

STORM FINISHES 4-0, WINS APRIL 1 TOURNAY



STORM ROLLS IN FIRST EVENT - The Alexander STORM 10U Fast-pitch Travel Team finished 4-0 on April 1, in Concord to win its first tournament this year. Players are pictured from the left. First row: Peyton Wakefield, Laney Mayberry, Mcartney Harrington, Aleia Hammer, and Kensley Davis. Second row: Brooklyn Bumgarner, Skyla Melton, Kylie Davis, Ava Lackey, Katie Carigan, and Emma Hatton. Third row: Coaches Donavon Wakefield, Nathan Davis, Clint Mayberry, and Stacy Harrington.

Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church plans Lenten, Easter events

The congregation of Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church in Bethlehem invites the public to attend upcoming services as they are preparing their hearts during the special Lenten journey towards Easter. All are welcome to visit and come to together as a family of faith and stand beneath the 'Cross of Christ' to find new strength and courage.

- April 13th, (Thursday) - 5:45 p.m. Soup dinner, Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m.
- April 14th, (Friday) - Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m.
- April 16th, (Sunday) - He has risen indeed! Easter services at 8:00 a.m. outside at the Pavilion and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Share in a congregational breakfast offered by Mt. Pisgah's Men's Group at 9:00 a.m.

An African Gray bird was located in a cage without food or water, said Bowman. Detectives from the Alexander County Sheriff's Office were notified to respond.

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Mr. Leeth arrived at the Alexander County Sheriff's Office on April 6, at approximately 10:00 a.m. Leeth was interviewed and charged with 19 counts of Felony Cruelty to Animals and 19 counts of Misdemeanor Abandonment of an Animal. He was arrested and taken to the Alexander County Detention Center, where he was placed under a \$200,000 secured bond. Leeth had a first court appearance date of April 10, in Alexander County District Court before Judge L. Dale Graham. Daryl Davidson was appointed to represent Leeth. The case is continued until April 24, 2017.



LEETH

Officers find dead, emaciated animals in Bethlehem building

Officers have made an arrest in a case of multiple counts of animal cruelty in the Bethlehem Community. On Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at approximately 6:12 p.m., officers with the Alexander County Sheriff's Office received a call to investigate dogs that had been abandoned. Officers responded to a location on Bolick Lane in Bethlehem, according to Sheriff Chris Bowman. Upon arrival at the location, officers found a deceased dog that was inside a building with the front door padlocked. The officer could see through the window and located the deceased dog. At that time, Alexander County Animal Control was notified to respond to the scene.

The officer did further investigation and located two dogs in a pop-up camper in small cages. The dogs appeared to be very malnourished, with no water or food located. The power company had turned off power to the building as of March 26, 2017. Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department was notified to respond, to help gain entry to the building that had been padlocked. After entry was made to the building, officers located five dogs that were extremely malnourished and emaciated with ribs visible. One dog was deceased on the floor of the building. Two more deceased dogs were located in a freezer located in the building.

Sheriff Bowman said the building in which the animals were found was utterly filthy and strewn with animal feces.

A white cockatoo was also located deceased in the freezer. Nine quail were located deceased in a cage outside of the building.

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Holy Week & Easter activities at Reformation Lutheran

On Maundy Thursday, April 13, Reformation will host a traditional Seder meal from the Jewish Passover ending with Holy Communion. The service will be held in Reformation Hall and begins at 7:30 pm. The Good Friday Tenebrae service is April 14 in the sanctuary. Participants will gather in silence to focus their thoughts on the darkness of sin and death, and our need for a Savior. This service begins at 7:30 pm.

An Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15, from 10:00-11:30 am. There will also be a learning activity and lots of candy. Easter Sunday sunrise service begins at 7:30 am. This joyous and uplifting celebration of Christ's Resurrection will include favorite Easter hymns with special music from the choir, soloists, the chime choir and the children. Following the service, everyone is invited to enjoy the annual Easter breakfast.

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