

Area News

Ware At Camden Football Scrimmage Tonight In Kingsland

The Ware County Gators will hit the road to visit the Camden County Wildcats today for a pre-season scrimmage game at 7 p.m. The regular season begins in eight days as Ware hosts Pine Ridge, Fla. Friday, Aug. 17. On Friday, Aug. 24, the Gators visit Burke County.

Subsequent weeks will see games with Coffee Aug. 31 at home, Jonesboro at home Sept. 7, Glynn Academy here (homecoming) Sept. 21, Lowndes on the road Sept. 28, Statesboro at home Oct. 12, South Effingham away Oct. 19, New Hampstead here (senior night) Oct. 26 and at Wayne County Nov. 2.

Ware home games in Memorial Stadium kick off at 7:30.

Way Of The Cross Revival Today-Sunday

Way of the Cross Outreach Mission, 512 Lee Ave., announced it is having an "old time, Holy Ghost revival with foot stamping, hand clapping and good preaching."

The services continue today and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.

Everyone is invited to come, bring the sick and "let God have His way," a spokesman said.

Ware BOE To Meet Monday And Tuesday

The Ware County Board of Education will hold its monthly work session in the board room at 1301 Bailey St. Monday, 6 p.m.

The monthly board meeting of the Board of Education will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the board room at 1301 Bailey St.

The public is invited to attend. The meeting agenda is posted prior to the meeting and the minutes are posted as well on the system web page at www.ware.k12.ga.us under the District and e-Board links.

Free Food Saturday At E.E. Moore Park

The first 300 people in line at E.E. Moore Park at 11 a.m. Saturday will each receive a box of free food.

Organizers of the "Charlie Giving Back to the Community" event say donations will be accepted, but

the food will be given free.

The public is reminded that they need to bring their own empty boxes — limit one box per family — to the event at the park next to what was once Bailey Heights off Dorothy Street.

School supplies will also be given away while supplies last. The children must be present to receive school supplies.

Vietnam Veterans Meet Once A Month

The Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 1070) meet on the second Thursday of each month at Captain Joe's.

The meeting begins between 6 and 6:30 p.m. (Arrive at 5 or so if you wish to join in for supper and fellowship, dutch treat.) An invitation is extended to all Vietnam era veterans (and spouses) to attend.

Contact Ralph Miller 449-4640 for more information.

Blackshear Blood Drive At NFC Gym

BLACKSHEAR — The Blackshear community Red Cross blood drive will take place Tuesday, 2-7 p.m.

Donors are encouraged to come to the NFC Gymnasium and give the "gift of life."

WJ-H Football Edition Aug. 16

The Ware County Gators, Pierce County Bears and Brantley County Herons will be featured in the annual Waycross Journal-Herald Okefenokee Area Pigskin Preview football edition due to be out soon.

Many have asked about the publication of the 2018 special pullout section. It will be published for inclusion in the Aug. 16 Journal-Herald.

To advertise in the special edition, contact the J-H ad department, 283-2244 (ext. 113 or ext. 114). The ad deadline is Aug. 10 at 2 p.m.

Sports Hall Of Fame Meeting Is Aug. 16

The Waycross-Ware County Sports Hall of Fame officers and directors are to meet Thursday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m., at Jerry J's on Plant Avenue.

President Ricky Brantley urged 100 percent attendance.



Paralegal Chris Hiers (from left), the plaintiff's father, Kevin Turner, Daniel Turner, Douglas Gibson (attorney) and Brian Cover (paralegal) celebrate the jury's verdict.

SPECIAL PHOTO

Jury Grants \$1 Million Verdict For Victim Of Rear-End Wreck

A jury returned a \$1 million verdict in a civil case this week in Ware Superior Court in favor of a special needs Waycross man who was seriously injured in a wreck more than two years ago.

Daniel Turner was 32 years old on March 2, 2016 when a Camaro owned by Jack Williams of Patterson rear-ended an Easter Seals van near Lariscy's Crossing on U.S. 84. Turner was a passenger in the van.

Doug Gibson, of Gibson and Associates, represented Turner, and Gibson said mechanic Ricky McCallister was test-driving the Camaro on the day of the crash.

"Jack Williams had left his vehicle to have its LT1 engine rebuilt," Gibson said. "An LT1 engine is a high performance engine that is used in Corvettes."

Gibson said that McCallister,

one of the mechanics employed to rebuild the engine, "used Mr. Williams' vehicle to take his wife to lunch and stated that the engine was running good and strong. He said he was looking at the road go by and that he never saw the Easter Seals van before he collided with it."

Gibson said the vehicles collided with such force the Camaro was totaled and the van's spare tire flew from underneath the van at such a high speed that it was propelled far down the highway and was not found until several weeks later.

Turner, described by Gibson as "a special needs young adult" whose passion was amusement park rides, suffered several broken bones in his neck.

"Due to the thorough assessment of Chamois Campbell, a

Pierce County paramedic, Turner's life and ability to walk were spared," said Gibson. "The breaks in Daniel's neck resulted in significant hardware being surgically placed in his neck."

Gibson argued to the jury that Turner "experienced intense pain following the wreck and will continue to experience pain for the remainder of his life. He will be at risk for additional surgeries in the future."

Turner's "one true enjoyment in life was to ride the rides at Wild Adventures," Gibson said. "Due to his injury and the resulting surgery, he is no longer able to ride the rides."

Despite the extensive hardware in Turner's neck and doctor's testimony of the future risk to Turner, the defense counsel argued to the jury that Turner was completely

healed.

"Apparently the jury was not convinced as they returned a verdict in favor of Turner in the amount of a million dollars," Gibson said.

Payment of the damages will be the obligation of the uninsured motorist carrier Selective Insurance.

Gibson was assisted by his paralegals, Chris Hiers and Brian Cover.

The trial was presided over by Judge David Cavender.

Gibson said the \$1 million verdict was only the fourth verdict for that amount (or greater) ever returned in Ware County. It was also the second million dollar verdict that Doug Gibson of Gibson and Associates has obtained.

(Jack Williams, the owner of the Camaro, was not an involved litigant in the court case; he was neither a plaintiff nor a defendant.)

... Earthquake

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The aftershock had caused more "trauma," said national disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho.

Wiranto, Indonesia's top security minister, told reporters the death toll from Sunday's magnitude 7.0 quake had risen to 319. The announcement came after an inter-agency meeting was called to resolve wildly different figures from different agencies.

Grieving relatives were burying their dead and medics tended to people whose broken limbs hadn't yet been treated in the day since the quake. The Red Cross said it was focusing relief efforts on an estimated 20,000 people yet to get any assistance.

In Kopang Daya village in the hard-hit Tanjung district of north Lombok, a distraught family was burying their 13-year-old daughter who was struck by a collapsing wall and then trampled when the quake Sunday caused a stampede at her Islamic boarding school.

Villagers and relatives prayed outside a tent where the girl's body lay inside covered in a white cloth.

"She was praying when the earthquake happened," said her uncle Tarna, who gave a single name. "She was trying to get out, but she got hit by a wall and fell down. Children were running out from the building in panic and she was stepped on by her friends," he said.

Thousands of homes were damaged or destroyed in Sunday's

quake and more than 150,000 people are homeless. The earlier earthquakes also left cracks in walls and roofs, making the weakened buildings susceptible to collapse.

"People are always saying they need water and tarps," said Indonesian Red Cross spokesman Arifin Hadi. He said the agency has sent 20 water trucks to five remote areas, including one village of about 1,200 households.

He also said they're continuing to look for people with untreated injuries.

In Kopang Daya, injured villagers got their first proper treatment Thursday after medics arrived with a portable X-ray and other supplies. They tended to an elderly woman with an injured face and hips who'd been knocked over by her grandson as they scrambled from their house.

"Her son managed to get out from the house when the earthquake hit but the grandmother and grandson were left behind," said a relative Nani Wijayanti. "The grandson tried to help the grandmother to get out but he pushed too hard," she said.

A July 29 quake on Lombok killed 16 people.

Indonesia is prone to earthquakes because of its location on the "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin. In December 2004, a massive magnitude 9.1 earthquake off Sumatra triggered a tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries.

... Russia Sanctions

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of international law or has used lethal chemical or biological weapons against its own nationals."

British Prime Minister Theresa May welcomed the U.S. decision. Her Downing Street office issued a statement saying the move sends "an unequivocal message to Russia that its provocative, reckless behavior will not go unchallenged."

Peskov insisted that "there can't be any talk about Russia having any relation to the use of chemical weapons," adding that Britain has failed to present any evidence to back the claim and stonewalled Russia's proposal for a joint probe.

The Russian Embassy in Washington said the "draconian" new sanctions against Russia weren't backed by any facts or evidence, noting that while the U.S. said it has enough information to conclude that Russia is to blame, it refused to disclose what it has, saying the information is classified.

Konstantin Kosachev, the chairman of the foreign affairs committee in the upper house of the Russian parliament, said Thursday that the U.S. has behaved like a "police state, threatening and torturing a suspect to get evidence." He added that the new sanctions amount to "inflicting a punishment in the absence of a crime in the tradition of lynch law."

Leonid Slutsky, the head of the lower house's foreign affairs committee, denounced the sanctions as a manifestation of "unbridled Rus-

sophobia" and mockery of international law, saying that Russia may respond with countersanctions.

Peskov refused to say how the Kremlin may respond, saying in a conference call with reporters that it needs to see what specific action the U.S. takes before retaliating.

He insisted that Russia's financial system is strong enough to withstand shocks from the new penalties.

In the morning, the Russian ruble sank to the lowest levels since April on the news of the new sanctions before recovering slightly later in the day. The shares of Russian state-controlled banks, the national carrier Aeroflot and other companies also tanked.

Several members of Congress had expressed concern that the Trump administration was dragging its feet on the determination and had missed a deadline to publish its findings.

Lawmakers praised Wednesday's announcement.

"The administration is rightly acting to uphold international bans on the use of chemical weapons," said Ed Royce, R-Calif., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Royce had previously accused Trump of ignoring the Russian nerve agent attack.

"The mandatory sanctions that follow this determination are key to increasing pressure on Russia. Vladimir Putin must know that we will not tolerate his deadly acts, or his ongoing attacks on our democratic process," Royce said Wednesday.

While criticized as too keen to

strike up a friendship with Putin, Trump maintains that he's been tough on Moscow. His administration has sanctioned a number of Russian officials and oligarchs for human rights abuses and election meddling.

In March, the Trump administration ordered 60 Russian diplomats — all of whom it said were spies — to leave the United States and closed down Russia's consulate in Seattle in response to the Skripal case.

The State Department announced a number of possible exceptions to the sanctions announced Wednesday. Waivers have been issued for foreign assistance and space flight activities, while commercial passenger aviation and other commercial goods for civilian use will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, according to the official who briefed reporters.

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