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Golden Helmet Award winner, Robert A Brown played football for four years at S.M. Tompkins High School. Brown went to South Carolina State University and played on three MEAC championship teams. A member of the 1979 Gold Bowl Championship team and the 1980 and 1982 National Black College Championship teams, Brown tried out for the Tampa Bay Bandits of the USFL.

James W. German was the co-captain of the football team at Tompkins during his junior and senior year. During his high-school football career, German scored 41 touchdowns and rushed for over 3,800 yards. He was also the Savannah News Press Running Back of the year and First Team All-City in 1977.

Ida Mae Grant played basketball and softball, ran track and was a cheerleader at Woodville High School. In 1957, she was voted most valuable pitcher in softball. Grant won many First Team awards in track and field. A leading scorer in basketball, Grant never missed an opportunity to cheer during her high school cheering career.

Although Ulysses Jackson had a small stature, he was one of the best passers during his high school football career.

Chatham Area Transit to get 1.5 Million Grant

WASHINGTON, DC — Congressman Jack Kingston (R-GA) announced that the Chatham Area Transit Authority in Savannah has been named as the recipient of a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

“Chairman Liakakis and his fellow commissioners are to be applauded for their efforts in acquiring these funds for the transit authority,” Congressman Kingston said. “Public transportation is essential for citizens in an area like Savannah and grants such as these ensure that the system will continue to be safe and efficient.”

The amount of the transportation grant is \$1,446,786. The funds will be used to purchase four replacement buses and to continue work on the Savannah Transfer Station.

“We appreciate

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During the 1965 season, Jackson completed 9 of 10 passes for 290 yards against Riley High of Brunswick, GA. In that same season, he passed for 279 yards completing 10 of 12 passes against Ballard Hudson of Macon. In his senior year, Jackson passed for over 1,100 yards.

Ruth P. James was a member of the first girls' varsity basketball team at Woodville High School. Ruth was known for tenacious defense on the basketball court. She was also known for her speed and quickness in track and field. Due to her strong commitment, spirited enthusiasm for the school and team and practice sessions, she demonstrated strong leadership and outstanding sportsmanship.

The second junior and first Tompkins High athlete to win the Ashley Dearing Award, Lamar S. Owens competed in football, basketball and track. Owens was a region champion in the 220 yard dash and on the Savannah News Press Best 11 list in 1978. He was also a member of the 1979-1980 State basketball championship team. Owens was a First Team All City selection during his junior and senior years.

The captain of the track and field team for two consecutive years at Tompkins High, James J. Smart won city and regional championships in his junior and senior years. Smart set a record in the 220 yard dash, 440

yard dash and the mile run stand. He was also a member of the mile relay team that broke the state's record.

Citation honoree Charlie L. Bryan (affectionately called “Sad”) organized the Woodville Community Action Organization and served as President from August 1968 until his death in March, 1992. Bryan is credited for spearheading many much needed changes in the Woodville community such as paved streets, street lights, natural gas lines, a play area for the youth and a transit bus. He served on the board of directors for many community organizations and listed in the Who's Who Among Black Americans. Bryan was also a coach in the Woodville Community coaching fast-pitch softball. His boys team was the first to beat Cann Park and his girls team was City Champs in 1967. His vision was to have a park and community center in Woodville. Although the land was purchased and plans were made for the park and community center, Bryan passed away before the projects were completed. In August of 1992, the Woodville Park was dedicated and named the Charlie “Sad” Bryan Park. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame posthumously.

The Woodville-Tompkins High School Hall of Fame Association, Inc. was created in 2002 to honor coaches and student-athletes who had stellar careers in athletics at Woodville-Tompkins High School.

Hungry Club Forum Calls For Coastal Talent



The Hungry Club Forum of Savannah, Inc. (HCFS) will host the Second Annual Heritage Dinner-Reception and Talent Showcase of Savannah and the Low Country, on Friday October 3, 2008, at 6:30PM, at the Carey Hilliards Banquet Center, located at

11111 Abercorn Street. “The Heritage Dinner will spotlight some of the unique and outstanding talent in the coastal area community, in addition to providing an opportunity to fellowship, network and enjoy a great dinner”, said Carol Q. King, HCFS President. “It will

include, but not be limited to, singing, dancing, acting, comedy and the spoken word.

To participate in the talent showcase or for ticket information, call Julia Wright at 233-0855 or Diana Harvey Johnson at 927-8425.

Charles Ellis launches "Ellis Afternoon Musicales"

Charles Ellis PTA has launch a series of free afternoon concerts called "Ellis Afternoon Musicales" in the school's multi-purpose room at 220 E 49th Street, between Habersham and Reynolds streets.

Future musicales include harpsichordist Anne Acker on Tuesday, September 23, "What Is Jazz" featuring Jody Espina and friends on Tuesday, October 14 and the Shuman Middle School Chorus on Tuesday, October 28. The program will continue into November with guest artists yet to be announced.

Held at 3:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the months of September through November, the Musicales are designed to raise musical knowledge.

The concerts are free and open to the public and families are welcome.

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