a regular high school diploma, are no longer needed for educational purposes.

The student may need these records for Social Security or other reasons. If you as a former special education student wish to obtain these records prior to destruction, you should contact the Special Education Records Department, Union County Board of Education, 124 Hughes Street, Blairsville, GA 30512. Positive identification will be required before records can be released to the individual.

For more information, contact the Special Education Records Department at (706) 745-2322 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. NJun29.Z2/jg

Union 12&U baseball take District; going to State Tourney



Union County's 12&U baseball team had to battle its way out of the losers bracket to defeat Towns County twice, with the clincher coming last Wednesday night in Blue Ridge. Photo/Todd Forrest

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Blue Ridge - It took eight games over six days but the Union County 12&U baseball all-stars eventually prevailed after falling into the losers bracket - forcing them to win five-straight to punch their ticket to the State Tournament.

During the eighth and final game, the Panthers knocked off Towns County for the second consecutive time with Union rallying for six runs in their final at bat.

Entering the bottom of the third, the Panthers were on top at 2-0 but the Indians struck for three in their half of the in-

ning for a 3-2 advantage.

That score would remain unchanged until the top of the sixth when Union loaded the bases with nobody out.

A base hit knotted the score at 3-3 and an infield single allowed another run to cross - making it 4-3.

A two-run double blew things open at 6-3 before the Indians recorded the first out on an RBI groundout.

The Panthers added the eighth and final run on a two-out balk.

Towns recorded a one-out base hit in the bottom of the sixth but were unable to threaten any further.

The Panthers opened the tournament on Friday, June 17th with back-to-back wins.

The first victory came over Banks County, the second was over the host team Fannin County on Saturday.

Sunday would see Union suffer its first and only defeat at the hands of the Hall County Thunder, forcing the Panthers into action again that same day when they secured their second victory over Banks County.

Union would return to action on Monday with another win over Fannin County, setting up a Tuesday rematch with the Hall Thunder, and this time the Panthers came out on top.

After disposing of Hall, Union got its first shot at unbeaten Towns County and took care of business - resulting in a winner-take-all District Championship game on Wednesday.



The 12&U all stars celebrate following their come-from-behind victory over Towns County in the championship. Photo/Todd Forrest

MUSA Fall Registration



Fall soccer registration is open for age groups U6-U16

Register online at www.mountainsoccer.org

Registration forms are also available to print from the website. Forms can be mailed to P. O. Box 1862, Blairsville, GA 30514.

Deadline to register is July 17, 2016.

For additional information please check out our website at www.mountainsoccer.org or email us at musa.soccer@gmail.com.