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Friends for over 50 years, Jean (left) and Faye have followed the same journey together since high school.
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Sarah Lankford presents check to Rochelle Clabough with Buckingham 4-H. Photo by Martha Louis.

A Birthday to Remember!

By Martha Louis
Correspondent

A lot of people have good intentions and a handful of people actually get them accomplished. This is the story of a woman who used her 50th

Birthday as the catalyst to be a blessing to many organizations in central Virginia.

How many folks get black balloons for their 50th birthday – they say they are so sad to have reached this milestone. On the other hand, Sarah Lankford, says that she had been waiting for this birthday with great anticipation and excitement as long as she can remember. For several years she has been saving pennies, dimes and dollars for the goal of giving it all away. Sarah is not rich financially, but what a rich soul she has!

Sarah did a lot of research on various local organizations and some larger ones and chose the ones that had a special meaning for her and her family.

How did Sarah's day start? Well, she and her sister Sandi drove to Joe Beans (coffee shop) in

Appomattox. They ordered their drinks and paid for them, then gave the coffee lady a \$50 bill to pay for the cars behind us, as far as it would go.

Here are some of the organizations who were blessed by Sarah's generosity of a \$50 donation:

- Virginia State Parks Employee Benevolence Fund
- Special Olympics
- Chestnut Grove Baptist Scholarship Fund – this is Sarah's church and they help church members attend college.
- Buckingham County 4-H – she helped a child attend 4-H Camp
- Buckingham VFW
- Buckingham County Rescue Squad- Sarah's grandson was involved in a serious accident and she was so impressed with the treatment he got – compassion, kindness and professionalism.

BUCKINGHAM FOOD PANTRY CALENDAR

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•Pregnancy Support Center of Southside Virginia- Sarah participates in their Walk for Life.

•Appomattox County Pet Center- They do a great job adopting pets out.

•Gleaning for the World- Sarah chose the WINGS program which empowers women around the world.

Sarah says, " It is my wish and my prayer that folks will read this and be encouraged to do the same. Even a small simple act of kindness does not go unnoticed. If an ordinary 50-year-old from Buckingham, Virginia, of average means, with limited resources can do this, anyone can!"

Sarah and Sandi did some spontaneous gifting on her birthday also. They were riding by the workplace of a good

friend and decided she might need a quick visit (and a blessing). So they stopped by and gave Sallie a \$50 bill. I'm pretty sure it made her day! Sallie is such a kind person and they were glad to be able to make her smile. At lunch, they ate at Uptown Café in Farmville and left a large bill in the tip jar. Then on to Merk's Place for dessert and while they were sitting there, an elderly lady came in and ordered lunch, as they left they paid her bill too. (unbeknownst to her).

In this world of division, anger, materialism, and greed, Sarah is a breath of fresh air and is an example of what we should all strive to be – caring, kind, inclusive, and giving.

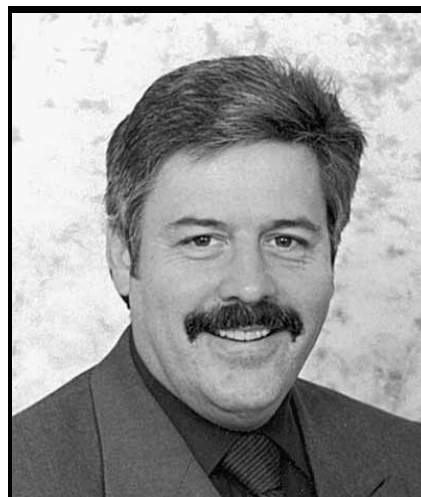
Happy Birthday, Sarah !

**Readers We Need
Your Help!**

Following The Buckingham Beacon's November Veterans' Day edition last November, where five living World War II veterans were honored through photos and their stories, we are now asking our readers to help us identify living veterans from the Korean War (1950-1953) and the Vietnam War (1955-1973) who are currently living in Buckingham County.

If you are such a veteran or know someone who is, please contact Sue Miles at sueamiles52@gmail.com.

It is The Beacon's intention to continue this project of recognition for these very deserving patriots.



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50th Years - Faye and Jean

By Sue Miles
Correspondent

Talking to Jean Banton Tyree and Faye Leonard Spurlock is like taking a walk through history as they share their life and career stories. The two friends not only graduated from Buckingham Central the same year (1968) but they also graduated from the same cosmetology school at the same time. Thus, both are celebrating their 50th year in business as hair dressers. "We met in the eighth grade," said Jean. "We didn't hang out but we were friends. We both had Mrs. Camp for 12th grade English."

That senior English class was the opportunity that linked the two friends for life. "We all used to sit in a circle in Mrs. Camp's class," said Faye. "That's when Jean and I both realized that we were planning to go to beauty school after graduation." Both noted that they had individually thought about a nursing career but when given the opportunity to shadow some people in the medical profession they realized that they "didn't have the stomach for it."

And, then their journey continued as they both chose to attend Hollywood Beauty College in Farmville. "Jean had the car so we decided to ride together," said Faye. "I guess simply working on my own hair made me decide that I wanted to do this as a career," said Jean. Faye laughed and said, "Everyone in those days had those big rollers that we use to sleep on."

Both ladies talked extensively about the number of hours they had to complete at the beauty school to prepare for the state board exam. "We had to have 1,500 hours of class time before we could

take the exam," said Jean. "It was given on 9th and Grace in Richmond," said Faye. "It took us about nine months to complete the course. We started in June and finished in March."

All students had to work on the public's hair while they were in school. "We were in class one morning a week and then we worked in the salon after that," said Jean. "We attended school Tuesday through Saturday," added Faye.

When it came to school and state boards both ladies agreed on an issue. "Going to school wasn't hard," said Jean. "Taking the state board was hard. "There was a big written question test that we had to take in order to be allowed to take the state board. Part of it covered anatomy and chemistry."

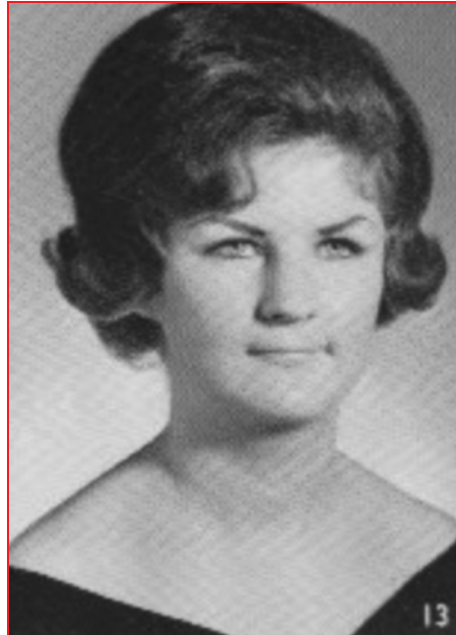
During the time the ladies went to school they had to survive on tips given at the school salon. "If you got a dollar you were tickled," said Faye. "That's what bought you gas for back and forth." Jean laughed and added, "It was mostly quarter tips."

Both ladies passed the state board on their first try and had actually opened up their shops with a temporary license before taking the exam. "We talked about working together but there was no place in the Dillwyn area big enough to do that," said Faye. So their individual professional journeys began, although they were never far apart in friendship.

"I first started where I am now," said Jean. "The building was owned by a Mr. Self. I had children and stopped working for a while. Then I rented out a space in the local laundry mat as someone else was renting the Self building. After a



Jean, shown as a high school senior, had considered going into the health field, before deciding on cosmetology.



Faye is shown as a senior at Buckingham Central. She and Jean connected in their English 12 class about attending a beauty school in Farmville.



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Jean's shop, located at 1237 Main Street, used to be owned by a Mr. Self, who also ran a barber shop. Photo by Sue Miles.

year. I got to rent the building again and have been there ever since."

"I opened in a small building next to Ranson Brothers, called the 'old central office', said Faye. "I rented one room for \$30 a month rent. I was there until January 1977 and then I bought my current building and have been here ever since. My sister, Debbie, who had gotten her license, joined me here. She's still with me part-time."

Jean noted that her parents initially helped her set up her business. Faye's situation was a bit different. "A man who was a representative of Southern Beauty Supply in Norfolk asked them to send me a styling chair, two used dryers, and a sink. They charged it all to me and I paid it off," she said.

Jean has remodeled four times and still has one her original hairdryers. Faye has an original sink. Both agreed that their initial investment was fairly small. "We did have to buy a business license from Dillwyn, which we renew each year," said Faye. "We also had to set up the water system and the power. Howard Rosen was with the telephone company and asked them to wait a couple of months before billing me. Mr. Ranson, who originally owned my building, said I could wait to pay rent."

And, they opened the same month; April 1969. "I had 13 customers the first day," said Faye. "I don't remember being nervous about starting the business," said Jean. "We were too young and dumb to know any better."

Both ladies have seen changes over the past 50 years as styles and trends go in and out. "The mullet and wings are good examples," said Faye. "Yet, even though there are new styles, there is not actually that many things you can do with hair." Jean noted that frosting is now called highlighting. "Perms are out for younger people," she said. "Now everyone wants straight hair." "In the old days people would only wash their hair once a week," said Faye. "Now everyone is washing their hair every day. And, it used to be everyone got their hair washed and set once a week."

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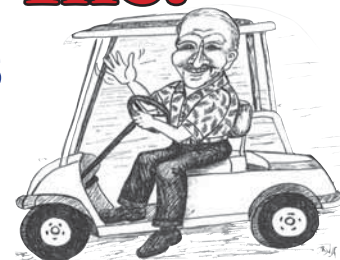
Faye's shop, located at 363 Main Street, is located in what some people call "the bottom" of the town of Dillwyn. Photo by Sue Miles.



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Jean's shop has one of her original beauty chairs from 50 years ago. Not a fan of housework, she doesn't plan to retire any time soon. Photos by Sue Miles



Styles and cuts may come and go but many of the tools of the beauty trade remain the same, including these colorful rollers used by both Jean and Faye.

Both agree that the hardest part of the business is the long hours. "Being self-employed means if you don't work, you don't get paid," said Jean. "There are always some issues when you deal with the public," added Faye. "Now mostly it's trying to get people to come on time."

Neither have any plans to retire. "I don't want to retire. I don't like housework," said Jean. "I would rather be doing this. I feel like I'm doing something for people. Plus, I'm also raising two grandchildren."

"I've always had to work," said Faye. "I was a widow for ten years, so I was totally supporting myself. I'm afraid if I sit down I won't be doing anything."

And, both agreed that the best part of their work is meeting people. "I've been down on the floor with little kids trying to cut their hair," said Jean. Faye laughed and added, "Kids are a challenge." In considering their 50-year history of work they acknowledge there's many memories. "We should have written a book but it couldn't be published until after we've died," said Faye. "We've seen a lot of interesting things that can't be printed. We probably know many things about people that others don't know." Jean added, "In this job you have to be a bit of a psychiatrist."

"Customers are just like family," said Faye. "I have people dropping in all the time, not to get their hair done, but simply to visit. I had a new lady come in who had moved here and she said she loved coming here. It's like family."

"I've had customers come in who've gone to Richmond and come back and say that there's no one who can cut hair like you," said Jean.

Each has their favorite aspect to the logistics of their job. "I enjoy doing color and my favorite hairstyle is the bob," said Jean. "I really like cutting," said Faye.

Any strange request from the public? "In the 1970's a man wanted me to perm his hair," said Jean. "When the guys first started coming they would come after hours." Faye laughed and added, "I'd have to wave them in when the coast was clear."

Jean also goes to Heritage Hall Health Care facility several days during the week to be available for clients who aren't mobile. She also contracts with Dunkum Funeral Home in Dillwyn. Faye will do the same on special requests. Always friends, they support each other in various ways. "We send customers to each other if can't fit them in," said Faye.

Jean's Beauty Salon, which is located at 1237 Main Street in Dillwyn, is currently open Thursdays through Saturday, 9AM - 5PM and Thursday nights until 7 p.m. Faye's shop, at 636 Main Street in Dillwyn, is open Tuesdays through Fridays, 9-5 and Saturday's until noon. These two friends have a special 50-year bond that is unique and special. And, one that doesn't sound like it will be over for many years.

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Pictured are Martha Louis, president of Historic Buckingham, and Krishna Jo Melendez, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayfest Donation of \$500

The Buckingham Chamber of Commerce recently donated \$500 toward Mayfest, an annual celebration of Buckingham County, organized by Historic Buckingham Inc. the event will be held May 11 at the Historic Village at Lee Wayside off Route 60. The event is free and open to the public.



Pictured with Maxey and Gilroy and Sandra Moss, far left, and Janet Miller, second from right.

Business owners and operators speak to Chamber

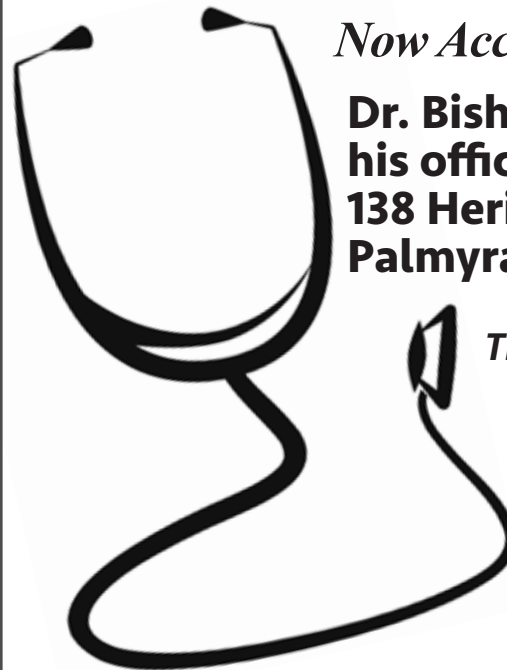
Tripp Maxey, second from left, and Lori Gilroy, far right, spoke to the Buckingham Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night during its "How's Business?" series. Maxey owns and operates Tripp Maxey Construction and Gilroy operates James River Equipment in Dillwyn. Both discussed the respective states of their businesses, their challenges and their successes. "The Chamber is proud to have Tripp and Lori representing their businesses, and we welcome other businesses to Boone for the small fee of \$35 a year, which covers all monthly meetings, networking events, meet and greets, special promotions, discounts, and more," said Chamber Vice President Jordan Miles.

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Parents, please bring your child during these hours to register for Kindergarten. Students must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2019. Students will be screened for Kindergarten by one of our Kindergarten teachers and taken on a brief tour of our school! Screenings last about 20 minutes each. **Students currently enrolled in the BCPS PreK program are not required to register for Kindergarten.**

Please bring the following documentation with you on the day of registration:

1. Two proofs of residency (e.g. driver's license, utility bill, rental agreement)
2. Birth Certificate
3. Physical Examination Report (must be dated within 12 months of the first day of school)
4. Immunization Record (immunizations must be up-to-date)

If you do not have the above documents, it is very helpful to register now. **Documents must be on file at BCPS by the first day of school!**

If you have any questions, contact Buckingham County Primary School at (434) 505-000.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



A Fairy Tale Adventure

The Drama Club at Buckingham Middle School will present, "A Fairy Tale Adventure" on Friday, May 10, 6:30 p.m. at BCMS. This play, a British comedy, includes many well-known fairy tale characters, but with a fun, comedic plot twist on the traditional stories. Join us and find out if clever boy-wonder, Hansel, and sword-fighter extraordinaire, Paddy Ginger (as in, Gingerbread man) can save the Enchanted Forest and all of Fairy Land from the Wicked Witch and her sidekick, Smarty, the big, but not-so-bad wolf. Come ready to laugh and audience participation is encouraged!

Admission is \$5.00 at the door. Doors open at 6 for seating.



ATTENTION BCHS CLASSES OF 1969 AND 1970

We are trying to seek out members of these 2 classes to invite them to a 50th Class Reunion. .

When: August 24th, 2019

Time: 3:00-10:00pm

Where: The Barn (located on Rt 60 near Duck's Corner)

Contact Information:

CLASS OF 69 – Annettekinsey@gmail.com

CLASS OF 70- rosehaven@embarqmail.com

• **The Dillwyn Fire Dept will be selling their delicious Chicken BBQ dinners on Sunday April 28th.** The dinners will be ready at NOON. Come support them !

• **Breast Cancer Awareness Walk:** June 1 Opening ceremony at 9:30am Dillwyn Pocket Park

• **HOPE DAY:** Ellis Acres April 27, 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Upcoming Library Events

Family Fun

MAYFEST 2019- May 11th 10:00-2:00 The library will have a table with crafts and Information. Held at The Historic Village at Lee Wayside

MOVIE TIME: Fridays at noon – Bring your own lunch or snack to enjoy in our meeting room

April 26- To Kill a Mockingbird

May 3- The Karate Kid

May 10- ET

May 17- Hook

May 24- labyrinth

May 31- Mrs. Doubtfire



COMPUTOR CLASSES

May 1 Ebooks and Downloads

May 8 Library Features

-Online tools

May 15 Intro to Word

AA and Al Anon

Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm - Scottsville United Methodist Church. AA meets in the Fellowship Hall and Al Anon (for families of problem drinkers) meets in the Sunday School Room.

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Gospel Explosion nets Habitat success

By Thomas Jordan Miles III

Several church groups and gospel performers made their mark during a benefit for the Buckingham Build for the Farmville Area Habitat for Humanity's efforts to improve affordable, accessible housing in Buckingham County. The event was held at The Crystal Cathedral in Dillwyn. Buckingham Build Chairman Donna McRae Jones organized the fourth annual event, which netted nearly \$550 from donations during the event. Pictured performing during the event are members of Spreading Oaks. Others participating included Chris Lewis, Warminster Baptist Church Youth Choir, and Zion Baptist Church. For more information on the Buckingham Build, call 434-394-3001 or visit www.farmvillehabitat.com.



Watching Your Weight

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Caring for Seniors in a Unique Way

Contributed by Thomas Jordan Miles III

Buckingham native son Henry Fulcher has been the voice of early-morning news, weather, community events and uplifting humor for over 50 years on WFLO Radio in Farmville, seated behind a mic carrying 50,000 megawatts of broadcast power.

Recently, as his Buckingham County listeners and much of the community knows, Henry, who was born near Rosney along with his brothers and sisters, has been ill and battling varying health issues because of falls.

It's been a trying experience for Henry and his wife, Joyce. Between the many appointments, follow-ups, doctor's reports, therapy, navigating insurance, and medications, it's been a whirlwind for Henry and his family, especially with Joyce working full-time at Hampden-Sydney College and Henry being off the air.

That's when Henry and Joyce, members of the aging community who are known across the region, heard about Piedmont Senior Resources' (PSR) new program that takes seniors to their medical appointments.

Though senior medical transportation may be one of the more well-known programs the non-profit area agency on aging offers, PSR offers a menu of more than 15 programs to seniors residing in Buckingham.

PSR offers nutritionally-balanced home delivered meals weekly on Tuesdays for homebound seniors in Buckingham. The agency also has a Friendship Cafe/Congregate Nutrition Site open at Mt. Olive Baptist Church at the intersection of Routes 15 and 20 on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., which offers games, arts, crafts, informational speakers, a hot, nutritionally-balanced lunch, social time, field trips, and access to resources. Transportation is provided to seniors in the county who cannot drive.

"We offer a myriad of programs for seniors living here in Buckingham," said PSR CEO Justine A. Young. "We put companions/homemakers in homes of seniors to assist with day to day activities, such as grocery shopping, meal preparation, and light house cleaning. We offer Care Coordination to seniors who are struggling to navigate the troublesome path involving scheduling doctor's appointments, follow-ups and other medical appointments. We distribute canes, walkers and wheelchairs for seniors in Buckingham. We install grab bars, wheelchair ramps, air conditioners, ceramic heaters, and the list goes on."

Besides meal delivery, congregate nutrition and medical transportation, PSR offers many other services to seniors, including nutrition counseling, money management, farmer's market coupons, insurance counseling, assistance with Medicare and Medicaid, falls prevention, diabetes education, disease prevention and health promotion, assistance with the rights of loved ones in long term care facilities, and the list goes on.

Because PSR is a nonprofit agency, it heavily depends on donations and grants



Buckingham native and WFLO Radio Personality Henry Fulcher, left, and his wife Joyce, are ready for Henry's non-emergency medical appointment in Lynchburg. Henry and Joyce were the agency's first clients for the blossoming service. "It took a lot of weight off my wife's shoulders," he said of the service. Fulcher was born and raised near Rosney in Buckingham.

to provide these services to seniors who are homebound or able to access transportation. Donations are welcome; the agency is holding its annual fundraising event, A Racy Affair, a Kentucky Derby-themed event on Saturday, May 4, from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at J&J Treeland, 2182 Harris Creek Road, Prospect, in Prince Edward County. Tickets are \$35 until April 14 and \$50 each afterward and include an evening full of fun, derby-related games and activities, music from Southbound, catered food, beverages, contests, charitable gambling, and much more. For more information or for tickets, contact the agency.

Henry and Joyce Fulcher were the first clients of the new senior medical transportation service --- one that, since December, has seen more than 100 clients assisted and transported.

Using grants and vouchers, PSR is able to transport seniors, using paid and volunteer staff, for little to no cost for the majority of clients.

"It took a lot of weight off my wife's shoulders who would have had to drive to an unknown place," Henry said after using the new medical transportation program. "(We) rode in comfort and got to fellowship with the driver."

The Fulchers were at ease. "It was really good because Joyce was not used to doing everything, you know."

The driver, who, along with all others for PSR, have been trained in passenger assistance, safety, and sensitivity, along with the rules of the road, "loaded us up, secured us down, and we went on," Henry said. "With no concerns about the timing, parking or anything. He dropped us at the door...The driver carried me inside. It was just done in comfort."

Henry said he highly recommends PSR's new non-emergency medical transportation program, which allows seniors to schedule their appointments seven business days in advance of their appointment by calling PSR at 1-866-392-8432.

Henry said he was an honor to be the agency's first client with the new program. "It relieved me personally."

The service is available to members of the aging community who live in Buckingham County.

In past Health Needs Assessments and surveys conducted by Centra Southside and STEPS Inc. among others, transportation has been ranked in the top three needs locally.

For more information on the services offered by PSR for seniors in Buckingham, to volunteer, or for information on getting help to senior citizens, call 434-767-5588, email jmiles@psraaa.org, or stop by PSR, located at The Shoppes at College Park, 1413 South Main St., Farmville, VA 23901.



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Slate River Ramblings

Joanne Yeck has been fascinated with Buckingham County for over twenty years. Since late 2012, she has shared her collection of Buckingham facts and photos on her blog, "Slate River Ramblings" (slateriverramblings.com). Her newest history, *Peter Field Jefferson: Dark Prince of Scottsville & Lost Jeffersons*, is now available locally and online (braughlerbooks.com).

The Winter of 1872

In December of 1872, Richmond's *Whig* printed a letter from a Buckingham County correspondent. It was signed only with the initials M. B. D. What began as a description of cruel weather during 1872 turned into an opportunity to both criticize and praise black freedmen in the county, naming farmers and two men who represented the county in Richmond. The letter's lengthy title aptly describes the breadth of its author's focus.



The Winter Drouth—Cold Weather—Negro Improvidence— Energy of Colored Farmers—Black Radicals Buckingham C. H., December 12th, 1872.

A rude gauge, constructed on the most primitive plan, but accurate withal, indicates a decrease of nine inches in the rain-fall of the present year, compared with that of last. This test was obtained about the center of this county, and I suppose is about an average of the Southside section embracing at least one hundred square miles. The drouth has continued into the Winter, and the mills dependent on small streams, as a consequence, are all standing still. The little brooks are reduced to silvery threads winding through the sedge fields, and in the forests they are hidden 'neath the fallen leaves, and are now frozen. The absolute lack of humidity in the atmosphere gives peculiar zest to the cold and adds a considerable percentage to the doctors' bills for curing frostbite.

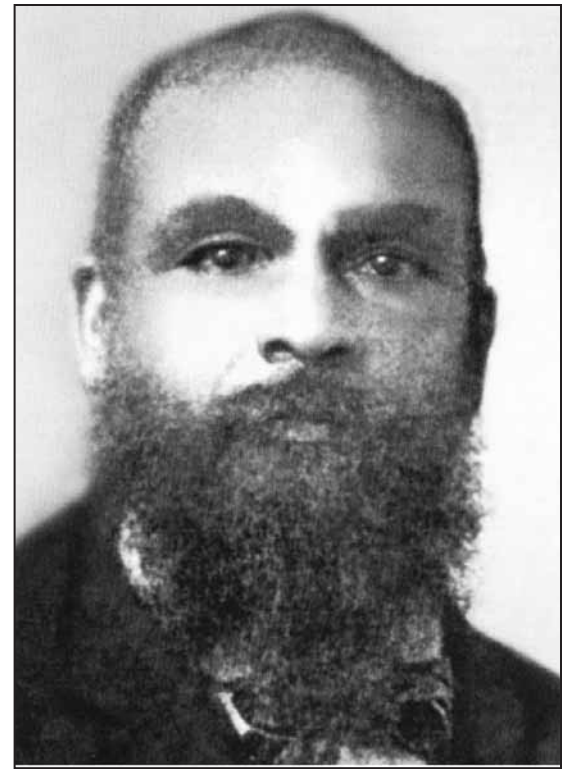
M. B. D., whose education included the ability to quote Shakespeare's Hamlet, was critical of the postwar era, condemning irresponsible men, who abandoned their families to winter's cruel winds.

Big log fires are very comfortable, and in this well-wooded country they cost little but the trouble of making. Still, they do not answer for clothing or glass and shattered windows. They will not rehang a door swagging on broken hinges, or daub a wall "to expel the Winter's flaw." Nor, yet, answer for food for the hungry, nor medicine for the sick, and families there are about the country who know and suffer these privations. In many cases this is the result of the most abject laziness, but instances have come within my observation of negroes who have left their families destitute of food and clothing (and in some cases almost without shelter) and have gone off to the railroads, from whence they only return to vote for some Radical office-seeker and hurry back to the railroad again, perhaps leaving a few dollars to be expended in frippery at some auction stand on court days, leaving wretched, ragged children at "home" to starve to death or burned alive in the flames that often consumed their wretched hovels.

In his final comment, M. B. D. strove to balance his critical observations of some African-American men by praising the steadfastness of others whom he apparently knew personally. He also commented on two men from Buckingham County's

whose influence was widely felt. His dislike for Radical Republican Frank Moss was shared by many, however, his criticism of one of Buckingham County's most honorable and admired citizens, Rev. Caesar Perkins, is a bit surprising. His letter concluded:

Notwithstanding the exceeding unfavorableness of the year for all manner of crops, they have not been injured to anything like the extent which was anticipated. Two colored men, James Clark and Ben Moseley, renting land from William Merry Perkins, Esq., working two yoke of oxen, made ninety barrels of corn, several hogsheads of tobacco and other crops, oats, etc. George Shepard and Zach Griffin are two other names from the colored ranks to be placed on a roll of honor as men farming in a farmer-like manner, and living as worthy, upright citizens, supporting their families in independence "laying up something for a rainy day." How different are these men from Frank Moss ("Hippopotamos") and Caesar Perkins, of whom it is said that the brutal insolence of the one and the fawning duplicity of the other, have set them apart as objects of scorn and contempt of all well minded persons.



Rev. Caesar Perkins. Courtesy E. Renée Ingram and Charles W. White, Sr.

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Wait state
- 6 Normal beginning?
- 10 Lot size, maybe
- 14 Archer's ammo
- 15 Erelong
- 16 Type of rug
- 17 Crowning ceremony
- 19 Tattered duds
- 20 Part of BTU
- 21 Grant
- 23 Director's cry
- 24 Over-the-hill horse
- 25 Bee or Em
- 26 Take on, as a challenge
- 28 Shocked
- 30 Prophetic
- 32 Engrave on glass

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- 33 Make a sweater
- 34 Coastal bird
- 35 Blue hue
- 37 Have a hunch
- 39 ___-ran
- 42 Vegan no-no
- 44 Office note
- 47 Feature film preceder, once
- 49 Sarcastic
- 51 Move unsteadily
- 52 Forest dweller
- 54 Chic getaway
- 55 Polished off
- 56 Strip
- 58 Study all night
- 59 Name as a source
- 61 Breakfast melon
- 63 "I had no ___!"
- 64 Get the pot going

- 65 Speck in the sea
- 66 Fender bender result
- 67 Fortune teller
- 68 Over yonder
- 10 Berne's river
- 11 One of a cereal trio
- 12 Bar fixture?
- 13 Tampa's time zone
- 18 Have an edge against
- 22 WWII female
- 25 Pale as a ghost
- 27 Butcher's offering
- 29 Approach boldly
- 31 Break in relations
- 33 Kind of pad
- 36 NBC show, "___ Got Talent"
- 38 Ruler of the east
- 39 Stomach remedy
- 40 Danger for small boats
- 41 Add sugar to
- 43 How some prefer their pasta
- 45 Govern badly
- 46 In theory only
- 48 Roulette bet
- 49 Software test version
- 50 Germ cell
- 53 Aromatic compound
- 57 Wind instrument
- 58 Brit's bludgeon
- 60 Chow down
- 62 Liquored up

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BCHS FBLA Members Attend the 2019 Leadership Conferences

By Sydney Mullins
Contributor

Accompanied by their adviser, eleven members of the Buckingham County High School Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) attended the 2019 FBLA Longwood Regional Spring Leadership Conference at Longwood University on March 12. After excelling at the regional conference, twelve competitors and two advisers, Sandy Wier and Anita Crawford, ventured to the 2019 Virginia State Leadership Conference in Reston, VA on April 5 through April 7. The competition was fierce as fourteen students displayed their talent in various real-world business knowledge and skills events. They participated in workshops geared towards increasing leadership skills and business knowledge.

Over two hundred members from the Longwood region attended the regional leader convention to compete for the opportunity to advance to the state leadership conference. Twelve students were victorious and proceeded to the state level, which consisted of over 75 events. Fourteen BCHS members engaged in competitions such as Banking and Financial Systems, Business Communications, Coding and Programming, Emerging Business Issues, Introduction to FBLA, Introduction to Technology, Political Science, Public Service Announcement, 2 Public Speaking events, Sales Presentation, and Securities and Investments. Thirteen out of the fourteen competitors placed at the regional conference with twelve members continuing to compete at the Virginia State Leadership Conference in April.

Banking and Financial Systems is a two-part team event consisting of an objec-



(front row, L-R): Rachel Bardon, Kimberleigh Bryan, Colton Morris, Harleen Raj, Christyn Amos, Sydney Mullins
(back row, L-R): Morgan Small, Buddy Terry, Jr., Cole Bohanon, Nathan Brickhill, Amil Bolden, Tajhmir Gough

tive test on basic banking and financial concepts, practices, and government regulations of the finance industry plus a presentation component of a case study. Sydney Mullins and Christyn Amos placed first at the regional level and proceeded to the state conference in Reston, VA. These ladies also competed in the Community Service Project Chapter event at the state conference where they wrote a report and gave a presentation on their chapter's partnership with Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Dillwyn, VA. This dynamic duo placed 4th at the state conference and will represent BCHS, the Longwood Region, and Virginia at the 2019 FBLA National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas in June.

Business Communications is an event in which the students take an objective test based on verbal and nonverbal communications, communication concepts, and digital communications. Amil Bolden won third place at the regional level and continued to the state level. Ms. Bolden also competed in a chapter event at the state level for her Local Chapter Annual Business Report, receiving an Honorable Mention allowing her to continue to the national level in June.

Coding and Programming is a project-based competitive event in which the students have to develop a computer program. This year the students had to develop a computer program to manage the issuance of e-books to a class of students. Cole Bohanon received first place for his program at the regional and state levels and will continue to the 2019 FBLA National Leadership Conference to present his program to a panel of judges in San Antonio, Texas in June.

Morgan Small won first place at the regional and state levels in the Sales Presentation event. She had to effectively deliver a pitch attempting to persuade the judges with a planned sales presentation strategy of a product or service designed to initiate and close a sale. Ms. Small will compete at the national level.

Public Service Announcement is an event where the students have to research a topic and create a 30-second PSA video then present it to a panel of judges. Tajhmir Gough placed first in this event at the regional conference and fourth at the state conference. He will represent BCHS and the Longwood Region, and Virginia at the national level this June.

Emerging Business Issues is an event where competitors are expected to research the topic prior to the conference and be prepared to present both the affirmative and negative arguments. This year's topic was the use of microchips in the workplace. Rachel Bardon took first place for her presentation at the regional level and fifth place at the state level.

In the Introduction to FBLA event, students take an objective test on FBLA's history, organization, bylaws, and chapter management. Buddy Terry, Jr. placed fourth at the regional conference and continued to compete at the state conference.

Introduction to Technology is an objective test based on computer hardware and software, operating systems, and common program functions and applications. Zachary Jamerson placed fourth at the regional conference.

Kimberleigh Bryan placed second in the Introduction to Public Speaking event (for freshman and sophomores) and Nathan Brickhill placed second in the Public Speaking event (for juniors and seniors). Both of these events require the students to give a speech based on one or more of FBLA's goals. They both represented BCHS and the region at the state level.

Harleen Raj won second place in the Political Science event where she had to take an objective test that showed she had an understanding of the government's role in society and the interaction between economic and political life. She competed at the state leadership conference.

In the Securities and Investments event the students take an objective test that demonstrates their knowledge and understanding of securities and investments. Colton Morris placed third at the regional conference and continued to the state level.

We congratulate the Buckingham FBLA Chapter and wish them luck as they compete at the 2019 FBLA National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas on June 28 through July 3.



Hello Rudy.....

Photo by Sue Miles

Say hello to Rudy, the five year old Boston Terrier and Pug mix, also known as a "Bug" who belongs to Linda and Johnny Crews of Dillwyn. And, note his right ear. Yes, Mr. Rudy has a diamond stud in his lobe. As the story goes, when Johnny decided to get pierced, Rudy thought he'd like to join in the fun. So, here he is - sort of a Rudy in the Sky with Diamonds. A very spoiled canine, he is much loved by the Crews, who admit that they've spoiled him rotten. As Linda acknowledged, "He sleeps with us and is a joy. Never thought I would have a dog in the house but once we saw him it was love at first sight. We did not know how much enjoyment could be received from a pet, but now we know. Rudy means the world to both of us."



Pictured from L/R: Ian Martin, Joshua Meek, Jon Gowans, Tyler Moore, Grant Martin, James Moneymaker, SGT Tindall, Nathan Price, Alyssa Gentry, Devin Corral, Joey Boyles and Tyler Moree. Not pictured: Christian Poole, Isabel Martinez, Sarah Perry, Ayers Newton, Dalton Stuple and Michael Graham. Photo courtesy of Bruce Grazier

Best Raider Championship

Contributed by SFC (Ret) Bruce Grazier

The 4th Brigade Best of the Best Raider Championship were held at Lee Ford Camp, Ridgeway, Virginia on 13 April 2019. The rain and muddy conditions didn't slow down either team as both teams successfully qualified for Raider Nationals. In the all Male Division, led by Junior Tyler Moore, Buckingham would trophy first place in every event that included the 5K, Physical Fitness Challenge, Rope Bridge, Logistics Relay and Litter Carry.

In the Mixed Division, led by Senior Alyssa Gentry, Buckingham would place with

an impressive overall 5th, but would trophy 3rd place in the following events, Rope Bridge, Logistics Relay and the Physical Fitness Challenge. To be eligible to compete in the Mixed team category, the team must have at least four female Raiders out of nine. Teams competing traveled from West Virginia, Virginia, North and South Carolina. Buckingham Raiders will now make their second appearance at Raider Nationals, to be held on 2 Nov 2019 in Molena, Georgia.



1238: Volunteers with the Habitat for Humanity Buckingham Build attend the EnergyShare event. Pictured are, from left, Bill Kemp, Donna McRae-Jones, and Chris Yates. Photo by Thomas Jordan Miles, III

Large crowd attends EnergyShare kick-off

Contributed by Thomas Jordan Miles III

There was lots of excitement at Ellis Acres Park in Dillwyn on Saturday, March 30 during EnergyShare's kick-off event, one that encompasses a new partnership with STEPS Inc. and Ellis Acres, and EnergyShare.

More than 100 attended the event, which included music, food, fun for children and numerous non-profits set up at tables offering information on their services.

Non-profits and groups attending included Piedmont Senior Resources, Central

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Buckingham Middle FFA Teams Compete in Southeast Area Rally



Mechanics Team A

Pictured L to R: Camden Allen, Ethan Martin, Eli Bryant and Holden Tyson.



Mechanics Team B

Pictured L to R: Jordan Johnston, Joe Love, Hunter Branch and Jacob Carter.



Horse Hippology

Pictured L to R: Liberty Johnston, Emily Long, Jenna Oliver and Summer Garrison.

The Buckingham Middle School FFA Chapter competed in the Southeast Area Rally that was held on March 6 at the campus of SVCC in Keysville. Students competed in both Junior Horse Hippology and Junior Agricultural Mechanics. The Junior Horse Hippology Contest tests student's knowledge of breeds, health conditions, conformation, anatomy, nutrition, and care. Team members were Jenna Oliver, Summer Garrison, Liberty Johnson, and Emily Long. The team placed 2nd overall with Jenna placing 1st as an individual. The team was coached by Casey Davis. Two teams of students competed in the Agricultural Mechanics event which challenges students to explain and demonstrate safety practices, read and interpret directions, identify and use basic woodworking hand tools, select and use measuring devices, perform measuring skills, and solve problems. Team A consisted of Eli Bryant, Holden Tyson, Ethan Martin, and Camden Allen which placed 4th in the event. Team B consisted of Jordon Johnston, Hunter Branch, Joe Love, and Jacob Carter which placed 6th. Both teams were coached by Sherry Dorrier and Andrew Schmitt.

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Friends of Library Fundraiser

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Jane Poulter, Sarah Bowling, and Jo Elaine Justis look on as Rick Ewing, Central Virginia Regional Library director, points out details of a digital walk-through of the plans for the new Buckingham Branch Library, scheduled for completion early April 2020. They were gathered at the Buckingham Friends of the Library's annual fundraiser to help purchase furniture and equipment for the much anticipated new library that will be in the former Dillwyn Primary School. The building will also house a Community Center and a large multi-purpose room with a catering kitchen.

EnergyShare from page 13

Virginia Community Health Services, Historic Buckingham Inc., Pregnancy Support Center of Southside Virginia, and Dominion Energy, the parent company of EnergyShare.

Residents of Buckingham County in need of energy assistance are benefiting from the partnership that expands local access to the Dominion Energy EnergyShare program. Rather than leaving the county to seek help with heating and cooling needs, residents can now stay much closer to home.

Ellis Acres Park, STEPS, and Dominion Energy have joined together to provide easier access to EnergyShare by making available at Ellis Acres Park – and other potential locations – a STEPS EnergyShare case manager the second Wednesday and fourth Friday of each month.

This new initiative successfully launched on March 13 as appointments were filled and phone calls answered, marking the expansion of a partnership to serve Buckingham residents with available services and resources from around the community.

Since 1982, EnergyShare has helped more than 800,000 families and individuals facing financial hardship with their energy bills. Eligible customers may seek bill payment assistance to keep or restore their primary heating source – be it wood, oil, kerosene, gas or electricity.

Thanks to the partnership, Buckingham County residents will now be able to access EnergyShare services locally at Ellis Acres Park at 245 Camden Street in Dillwyn.

It allows STEPS to further its mission in the county by helping residents in a very direct way. Ellis Acres continues to be a focal point in its efforts to improve the quality of life for all Buckingham County residents. And Dominion Energy is there to help its customers experiencing financial hardship.

For more information on this new program contact Ellis Acres Park at 434-983-5600, or STEPS Inc. at 434-315-5909.

Answers to the Crossword Puzzle from page 11

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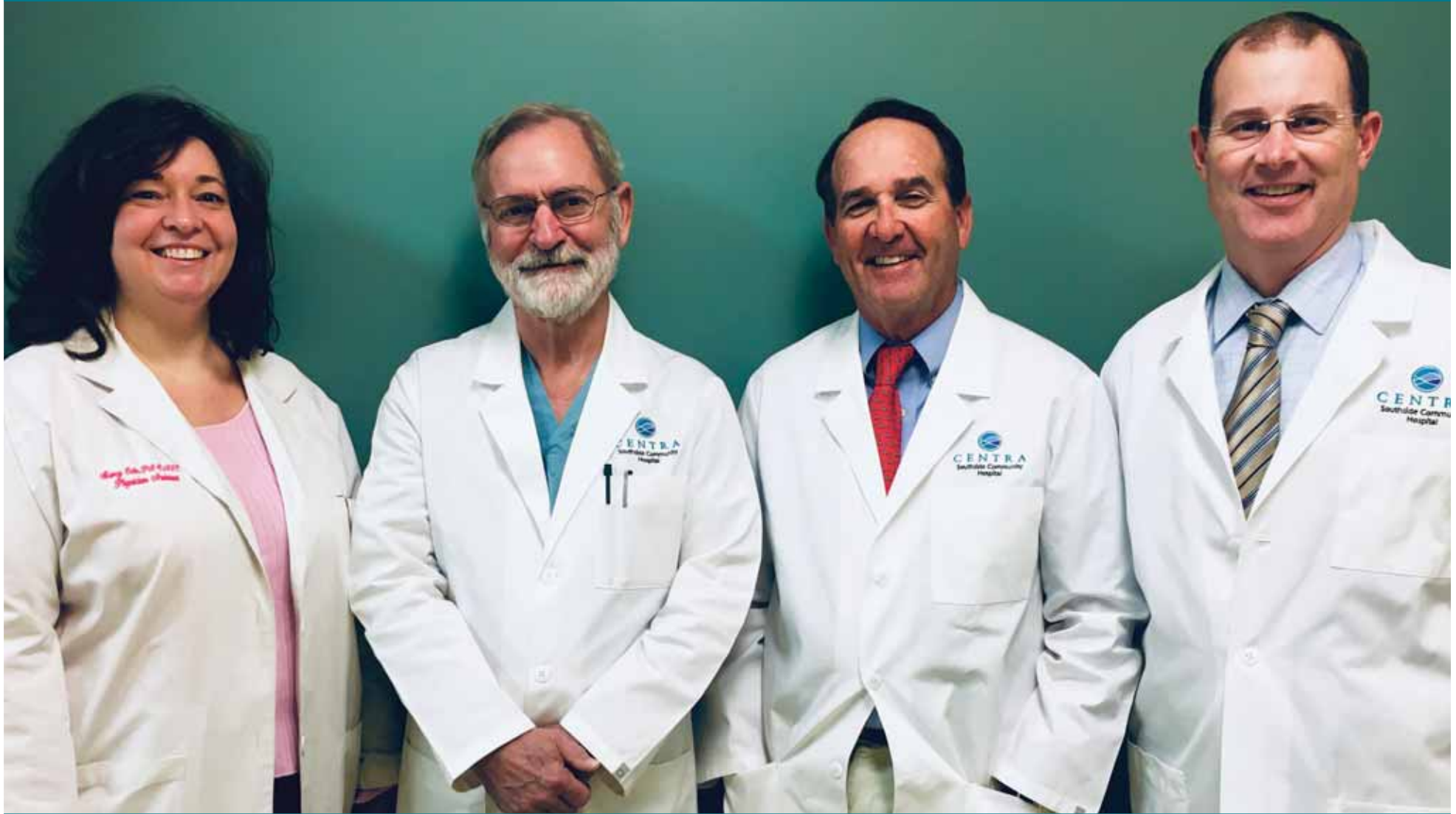
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