



Setzer, Fox among five picked for Hall

The Alexander County Public Education Foundation and the Alexander County Sports Hall of Fame have announced the Fifth Hall of Fame Class of inductees and two of the future inductees are residents of the Bethlehem Community.

Last week, the Hall announced that Bethlehem residents Karen “KC” Canter Setzer and Jerry Ray Fox are among the latest class to receive the honor.

The Hall of Fame was established in 2012 to recognize, honor and memorialize those individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to sports in Alexander County and who have lived a life of exemplary character.

The Alexander County Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2016 will be inducted on Monday, November 21, at 6:00 pm at Brushy Mountain Golf Club in Taylorsville. Tickets will be \$30 per person, which will include dinner along with the induction ceremony.

The Alexander County Public Education Foundation is pleased to announce the selection of the following persons for induction in the Class of 2016:

JERRY RAY FOX

Bethlehem resident Jerry Ray Fox has been known far and wide for his success as not only a racer, but a car owner on the short



JERRY RAY FOX
2016 Hall of Fame Class



KC SETZER
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tracks across the state of North Carolina.

From 1972-1993, Fox was either a driver or car owner and won nearly 50 percent of the races entered. He was a part of 372 short track wins and six track titles. As a driver, Fox earned 68 feature wins in his career.

He was a track champion as a driver at Hickory Motor Speedway in 1972 and won 30 of 41 races at the Metrolina Speedway in Charlotte during the 1973 season to secure the track title. As a car owner, mechanic, and crew chief, Fox’s cars, driven by Roger

Starnes, Blain Hall and Dennis Setzer, won track championships at Hickory, Metrolina, and Ashboro in 1974, 1976, 1977, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1993.

Fox and his car named “Orange Blossom Special” was inducted into the North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame in 2005. The car is now featured at Paramount Classic Cars and Trucks in Hickory.

He was the owner of Bethlehem Salvage for 35 years before retiring. In addition to his success as a driver and car owner, Fox has served as Vice President for

the Taylorsville Street Rodders for the past 20 years. The Street Rodders have raised thousands of dollars for Alexander County residents in need over the past several years. In 2009, Fox was awarded the Alexander County Spark Award for his work with the Street Rodders.

Jerry Ray and his wife, Peggy, have two daughters and they reside in the Bethlehem Community.

HALL OF FAME HIGHLIGHTS

- 372 racing victories as a driver, owner, mechanic, and crew chief
- Inducted into North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame, 2005
- Metrolina Speedway Track Champion, 1973
- 11 track championships as driver, owner, mechanic, and crew chief
- Alexander County Spark Award winner, 2009

KAREN “KC” CANTER SETZER

In her lifetime, Karen “KC” Canter Setzer has done a little bit of everything. A native of Alexander County, KC graduated from Alexander Central High School in 1981.

An exceptional athlete in elementary, middle, and high school, she starred on the basketball court and softball diamond dur-

ing her early years in Taylorsville. After high school and college, KC became an avid juggler and taught the love of juggling to hundreds of children she reached in her career as an elementary school P.E. teacher.

KC was a member of the first-ever state championship softball team at Alexander Central in 1979. She was a sophomore that season and earned All-Conference honors following that campaign. She went on to earn All-League honors in 1980 and 1981 and was voted the Conference Softball Player of the Year in 1980 and 1981. Setzer was also a key contributor to Alexander Central’s women’s basketball league championship squad in 1981.

After high school and a stint at Caldwell Community College, KC joined the Appalachian State University Softball Team as a walk-on in 1984. From there, she went on to earn a softball scholarship at ASU in 1985 and 1986 and was the team MVP in 1986.

Setzer continued to play women’s softball when she returned to Taylorsville and entered the teaching field in 1989. She started teaching in Catawba County before returning to Alexander County in 1993 as a P.E. teacher at Bethlehem Elementary School. During her teaching career, she

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FALL SPORTS AT WAMS - Last week, the West Alexander Middle School Football Team opened the 2016 season with an impressive home victory over the Watauga Pioneers in Bethlehem. Above, West players Ethan Robinette (8) and Robbie Herman (64) attempt to chase down the Watauga quarterback during first half action. At the right, longtime WAMS Coach Brian Killian talks with Bulldog quarterback Lance Justice during a break in the action. ★



24 Hours of Booty smashes fundraising record with \$1.67 Million raised to date

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – 24 Hours of Booty celebrated 15 years with a record-breaking event. The 15th Annual 24 Hours of Booty presented by Levine Cancer Institute has raised more than \$1.67 million to date to help support cancer survivorship and patient navigation programs. Over \$16 million has been raised since the event’s inception in 2002.

“Many thanks to our amazing community of riders, family members, spectators and neighbors for their participation, energy and excitement in coming together to fight as one against cancer,” said Mallory Walsh, executive director of 24 Hours of Booty. “We also appreciate the continued support of Levine Cancer Institute, the Myers Park neighborhood, Myers Park Traditional School, Queens University of Charlotte and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. Together, our community of supporters and participants is making a tremendous impact in supporting cancer survivorship and navigation programs locally and nationally.”

On July 29-30, 1,200 registered participants from 26 different states rode in Charlotte’s Myers Park neighborhood along the famed “Booty Loop” to help put cancer in its place. When not riding, participants hung out in “Bootyville” (a.k.a. Myers Park Traditional School and Queens University of Charlotte) for camping, food and fun. The event also included entertainment and a Survivor Shindig breakfast.

The event was supported by more than 300 volunteers and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department representatives were stationed along the course at all times. Beneficiaries include: Carolinas HealthCare System’s Levine Cancer Institute, Levine Children’s Hospital, the Keep Pounding Fund, Brain Tumor Fund of the Carolinas, Hendrick Marrow Program, Wind River Cancer Retreats, GoJenGo Foundation and the LIVESTRONG Foundation.

ABOUT 24 HOURS OF BOOTY

24 Hours of Booty is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit charity located in Charlotte that provides extraordinary 24-hour cycling events that are safe, fun and open to all levels of cycling ability. Its purpose is to increase public awareness, and support for organizations dedicated to cancer navigation and survivorship, including : Carolinas HealthCare System’s Levine Cancer Institute, Levine Children’s Hospital, the Keep Pounding Fund, Brain Tumor Fund of the Carolinas, Hendrick Marrow Program, Wind River Cancer Retreats, GoJenGo Foundation and the LIVESTRONG Foundation. Its mission is to inspire communities to be active in the fight against cancer. Currently, 24 Hours of Booty hosts events in Charlotte, N.C., Columbia, Md., and Indianapolis, IN and attracts participants from around the country. For more information, call 704-365-4417 or visit <http://www.24hoursofbooty.org> ★



Viewmont Street Strut is Sept. 24

Mark your calendar; it’s time again to put on your struttin’ shoes and hit the streets of the Viewmont community! The 7th annual Viewmont Street Strut, a celebration of the diversity of the community, is happening in Hickory, Saturday, September 24. Area businesses, retail shops and restaurants are uniting together, once again, to bring this event to life.

Co-sponsored by the City of Hickory and the Viewmont Business Association (VBA), this year’s Street Strut is going to be a day filled with exciting activities. Scheduled entertainment and events are planned throughout the day, making it a perfect occasion for a fun and relaxing Saturday.

“The Street Strut is a great opportunity for all of us,” commented Bobby Bush, VBA member and owner of Hops & Grapes. “This once a year promotion has proven again and again to bring fun to the community from the shops, restaurants, and services that Viewmont has to offer.”

The day is lining up to be a fun filled one, packed

with exciting family friendly activities. There will be free trolley and shuttle buses running all day through the heart of the Viewmont community, so you will not have to deal with traffic or with finding that perfect parking space. Designated shuttle stops are being placed along the route, making it easy to visit as many businesses as possible.

Café Gouda’s Margie Rapp has been a participant every year. She is pleased with the positive impact the event has on the community. “We are seeing more and more families sharing the day out together. There really is something for everyone, regardless of gender or age.”

The Street Strut is designed to allow neighbors to gather and sample the wide assortment of restaurants, shops and services, here in our own back yard. It also showcases many extremely talented artists and musicians who live and work in the area.

“We love the community feel of Viewmont. It is impressive how the Street Strut unites together dif-

ferent types of businesses to create a positive experience in the area,” commented Jeri Hartshorn, of Whitfield’s Flowers & More.

Every location is doing something different to celebrate the day. Rain or shine, there will be wine tastings, live dancing and musical entertainment, free food, special sale discounts, fun activities for the kids, talented artists and sculptors for all to meet, and so much more!

Area Businesses Participating in the Viewmont Street Strut include: Adrienne’s Consignment, Badcock & More, Bistro 127 & Bootleggers’ Whiskey Bar & Grill, Benjamin’s & Libba’s, Bumblebee Interiors, Café Gouda, Café Rule & Wine Bar, Carolina Trust Bank, Chick-fil-A Viewmont, Children’s Advocacy & Protection Center, Crossfit, Curves of Hickory, Ever A Woman Boutique, First Citizens Bank, Foothills Gymnastics, Fourk, Grouchos Deli, Hannah’s South BBQ & Grille, Hen & Chicken Papers, Hops & Grapes, Jewelry Exchange, Kelly & Company, Lowe’s Foods, McDonald’s, Morphis Law & Mediation, Olde Tavern, Outdoor Supply, Pampered Nails • Hair • Skin, RE/MAX A TEAM, Rock ‘N Road Bicycles, Select Tech, Smoothie King, Standard Oyster Company, The Haymarket, Unique World Gifts, Viewmont Auto Sales, Viewmont Pharmacy, Whitfield’s Flowers & More, Wyke’s Cleaners For details about participating in the event, visit www.viewmontstreetstrut.com or follow Viewmont Street Strut on Facebook. ★

Lakeview Bapt. Church to hold craft fair Sept. 24

Lakewiew Baptist Church, located at 4080 North Center Street, Hickory, will hold a craft fair September 24, from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Everyone is invited to come and “shop til you drop.” Purchase breakfast as you shop for handmade crafts, homemade cakes, bread and more goodies. Bring the kids along for a “make it and take it” activity. There will also be a quilt raffle for \$1.00 per ticket. All proceeds will go to fund mission trips. ★

Mt. Bethel United Methodist Men plan Annual Fall BBQ

The Mt. Bethel United Methodist Men will host their Annual Fall Barbeque Saturday, October 1, 2016, from 4:00pm - until. Barbeque pork or chicken will be served with baked beans, cole slaw, roll, and drink. The cost per plate is \$9.00. Sandwiches and plates will be available for carry-out at lunch beginning at 11:30am. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church is located on Hwy 127N in Bethlehem. Beginning at 4:00pm you may dine in and enjoy good food and fellowship or carryout plates will also be available. Proceeds from this fundraiser are used for community outreach projects. ★



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The next issue of The Bethlehem Star will be printed on Thursday, October 13. The deadline for advertising and correspondence is Tues., October 11, before 5 pm.