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## Lenoir-Rhyne's Hartsell voted SAC Women's Golfer of the Year

Bethlehem sophomore is first Bear to earn the honor in 15 seasons

Rock Hill, S.C. – Lenoir-Rhyne University's Abbey Hartsell has been named the 2017 South Atlantic Conference Women's Golfer Of The Year, league officials announced Friday as part of its annual honors.

Hartsell, a sophomore from Taylorsville, N.C., has the league's lowest scoring average so far this year (75.70 strokes per round).

In addition, Hartsell has won two events this year – the Tusculum Fall Classic

(Sept. 26-27) and Patsy Rendleman Invitational (Oct. 10-11) – and posted four top-five finishes overall. Hartsell also posted the lowest round of any league player this year: a 68 (-4) at the Patsy Rendleman Invitational in Salisbury, N.C.

Hartsell, the 2016 SAC Freshman Of The Year and the championship runner-up last spring, is the first Lenoir-Rhyne player to earn women's golfer-of-the-year accolades since All-American Meghan Jolly in 2002. ★

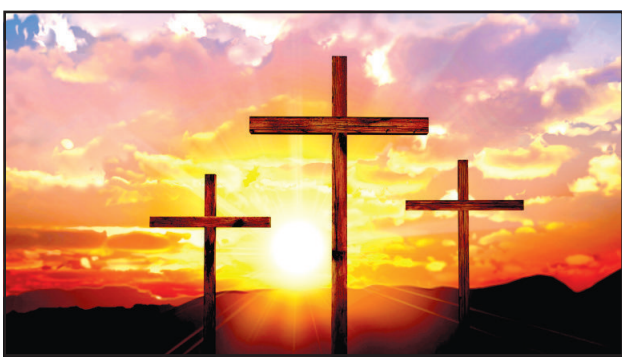


Courtesy LRU Athletics

SAC Player of the Year Abbey Hartsell

## Bethlehem Community Easter Sunrise Service set for April 16

Promised Land Ministries welcomes you to a Bethlehem Community Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 16, at Promised Land Ministries on B & S Lane just off Bethlehem School Road.



There will be special music, ministry, then a free breakfast following the Resurrection Celebration service. Pastors of the Bethlehem Ministerial Association will be participating in the service. Pastor Neil Bowman will bring the message.

This service is a wonderful time of community worship and fellowship. The congregations invite everyone to join them as they commemorate Jesus' love, His sacrifice, His Resurrection, and our Hope. ★



A WINNING COMBINATION - Longtime ACHS Men's Basketball Coach Ed Wills with his wife, fellow educator Marnie Wills. ★

## Coaches, Athletic Directors often forced to balance job and family

By DeChane Grinton LRU Senior Intern

Coaching or directing at any level requires a lot of time and dedication to try and do the best job possible. With all that time spent traveling for games, practices and meetings, the time spent away from family can be stressful at times.

Assistant Athletic Director and former football assistant for Alexander Central High School Nathan Robinson expressed how his wife's experience with coaching really helps with managing the home when he has to be away from the family as a result of games and meetings.

"Well, my wife (Leah Robinson) used to be a softball coach, and so she understands to an extent my hectic schedule," Robinson said. "I'm fortunate to have such an understanding wife that understands sometimes I may not be home a lot and she'll have to take care of a lot on her own, so it's very comforting to know she can handle it."

Alexander Central High School Varsity basketball coach Ed Wills explained how his wife (Marnie Wills) understood his level of dedication to the game of basketball when they met in college.

"Marnie and I met in college, when I was a manager for Coach [Dean] Smith," Wills said. "I think she realized then that my

life would always include basketball and that meant we would have to make sacrifices."

Robinson expressed how being able to include his family into his job really helps make up for the time he spends away from home, because of games, practices and meetings.

"Well with my daughter (Penley Robinson, age 5) being able to walk around on her own, I'm able to



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bring her to the games," Robinson said. "There are times where I'll let her pick out the number for the 50/50 raffles that we have and games, so she enjoys that as much as I enjoy having her around."

Marnie says it's the times on the weekends they do have together, away from basketball, that they cherish.

"We both try our best not to schedule anything during the weekends, so we can just be a family and do things together," Marnie said.

Wills said he and his wife try to bring coaching and their family together in order to minimize the amount of time spent away from each other because of his coaching.

"We work hard to make the basketball program part of our family," Wills said. "Our players mean a lot to both of us and they are part of our family. We have them to our house

for team meals and many of them are frequent visitors after they graduate. That means a lot to both of us. We try not to separate basketball from our lives, instead we try to embrace the relationships that we build through basketball." Although Wills, his wife and daughter try their best to bring his career and his family together, there are periods of time where being away from them can be taxing.

"I think the hardest part of [coaching] is the time you spend with your family during the holidays," Wills said. "While other teachers get a lot more time during Thanksgiving and Christmas, whereas we only get one day for each. I work hard not to miss important events for my daughter and wife, though I know I have to miss some things that they wish I had been there for. "It can be tough to balance those things. It has never made me question coaching, instead it challenges me to continue to grow into a better husband and father." ★

## Alexander Co. water tap fees discounted through June 30

If your home or business is located on a road that is served by the City of Hickory/Alexander County water system, and you would like to connect to the water line, residents are being advised that the water tap fee will double on July 1, 2017.

Water tap charges actually increased January 1, 2017, but due to an incentive, potential Alexander County water customers will pay the former rate through June 30, 2017.

The discounted water tap charges are: \$1,066 (3/4" meter), \$1,980 (1" meter), \$4,229 (1.5" meter), \$5,190 (2" meter), \$17,430 (3" meter), \$21,814 (4" meter), \$33,940 (6" meter), and \$43,294 (8" meter). Once the incentive expires on July 1, total tap costs will be double these amounts.

In addition, current Alexander County water customers have likely noticed a difference in their water bill as the rates have been unified for all customers. The new water rate contains a customer charge of \$8.74 and an availability charge of \$22.24, for a base bill total of \$30.98. An additional \$3.02 is charged for every 1,000 gallons of water used.

For more information, contact the City of Hickory Public Utilities at (828) 323-7427. ★

## Mt. Bethel United Methodist Men to hold Spring BBQ May 6

The Mt. Bethel United Methodist Men will host their annual Spring Barbecue Saturday, May 6,

2017, from 4:00 pm - until. Barbecue pork or chicken will be served with baked beans, cole slaw, roll, and drink. The cost per plate is \$9. Sandwiches and plates will be available for carry-out at lunch beginning at 11:30 am. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church is located on Hwy 127 N in Bethlehem. Beginning at 4:00 pm you may dine in and enjoy good food and fellowship or carry-out plates will also be available. Proceeds from this fundraiser are used for community outreach projects. ★

### Next Star prints May 18

The next issue of The Bethlehem Star will be printed on Thursday, May 18. The deadline for advertising and correspondence is Tues., May 16, before 5 pm.

**Princess for a Day!**  
**APRIL 15TH 2017**  
**FROM 10AM-12PM**  
**JOIN US!!!**  
 LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY fighting blood cancers  
 GIRLS AGES 2-12 \$20 DONATION PICTURE WITH ELSA & ANNA  
 PROCEEDS GO TO THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY, & SIPE'S ORCHARD HOME  
 FOR DIRECTIONS AND TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT CALL 828.310.0024 AFTER 4PM

ACHS Senior and Miss Teen North Carolina United States Courtney Little and her sister, Laura, both of Bethlehem, are participating in "Princess for a Day" to raise funds for the The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Sipe's Orchard Home. The event is planned in downtown Hickory on Saturday, April 15. All proceeds will be equally distributed between the two charities. Courtney plays "Anna" and Laura will be "Elsa" from the movie Frozen. The Easter Bunny will also be present. Girls, ages 2-12, will be given a makeover, manicure, and princess hairdo! ANY donation is accepted and appreciated. To reserve a spot, call 828-310-0024 after 4 pm daily. ★

## Mt. Bethel UMC plans events for April and May

Mt Bethel UMC in the Bethlehem Community will be sponsoring the following activities and we invite everyone in the community to come and join us.

\* Sunday, April 16 - COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:30AM at Promised Land Ministries with speaker Rev Neil Bowman. EASTER WORSHIP WITH A FLOWER CROSS at Mt Bethel UMC 10:00AM

\* Sunday, April 23 - CHILDREN'S SUNDAY Sunday School 9:00AM and Worship 10:00AM at Mt. Bethel followed by a Cookout and Recreation at Bethlehem Park. Everyone is invited to come and join us for worship, food and recreation!!! We will also be joined by some of Child Development and After School Care parents and children. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and ball equipment!

\* Thursday, May 4 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER-COMMUNITY OUTDOOR SERVICE sponsored by the Bethlehem Ministerial Association. This is a community event and there will be prayer, devotions and music around the flag pole at Mt. Bethel UMC @ 12:00 noon with speaker Rev. Dale Bost from Mt Bethel. Everyone is invited!!!

\* Saturday, May 6 - UMM SPRING BBQ Carryout available beginning at 11:30-eat in available beginning at 4:00pm. All plates are \$9 each. Plates include choice of meat-BBQ or Chicken or 1/2 of both with slaw, beans, pickle and roll. Don't miss out on some GREAT BBQ!!!!

\* Friday, May 12, 6:30 PM - UMW SPONSORED SPRING GARDEN PARTY. Menu of a variety of salads and the program will be provided by the UMW. ALL LADIES of any age are invited to come and join us for a great time of food and fellowship!

\* Sunday, May 14, - MOTHER'S DAY WORSHIP at 10AM.

Mt. Bethel invites everyone to come out and join at any of the above events! The worship schedules or any upcoming events for all ages can be found on our website at [www.mtbethelumc.org](http://www.mtbethelumc.org). The church is located on Hwy 127 North 1/2 mile from Lowe's Grocery in Bethlehem. ★

