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Andras wins Spelling Bee; Bishop is Second

Tori Andras of Wittenburg Elementary School emerged as the 2017 Alexander County Spelling Bee Winner. Rachel Bishop of West Alexander Middle School placed second in the county-wide event.

Miss Andras won the competition with the words quasi and depot. She will advance to the regional competition in Winston-Salem on March 26, 2017. The battle for second place lasted several rounds with Miss Bishop spelling zodiac and artillery for the win.

Fifteen students competed for the title of top speller on February 9. Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Hefner welcomed contestants and guests to Alexander Central Auditorium for the competition. Tiffany Boston, Alexander Central High School English Teacher, served as the pronouncer. Judges for the event were Teresa Smeeks, Director of AIG/Advanced Programs and Accountability, and Amy Dawson, Digital Innovation & Learning Specialist for Alexander County Schools. Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Betsy Curry assisted Dr. Hefner with presenting the awards.

The school winners who advanced to the county spelling bee are listed below.

Bethlehem Elementary	Brianna Jimison and Justin Lee
East Alexander Middle School	Nathaniel Moose and Bryson Hughes
Ellendale Elementary	Charlie Herman and Jonathan Collins
Hiddenite Elementary	Cainan Parker and Wesley McAlpin
Stony Point Elementary	Maddy Swan and William Minton
Sugar Loaf Elementary	Maddox Fairchild and Anna Jordan
Taylorsville Elementary	Andrew Peavey and Aliah Witherspoon
West Alexander Middle	Treyton Ikard and Rachel Bishop
Wittenburg Elementary	Tori Andras and Bryson Weikle

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