

IN THE SHADOW OF HOGAN'S MOUNTAIN

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Things you may not know about Alexander County

Since the early days of the area to be known as Alexander County, chance, outside negative influences, or missed opportunities have influenced the growth and vitality of the place we call home. The geography and beauty of the area is one of the greatest assets. The idyllic farm scenes, the colors of the apple orchards in spring, hill and mountainside colors in the fall, the shimmering waters of lakes, and the tinkling of streams and rivulets all add to the draw for residents to our area.

I have enjoyed reading the work of W.N. Watt, Vickie Mason, Sarah Allen, W.E. White, Opal Harrington, and others who have written about our area. Their work provides a guide to the feelings and motivations of those who have called our area home. Lessons for the future may be found in these histories. Many small rural counties, including Alexander, have had visitors in formative years that could have influenced future growth and impacted

their demographics. For example, many of you may not know that in 1539 Hernando de Soto passed through our area at a place called Guaquill near modern Hickory. He went on to visit Joara in Burke County before ultimately moving on to South America. Pardo followed Desoto to create the first brief European settlement, Fort San Juan, near Joara. So, if Desoto and Pardo had stayed, we may have been speaking Spanish today.

Bishop Spangenberg, a Moravian leader stopped in southwestern Alexander County to consider the area for settlement but moved on after being dissuaded by early residents Jonathan Barrett and Samuel Oxford. Spangenberg ultimately chose the area that later became the Winston Salem vicinity because the Alexander/ Catawba locations were too far in the "brush." So, one can wonder if Alexander County would be urban today had the decision gone the other way.

Alexander County had one of the highest conscription rates of men for the Civil War in North Carolina. Men from more affluent areas avoided conscription into the Confederate Army. The ravages to and death of the county's civil war soldiers decimated the number of potential leaders in the county for decades.

Alexander County was considered for Vanderbilt's Biltmore Estates. Residents of northern Alexander were not open to potential expansion of rail lines to a potential site. The impact of the influx of wealth is obvious in Asheville.

Catawba View located near the Upper Little River between present day Caldwell and Alexander Counties was an up and coming area near Lovelady Island in the Catawba River. Numerous affluent people lived in the area but were soon drawn to live in the Hickory area because of that area's growth and social activities.

Early hotels were built to attract visitors to take the "water". Hotels such Chalybeate Springs Resort in Ellendale and the White Sulphur Springs Hotel in Hiddenite had the same reputation as the Blowing Rock area. Visitors arrived by train or stagecoach in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Fire destroyed both hotels which were never rebuilt.

As you can see, chance is a fickle friend. We have a rich heritage from our early residents for using ingenuity and hard work to meet the needs of their families and their communities. In a society where technical jobs are not bound by location, we must be sure to look where we have been in the past to emphasize the quality of life in our area to attract those of affluence who may be seeking relief from the maze of crowded urban areas. We also need to examine the impact that the past has on where we are and how we can use that history to improve the future to make viable plans for future decades.



2018 NW MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL & BOYS SOCCER SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Hudson @ West Alexander

East Alexander @ Gamewell

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

East Alexander @ Hudson

West Alexander @ William Lenoir

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

William Lenoir @ East Alexander

West Alexander @ Granite Falls

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Gamewell @ West Alexander

Granite Falls @ East Alexander

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

East Alexander @ West Alexander

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

West Alexander @ Hudson

Gamewell @ East Alexander

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Hudson @ East Alexander

William Lenoir @ West Alexander

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

East Alexander @ William Lenoir

Granite Falls @ West Alexander

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

West Alexander @ Gamewell

East Alexander @ Granite Falls

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

West Alexander @ East Alexander

* All Games/Matches begin at 4 pm

* NW Tourney - October 15-18

* Admission - \$4; Tarheel Card - \$2

NW MIDDLE SCHOOL 2018 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

East/West @ Northview Scrimmage

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Hibriten @ East Alexander - 4 pm

Watauga @ West Alexander - 5 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

East Alexander @ Watauga - 4pm

Hickory Hawks @ West Alexander - 4:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

West Alexander @ Gamewell - 4 pm

Hickory Hawks @ East Alexander - 4 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

East Alexander @ Gamewell - 4 pm

Hibriten @ West Alexander - 4 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Granite Falls @ West Alexander - 4 pm

Hudson @ East Alexander - 4 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

East Alexander @ Granite Falls - 4 pm

West Alexander @ Hudson - 4 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

West Alexander vs. East Alexander

2018 Apple Bowl @ ACHS - 6:45 pm



MADI SUDDRETH
All-Conference returner for LRU

LRU announces 2018-19 Women's hoops schedule

HICKORY, N.C. – The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team has released its 2018-19 schedule. The season tips off on the weekend of Nov. 9 when the Bears travel to Jefferson City, Tenn. to take on a pair of tough non-conference opponents.

"Opening weekend will be a good test for our team," commented second-year Head Coach Cameron Sealey. "We will compete against Lander and USC Aiken, both nationally recognized opponents. With our first four games being away from home, we will be very thankful to get back and play in Shuford for a four-game home stretch, starting with conference foe, Newberry."

After the Bears host the Wolves on Nov. 20, LR will complete the home stand with games against Winston-Salem State, Queens and Johnson C. Smith.

Following a pair of league games against Carson-Newman and Anderson, LR closes out the 2018 portion of the schedule with a couple of Conference Carolinas opponents in Lees-McRae and Limestone.

Following the New Year, LR has 16 straight South Atlantic Conference matchups, starting with Tusculum on Jan. 5. The Bears host the 2017 SAC Regular Season and Tournament Champs Carson-Newman on Feb. 2.

The regular season closes with a home game against Lincoln Memorial on Mar. 2. In Sealey's first season at the helm, LR posted a 15-14 overall record and a 9-11 mark in conference play. Kennedy Weigt was named to the SAC All-Freshman Team and Madi Suddreth was an honorable mention All-League selection.

Fellowship Church Golf Challenge set for Oct. 6

On Saturday, October 6, the thirteenth annual Fellowship Church Golf Challenge will be held at the Hampton Heights Golf Club in Hickory with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. This event raises funds to send volunteer work teams to assist with mission projects both at home and abroad. This past year their projects have helped establish the new Bethel Colony ministry for women in Caldwell County, provided desperately needed famine relief in Eastern Africa and invested in training pastors from third world countries.

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GOLF

at 885 Icard Ridge Rd., Taylorsville, NC 28681. The captain's choice format may be entered at a cost of only \$200.00 per team (\$50.00 per individual). Trophies will be awarded to the top 2 teams in each of 3 flights (a total of 24 individuals), plus prizes will be awarded for longest drive on 2 holes, closest to the pin on 4 holes, and

\$10,000 for a hole in one on # 7. All this plus door prizes, goody bags, and a great lunch will again make for a lot of fun and fellowship... to benefit a wonderful cause!

Also, hole sponsors are being recruited at a cost of \$150.00 (half sponsorships also available), which will be gratefully acknowledged and publicized. The public is encouraged to participate and welcome to attend. Registration by Monday, October 1, is requested for flighting purposes.

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IN THE NOVEMBER 6 2018 REPUBLICAN GENERAL ELECTION



- Continued support for education/children
- Encourage economic development/jobs
- Shurtape Sewer Project
- Continue to support our infrastructure, water, sewer, as lines and broadband
- Continue to support Alexander County as we move forward to be the very best we can be.
- Continue to support existing industry, and agriculture industry

Paid for by Larry Yoder,
Candidate for County Commissioner

