

The Bethlehem Star Archives 15 YEARS AGO

Bethlehem Elementary students through the years



Mt. Bethel to hold blood drive on March 29

Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church is planning an American Red Cross Bloodmobile on Monday, March 29, 3:00-7:30 p.m., sponsored by the UMM. To schedule an appointment go to: redcross.org sponsor code: mtbethel.org. To speed up your appointment on the day of the drive go to: www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass. Read the info and answer the questions. Print the pass or email it to yourself.

Mt. Bethel is having indoor worship at 10:00 on Sunday mornings with everyone wearing a mask and social distancing. The church is located on Hwy. 127 ½ mile North of Lowe's Foods grocery in Bethlehem.



YUM AT HEART — Mrs. Badertscher's class at Bethlehem School received these heart-shaped bags filled with goodies on Valentine's Day. Pictured above, left to right: Austin Miller, Emily Hurley, Cassie Adams, Katelyn Law and Bryan Barbee.



SCIENCE LESSON — At Bethlehem School Valentine's Day, Mrs. Angle's class could be seen working on a science lesson. Above, Agnle distributes handouts for the unit.



VALENTINE'S DAY TREAT BAGS — The photo above was taken on Valentine's Day 2006 as the students in Mrs. Stafford's class at Bethlehem School displayed their valentine treat bags.



CHOWING DOWN — To celebrate on Feb. 14, the students in Mrs. Burchett's class had a Valentine's Party. Pictured above, clockwise from lower left: Peyton Cooper, Turner Whisnant, Carolina Maltba and Cole Whisnant.

Abernathy, Payne voted to All-NWC Volleyball Team

By D.N. PENNELL, Jr.
Last week, the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference President Lavell Hall announced the 2020-21 All-Conference Volleyball Team for the past season.

A pair of senior players from Alexander Central were honored as members

of the All-NWC Team. Lady Cougar standouts Brianna Abernathy and Bryanna Payne were voted to the prestigious team following the squad's fourth-place finish.

After leading Watauga to the conference title, Pioneer Coach Kim Pryor was voted the Coach of

the Year in the league. McDowell's Jessica Cannon was voted the Conference Player of the Year. Offensive Player of the Year honors went to Hickory High School's Bren White, with Freedom's Brooke Barker garnering Defensive Player of the Year accolades.



BRYANNA PAYNE
NWC All-Conference Selection



BRIANNA ABERNATHY
NWC All-Conference Selection

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stronger as they only had one another to turn to.

When Myra's mother fell ill with Tuberculosis, it was around the time Donny had been released from the military three months early. The couple moved back to Bethlehem, NC in time to have their second child, Kellie, in 1974.

Donny said, "Moving away was the best thing to happen in our relationship."

It's true, the two of them bounce off of each other like two well-experienced tennis partners. It's obvious their roots have grown together to create a firm foundation.

When I asked the two to state their favorite thing about the other, the question was met with laughs before Myra took the lead.

"I trust Donny," she said. "Also, he hardly never gets upset. I've only seen him get upset just a few times."

Donny is a man of few words, but not when it came to showing his appreciation for his wife of over 50 years.



50+ YEARS TOGETHER — Donny and Myra Teague are pictured on a cruise together.

He said, "She puts up with me, after all of these years together, she still puts up with me."

Donny and Myra still live a simple life in Bethlehem. Their two children don't live too far either.

Kellie is a pharmacist and their son, Corey, now runs Donny's business Huntington House.

They also have three

grandchildren that they adore and enjoy spending lots of time with.

Donny is also an avid photographer with several photography clubs in the area.

As Martin Luther once said, "There is no lovely, friendly, and charming relationship, communion or company than a good marriage."

Mary Felkins' inspirational romance novel is set in the Hickory area

A local author, from just across the river in Catawba County, has released a book set right here in the Unifour area.

Mary A. Felkins is an inspirational romance author and contributor to writer's blogs and on-line magazines. Her debut inspirational romance novel, *Call To Love*, (pelicanbookgroup.com) is set in Hickory and was released in November 2019.

The heroine of *Call To Love* is Tracy Cassidy, a self-reliant ED nurse, must choose between her dream job or staying in her hometown to help support her mother's faltering ministry -- even if it means falling in love with the kind of man she said she'd never marry.

Why risk being Laurellon's next cop widow?

Tom DeLaney, a hyper-vigilant cop and new hire from Texas, is wearied by failed rescue attempts to save his marriage. After he moves to the foothills of North Carolina, he hadn't expected to fall for Tracy, but when Tom's adolescent son is diagnosed with a chronic illness, he faces the risk of loving another woman with keep-out issues.

Fears related to the death of Tracy's cop father and Tom's inability to forgive the past threaten to sabotage any chance at love.

To trust again means surrender. Will two crisis-driven careers risk their hearts and answer the call to love again?

Call To Love is available through the author, maryafelkins@gmail.com, or as an e-book at: Amazon

- Kindle, Barnes & Noble, Christian Books, Apple Books, and Pelican Book Group, LLC.

About the author
Raised in Houston, Texas—and forever a Lone Star girl—Mary Felkins and her husband, Bruce, moved to the foothills of North Carolina in 1997. They have four young-adult children.

"After working as a Dietitian and 19 consecutive years of home education, I began writing in 2012 in response to a spiritual calling to unleash a story idea in my head. That year, the Lord gave me a poignant vision of him holding my book in his palm, saying, 'This is the story I'm going to tell through you.' The urgency to complete the manuscript after that gave me no rest," Felkins said.

"In May 2013, I attended a writer's conference where I met industry professionals who coached me about the mechanics

of how to craft a compelling novel. I pitched *Call to Love* at a conference in May 2015 and in October of the same year, I received a contract offer from Prism Book Group, later acquired by Pelican Book Group, LLC," the author explained.

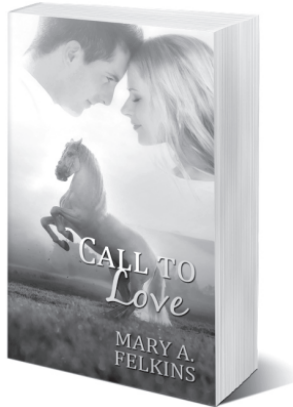
She can typically be lured from her writing cave if presented with a large, unopened bag of Peanut M&Ms. A surprise appearance by Donny Osmond, her teen idol, would also do the trick, although she'd likely pass out.

If, upon introduction, she likes your first or last name, expect to see it show up in one of her novels.

For quarterly author updates and story-style devotions, subscribe to her newsletter through her website, www.maryfelkins.com. She may be reached on Facebook: @MaryAFelkins.



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Hickory Museum of Art welcomes Warhol exhibition

Hickory Museum of Art welcomed the "Works by Warhol" exhibition on February 6.

The exhibition features 36 of Andy Warhol's iconic bright-colored pieces that include familiar faces like Mick Jagger, Mickey Mouse and Santa Clause.

In addition, the entire "American Myths" series will be included, which was completed in 1981.

Imagine One Hospitality is the presenting sponsor

for the project. Imagine One is a management and investment company for businesses such as Cafe Rule & Wine Bar in Hickory.

Warhol was an American artist who led the visual art movement, also known as pop art.

Hickory Museum of Art is located on the SALT Block at 243 Third Avenue NE, Hickory, N.C. 28601.

The exhibition will run until June 6, 2021.

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