Brooker woman has many blessings this Mother’s Day

BY TIFFANY CLARK
Times Editor

First-time parents Stacy and Kelley Dyal of Brooker will celebrate this coming Mother’s Day with their five-month-old quintuplets (in order of birth): Kyndall, Kayleigh, Kaleb, Kamryn and Kyleigh. According to the DyaLS, they have been blessed with the support of many. Up to 20 or more “other mothers” from the area help to provide care daily for the quints while Kelley is at work at Clay Electric. (Stacy used to work at Clay Electric herself, spending more than 10 years there.)

In addition, the DyaLS are fortunate to have the steadfast support of Kelley’s mother, Margaret. There have been many obstacles to overcome for the DyaLS, and to all of the people who have made overcoming those obstacles possible, they give a heartfelt thank you. “Helping care for and love the babies has taken the support of family, church families and the community,” Stacy said. “A blessing spread across many groups of people—grandmothers, mothers, family, friends, co-workers, former coworkers, women, men and teenagers. People from Starke, Keystone Heights, Theressa, Gainesville, Melrose and Lawtey drive the distance to help at designated times. Friends in the Brooker area make up the core group that consistently comes in as scheduled or just stops by.”

“Then there is the ‘baby 911’ group, who can be called unscheduled to come for an immediate need, and the answer is, ‘I’ll be right there.’ The babies are on a four-hour feeding schedule. Matching the babies’ schedule to an organized volunteer schedule is a challenge—lots of calls and texting to get the two together. The best scenario is to have a caretaker for each baby at feeding time. The babies also usually cooperate by waking at intervals, so feeding times are manageable with less.”

The babies were born at Shands at the University of Florida in November. Stacy began her hospital stay 40 days prior to their birth. “The first show of support was in September of 2012,” she said. “A fundraiser was attended by friends and family from Brooker and many surrounding communities. Some were from out of state. Many people gave gifts along with boxes of diapers and wipes. We are still using from that supply.”

While in the hospital for 40 days prior to delivery by C-section, visits by family and friends were extremely helpful to get through that extended period.

There are many risks when carrying multiple babies, but for Stacy, who had a liver transplant in 2007, the risks were drastically increased. The DyaLS were given the option of selective reduction—aborting one or more of the fetuses—but it was a choice they were not willing to make. Being fully aware of the serious and possibly fatal risks, neither Stacy nor her husband gave up. The reward for their perseverance came with the successful birth of all five children.

The quintuplets stayed in incubators for a period of time at Shands because they were Regional News

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**Happy Mother's Day**

What a great day to celebrate, a day that we truly ought to be thankful for.

Someone just said to me the other day, “Why is it that the older you get, the faster time goes by?” Well, it’s hard to explain, but life truly is very short. So with that in mind...let’s just pause and reflect upon our mothers and commit to spending more time, through visits, calls, phone calls and prayers.

Where would we be without our mothers? Our country has been a great country, we have had a lot of fine men help mold our country, but the backbone of our society has been our mothers. They are there to nurture and encourage our children.

My mother is with the Lord now and almost everyday I’m reminded of how much I miss her. You know you can’t undo the past – and that is so painfully clear to me. My mother was behind the scenes, never out front, but she truly was my inspiration. She told me I was special...she developed in me so many traits that have become crystal clear.

JoAnn’s mother passed away in October. It has been a difficult time for her. She wanted to honor her mother at her funeral. It has been a difficult time for her. She wanted to honor her mother at her funeral. She truly ought to be thankful for.

**Tornadoes to touch down at state championship**

**Adkins’ effort helps Bradford earn Final Four berth**

By CLIFF SMELLEY Regional Sports Editor

Ashton Adkins gave up four hits in the circle and drove in the only run of the game as the Bradford High School softball team defeated visiting Astronaut 1-0 to win the Region 2-Class A championship and advance to the Final Four for the first time as a fastpitch program.

The Tornadoes (28-2) will take on Miami Gulliver Prep on Friday, May 10 at 2 p.m. at the Vero Beach Sports Village. If Bradford wins, it will play for the state championship on Saturday, May 11 at 1:30 p.m. against either Bishop Verot or Madison County. That game will also be at the Vero Beach Sports Village.

“Ooh, my gosh. It feels amazing,” first baseman Lindsey Wiggins said. “This is what we set our goal as this all we’ve worked for.”

Bradford head coach Daniel Davis said with the way Astronaut pitcher Hannah Denny was throwing, she gave up six hits and five walk, Adkins defensive play was a key for the Tornadoes.

“The girls really played great defensively tonight, and I think that was the difference,” Davis said. “She was able to put some hits, but we weren’t able to string them together. To be able to play great on defense the way we did, we weren’t able to score in the way that she did, was huge tonight.”

Adkins, who really didn’t give up a walk. She had five strikeouts.

“Every pitch, really, was working for her,” catcher Annie Luke said. “She just really

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Santa Fe's math teacher Judy Becker chats with dual-enrolled student Michael Ortega before class.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa, Becker looked for a teaching job—one that didn't require the student to also be a coach. After eight weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit, both babies went home Jan. 15, followed by the other three on Jan. 18.

Kelley said the babies had intensive care unit stays, two babies were in the neonatal unit, and the other is in a regular nursery. The babies are prepared each night for the NICU. Each day, the babies collectively go through approximately 15 diaper changes. For three months after the babies came home, local community members and volunteers from the NICU delivered food items and paper goods. In addition, the babies were given a Freedom Baptist provided meals throughout that time. In addition, many friends and family brought food items and paper goods to help out. The meals were donated by cafes and the Freedom Baptist provided meals throughout that time. In addition, many friends and family brought food items and paper goods to help out. The meals were donated by cafes and the Freedom Baptist Church.

A mother's day quote that seems to fit Judy Ortega perfectly (attributed to Lilly): "It takes someone really brave to be a mother, someone extra to raise a child, someone special to love someone more than herself."
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Sarah Pearse and Zachariah Morford
Rob and Dotty Morford of Keystone Heights are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Maj. Zachariah Morford to Sarah Pearse, daughter of Carl and Gloria Pearse of Osprey. Zachariah is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and now serves as an experimental test pilot at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala. Sarah graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, where she also earned her MBA in entrepreneurial studies. She will be leaving her position as an airbase consultant at Emory to work for the University of Alabama in Huntsville. They will be married this October at the Bay Preserve in Osprey.

Starke Rotary Beast Feast is May 18
Starke Rotary Club’s sixth annual Beast Feast will be held Saturday, May 18, at the Bradford Sportsman’s Farm in Graham, starting at 6 p.m. There will be a live band, drawing and auction items up for bid, plus cash drawings for the event tickets. Tickets are $50 each and can be purchased from any Rotarian at the Bradford County Telegraph.

Letters
Couple has great time at NRA convention
Dear Editor:
My husband and I just returned from Houston, Texas, and the NRA National Convention. We found media reports on TV and in newspapers while we were there very interesting in that most of them were either negative reports or none at all, with just a few exceptions. So, I would like to report to all of Bradford County what we personally experienced.
First of all, we had a great time and all the people we encountered were very warm and friendly. Our first evening there, we attended their banquet and auction. The premium auctioneer for the NRA netted the association a Texas-sized pile of money for their cause. Oh yes, by the way, that auctioneer is the same gent who is known to some of us as “The Mad Genius.” He did an amazing job in the 4-1/2 auctions. NRA trinkets and various Fair auctions—Mr. Bill Eiland of Penny Farms. There were almost 60,000 people attending the four-day event, and contrary to what some people think, practically all of the various seminars, talks and rallies were focusing on safety, education, responsibility, family values, legal usage and personal responsibility. There were reports of protestors, but we were unable to locate any. These people could not have been farther from a display area showing practically everything imaginable from the expected guns and knives to ladies’ handbags and kids’ toys. Whatever your personal beliefs and realities are, remember that our country was founded on certain principles, and our Constitution and amendment guaranteeing us personal freedoms need to be maintained and not taken away from us.
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Keystones Waters to play softball

By CLIFF SMELEY
Regional News/Sports Editor

It may be hard for Keystone Heights High School pitcher Keely Waters to put it into words, but its sufficient to say that Bishop Kenny in Florida felt like the right place for her to continue her softball career.

Waters, who was also interested at one time in schools such as Georgia Tech and Southeastern University, signed her Florida State College letter of intent during a May 1 signing ceremony.

"Honestly, its indescribable," she said. "When you finally find that right school and you just have that gut feeling, you can just know that that's the right one. Its just exciting." Waters, whose batting average hovered between .350 and .400 each season, was used almost exclusively as a pitcher but this past season, coach looks forward to returning to the outfield, where she played the majority of her games in 2011-12.

"Hopefully, I'll be able to earn a spot in center field, and I really really want to earn a spot in the batting lineup because hitting, that's my baby," said Waters, who was Keystones Offensive Player of the Year the past three seasons. "I love hitting."

With a .306 batting average, eight home runs and 17 RBIs, Waters contributed greatly to her team, and had eight games in which she reached base safely. Her six doubles tied a team record, while her six RBIs tied a team record.

"I never had a hit anywhere near center field, so you know she was going to catch it," Phillips said.

The marked Waters fourth straight season as a varsity-level starter, but she also started another eight games this year after being moved up to the team following her junior high season's tear. Obviously, the talent to play both is there, but there is one thing in Waters’ life that put her in a situation that put her in a

Sot of a self-described shorthorn. She was diagnosed with thyroid cancer in 2011 and underwent the diagnosis and treatment of college was in her future. Support from those around her, as well as contact from college coaches, put Waters on a track that culminated with her May 1 signing. She said having fought cancer now inspires her to work hard so she can avoid any more treatment. She is also on the right track in regard to her health.

"I went back for my yearly checkup about (three) weeks ago," Waters said. "There were signs of any cancer, nothing unusual."

Now, Waters is excited about getting the chance to suit up as a State College of Florida Matador. It has her high school career complete.

"I always just love seeing any of my girls sign and be able to make the next level," Phillips said. "She's such a great athlete, great person and great student. (The State College of Florida) is getting a great asset to their program."

Keystone Heights High School softball player Kelsey Waters signs a letter of intent to play at State College of Florida. She is seated between her parents, Donna and Jerry Waters. (The State College of Florida provided courtesy of the Ursuline College sports information department.)

Another 12B hit to score the winning run in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game 6-5.

"Wells batted .275 in her final season at KHS; averaging a 6-5 loss in extra innings to Tiffin (Ohio) on March 28.

"If there was a ball hit anywhere near center field, you know she was going to catch it," Phillips said.

"It's not in my plan. Of course, plans change..."
Recent arrests in Clay, or Union

The following individuals were arrested recently by local enforcement personnel in Bradford, Union or Clay (Keystone Heights (K) area).

Stephanie Delandrea Altman, 18, of Starke was arrested May 10 by Bradford deputies for larceny, burglary and possession of marijuana by a person under age 21, and by Starke police for burglary. Bond was set at $9,000 and she remained in jail at press time.

Rita Ann Roy, 32, of Starke was arrested May 3 by Starke police for shoplifting. Bond was set at $500 and she was released May 3.

Jared Robert Remen, 25, of Myakka City was arrested May 1 by Starke police for an out-of-country warrant. Bond was set at $15,000 and he was released May 3.

Deway Carl Bumate, 20, of Starke was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies for Larney, burglary and possession of liquor by a person under age 21, and by Starke police for larceny. Bond was set at $1,000 and he remained in jail at press time.

Richard Edward Casper, 52, of Lake Butler was arrested May 4 by Union deputies for possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and aggravated assault.

David Edward Brandon, 74, of Starke was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies for dealing in nude property and larceny. Bond was set at $35,000 and he remained in jail at press time.

Traci Lee Fair, 21, of Starke was arrested May 2 by Starke police for larceny. Bond was set at $3,000 and she was released May 3.

Nash Goodlin, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 30 by Clay deputies for domestic battery, false imprisonment and grand theft auto.

Alice Hall, 62, of Starke was arrested May 3 by Bradford deputies for battery. Bond was set at $1,000 and she was released May 3.

Deway Michael Harrell, 26, of Lake Butler was arrested May 3 by Union deputies for possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and aggravated assault.

Gabeul John Hendrieth, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested May 3 by Clay deputies for possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and aggravated assault.

Deana J Hibbs, 26, of Hampton was arrested May 3 by Bradford deputies for trespassing on property and resisting arrest. Bond was set at $500 and he was released May 5.

Timothy Robert Hobgood, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested May 3 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at $750 and he was released May 5.

Gail Luckridge Jackson, 54, of Lake Butler was arrested May 3 by Starke police for driving with a suspended, revoked or expired license. Bond was set at $750 and she was released May 4.

Roy Shane Jackson, 41, of Starke was arrested May 1 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine. Bond was set at $1,000 and he was released May 1.

Brenda Craig Johns, 28, of Keystone Heights was arrested May 4 by Starke police for driving with a suspended, revoked or expired license. Bond was set at $1,000 and he was released May 4.

Bradley Aaron Collins, 18, of Lake Butler was arrested May 6 by Union deputies for an out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at $1,000 and he was released May 6.

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Joanne Jeannine Northrop, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested May 2 by Clay deputies for possession of drug paraphernalia and battery.

Jolynne Lyman, 54, of Keystone Heights was arrested May 8 by Clay deputies forconting of court.

Heath Robert Wilkers Leppinholm, 30, of Lawey was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies for burglary, possession of liquor by a person under 21 years of age and larceny. Bond was set at $5,000 and she was released May 8.

Pedro Jose Marroquin, 53, of Miami was arrested May 1 by Bradford deputies for possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at $500 and he was released May 4.

Lavoy Deanch McCandl, 33, of Union deputies for burglary, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. Bond was set at $1,000 and he was released May 4.

Deanna J Hibbs, 26, of Hampton was arrested May 5 by Union deputies for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at $500 and he was released May 5.

Walter Shane Davis, 22, of Bradford deputies for a probation violation. He remained in jail at press time.

Rachel Elizabeth Morrison, 27, of Keystone Heights was arrested May 6 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation. She remained in jail at press time.

Christopher Lamar Mosley, 51, of Starke was arrested May 7 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana and cocaine. Bond was set at $10,000 and he was released May 7.

William James Read, 23, of Lawey was arrested May 6 by Bradford deputies for larceny. Bond was set at $10,000 and he was released May 6.

Rassick Pippin, 19, of Keystone Heights was arrested May 2 by Clay deputies for two counts of aggravated assault.

Carolyn Starling, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested May 6 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at $2,000 and she was released April 30.

Ray Ontio White, 41, of Starke was arrested May 6 by Bradford deputies for possession of drugs. Bond was set at $2,000 and he was released May 6.

Yolanda Shea Walker, 30, of Starke was arrested April 30 by Starke police for an out-of-country warrant. Bond was set at $3,000 and he remained in jail at press time.

John T. Wilson, 30, of Bradford deputies for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at $3,000 and he remained in jail at press time.

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within a day or two, the typical report for several days, but painted by the previous week’s all the way into the central part dumping large amounts of rain a significant front was moving outdoors Fishing

Don West and Tommy Studstill take first place in the May Bald Eagle tournament. weight, and John Breton of Melrose took the big bass award at 4.67 pounds. Close behind Breton’s big bass was Darelle Kingston of Beulah with a 4.55-pound fish. The memorable outdoor event of the week took place at the Sampson/Rowell Lake open tournament. With persistent rain, cool spring weather and high winds, 20 boats turned out for the event, fished hard the entire time and caught fish. If we fished in a just world, every fisherman would have been declared a winner. Given a case of reality, however, Steve Nipper Sr. and Steve Nipper Jr. took first-place aggregate weight. (Unfortunately, that photo was blown with rain.) Zach Smith landed the big fish which went slightly under 3.5 pounds and is shown in the attached photo! Great fishing! The 10th annual Northeast Florida Association of Realtors Bass Fishing Tournament in Palatka was a big success this year for both Haven Hospice and Wally Johns of Starke. More than $25,000.00 in proceeds was donated to Haven Hospice and Johns of Ryan Worthington of Middleburg took first place with a 23.32 aggregate weight and 8.95 pounds for the big fish. The two fishermen took $3,900.00 in winnings. The Bradford County Bassmasters holds monthly tournaments, and the April 27 tournament at Sampson/Rowell Lake. C.K. Ryan and Brooks Merritt took first-place aggregate weight, and Mike Rhoades and Joe McKeen brought home the big fish that weighed 8.04 pounds. The Bassmasters group will be fishing at Sampson/Rowell lakes on May 25. The group fishes a different lake each month including some that are out of the area.

This is an active time of the year for bass tournaments, but not everyone is fishing for the competition. Warren Carver has been taking an annual family trip but each full moon in May to Gray Lake east of Crescent Lake near Palatka. It has been such an enjoyable and successful trip each time that it has attracted the participation of Jim White and Jim Lewis. Apparently the folks practice catch and eat and they have never come home hungry. Carver especially enjoys fishing for bluegills and shellackers, and the sight of his car can be a way to Kingfish Lake is apparently a good indication that the bite is on.

The out-of-area freshwater bite appears to be as active as it is locally. Bluegills and shellcrackers were especially active in Newnan’s and Lochloosa around full moon. Jim Kennington of Macon, Ga. tells the St. Augustine Record that says the channel catfish are biting everywhere in the St. Johns.

Saltwater fishing Both coasts seem to be active, with little change in trends from last week. Sutton emphasized the recent surf action around Jacksonville Beach in the Times-Union. Good reports have been made for black drum, speckled trout, and blue and overslot reds. Croakers and trout are still referenced again in the St. Johns near Green Cove. Both these harbingers of the coming shrimp run, but no confirmation for the shrimping has been made. The shore fishermen are doing well with mullet near the Green Cove bridges also. Remember that the salt-water fish in the St Johns do require a saltwater license.

Gary Simpson references good catches of Spanish mackerel, but also notes that catches of cobia, kings and tarpon have been reported on the western four signs of summer. Tangerine is a good month for this type of work.

Outdoors calendar • Joey Tyson/Bald Eagle Bait and Tackle bass tournaments at Santa Fe Lake every Wednesday; • Open bass tournaments at Sampson Lake every Thursday evening; • May 9, new moon; • May 21, spring gobbler season in Georgia; • May 25,Bradford Bass Masters tournament at Sampson Lake; • May 31, full moon.

If you have a story, idea or photo to share, please contact Mickey Agner via email at mka@maoutdoors.com or on phone to (904) 531-9695 (Clay) or (904) 531-9695 (Clay). Photos may be mailed to the New River Community Health Care Board Meeting The New River Community Health Care Board of Directors will be scheduled to meet Wednesday, May 15, at 9 a.m. First floor conference room, 200 S. Orange Avenue, St. Augustine. For more information, call the health care board office at (904) 798-7970. for more information, call the health care board office at (904) 798-7970. Medicaid  Uninsured  200% Below Poverty Level For Appointment Call: (904) 250-5291, ext. 2282 or (904) 531-9695 (Clay) ** Limited Appointments Available **

Mackenzie Gault (foreground) celebrates the win with teammates Lindsey Wiggins (background, right) and Sabina Watson.

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half of the sixth, but Arlington pitcher Danny was able to record three straight outs. The win propelled the Tornadoes into the state quarterfinals where they will play Sebastian River.

The Eagles put a run on the board in the top of the seventh when Holtz lined a bloop single with one out. A ground ball fielded by Davis and a shallow flyout to left field left Holtz on third base. With two out, Adkins ended the game with her sixth strikeout, leaving Holtz stranded at third.

In the bottom of the seventh, Wiggins hit her third home run of the season and scored, helping the Tornadoes advance to the state quarterfinals where they will play Sebastian River.

In his final high school season, Wiggins hit .387 with five home runs, 23 RBIs and 17 doubles. He was named Class 8A-Region 3 MVP and Florida Today’s Player of the Year.

Wiggins helped the Tornadoes during their two Berkshire defeated the Class 8A-Region 3 Championship, but was out against two teams.

West Orange, one of the best teams in the state, had reached the Final Four in Class 8A.

“We’re confident we can go all the way,” Wiggins said. “There’s no reason that we should be anything less than state champions.”
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**Bradford Republican meeting to host Starke police chief candidates**

Starke chief of police candidates Jeff Johnson (incumbent) and Bobby Redding will be the featured guests at the Bradford County Republican Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the Capital City Bank of Starke boardroom.

Each candidate will be given five minutes to speak, followed by a question-and-answer session.

City of Starke voters are welcome to attend as the Bradford County Republican Executive Committee’s business meeting will not be conducted until after the candidates spoke.

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**May 9 dinner to support diabetes research, Tour de Cure**

The annual Fundraiser Dinner for Diabetes, hosted by the Kingsley Kruizers bicycle group, will be held Thursday, May 9, at the Starke Golf and Country Club from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Dinners are $6, with the proceeds going to the American Diabetes Association’s Tour de Cure in Jacksonville to help diabetics who ride the event.

**Andrews Center to host ‘Quit Smoking’ program on May 21**

The Florida Area Health Education Centers Network and the Florida Department of Health are sponsoring a “Quit Smoking” program at the Santa Fe College Andrews Center in Starke on Thursday, May 21, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

This free program is for those who not only want to quit smoking, but who want to quit any type of tobacco use. Pre-registration is required.

Please call Kate Holcomb at 866-341-2730 or 352-275-7489.

**B-U Technical Center to offer IV class**

An anesthetization certification class will be offered at the Bradford-UF Technical Center in June at a cost of $300. Students, who must register in advance, can opt for a four- or 20-hour class. Each class runs from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

To register, a student must have an active nursing license or a certificate of completion from an accredited nursing program. For more information, please call 904-966-6769.

**Andrews Center ‘College for Kids’ registration underway**

Registration is underway for the Santa Fe College Andrews Center’s annual College for Kids and Jr. College for Kids programs which offer students a chance to enroll in fun, educational classes during the summer. Jr. College for Kids, which is open to rising fourth-grade students, will be held June 24-28 from 8 a.m. until 3:35 p.m. Some of the courses available include Rocket Making, the dog-care class Doggone Trouble, 3D Animation and Design,Cooking to make toys enjoyed by literary characters and the physical-activity-themed Got Game and Wipe Out.

College for Kids, which is open to rising fifth-grade students, will take place July 15-19 from 9 a.m. until 2:35 p.m. (Half-day sessions are also offered from 8:10 a.m. until noon or 12:35 p.m. until 4:35 p.m.) Some of the courses available include 3D Animation, American Sign Language, Cool Science Investigation, Jewelry Design, cooking class, Life on the Kitchen, Tray, Money Bootcamp, Tea Bag Art and Jewelry.

Travel is $95 for Jr. College for Kids and $120 for College for Kids. (Half-day tuition for College for Kids is $135.) To register, please call the Andrews Center at 904-964-3582 or stop by the center Mondays-Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. or Fridays from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. You can also register online at www.sfcollege.edu. (Click on the Community Education link, then the College for Kids link.)

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