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IN HONOR OF MOTHERS DAY, HERE ARE FOUR AREA TEENS WHO HAVE MADE THEIR MOMS VERY PROUD.

Seth Sprinkle

(JoAnn Walthall)

Seth Sprinkle was born and raised in Botetourt County and attended Breckinridge Elementary, Central Academy Middle School and Lord Botetourt High School. After graduating in 2007, Seth continued his studies at George Washington University in Washington, DC.

At GWU, Seth participated in a variety of student organizations, including the College Democrats, Green GW, and the International Affairs Society. During his junior year, he studied in Seville, Spain and interned with Telefónica, a Spanish telecommunications company. While abroad, he also traveled across Western Europe and northern Africa. Upon his return to the U.S., Seth continued his studies and this month is graduating Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in International Affairs, with concentrations in International Economics and Latin America. The Elliott School of International Affairs at GWU has awarded Seth special honors for his research work on the financial and sovereign debt crises in Europe.

After graduating in May 2011, Seth will be moving to New York City, where he has accepted a job with Capital IQ, a business division of Standard and Poors, as a Client Development Analyst.

Katelyn Hall

(Christina Hall)

The 2010-11 school year is winding down, but it has provided a wealth of memories for Lord Botetourt Senior Katelyn Hall. This Troutville resident started off the school year by making 1st Team All District and 2nd Team All Region as an outside hitter for the LB Volleyball team. In December, she signed a scholarship letter of intent to play both volleyball and softball for the Bluefield College Rams starting in August 2011.

In addition to being an athlete, Katey enjoys being a competitor in Skills USA and FBLA. She is finishing up her third year in Drafting at B-TEC and will soon take its certification exam. This semester she competed in the District and State level "Skills USA – Architectural Drafting" competitions and finished 2nd and 4th respectively. She was also part of a team that placed 5th at the District Level competition in "FBLA - Desktop Publishing".

While at Bluefield, she plans to pursue a BA in Graphic Communications. Katey feels that this degree will be an extension of the drafting and desktop publishing classes she has completed while being a student at B-TEC and Lord Botetourt.

Julia Bailey

(Cindy Bailey)

"For as long as I can remember, I've loved to sing," said Julia Bailey, a Junior at Lord Botetourt High School. Julia has been selected to represent Botetourt County and Lord Botetourt as a delegate to the All-State, High School Chorus. She is the first student from the county to be selected as a delegate since 2004. The concert will be held at Salem High School in Virginia Beach on Saturday, April 30th.

Julia lives on the family farm in Daleville, but the Baileys also own a farm in Troutville. She got her start as a singer in the Troutville Elementary Chorus, the Read Mountain Middle School Chorus and is now a member of the Advanced Choir at Lord Botetourt. She is also on the Varsity Swim Team, volunteers as a Reading Buddy at Troutville Elementary and works during the summer as a lifeguard at Botetourt Golf and Swim Club. In addition, Julia is an honor roll student. With her academics and talent, we expect to see great things from our hometown girl!

Bryan Barnett

(Melody Furness)

Bryan Barnett, a Freshman at Lord Botetourt High School, has come a long way academically and athletically. As a child, school was a struggle for him – he had a hard time sitting still and paying attention, which made learning difficult. But with his mother's guidance and encouragement, and a lot of patience and determination, Bryan was able to overcome these obstacles and completed his first semester in the 9th grade on the A Honor Roll.

Bryan played baseball and basketball, but neither seemed to be his sport. At the advice of his mother's boyfriend, he went out for the wrestling team in the 7th grade and realized he was a "natural," losing only 3 matches. He went undefeated in the 8th grade, and was awarded a plaque that is still in the trophy case at Read Mountain Middle School. During that summer, Bryan spent a week at a VMI wrestling camp...an experience of a lifetime!

In October of his 9th grade, Bryan and others attended a weekend wrestling clinic at Virginia Tech, and decided to go onto the football field and play some flag football. He said that, "just having the chance to run onto the field at Lane Stadium was amazing!"

Although he found himself facing juniors and seniors, his freshman wrestling season was very successful. Bryan finished 3rd in the district and 8th in the region, and hopes to go on to the state championship. It took a lot of hard work, but Ryan is now an "A" student with dreams of wrestling at VMI or Virginia Tech.

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