



Tiger Pride



In Memory of Eric Shackelford & Eric Storey



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By Tiffany Hendley

On February 10, 2009, we lost two members of our Tiger family in a terrible car accident, Eric Michael Shackelford and Harrison Eric Storey. Both of these young men were beloved seniors and respected by all who knew them. This tragedy has affected the lives of so many here at MHS. They will always be in our hearts

Taylor Navarro who was one of Shack's best friends. It wasn't easy for her to answer my questions but she truly gave me a response meant to be shared with all the students here at MHS:

"All of Shack's friends could tell you he was an indescribable person. His ways of life were so different from anyone else. He lived his life to the fullest and didn't allow anyone to

may be gone, they will be in our hearts every day and will never be forgotten."

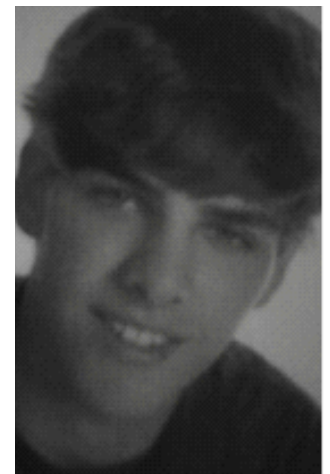
Shane Coleman also stated that one way to sum up everything about Eric Shackelford would be, "The coolest person to ever walk the Earth."

Both the people who loved him so dearly, completely covered every aspect of what the person, Eric Michael Shackelford was. Later I had the privilege of talking with Victoria Barringer, Eric Storey's girlfriend. She too, like Taylor, had a hard time summing up her thoughts and feelings about her boyfriend, however, her remarks were quite moving and quite a tearjerker:



and our memories. I decided to interview some people that were closest to them. I asked them to describe Shack and Storey and what they meant to them. I received very sweet and inspirational responses that I know will help you remember these two young men for the wonderful people that they were.

get in the way of having a good time. Eric's hilarious jokes, beautiful smile, funny laugh and who could forget, those one of a kind remixes are what made him Shack, a great guy who will forever live in our hearts. When you think of Shack and Storey, don't think about what has happened, think about all the happy, fun, crazy and of course, wild times we had together. Though our boys



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“March 23, 2008 was when God let someone into my life that will forever stay in my heart. His name was Harrison Eric Storey. That boy lived to have a good time. He was never the one to sit around and do nothing. He could play basketball from sunrise to sunset; that was just his thing. He had something about him that just drew you in from

the moment you met him. Eric could get along with just about anyone and for some reason he was who they looked up to. Storey had a special place in his heart for his friends and would've done anything for them. He was one of those guys that when you would be having the worst day ever and he could somehow make you crack a smile, but nothing was like the smile we have

seen on his face each and every day. That smile was truly priceless. Storey was very smart and was ready to make something of himself so he could prove people wrong. Yet he still said, ‘If they would pay me enough to live off of, I would stay in school forever.’

The one thing I want people to remember most about him is that he cherished everyday he was with us. He lived every day to the fullest even if there wasn't anything to do that day. Now we just have to find that one special memory we have of him in our mind and keep it in our hearts. He and Shack both live through us now.

February 10, 2009 is the day Harrison Eric Storey left me. For those who know him and for those who just knew of him, that day will stay with us. Though we all wish that something could have been done to prevent this and keep them with us, there isn't. That was the day

God decided he needed Shack and Storey up there with him to watch over us.”

Life here at Metter High School will go on, but this tragedy will always be remembered. Everyone should learn from this experience and know that they should enjoy everyday they have on Earth because they did. Eric Shackelford and Eric Storey changed our lives and will forever be with us.



Black History Month

By: Avery Koth

February is known as Black History Month. Black History Month is a remembrance of important people from the African descent. It is celebrated in multiple countries all over the world. This tradition started in 1926, when Carter G. Woodson started "Negro History Week." Black History

Month started in 1976, the Bicentennial of the United States.

Black History Month is extremely important. It focuses on many African Americans who have made the world a better place. It took African Americans many years to be recognized. It wasn't until the 20th century that they gained their place in the history books.



The Assembly

By: Bronson Bragdon

February 20, 2009 proved to be a memorable day at the Metter High School Black History Month Assembly. The gymnasium was full of attentive students, faculty, and guests as the preceding of the assembly took place.

After our MHS JROTC Color Guard posted our colors, Ca-

det Sgt. Andrew Smith sang the national anthem followed by Skye Mainer welcoming everyone to the assembly. Devin Byrd, Malcolm Frazier, Mrs. Rosanne Ferrell, and Kayla Johnson sang the Black National Anthem, and afterwards Juwan Wilson recited two poems by author Langston Hughes entitled Democracy and Po' Boy Blues. Our jazz ensemble, led

by our band director Mr. Walden, also played beautifully for the assembly. After, Skye Mainer introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Charlotte Parrish-Woody. Mrs. Woody explained how she became a successful black woman and how everybody should follow their dreams and never give up and they too can also be successful in life. Our principal, Mr. John Jordan, then presented Mrs. Woody with a gift from

MHS, a plant decorated in orange and black showing that we were truly grateful to have her speak at our Black History Month Assembly and that she will always be welcomed at Metter High School. We then returned to class, where we reflected on the importance of Black History Month and how Mrs. Woody's speech inspired us all.

Barack Obama

By: Avery Koth

Barack Obama is our 44th President of the United States of America. Obama is also our first African American president. Barack's mother was from Kansas and his father was from a village in Kenya. He is a product of an interracial marriage. Before Obama ran for president, he was a Senator from Illinois. He began his

career in politics in 1996 and in 2007 he announced that he would be running for President. Obama was inaugurated this past January and more than one million people watched him being sworn into office. His inauguration speech was very inspiring to many people. He stated that the country was entering a "new era of responsibility" and was faced with many challenges. He will

lead our nation until 2012 and we look forward to his leadership that promises many needed changes.



Threatening Call Delays School

By: Alex Hendricks

Thursday morning of February 19th proved to be an experience to be remembered. According to principal John Jordan and faculty, an individual dialed 911 because they had overheard someone threatening to bomb the school. School personnel followed up the threat by phoning all necessary

individuals, including bomb squad out of Savannah. The squad searched the school and took all precautions regarding the threat.

Upon the arrival of school students were instructed to report to the football field. Students' cars were parked near the field house, while the students had to sit and wait on the visitor side of

the football field. The sun was bright and the morning seemed long as kids lounged on the bleachers waiting to be let back in the school. Students who were bus riders were dropped off at the Metter Middle/Intermediate School to assure everyone's safety.

The search ended, and students and faculty were allowed to enter the school by 11:25 a.m. The

school was announced safe and free of supposed bombs. Afternoon classes resumed and school was back to normal. Bomb threats are not something to be taken lightly, however, this situation was handled very well by faculty and students.



Metter High School Prom



By: Aztrid Gonzalez

"This year's prom will be different." Alex Hendricks, the junior class president said. She cannot tell us the theme but she knows that all the seniors will enjoy this prom more than any other will.

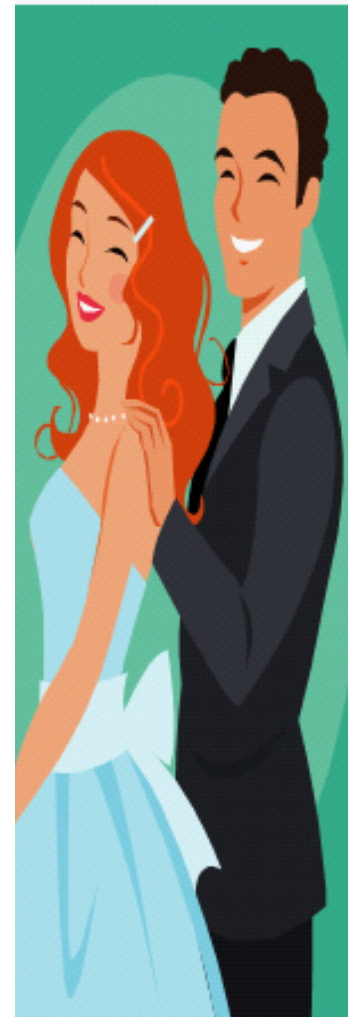
"Don't worry seniors, the junior class has everything under control, so don't listen to those rumors because this year you will have the time of your life!" the junior class officers stated.

Most of the senior girls that were interviewed

really want their last prom to be elegant and romantic. It is also recommended that all females wear long dresses. The location of prom will be at the Metter High School Cafeteria.

Alex said, "This prom will be exciting and different. I know that the seniors would really enjoy this prom and hopefully next year the sophomores will give us a wonderful memory like we will be giving the seniors."

Alex would really like the support of the juniors and seniors for the prom fundraising funds. In order to have a successful prom we will all have to participate. The junior class will be selling flip-flops and they will be conducting other fundraisers as well, so GET INVOLVED!



Life as a Foreign Exchange Student

By: Svitlana Serebryana

Hey, my name is Svitlana Serebryana and I am an exchange student from Germany. I am a senior here at Metter High School and I am staying in the US for one full school year. I am staying with Mrs. Sabrina Koneman, who is a teacher at MIS, and Mr. David Koneman. What brought me to Metter? Well, I wanted to experience something different. Although, I am a senior here at Metter, I would be in the 11th grade in Germany. After I go back, I will have two more school years. I was asked to write an article about some of the differences between a German high school and American high school.

Okay, first thing I have to explain that after Elementary School we are divided up into three different types of High Schools. Depending on grades and what we plan to do after high school, they choose the right school for you. Students going to the Gymnasium planning to go to college, students going to the Realschule and Hauptschule will go into the work force after High school. I attend a Gymnasium, which is the same type of school

as Metter High.

A normal school day begins about the same time as here, at about 7.50. We have no tardies. There is always someone late, just a couple of minutes, but it is no big deal. It does not matter how many days you miss, you will not get in trouble as long as you do not fail. However, trust me; nobody wants to miss a day. Make-up work is very difficult. We can have phones and IPods at school. Each class is 45 minutes long, and I have six classes each day. There is a 20-minute break after two classes and we are out of school at 1.15.

It sounds great! Makes it seem like we have no rules and everyone's relaxed. On the contrary, we are not really. Okay, let us talk about the academics. I have 14 subjects: Math, English, French, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, Politics, History, PE, RE (Religious Education), Art, and Music. We have got at least three hours of homework to do every day, not considering studying for a test. In addition, we actually have to work the whole class period, because participation in class is about 50-70% of your grade. We have one test each semester, which covers everything, we have had. No



study guides, so we have to study EVERYTHING. The tests themselves are different, too. We have no multiple choices. We have to explain and work it out on paper. There are bunches of essays, too. A simple yes or no is equal to a zero. Studying for a test begins about two weeks before the test. If you fail the test, there are no retakes. If you fail two classes, you must repeat the year. If you have to repeat a year twice, you are downgraded to a Realschule. Average grades are B's or C's. A's are not common. There are always students failing.

There are good and bad sides to be in school at Germany. The reason why we have fewer rules is that

you are expected to do the right things anyway. If you do not, it is just your fault. We do not have to worry about fights and misbehaved students. Therefore, we do not need many punishments either. If you do badly at school, they just put you in a school on an easier level. Only students who really want to study are at this school.



Sports

Baseball

By: Avery Koth
Metter High School's baseball team started their season Tuesday, February 24, 2009, with coaches Don Mims, Aaron Eubanks, and Bob Melton. The Tigers played Tattnall County. Metter lost the game to Tattnall with a score



of 6-1. The team will continue to play throughout February and March rounding out their season April 21st.

The members of the 2008-2009 are as follows: Seniors class: Blake Williams, Evan Durden, Grant Hendricks, Juniors class: CJ Barron, Garrett Thigpen, and Jeremy Bass, Sophomores class: Nick Tallent, Ramon Ramos, Landon Salter, Ryan Sparks, Will Trapnell, Carl Kennedy, Pete Nagel, Hunter Dixon, and Freshman class: Brandon Pifer, Tyler Byrd, Keigan Williams, Trace Padgett, and Jamar Williams. Team captains: Blake Williams, Grant Hendricks, and Brandon Pifer.

By: LaTedra Eason
Troy Longo and Tyler Nettles are two of the players on the wrestling team. I asked them questions about how it felt to be apart of the team and what the sport was like. I started by saying, "So, tell me about wrestling."

Troy replied, "Wrestling is all about discipline. Even though you get angry at times, you have to maintain your composure and keep your technique.

There is no choking or punching allowed." Tyler answered by saying, "Yeah, it's always a rush when you first shake hands and then start actually wrestling." They both agreed that wrestling is the hardest sport. Tyler told me why he feels this way by stating, "You use every muscle in your body."

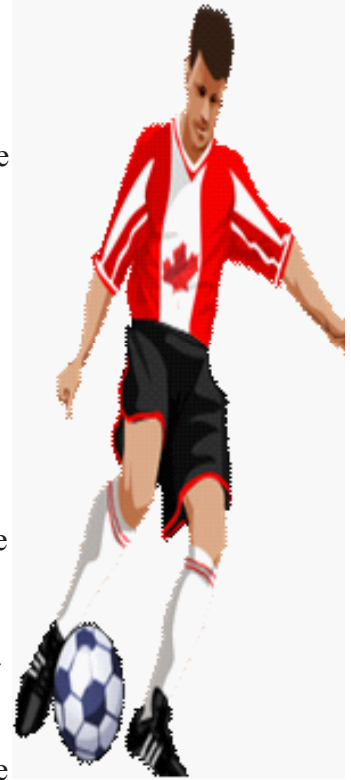
Tyler has yet to be slammed! However, he knows how it feels to put someone down. "It's a powerful feeling." Tyler

By: Aztrid Gonzalez

The past three years the Metter Tiger Soccer team has been defeated. This year is a new year for the team. The head coach, Ronnie Doolittle said, "Both the girls and boys teams are stronger and have improved so much this year." The team has a new slogan, "Trust, Communicate, and Hustle."

The teams must work together and communicate to be successful. Both Tiger teams practice Monday through Thursday to improve their skills. The girls' captains this year are Mallory McClendon, Iris Ledesma, and Brenda Leal. The boys' captains are Javier Escalona, Chris Hiesaw, and Jaime Olarte. The team needs your support, so

if you love your school and like suspense, come to the game.



Wrestling

says. From what these athletes have told me, this sport is very physically

challenging but yet very fun.



Continued Basketball Devin Byrd #10

By: Brooke Williams
Devin Byrd, a sophomore here at Metter High, was named WTOC's Top Player in addition to being named player of the week by the Statesboro Herald. Standing six feet even with a vertical jump of 33", Byrd led the Metter Tigers in assists. "I don't feel pressure," Byrd said, "I just step up to the challenge." That is

exactly what he did in the battle against the Johnson County Trojans. Devin accumulated 29 points throughout the course of the game, making eleven of his twelve attempts at the line. The Tigers pride themselves on defense, which is what helped them secure their victory over Johnson. They then became tied for first place in Region 3B-A.



DeMarius Mercer #5

By: Latedra Eason

DeMarius Mercer, captain of the basketball team, is known as a level-minded junior who like Devin Byrd, is a beast on the court. He was voted captain by his fellow teammates. Standing at 6'0, he is a force that cannot be stopped. Going straight up into the air, he jumps 31 inches off the ground. Yeah, that's right, 31 inches! Not only scoring for the team, he also blocks almost anything another player tries to put up. He has enough talent to go to any college in the country. DeMarius wants to attend the University of Georgia when he graduates.

great. I didn't expect it at all."

He also said, "We have a pretty young team and our season is going great. Better than I expected." With only two seniors on the team, all the players will be returning next year. Although the team did not make it to state, they look forward to another great season next year.



I recently interviewed DeMarius:

"How do you feel about being the captain?"

He replied, "It's

Metter Clubs 4-H News

By: Jessica Spaid

Recently, Candler County 4-Hers competed at the Southeast District Project Achievement. Project Achievement is a competition that consists of three different parts. The first part is the submission of a portfolio which consists of a letter to the judges, two pages documenting activities they

have participated in within the last year, and two pages of pictures that evidence the activities. The second part is a speech that can include the use of posters and visual aids to support the presentation. The speeches usually last about ten minutes long. The third part is an interview in which the judges test the knowledge of the 4-Her in the area they are

competing.

Three Candler County 4-Hers did so well in their area that they placed first in the district. This is a very prestigious honor and promotes these girls to State Congress where they will compete against 4-Hers from all over the state. Pankti Patel competed in the International project and she spoke about Indian Weddings. Brittany Spaid com-

peted in the Sheep and Meat Goats project and she spoke about how to splint a sheep's leg after it has broken. Jessica Spaid competed in the Dog Care and Training project and she spoke about dog agility obstacle courses. All three 4-Hers are looking forward to their next level of competition in late July.

FBLA News

By: Avery Koth

Two large clubs at Metter High School are FCA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and FBLA, Future Business Leaders of America.

FBLA is one of the largest clubs at Metter High School. Ms. Durrence and Mrs. Deal are in charge of the club. On February 3, 2009 FBLA members at-

tended Region Leadership Conference. Our school was well represented and brought back several awards.

Those placing at region and who qualified to go to State Leadership Conference were:

Andraina Cisneros- 5th place in Personal Finance, Alex Hendricks- 5th place in Business Calculations, Pankti Patel- 3rd in Business Communication, Ma-

cie Franklin- 2nd in Business Math, Xing Lin- 2nd in Future, Business Leader & 1st in Spreadsheet Applications, Brittany Spaid- 2nd in Computer Applications, Jessica Spaid- 1st in Database Design & Application, Adrienne Lanier & Amy Nagel- 1st in Desktop Publishing.

These students also placed at Region:

Mallory Mclendon & Mindy

Marsh- 4th in Business Ethics, Paige Hicks- 3rd in Word Processing II, and Jessica Spaid- 3rd in Public Speaking II.

On March 27-28, FBLA will be attending State Leadership Conference. The FBLA at Metter High School is very large and very active in our school. It's a great club, so be sure to join!

FCA

By: Avery Koth

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, also known as FCA, is a club at Metter High School. FCA is part of many schools. This club is to show athletes and coaches to include Jesus into the way they play and coach. The Metter High School FCA has recently welcomed WINGS and Clear Vision Drama to the school. This is a

group of Christians who go around and do skits, sing, and tell everyone about their love for God and what God can do for you. Their performance was great. And FCA is a great club so be sure to join this club too!



Recipes

By: April Byrd

Peanut Butter Balls

Do you love peanut butter? If so then try this simple and easy recipe for peanut butter balls! The directions are as followed:

Ingredients:

1 cup light corn syrup

1 cup sugar

1 cup peanut butter

6 cups corn flakes

Mixing directions

First, bring corn syrup and

sugar to a boil, stir constantly. Boil for only 3 minutes. Then remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter. Finally pour over corn flakes and mix and roll into balls.

There's guaranteed high-quality flavor in every bite!



Ask Lola

If a girl dumped you, and you wanted to go back out with her, what would you do?

Okay, I take it you like this girl, right? Here are a few ideas. I suggest you should first speak to her and figure out why

she broke up with you. You could try and get her to notice you, maybe join a club she participates in. If these options do not work, try to start a neutral relationship with her, and build upon it.

What can I do to get

along better with my sister? I know sisters can be aggravating but, you should try and do more stuff with her. Sisters argue a lot, you should try and compromise with her.

What's a quick way to burn fat and get abs?

One way is to do crunches and push-ups. You could cut down on red meat, and eat salads with your supper. You should also drink water regularly. This should help you.

March Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following people of March.

3/11: Amber Cordero, Anthony Intravia, Courtney Meyers

3/12: Alex Hendricks,

3/13: Amanda Wheeler

3/14: Tiffanie Boyette, Devin Dekle, Tesia

Stokes

3/15: Devin Burke, Taylor Ellis, Grant Hendricks, Elizabeth Hogan

3/16: Carson McLamb

3/17: Tyler Wadley, Blake Williams

3/18: Lachelle Mack

3/19: Ethan Durden

3/20: Chontal Brownlee,

Michale Cruz

3/21: Rasheena Green

3/22: Emily McNeely

3/24: Deanna Benjamin, Kayla Lanier, David Wilburn, Robert Wilburn

3/25: Terrell Williams

3/27: Estrella Vallin

3/28: Ray Collins, Brittany Deloach

3/29: Lauren Odom



Top Ten Reasons to be a MHS Tiger

1. Small school – Big expectations.

Although we are a Single-A school, academic achievement is a high priority. It's not the size of the Tiger it's the fight; it is the size of the fight in the Tiger!

2. Partner with nearby colleges.

We are partnered with East Georgia College, Georgia Southern University and Swainsboro Tech to allow more opportunities for our students to dual enroll and succeed.

3. Beautiful campus with state of the art facilities.

A well-maintained

school that encourages excellence in academics and a quality sports complex for our students to excel in athletics.

4. Technologically advanced.

A well-equipped media center, laptops, and Smart Board technology available to assist our staff in teaching students.

5. Safe and productive.

Students and faculty enjoy the rewards of a safe campus.

6. A highly qualified and caring staff.

Our teachers care about our students as individuals, and take pride in providing rigorous classroom

instruction.

7. We are family. You are not just a part of a school. You are part of the Tiger Family.

8. School spirit roars! Students, teachers, parents, and the community say that every day is a great day to be a Metter Tiger!

9. Centrally located.

Easy access to shopping and entertainment without the stress of the big city.

10. The heart of the community.

Metter residents take pride in the accomplishments of Metter High School.



Editorial



In picture: Latedra Eason(far left), April Byrd, Jessica Spaid, Bronson Bragdon, Alex Hendricks (on Bronson's back), Tiffany Hendley, Coral Abraham (on Tiffany's back), Aztrid Gonzalez, Svitlana Serebryana, Avery Koth, and Brooke Williams (far right).

The Gifted Peer Leadership class created a school newspaper that we hope that everyone will enjoy. It has taken us a long time to put it together and it has been an amazing experience for everyone in our class. There will be other editions of the newspaper coming out later in the year so look forward to it. If you have any question or comments about the paper please let us know. We would all like to hear some of your opinions. It will help us improve for our next editions. Thank you for taking the time to read the Tiger Pride Newspaper.



Sincerely,

Tiffany Hendley & Aztrid Gonzalez
Editors of Tiger Pride

