

Wittenburg Elementary's Andras wins County Spelling Bee; Bishop claims second

Tori Andras of Wittenburg Elementary School emerged as the 2017 Alexander County Spelling Bee Winner. Rachel Bishop of West Alexander Middle School placed second in the county-wide event.

Miss Andras won the competition with the words quasi and depot. She will advance to the regional competition in Winston-Salem on March 26, 2017. The battle for second place lasted several rounds with Miss Bishop spelling zodiac and artillery for the win.

Fifteen students competed for the title of top speller on February 9. Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Hefner welcomed contestants and guests to Alexander Central Auditorium for the competition.

Tiffany Boston, Alexander Central High School English Teacher, served as the pronouncer.

Judges for the event were Teresa Smeeks, Director of AIG/Advanced Programs and Accountability, and Amy Dawson, Digital Innovation & Learning

Specialist for Alexander County Schools. Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Betsy Curry assisted Dr. Hefner with presenting the awards.

The school winners who advanced to the county spelling bee are listed below.

- Bethlehem Elementary**
Brianna Jimison and Justin Lee
- East Alexander Middle School**
Nathaniel Moose and Bryson Hughes
- Ellendale Elementary**
Charlie Herman and Jonathan Collins
- Hiddenite Elementary**
Cainan Parker and Wesley McAlpin
- Stony Point Elementary**
Maddy Swan and William Minton
- Sugar Loaf Elementary**
Maddox Fairchild and Anna Jordan
- Taylorville Elementary**
Andrew Peavey and Aliah Witherspoon
- West Alexander Middle**
Treyton Ikard and Rachel Bishop
- Wittenburg Elementary**
Tori Andras and Bryson Weikle



WITTENBURG STUDENT WINS SPELLING BEE - On February 9, Tori Andras of Wittenburg Elementary School captured the Alexander County Spelling Bee at the ACHS Auditorium. Rachel Bishop, a West Alexander Middle School student, placed second. Pictured above from the left are: Tiffany Boston - bee pronouncer; Tori Andras, Rachel Bishop, and Alexander County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jennifer Hefner.



SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS - Winners from each county school competed in the Alexander County Spelling Bee on February 9. The School participants included: **Bethlehem Elementary** - Brianna Jimison and Justin Lee; **East Alexander Middle School** - Nathaniel Moose and Bryson Hughes; **Ellendale Elementary** - Charlie Herman and Jonathan Collins; **Hiddenite Elementary** - Cainan Parker and Wesley McAlpin; **Stony Point Elementary** - Maddy Swan and William Minton; **Sugar Loaf Elementary** - Maddox Fairchild and Anna Jordan; **Taylorville Elementary** - Andrew Peavey and Aliah Witherspoon; **West Alexander Middle** - Treyton Ikard and Rachel Bishop, and **Wittenburg Elementary** - Tori Andras and Bryson Weikle.

Bethlehem Elem, WAMS Honor Rolls announced

BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Grade 3 - Zayden Ames, Issac Bowen, Hayden Campbell, Madelyn Covill, Hunter Dancy, Rylee Glover, Emily Pugh, Blake Sharpe, Logan Slattery, Ian Vang, Allyssa Barnes, Gavin Bentley, Cooper Bolick, Carter Bowman, Anthony Crooks, Lucas Iriate, Sophie Little, Zoe Norris, Dylan Roseman, Mattie Spainhour, Bailey Tyler, Peyton Wakefield, Colton Walker, Kolvin Walker, Makayla Williams, Laney Barnes, Jacob Davis, Jayden Hamby, Makenna Harrell, Payton Hewitt, Peyton Green, Luke Hollar, Addison Jack, Ty Matheson, Koa Mikeal, Adalynn Mitzel, Seth Morrow, Rylan Mosteller, Maddix Reece, Cadence Rollins, Tyler Alley, Cashden Ames, Carter Austin, Marisol Barceñas, Kendall Cook, Kiera Duncan, Madison Hennessee, Allison Koenig, Rilea Miller, Maya Rodriguez, Jack Rough, Jack Skinner.

4th Grade - Madison Brashear, Tyler Flowers, Emerson Horn, Abi Icard, Brianna Jimison, Cassie Lambert, Jack Little, Parker Matlock, Enrique Rodriguez, Savannah Skluzacek, Ava Smith, Christian Stone, Will Teague, Connor Beal, Aniston Chapman, Lukas Day, Heidi Fox, Aidan Gambill, Kimberly Garland, Emily Haas, Landon Hudson, Casey Robbins, Emma St. Clair, Cole Summerlin, Briar Williams, Aurora Wyatt, David York, Bryson Helms, Isaac Mosteller, Tessa Roupe, Isabella Sturgill, Charlie Walsh, Rebekah Winkler, Grayson Anderson, Anna Buchanan, Lily Cornett, Emma Fisher, McKayla Harrison, Cooper James, Garison Millsaps, Emma Peterson, Karlee Starnes.

5th Grade - Nate Dahlstrom, Allie Patton, Mikayla Watts, Jude Blochaviak, Abby Bumgarner, Sadie Campbell, Olivia Covill, Riyan Wilkins, Connor Wingle, Christian Arroyo, Thomas Bedzinski, Rya Duckworth, Mason Hamby, Reese Mikeal, Benny Heath, Matthew Mullens, Kelly Pratt, Ty Sharpe, Logan Shoemaker.

HONOR ROLL

3rd Grade - Hope Cox
Dakota Garrett, Kayleigh Goldsberry, Hayden Inman, Tristen Ortiz, Connor Rooks, Andee Ackerman, Tyson Helton, Lelynd Raymond, Conner Remer, Ta'tyana Baker, Cameron Stocking, Abigail Watson, R. J. Yarosh, Vanessa Gonzalez-Umana, Stephanie Brown, Danica Griffith, Owen Herman, Makayla Hicks, Grace Sonnleitner, Lili Tensley, John Williams.

4th Grade - Joshua Helton, Haden Howell, Claire Santillan, Giada Bost, Alexis Brewster, Logan Castellero, Zachary Semones, Noah Brinkley, Autumn Brown, Landon Crooks, Emily Shew, Nathan Arnette, Buddy Harris, Austin Presnell.

5th Grade - Hudson Ackerman, Ethan Brumley, Adysan Cook, Mason Frye, Aaliyah Hannah, Alissa Sigmon, Evan Tart, Simon Yang, Madison Harrell, Tyler Hester, Mallory Lail, Jace Miller, Mariana Parreno-Pastor, Alysha Romska, Ethan Stocks, Tina Yang, Abby Buchanan, Drew Glascoe, Maddox Jack, Ashley Jacques, Caitlyn Sharpe, Tayler Sigmon, Summer Duncan, Madison Holland, Shalyn Ikard, Eli Kerley, Justin Lee, Laney Overby, Alaina Peterson, Lindsey Reece, Madison Rusinek, Paige Vang.

6th Grade - Mason Bowman, Nathan Boyd, Michael Brown, Morgan Brown, Zeb Brown, Kelsey Bumgarner, Mason Chapman, Justin Echerd, Alyssa Ferrese, Kellen Hartman, Sydney Hayes, Jenna Hensley, Sarah Hollar, Andrew Hucks, Mason James, Macy Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Logan Lail, Noah Latchford, Olivia Lewellyn, Madison Marlowe, Jessica Matheson, Geneva Maynard, Kaley McDaniel, Madalyn Motley, Emily Mull, Harrison Oxentine, Reid Pennell, Tess Perrin, Noah Pope, Abigail Ries, Tilly Seaman, Reece Sharpe, Grace Smith, Cade Smithey, Lauren Sprinkle, Lilli Stafford, Emilee Stout, Emma Teague, Joseph Thompson, Monica Vang, Caleb Williams.

A-B HONOR ROLL

8th Grade - Gabe Abbott, Josh Abernathy, Dawson Atwood, Cierra Ballard, Leah Bentley, Carmen Bonilla, Ryan Bowman, Jacob Briggs, Michael Bumgarner, Bryson Call, Ethan Call, Victor Carrizales, Trinity Childers, Dalton Childress, Cawrenn Cook, Savanna Evans, Caleb Ferguson, Johnathan Foster, Brandon Fox, Nikki Hagy, Josie Hines, Jaelyn Hopper, Wyatt Jean, Mackenzie Jenkins, Jordan Jennings, Candace Johnson, Juan Journet, Kara Keller, Samuel Kirby, Matthew Kue, Halie

Mariana Bonilla, Breanna Bowman, Emily Brown, Ashton Canipe, Chesnie Chatham, Landon Childress, Dakota Clawson, Shelbi Coffey, Heather Cronan, Caroline Deal, Noah Dietrich, Landon Dula, Jenna Elder, Kassie Eldreth, Ivy Fortner, Shirley Frazier, Brenna Gantt, Taylor Garland, Taylor Glascoe, Gracie Harrington, Cole Harris, Paige Hedrick, Robbie Herman, Mason Hubbard, Hunter Jack, Ely Justice, Lance Justice, Hayden King, Allison Lasher, Amelia Lee, Emma Maltba, Hannah Maltba, Carmen Meade, Kyla Miller, Luke Noble, Abby Overby, Nathan Pereira, Jenna Ramsey, Ethan Robinette, Bryan Saffin, Kylie Setzer, Jordan Seymour, Cole Sharpe, Corey Sherrill, Jeremy Simpson, Kenna Sipe, Madison St. Clair, Josh West, Riley Whitener, Frannie Whitson, Cameron Wilkinson, Elizabeth Willis, Caroline Wills, Alex Xiong, Autumn Yang.

7th Grade - Chase Adams, Angel Alvarez, Trinity Baker, Garrett Barnes, Mikayla Bartlett, Dalton Beck, Lydia Belcher, Destyni Benfield, Leyton Brown, Emily Carson, Lauren Church, Madison Cole, Mitchell Cook, Kaylee Crews, Joshua Daniels, Konor Davis, Shaere Delgiudice, Grace Douglas, Alysha Earley, Abigail Farley, Zoe Ferguson, Laura Foster, Noah Foster, Macy Goodman, Avery Griffin, Macie Hackett, Blaine Hartness, Madelyn Hedrick, Abigail Hefner, Brooke Hefner, Dawson Helton, Josue Herrera-Salinas, Kara Hinkle, Iiniyah Howell, Noah Hubbard, Athena Huffman, Zane Istenhour, Jamie Keller, Nathan Kerley, Cole Lail, Sheila Martinez, Heidi Morrow, Elijah Peal, Eric Poovey, Landon Reece, Yessenia Rodriguez, Piper Seagle, Katelyn Shook, Kaden Sigmon, Kaylee Sigmon, Rachel Skinner, Mary Slagle, Leah Starnes, Makala Starnes, Lorelei Stewart, Jada Streeter, Josh Stubbs, Mee Vang, Austin Wasmund, Gage Weaver, Myndee Yang, Connor Zink.

6th Grade - Aiden Anderson, Jesse Anderson, Chelsey Arney, Eli Austin, Matthew Austin, Rylan Austin, Olivia Blomeier, Sierra Boliek, Caden Bost, Chase Bowman, Emily Bowman, Landon Bowman, Christopher Bryant, Levi Bumgarner, Sarah Bumgarner, Kyra Byrd, Jasmine Caudill, Alexander Chandler, Garrett Clark, Wesley Cline, Avery Cook, Alexis Cox, Dylan Dalton, Caleb Davis, Matthew Dooley, Jaylynn Dunford, Canyon Echerd, Jordyn Evans, Alexis Fox, Zoe Fox, Braxton Gilbert, Luke Hammer, Caleb Handy, Lane Herman, Anna Hinceman, Abreona Howell, Jayden Journet, Erin Justice, Zackery Krantz, Ayanna Lackey, Savannah Laws, Eli Ledford, Jordan Lineberger, Kert Long, Riley Matheson, Makenah Melvin, Emma Moose, Olivia Nail, Daniel Newton, Cole Pennell, Gracie Reep, Bryanna Robbins, Kathryn Sisk, Tobias Slager, Brooke Stiles, Lucas Stone, Haylee Strauss, Lucas Swanson, Emilie Sweet, Roxy Sylvester, Brandon Teague, Triston Watts, Jasmine Wilson, Chloe Wike.

East Alexander's Palmer takes top spot in County Geography Bee; Alba is Runner-up

The Alexander County Middle School Geography Bee was held Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at the Alexander County Board of Education office. Jacob Palmer, East Alexander Middle School student, was the winner of the county competition. Bryan Alba, West Alexander Middle School student, was the second place winner.

The format of the competition included the use of activotes, handheld remotes which allowed the student to select their answers on a screen, which displayed the students' questions. The competition consisted of oral and written rounds including mixed category questions ranging from physical geography to cultural and political geography. Moderator for the event, Director Teresa Smeeks, read the questions aloud.

A total of ten students from the middle schools competed. Two were absent from the event. Each school conducted competitions to determine who would advance to the county level.

Middle School winners who advanced to the county competition were:

- East Alexander Middle**
Hazel Huffman
Austin Lapham
A.J. Miller
Jacob Palmer
Nathan Pepper
Luis Sanchez*
- West Alexander Middle**
Bryan Alba
Josh Barkley*
Julia Ogburn-Beers
Mason Chapman-Mays
Landon Childres
Shaere Delgiudice

*Luis Sanchez and Josh Barkley were absent from the competition.

The judges for the event were Technology Facilitator Jamie Curtis and Central Office Specialist Kimberly Frye. Technology Facilitator Tracy Chapman was in charge of technology. The moderator was Teresa Smeeks, Director of AIG/Advanced Programs and Accountability.



PALMER WINS GEO BEE - East Alexander Middle School student Jacob Palmer, above left, was the winner of the Alexander County Geography Bee held January 24. West Alexander student Bryan Alba claimed runner up in the event. The participants from the county's two middle schools are pictured below and listed in the article above.



WEST ALEXANDER MIDDLE SCHOOL A HONOR ROLL

8th Grade - Brianna Abernathy, Tanner Abernathy, Bryan Alba, Hailey Arnette, Caely Arney, Eden Austin, Elysia Bennett, Brooke Black, Jayda Bolden,

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