

# Track and Field: Panthers finish strong at Rabun County meet

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TIGER - Union County Track and Field recorded multiple first-place finishes at Rabun County last Tuesday.

Katelynn Hodges set a new school record with a distance of 14-feet, 4 inches in the long jump.

Riley Barrett also broke the school record with a time of 51.5 seconds in the 400 meter.

Meanwhile, Sawyer Drake placed first in the high jump with a height of 5-10. Zoe Sanchez was first in both the 3200M and the 1600M events with times of 12:25 and 5:56, respectively.

Lance Underwood took home gold in the 3200M event with a time of 10:26.

In the relay events, the boys 4x100 team clocked in first with a time 45.3. The team consists of Sloan Sutton, Cole Wright, Barrett, and Drake.

The 4x400 relay team of Colby Ives, Cole Payne, Adrian Shaw, and Wright placed first with a time of 3:42.

Other Union County athletes who placed second at Rabun County in their respective events were: Evelyn McBride, Braden Poteete, Noah Underwood, Dylan Dockery, Hayes Glover, Thomas Mellen-dorf, Hodges, and Sutton.



Senior Katelynn Hodges competes in the long jump Photo/Jenni Dixon

# Local Motorsports weekend results

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**Blue Ridge Motorsports Park** had their race on Saturday and here are the results:

**Pony** - First place was No. w5 Jackie Holden, second place was No. 32 Franklin Burk, and third was No. T11 Colt Thomason.

**Street Stock** - First place was No. 14 Charles Devine Jr, second place was No. 148 Evan Winkle Jr, and third was No. 91 Marlin Gunter.

**Limited Late Models** - First place was No. 140 Aaron Wilson, second place was No. 21 Kenny Collins, and third was No. 87 Andrew Littleton.

**Crate Late Models** - First place was No. 29 Christian Harger, second place was No. 24x Seth Wimpy, third place No. 25 Chase Walls.

**Beginner 602** - First place was No. 41 Paris Simmons, second place was No. 21h Will Harris and rounding out the top three is No. 25 Jacob Hamby

**Front Wheel Drive** - First place was No. 18 Jeff Peardon, second place was No. 20 Daniel Reynolds, and third was No. 32 Logan Exum.

Their next event will be April 28th with the Shaffer's Oil Serise \$4,000 to win.

After two rain outs track promoter Ray Cook rescheduled the race for Thursday night and here are the top five from each class.

**Crate Late Models** - First place was (The Real Deal) No. 7 Jason Deal getting his second victory at Tri-County this year.



Tucker Anderson

Second place went No. 27 Jordan Frame due to the fail of post-race tech check of the 24x car of Seth Wimpy. The third place car was Blairsville's No. 14 Sylvan Schuette. Fourth place was No. 67 Cody Ballard. Drew Deavers No. 12 rounded out the top five.

**Mod/Hobby 602** - First place was No. 88 Ricky Smith out of Hiawassee. Second place was No. 5 Kenny Taylor. The third place car was No. 45 Brandon Elliot. The fourth place car was No. 87 Chris Hedden. The fifth place car was No. 818 of Jeffery Wood.

**Beginner 602** - This class had a lot of surprises. The first place car was No. 108 Allison Southard getting her very first win of her career. The second place car was No. 25 Jacob Hamby. The third place car was Dillan Daves. The fourth place car was No. 99 Reese Stillwell. Rounding out the top five was No. 56 Colton Berong (11 years old). Colton didn't get lapped. Great job Colton.

**Street Stock** - First place was No. 43 Micheal Harper. This is his second win in a row at Tri-County. The second place car was No. 7 Johnny Burnette out of Blairsville. The third place car was No. 191 of Troy Turner. The fourth place car was No. 148 of Evan Winkle Jr. The No. j69 car of Jim Weller rounded out the top five.

**Front Wheel Drive** - The first place car was No. 05 of Hunter Hughes. The second place car was No. k3 of James Klanckle. Third place was No. 33 Cory Stamsell. Fourth place was No. 104 of James Queen. Rounding out the top five was No. 30 Brandon Hughes

**Pony** - First place was No. 32 Franklin Burk. The second place car was No. 43 Tain Ross. The third place car was No. 88 Bryce Moody. The fourth place car was No. 11 Ricky Dyer. Rounding out the top five was No. 22 Tucker Anderson. Tucker is from Blairsville and is 11 years old. This was Tucker's debut race and he did a very good job.

**Limited Late Models** - The first place car was No. 55 Kip Cochran. The second place car was No. 19b of Kevin Bradshaw. The third place car was No. H4 of Levi Hicks. The fourth place car was No. 101 of Avery Breedlove. The fifth place car was place was the No. 11 of Dalton Cochran.

**Super Late Models** - The first place car was No. 58 of Donald McIntosh out of Dawsonville GA. Second place was No. x15 Shawn Chastain out of Murphy N.C. Third place was No. 38 of Jamie Oliver also out of Murphy NC. The fourth place car was No. 17 of Kurt English. The fifth place car was No. 62 Cody King.

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