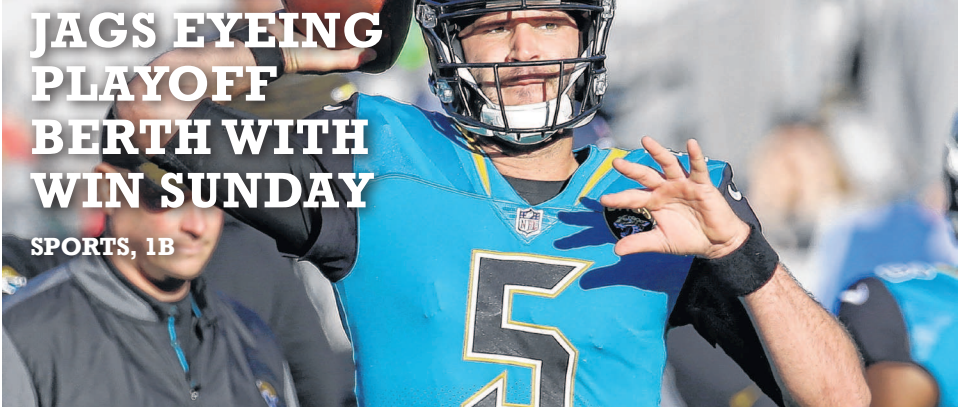
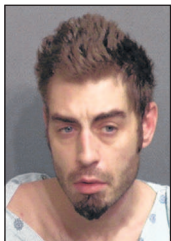


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Jury convicts Indiana man shot in SWAT standoff



John Patrick Frohn

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A Glynn County Superior Court jury found John P. Frohn III guilty Friday following a five-day trial, convicting him of aggravated assault, possession of a firearm during a felony and possession of a firearm by a felon. The jury could not

reach a verdict on three counts each of aggravated assault and possession of a firearm during a felony.

Glynn County police officers initially searched for Frohn in the area in February after the police department in Lawrenceburg, Ind., sent word he was wanted back in Indiana on an extraditable warrant for

threatening to kill his former girlfriend and her mother. He also had outstanding warrants in Ohio.

Glynn County Police investigators discovered Frohn was likely at a Blythe Island residence and the GCPD ended up having to send two SWAT teams to the residence because Frohn opened fire at police

from within the residence. Police eventually apprehended Frohn after sending two flash-bang grenades into the house and shooting him because Frohn would not put down his weapon.

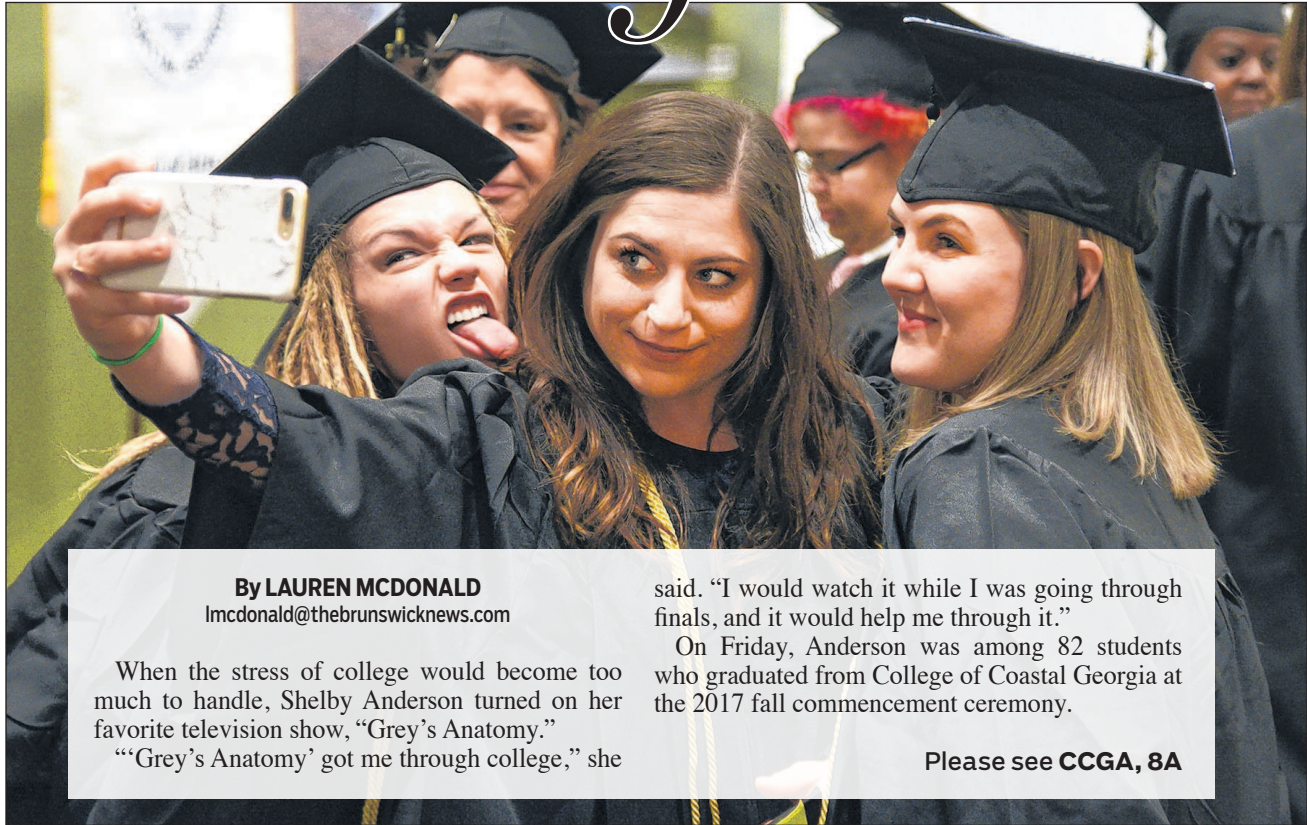
In a statement issued Friday afternoon, District Attorney Jackie Johnson thanked Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Special Agent Nick Antczak and the jurors who served on the case. Assistant district attorneys Liberty Stewart and Hadley Mann prosecuted the case, while Wrix McIlvane served as Frohn's defense counsel.

Frohn faces a possible 30 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Tuesday at the Glynn County Courthouse.

CCGA GRADUATES REACH THEIR GOAL AND A NEW

Starting Point



By LAUREN MCDONALD
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When the stress of college would become too much to handle, Shelby Anderson turned on her favorite television show, "Grey's Anatomy."

"'Grey's Anatomy' got me through college," she

said. "I would watch it while I was going through finals, and it would help me through it."

On Friday, Anderson was among 82 students who graduated from College of Coastal Georgia at the 2017 fall commencement ceremony.

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Meagan Mack, left, photobombs her fellow psychology majors Paige McCall, center, and Amanda Pierson as McCall snaps a photo while College of Coastal Georgia students wait for the procession during the CCGA 2017 Fall Commencement at the Jekyll Convention Center Friday.

Shore protection bill kaput for 2018

By WES WOLFE
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The quandary of what constitutes a dune sent a Shore Protection Act reform bill to a screeching stop in the General Assembly during the 2017 session. As was mentioned at the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce Grits & Issues event Friday, Hurricane Irma took most of the dunes, anyway.

"I'm through with House Bill 271," said state Rep. Don Hogan, R-St. Simons Island. "That bill jumped on me right out of the (House) Natural Resources Committee, and we discussed it. (Then-director) Spud (Woodward) from down here at (the) Coastal (Resources Division) and the rest of the (CRD staff) came up and did testimony after testimony before our committee."

"I thought it was a good bill when it got started out. The problem we ran into

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Frederica co-founder leaves legacy of leadership, community service

By LAUREN MCDONALD
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Since before Frederica Academy first opened its doors to students, Miriam Anne Benefield served as one of the school's best supporters.

In 1969, Benefield, known as "Tiggie," brought a group of parents together to explore the possibility of opening an independent school in Glynn County.

That discussion lead to Frederica

Academy opening its doors to 108 students on Aug. 31, 1970.

Since that day, Benefield has been one of the school's most prominent leaders.

Benefield, 86, died Tuesday. She passed away at home after a prolonged illness.

Benefield was

an intelligent, persuasive woman with a heart for her community, said Ellen Fleming, interim head of school at Frederica Academy.

"I personally remember her as a lady small in stature but big in ideas and big in follow-through," Fleming said.

Benefield was born in Mullins, S.C. She graduated from Mullins High School and Coker College.

She then became a science and physical education teacher.

She married her husband, Dewey, a Sea Island resident, in 1960. They were married 57 years.

The couple played a major role in helping Frederica Academy first open at the old hospital location in downtown Brunswick. The school moved to its current campus in 1974.

"She was the inspiration for starting the school," Fleming said. "She was the one who suggested that there was a need for a school on

St. Simons Island. ... Once she got an idea, she followed through and made it happen."

Her husband served as the first chairman of Frederica Academy's board.

Their two children were among the school's first students, and both graduated from Frederica Academy. Three of their grandchildren also graduated from the school.

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