



**STORM DAMAGE** — There were several reports of trees and power lines down in the Bethlehem Community of Alexander County, including on NC 127 near EMS Station 2 and on Shiloh Church Road, as well as Rink Dam Road, Skyline Road, and elsewhere, on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 13, 2019, due to storm damage. The front glass entrance doors were blown out of Bethlehem Pharmacy, shown above, where pharmacist Gary Sain brought customers out of harm's way. (Photo courtesy of Karissa Miller.)

**T-storm batters Bethlehem area Tues.**

# Quick-thinking pharmacist keeps customers safe

*Editor's Note: Customer Karissa Miller shared the following first-hand account with The Times of storm damage in the Bethlehem Community on August 13.*

Bethlehem Pharmacy Pharmacist Gary Sain watched from behind the pharmacy counter a heavy downpour of rain that touched down in Alexander County Tuesday afternoon.

He had customers in the store—waiting to pick up prescriptions. One customer stood close by the window watching the downpour of rain around 3:34 p.m.

Sain, who heard the rain beating down faster by the second, then advised his clerk to turn off the register. He looked up and noticed the woman standing near the front of the store and audibly asked her and everyone in the store to come and stand near the back.

Customers made their way to the back and stood, watching the storm. Approximately two minutes later, a heavy gust of wind downed one of the front glass window panels and glass shattered on the carpet close to where the customer stood moments before.

The second window then snapped, cracking the glass and it was hanging by a single wire.

The Bethlehem staff then had all customers move to the back break room area until the storm finished.

"I'm thankful that the pharmacist was quick thinking and concerned about our wellbeing," customer Karissa Miller said. "He recognized that it was possibly a tornado and responded calmly and kept us all safe."

After the storm had subsided, the pharmacist continued his due diligence by filling prescriptions for the customers.

He then had the customers exit out the back of the store, with their prescriptions in hand, and even offered to let an employee drive them around to the front of the parking lot to their vehicle.

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[Remaining details compiled by Times staff.]

Alexander County Emergency Services Director Russell Greene noted that there were damage reports from Shiloh Church Road, Skyline Drive, and Havenhurst Road, with the worst damage being to the Bethlehem Pharmacy, as mentioned above.

Several residents shared storm damage photos with *The Times*; these are found on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/taylorsvilletimes](http://www.facebook.com/taylorsvilletimes).

## Beth. Baptist Church to host trip this fall

Bethlehem Baptist Church, will host a trip to the Lancaster Show and the Dutch Country September 30 - October 4. The cost will be \$518 for five days and four nights, per person, double occupancy. Departure will be from the church, located at 7500 Route 127, Taylorsville at 8 a.m. Seventy-five (\$75) is due upon signing. Final payment is due August 29. The trip will be motorcoach transportation by Diamond Tours and will include eight meals - four breakfasts and four dinners. It also includes admission to the JESUS Show at the Sight & Sound@ Millennium Theatre®, admission to the "OVATION" Show at the American Music Theatre, a guided tour of Philadelphia, a visit to charming Kitchen Kettle Village, a visit to Park City Center, admission to the Amish Experience & Jacob's Choice at the F/X Theatre, and a guided tour of Lancaster. For more pictures, videos and information visit: [www.GroupTrips.com/BBCTaylorsville](http://www.GroupTrips.com/BBCTaylorsville). For more information, call Sheila Zink at 704-641-5616.

## ACHS Class of 2014 plans reunion this Sept.

Alexander Central High School Class of 2014 will hold a 5 Year Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, at Market on Main, 335 Main Ave. SW, in Hickory.

There will be cocktails, a taco bar, DJ, and

dancing, starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person or \$50 per couple. Payment must be received by August 14 (pay via Venmo: ACHSClassof2014 or PayPal: @paypal.me/ACHSClassof14).

To RSVP or for more information, contact the the Class of 2014 Committee at [alexandercentralclassof2014@gmail.com](mailto:alexandercentralclassof2014@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/ACHSClassof2014](http://facebook.com/ACHSClassof2014).



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