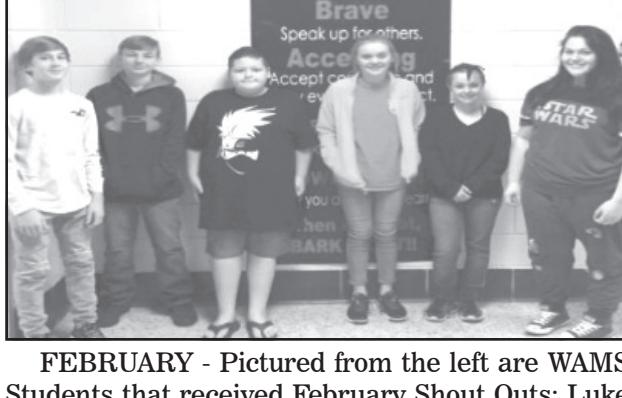


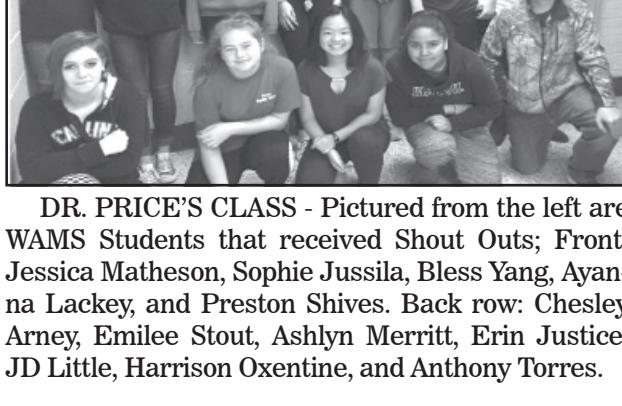
West Alexander Middle School Student Shout Outs



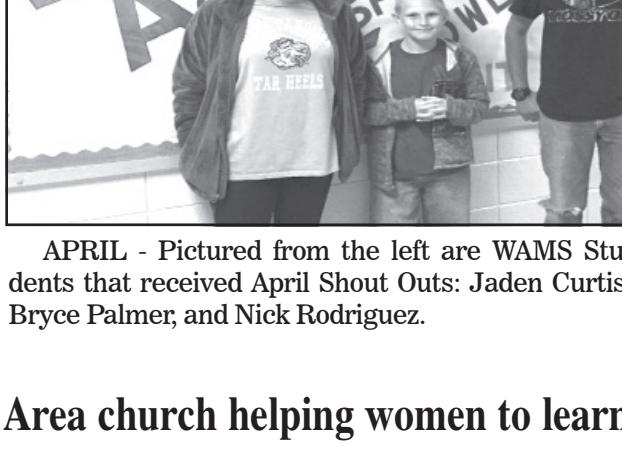
FEBRUARY - Pictured from the left are WAMS Students that received February Shout Outs: Luke Kiziah, Ethan Stocks, Cooper Zangle, Cheyenne Knight, Madison Cole, and Destyni Benfield.



MARCH - Pictured from the left are WAMS Students that received March Shout Outs: Abby Bumgarner, Megan Parker, Paige Vang, Christian Arroyo, Aidan Stockling, and Nick Rodriguez. Not pictured: Melyssa Griffith.



DR. PRICE'S CLASS - Pictured from the left are WAMS Students that received Shout Outs; Front: Jessica Matheson, Sophie Jussila, Bless Yang, Ayanana Lackey, and Preston Shives. Back row: Chesley Arney, Emilee Stout, Ashlyn Merritt, Erin Justice, JD Little, Harrison Oxentine, and Anthony Torres.



APRIL - Pictured from the left are WAMS Students that received April Shout Outs: Jaden Curtis, Bryce Palmer, and Nick Rodriguez.

Area church helping women to learn seamstress skills

A welcoming center of Faith-in-Action, Unity Lutheran Church of Hickory envisions themselves a church home where disciples are nurtured, neighbors are cared for, and all people can gather. In accordance with that vision of caring for their neighbors, Unity is excited to now offer an instructional sewing program, "Sew Much Good," designed to help underserved and marginalized women learn to sew and become empowered enough to use that skill to earn income and learn new capabilities within themselves.

The idea to create a program centered around sewing came from the personal experience of Unity's Pastor Kate Crecelius. She shares, "After the birth of my first child, I realized, as I was about to return to work, that I just couldn't do so. My sister-in-law helped to support her family working at home as a seamstress and so she and my husband encouraged me to investigate the opportunities available and consider doing the same. I looked into it, and improving my competency, I was able to succeed enough to do the same."

This new opportunity has been initially funded by a Peeler-Casey grant whose monies are earmarked for use by the North Carolina Lutheran Synod each year wherever they are needed most, for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. The funds from the grant provided the church's program with the start-up needs to cover staffing, material, sup-



PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS — Pack 275, Cub Scout Master Chip James in Bethlehem announced the recent Pinewood Derby top five winners. The cars raced were purchased by the Methodist Men of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church in Bethlehem. Several awards were also given for unique paint jobs and imagination used when designing the cars. These five went on to compete in the Regional Pinewood Derby, held May 12, 2018, in Hudson. Pictured above, left to right: Matthew Helton, first; Henry Frye, second (pictured is Ian Shepherd, racer of car); Cooper James, third; LaKota Smith, fourth Lee Julian, fifth.

Hickory Choral Society auditions are open

Hickory Choral Society will hold auditions for the 2018 - 2019 season on Monday evening, May 21,

2018. Openings are available for Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, and Basses.

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Bethlehem Comm. plans gospel singing

The churches of Bethlehem will join in a community Gospel Sing on Sunday evening, May 20, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Promised Land Ministries, 351 B & S Lane, in Bethlehem, will host this special event in what has become a series of Bethlehem Community Sunday night sings, sponsored by the Bethlehem Ministerial Association.

The format will include a few congregational songs,

plus two or three special musical selections from each church represented. A special offering will also be received at each of these events, to assist the Bethlehem Benevolent Fund, which, over the past year, has provided several thousand dollars of assistance in Jesus' name to Bethlehem residents in their time of dire need.

The program on May 20 will be lively and fast moving and promises to be a time of inspiration, praise, and rich fellowship for all people of Christian faith. The public is cordially invited to attend.

musical scores is important. Be prepared to sing the first verse of "America" (My Country Tis of Thee). You may choose to sing a second selection but it is not required. Please bring two copies of your music. Accompaniment will be provided. If you are interested in joining this gifted group of singers, please call the Hickory Choral Society office at 828-322-2210 to set up an audition time. Auditions require no special preparation.

Since the spring of 1978, the Hickory Choral Society continues to delight audiences with excellent choral music literature. The all-volunteer group, made up of 110 singers from Catawba and surrounding counties, is well known throughout North Carolina for its annual Christmas Concerts. The group has also been noted for numer-

ous concerts with the North Carolina Symphony, a concert at Lincoln Center in New York, and a trip that included concerts in Portsmouth and London, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland. The 2003 Christmas Concert was broadcast live statewide over UNC-TV and has continued to be rebroadcast on several occasions. HCS performed at Carnegie Hall in 2013 and 2014.

The Hickory Choral Society season runs from mid-August through the spring; regular rehearsals are held on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Arts Center at 243 3rd Avenue NE, Suite 2-N, in Hickory. The Hickory Choral Society is an affiliate of the United Arts Council of Catawba County.

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