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It's funny how things work out sometimes.

From 1982 -- 1983 we had a young student named Stacie Stovall. Stacie graduated from Minden High School and then attended NLU (now ULM). After Stacie graduated from college she went to work in the banking industry.

In 1985 a young fellow from Sarepta began classes with us. Upon graduation he attended La. Tech. Monty graduated from Louisiana Tech and went to work as an electrical engineer for the Trane Corp.

Even though they both trained about two years they never met each other.

Stacie's mother and Monty were co-workers, she introduced them in 1994.

In 1995 they were married.

Even though Monty had a great career and wonderful wife, he never got over his childhood dream of becoming an FBI agent.

He decided to apply for a job and was soon hired and shipped to Quantico, VA. for training. Monty worked out of the FBI office in Jackson, MS. After about ten years he was transferred to the Shreveport office.

He and Stacie have built a beautiful new home here in Minden and Monty decided now would be a good time to resume his Martial Arts training with us.

CONGRATULATIONS

SENSEI DARYN CLARK!!!

Sensei Daryn was elected to the Board of Directors of the Isshinryu Hall of Fame. Master Joel Chandler resigned due to health reasons and nominated Sensei Daryn to replace him. The board voted him in unanimously. Master Denny Shaffer was also voted onto the board.

AND THE WINNER IS.....

Rita House of Minden is this years winner of the \$1000.00. Rita bought her ticket when we were at Wal-Mart. Congratulations and thank you for supporting our competition team.

HALF-CIRCLE JU-JITSU

Study sheets for each belt rank in Half-Circle Ju-Jitsu (yellow, orange, blue, and green) are now available.

All who successfully complete each test will receive a beautiful Half-Circle Ju-Jitsu certificate (suitable for framing) and colorful patches for their uniforms.

Join the elite group of martial artists with rank in both karate and ju-jitsu.

Pick up your study sheet and sign-up for your belt review today!

PALM DESERT CALIFORNIA

Sensei Stanley and Sensei Daryn Clark traveled to Palm Desert California to spend a few days with our good friends and fellow Tatsuo-Kan members at the Bushido Kai Dojo.

Sensei Stanley and Sensei Daryn taught a ground-fighting seminar at the Bushido Kai Dojo. Everyone was eager to gain a new dimension to their arsenals.

Tentatively Sensei Kretz, Sensei Petersen, and Sensei LeFave will be our guests in March when they will be teaching a Tatsuo-Kan Society seminar at our school.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING CAMP

Our school was the site of a huge MMA (mixed martial arts) training camp July 13 -16.

Master Max Bishop brought 30 of his top fighters to town for some serious training. We Met Master Bishop last year when he taught 2 seminars for our students.

He and his fighters trained 10 hours each day. Much of that time was with our students.

Master Bishop has over 30 years experience in several disciplines. He is a protégé of the legendary "Judo" Gene LeBell.

HALL OF FAME TOURNAMENT

We had a wonderful time in Gatlinburg, Tenn. There were a total of 11 competitors from our dojo. In total we won 6 trophies.

Sensei Dustin Gunderson won a 1st place trophy in weapons kata and qualified to compete in the Grand Champion Division. He is the first black belt from our school to ever do so.

Hopefully next year more students will be able to attend.