

# Issac Tritt becomes first UCHS wrestler to qualify for State Tourney



Union County junior Issac Tritt in action at last weekend's State Sectionals. Tritt placed fourth in the 145-pound weight division, earning him the first State Tournament bid in school history. Tritt won his opening match by decision over Steve Odom of Cook. In the semifinals he would fall to Dalton Battle of North Hall by decision but rebounded with a victory by fall over Jake Tyre of Pierce County in the Consolation-Semis. In the third place match, he fell to Jackson County's Ben Gilbreath by decision. Tritt will compete at this weekend's State Championships at the Macon Centreplex.

# Four UCHS basketball players selected to 7-AAA All-Region team

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Senior Bailey Daniel and sophomores Kait McCarter, Pierson Allison, and Sawyer Drake were voted All-Region by the 7-AAA coaches.

Sophomores Brooke Dockrey and Andelin Hill, along with seniors Patrick Baggett, and Crawford Colwell were also recognized as Honorable Mention.

Drake led the Panthers in scoring at 13 points per game while Allison was second on the team at 12.1 per game.

Drake also led Union County at 6 rebounds a game, 2.9 steals per game, and one

blocked shot a game. His field goal percentage of .506 was also first on the team among players with at least 50 shot attempts and his 2.4 assists a game were second on the team.

Meanwhile, Allison led the team at 2.6 assists per game and was second with 2.4 steals and 49 made threes. His free throw percentage of .722 was first best on the team; he was third in rebounding at 4.5 a game.

Daniel led the Lady Panthers with 13 points a game, 2.8 steals, 65-percent from the line and 25 made threes. Her 1.9 assists were second while her 4.7 rebounds were third.

McCarter averaged 11.6 a game - good enough for sec-

ond - while her 8.9 boards and 1.3 blocks were first. She shot a team-high .563 from the floor and was second on the team at 61-percent at the line.

Crawford Colwell was fourth on the team at 8.7 points per game and tied for first at 6 rebounds a game.

Baggett's 52 treys was tops on the team while his .654 free throw percentage was second.

Hill was third on the team in scoring at 8.2 per game while coming in second in rebounding at 7.5 a night and steals (1.4 per game).

Brooke Dockrey led the Lady Panthers in assists at 2.8 dimes a game while scoring 7.9 points per game - good enough for fourth.

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The Tigers hit 43-percent (16-for-37) from the floor and 33-percent (4-for-12) from downtown.

The largest disparity between the two teams came at the foul line. Dawson made 14 more free throws (23-of-30 for 77-percent) than Union County attempted (6-for-9). The duo of Crumley and Reed combined to sink 21-of-27 at the line with Crumley going 11-for-12.

The Tigers finished with six offensive boards and 28 total rebounds.

### Colwell's 1,000

Crawford Colwell needed six points for 1,000 going into Friday's contest. He scored a deuce late in the first quarter then hit 1-of-2 at the line. After missing a three from the right wing earlier in the second frame, he was on the money from the left

side at the 1:35 mark.

Crawford Colwell has only attempted 27 threes this season - making five.

He becomes just the third 1,000 point scorer this decade, joining Rhett McCombs (2013) and Seth Merritt (2011). He becomes the just 12th men's basketball player and 22nd overall to reach the 1K milestone since 1970.

Michael Ross (2008) and Michael Adams (2003) are the only other players to score 1,000 since 2000.

Unlike the other four guys to reach 1K this century, Crawford Colwell accomplished it without relying heavily on the 3-point shot. The other four players were all deadly from long distance but Colwell did it the old-fashioned way.

The last true "post" player

to reach 1,000 points at Union County was Chris Adams back in 1994-95.

**Up next** - The Panthers will travel to East Hall on Tuesday to face North Hall. Tip-off is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

If Union County wins, they will advance to the region semifinals on Friday in Dawsonville. The championship and consolation games will be held Saturday, also in Dawson County.

If the Panthers advance, they would play No. 1 seed GAC on Friday. The other bracket will feature No. 2 seed East Hall, 3-seed Dawson County, 6-seed Fannin County, and 7-seed Lumpkin County.

# More photos from Woody Gap Schools 2018 Homecoming festivities



Montana Barnes is crowned by last year's queen Haley Grizzle. Photos by Todd Forrest



First Runner-Up Eliza Wilkins



Junior Chayil Aponte



Freshman Rachel Alphin

## Bowling scores

Blairsville Youth: Kiley Hartness 106, Cody Meeks 160, Josh Collins 162, Connor Rexroad 138, Ivy Robbins 124, Christian Theriot 170, Jaden Love 128, Christian Kelley 88, Noah Freuen 110, Lily Love 147, Michaela Caldwell 130, Ben Love 124, Nick Love 198.

Monday Night Men: Michael Whitehead 203, Ron Wingate 202, DJ DeJoseph 205, Doug Tanner 269 Series 647, Jeremy Lands 222, Josh Mathis 211, 236, Series 643, Rick Bracken 201, Dallas Lloyd 260, Jim McCreary 236, 216, Series 613, Stanley Tyler 209, 226, 204, Series

639, Branden Hartness 267, 245, Series 697, Bill Cox 256, Series 612, Greg Wittenberg 215, Jeff Boyle 213, Taz Martetzschk 253, 212, 203, Series 668, Derick Rice 247, Series 604.

Monday Night Ladies: Janet Burrell 190, Series 517, Dee Tyler 200, 169, Series 505, Deb McGregor 175, Pam Bierce 167, Sis Ethridge 191, Joyce Trenton 179, 171, Series 505.

Thursday Night Fun Mixed: Diana Carrol 191, Branden Hartness 216, 240, Series 634, Greg Wittenberg 210, Mary Fischer 174, 182, Series 523, DJ DeJoseph 200, Bill Smith 236, Janet Burrell 237, 184, 193, Series 614, Josh Mathis 204, Jimmy Southern 234, 244, Series 649, Brett Hogsed 215, Shay Roberts 215, 183, 208, Series 606, Tim McVay 205, 254, Series 641, Stanley Tyler 220, Tony Lynch 225, 211, Series 616, Paula Day 175, Van Day 200, Bill Breedlove 211, Tee Turner 232, 253, Series 661, Mary Everett 180, 183, Series 506, Ray Everett 235, Jason Koch 202, 269, Series 640. NTFeb7.23/CA



## 2018 Baseball and Softball Registration opens at the Union County Recreation Department

You may register at the Union County Recreation Department located at 310 Wellborn Street or online at [unioncountyga.gov](http://unioncountyga.gov).

### Age Groups

- 3-4 Coed- Smart Start
- 5-6 Coed-T-Ball
- 7-8 Boys- 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

## The Benton MacKaye Trail Association (BMTA) seeking volunteers for trail maintenance

The Benton MacKaye Trail Association (BMTA) is seeking volunteers to help with trail maintenance for an upcoming work trip.

According to Barry Allen, Georgia work trip coordinator for the BMTA, a work trip is planned for Saturday, Feb. 10, on a section of the trail on the Sisson Property near Cherry Log. This month's Georgia work trip will focus on tree removal, water diversion work, and installation of vertical 6x6s with BMT diamond blazes to mark confusing areas of the trail. Allen stated at least one saw crew would be needed on the section to remove trees in a few locations.

Allen also stated, despite the possibility of a federal government shutdown over the weekend, the work trip will continue as planned since the work section is located on private lands. Typically, work trips are not allowed in the National Forest during government shutdowns.

All work trip participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes or boots, pants and long sleeve shirts, work gloves and, for



Volunteers working on a BMTA trail

cold-weather trips, multiple thin layers that can be easily shed one at a time. Also, a daypack for storing food, water or other items is always a good idea for work trips. Food and water are not supplied by the BMTA on work trips; however, tools are provided by the Association. The BMTA recommends workers to bring at least two liters of water for the trip.

Those interested can meet either at The Village Restaurant in Blue Ridge for breakfast at 8 a.m. or at the Craddock Center parking area at 9 a.m.

The Benton MacKaye Trail spans three states - Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina - and nearly 300 miles from Springer Mountain, GA, to Davenport Gap in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and is enjoyed by thousands of hikers and outdoor enthusiasts each year.

For anyone with questions or needing further information, contact Barry Allen at [bmtabarry@gmail.com](mailto:bmtabarry@gmail.com) or 770-294-7384. NTFeb7.21/CA