



Jones crowned Homecoming Queen

By Darneisha White, staff writer

Senior Taya Jones was crowned 2016 Homecoming Queen during the halftime coronation Friday, Sept. 23. She was escorted by her father Cedrick Jones. Her smile was as bright and beautiful as her dress when her name was announced as queen.

Miss Jones said that amid all of the praise from her friends she was happy and shocked all at once. She stated that if she could do the whole night over again, she would. “My 9th grade year as a freshman I wouldn’t have thought that my senior year I would be crowned queen,” Jones recalled.

She said that Homecoming was the best night and that she wished every girl could experience being crowned Homecoming Queen. Her father was very proud of her, but claimed the football presented to them as his own.

Taya Jones is the daughter of Cedrick and Kaisha Jones. She is the Commander of the Osceola High School AFJROTC and is Senior Class Treasurer. Jones is a member of FBLA and National Honor Society.



Nine ladies were selected for homecoming royalty on Friday, Sept. 2. Freshmen maids were Airreyuna Travis and Anna Whitfield. Sophomore maids were Hannah Baker and Jakayla Jackson. Junior maids were Chelsie Dildine and Kaya Horner. Senior maids were Akeyla Barksdale, Janaysia Caruthers, and Taya Jones, who was later crowned queen.

All female students who had no discipline referrals and two or fewer absences and tardies were eligible for the homecoming court. Students in grades nine through 11 chose two names from the list of eligible ladies in their class. The senior class chose three names. The two names in grades 9 through 11 with the most votes were elected to the homecoming court. The top three names in the senior class were chosen.

The football team elected the queen from the list of senior maids. Coronation was Friday, September 23 during halftime of the Osceola v. Piggot game at Seminole Stadium where the Seminoles suffered a devastating loss of 43-7.



A ROYAL SHOW—Homecoming Royalty gets in formation to show their Seminole Pride after the game Friday, Sept. 23, 2016. Pictured are (left to right) Freshman Maid Airreyuna Travis, Sophomore Maid Hannah Baker, Junior Maid Kaya Horner, Senior Maid Janaysia Caruthers, Queen Taya Jones, Senior Maid Akeyla Barksdale, Junior Maid Chelsie Dildine, Sophomore Maid Jakayla Jackson, and Freshman Maid Anna Whitfield.

Seminole Homecoming 2016

Juniors sweep class competition

The class of 2018 won the overall Homecoming class point competition with a total of 365 points for the week.

Competitions for the week included dress up days, spirit stick and football decorating, hall-way decorating, Seminole Princess and Warrior, display board, sheet, class dances, male cheer-leading, and other games.

Coming in second for the week was the senior class, followed by the freshmen and sopho-



Around Campus



OHS Welcomes Class Pet

By Jacquanay Buford, Staff Writer

Ms. Street's Biology class has adopted a bearded dragon. The newest Seminole was incubated by a breeder who kept the egg to care for it. After hatching it grew large enough to sell to buyers. It is originally from Australia and is a juvenile (a few months old).

Ms. Street has said, "I brought this reptile with me to OHS because I believe it would be neat to have a class pet so the students could question its habits, study it, and take care of it."

Juniors Selected for Youth Leadership

The following students were selected to participate in the 2016-2017 Mississippi County Youth Leadership Program: Kahlil Allen, Amy Guo, Destiny Haymon, Diamond McGowan, Pinal Patel, and Ashley Wright.

The Youth Leadership Program (YLP) is sponsored by the County Extension office and was developed to provide training for high school juniors to help them realize their leadership potential. The goals of YLP are to promote community involvement and relationships, to increase awareness of personal strengths and areas for improvement, to practice various dimensions of leadership and fellowship and to promote an increased sense of civic and community responsibility.

Students hold class elections

By Deja White, Staff Writer

Class officers were elected in August.

The Freshmen officers are President Anna Whitfield, Vice President Janaya Hogan, Secretary Samaiyah Collins, Treasurer Sarah Millikan, and Reporter Airreyuna Travis.

The Sophomore officers are President Jamila Branch, Vice President Tommia Ellis, Secretary Brodaijah Walker, Treasurer Rondashia McNeal, and Reporter Jymeka Sanchez.

The Junior officers are President Xavier Reed, Vice President Amy Guo, Secretary Jonasha Tyms, Treasurer Tyshunna Grace, and Reporter Diamond McGowan.

The Senior officers are President Akeyla Barksdale, Vice President Bobby Brown, Secretary Michae Caruthers, Treasurer Taya Jones, and Reporter Carol Pollard.

Students attend SYATP



By Jacquanay Buford, Staff Writer

At 7:30 am on Wednesday, Sept. 28, students and teachers gathered around the flag pole, joined hands, and prayed for a safe and successful school year.

According to the movement's website, "See You at the Pole™ is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the school flagpole before school to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. See You at the Pole™ is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led event."

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Around Campus

Keystone students use teamwork to solve problems



UP FOR A CHALLENGE—Freshmen in Mr. Gardner’s Keystone class participated in a team-building activity focused on helping students overcome obstacles. The game called for groups of students to walk a specified distance while only having a certain number of feet or hands on the ground. Mr. Gardner lowered the number of hands or feet on the ground for each round of the game. He later explained to his students that even though the lower numbers of feet on the ground seemed impossible, the students managed to succeed. He then compared this to facing challenges in life where students need to approach the problem in creative ways to find solutions.

Biology Mini-Poster winners announced

By Deja White, Staff Writer

Students recently competed in an mini-poster competition in Ms. Street’s class. The purpose of the mini-poster was for students to learn about evolution and the contributions of scientists to Darwin’s theory of natural selection. Ms. Street chose this project because she wanted her students to see that quality research is essential. The mini-poster served as introduction to the scientific research process and as a chance to let the students show their creative sides.

The winners of the mini-poster were 1st place-Diamond Thomas and Clarissa Martinez; 2nd place-Deja White and Zaria Jones; and 3rd place-Kilyah Stevenson and Brodaijah Walker.



TAKING A TOUR—Students in Ms. Starks’s Fundamentals of TV class recently toured the News Channel 3 studio in Memphis. Picture are (left to right) Ledarius Johnson, Ms. Starks, Cha’kyra Nalls, Brianna Washington, Tonisha Buford, Eriyah Redmon, Jakayla Williams, Zaria Jones, Danielle White, Tai Branch, Cameron Johnson, (front row) Jaylin Miller, O’maesha Dixon, Kavion Maufas, Miriya Lewis.

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