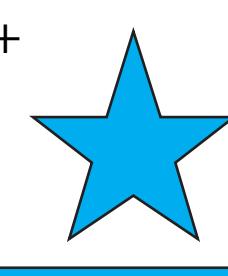


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The Special Olympics of Alexander County Games always makes for some great fun and awesome memories for the participants and spectators in attendance. Last week, Alexander Central High School hosted the 2018 games in Cougar Stadium. At the right, West Alexander Middle School student Macy Byers sings the National Anthem prior to the start of the games on Friday morning, May 11. Above, Bethlehem Elementary's Bella Stamey hustles to the line during the 50-yard dash event. *



ACHS hosts Special Olympics May 11



BETHLEHEM TEAM HAS ARRIVED - BES Exceptional Childrens Teacher Marnie Wills and members of her class are pictured above during the opening ceremonies at last week's Special Olympics of Alexander County on May 11 at Cougar Stadium in Taylorsville. *

Times' Father of the Year Essay Contest deadline is June 7

Entries for the 2018 Taylorsville Times' Father of the Year Contest are being accepted until Thursday, June 7, at 5 p.m.

To enter The Times' 29th Annual Father of the Year Essay Contest, simply write an essay on why your nominee should be Father of the Year.

The winner will receive a \$50 food gift certificate and four tickets to a Hickory Crawdads baseball game.

The winning father and author will be contacted and will be featured in an

upcoming issue of *The Times*. The feature will include a photograph of the father and author, a story about the essay process, and the actual essay.

Fathers must be current residents of Alexander County; however, essay authors are not required to live in the county, but must be available for the interview prior to the June 13 publication. The contest is open to all ages, and entries submitted should be written solely by an

individual author, including entries by children.

The Taylorsville Times' staff members and families are not eligible to enter.

Essays should be no more than 500 words (three letters or more), and all entries must be neatly printed or typed. Entries must be signed by the author, and should include the writer's address and phone number. The father's name and address must also be included.

Entries will be judged

by The Times' staff.

Entries should be mailed to The Father of the Year Contest, The Taylorsville Times, P.O. Box 279, Taylorsville, NC 28681.

Also, entries can be hand-delivered to The Times' office at 24 East Main Avenue in Taylorsville,

or may be e-mailed to: taylorsvilletimes@taylorsvilletimes.com.

Breakfast May 19 to assist Antioch Church missions

A Country Breakfast, sponsored by Harry's Hands of Antioch Baptist Church, will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018,

7:00 - 10:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall at Antioch.

The menu is: country ham, sausage, bacon, liver mush, eggs, grits, gravy, biscuits, coffee, milk, and juice. Donations accepted.

Proceeds will benefit local mission projects.

Antioch Baptist Church is located at: 580 Antioch Church Road, Taylorsville,

phone (828) 632-2929. *



Last day for students is June 8

Alexander County Schools will close for students early next month. The last day for students is June 8. The following end-of-the-year awards days and events were announced recently.

ALEXANDER CENTRAL

- May 20 - ACHS Honors Graduates Banquet, 3 pm
- May 21 - ACHS Senior Breakfast - 8:15 am
- May 25 - Scholarship presentations & awards - 8:30 am
- May 25 - Awards Day in Varsity Gym; 1:15 pm
- June 8 - ACHS Graduation - 7 pm in Cougar Stadium

WEST ALEXANDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Monday, May 21 - WAMS Sports Banquet - 6 pm
- 6th Grade Awards Ceremony - June 7 - 8:30 am
- 7th Grade Awards Ceremony - June 8 - 8:30 am
- 8th Grade Awards Ceremony - June 8 - 11:00 am

BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 1st & 2nd grade Awards - June 6 - 8:30 am
- 3rd & 4th grade Awards - June 6 - 1:00 pm
- 5th grade graduation - June 7 - 1:00 pm
- Kindergarten graduation - June 8 - 8:30 am*

Next Star prints June 14

The next issue of *The Bethlehem Star* will be printed on Thursday, June 14, 2018. The deadline for advertising and correspondence is Tuesday, June 12, 2018, before 5 pm.



ACHS Principal will soon move to position with Catawba County

Mr. Doug Rhoney, Alexander Central High School principal since 2011, is resigning at the end of this school year to accept a position in another school system.

"I will be transitioning to Catawba County effective July 1," said Rhoney. "I have accepted a position Director of Secondary Education. It was a difficult decision leaving ACHS, but I look forward to the challenges that are ahead of me."

"I want to thank a few people if I can: Mr. Jack Hoke (former school superintendent) for giving me the opportunity to come to Alexander Central; the staff at ACHS, they are GREAT; all the students I've had the opportunity to serve the past seven years, ACHS has great students. Finally, my wife, Kelly, for always understanding the long hours. I'm truly going to miss this place but look forward to a new chapter in my life," stated Rhoney.

Rhoney was awarded the 2012-13 Wells Fargo Principal of the Year for Alexander County.

Before coming to ACHS in 2011, Rhoney served as a principal for 11 years at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. He served as a principal at West Caldwell High School for the two years previous to his transfer to Alexander County Schools.

Prior to his tenure at West Caldwell High School, Rhoney served at Heritage Middle School and Ray Childers Elementary School as principal.

He served Table Rock Middle School as Assistant Principal and taught at East Burke and Freedom High Schools.

Rhoney received his Master's Degree from Gardner-Webb University in Public School Administration. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education from Appalachian State University. Prior to his tenure at West Caldwell High School, Rhoney served at Heritage Middle School and Ray Childers Elementary School as principal.

He served Table Rock Middle School as Assistant Principal and taught at East Burke and Freedom High Schools.

Rhoney received his Master's Degree from Gardner-Webb University in Public School Administration. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education from Appalachian State University. He was named Burke County's Wachovia Principal of the Year in 2008-2009 and was the principal at Heritage Middle School when it was selected as one of Governor Easley's Top 5-Real D.E.A.L Schools. *

Bethlehem Bapt. Church to host trip to Ark Encounter

Bethlehem Baptist Church, will host a trip to The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky, October 22 through 26, 2018. Anyone in the community is welcome to join the 5 day, 4 night adventure which will include:

• The Ark Encounter, a one-of-a-kind historically themed attraction, was built according to the Biblical dimensions in Genesis 6; it stands seven stories high and is 510 feet

in length. It is the largest freestanding, timber-frame structure in the world.

• The state-of-the-art Creation Museum allows you to venture through Biblical history, stunning exhibits, botanical gardens, planetarium, zoo, zip line adventure course, and much more. This 75,000 square-foot facility has welcomed millions of guests since opening in Petersburg, Kentucky.

• Discover the stories of freedom's heroes at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, a museum based on the history of the Underground Railroad.

Cost for the trip is \$520 per person based on double occupancy, and in addition to admission to these four attractions, includes motorcoach transportation, 4 nights lodging, and 8 meals. \$75 is due upon signing, with the final payment due August 15, 2018. For photos, video and more information about the trip visit www.GroupTrips.com/BBCATaylorsville. For more information about Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7500 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville, NC, call 828-495-7250, visit www.bethlehembc.org, or like them on Facebook. *

Relay for Life is postponed

The Alexander County Relay for Life event, originally set for May 18 in Taylorsville, is being postponed due to rainy weather forecasted this week. Relay organizers will be meeting with team captains on Tuesday, May 22, to determine the event date. The annual event to benefit the American Cancer Society will have food including:

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, ribeye sandwiches, Chick-fil-A, pizza, Zaxby's chicken, ice cream, brownies, funnel cakes, pop corn, and watermelon.

Anyone wishing to purchase a luminary should call Kendra Dyson at 828-234-3054. For more Relay information, call Laura Jamison, 704-682-3850. *