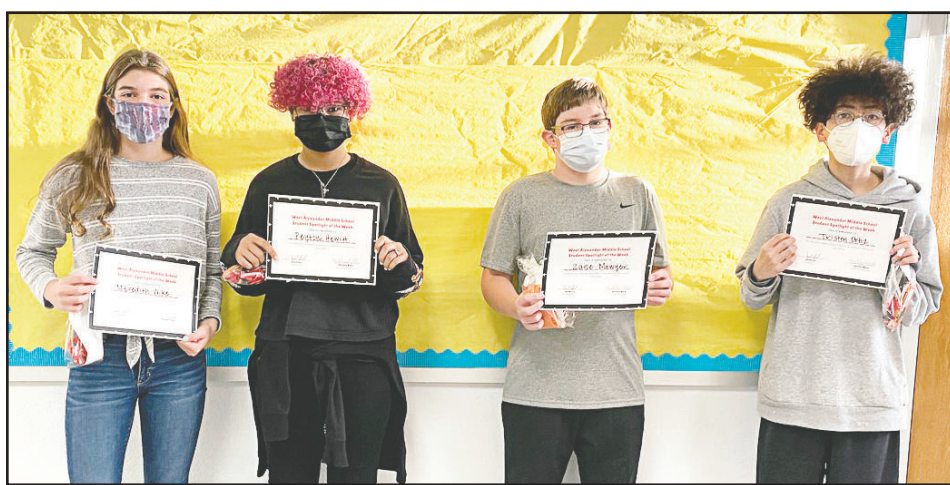


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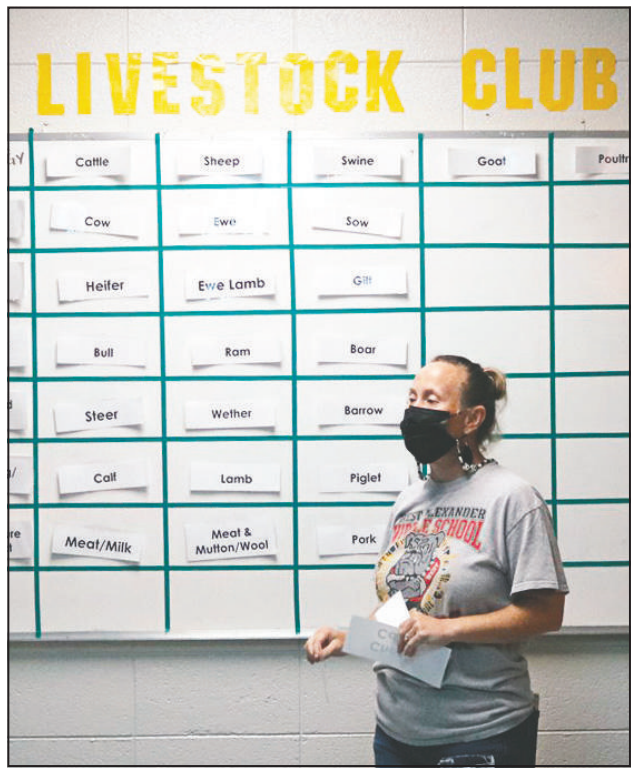
West Alexander Middle School features students and teachers



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT, SEPT. 20-24 — Pictured above, left to right: Meredith Wike, Peyton Hewitt, Zane Mawyer, and Tristan Ortiz earned Student Spotlights from the Exploratory Department. *Meredith Wike* - Meredith is an all around amazing student. She is always on time for class and works well with her classmates. She is so fun to have in class. *Payton Hewitt* - Peyton comes to class prepared everyday and ready to learn. She always helps her classmates and is just a joy to have in class. *Zane Mawyer* - Zane is always using his time wisely to learn as much as he can. He asks questions and problem solves solutions in coding class. He is such a blessing to teach. *Tristen Ortiz* - Tristen is so passionate about school! He wants to learn all he can. With his drive, the sky's the limit.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT, SEPT. 27 TO OCT. 1 — Pictured above, left to right: Gabby Little, Peyton Shook, Cadence Rollins, and Nolan Slager earned Student Spotlights for Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, 2021. This week, eighth grade teachers recognized these student spotlights. **Panthers Team:** *Gabby Little* - Gabby always does her best on all of her assignments and is very helpful to her peers; *Peyton Shook* - Peyton always shows great manners and is a positive leader for his classmates. **Bobcats Team:** *Cadence Rollins* - Cadence is a remarkable young lady. She always goes over and beyond on her assignments. Turning in impeccable work on a regular basis. She is also a positive role model to her peers and shows a great amount of respect to her teachers. *Nolan Slager* - Nolan is an outstanding young man. He is always engaged in classroom discussions and turns his work in on time. Nolan is well respected by his peers and interacts with his teachers on a mature level.



WAMS adds FFA

— At West Alexander Middle School, Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Joines are integrating many principles of the Future Farmers of America organization into their club time to enhance agricultural knowledge and leadership skills. They were able to find a middle school curriculum that fits perfectly with the club time frame.

Bethlehem Business Assoc. to meet Nov. 11

The next meeting of the Bethlehem Business Association will be held on Thursday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m. It will be located at the Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church fellowship hall, located on Hwy. 127 in the Bethlehem Community.

A representative from Duke Energy will be the guest speaker, giving a presentation on "Future Improvements to the Wittenburg Access Area." All current BBA members and interested business owners or managers are invited to attend.

Appropriate COVID-19 distancing and masks are requested. The BBA meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every other month. The first meeting of 2022 is planned for January 13.

The BBA is a business networking organization dedicated to promoting businesses in the Bethlehem Community. They strive to enhance the business climate in the community through networking opportunities, as well as through educational programs for business owners and managers.



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Free training set: Schizophrenia and Psychosis, medications

VayaHealth free training sessions on Schizophrenia and antipsychotic medications are coming soon to a venue located in Catawba County.

The public is invited to Patrick Beaver Memorial Library on Thursday, October 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., as the class learns about schizophrenia and the medications used to treat it. VayaHealth will present two training sessions: "Schizophrenia: Can this be real?" and "The Many Faces of Antipsychotic Medications." The first class will be at 10:00 a.m. and the second class will be at 11:00 a.m.

Contact hours are available on the day of the program. This program is free but space is limited so advance registration is required. To register call 828-304-0500 or sign up online at www.hickorync.gov/content/library-events. For more information, please call 304-0500. Patrick Beaver Memorial Library is located at 375 3rd Street NE on the SALT Block, Hickory.

West Alexander upcoming events

West Alexander Middle School will hold several upcoming events for students and parents, as shown below:

- October 19 - West Parents in Action Meeting - 4:30 PM via Zoom.
- October 19 - Parent Advisory Council Meeting - 5:00 PM via Zoom.
- October 20 - School Improvement Team Meeting - 3:15 in the Media Center.
- October 25 - West/East Fall Band Concert at ACHS Auditorium.
- October 26 - Fall Chorus Concert, may be recorded or possibly be outside at the school, depending on the COVID virus situation.
- October 27 - Youth

Risk Behavior Survey during Acceleration (Gilbert, Kirby, Simpson, Walsh).

- October 27 - Faculty Meeting - 3:15 p.m. in the Media Center
- October 29 - 8th Grade Band Night at ACHS (8th grade only).

Athletics
Basketball and Wrestling tryouts begin Tuesday, October 19th.
Basketball: Girls 3:00 - 5:00; Boys 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Wrestling: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Clean Water Project for Jr. Beta Club
The Jr. Beta Club and a local Alexander County group is teaming up with Walmart to deliver truck-

loads of water to Luling, Louisiana. This area, just outside of New Orleans, was left with a huge need for clean water after a recent hurricane. Currently, they are still under a boil water mandate.

How can you help? By sending donations to West Alexander Middle Jr. Beta Club. Our folks will ensure that all received funds are delivered to Walmart in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Simpson (asimpson@alexander.k12.nc.us) or Ms. Gilbert (agilbert@alexander.k12.nc.us) or call the school, 828-495-4611.

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