



TOURNEY SUCCESS - Last week, the participating schools from this past season's Dick's Sporting Goods Holiday Classic were presented with a check for more than \$3,500 each based on event proceeds. ACHS Men's Coach Ed Wills, far right, represented ACHS at the gathering.

Annual Dick's Sporting Goods Classic supports local programs

The 2016 DICK'S Sporting Goods Classic High School Basketball Tournament was such a success that each of the eight participating schools received checks for \$3,515.05 this year. The DICK'S Sporting Goods Classic is well known throughout the region as the premier holiday high school basketball tournament over the past 30 years. Hickory Metro Sports Commission serves as the host organization for the event and distributes the gate receipts among the participating schools.

The participating high schools include: Alexander Central, Bunker Hill, Fred T. Foard, Hickory, Maiden, Newton-Conover, South Caldwell and St. Stephens. Financially it was a great event for all eight schools off the court. On the court, Hickory High School won both the boys and girls championships. Over 5,000 fans were treated to an exciting three days of high school basketball.

"On behalf of the Hickory Metro Sports Commission, I would like to thank the DICK'S Sporting Goods Classic Tournament Committee, the supervisors and workers at Catawba Valley Community College who give up some of their holiday break, the teams, and of course the sponsors and fans who ultimately make this tournament possible and enable each school to add needed funds to their athletic budgets."

"At DICK'S Sporting Goods, we truly feel that sports matter because they help build character and teach life lessons that extend well beyond the playing field," said Michael Park, Regional Community Marketing Manager for DICK'S Sporting Goods. "We're proud of the impact we've had in the greater Hickory community and the opportunity to connect with the local high school athletic programs"

Planning is currently

under way for the 31st annual DICK'S Sporting Goods Classic. Reach out to the Hickory Metro Sports Commission for more information on the tournament or to become a tournament sponsor.

The Hickory Metro Sports Commission is a non-profit organization whose mission is to further the quality of life through the development, promotion, and recruitment of sporting events and activities to the Greater Hickory area. For more information about the Sports Commission visit www.hickorymetro-sports.com.

For more information about DICK'S Sporting Goods visit: www.dicks.com. For more information about the Sports Commission visit: www.hickorymetro-sports.com/index.



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GRADUATES AT WCU - Abbey Harris of Taylorsville graduated cum laude in December at Western Carolina University with a degree in recreational therapy. The daughter of Vanessa Harris of Taylorsville, she is a graduate of Alexander Central High School.

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Gardeners, homeowners and farmers; Do you have any unwanted pesticides that you would like to safely dispose of at no charge? Well, here is your one-day chance.

There will be a Free unwanted Pesticide Disposal Day in the Alexander County Administration Building Parking Lot Saturday, April 22. The Alexander County Administration Offices are located at 621 Liledoun Road in Taylorsville. The hours will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This is for any pesticides (insecticides, herbicide, fungicide, etc.). The North Carolina Department of Agriculture is working with the Cooperative Extension Service and the local Solid Waste Department to make this possible.

"We will take any 5 gallon or less labeled liquid pesticides off of your hands," said Extension Director Lenny Rogers. "Also, we will take old granular or powdered pesticides as well. This is a one-time chance to get rid of those unwanted pesticides safely and with no hassle."

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