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East Manatee woman in wheelchair was injured in dog attack

STAFF REPORT

EAST MANATEE — A 60-year-old woman in a wheelchair was bitten by a dog and seriously injured Tuesday evening near her home, authorities said.

The woman, Jonice Hayes, lost a significant amount of blood after the dog bit her leg, according to Manatee County sheriff's reports.

Hayes suffers from the effects from a stroke and is taking a blood thinner, investigators said. The injury was not life-threatening, however, and she was being treated at Lakewood Ranch Medical Center late Tuesday.

Hayes was bitten about 7:30 p.m. as she rode in her wheelchair in the 6600 block of 48th Avenue Drive East.

Manatee County Animal Control investigators took photos of several dogs in the neighborhood. Hayes was not able to identify the dog that attacked her. Authorities said there were no witnesses to the attack.

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BRADEN RIVER FOOTBALL

Barnes gets infection scare



The one day Trevor Barnes and his family had circled on Braden River's football schedule was Aug. 31, the school's first meeting with Lakewood Ranch and the sophomore's first shot at playing against his former school, the same one his sister Lindsay attends.

But after spending the week in the hospital, Barnes likely won't get to play in that game and is already officially out of the lineup for Braden River's Kickoff Classic game against Lemon Bay at home at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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Barnes went to the hospital Sunday with a blood infection that saw his temperature rise to 104 degrees and is set to be released Friday. Barnes was on intravenous fluids and the temperature broke Monday, but he has stayed in the hospital all week.

The infection was caused by a scratch on the front of his leg that wasn't properly cleaned. The scratch turned into a welt, which was drained at the hospital.

"He's not going to be able to go this week and maybe not next week, but the doctor said he'll have a full recovery," Braden River coach Josh Hunter said.

Hunter visited Barnes in the hospital and talked to him about the possibility of missing the Lakewood Ranch game.

"He's only a sophomore and there are plenty of Lakewood Ranch games," Hunter said. "We're going to play Lakewood Ranch again. I told him that there are more important things. We'll play it by ear and I'll be the one to make the decision once he gets cleared to make sure he's not apprehensive."

One of the worries when a football player gets an infection is always the threat of staph infection from the locker room environment. But Hunter said the infection was an isolated case.

"That's one thing we do well here and our trainer Tonya does," Hunter said. "Kids get cut and bruised and she cleans it and wraps it."

Hunter makes sure his players take their equipment home to wash at least twice a week. And after visiting with Barnes he reminded his team of the dangers involved with not keeping equipment clean or washing out any wounds.

"That can happen to anybody," Hunter said. "The locker room gets cleaned every night, the kids are washing their stuff and we're spraying down our stuff."

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Hunter's main concern for Barnes is getting re-adapted to the heat, reaching 100 degrees at times, after not practicing in it for 10 days.

For more on Braden River football, you can read Thursday's H-T East section for my column on backup quarterback and wide receiver Stephen Fischer. Also look for the Herald-Tribune's Prep Football preview section, a special insert in all of Friday's editions.

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Fishing memories



Surely, you've had some memorable moments on the water? I have.

I'll never forget catching an 11-pound, 9-ounce largemouth bass at a small lake in Fort Walton Beach.

I'll probably never top my first bonefish on fly rod, a 14-pounder taken near Islamorada in the Florida Keys.

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Then there's my first giant tarpon on fly. It came while fishing with the late Ad Gilbert in the inshore Gulf of Mexico just south of the Venice Pier.

Recently, I wrote about Sarasota's Bill Partridge's Grand Slam (snook, redfish, spotted seatrout and tarpon) on fly rod in only eight casts.

Do you have a memorable outing that others might enjoy reading about?

If so, email me at steve.gibson@heraldtribune.com. If we get enough response, we'll put a package together for the Outdoors page in a future Sunday Herald-Tribune.

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