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Gospel at Spanish Trail

An Evening of Southern Gospel is set for today, Aug. 13, from 7-9 p.m. at Spanish Trail Playhouse, 680 Second St. in Chipley.

Planned is an evening full of Southern gospel music featuring a live band and local singers as well as friends from around the area.

Tickets will be on sale at the door. General admission is \$10.

Season ticket holders should note the event is not included in the Season 4 sponsor package, as it is a fundraiser.

Farm Bureau annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Washington County Agricultural Center. The evening's activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner, followed by a brief business meeting. The evening will feature Royce Reagen and his band. Washington County Farm Bureau members will not want to miss this evening of food, fun and fellowship.

Members are encouraged to confirm their attendance by calling the Farm Bureau at 638-1756 no later than Monday, Aug. 15.

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Chipley man sentenced to 25 years



ALTON ROULHAC JR.

By Cecilia Spears
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CHIPLEY — The Chipley Police Department recently reported the sentencing of Alton Roulhac Jr., 46, to 25 years in prison on drug-

related charges. Sentencing was Aug. 8 after Roulhac pleaded no contest to all charges.

The Chipley Police Department and Washington County Drug Task Force arrested Roulhac after executing a search warrant at his

residence in Chipley in July 2010.

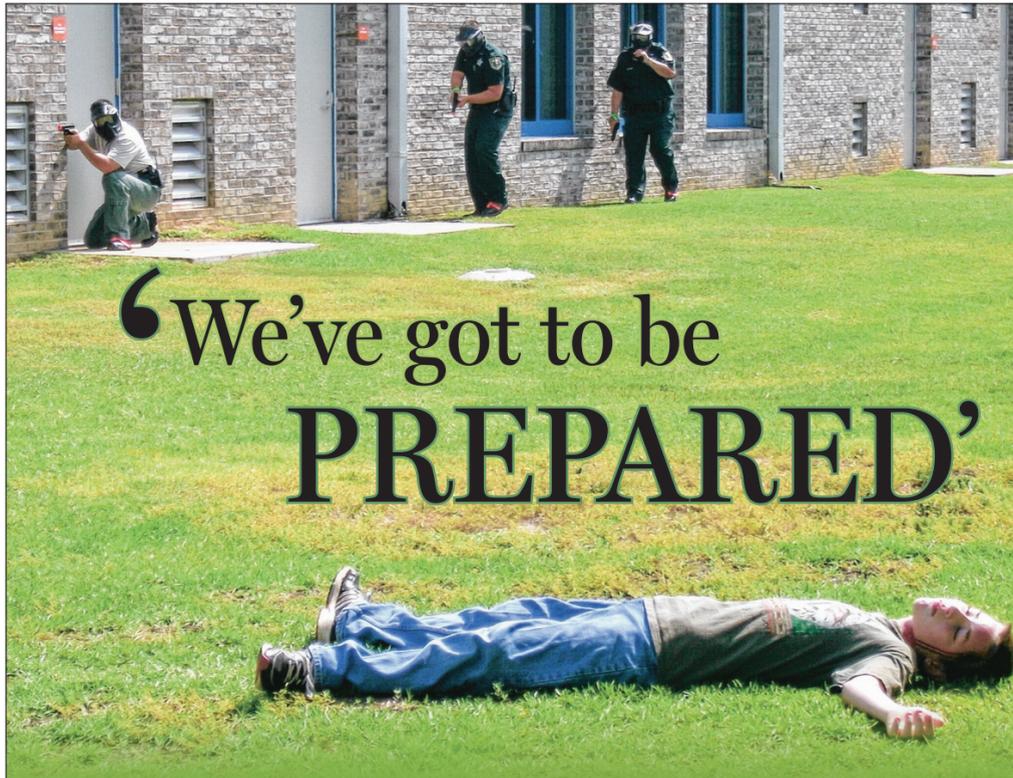
Officers reported finding 44 grams of crack cocaine, 234 grams of marijuana and paraphernalia items used for the distribution of controlled substances.

Roulhac was charged

with trafficking cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of cannabis greater than 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

"We are happy to get another drug dealer gone from our commu-

nity," Chief Kevin Crews said. "We will continue to aggressively combat the sale of illegal street narcotics from within our community. I encourage everyone to continue to report illegal activity in your area."



'We've got to be
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Mass casualty exercise held at VHS

By Cecilia Spears
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VERNON — Sirens blared, screams were heard and shots rang out as local law enforcement and emergency personnel simulated a mass casualty incident at Vernon High School on Aug. 9.

"Main point is that we've got to be prepared for disasters, like the recent shooting in Tucson (Ariz.) or the tornadoes that happened in Alabama, where we've got a large amount of casualties," said Terry Schenk, exercise director for Disasters, Strategies, & Ideas (DSI) Group. "In a

place that has few resources and a need to treat many patients, priorities must be made."

The simulation featured a school bus accident resulting in multiple patients receiving care on the scene.

A surprise twist was a gang-related shooting that resulted in the injury of several students and a driver. Local law enforcement had to think fast as they came on the scene.

"It was a hard decision to choose between my gut instinct to chase down the bad guy or to stay and help the injured while help arrived," said Deputy School

Officers at the Charles Bode Mass Casualty Incident Exercise seek a "shooter" who "wounded" a student at Vernon High School. The drill honored a recently retired teacher's care for students. See another photo of the exercise on **Page A3** and a gallery at chipleypaper.com.

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Businesses, churches join to help students

Staff Report

Washington County Schools Superintendent Sandra Cook has put together a consortium of local businesses and churches to provide clothing donations for children who need them for school.

"I am working on a project to help our students," Cook said. "With the economy the way it is, many of our families are struggling to provide for their families. I have had several incidents where parents are not going to be

able to supply new school clothes for their children."

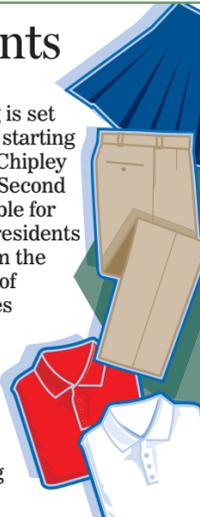
Joining the effort are Goody's, Bealls, Cato and Walmart. The stores will provide new clothes for as many of our students as possible, but donations also are sought from the general public. A number of area churches are joining the collection effort as well. So are members of the Washington County School Board.

Donation boxes have been placed at the Washington County Schools District

Office in Chipley.

Pickup of clothing is set for Saturday, Aug. 20, starting at 10 a.m. at the Old Chipley High School gym on Second Avenue and is available for Washington County residents only. Documents from the Florida Department of Children and Families will be needed to pick up items. A parent or guardian must accompany students.

More information is available by calling 638-6222.



Motion to dismiss denied in animal cruelty case

By Chris Olwell

Florida Freedom Newspapers

A Chipley man contends that while he might be responsible for the deaths of 37 dogs, he did not kill them.

But Judge Christopher Patterson denied a motion to dismiss 42 counts of felony animal cruelty against Ronald "Ronnie" Williams on Monday. Williams is accused of letting 42 greyhounds in his care die of starvation, dehydration or asphyxia in a kennel at Ebro Greyhound Park.

Thirty-seven greyhounds were dead when an investigator with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation discovered them at Ebro on Oct. 29, 2010. Another five dogs were alive among the decaying remains of the dead.

Three of the surviving animals had duct tape wrapped around their necks so tightly they were gasping for air when they were discovered, officials said. There was also duct tape wrapped around the neck of one of the dead dogs.

Deputy Public Defender Floyd Griffith filed a motion to dismiss the charges. In the motion, Griffith argued that, in the case of the animals with necks not wrapped in duct tape, whatever crime that occurred was only a misdemeanor because it was an act of omission rather than commission. As for the dogs with the tape around their necks, Floyd wrote there is no evidence Williams was responsible.

Essentially, the motion argued Williams didn't do anything to kill the dogs; they died as a result of what he allegedly didn't do. If Williams had shot the dogs, he would be guilty of felony animal cruelty because he would have acted intentionally. Merely depriving the animals of necessary food, water or shelter until they die is only a first-degree misdemeanor, Floyd argued.

In the state's response to the motion, Assistant State Attorney Erin Oliver wrote there was evidence Williams applied the duct tape. Williams admitted to being custodian of the animals and was

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Kiwanis Club hears from 4-H, speech contest winner

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The Kiwanis Club of Chipley's lunch program on Tuesday, Aug. 9, was presented by Julie Pigott Dillard, 4-H youth development agent for the Agriculture Extension Service, who reviewed the various programs offered.

4-H offers eight primary programs that serve about 2,000 youths ages 8 through high school. In addition, 4-H provides summer day camps at various locations in the county, multiple 4-H programs that are in-classroom to augment the school curriculum, and a special program sponsored by Tropicana to encourage training and experience in public speaking. A major event annually is the Washington County Youth Fair, which draws thousands of exhibits from students. 4-H Camp Timpooshee offers weekly in-residence programs.

The primary programs are:

- Livestock: raise and show livestock of all types; must be 8 or older.
- Rabbit Wranglers: dedicated to just rabbits as pets or for competitive showing.
- Sure Shorts Skeet & Trap: competitive and recreational shotgun shooting; must be 11 or



Left, Gabbie Farrar, multiple 4-H Tropicana Speech Contest winner, speaks to the Kiwanis Club of Chipley. **Right**, Julie Pigott Dillard speaks about the multiple 4-H programs available to local youths.



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older.

- Top Knocks Archery: competitive and recreational bow and arrow; must be 8 or older.
- Sew Crazy: intermediate and advanced sewing skills for community service projects.
- Florida Fire Ants: a general interest group for home-school students.
- Project Challenge:

a program with the Washington County schools for gifted students.

- 4 Teen: leadership training for individuals and teams; must be 13 or older.

While several of the club programs offer opportunities to compete at county, state and national levels, one of the most individual activities is the Tropicana Public Speaking competition,

which depends upon the presenter's interests, current events and research skills to prepare an interesting presentation using public speaking skills. Preparing for the competition is extensive and comprehensive, and Washington County has had winners at the county, state and national competition.

Gabbie Farrar, a

two-time winner in the Tropicana county/state levels, presented her speech about the uses for hair spray, which she referred to as a "hair-raising experience" when used for diverse purposes other than holding hair in place. She used humor to evoke laughter from Kiwanians at several points and was energetic and creative in delivering

her thoughts about several uses for hair spray, such as stopping bugs, holding zippers closed and repelling unwanted advances by others.

For more information about the 4-H programs in Washington County, go to <http://washington.ifas.ufl.edu> and click on the link for "Washington County 4-H." Dillard can be reached at 850-638-6180 or juliepd@ufl.edu.

The Kiwanis Club of Chipley has been providing support to youth-oriented events and programs for 70 years, and last year supported 31 organizations throughout the county. The next fundraising project will be the Kiwanis Dinner Theatre, to be held Thursday evening, Sept. 15, at the Ag Center in Chipley. This year, the event will feature local performers in a talent show format. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$45 per couple from any Kiwanis member. The club meets Tuesdays at Patillo's restaurant in the middle of the Washington-Holmes Technical Center campus at noon. For an invitation, contact any Kiwanian or David Solger, membership chairperson, at 850-638-1276.

For more information about the Kiwanis Club of Chipley, visit www.ChipleyKiwanis.com.

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Eglin soldier among killed in Chinook downing

By Mona Moore
Florida Freedom Newspapers

MAUI, Hawaii — It wasn't such a surprise when Kraig Vickers decided to become an explosive ordnance disposal technician.

"He loved playing with firecrackers as a young lad and loved to see things blow up," his oldest brother, Robert Vickers Jr., said in an email to the Northwest Florida Daily News from Hawaii on Wednesday.

Kraig, 36, was one of 30 Americans killed when a Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan last Saturday. He trained to be a naval EOD technician at Eglin Air Force Base's Navy EOD School in the late 1990s.

During his training, Kraig used to call his brother with stories of the explosives he was learning to dismantle.

"At first he wanted to be a Navy SEAL. Explosives got more of his attention, and he loved the mental

challenge that it had," Robert said. "He embraced the training and classes the school had to offer, as he was always looking for a new challenge to conquer."

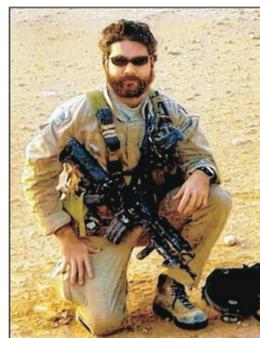
Fort Walton Beach didn't stand a chance against Kraig's hometown on Maui in Hawaii, but he had nothing but nice things to say about the city and his life here.

"From what I can remember, he loved Florida and the location the school was at. It almost, but not quite, reminded him of home," Robert said. "He went out and bought the family Florida State clothing and merchandise."

Robert said Kraig was a God-fearing Christian. He described him as a loving, caring and nurturing husband, son, father and brother.

"He would literally give you not just the shirt off his back, but whatever last bills he had in his pocket," Robert said.

Kraig was the third of



KRAIG VICKERS

five Vickers children. He has family on Oahu and Maui in Hawaii and on the mainland.

The last time Kraig and Robert were together was at their youngest brother Vance's wedding two years ago.

In addition to his parents and four siblings, Kraig is survived by his wife, Nani, and three children, 18-year-old daughter Makahea, 7-year-old son Kala'i and 4-year-old Mali'e. He and his family lived in Virginia Beach, Va.

Some of Robert's best memories of his brother were from his high school days.

Kraig and his siblings always were a competitive bunch. They even raced to see who could eat the fastest.

Kraig carried that competitive attitude into high school sports. He was a wrestler and linebacker on the football team.

"He played with such ferociousness and violence — like a Ray Lewis but with a demeanor of Tony Romo," Robert said. "He was a prankster and a gracious person."

Kraig's funeral services are still in the works.

"We don't know when Kraig will be coming home yet," Robert said.

Kraig was a surfer and paddleboarder, and friends in Virginia Beach celebrated his life Monday with a surfer tradition. They paddled their boards into the Atlantic, formed a large circle and prayed for him.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS Chipley, FL

Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract Request for Qualifications

Washington County Schools is currently seeking responses for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract. All Prequalification Submissions should be sealed and clearly marked "RFQ Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract" and should be submitted no later than August 24, 2011 at 2pm CST. RFQ packets may be picked up and responses should be submitted to the following address:

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Attn: Cy Chance
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Reference: Energy Services RFQ
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Resource Officer Daryl White. Patient transportation was simulated to allow ambulances, rescue squads and helicopters to work in a coordinated effort.

"It was a great learning experience," said Steven Yates, a paramedic with Washington County Emergency Medical Services. "All of the emergency management services have a great working relationship with one another."

Yates said it helps when working in a small county to know those who work with EMS, nurses, the media and law enforcement.

"It helps us to better serve the citizens of the great Washington County," said Shawn Boyett, a Washington County paramedic.

Schenk said that in mass casualty incidents, it's good for all of the local agencies to be familiar with one another.

"One of the things is getting everyone together at one location and getting to know one another," Schenk said. "This helps create a bond of trust, and exercises run more smoothly with that level of trust."

Simulated patients were even

presented at Northwest Florida Community Hospital, where hospital personnel could practice their plans for a mass casualty incident.

Agencies that participated in the exercise included Washington County Emergency Management, Washington County EMS, the Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Washington County School District, the Washington County 911 Center, Vernon High School, fire departments, Northwest Florida Community Hospital, the American Red Cross and AIRHeart air ambulance service.

"We depend on these people in emergency management and law enforcement, and these exercises make us a better service to our community in times of need," said Roger Dale Hagan, emergency services director. "This lets us know we've got people ready to go in the unfortunate case of a real-world event."

Washington County's Emergency Management Department secured funding to host the event.

Schenk and the DSI team evaluated participants to identify strengths and weaknesses during the exercise.

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in "exclusive [sic] possession" of the kennel. Even if the evidence is only circumstantial, it should be sufficient to withstand the motion to dismiss, she argued.

"If the state's evidence is all circumstantial, whether it excludes all reasonable hypotheses of innocence

may only be decided at trial, after all the evidence has been presented," she wrote.

Patterson ruled on the motion without hearing oral arguments Monday because the facts were in dispute.

"I do find that there are material

and disputed facts that do exist ... and the court is required by law to deny your motion to dismiss, Mr. Williams, at this time," Patterson said.

Patterson also ordered a subpoena for Williams to obtain records from the veterinarians who examined the animals.

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A helicopter takes off from Vernon High School during a mass casualty exercise on Tuesday.

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Covered Airport Parking off to great start

By Pat Kelly

Florida Freedom Newspapers

WEST BAY — Though it might seem like the red-headed stepchild of the airport, a sort of last-minute add-on, it really is more like the multitalented cousin your parents adopted, the one who sometimes makes you feel inadequate.

The off-site covered parking facility near the entrance of the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport has been open only 2½ months, but it already is operating at 50 percent capacity week-to-week for services not offered at the airport's noncovered parking and at roughly the same per-day price.

The private facility, called CAP (Covered Airport Parking), operates separately from the airport and its noncovered parking, but general manager Sterling Scott said the two outfits work in tandem, just offering different services.

The multimillion-dollar, 305-space facility that opened May 23 is located about a mile from the airport terminal and has air-conditioned shuttles operating around the clock, Scott said. Most customers never experience more than a three- to four-minute wait.

The private parking area is not affiliated with the airport, but Airport Authority board members agreed in December to offer off-site

parking permits for 10 percent of gross revenue. The shuttles also offer TV service and a free newspaper for the flight, Scott said.

One shuttle driver, Panama City Beach resident Pamela Roberson, said she enjoys interacting with her passengers, some of whom might journey overseas, such as to Russia or Scotland, she said.

"I love listening to all their travels," she said. One local couple who frequently trek to Las Vegas often bring back casino tokens for her.

"I love this company," she said, adding that she has operated all shifts, including midnight to 4 a.m., and often will scour the parking lot for pieces of litter in her zeal for the job.

Because of the unexpectedly high passenger traffic since the airport opened May 23, 2010, the airport has expanded its non-covered long-term parking by 1,000 spaces. As the airport prospers, CAP also will prosper, Scott said.

"There is no competition, no tension there. We are a partnership," he said. "I am happy they are expanding. It just shows that the airport is growing. We offer a different service for the traveler, that's all."

Those services include shuttle drivers who carry baggage from vehicle to shuttle and straight to the airline check-in counter; and then vice-versa on a trip home. On the way out



A Covered Airport Parking shuttle bus takes a passenger to the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport terminal on Aug. 10.

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of the CAP gate, every passenger in each vehicle is offered an ice-cold bottle of water.

There is no searching for a parking spot, no lugging bags from the lot to the terminal. The uniformed shuttle drivers take care of everything, Scott said.

At CAP, a St. Joe company, the cost is \$10 per day, plus tax, for covered parking with benefits, compared to \$11 per day for short-term and \$9 per day for long-term uncovered parking at the airport, Scott said. All military personnel get a 10 percent discount, and anyone can get the same discount by printing out a coupon from the company website, www.coveredairportparking.com.

"Here, we are very customer service-oriented," Scott said. "We try to take some of the tension out of travel. I think we are helping customers have a better experience when they

travel."

Scott said CAP's 15 employees, including him, show their dedication by giving extra attention to the cleanliness and grooming of the facility's shuttles, landscaped grounds and personal appearance. The facility's canopy cover is rated for wind speeds of 90

miles per hour, Scott said, equal to the upper range of a Category 1 hurricane.

Scott related a story that, though rare, illustrated CAP's advantages for the weary traveler, he said. A plane was late and didn't arrive until 2 a.m., long after most airport employees had gone home.

With a simple call, a CAP customer was whisked away from the terminal, helped into his vehicle and headed back home within minutes, while other disembarking passengers had to fend for themselves.

"We try to make air travel as painless as possible," Scott said.

Governor Scott opts for low-cost health insurance

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Gov. Rick Scott, a critic of the federal health care overhaul, is paying less than \$400 a year for health insurance for himself and his wife.

Though Scott is accepting no salary for his job as governor, the multimillionaire and former hospital chain executive chose to enroll in the taxpayer-subsidized health insurance plan offered by the state of Florida.

Scott is among nearly 32,000 people in state government who pay relatively low health insurance premiums. It's a perk that is available to high-ranking state officials, including those in top management at all state agencies. Nearly all 160 state legislators are also enrolled in the program that costs just \$8.34 a month for individual coverage and \$30 a month for family coverage.

Brian Burgess, a spokesman for Scott, confirmed the governor and his wife are enrolled in the state health insurance plan but refused to discuss why Scott signed up. He called the governor's health care coverage "private matters."

The health insurance coverage provided to Scott used to be free for top state officials until 2010. Rank-and-file state workers pay \$50 a month for individual coverage and \$180 a month for family coverage. Married couples working in state government also pay the same amount as Scott and legislators.

Florida has one of the highest uninsured rates in the nation, according to data released last year by the U.S. Census. Scott and other Republicans have been very critical of the health care overhaul signed by President Barack Obama that is intended to increase the number of Americans with

access to health insurance. Before he ran for governor, Scott ran a group called Conservatives for Patients' Rights that ran television ads criticizing the health care overhaul.

Florida is one of more than 20 states suing to have the health care overhaul declared unconstitutional. In the last few months, Republicans in Florida have rejected millions in federal aid that is tied to the health care overhaul.

Sen. Nan Rich, D-Weston, said Scott is entitled to enroll in the state health insurance plan. But she said he shouldn't be fighting to keep other Floridians from getting access to health insurance coverage.

"I wish every Floridian had the same opportunity," Rich said.

Rich is one of 40 state senators who are enrolled in the state health insurance plan. A spokeswoman for the Florida House confirmed that 112 out of 120 House members also are covered by the state. Many state legislators have acknowledged that they enrolled in the state plan because it is cheaper than obtaining coverage elsewhere.

The state is projected to spend \$2 billion during its current budget year to provide health insurance coverage. Most of the money spent on state worker health insurance coverage comes from taxpayers and not employee premiums.

The governor earlier this year asked lawmakers to approve an overhaul of the state's health insurance program that would force all employees to pay the same premium amount and to cap the amount of health insurance coverage provided to state workers. But the plan was not adopted by the Republican-controlled Legislature.

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Opinion

Busy governor finally acts for us

You know many of the differences of opinion I have had with Governor Rick Scott. In this very space I have noted he is the least popular governor in Florida history, and I was quick to tell you when he was the least popular governor in the country, according to polls.



STEVE LINER
Managing Editor

But I have never said he was lazy or idle.

There is one item I have not mentioned in print that has caused a lot of comment around town: appointment to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Bill Howell on the Washington County Board of County Commissioners. And it has been hands-down the hottest political topic since I arrived days before the end of Howell's tenure.

A cheap shot at Scott would have been easy and popular. It would have been easy to brand him lazy or suggest he was perniciously ignoring Washington County.

After all, that vacancy lasted for months, during which time every few days rumors spread about Hulan Carter. I was told he was appointed, by my count, nearly two dozen bogus times. I was even told he was "secretly" sworn in (though what that would accomplish was unclear to the woman who called me). In fact, poor Hulan's family Bible was worn out by him raising his hand over it.

Every time, like I do with any tip I get, I ran it to earth.

"No," the Governor's Press Office representative and a friend in the Governor's Office of Appointments would sigh, "not yet."

Truth is, governors, particularly new or relatively new ones, have thousands of appointments to get through. And each one, if you're prudent, needs background checks.

No, Gov. Scott has not been lazy, I don't think. But Washington County has reason to celebrate a full commission — finally.

Now, I am well aware that Commissioner Carter has detractors and, too, he already has eight years on-the-job experience. But, while reserving judgment for a while, I think we should all thank him for his willingness to serve. And we should thank Gov. Scott for getting around to us.

Finally, in all honesty, since I mentioned the governor's poll numbers, I should report they are up a bit. Still in the basement, but at least on the stairs.

Mercury: Will the EPA save us?

By Gary Smith
President & CEO
PowerSouth Energy Cooperative

Editor's note: The following opinion was submitted to The News for publication and is intended to express the writer's opinion and does not necessarily represent the views of The News, its publisher or staff.

My great-grandfather and grandfather were known as the "great fishermen of Alcorn County, Miss." During my great-grandfather's life, they fished almost every Wednesday afternoon when Corinth's businesses closed. They also fished on weekends. After my great-grandfather died, my grandfather recruited other fishing partners, and they fished the same schedule. My grandfather fished until he retired, after which he quit claiming he was too busy to fish.

They would eat the fish they caught and gave some away to friends and families. I certainly ate a lot of the fish they caught when I was young.

I started fishing as a teenager, although I don't remember ever fishing with my grandfather. I think fishing was a much too serious pastime for him to have grandchildren along. My friends and I mainly fished Pickwick Lake on the Tennessee River and caught bream, small mouth bass and catfish. We ate almost all the fish we caught.

I remember the warnings and the signs in the 1970s about the dangers of eating fish because of high mercury levels. There was even a ban on eating fish from Pickwick because of the mercury levels in the fish. We ate the fish we caught anyway.

Mercury is also found naturally in many places. It is embedded in rock, is in seawater, is vaporized in the air and is found in most substances on the earth, including coal. When coal is burned in power plants, the mercury that is not captured in scrubbers and other environmental equipment is released into the atmosphere, where it eventually drops into the oceans and is eaten by small fish that are eaten by bigger fish and ultimately end up on your plate.

We all know mercury is the silver stuff in thermometers, and my mother told me not to bite the thermometer or the mercury would harm me.

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The EPA soon will pass regulations to limit the amount of mercury coal-fired power plants can emit. EPA estimates compliance with the rule will cost electric utilities — and ultimately you through your electric bill — \$10.9 billion.

EPA's own statistics show that emission of SO2 fell 71 percent from 1980 to 2010, from a high of more than 17 million tons to just over 5 million

tons. Emission of NOx fell almost as much, from a 1997 high of 6 million tons to just 2 million tons in 2010, for a total reduction of 66 percent during that nearly decade-and-a-half stretch. Looking at even more recent EPA figures, SO2 emission has been cut in half since 2005 and NOx has fallen by nearly as much at 45 percent.

From the publicity, you would think that once the mercury reductions on coal-fired power plants are in place we will all be safe from the ravages of mercury and can eat our fish without worry.

After all, U.S. coal-fired power plants emit around 48 tons of mercury a year, which sounds like a lot. However, forest fires in the U.S. emit around 44 tons of mercury a year; volcanoes and geysers release about 10,000 tons of mercury a year, and cremation of bodies in the U.S. releases around 26 tons of mercury a year. Finally, Chinese coal-fired plants release about 400 tons of mercury a year.

Dr. Willie Soon, a professor of Natural Science at Harvard University, estimates that U.S. coal-fired power plants contribute less than 0.5 percent of the mercury released into the atmosphere each year. He reasons that imposing billions of dollars of added expense on the nation's people and economy (remember that almost all additional electric utility costs are passed on to consumers in rates) will do nothing for the remaining 99.5 percent of the mercury emitted into the atmosphere each year.

Federal regulation has become an extremely significant and destabilizing factor in the planning and operation of our power plants in the future.

PowerSouth takes its responsibility as a corporate citizen extremely seriously and is committed to balancing business goals with the environmental, social and economic needs of the communities it serves.

In 2008 PowerSouth invested more than \$317 million in environmental air quality improvements to comply with the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR). PowerSouth installed scrubbers on all three of the units at our coal-fired power plant to reduce sulfur dioxide (SO2)

emissions, added Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCRs) to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions and reduced our mercury emissions.

SCRs in a coal-fired power plant works much like an automobile's catalytic converter, which reduces emissions produced by the car's internal combustion engine. Prior to exiting the car's tailpipe, exhaust gasses pass through the catalytic converter, where a chemical reaction takes place and the unburned hydrocarbons are eliminated. At a power plant, NOx emissions pass through the SCR catalyst and react with ammonia, converting it into elemental nitrogen and water.

Our scrubbers do a good job capturing mercury, and it appears our coal-fired power plants will comply with the coming EPA regulations as we understand them today. We will do more to comply with EPA's regulations on mercury emissions if we are required to do so.

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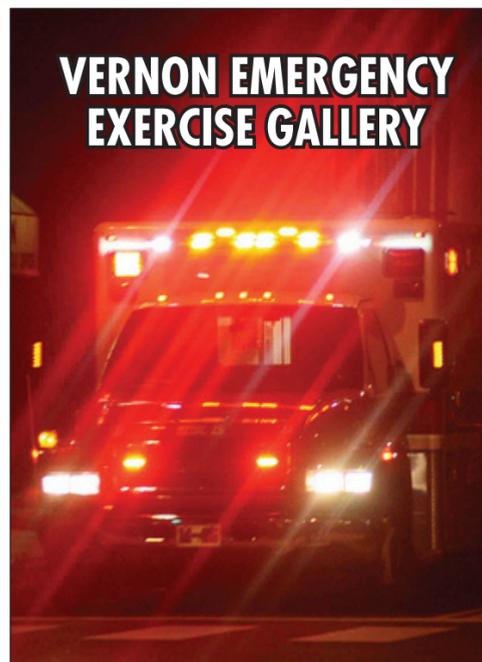
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the Estate of LILLIAN JEANNE HARDIN, Deceased, File No. 67-11-CP-56, is pending in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 647, Chipley, Florida, 32428. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent

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