



PEACHES WIN TITLE – The Bethlehem Recreation Peaches 9-10 Softball Team earned first-place honors in the Annual Ernie Matheson Tournament, presented by the Alexander County Parks & Recreation Department. Members of the championship team are pictured above from left; first row: Caroline Bowles, Reese Crawford, Mallory Mullis, and Ella Carswell. Second row: Ella Chambers, Natalie Evans, Ella Bowman, Kennedy Hall, Hannah Guthrie, and Braelyn Snyder. Third row: Coaches Stoney Hall, Daniel Hall, and Dana Hall.



BETHLEHEM 7/8 TEAM UNDEFEATED — In Alexander Recreation baseball, the Bethlehem BombSquad 7/8 team went undefeated and won the 7/8 AC Ernie Matheson pre-season tournament for Spring 2026. The team went 4-0 on the tournament allowing just five runs and scoring 48. The total team had a batting average of .685 with 63 hits out of 92 at bats. Pictured above, left to right: front row – Jacob Shook, Cooper Bridges, Maxton Lovejoy, Bear Lail, Silas Hall, and Easton Elder; middle row – Jaxon Moretz, Grayson Brown, Avery Beach, Liam Chambers, Hunter Barrier, Elias Huss, and Barrett Drum; back row – Ethan Elder, Ben Bridges, Scott Hall, and Tyler Brown.



PRINCIPAL EARNS DOCTORATE — Mrs. Amy Daigle, Principal of West Alexander Middle School, recently became Dr. Amy Daigle after completing her Doctor of Education Curriculum and Instruction from the University of North Carolina - Wilmington. Her staff says she “leads with love.” The goal of the program is to teach leaders to lead with compassion, purpose, and impact.

Applications open for Larry Schronce Memorial Scholarship

The Alexander County Republican Party has created a scholarship in memory of the late Larry Schronce, avid supporter of the party. The scholarship will be awarded to an Alexander County graduating senior who is a Republican, said Chairman Jack Simms.

Seniors who wish to apply for the \$1,000 scholarship may write why they would like to receive the scholarship and mail their

application by May 26 to the Alexander County Republican Headquarters, P.O. Box 1304, Taylorsville, NC 28681.

The winner will be announced on June 9 at the Republican Party meeting.

VBS set for June 25-28 at Antioch

Antioch Baptist Church is excited to announce their annual Vacation Bible School from June 25 to June 28, 2026. This year's theme is “Candy Valley Adventure” where classes will take a sweet look at the life and ministry of Jesus.

Groups will be offered for everyone from potty trained 3-year-olds through classes for youth and adults. There will be fun skits, great music, live action Bible stories, hearty snacks, hands on crafts, and dynamic games and recreation.

VBS is one of Antioch's largest outreach events and they would love to have the community join them from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday evening, June 25-26, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, and 5-7:30 p.m. on Sunday evening, June 28 for Family Night. The church will take up both a monetary offering and a non-perishable food offering to support the Antioch Blessing Box.

The church is located at 580 Antioch Church Road, Taylorsville. If you need more information, please contact the church office at 828-632-2929.

“America’s 250 at The Rock” planned May 29

In observance of The United States’ 250th Year, local actors and musicians will present “America’s 250 at The Rock,” on Friday, May 29, at 7 p.m. at Rocky Face Mountain Recreational Area.

Costumed historical presentations will be done by Patriots Theatre. Live music will be performed by

the Studio 3 Orchestra and Chorus.

Admission is free. Donations will be accepted.

Larger groups, of 10 or more, should make reservations by calling The Hiddenite Center, 632-6966.

Rocky Face Mountain Recreational Area is located at 3451 Rocky Face Church Road, Hiddenite.

WWW.TAYLORSVILLETIMES.COM

COUNTRYTOWN 828-324-0051
BFGoodrich
TIRE & AUTO SERVICES CENTER
 125 8th St. Dr. SE (LR Blvd.) Hickory
 Complete Auto Service

MAXXIS
UNIROYAL
MICHELIN

“Closest Funeral Home to Bethlehem”

Each person's life is unique and special and deserves a celebration to match. At Drum Funeral Home, our professional and experienced team understands the importance of honoring your family's rituals and traditions and sharing your loved one's life story. We proudly serve families of all faiths, religions, backgrounds and cultures.

Drum Funeral Home 940 29th Avenue NE
 Hickory, NC 28601
www.drumfh-hickory.com • 828-267-5740

Welcome Home...

TaylorsvilleSavings.com TAYLORSVILLE SAVINGS BANK

Bethlehem (828) 495-8201 | Taylorsville (828) 632-4228 | Hiddenite (828) 632-4157