

Alexander County 2026 Buy Local Challenge winners named



GRAND PRIZE \$1,000 WINNER — The winner of the \$1,000 Alexander County Shopping Spree in the 2026 Taylorsville Times/Alexander County Economic Development Buy Local Challenge was Teresa Troyer, of Taylorsville, above. Troyer chose to take the shopping spree at Little Stitches, Holland Chiropractic, Mexico Viejo, Main Street Tire, and Walmart. Troyer is shown (above right) with Times' Account Representative Lina Hajer (left).



TOWN OF TAYLORSVILLE PRIZE, \$500 — Brent Warren (above left) was drawn as the \$500 Town of Taylorsville prize winner in the 2026 Buy Local Challenge. He is shown with Town Manager Nathan Hester. Warren registered at PJ's Seafood and Steak in Bethlehem.



\$100 WINNER — Gene Levan, above, was \$100 prize winner in the 2026 Buy Local Challenge. He registered at The Dairy Bar.



Winners List

Top Prize winners

- Grand Prize, \$1,000 Spree - Teresa Troyer.
- Second Prize, Town of Taylorsville \$500 Prize - Brent Warren.
- Third Prize, Dollywood passes - April Bennington.
- \$100 winner - Gene Levan.
- Biltmore trip (merchant) - Apple City BBQ.

Individual business prize drawings

- Ace Hardware Taylorsville, Darrell Stevenson, \$50 Ace Hardware Gift Certificate.
- Adams Funeral Home, Kathy Cline, \$50 Country Roads Greenhouse Gift Certificate.
- Alexander Funeral Service, Darlene Childers, \$50 Trading Post Gift Certificate.
- Apple City BBQ, Kathryn Ayers, \$25.00 Apple City BBQ Gift Certificate.
- Beasley Power Equipment, Rosa Barnes, \$25 Beasley's Gift Certificate.
- Benfield Agency, Marshall Newman, \$50 Gift Card to Hollar's Backstreet Grill.
- Bethlehem Pharmacy, Thomas Pen, \$50 Village Inn (Bethlehem) Gift Certificate.
- Cooper Southern, Linda Kerley, Gift Basket by Southern Grace Gift Company.
- Country Road Greenhouse, Phil Bentley, Customized Potted Arrangement
- Country Town Tire, Barbara Brittain, oil change, tire rotation service, value \$50.
- Giovanni's Pizza, Darrell Chapman, \$25 Giovanni's Gift Certificate.
- Habitat Restore Joe Ramsey \$50 Restore Gift Card
- Hartness Hometown

Properties, Richard Deal, \$50 gas card.

- Heritage Sandwich and Deli, Robin Earp, \$25 Heritage Sandwich and Deli Gift Card.
- Hendren Insurance, Linda Frye, \$50.00 Cash Prize.
- Hill Billy Hemp, Norman Warren, \$250.00 Gift Certificate.
- Holland Chiropractic, Donna Icard.
- Hwy. 16 Superette: (Winner 1) Tanner George, \$50 gas card; (Winner 2) Robert Clark, \$50 gas card; (Winner 3) Sherri Huffman, \$50 gas card; (Winner 4) Anastasia Sines, \$50 gas card.
- Johnson's Milling, Jessica Winters, \$25 Johnson's Gift Certificate.
- Koto's, Joseph Berry, \$25 Koto's Gift Certificate.
- Little Stitches, Donna Pennell, \$50 Little Stitches Gift Certificate.
- Main Street Tire, Charles Marlowe, \$50 Main Street Gift card.
- Mays Meats, Zakiyyah Yates, \$50 Mays Meats Gift Certificate.
- Morgans Dairy Bar, Shannon White, \$25 Morgan's gift card.
- Office Practice Pharmacy, Craven Clark, \$25 Office Practice gift card.
- Peoples Drug, Billy Miles, \$100 Kiley's Sugar Shoppe gift certificate.
- PJ's Seafood, Cindy Little, \$50 PJ's Gift Certificate.
- Road Market Antiques, Crystal Tawney, \$25 gift certificate and Road Market Antiques t-shirt.
- Rooted on Main, Julie Deal, \$75 in store gift card.
- R Shoppe, Tasia Hicks, a gift basket and a \$25 Apple City gift certificate.
- Shaggy's Good Buys, Carolyn Ryals, two-sided yard sign or 100 business



TIMES' WINNER — Rebecca Duckworth, above, was *The Times'* store winner in the Buy Local Challenge. She chose Hickory Crawdads tickets as her prize.

cards.

- S&S Family Restaurant, Jill Crouch, dinner for two at S&S Family Restaurant.
- Scotty's Hometown Grill: (Winner 1) Dana Stafford, \$25 Scotty's Gift Certificate; (Winner 2) Brenda White, \$25 Scotty's Gift Certificate.
- Sipe Lumber Company, Duncan Ames, Seasonal Trends Steel Fire Pit, \$149.99 value.
- Southern Clothing & More, Robin Shook, \$75 store Gift Card.
- Taylorsville Savings Bank: (Winner 1) Crossroads Grill, Cassidy Mitchell, \$25 Crossroads Grill gift certificate; (Winner 2) Scotty's Hometown Grill, Sue White, \$25 Scotty's Hometown Grill gift certificate; (Winner 3) Teen's and Dean's, Megan Sucharda, \$25 Teen's & Deen's gift certificate; (Winner 4) Giovannis,

Wayne High, \$25 Giovanni's gift Certificate; (Winner 5) Mays Meats, June Robbins, \$25 Mays Meats gift certificate; (Winner 6) Kiley's Sugar Shoppe, Ruth Elder, \$25 Kiley's Sugar Shoppe gift certificate.

- The Taylorsville Times, Rebecca Duckworth, choice of: Crawdads Tickets, 1,000 envelopes, or 1,000 business cards.
- The Doll Cottage, Journie James, \$50 Doll Cottage or Candy Cane Lane gift certificate.
- The Dairy Bar, Sonnie Barnette, \$30 Dairy Bar Gift Certificate.
- Think Pink Marketplace, George Guy, \$25 Think Pink gift certificate; Decorated genuine leather elephant (additional prize that required purchase), Beverly Fain.
- Think Pink Uniques



DRAWING THE WINNER — Alexander County Commission Chairman Larry Yoder helped draw the \$1,000 winning entry at the County Administration Office on June 30. He is shown with Times account representative Lina Hajer.

Bootique, Brenda Wellness Basket, \$100.00 value.

- Town of Taylorsville, Jerry Pennell, \$25 Heritage Deli Gift Certificate.
- Tractor Supply Company, Sherry Brown, \$50 Tractor Supply gift certificate.

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