



OFFICERS ELECTED FOR KAPPA KAPPA IOTA — The Psi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Iota, professional organization for educators from the Bethlehem area, recently held its May meeting and elected the following officers for 2026-27. Pictured above, left to right: Sandra Bollinger, President; Kay Willis, Vice President; Judy Craig, Secretary; and Diane Ewing, Treasurer.



HOLLAR HONORED — Betty Hollar (left) receive recognition at the Kappa Kappa Iota State Convention on May 2, 2026. She is pictured receiving the Silver Hearts Award, for 25 years in Kappa Kappa Iota, from Sandra Bollinger, President of the Psi Chapter for the Bethlehem area.



SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED — A special project of Kappa Kappa Iota is the recognition and honor of offering scholarships at the national, state, or local level for individuals entering in the field of education. At the May 2026 Psi Chapter meeting, Joan Skewis-Glover was the 2026 Scholarship recipient. Pictured (L-R) are President Sandra Bollinger, recipient Joan Skewis-Glover, and treasurer Diane Ewing.



ATTENDANCE AWARD — The Psi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Iota received a Second Place Attendance Award for the club. Shown above, left to right: Jan Wright, Elaine Ruff, Betty Hollar, Penny Stafford, Sandra Bollinger, Kay Willis, Diane Ewing, and Judy Craig.

Fifty Years Ago

Among the June 1976 Bethlehem news:

Bethlehem native recalls horses, dirt roads

The Star featured an interview with George B. Hall, 56, of Rt. 1, Taylorsville, who had spent all his life in the Bethlehem Community. He recalled the area when it was mostly a farming community with a dirt road, horses, and wagons. His first car was a 1929 Chevrolet. Hall remembered when they cut logs and pulled out stumps to clear land for Bethlehem School.

Over 700 students at Bethlehem School

A total of 722 students were attending Bethlehem School at the end of the 1976-76 school year. This included 87 eighth graders who would attend high school and 183 from sixth and seventh grades who would attend the new West Middle School in the fall.

Bicentennial events

Bethlehem Community Bicentennial events for the weekend of June 12-13, 1976, at Bethlehem Community Center and Ballpark included: log chopping, log sawing, log rolling, Tug-of-War with 5-man teams, corn husking, watermelon seed spitting, hopscotch, marbles, pie eating contest, hog calling, old-time dress competition, best mustache and beard, and music programs with barbershop quartet and old hymns. Displays

of apple butter, soap making, butter and cheese making, farm equipment, horse drawn wagons, and old automobiles and books were planned.

In addition to the weekend events, the Bethlehem Bicentennial Fair lasted all week on the tract of land behind the banks in Bethlehem. It included a merry-go-round, Ferris

wheel, fun house, and assortment of other attractions.

BCDA officers named

Bethlehem Community Development Association officers were selected at the May 25, 1976, meeting: Gary Lail, president; Ervin Lineberger, vice president; Julie Adcock, secretary; and Dennis Reeves, treasurer.



BICENTENNIAL BONNET — Kathy Johnson models one of the bicentennial bonnets on sale in the Summer of 1976 at First National Bank in Bethlehem. These were also on sale at Bethlehem Pharmacy or could be purchased by Dicie Bowman, who made the bonnets.

Next Star prints July 16

The next issue of The Bethlehem Star will be printed on Thur., July 16.
The deadline for advertising and correspondence is Thur., July 9, before 5 p.m.

BLUE SKY ROOFING

69 Rink Dam Road
Located in Post Office Complex
(828) 933-2583
www.BlueSkyRoofingNC.com

FREE ESTIMATES

- Local Roofing Company
- Residential and Commercial
- Over 27 years in Business
- Certified Roofing Contractor
- A+ Rating with Better Business Bureau
- Licensed and Insured

Alexander County Resident
TED BENBOW
BROKER/REALTOR/SURVEYOR
704-902-0121
tedb@landandluxury.com
Certified Land Specialist

LandReport
2025
BEST BROKERAGES

MOSSY OAK PROPERTIES
LAND & LUXURY
Each office is independently owned and operated.
www.landandluxury.com
114 Morlake Dr. Suite 103
Mooresville, NC 28117

I SPECIALIZE IN SELLING LAND!

ACREAGE TRACTS, BUILDING LOTS, ALL LAND

If you want to **SELL ALL OR PART OF YOUR LAND**
I would like to come look at it.

THANK YOU TO OUR VALUED EMPLOYEES

May Employment Anniversaries

- Lynn Brown, 12 years
- Raymond Campbell, 1 year
- Greg Carpenter, 11 years
- Monty Meadlock, 40 years
- Rochelle Moose, 27 years
- David Moses, 1 year
- Lisa Robinette, 30 years
- Andy Scaglione, 28 years
- Jonathan Shook, 2 years
- Dan Spears, 4 years

HUNTINGTON HOUSE
FINE HAND-CRAFTED UPHOLSTERY

Start your career path with us and join the Huntington House family.

Apply at:
HR@huntingtonhouse.com

GENERAC

Sales Event

Free 7-Year Warranty

WITH PURCHASE

A \$735 value!*

April 6th, 2026 - June 12th, 2026

*Terms & Conditions apply

828-624-4881

Call Today To Schedule Your Free Quote

www.ncstandby.com