



ANOTHER CROWN FOR THE BULLDOGS - Last month, the West Alexander Middle School Lady Bulldogs closed the books on a perfect 12-0 basketball season. Since 2006, West Alexander has won nine of 11 regular season titles in the NW Middle School Conference. The team has eight tourney titles and five unbeaten seasons. Members of this year's title team are pictured from the left. First row: Julianna, Walter, Gracie Harrington, Karen Kerley, Caeley Arney, and Maya Adams. Second row: Coach Adam Walker, Allison Lasher, Faith Carrigan, Macy Goodman, Ivy Fortner, Nikki Hagy, Kaylyn Tolley, Anna Reid, and Head Coach Brian Killian. Since 2006, the Lady Bulldogs have compiled a 121-16 overall record.

★ CHAMPS: West Alexander Lady Bulldogs secure another hoops crown



WEST LEADER - Lady Bulldog Nikki Hagy led all scorers with 15 points in the West Alexander victory over East Alexander on December 14.

★ MERGER: Area offices combine

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who do juvenile cases," Brzycky pointed out. "We look forward to working with a great, young legal mind with innovative ideas, so we can better serve all of our clients."

Harbinson pointed out that Corbett was a pitcher for Alexander Central High School and was named the Northwestern Conference 4A Player of the Year in 2005, beating out now San Francisco Giants All-Star pitcher, Madison Bumgarner, who played for South Caldwell at the time -- by out-pitching and out-hitting him in a head-to-head duel.

Corbett received a scholarship to Western Carolina University to play baseball. While there, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management and Minor in Business Administration in December 2009.

Then, Corbett studied at the Charlotte School of Law, earning his Juris Doctor degree in May 2015. He graduated in the Top 5 Percent of his class, was on the Dean's List each semester, and earned several academic honors.

Corbett's legal experience includes work as a legal intern in the District Attorney's Office in Charlotte, working six months as a legal intern in the District Attorney's Office in Statesville, and legal extern at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District, in Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. Corbett reside in Huntersville.

The Taylorsville office for Harbinson, Brzycky & Corbett is located at 70 E. Main Avenue, phone 828-632-4264. Alternatively, the Statesville office is located at 258 E. Broad Street, phone 704-253-4866.

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dominating effort on the offensive and defensive glass. In addition to Hagy's inside play, Gracie Harrington scored all 13 of her points in the first three periods for West. Julianna Walter shook off early foul trouble to finish with seven points for the Bulldogs.

For East, guard Karly Fairchild led the way with a team-high eight points. Chesney Stikeleather tallied seven points for EAMS, while Rachel Hager scored four points.

The tourney title was the eighth for the Bulldogs in an 11-year span dating back to the 2006-2007 season.



STRONG MOVE - Gracie Harrington of West Alexander makes a move to the basketball as East's Chesney Stikeleather defends during December's Conference Tournament title game at William-Lenoir Middle School. Harrington scored 13 points, while Nikki Hagy netted 15 points to lead West to a 41-24 win over East's Falcons.

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Used book sale planned at Beth. Branch Library

Are books overflowing on your shelves or in your closets? Consider donating them to the used book sale sponsored by the Bethlehem Friends of the

Library. Dates have just been announced: March 23-25, 2017. The location is the Bethlehem Fire Department, 7373 NC Highway 127, in Bethlehem.

Books accepted include gently used books, paperback, hardcover and trade paperbacks. Items that cannot be accepted are encyclopedias, magazines, Reader's Digest condensed books, or books that are badly worn and

water damaged. Donations can be taken to the Bethlehem Branch Library, 45 Rink Dam Road or call the library office at 828-495-8753.

Bethlehem Friends members encourage the public to use this sale as an opportunity to keep books out of the landfill by donating books for the sale and then purchasing low cost, current books.

Proceeds from the sale

will be used to support literacy by enhancing services for children and adults at the Bethlehem Branch Library.

Friends' membership drive is currently underway for 2017. A one year membership can be purchased at the library prior to the sale or at the sale. Membership is \$10 for individuals, \$15 for family and \$8 for seniors.

Bethlehem Comm. Gospel Sing is Jan. 23

To kick off their fourth season of special combined-church Sunday night gatherings, the churches of Bethlehem have scheduled the next Bethlehem Community Gospel Sing for Sunday evening, January 23, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bethlehem Church of God, 2451 Icard Ridge Road, in Bethlehem, will host this special event in what has become a series of Bethlehem community Sunday night sings, sponsored by the Bethlehem Ministerial Association.

The format will include a few congregational songs, plus two or three special musical selections from each church represented. A special offering will also be received to assist the Bethlehem Benevolent Fund, which in 2016 provided over \$6,000 of assistance in Jesus' name to Bethlehem residents in their time of dire need.

According to Pastor David Ross of Fellowship Church, "the program will be lively and fast moving and promises to be a time of inspiration, praise, and rich fellowship for all people of Christian faith." The public is cordially invited to attend.

Bethlehem Fire / Rescue Annual Meeting & Open House Feb. 16

Bethlehem Fire / Rescue would like to invite you to attend our annual meeting on Thursday February 16 at 7:00 pm.

BFR will review the past year, including our budget, the number of calls run and new equipment added to better service our community.

The Department will also take nominations and vote for available positions on our Board of Directors.

The board is comprised of both community members and fire department members.

Following the meeting the Department will host an open house, a time for questions and answers, as well as light refreshments.

All Bethlehem community members are invited to attend.

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