

Press Release
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Ashe County Schools Holds 21st Endowment Fund Golf Tournament

JEFFERSON — The 21st annual Ashe County Schools Endowment Fund golf tournament was held on July 27 at Jefferson Landing Golf Club.

The first place winners for gross score was SkyLine/SkyBest's afternoon team. Members were Edward Hinson, Charles Graeber, Walter Hutto and Carter Sitterson. The second place winners for gross score was SkyLine/SkyBest's morning team. Members were Jim Shepherd, Will Cornet, Brett Jarret and Robert Andrews. The third place gross winners was the Westwood Elementary School team. Members included Kevin Miller, Steve Day, David McNeill and Steven Moody.

First place winners for net score was one of AEV's teams which played in the morning round. Members included Roy Badger, Randy Barr, Kenny Harless and Anthony Hamilton. Second place winners for net score was Scott Brothers Heating and Air. Members included Randall Scott, Chad Scott, Trey Scott and Sean Turnmire. Third place winners for net score was Carolina West Wireless' morning team. Members included Tony Shelton, Dan McMillan, Ricky Brown and H. Davis.

For this year's tournament there were 10 corporate sponsors and 12 hole sponsors. Corporate sponsors included Blue Ridge Energy, Surry Insurance, Electric City Masonry, LLC, Carolina West Wireless, Vannoy Construction, Southeast Interior Systems, LLC, JDM Concrete Services, LLC, AEV, SkyLine/SkyBest, and Maymead, Inc. Hole sponsors included GE Aerospace, Westwood Elementary School, Scott Brothers Heating and Air, B & G Plumbing and Electrical Inc., Associated Heating and Air, Stuart's Landscaping, Mountain View Elementary School, Appalachian Legacy Funeral Services, LLC, Ashe County Middle School, S.E.H. Construction/L & E Lumber, Blue Ridge Elementary School and Ashe County High School. Two businesses sponsored lunch for the golfers, LINQ and Ashe Medics.

In addition to lunch sponsors, Ingles of West Jefferson provided fruit for the golfers in the morning and Hardees and Bojangles provided biscuits and coffee. Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. donated a generous amount of soft drinks, water and Gatorade for the golfers.

Other sponsors who made monetary contributions or served as golf cart sponsors included Pierce Group Benefits, Skyline National Bank, Smoky Mountain Barbecue, The Style Depot, Cardinal Quarries, LLC, Little's Health and Fitness, Tara's Tees, TNT Welding, Third Day Market, Boondocks Brewing, LLC, Ashley Hardwood Flooring, Inc., The Dough Shed, Parker Tie Hardware, Ashe Early College High School, WJ Hardware, Cutter's Edge, The Honey Hole, Farmer's Towing, New River Barista, Pam's Unique Boutique, Vacay Media, LLC, Old Castle Corporation and George Colvard and team.

Prior to the start of each round, Ashe County Schools educators who received Endowment Fund grants for 2023-2024 thanked all in attendance for their support and shared their plans for the funds. 11 grants out of the 17 submitted for consideration were awarded to educators in Ashe County.

Present for the morning round to speak were Kelly Holleman, Kasey Jones and Tammi Harvey. All are Ashe County Middle School employees. Present for the afternoon round to speak were Jessica Lyalls and Jessica Calhoun, teachers at Mountain View Elementary School. Lyalls and Calhoun also played in the tournament on the MVES team.

The Ashe County Schools Board of Education Endowment Board extends its appreciation to all in the community who supported this year's tournament.