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From A8 first half for Bertie.

Demetria Bland scored all 12 points for Riverside in the third quarter, but the Knights still trailed by 14 (44-30) entering the final frame.

The closest the Knights were able to get was 11 points (44-33) at the start of the fourth quarter when Bland swished a three-pointer.

Aleeyah Proctor answered with a triple for Bertie to quell the uprising.

The Falcons were able to maintain their lead down the stretch behind triples from King and Bryona West, two clutch buckets from Combs and one free throw each from King, Morgan Mazyck and Jessica Stokes.

Combs led the Falcons with 22 points, while King added 13 and Boone provided 12.

Bland poured in 31

points for Riverside. Johnay Godard added six.

VARSITY BOYS Riverside 78, Bertie 77

Javion Griffin's three-pointer from the right side with 5.2 seconds to play lifted Riverside past Bertie in the final game Monday in the Adams Publishing Group Holiday Invitational.

Bertie took a 77-75 lead with 18 seconds remaining on a basket from Isaiah Williams off a pass from Joshua Burden.

Riverside had the final possession. Nakwon Burns drove to the middle then kicked to Kazshaun Manning, who fired a pass to Griffin on the wing.

Griffin calmly buried the three-pointer to give the Knights the one-point lead.

The Falcons had to go the length of the floor in 4.5 seconds. Maurice

Hayes was able to get a shot off from left of the foul line, but it was off the mark.

The teams were tied at 18-all after the first quarter. Burden had eight points while Jamarri White added five and Hayes notched a three-pointer for the Falcons.

The second quarter featured two ties and seven lead changes. Two free throws by Deonte Thomas gave Riverside a 22-21 edge, but Bertie regained the lead on a basket by Burden with under six minutes left in the first half.

A drive and hoop by Burden put the Falcons ahead 31-29, and Alden Cottle scored off a fast-break pass from Xaviyon White to extend it to 33-29. Thomas' bucket cut the Bertie advantage to two (37-35) at the break.

Burns' triple gave Riverside its only lead of the third stanza (38-37). Burden's old-fashioned



JIM GREEN / Bertie Ledger-Advance

Bertie High School cheerleaders entertain the crowd during the first night of the Adams Publishing Group Holiday Invitational Basketball Tournament Monday at Bertie High School.

three-point play put the Falcons ahead by two (40-38) and sparked an 18-12 edge that allowed the home team to take a 55-50 advantage into the final quarter.

Burns tied it at 64 with two free throws at 3:52 of the fourth. Xaviyon White put the Falcons on top, 66-64, with a bucket at 3:44.

A triple from Jey Leavelle at 3:12 put the Knights ahead 67-66, and a free throw and basket by Thomas made it 70-66.

Burden (basket at 1:43) gave the Falcons a 71-70 advantage, and a three-pointer made it 75-71 before Riverside closed the game on a 7-2 flurry.

Cottle, who scored 16 points in the second half, led Bertie with 23 points, while Burden added 20 and Xaviyon White managed 11.

Riverside had four players in double figures - Thomas 18, Burns 16, Griffin 14 and Manning 10.

Lawrence girls post lopsided wins

MERRY HILL - A pair of lopsided victories.

The Lawrence Academy varsity girls basketball team emerged 7-4 overall with wins over Hobgood Academy and Terra Ceia Christian School last week.

A 13-3 start in the opening quarter helped the Warriors ease past Terra Ceia 49-30 at home.

Lawrence also outscored the Knights 16-9

in the second stanza and 12-7 in the third quarter before the visitors shaved three points off the deficit in the final frame.

Three players led Lawrence in scoring against TCCS.

Lauren Baker led the way with 15 points, followed by Lindsay Smith with 13 and Rebekah Goodwin with 10.

Smith paced the Warriors on the boards with

11 rebounds, followed by Goodwin with nine, Hailey Hope Gardner with seven, Perris Clayton and Annie Hayes Trowell with five each, and Lauren Smith with four.

Baker added three steals and three assists and Lauren Smith chipped in with three assists and two steals for LA.

In the contest against Hobgood, Lawrence

trailed 11-10 after the first quarter but used a 20-2 outburst in the second stanza to regain control.

Lindsay Smith paced the Warriors with 16 points, Baker added 14 and Goodwin tallied 13.

Lindsay Smith grabbed 13 rebounds for LA, Goodwin added eight and Gardner managed five. Trowell brought in four rebounds.

Bethel varsity girls possess 6-2 record

The Bethel Assembly Christian Academy varsity girls basketball team enters the holiday break with a 6-2 record.

The Eagles split its games this past week - defeating Ahoskie Christian School 49-39 on Dec. 10 but falling 38-32 to Unity Christian on Dec. 13.

Against ACS, Bethel got off to a slow start and trailed 7-3 after one quarter. But the Eagles outscored the visitors 22-17 in the second quarter, 12-5 in the third stanza and 12-10 in the fourth quarter to pull out the victory.

Three players led the Eagles in scoring.

Eliana Bazemore tallied 15 points for BACA, followed by Lindsey Todd with 13 and Kayley Minton with 11.

Haley Northcott continued her solid rebounding with 13

boards, while Todd had seven, Bazemore added six and Minton chipped in five rebounds.

Jenna Dunlow blocked a pair of shots for the Eagle defense. Minton notched four steals, while Todd, Bazemore and Maddie Knowles added a pair of steals each.

In Thursday's loss to Unity Christian, Bethel trailed 24-8 at halftime, but a second-half comeback - which included a 24-14 advantage over the final two quarters - was not quite enough to defeat the Warriors.

Bazemore led the Eagles with nine points while Minton added seven.

Knowles led the rebounding with five, trailed by Dunlow and Minton with four each and Bazemore and Todd with three each.

Northcott blocked seven shots, Dunlow added three blocks and Minton swatted two for Bethel.

Fourth

From A8 the only great athlete to come out of that area. Ms. Long gets the paper mailed to keep up with her hometown here in North Carolina. Based on her email to me, my guess is her college football allegiance is in alignment with my best friend and her computer password is rolltide4ever.

David Peeler took me to task after one column because he thought I was painting all Carolina Panther fans with the same brush when I discussed a few idiots who became Instagram famous for fighting at a game. I wasn't trying to do that at all, but I appreciated him reaching out so I recognized I needed to try and be more clear

next time. I was sure to thank him.

Lanny Hiday made my day when he described my writing as "witty, literate, timely, and on target," later suggesting that I expand syndication. I appreciate anyone who supports local businesses and reads the newspaper but if they tell me I did my job "beautifully," then I appreciate it even more.

There are many others and I seriously can't thank them, or you, enough for reading every week. I promise to keep reading when y'all write too.

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LA offense improving

MERRY HILL - The Lawrence Academy varsity boys basketball team is improving offensively.

The Warriors (0-6 overall) averaged 33 points in two games last week, even though both resulted in losses.

Jason Guo tallied a season-high 14 points on 5-for-7 shooting from the field in Lawrence Academy's 63-40 loss to Terra Ceia Christian on Dec. 11.

Riley Ratzlaff added nine points for the Warriors, while Drew Pippens added seven points and Brian Hughson chipped in six points.

Guo also recorded nine rebounds for LA and Burke Huddleston hauled in seven.

In the Dec. 10 game against Hobgood Academy - a 68-26 defeat - the Warriors trailed 19-2 at the end of the first quarter.

The Raiders went on to outscore Lawrence 14-8 in the second quarter, 21-9 in the third and 14-7 in the final stanza.

Charlie Spruill led Lawrence with 10 points while Pippens, Hughson and Mason Worrells chipped in four points each.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019 6:00 PM
BERTIE COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the amendment to the Bertie County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The amendment will change the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation from one (1) foot of freeboard to five (5) feet of freeboard in flood zones with an established Base Flood Elevation. The amendment will also change the elevation in flood zones where no BFE has been established from two (2) feet above adjacent grade to five (5) feet above adjacent grade.

The public hearing has been set for Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM and will be held in the County Administration Building, Commissioners Meeting Room, 106 Dundee Street, Windsor, North Carolina. The Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance may be viewed in the Bertie County Planning & Inspections Department or by visiting the Bertie County website at www.co.bertie.nc.us. Questions may be directed to Traci White, Planning Director at (252) 794-6185 or traci.white@bertie.nc.gov

Reducing Fats, Oils and Grease in Our Sewers

What Is FOG?

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) are found in food scraps, meat fats, lard, oil, margarine, butter, sauces and dairy products. FOG is commonly associated with fried foods and baked goods prepared at home or in a food establishment. When FOG is not disposed of properly, it can clog your home's plumbing as well as municipal sewers.

Why Should FOG Matter To You?

When washed down a sink or drain, FOG builds up over time and can cause a blockage in your drains, pipes and in sanitary sewers. Blockages lead to increased costs to maintain private plumbing, our sewers, the wastewater treatment plants and public and private property.

- Neighborhood: Plumbing and sewer backups can result in property damage and various code violations. These backups can also create hazardous and unhealthy conditions.
- Environment: Clogged sewers can cause raw sewage overflows, which release untreated sewage into our rivers and streams. Sewer overflows make waterways unsafe for recreation, and they threaten the fish and other aquatic life that live in our rivers and streams.
- Quality of Life: Sewer backups and clogs attract insects and vermin, resulting in undesirable and unhealthy living conditions.

How Can You Reduce FOG In Our Sewers?

- Pour cooking fat or grease into a small container. Once it solidifies, place it in the garbage.
- Dispose of food waste in the trash or compost organic waste instead of putting it down the garbage disposal.
- "Dry wipe" pots, pans and dishes before washing to minimize the amount of FOG and solids washed down the drain.
- Do not put used oil, oil-based paints, solvents or other chemicals down sewer lines or storm drain.
- Educate others on the damage that FOG can cause.

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