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Hickory High band offers community car show

HICKORY — When it comes to cars, which style grabs your attention? Perhaps you enjoy the muscle cars or road runners. How about antiques or the classics? Or do you prefer the sports, performance and exotic cars? You might even prefer motorcycles.

Whatever strikes your auto fancy, you will have the chance to view all the favorites presented by community members and beyond during the upcoming Hickory High Band Car Show, scheduled for Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hickory High.

All car and motorcycle owners are invited to share their “dream wheels” during the show. Awards will be given at the close of the event, including the Mayor’s Trophy, the Superintendent’s Trophy, the Principal’s Trophy, the Director’s Trophy, and the People’s Choice Award.

The community car show is not just about cars. There will be live bands performing including the HHS Jazz Band, the HHS Drumline and others.

The family-friendly event will



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HHS band members engage in the car show excitement through visiting Paramount's "The Bandit," a 1977 Pontiac Trans Am. Band members include Grant Lowery, Jubilee Padillo, Shania Robbs, Mason Felton, Celeste Ugalde, and Giselle Martinez-Lugo.

include fun activities for children of all ages from face painting to competitive games. Vendors will offer smoked barbecue (with all the sides) and there will be a bake sale.

HHS band conductor Bobby

Cotter said the event is designed for the entire community and all ages.

“We really want this fundraiser to be more about the community, getting everyone engaged through a celebration event that

offers good times for all,” Cotter said. “These types of events bring people together, gathering to enrich our lives at school and in the community.”

The car show is open to anyone who would like to bring their car

or motorcycle. The registration fee is \$15 in advance for cars and motorcycles (register online: www.hickorybands.com) or \$20 on the day of the event. Vendors are also invited to participate during this community event and register through www.hickorybands.com.

The show will be located in the parking lot next to the HHS gym/football stadium. General parking will be available in the larger parking lot at the front of the school (near Café Rule and Celery Stalk apartments).

Other than the registration fees for participants presenting their cars and motorcycles, the HHS Band Car Show is free to the general public.

Building enthusiasm for the car show, a few members of the HHS Band visited a car studio, courtesy of Paramount Classic Cars.

The rain date for the car show will be the following day, Sunday, April 30, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Cotter at Hickory High: 828-322-5860 or cotterbo@hickschools.net.

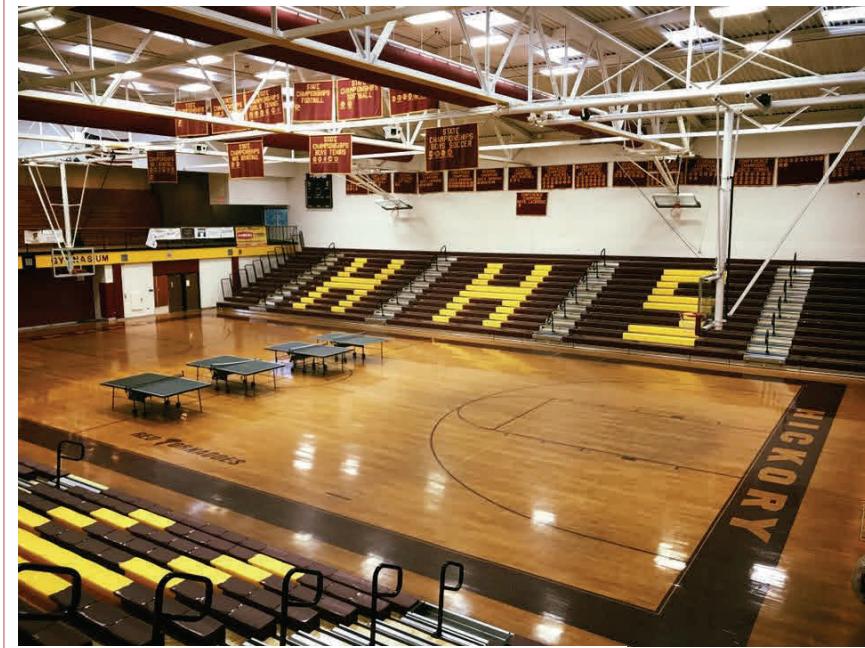
April is Autism Month -- Building Awareness & Understanding

The first National Autism Awareness Month was declared in 1970. The goal is to educate the public about autism. Autism is a complex, developmental disability, characterized by difficulties in the way a person interacts and communicates with people. Autism can be present from birth or form during early childhood (typically within the first three years). At Hickory Public Schools, and schools across the nation, progress is being made in serving the needs of students diagnosed with autism.

To learn more about the programs at HPS, contact the Exceptional Children’s Department.



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The new seating in Craft Gym at HHS!

(Thanks to Dr. Clarke for sharing this photo.)



HPS announces new director of exceptional children

Hickory Public Schools Board of Education recently selected Tammy Beach as the district's new director of exceptional children.



Beach currently the assistant principal at Jenkins Elementary School, has an extensive background working with exceptional children and in school administration.

Prior to serving Jenkins, where she has been instrumental in improving the instructional expectations and rigor for the exceptional children and academically/intellectually gifted programs, Beach served as principal of Newland Elementary School from 2008 through 2016. During her tenure with Avery County Schools, Beach was named the district's Principal of the Year.

Previous administrative leadership includes serving as the assistant principal for Avery

County High School from 2006-2008. Beach was the school's coordinator for all exceptional children services.

As a former classroom teacher, Beach instructed the exceptional children's programs for Newton-Conover Middle School, Newton-Conover High School, as well as West McDowell Junior High.

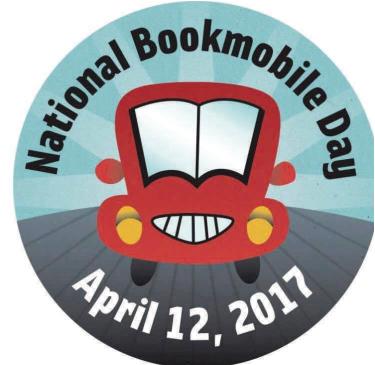
Earning her undergraduate degree in special education from Appalachian State University, Beach also earned her Master of School Administration from Appalachian State University. During this time, Beach was selected for the NC Principal Fellows Program in addition to the honor of selection for Gamma Beta Phi Society, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, and she was an Honor Student Teacher.

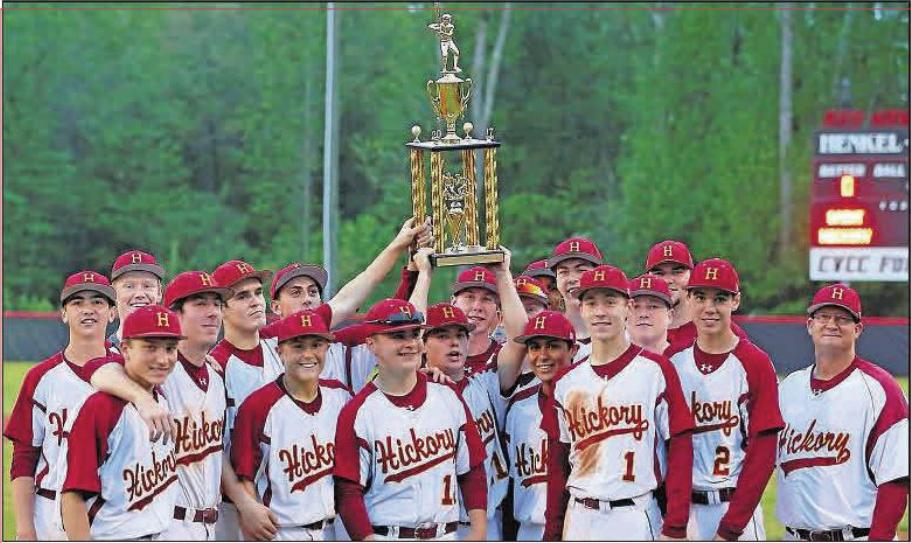
Beach, who will report to HPS Assistant Superintendent Denise Patterson, will begin her new duties this June, following the closure of her academic leadership with Jenkins Elementary.



Thanks to the **HPS Book Bus team** for helping the community to celebrate National Bookmobile Day!

Lots of children, of every age, enjoying reading!





Hickory celebrates its win after the championship game of the Catawba County Easter Baseball Classic.



Southwest Student Wins Little Read Contest!

Congrats to Daniel Bifield, III, a first grader at Southwest. He won the All-Around Literature Contest for the recent Little Read event at Lenoir-Rhyne University. This year's theme was "You're One of a Kind" and the Little Read book was *Beekle, The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat. His teacher is Yolander Watkins.



Congrats to HCAM senior, Johnny White, for winning Rotarian Idol! A grand prize of \$2500! Keep up the great singing!

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