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Bulletin building on the market

From staff reports

The building the Crestview News Bulletin is located in is up for sale, as are two other newspaper properties in Okaloosa County owned by parent company Freedom Communications.

In addition to the Crestview News Bulletin, the buildings for the Northwest Florida Daily News and The Destin Log have also been put up for sale.

All three properties now have

more space than they can use.

When Freedom Communications purchased the Crestview News Bulletin in January 2007, it also acquired a large warehouse and parking lot on the property that are not being used, News Bulletin Publisher Jason Mobley said.

The property also includes the adjacent land and building occupied by Kempski Tire.

"Now that the market is turning around, we are interested in

selling this large property and moving into a more efficient office space that will house all the News Bulletin operations," Mobley said. "We believe that our location is a prime spot for a developer who wants a large property for commercial use."

Once a buyer or a renter can be found for the building, the paper would look for new

See **BUILDINGS A3**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

NBI Properties is the local real estate firm that has been retained to handle the sale or lease of the Crestview News Bulletin, the Northwest Florida Daily News and The Destin Log buildings.

For more information on one or more of the properties, contact Craig Barrett at NBI Properties at 243-0007 or craig@nbiproperties.com.

Council measure in the doghouse

Some residents oppose plan to close Animal Control

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A cost-saving measure to eliminate the Crestview Animal Control department is drawing opposition among some city residents.

The proposal prompted one couple to offer \$10,000 in support of the department.

"If it's money you want, my wife and I will donate \$10,000 now, tonight," Charles Nicholson told the Crestview City Council at a Wednesday night public hearing.

Several Crestview residents who attended the hearing said they oppose a motion approved Aug. 27 by the council to close the city's Animal Control department and contract the services out to the Panhandle Animal Welfare Society Inc., or PAWS.

See **COUNCIL A3**

WANT TO GO?

WHAT: Crestview City Council meeting

WHEN: Monday at 6 p.m.

WHERE: Council chambers at City Hall, 198 N. Wilson St.



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ANIMAL CONTROL (above): Crestview Animal Control officer Robert Carr feeds several small dogs inside the Crestview Animal Shelter. **HERDING CATS (below):** Carr and Animal Control dispatcher Kip Cole catch several small kittens that escaped as their cages were being cleaned at the Crestview Animal Shelter.



Suspect in shooting captured

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Police captured a Crestview man accused of firing a gun into an occupied car during an argument last week.

Dwight D. Redding, 35, known as "Lil Man," is charged with shooting a deadly missile into a vehicle and public discharge of a firearm.

Redding was captured in Escambia County about 9 a.m. Thursday, according to a press release.

See **SHOOTING A3**



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS BULLETIN

Crestview Police said they found more than 5 pounds of marijuana, pictured here, that a Crestview woman is accused of having shipped to her home through the mail.

Police: Woman had marijuana sent by mail

Michael Stewart

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A woman who police said had more than 5 pounds of marijuana shipped to her Crestview residence has been arrested.

Josephine Y. Hutchinson is charged with felony possession of marijuana, more than 20 grams.

She was arrested Sept. 3 and released the following day from the Okaloosa County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.

See **MARIJUANA A3**

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What's HAPPENING

From staff reports

NORTH OKALOOSA

OPEN HOUSE: TOPS #FL 504, Crestview, cordially invites you to their Open House at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. The group meets in the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 599 Eighth Ave. in Crestview. Details: Elsie Beck, 682-6040.

MULLET FESTIVAL PAGEANT: The 2010 Mullet Festival Kings & Queens Pageant will be held Sept. 25 at Niceville High School. The deadline to enter is Saturday, Sept. 18, at noon.

Applications are available at www.md-events.com. For more information, call 974-0220, 682-6129 or 682-0031.

DIGESTION SEMINAR: On Sept. 21 at 6 p.m., Body-B-Healthy of Crestview will offer a seminar on digestive imbalances, featuring Dr. Cole Heisler. Signs, symptoms, causes and natural treatment options and various approaches to restore a healthy digestive system will be presented. Seating is limited; RSVP by calling 682-8893.

FRIENDS MEETING: The Friends of the Crestview Library will meet at the library Thursday, Sept. 16, at 10:30 a.m. The featured speaker will be Bob Gorin, our library County Cooperative director. Following the meeting, at 11:30 a.m., there will be a dedication of the "Whiz-Kid" statue in front of the library.

HOMECOMING: Pastor Albert and Barbara Corey and the congregation at Oak Ridge Assembly of God invite you to Homecoming 2010 on Saturday, Sept. 12. Pastor Carroll Senn, from Shady Grove Assembly, will be ministering in the Word. The Bluegrass Pilgrims from Chipley will be in concert. Pastor and Sister Senn will also be singing in the morning service. The worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m., with dinner on the grounds to follow. Oak Ridge Assembly of God is at 5297 Shoffner Blvd., off U.S. Highway 90 East. For more information, call 398-7277.

AHA FUNDRAISER: Okaloosa County Water and Sewer is selling Boston butts for \$25. Place your order by Sept. 21 by calling Mark Griffin, 978-9939 or Alice Gaston, 651-7172. The orders will be available for pickup on Sept. 23.

AMERICAN GIRLS BOOK CLUB: meets every third Saturday at the Crestview public library on Commerce Drive from 10 a.m. until noon in the Story Room. Members talk about the book and discover more about life at different times in American history. Activities, arts and crafts, and interesting snacks are part of each session.

The Saturday, Sept. 18, meeting is on "Felicity Learns

a Lesson," by Valerie Tripp, 88 pages.

Join in by signing up in Youth Services for each meeting; get the book from the library or buy it, and finish reading the selected book before the meeting. For details, call 496-9496.

FALL FESTIVAL: The Main Street Crestview Association is accepting sign-ups for participants and volunteers for the Downtown Crestview Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 3-8 p.m.

If you would like to provide an enjoyable activity for youngsters, be a food or craft vendor or a participant in the event's planning process, or need more information, call Promotions Committee Chairperson Viola Owens at 683-5252 or 423-1214. You may also contact Board President Mickey Rytman at 974-4369, MSCA Vice President Ellis Conner at 682-4846 or the City of Crestview Administrative Department at 689-3722.

Registration forms must be completed and turned in by 5 p.m. Oct. 15. They are available at www.mainstreetcrestview.org and www.cityofcrestview.org, and from the Administrative Department in the west wing of City Hall.

MASTER GARDENERS SEMINAR: On Saturday, Sept. 18, an education seminar for Okaloosa County Master Gardeners will be held at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach. Cost is \$10 per person in advance and \$12 at the door. The fee includes admission and refreshments.

To preregister, call 650-2804 or 269-2170 or download a form at www.ocmga.org/Seminars_and_Education.php.

Registration the day of the seminar begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. seminar. Encore azaleas and new varieties of Southern Living plants will be featured and available for purchase in a silent auction. View plant varieties at www.encoreazaleas.com and www.southernlivingplants.com.

CHAMBER BREAKFAST VENUE CHANGE: The Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce now meets for breakfast the first Thursday of every month from 7:30-9 a.m. at the Crestview Community Center near the Crestview Public Library. There is an entry fee of \$3 per person, except for the breakfast sponsor. No prepaid cards or credit cards can be accepted at this time.

RIDE THE WAVE FREE: Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative and Okaloosa County Transit are providing free rides on the WAVE throughout the month of September. As September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, all you have to do is show a current library card from any one of the

six participating libraries when boarding to ride free.

This includes the Crestview, Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Mary Esther, Niceville and Valparaiso libraries and the Bookmobile, and all WAVE routes in Crestview, Fort Walton Beach, Destin and Okaloosa Island. It also includes the NEW WAVE Express Route. Bus schedules can be found at all the libraries and on board the vehicles.

To get a free library card, residents of these cities or the unincorporated areas of Okaloosa County should bring something with adequate proof of address. Residents of any military installation in Okaloosa County are also eligible for free membership. Any employee of Okaloosa County or a member city may also apply for a free library card regardless of their residence. Citizens who do not fall into one of the categories mentioned above may be required to pay a fee to attain membership in a library for one year.

Visit www.co.okaloosa.fl.us or readokaloosa.org, or call 609-5102 for more information.

SONS OF ITALY: The Order Sons Of Italy In America is starting a new chapter in Crestview. All people of American-Italian heritage are welcome to join. Meet new friends and make lasting friendships as you continue to enhance the cultural contributions Italians have made before and since their arrival on the shores of this wonderful experience called America. For more information, call 585-3166.

HIV/AIDS TESTING: now available every two weeks at Mount Zion A.M.E. Church, 502 McDonald St., Crestview. Testing takes place every second Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and every fourth Saturday from 2-4 p.m. Call the church at 398-6985 on Wednesdays for more information.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF CRESTVIEW: meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Come see what the Exchange Club is all about. For more information, call President Sharlene Cox at 682-6824.

CREATIVE ARRANGERS GUILD: Valparaiso Community Library and Valparaiso Garden Club are sponsoring a new Creative Arrangers Guild. The group will meet the first Friday of each month (September through April) from 9-11 a.m. at the Valparaiso Community Library, 459 Valparaiso Parkway.

All sessions will be taught by accredited flower show judges. During each session, the instructor will demonstrate a floral design, after which students will construct their own designs. All classes are free, but students must bring their own equipment

and materials. The class is open to all who are interested, and no previous experience is necessary.

Call the library at 729-5406 or e-mail marieharrison@valp.net to register and to request a list of supplies needed for the first session. The class is limited to 30 participants, so advance registration is required. Nonregistered participants will be admitted if space is available.

ANNUAL YARD SALE: The VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Post 5450 of Crestview, is having its annual yard sale to raise money to for the prostate cancer fund of the American Cancer Society. The sale will be from 7 a.m. to noon Sept. 11 at 2240 W. James Lee Blvd. in Crestview. Donations can be made to LAVFW 5450. If you have good, usable items you would like to donate for this cause, call Lynn Mobley at 682-5552, 537-3375 or 978-0685.

MOUNTAIN DULCIMER GROUP meets every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Come listen or play; beginners are welcome. Details: Marlin Bass, 682-3165.

CRESTVIEW BY NIGHT: If you have an after-5 p.m. public event in the Crestview area that you would like mentioned in the News Bulletin and on our website, please e-mail the details, along with a contact name and phone number, to okpublishing@crestviewbulletin.com.

CRESTVIEW LIBRARY: The Crestview Public Library, 1445 Commerce Drive in Crestview (682-4432 or www.cityofcrestview.org/library.htm), is hosting the following activities:

- The Friends of the Crestview Library are asking for donations of used books — and movies on VHS and DVD — for the book sale in October. Books and movies will be accepted at the library. All types of hardbound and paperback books are needed, but not magazines.

OKALOOSA COUNTY BUDGET MEETINGS: Crestview meetings are held in the Okaloosa County Courthouse, 101 E. James Lee Blvd. in Crestview. The last meeting in Crestview is a Sept. 21 public hearing at 6 p.m. Agendas are available at www.co.okaloosa.fl.us.

BECOME A TOASTMASTER: The Crestview Toastmasters Club has added a second meeting day to accommodate more members and allow them more opportunities to earn educational awards. The club now meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 6-7 p.m. at Lundy and Bowers, 296 S. Ferdon Blvd. The person with strong communication skills has a clear advantage over tongue-tied colleagues — especially in a competitive job market. The club is a learn-by-doing workshop where members practice their

speaking skills in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Call Ruth Salazar at 974-1618 and join us in learning how to speak with confidence and say what you want to say.

BLOOD DRIVES: As part of the Drive For Life giveaway, all blood donations made to The Northwest Florida Blood Center between now and Dec. 31 are automatically entered into the drawing for a 2010 Kia Soul automobile donated by Kia Autosports General Manager Jessica Lee in Pensacola. The drawing will be held in January. Call 434-2535 for more information, or contact Betty Roberts at broberts@fbsblood.org.

A blood drive will be held Sept. 19 at First United Methodist Church, 599 Eighth Ave., Crestview, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RED CROSS: Registration for classes and other Red Cross events are available at www.yourredcross.org. You may also call 800-773-7620, ext. 0.

Current classes include: CPR/AED-Adult: Crestview, Sept. 16, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer: Fort Walton Beach, Sept. 18, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Pensacola, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bloodborne Pathogens: Crestview, Sept. 13, 6-9 p.m.

Pet First Aid: Crestview, Sept. 17, 5-9 p.m.

FOSTER FAMILIES CAR WASHES: Foster Families of America, 113 Main St. in Crestview, is washing cars for donations Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The washes support family fun outdoor activities.

MISCELLANEOUS

CITIZENS ALLIANCE MEETING: On Sept. 15, Jim Vest, executive director of the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority, will be guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Okaloosa Citizens Alliance. The public is invited to attend the 3 p.m. event in the Niceville council chamber to hear about the Eglin partnership, the Northwest Florida State College connections and the potential cost and benefits of any anticipated projects. The meeting will end with a question-and-answer session. Visit www.ocal1787.org for a complete schedule of meetings.

VOLUNTEERS: The Heritage Museum is seeking responsible community volunteers to assist with greeting and reception and in the gift shop. Flexible days and times are available for one- to three-hour shifts. To sign up, stop by the museum during regular business hours, Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details: Call 678-2615.

Area road closures announced

Special to the News Bulletin

Bryant Bridge Road that crosses Blackwater River will be closed for repairs beginning Monday, Sept. 13, according to officials with the Florida Division of Forestry.

Repairs should be completed by Monday, Oct. 18. Scheduled repairs include replacing pilings and resurfacing the bridge span.

Drivers are advised to avoid the bridge and use State Road 4 or U.S. High-

way 90 as alternate east-west routes and Deaton Bridge Road for north-south traffic. Detour signs will be posted.

Dorcas Road, off of County Road 393, is closed at the bridge over Pond Creek for

repairs. The closure began Monday, Aug. 30, and work is expected to be finished by Sept. 9.

Access is available from each side up to the closure, but no through-traffic will be permitted.

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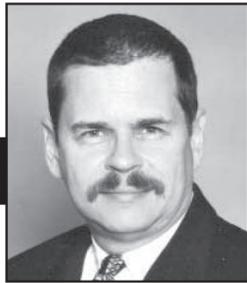
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COUNCIL from page A1

Council members Linda Parker and Bob Allen opposed the motion in a 3-2 vote.

Among the opponents is former Crestview Mayor Ted Mathis, who said the issue has proved contentious at area coffee shops.

"If you sit around these coffee tables, you will find that you folks have opened a can of worms with the dogcatchers," Mathis told members of the council at a public hearing to consider tentative adoption of a 2010-11 budget and millage rate.

"We don't need PAWS, nor do we want them," said Nicholson, the founder of Crestview Animal Rescue Effort.

The council will consider awarding the services contract to PAWS at a Monday night meeting.

Dee Thompson, PAWS director of animal services, said her agency was contacted by the city.

"We did not pursue this," Thompson said. "The city of Crestview, like everybody else, is looking at ways to cut their budget, and we can help them do that."

"We want to help the city of Crestview. If the city of Crestview does not want us or the citizens do not want us, will our feelings be hurt? No."

Council Chairman Charles Baugh Jr. said the move would save city taxpayers \$123,000 a year. Administrative Services Director Mike Wing disputes that figure, however, and said that given proposed budget cuts in the department, the savings would amount to only \$56,400 annually.

PAWS would be paid \$89,000 a year.



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HUNGRY: Crestview Animal Control officer Robert Carr watches a skinny mixed breed bulldog head for the food dish during a morning feeding.

The proposal is part of several cuts the city is considering to make up for an anticipated \$3 million shortfall in general revenue funds in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

Other budget reductions include elimination of several em-

ployee positions, contracting out some city services, reducing city contributions to employee family medical coverage and requiring 80 hours of unpaid furlough for city employees. The city also plans to adopt a four-day work-week.

"Another thing they are discussing around the table at the coffee shops is these 10-hour work days for four days a week," Mathis said.

Those who spoke up in favor of keeping the city's Animal Control department intact said they like the fact that if an animal is impounded, they are within minutes of the city's animal shelter.

PAWS has animal shelters in Laurel Hill and Fort Walton Beach, but not Crestview.

Crestview resident Daniel Tydings said that if an animal is picked up, residents will have to drive 22 miles to Laurel Hill or nearly 40 miles to the PAWS shelter in Fort Walton Beach.

"If at nighttime you get an animal that's hit by a car, you've got to have somebody come 30.9 miles to come up to do anything for that animal," Tydings said. "Whereas the only thing it takes here is a call to the police department. The police department gets a hold of Animal Control."

Thompson said, however, that Crestview's Animal Control officer, who lives locally, had already been offered a job if PAWS gets the contract.

Others took issue with the fact that PAWS would not remove dead animals from public property or the public right of way, a service the city now provides.

Crestview resident Ron Gautney said, however, that he has had dealings with the city's Animal Control department and with PAWS and prefers PAWS.

"I've gotten very good results with PAWS up here," Gautney said.

Parker said she felt that PAWS, which offers countywide services,

would be stretched too thin.

"I support the animal control staying within our city," Parker said. "If we work on the fees — I understand ours are extremely low — if we need to do that, then let's look at that."

The city's Animal Control department has two employees: animal control officer Robert Carr and dispatcher Kip Cole.

In a letter to the editor signed by Carr and Cole, the employees said they are concerned about the level of service Crestview residents will receive if the work is contracted out.

"We foresee an influx of stray cats as well as raccoons and opossums, either in your yards or dead in your streets," they wrote.

"... If you have a snake on your patio, you will need to call a wildlife removal specialist to come to your home for a fee of their choice."

Thompson said, however, that by law, only those permitted to remove poisonous snakes can do so.

PAWS has been operating in Okaloosa County since 1970, Thompson said, and serves the cities of Destin, Niceville and Fort Walton Beach, which keep renewing their contracts.

"We are going to make sure everything is handled the way it needs to be handled," Thompson said.

Mathis said he isn't buying it. "I just want to say, we at my house in my family, we're going to stick up for the dogcatchers," he said. "We don't think it needs to be contracted out, period."

The city's budget and millage rates will be adopted at a second public hearing on Sept. 22.

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No one was injured in the shooting incident that occurred about 6:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at a home on West Edney Avenue in Crestview, Lt. Andrew Schneider said. It was Redding's birthday.

Redding pulled up to a truck parked outside the home in the 600 block of West Edney and began arguing with a man inside the vehicle, Schneider said.

Redding pulled out a gun and began shooting "but didn't hit him," Schneider said.

Police said Redding then fled in his 2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

Schneider credited media reports of the ensuing manhunt for Redding's arrest.

"We would also like to thank the citizens of Crestview, and citizens of the surrounding areas, for their assistance in locating Redding," a press release stated.

MARIJUANA from page A1

Members of the Crestview Police Department, in conjunction with the United States Postal Inspection Service, executed a search warrant at 425 Benjamin St. in Crestview, where Hutchinson lives, after receiving information that marijuana was being shipped to that address.

During their search, police found 5.35 pounds of marijuana they believe was shipped through the U.S. Postal Service, according to a press release.



MICHAEL STEWART | News Bulletin

The Crestview News Bulletin building is up for sale, and the newspaper will move to a new location within the city once the property is sold or leased.

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office space to lease or purchase that would better fit the paper's needs.

"We still plan on serving the north Okaloosa community in the same capacity as before," Mobley said. "The plan is to stay in the heart of Crestview to allow a smooth transition for our customers."

In the past two years, the production operations of the News Bulletin and all other Florida Freedom Communications properties were consolidated into one

hub location at the Panama City News Herald building. The press from the Daily News was moved to Freedom's newspaper in Jacksonville, N.C., leaving nearly half of the paper's building virtually unused.

"Here at the Daily News particularly, we have a building that really doesn't meet our needs anymore," said Tom Conner, publisher of the Daily News.

"This building was designed not only to handle a press but the insert machine; it was designed

to hold 30 days of newsprint, and it was designed to hold all the insert materials that get shipped by advertisers days and weeks in advance, none of which come here anymore."

The Daily News' roughly 48,000-square-foot building sits on 4.5 acres.

"This doesn't mean the newspaper is going anywhere," Conner said. "We're still going to be here serving the community. We've been in many, many different buildings and homes over the

life of the paper, and this is simply another progression in that history. Our commitment to serving our readers, to serving our advertisers, that's not based on being in a building on Racetrack Road. We're going to do that no matter where we are."

Like the Daily News, The Destin Log building used to house its own press and has a lot of storage space that is not used regularly. The Destin Log building also houses the Walton Sun newspaper.

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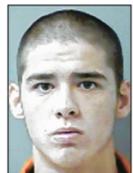
Teens charged in connection with church burglaries

From staff reports

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has arrested three teenagers in connection with a series of church burglaries that took place across north Okaloosa County in recent months.

Those charged are 18-year old Christopher Talbert, of the 4700 block of Rolling Field Lane in Holt; 19-year old Mark Daniel

Van Schmidt, of the 3600 block of Grady Johnson Road in Crestview; and 18-year old Hollie Schumpert, also of the 3600 block of Grady Johnson Road.



MARK DANIEL VAN SCHMIDT

Six north Okaloosa churches were burglarized, according to

a Sheriff's Office press release.

Electronic items, such as church music soundboards, amplifiers and speakers, were targeted during the burglaries, according to the press release.

A lawnmower, weed eaters and other outdoor equipment were also taken.

While responding to a burglary July 28 at New Ebenezer Baptist Church,

a deputy found an ATM receipt belonging to Van Schmidt, the deputy reported.

Church members told investigators Van Schmidt had attended at least one church service prior to the burglary with someone named Chris, according to the press release.

Most of the stolen property has been recovered and returned to the rightful owners, according to

the Sheriff's Office. Additional stolen property was thrown out underneath a small bridge in Milligan or taken to a music/pawn

shop in Covington, Ala. and sold, the report states.

All three suspects face multiple charges of burglary and theft.



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Sexual predator notification
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Joseph William Wigton, 30, a registered sexual predator, has notified the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office of his new address at 5920 Roberts Road in Crestview.

Wigton, a white male with brown hair and blue eyes, is 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighs 240 pounds. He also has a scar on his right ankle. He was convicted of lewd and lascivious molestation of a victim younger than 12 by a principal offender age 18 or older in Okaloosa County in April 2005.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement maintains a searchable database that lists registered sex offenders and predators and maps where they live.

The website also offers tips for people living near a registered offender. Visit the website at <http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/homepage.do>.

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Facebook photos lead to arrest of hunters

Special to the News Bulletin
Two Inverness residents were arrested when an investigation uncovered they had illegally taken a deer and then posted the photos on Facebook.

William Andrew Buchanan, 21, and Tara Anne Carver, 28, were cited for possession of wildlife taken illegally, according to investigators from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

"FWC officers received information that the photos had been published on Facebook and investigated the tip," said Lt. Steve Farmer, investigations supervisor. "Investigators then interviewed Buchanan and Carver."

Buchanan confirmed he was in the photographs, helping skin the deer. He also said he used his mother's truck to move the deer when he received a call from Carver, and he provided the chain to hang the deer. However, he wouldn't admit to shooting the deer or being present when the deer was killed, said Investigator Jim Smith, lead investigator on the case.

"Carver said she published the photographs on her Facebook page and that the deer was killed sometime in May," Smith said.

Carver blamed Buchanan for killing the deer but confirmed she had skinned it and stored some of the meat in her uncle's freezer.

"Fortunately for investigators, pictures can say a thousand words," Smith said.



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This photo of a Florida woman with a deer allegedly killed illegally was posted on Facebook and led to the arrest of the woman and another Florida resident.



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Video surveillance footage from a Tuesday armed robbery at a Crestview convenience store shows this man, who police have identified as Crestview resident James Clifford Roberts Jr. The woman on the left is not a suspect, police said.

Suspect in armed robbery arrested

Michael Stewart

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A Crestview man accused of attempting to rob a local convenience store Tuesday morning while reportedly armed with a knife was arrested Wednesday.

James Clifford Roberts Jr., 28, of the 500 block of East Brock Avenue, is charged with attempted armed robbery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Roberts is in custody at the Okaloosa County Jail. No bond amount has been set.

Members of the Crestview Police Department released store video

surveillance footage Tuesday following the 6:10 a.m. robbery of the Exxon Station, located at the intersection of Ferdon Boulevard and South Main Street.



JAMES CLIFFORD ROBERTS JR.

The footage depicts a man police say was Roberts brandishing a knife at the store clerk while demanding money.

A woman who appeared to be with the man at the time of the robbery has also been identified, police said, but is "no longer of interest" and has not been charged, according to a police report.

The clerk was unable to open the cash register, and the suspect fled on foot without getting any money, police reported.

Counterfeit currency plagues DeFuniak Springs

Special to the News Bulletin

DeFuniak Springs police have responded to numerous reports of counterfeit currency in the community. Most of the currency involves counterfeit \$20 bills with the same serial numbers.

Businesses and citizens are

urged to double-check their currency for security features to insure it is genuine. The counterfeit bills obtained are good copies but lack the security features of genuine bills, officials reported.

One of the easiest ways to detect a counterfeit bill is by using a counterfeit bill detector pen,

which can be purchased from retail and office supply stores. This special pen will produce a black mark on any bill that is not genuine U.S. currency.

Genuine currency will display a light yellow marking and also carries a watermark of the president portrayed on the bill. If a sus-

picious bill is received, check for multiple security features such as the watermark, the security thread stating the denomination and the color-shifting ink on the denomination number located in the lower right corner of the bill.

To learn more about security features and detecting counter-

feit currency, go to www.secret-service.gov/money_detect.shtml.

Persons receiving suspected counterfeit bills and those with information regarding counterfeiters are asked to contact the DeFuniak Springs police at 892-8513 or you local police department.



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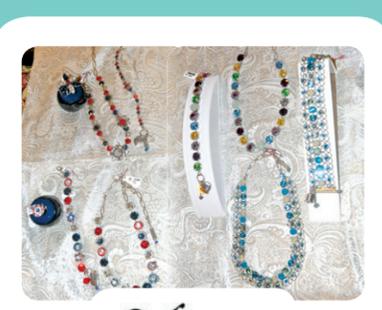
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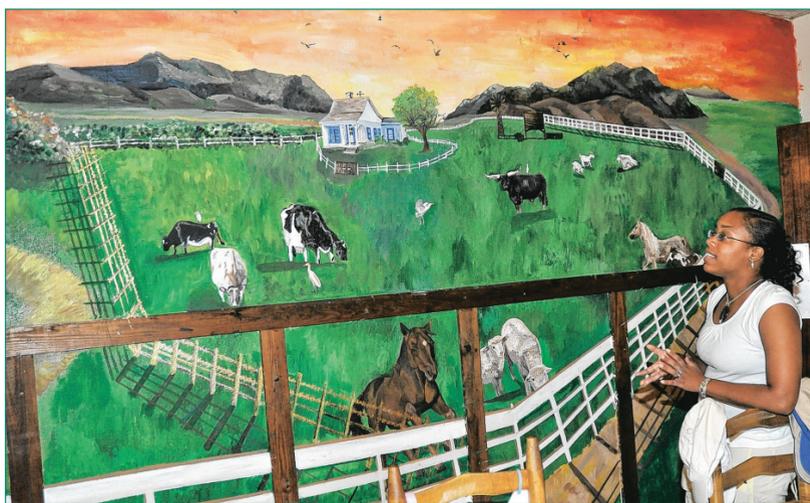


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FINISHED PRODUCT: Local artist Jessica Smith recently completed this mural that covers an entire wall of the dining room at the Crestview Manor. The rural country scene has many features painted by Smith at the request of manor residents.

Manor residents enjoy finished mural project

Ann Spann

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Residents at the Crestview Manor have a much brighter room in which to enjoy their meals thanks to local artist Jessica Smith.

Smith recently completed a huge mural that covers an entire wall of the dining room and took several months to paint.

"The wall is 32 feet by 9 feet, and I covered every inch of it with paint," said the proud artist as she gestured toward the mural.

The rural country scene depicted in the mural was customized especially for residents of the manor, right down to their address, 603 North Pearl Street, painted on the mailbox. Residents requested particular animals or buildings as the mural developed,

and Smith obliged them.

"I wanted to give them what they wanted and for them to find where I put it," Smith said.

The request varied from a country church to cows, hogs, hummingbirds, initials hidden inside flowers and even the manor's beloved house cats.

"She painted a dog to represent Kalee," said Karlene Kilty, referring to her pet dog that lives with her at the manor.

"I think it's wonderful; her artistic talent is amazing, and it gives inspiration to all of us," Kilty said.

"It's like I'm looking at a farm back home," said manor resident Ronald Benevides, who hails from Summerset, Mass.

Smith has bonded with residents at the manor since volunteering her time to do the mural.



"It came out beautiful because I let them have what they wanted. They all love it and it brightens their day," Smith said. "It always feels good when you're doing something for someone that ap-

preciates it." Since starting the mural, Smith has juggled her time between painting, college courses, a job and caring for her 4-year-old son. She took a break from

painting during the summer months when her son was out of school. But all her work has paid off. She graduated from Northwest Florida State College in the spring with an associate's degree in graphic design and her mural artwork has drawn the attention of others.

She hopes to soon start a mural at the Parthenon Healthcare of Crestview, where the staff has expressed an interest in her work.

"If anyone is interested, just tell me what you want, allow me time and you will get it," Smith said.

She can be reached at 398-1772 or jessicas7355@yahoo.com.

"She's very young and very talented," manor resident Elosie Merritt said. "Everybody enjoyed watching the mural go up."

Up on the HILL

The Annual Laurel Hill Hobo Festival will be the second Saturday in October. Attendance and participation are growing each year, with quality entertainers and other attractions.

The festival opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m., with free parking. Arts and crafts are plentiful, and there will also be an auction, free activities for children, live entertainment, a variety of foods, security and restrooms available. Please bring your lawn chair. For more information, call 652-3512 or 652-3677.

The Gene Clary City Park has become a meeting spot for family

and friends on Hobo Festival day. Yesteryear neighbors meet and greet one another, catching up on family events. The food is always good: fried fish, hamburgers, hotdogs and barbecue ready whenever you get hungry. Vendors also have baked goods, pickles, jellies and preserves. See you there on Oct. 9!

Labor Day is a long weekend of family events and good times. Ray and Mary Beth Howell, Aunt Bernice Strickland and I enjoyed lunch at Applebee's before visiting with Doug at Carington Manor. He was having a good day as we sat around the table reminiscing.

Bernice remembered

her sister, Essie Mae, rocking her to sleep when she was a little girl; a favorite school teacher; and she and I going to Primer in the new Laurel Hill School building. Yes, Primer! Not kindergarten.

She remembered Doug being the best reader in third grade. His long-term memory recalled she beat him by three words on a typing test. Ray remembers climbing an apple tree and a neighbor yelling at him. I recalled enjoying Mayme Tyner reading Shakespeare so beautifully and Mr. Barnhill writing on the blackboard, "An idle brain is the devil's workshop!"

Doug remembered being hit on the head by Mr. Barnhill for something Cassie did; she was sitting behind him! In those

days teachers punished students by any means they wanted to use.

We remembered when the mailman knew each house by name and knew where the mail was sent. There were not loads of mail addressed to present occupants. Remember when the doctor used to be the family friend and didn't need insurance or a lawyer to defend? The way that he took care of us no matter what he had to do, because he took an oath and strove to do the best for us?

There was a time when just one glance was all it would take, and you would know the kind of car, the model and the make. Cars didn't look like turtles trying to squeeze out every mile; they had streamlining, white walls, fins and really had some style. Of course, gasoline was 17 cents a gallon at the highest!

One of my great-granddaughters looked at the decorations on the

wall of a restaurant (a large vinyl 45 record) and asked her parents why the CDs were so large! The record player had a post to keep them all in line, and then the records would drop down and play one at a time. We have come a long way, baby!

Sure, we had our problems then, just like we do today, but we just kept striving to do the best we could. Oh, the simple life we lived still seems like so much fun. How can you explain a game? Just kick the can and run! And why would boys put baseball cards between bicycle spokes, and for a nickel red machines released little bottled Cokes? Life seemed so much easier and slower in some ways, so time moves on and so do we. But we sure love to reminisce and walk down memory lane.

On a sad note, last Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010, Clayton E. Bryan (Gene), 66, died. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Nikki

Bryan. Gene was born and raised in Laurel Hill and moved to Tallahassee to attend FSU.

He later retired from the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture, where he worked for more than 30 years. Survivors include one daughter, Traci Burke of Tallahassee; one sister, Edna Gordon of Crestview; two brothers, Bob Bryan of Seminole and Bill Bryan of Laurel Hill; and one grandchild, Lacy Burke.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Mamie Lee Bryan; one brother, LeRoy Bryan; and one sister, Mildred Fulton. Gene had struggled with cancer for five years. He was my first cousin. A memorial service was held Wednesday, Sept. 8, in Havana, Fla.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL SINGING: Heaven Bound Southern Gospel Singers of Navarre will have a concert at Live Oak Baptist Church at 4 p.m. today, Sept. 11, at the church, 4565 Live Oak Church Road, Crestview. A pot luck will follow, and a love offering will be taken up. Details: call 682-5160.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS SEMINAR: When Jesus said his followers would be "no part of the world," what did he mean? Do his words still apply today? What is the "world" that Christians should be no part of? Intriguing answers to these questions will be explored during the Witnesses' annual circuit assembly to be held at the Marina Civic Center in Panama City.

The two-day assembly will be 9:40 a.m. to 3:55 p.m. Sept. 18 and 9:40 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 19. Admission to the assembly is free, and no collections will be taken.

From Fort Walton Beach to Panama City Beach and from Crestview to Chipley, all of the area's Witness congregations will be attending the assembly. An estimated 1,000 will come to the Marina Civic Center over the two days of the programs. Worldwide, there are more than 7.3 million Witnesses in more than 105,000 congregations.

EVENTS

BORN TO WIN: Radio show airs every day at 12:30 p.m. on WTJT 90.1 FM. Presented by Northwest Florida Church of God, pastored by Carl Dillenback.

CATHOLIC RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for those seeking one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This formation process is the church's approved method for individuals to become members of the Catholic community. Sessions are held at the Eglin Chapel Center Annex from 7 to 9 p.m. each Wednesday evening. Details: Susan Huberty at 882-7320.

FREE BIBLE COURSE: Airport Road Church of Christ is offering a free Bible correspondence course. Call 682-4025 for more information. The radio program airs Monday through Saturday at 5:45 a.m. on WAAZ, 104.7 FM.

BOOK OF REVELATION STUDY: Each Sunday evening at 5 p.m., the Good Hope Congregational Church presents the study of the Book of Revelation. The Rev. Tommy Coleman will be presenting the study, and there will be finger foods to follow every Sunday evening. Anyone interested may join. Call 537-4307 for more information.

Special to the News Bulletin

CAC offers free child sexual abuse recognition training

The Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center is offering free training for adults who work with or volunteer with children. The Darkness to Light "Stewards of Children" class teaches adults to recognize the seven signs of child sexual abuse and to react accordingly.

The class is being offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Sept. 23 at 401 McEwen Drive in Niceville; free child care is available.

"This class is so important for adults who work with kids. It happens — an adult has a feeling something's just not right, but they don't know what to do or who to tell. This class will help answer those questions and provide some guidance," case advocate and instructor Tom Dunn said.

Many local churches, daycares and schools have already benefited from the program. The session is offered at the center but may also be scheduled onsite for groups of 10 or more. Interested attendees, contact Joy at joy@eccac.org or 833-9237, ext. 256 to reserve a spot. Free childcare is available to attendees who RSVP by Sept. 21. Refreshments will be served.

The session is provided at no cost to attendees thanks to a generous grant provided by the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation.

Healthy Start offers half-day conference

Through a grant awarded by the March of Dimes, the Healthy Start Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton counties will host a free half-day seminar for people who work with women of childbearing age. Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies will feature speakers Ruth Ann Shepherd, MD, FAAP, a nationally known authority on late preterm births, and Sam Wolf, D.O. of Emerald Coast OB/GYN, who will address the topic of Obstetrics: Where We've Been and Where We're Going.

The seminar will be 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 8 at Shalimar United Methodist Church, 1 Old Ferry

Road in Shalimar. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required; call 833-9284. For more information, visit www.healthystartokawalton.org.

Vendors wanted for 4th health fair

The Community Health Fair will be 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Crestview Community Center this year. Sponsorships and vendor booth spaces are available for the event, which is being planned by the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Health and Wellness Committee. Last year, the fair had more than 700 attendees.

For more details, contact Alison Broxson at 689-3146 or admiss@shoalcreekrehab.com or contact the chamber at 682-3212.

Global Fish Aid kicks off Sept. 25

Brothers Kevin and Kyle Ogle, Destin natives, said they are determined to alert the world of the devastating effects of recreational fishing bans in the Gulf of Mexico.

The brothers formed Global Fish Aid to raise funds for the Destin Charter Association to offset losses incurred by charter boat captains on one of the world's greatest resources, the Gulf of Mexico.

"We just couldn't sit back any longer and not take action to counter what's been happening to the fishing industry in this area," said Kevin Ogle, organizer. "Global Fish Aid will benefit from the Crab Island Shootout Sept. 25 at Crab Island, Destin with an exciting fishing tournament beginning at 6 a.m. in the morning and followed by on-the-water entertainment by local bands and talent."

In jeopardy, the brothers contend, is one of the most popular areas for recreational fishing in the United States with nearly six million saltwater anglers, taking more than 45 million fishing trips each year, fishing for red drum, spotted seatrout, sheephead and red snapper among others.

Presenting sponsors are Dread Clampitt, Coastal Angler Magazine and 30a Television. Various other level

sponsorships are available by calling Brandon Ward at 699-0052. Other bands providing entertainment are Heritage, Forrest Williams and Erin Mitchell. Aloha Pontoon Rentals will run a shuttle to Crab Island every 45 minutes from AJ's at Destin Harbor.

For further information about Global Fish Aid and The Crab Island Shootout, call Brandon Ward at 699-0052 or visit <http://globalfishaid.com>.

2010 Starfish Charity Gala to be Oct. 22

Dinesh D'Souza, an author who has five New York Times best-selling books to his credit, will be guest speaker at Starfish Charity Gala at 6 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Soundside Club on Hurlburt Field Air Force Base.

Sponsored by the Special Operations Warrior Foundation and the Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida, all funds from the spiritually based event will be used for services provided to the community's poor as well as the children of Special Operations personnel killed in the line of duty.

The gala includes the serving of a three-course dinner and musical accompaniment, with Master of Ceremony duties by Pastor Larry Bryars of Shalimar United Methodist Church. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.starfishgala.com.

Fall boating seminars being offered

Four Monday night boating seminars starting at 7 p.m. will be conducted at the Anchorage, 404 Green Acres Road in Fort Walton Beach. The two-hour seminars, which are geared toward local boaters, are part the University of West Florida Continuing Education program and are open to the public.

The schedule for the Monday evening fall seminars is as follows:

- Sept. 13: Anchoring
- Sept. 20: Using your GPS for Navigation
- Oct. 4: How to use a Chart
- Oct. 18: Basic Coastal Navigation.

Conducted by experienced local boaters, the seminars

cover the practical aspects of boating. They will be especially valuable to boaters who are new to Gulf Coast boating, are interested in improving their boating skills or have recently acquired a new boat.

Registration is available online at www.uwf.edu. For more information call 315-0686 or 474-2914 or visit www.fwsps.com.

Support museum by parking for the Destin Seafood Festival

The Destin History and Fishing Museum will provide parking for Destin Seafood Festival visitors for a donation of \$5 per car. Parking will be provided at the two parking lots adjacent to the museum's 108 Stahlman Ave. location behind Whataburger on U.S. 98. Alan Laird of AJ's Seafood and Oyster Bar is donating the use of his lot in support of the museum. Parking spaces will be available from 3-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 18; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 19. Each car parked will receive a coupon for one free admission to the museum and a \$5 coupon redeemable at AJ's Seafood and Oyster Bar. The museum is a 501C3 foundation. For more information, call 837-6611.

WWII aviator and P.O.W. to speak at the Heritage Museum

At 11 a.m. Sept. 22, the Heritage Museum is proud to host James Crooke, World War II aviator, former prisoner of war and author, for a discussion and signing of his new book, "Berlin to the Gulf of Mexico." Mr. Crooke's memoir blends his days as a prisoner of war in Luft Stalag I with flashbacks to his youth growing up on the shores of Florida's panhandle. This program is one of a series presented by the Heritage Museum this year in honor of Eglin's 75th anniversary.

Bring a sack lunch for this History, Sandwiched In lecture, which is free and open to the public (donations appreciated). The museum is located at 115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso. To reserve a seat call 678-2615.

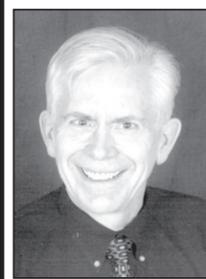
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Apostolic/Pentecostal

Pentecostals of Baker is located at 1599 Hester Church Road in Baker. Pastor Kenneth Bray. Sunday services - 2 p.m. Sunday School, 3 p.m. worship. Call 398-5000 for information. Website, www.pentecostalsofbaker.org.

Assemblies

Campton Assembly of God Church is located at 6924 State Road 85 North in Laurel Hill.

The Sunday service is at 10:30 a.m. For more information call the church at 652-4581 or Pastor Ray Johnson at 652-1929.

Clear Springs Assembly of God is located off Bill Lundy Road in Baker (North State Road 85). Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m., and worship is at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Cliff Larson, 682-2702.

First Assembly of God: 400 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, Office hours Monday through Friday, 9-4. Pastor Mark English.

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. early morning worship, 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. morning worship; and a 6 p.m. evening service. X-cel Youth Ministry 3 p.m., X-ceed Children's Ministry 4 p.m.

Special needs bus available for 11 a.m. service. Call the church at 682-3518 for pickup.

Golan Assembly of God: 6612 County Road 189 N., Baker. Phone 537-3043. Pastored by Todd Sowell. Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m., and evening worship at 6 p.m.

Milligan Assembly of God: 5408 U.S. Highway 4, Baker. Phone 537-4945. Senior Pastor Mike White, Youth Pastor Jesse Jernigan. Sunday services: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m., Kingdom Kids 10:30 a.m., evening service 6 p.m. www.milliganassembly.org.

North Central Assembly of God: at 158 N. Woodlawn Drive in Crestview. Phone: 689-0209 or 537-7115. Minister A. Paul Hinton. Sunday services - Sunday School at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m., evening worship at 6 p.m.

Shady Grove Assembly of God: Sunday services begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School, followed by 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship services. Shady Grove is located at 1189 Shady Grove Church Road in Baker, just off Highway 189.

Welcome Assembly of God located on County Road 393 in the Dorcas community, invites you to join them for Sunday services including Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Call 682-1683 for directions.

Westside Assembly of God: 179 Kit Drive, Crestview. Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m., evening service at 5 p.m.

Baptist

Beaver Creek BC services: Beaver Creek Baptist Church, located six miles west of Baker, has Sunday School at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m., and children's church at 11:15 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church: 612 E. Chestnut Ave., Crestview. Pastor: Rev. Lewis Wilson Jr. Sunday services - 8:45 a.m. continental breakfast; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. morning worship; 6 p.m. evening service. Nursery provided for children 5 and under.

Central Baptist Church: Located at 951 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview. Sunday services include 9:15 a.m. Bible study; 10:30 a.m. worship and praise service; 5:30 p.m. worship and praise, AWANA for Kids. For additional information call 682-5525 or visit the Website at www.centralcrestview.com.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3252 East James Lee Blvd., Crestview. Phone: 682-9416. E-mail address: ebc@ebccrestview.com. Interim Teaching Pastor Ian Anderson. Celebration services: Sunday at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Discovery Park for nursery, Preschool/The Zone (children's church) K-5th graders during all celebrations. Evening celebrations, Sunday 5-7 p.m.: Life groups for adults. On Campus - Sunday Night for preschoolers, G-Force for K-5th Graders. Fuel 247- Worship Service/Small Groups (Youth).

Eveleer Baptist Church: 2820 Carver Ave., Crestview. Pastor Benjamin T. Randolph. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. Every first Sunday at 3 p.m. is the Hour of Power. Phone: 682-2218.

First Baptist Church of Crestview: 798 N. Pearl St. (across U.S. Highway 90 from courthouse, behind Burger King. Pastor Alan Kilgore. Phone 682-2544.

Sunday services - 8:45 Welcome Center opens/ 9 a.m. Sunday School/10:30 a.m. morning worship, children's worship/ 4 p.m. Student Leadership; Youth Choir / 5 p.m. Youth discipleship; Youth Ensemble; ladies, men, children and preschool bible studies; book club/ 6 p.m. evening worship.

First Baptist Church of Baker: Located at 1347 14th St., Baker (across from the Baker School football field). Rev. Cliff Morgan. Bible Study at 9 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. For more information call the church office at 537-2993.

First Baptist Church of Holt: 532 U.S. Highway 90 W., P.O. Box 38, Holt. Phone 537-6170. Pastor Fred H. Sanford.

Sunday services: 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship services.

First Baptist Church of Milligan: 5238 Old River Rd., Milligan. 682-6277 or 682-8559. Pastor Ted Jernigan. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., worship, 11 a.m.; discipleship training 5 p.m.; evening worship, 6 p.m.

Goodhope Baptist Church, 1895 Owen Cotton Road off U.S. Highway 189, Baker, in the Escambia Farms community. Pastor Jim Skates. Phone: 537-8720 or 537-8740.

Services: Men's prayer 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. Evening services: Discipleship training 5 p.m. worship 6 p.m.

Live Oak Baptist Church, located at 4565 Live Oak Church Road in Crestview (near Shoal River Country Club).

Sunday services Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Evening worship.

Phone: 682-5160. Associate Pastor Dennis Walker.

Living Faith Baptist Church: 837 West James Lee Blvd., Crestview. Pastor Chaplain David Pettis. Sunday services - Sunday School 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. Discipleship training 6 p.m., and evening worship 7 p.m. children's church Sunday morning. Phone - 682-4371.

Magnolia Baptist Church: Located at 3198 Highway 602, Laurel Hill. Pastor Danny Starling.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m. with children's church for 3-5 and nursery for under 3. Evening Worship 6 p.m. For further information, call 652-2300.

New Beginnings Church: The church is at 412 West James Lee Blvd. in Crestview. The Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. AWANA for children ages 2-12 is on Sunday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. at 421 W. James Lee Blvd. in Crestview.

New Life Missionary Baptist Church: Pastor Sanford Hayes. 285 Duggan Ave., Crestview. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning worship 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Palm Chapel Primitive Baptist Church: 201 Cadle Dr., Crestview. Elder Michael Green, Jr., Pastor. Sunday 10:30 a.m. Call 689-3383 for more information.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church: Pastor, Dr. Jerry Haley. 5595 State Road 4 South, Baker. Phone 537-9221. FAX 537-6798. Church website www.pilgrim-restbaptist.org.

Sunday services including morning worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.; bible study at 9:45 a.m.; adult study, youth ministry, Disciple Kids and children's choir at 5:30 p.m. and evening worship at 6:30 p.m.

Pyron Chapel Baptist Church: 6498 Wm. Gary Johnson Road, Baker. Pastor Victor Bettenhausen, 398-0355.

Sunday services: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; choir practices, 4:30 p.m.; Bible study and prayer, 5:30 p.m.

Valley Road Baptist Church: 1018 Valley Road, Crestview. Phone 682-4513. Rev. Philip Mark. Times for Sunday Services: Bible Study 9:45 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., discipleship training 5 p.m., and evening worship 6 p.m.

Woodlawn Baptist Church: located at 824 N. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, Pastor Patrick Pfrimmer.

Sunday Bible study meets at 9 a.m. with morning worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. A service for the hearing impaired is also offered on Sunday morning. Sunday evening service is at 6 p.m. and the Youth Choir meets at 5 p.m. Call the church at 682-2924 for information.

Catholic

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 550 Adams Drive, Crestview. Phone 682-4622. Pastor - Fr. John Cayer. Parochial Vicar--Fr. Florencio Laguna.

Sunday Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

Spanish Mass (2nd and last Saturday of the month) at 7 p.m.

Church of Christ

Live Oak Church of Christ: Sunday morning worship 10 a.m. followed by Bible study at 11 a.m. The church is located at 1049 S. Wilson St. Call 682-2697 for more information.

McDonald Street Church of Christ: at 744 S. McDonald St. in Crestview, with Minister Bro. Henry Herbert and Youth Minister, Bro. Daniel Jackson. 10 a.m. Bible class on Sunday, followed by 11:15 a.m. worship. Evening worship at 6 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call 682-6230.

Church of Christ Airport Road: Sunday Bible study at 9 a.m., worship services at 10 a.m., Sunday worship at 6 p.m., with Minister Mark Dillman.

Crestview Church of God, Pastor Larry Collins. Sunday school 10 - 11 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.; and 6-9 p.m. evening service on Sundays. Call 682-3045 for more information.

Church of New Covenant, Pastors Charles, Sr., and Maxine Whisnand invite you to attend their services, located at 3191 North Newman Ave. in Crestview.

Sunday services include Adult Bible Study and children's church at 10 a.m., followed by Praise Hour at 11 a.m. Call 682-8433 for more information.

Church of the Resurrection: 66 8th St., Shalimar Fla. The Rev. Canon Michael G. Carr. Sunday services at 10 a.m., morning prayer on first, third, and fifth; and holy communion on second and fourth Sundays.

Episcopal

Church of the Epiphany: Located at 424 Garden St., Crestview behind the Teachers Credit Union.

Children's church 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 7:30 and 10 a.m. Nursery is available. A potluck brunch is held on the first Sunday of the month following the service.

Vicar is the Rev. De Freeman. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 689-1410 for more information. All are welcome.

Independent

Northwest Florida Church of God: Meets at 158 Woodlawn Ave. in Crestview on Saturdays at 11 a.m. Pastor Carl Dillenback. The church has a radio presentation called "Born to Win" at 12:30 p.m. everyday at WTJT, 90.1 FM.

Latter Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is located at 3 Del Cerro Camino in Crestview. Sunday worship services are at 9 and 11 a.m., Phone: 682-6624 or 682-4766.

Lutheran

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS: 178 W. North Ave. in Crestview. Rev. Vance G. Tech. Sunday services include Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m., and a historic worship service with Holy Commu-

nion every Sunday at 10 a.m. and Saturday at 5 p.m. Call 682-3154 for more information.

First Lutheran Church of Floral: at 24512 5th Ave. (U.S. Highway 331) in Floral, pastored by Rev. Jack Betz. 9:30 a.m. worship, fellowship 10:30 a.m., and Sunday School 11 a.m.

Phone 334-858-3515. On U.S. 331 near the Florida line in Florida, Ala. Call 334-858-3515 for more specific directions.

Methodist

Baker First United Methodist Church: located at 5826 N. Highway 189, just north of the traffic light in Baker. The Rev. Johnathan J. McDaniel, contemporary service 9 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.; traditional service 11 a.m. Combined service last Sunday of every month 10:30 a.m.

Christian Home United Methodist Church: Approximately 5 miles N.E. of Laurel Hill on Alabama County Road 6, Parrish Road, Ala. Phone: 652-4766. Sunday services: Second and fourth Sundays at 8:45 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Rev. Edward Britton.

First United Methodist: 599 Eighth Ave., Crestview, Rev. Bruce Sheffield is Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor Brandon Dasinger and Dr. R. Lee Thigpen, Lay Leader (FUMC).

Traditional services at 8 a.m. in the Christ Chapel, and at 11 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at 9:12 a.m. Sunday school at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

For information, call 682-2018, during normal business hours.

First United Methodist Church of Floral: 1319 Fifth St., Floral, Ala. Phone: (334) 222-3286. Sunday Services 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Rev. Sam Persons Parkes.

Hopewell United Methodist Church: 987 Gomillion Road, Ala., five miles west of Laurel Hill on New Ebenezer Road. 652-4474. Sunday services, First and third Sundays at 9 a.m., with Sunday School at 10 a.m. Rev. Edward Britton.

Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, 502 McDonald St., in Crestview. Rev. Matthew Ewing. Sunday services: church school 9:30 a.m., praise service 10:45 a.m., and worship service 11 a.m. For information, call 682-7799.

New Bethel United Methodist Church, 5984 Highway 85N, Crestview and Reverend Ed Cotten invite you to worship with them. Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible study Wednesday, 7 p.m. 682-9671.

St. Mark United Methodist Church, 2250 P.J. Adams Pkwy. in Crestview, offers the following Sunday services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and traditional worship, 11 a.m. contemporary worship, kids worship and Sunday School. A nursery is available for all services. Clergyman is the Rev. Lisa Ausley, the Rev. Brice Early and the Rev. Greg McKinnon. Call 682-5280 for more information.

Nazarene

Crestview Church of the Nazarene: 395 Aplin Road, Crestview. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., morning worship 10:45 a.m., and evening service at 6 p.m. 682-7995. All are welcome.

Nondenominational

Fellowship Church of Praise KTC: Pastor Darlene Haynes. Sunday services begin at 11 a.m. at Country Inn & Suites, Rasberry Road, Crestview.

Sonlight Covenant Church: Manifesting the Spirit of Sonship. Pastor and Founder Alvin E. Smith invites all interested to attend Sunday services at 11 a.m. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m.

The church is located at 798 S. Main St., Suite A, Crestview. Call 689-3129 for more information.

Good Hope Congregational Church: Come and join the congregation for old-fashion, Southern gospel music and service. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. followed by service at 10:45 a.m.

The church is located seven miles west of Baker. Call Pastor Joel Carden at 537-4307 for more information.

Mount Olive Community Church: Pastor D.L. Lyons invites all interested to Sunday Services at 10 a.m., Tuesday Ladies' meeting at 7 p.m. with Marie C. Lyons. The church is located at 5661 Mt. Olive Road in Crestview. Directions - approximately 7 miles east on Highway 90, turn left on Mt. Olive Road, 2 miles. Call 682-6218 for

more information.

Joy Fellowship: 5978 Old Bethel Road, Crestview; 682-6219. www.joyfellowship.net. Pastor Dale and Brenda Walters. Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Pentecostal

Auburn Pentecostal Church: Independent Pentecostal church at 6144 Highway 85 North, Crestview. Pastor: Rev. Ron Williamson. Sunday Services: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship and children's church 10:30 a.m., evening and youth services at 6 p.m. Nursery available for all services. Phone: 6826357; fax 689-4402.

Calvary United: 1010 Bay St., Crestview. Sunday - 10 a.m. worship service with Sunday School. The Rev. Charles Branef Jr., 682-6191. Church phone: 423-1198.

First Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ: Sunday services for First Pentecostal are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Pastor Wilbur Hawkins. Located at 997 East Chestnut Ave. in Crestview. Call 682-3497 for more information.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church: 492 N. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, pastored by Rev. Mark Broadhead. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. For more information, call 682-2835.

Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church: 8115 4th St. 652-2164. Rev. Mark Broadhead, Minister. Sunday worship service, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10 a.m.

1st Presbyterian Church-PCA, 23500 5th Ave., Floral, Ala. Services Sundays at 11 a.m. Rev. David McMillan, 334-858-3865.

Unitarian

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast (UUFEC): located at 1295 Bayshore Drive, Valparaiso. Minister: Rev. Rodney Debs. Service is held at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. For further updates, check www.uufec.com, the Verbal Chalice, Wick, or please call the Fellowship at 678-7197, or 243-5247.

Unity Way of Life Unity Center: Pastor Rev. George A. Schmidt, Ph.D., the Way of Life Unity Center is located at 1797 Hurlburt Road in Fort Walton Beach.

Sunday services: 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Celebration Services. Youth Education programs along with childcare are only provided at the 11 a.m. service. All are welcome.

For information, call the office at 864-1232 (hours by appointment).

Other

Eglin Air Force Base Chapel: Protestant Sunday Worship Services Sunday: 9 a.m. - Traditional, West Gate Chapel; 9:30 a.m. - Gospel, Chapel Center; 10 a.m. - Contemporary, Building 605.

All military and their families are invited to attend the chapel's many diverse services. Call 882-2111 for times and locations.

Eglin Air Force Base Chapel: Catholic Weekend Mass Schedule Sunday - 7:45 a.m., Chapel Center; 11:15 a.m., West Gate Chapel. Confession: Saturday - 4 p.m., West Gate Chapel.

All military and their families are invited to attend the chapel's many diverse services. Call 882-2111 for times and locations.

Eglin Air Force Base Chapel: Jewish Worship: Friday: 7 p.m. - Sabbath Worship, Chapel Center. All military and their families are invited to attend the chapel's many diverse services. Call 882-2111 for times and locations.

Eglin Air Force Base Chapel: Islamic Services: Please call the chapel at 882-2111 for more information.

Eglin Air Force Base Chapel: Orthodox Christian Services: Please call Saint Markella and Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church at 244-0822 for days and times of services.

Christian Life Center: Pastor Jason Palmer. Prayer is held Sunday at 2 p.m., with Sunday services and Sunday School at 2:30. Christian Life Center is located at 410 Wingard St.; call 305-0198 for more information.

Healing Stream Ministries: Pastor Jonathan Griffin. Saturday services are being held. The ministry is located at the corner of E. Robinson and Church Street in Crestview. Call Pastor Griffin at 682-5455 for more information.

Laurel Hill School students of 1935, do you recognize anyone?



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LAUREL HILL SCHOOL: This group photograph was made at Laurel Hill School in about 1935. Do you recognize anyone? If so, please contact Donald Reeves at 537-6591. Reeves is a volunteer with the Baker Block Museum, who works to identify old photos and the subjects in them. He then places the photos and information on file at the museum. Birdie Moore is the teacher in the photo. Students who are identified include Johnny Fortune, Winford Davis and Ray Clayton Campbell. It is believed to be a second- or third-grade class, and the students would now be in their early 80s.

Yellow River R. R. Schedule.

Daily No. 1 P. M.	STATION.	Daily No. 2 A. M.
7 10	Florida	7 10
6 52	Svea	7 28
6 36	Laurel Hill	7 42
6 31	Falco Junc.	7 49
6 17	Campton	8 03
5 57	Auburn	8 23
5 45	Crestview	8 35
No. 27	L. & N. R. R.	No. 28
5 45	Crestview	8 45
5 35	Milligan	8 53
4 40	Milton	9 57
4 00	lv. Pensacola	10 00

YELLOW RIVER RR: This schedule for the Yellow River Railroad, which was originally printed in "Our Southern Home," a farm publication in Laurel Hill in May 1909, shows stops between Crestview and Florida, Ala. The trip from Crestview to Laurel Hill was said to take about one hour.

Railroad prompts founding of Laurel Hill

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incorporated.

The town of Laurel Hill was founded with the coming of the Yellow River Railroad. The railroad was incorporated in July 1887 to access timberland owned by its founders, George W. and W.B. Wright.

By the turn of the century, Laurel Hill had several general stores, a pharmacy, hotels, boarding houses, churches, a Masonic Hall and a weekly newspaper called "The Gazette."

The railroad construction began at Crestview and was completed in stages, as the timber was cut and harvested. The tracks reached Laurel Hill by 1892 and had reached the entire 26 miles to Florida, Ala., by 1894. The railway was open for freight and passenger traffic in May 1894 with a passenger coach and combination baggage and mail car.

The town was incorporated in 1905, with the town limits set to contain an area of one square mile. There were about 150 residents within the town limits at the time. Earnest Campbell served as the town's first mayor.

The headquarters of the Yellow River Railroad were established at Laurel Hill and included a depot, commissary, machine shop and housing for the section crew. When the timber had been cut, the land along the railroad was platted and sold as city lots. Soon, others who saw business opportunities in the new town followed the railroad workers.

A new two-room brick school with eight classrooms and a large auditorium was built in 1918 at a total cost of \$15,000. The Laurel Hill School became accredited as a high school in 1926.

The town's first school, a one-room log structure, was built in 1891 under the supervision of Henry Steele. Dora White was the school's first teacher, who conducted school for four-month terms and received \$20 per month. The school had been enlarged to three rooms by 1903. A new four-room wooden school was built at a site on the south side of town after Laurel Hill was

The brick school building at Laurel Hill burned in June 1931, and students attended school in a warehouse until a new building could be constructed. The new school building was completed in 1934.

Three Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Will G. Settles in Africa; One At Pearl Harbor and One Here

Fire again destroyed the Laurel Hill School after a lightning strike in July 1972, with only the gymnasium, cafeteria and agriculture buildings saved. Classes met in portable buildings during the 1972-73 school year while a new building was started.

The new, and current, school building at Laurel Hill was completed in 1974 and dedicated in August of that year.

Though much has changed during the 105 years since Laurel Hill was incorporated, the school continues to be the center and focus of the community. Residents rally in support of the Laurel Hill Hobo's sports teams and related school activities, carrying on a long and proud tradition in Hobo Country.

WATKINS, WILLIAM A. USA
WATKINS, WOODRUFF W. USA
WRIGHT, KENNETH K. USA
ROGERS, LAWRENCE USA

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VETERAN MEMORIAL: Kenneth K. Wright's name is listed on the veteran's memorial at the Okaloosa County courthouse in Crestview. The America flag that he died defending during World War II flies overhead.



Family searches for relatives of WWII veteran

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A Texas family is searching for relatives of a World War II veteran who was from Crestview. The family would like to pass along military memorabilia, including a Purple Heart that was awarded to the young soldier's wife after his death.

"We would like to find some of his descendants and see if they would be interested in preserving the material," Simmons wrote.

Research shows that the Wright family is buried in a family plot at the Liveoak Memorial Park Cemetery in Crestview. Kenneth K. Wright was born Nov. 18, 1915, and died Dec. 25, 1944, according to cemetery records.

"My sister, Lillian Voncile Simmons, married Kenneth K. Wright, from Crestview in 1938," Don Simmons, of Richardson, Texas, wrote in an e-mail to the News Bulletin. "Kenneth was killed during World War II in France on Christmas day 1944. My sister married again in 1947 and lost contact with the Wright family many years ago."

The cemetery plot in Crestview may have been his family's way of honoring Wright, who was a member of the U.S. Army's Company K, 262nd Infantry.

According to the Simmons family, his remains were actually buried in a United States military cemetery in Ste. Mere Eglise, France.

Simmons went on to explain that his sister passed away last year, and her husband moved to a nursing home. Family members came across the Purple Heart and other military memorabilia while cleaning out her home.

His parents were William James Wright and Minnie Murphy Wright. He also had a sister named Ruby Jewell Wright Wilson, who lived in Crestview until 1994.



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Kenneth K. Wright is pictured in uniform during World War II.

If anyone has information about the descendants of Ruby Jewell Wright Wilson or any of the Wright family, please contact Ann Spann at the Crestview News Bulletin at 682-6524.

Crestview Family Has Five Sons In Armed Service

Three Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Will G. Settles in Africa; One At Pearl Harbor and One Here

If each family in Okaloosa County had sent as many boys into the armed forces as have gone from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will G. Settles, and all of them were assigned to duty with the same outfit, there would have been enough to man an entire regiment.

Okaloosa County citizens are proud of the record of the Settles family: There are three--Claude, 25, and Floyd and Lloyd, 19, with the American Fifth Army in North Africa, being held in reserve to strike against the Nazis at one of two or three invasion points. Then there's Burl, 21, with the Navy at Pearl Harbor. Or maybe he is striking hard at the Japs down around New Guinea by now; one can never tell. The fifth, Tom, 23, is in training at a North Carolina army camp.

That's five. But that isn't all. The sixth son, Eugene, 18, is leaving soon for service in U. S. forces, leaving four smaller brothers and a sister at home. All were born and reared here.

If there's another family that can match this record, we are anxious to hear about it. In fact we are always glad to publish the news of any of our boys in the service, those already in or those expecting to go soon.

Only we don't want to divulge any military secrets, of course. We hope to have the data on another Crestview home from which five sons have entered the service for you next week.

SONS IN THE SERVICE

WWII OKALOOSA MESSENGER:

This article was printed in the Okaloosa Messenger on Sept. 9, 1943. The Messenger was a weekly newspaper published in Crestview with the motto, "Blind as a bat to everything but right."

All about the ads

Program

Program of the Laurel Hill Mid-Summer Picnic, to be Held Saturday, July the 30th, 1910.

- 8:30 a. m. Ball Game.
- 10:00 a. m. Welcom Address—W. L. Martin.
- 10:30 to 12 Vocal Music at Masonic Hall, led by W. R. Walker.
- 12:30—Dinner to Everybody.
- 1:30 p. m. Tug of War, Married men vs Single men. Prize; Box of Cigars.
- 2:00 p. m. Potato Race, by girls under twelve years old. Prize; \$1 box Chocolate—Laurel Hill Pharmacy.
- 2:30 p. m. 100 Yards Dash for boys twelve years old and under. Prize; Pocket Knife—Geo. Fohmar & Son.
- 3:00 p. m. Greasy Pole Climbing, Prize, Pocket Knife, Givens & Clary.
- 3:30 p. m. Ball Game.

—GO TO— D. R. MOORE'S

FOR YOUR GROCERIES AND FICED STUFF

Washburns-Crosbys Gold Medal Flour, per 3bbt.	\$7.00
Elegant Flour, per barrel	6.50
Cupid's High Patent, in half barrels	3.50
Elegant, in 96 pound sacks,	3.25
Oats, per sack	3.00
Grain Palfa, 100 pound sacks,	1.80
Corn, per bushel,	.95

ABOVE PRICES SUBJECT TO MARKET CHANGES.

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SUMMER PICNIC: At left, this advertisement promoting a 1910 summer picnic was printed in "The Southland Call," a weekly newspaper published at Laurel Hill. Above, this grocery ad appeared in a July 1910 publication of "The Southland Call" at Laurel Hill.



I was born in New Orleans. My family still lives here. We have to restore the Gulf communities for the shrimpers, fishermen, hotel and restaurant owners who live and work here.

- Iris Cross, BP Community Outreach

Making This Right

Beaches

Claims

Cleanup

Economic Investment

Environmental Restoration

Health and Safety

Wildlife

No oil has flowed into the Gulf for weeks. But we know this is just the beginning of our work. BP has taken full responsibility for the cleanup in the Gulf and that includes keeping you informed.

Restoring Gulf Communities

We can't undo this tragedy. But we can help people get back on their feet. We have been working with impacted communities since day one.

Partnering with local governments and community organizations, my job is to listen to people's needs and frustrations and find ways to help. We have 19 community centers and teams in four states, listening and helping.

Restoring The Economy

BP is here in Gulf communities with shrimpers, fishermen, hotel and restaurant owners, helping to make them whole.

More than 120,000 claim payments totaling over \$375 million have already gone to people affected by the spill. We have committed a \$20 billion independent fund to pay all legitimate claims, including lost incomes until people impacted can go back to work. And none of this will be paid by taxpayers.

BP has also given grants of \$87 million to the states to help tourism recover and bring people back to the Gulf beaches.

Restoring The Environment

We're going to keep looking for oil and cleaning it up if we find it. Teams will remain in place for as long as it takes to restore the Gulf Coast.

And we've dedicated \$500 million to work with local and national scientific experts on the impact of the spill and to restore environmental damage.

Thousands of BP employees have their roots in the Gulf. We support over 10,000 jobs in the region and people here are our neighbors. We know we haven't always been perfect, but we will be here until the oil is gone and the people and businesses are back to normal. We will do everything we can to make this right.

For general information visit: bp.com

For help or information: (866) 448-5816

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floridagulfresponse.com



News & NOTES

SCHEDULE

Monday

High school volleyball
Crestview at Milton,
JV 5 p.m./V 6 p.m.
Floral at Laurel Hill,
V 5:30 p.m.
Middle school volleyball
Baker at Davidson,
3:30 p.m.
Shoal River at Pryor,
3:30 p.m.

Tuesday

High school volleyball
Central at Laurel Hill, JV
4:30 p.m./V 5:30 p.m.

BRIEFS

Former Gator Langston receives SCAC honors

Former Baker football standout David Langston was named the Special Teams Player of the Week by the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Langston, who plays for Birmingham-Southern College, broke the school's single-game punt return yardage record with his 142 return yards against LaGrange, as well as the single return yardage record — twice — with his 86-yard punt return for a touchdown and his 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

Langston also led the team with 255 all-purpose yards in the 28-19 victory.

Adult coed kickball

Registration for the Crestview Parks and Recreation Department adult coed kickball league continues through Sept. 15.

The cost of the league is \$150 per team of 10 players and \$15 per player.

Games will be played Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the season set to start Sept. 20.

Loop the Lake 5K

The fourth annual Loop the Lake 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run are set for Sept. 18 from 7-10 a.m. in DeFuniak Springs.

Last year, more than 300 participants took place in the race that is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

The 5K starts at 8 a.m. at the amphitheater on Circle Drive in DeFuniak Springs.

Early registration runs through Sept. 12 and costs \$15. Late registration costs \$25 and goes from Sept. 13 until 7 a.m. on race day.

The fun run for kids 10 and younger is \$10.

For more information about the race and a registration form, go to www.chelco.com.

Dr. H. C. White Golf Tournament

The 24th Annual Dr. H. C. White Golf Tournament, sponsored by White-Wilson Medical Center, will begin Friday, Sept. 17, with a shotgun start at noon at The Pines Course of the Fort Walton Beach Municipal Golf Course. This event is held to benefit the Greater Fort Walton Beach Foundation, which provides scholarships to support local students at the University of West Florida and Northwest Florida State College.

The entry fee of \$125 per person includes 18 holes of tournament

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Hoboes fall to Royals

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LAUREL HILL — New Laurel Hill volleyball coach Fresca Paul might have been disappointed with the outcome of her first match, but she wasn't discouraged by the play of her team as the Hoboes lost to Jay in straight sets.

The scores of the sets were 25-21, 25-17 and 26-18.

"I think they did a really good job," she said of her team. "Obviously this was our first match, and I believe it was their (Jay's) second match. "They had to get out their

first-game jitters. I think they were nervous as a team together because there were a lot of girls on there that haven't played before, so there were a lot of first-time jitters altogether."

The first set was typical of teams trying to get a feel for what the other team was doing. In the early part of the set, the teams traded serves, with neither being able to take control.

The Hoboes (0-1) opened with a 3-0 lead, with Kasey Harrison in serve before the Royals ran off five unanswered points to gain the lead.

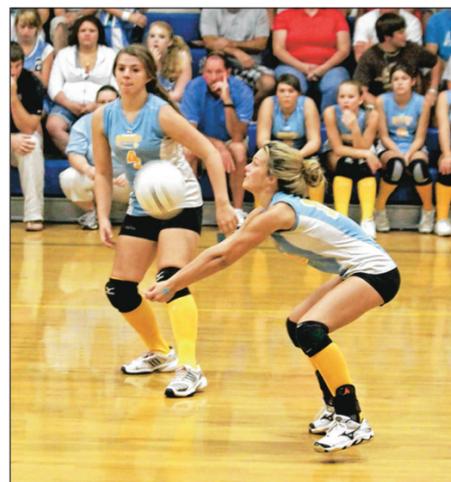
Things continued to be nip-and-tuck, with the lead changing with almost every change of serve.

Brittany Baggett was in serve during a short run that put the Hoboes up 8-6, but Jay came roaring back with eight straight points.

Lauren Gordon, who served up two aces, led the next Laurel Hill charge that tied the set at 14-14 before Jay pulled away and then held on for the win.

The Royals took control early in the second set with an

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Gracie Simmons makes a bump pass during the season-opening volleyball match for Laurel Hill.

Small numbers, big effort



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Members of the Crestview golf team are Kennedy Lush, Devon Crummer, Kenna Rogers and coach Kenny Rogers. **BELOW:** Devon Crummer hits a pitch shot onto the second green at Foxwood Country Club on Tuesday.

Crestview girls golf team gets the most from trio of players

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The Crestview High School girls golf team might be small in numbers with just three players, but that doesn't keep the trio from giving their all as they compete against powerhouses like Niceville and Gulf Breeze, as well as Fort Walton Beach and Choctawhatchee in a tough District 1-2A.

"This year we've got three that have returned," coach Kenny Rogers said. "We would like to pick up another one, but right now that's all that we have."

Senior Devon Crummer is joined by junior Kenna Rogers, the coach's daughter, and sophomore Kennedy Lush on the Bulldog squad.

"Devon Crummer, to this point, has done the best," coach Rogers said before a Tuesday match at Foxwood. "She was our best overall golfer last year."

In her first three matches, Crummer has turned in scores of 47, 48 and 53. Lush has fired a 48, 52 and 57. And

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Dukes powers Bulldogs to win

Travis Downey
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Following a season-opening loss to Niceville, Crestview volleyball coach Benjamin Kimbrough shook off the setback, saying his team would get better.

After a four-set win at Choctawhatchee on Wednesday night, Kimbrough and the Bulldogs had a modest two-game win streak and further confirmation that Crestview was indeed moving in the right direction.

Crestview cruised to a 25-14 win in the first set, then led throughout much of the second before slipping 25-22. The Bulldogs then closed the game by winning the third and fourth sets 25-20 and 25-19, respectively.

For Kimbrough, who last year guided Crestview (2-2) to a 13-12 finish in his first season on the Bulldogs' bench, it was the type of gutsy effort he feels the team can continue to build on.

"They're back on track, I think," Kimbrough said. "We still have work to do — they're not where I think they should be — but I'm proud of them tonight. They played hard."

Crestview followed the lead of its senior captain, Alicia Dukes, who led the Bulldogs' attack with 10 kills, seven aces and five blocks. It was on the strength of consecutive aces from Dukes midway in the third set that helped Crestview shake off what was a disappointing finish in a second-set loss and build a 13-8 lead that would send the Bulldogs toward an eventual win.

"Having these two wins under our belt brings us back in the swing of things," Dukes said.

Also aiding Crestview in that third set were two

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NICK TOMECEK

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Crestview's Alicia Dukes hits against Choctawhatchee's Robyn Van Zile.



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Laurel Hill's Lauren Gordon serves against Jay on Tuesday.



Nichole Bailey gets full extension on her serve.



Kasey Harrison makes a play at the net.

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11-2 run that put things out of reach. But even when trailing 13-3, the Hoboes fought back to make a game of the set, narrowing the Royal lead to 18-16 before running out of gas.

Laurel Hill might have played its best in the third set as the teams continued their see-saw match.

Nichole Bailey, Gracie Simmons and Baggett all came up with big

plays that allowed the Class A Hoboes to stay with the Class 2A Royals before Jay was able to put the set away to seal the victory.

"I think they did a really good job, and they did hang in there pretty good," Paul said. "We know what we need to work on now, and we are going to use that the rest of the season."

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straight penalties against Choctaw for serving out of order, extending the Bulldogs' advantage to 15-8.

"We had communication and trust issues," Choctaw coach Hilary Brown said. "When we weren't communicating, we were running into each other, and when we started communicating, we started not trusting each other."

It all came together nicely for Choctaw (1-2) in the second set, where after trailing by as many as five (14-9), the Indians surged from behind to knot the score at 18-all on a block by Anna Jinks. Choctaw then took a brief 20-19 lead when Jinks smashed an overhead kill. Choctaw would ice the win with an ace from Taylor Havens.

Jinks and Havens led Choctaw with six kills, while Lyndsey Blanchard had a team-high of 11 assists.

Despite a valiant effort in the ensuing set, that momentum proved to be short-lived for Choctaw. Following a quick 4-0 run



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Crestview's Logan Williams, right, and Caitlyn Pawlak, middle, go up for a block against Choctaw's Taylor Havens.

on the service of Dukes, Crestview's Sara Cadenhead registered one of her four aces to push the Bulldogs ahead 17-13 en route

to a 25-20 win.

Then, in the fourth set, it was more of the same, with Dukes registering two kills, a block and a pair of aces.

"If we can get her the ball, she can do some great things with it," Kimbrough said. "She's a great player."

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golf (cart included) plus a certificate for a future round at The Pines (no cart). There will be a full lunch, catered by Golden Corral of Fort Walton Beach, complimentary Pepsi and Miller Lite beverages throughout the event, a post-tournament party catered by Lenny's, Moe's and Helen Back, and a \$50 gift certificate from www.store4golfers.com, along with lots of door prizes.

Please contact Patti Bohnsack at the Fort Walton Beach Chamber, 244-8191, to reserve your spot or team for this great event.

Fall baseball

Sign-up for NAYB Traveling Eagles Fall Baseball is available online at www.travelingeagles.com for players ages 7-14 (birth date as of April 30, 2011). For more information, call Mike Wells at 428-0005.

Reporting scores

Attention, high school and

middle school coaches and parents, if you have any game results and photos you would like to get in the News Bulletin, please e-mail the information to sports editor Randy Dickson at randyd@crestviewbulletin.com.

Please note the deadline for Saturday's paper is 9 a.m. Thursday and the deadline for Wednesday's paper is 9 a.m. Monday. Thank you for your help.

Calendar deadlines

If you have an announcement for our sports calendar or would like to submit a story, please note the following deadlines.

The deadline for the Wednesday issue is 9 a.m. Monday. Our deadline for Saturday is 9 a.m. Thursday.

In the event of limited space, calendar items are prioritized by the closest dates. Other submitted material is published as we have available space.



Kenna Rogers takes aim at the flag on the first hole at Foxwood on Tuesday.

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Rogers has gone 58, 51 and 52 in the nine-hole events.

"They really haven't been doing bad for the first few matches," Kenny Rogers said. "The first match, we had a couple in the 40s, which is not bad for us. Our goal is to get all three of them in the 40s, but we are working on it."

"They've still got to get a little bit better around the greens, which I think they are working on. That's where they are losing most of their strokes."

Rogers is confident that his players will do just that through hard work.

"They are trying to get better," he said. "I think their work ethic is probably their best strength."

"That's all you look for, is that they come out every day and try to get better."

One of the big drawbacks to only having three players is that Crestview is unable to compete for team honors in matches where four players are needed to turn in team scores.

That doesn't prohibit the Bulldog players from taking individual honors in local tournaments or in state events. But that doesn't mean Rogers wouldn't like to see a few more girls come out and play golf.

"I think we've got enough (that want to play golf), but we've got some that are trying to do some other things like band and, of course, academics," he said. "We have to keep trying, and hopefully the middle school will send us some next year so we will have a full team."

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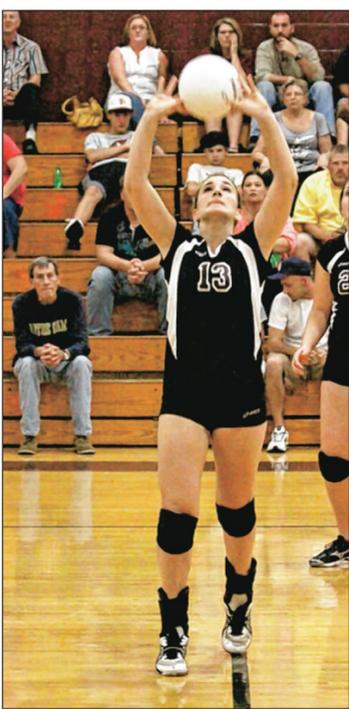
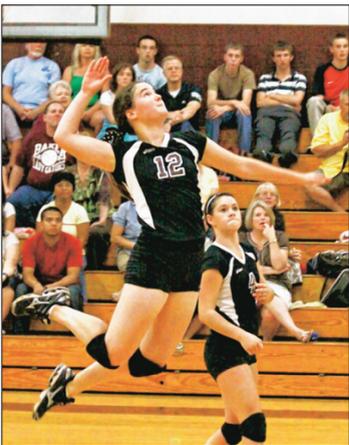
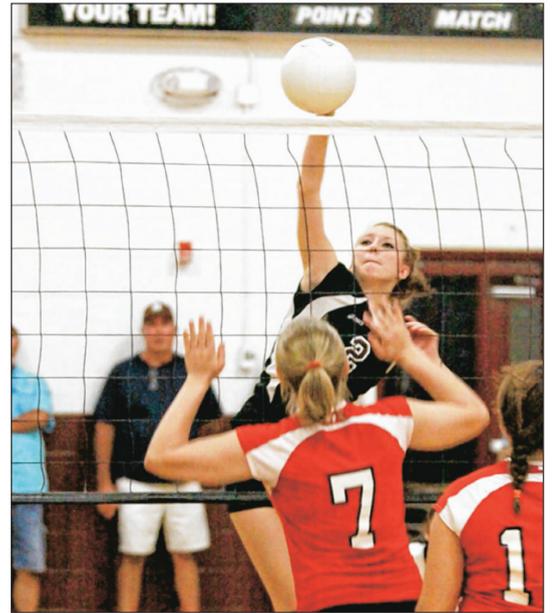
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Gators battle Warriors

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The Baker volleyball team opened the 2010 season Aug. 31 with a hard-fought win over Pensacola Christian in five sets.



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CITY OF CRESTVIEW LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Florida Statutes and Land Use Regulations of the City Code and Operating Policies thereto that the Local Planning Agency will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 198 North Wilson Street, Crestview, Florida to consider and make recommendations to the City Council regarding requests for the Alleyway Vacation as shown below:

LPA 10-09 Request submitted by Richard McKee, Property Owner of Lots 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8, Block 160, Town of Crestview Subdivision. This is a request to vacate the alleyways that run east and west across Block 160, Town of Crestview, plat of which is found in Plat Book 1, Page 72, of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida and was recorded on January 5, 1929.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments and make decisions regarding the above matter. The application, exhibits, location maps, and the preliminary planned unit development plan are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Administrative Services Department, City Hall, 198 North Wilson Street, Crestview, Florida from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All citizens are encouraged to attend the Local Planning Agency meeting and to provide written and/or verbal comments on the matters under consideration. Written comments may also be submitted to the Administrative Services Department prior to the hearing.

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk Department at (850) 682-6131 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the City Clerk Department at the above number which has a TDD device.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Agency with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceeding and, for such purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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For an appointment call 850-398-5922

Little Dawgs cheer clinic

First- through fourth-graders learned cheers, chants and band dances from the Crestview High School cheerleaders at the Little Dawgs Cheer Clinic on Saturday, Aug. 28. They also shared snacks and enjoyed game time fun. Class attendees put their new skills to the test by cheering for the Bulldogs during the third quarter of a game against Baker on Friday, Sept. 3.

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THE GHERKIN: Top left, the distinctive 2004 Swiss Re tower in London's financial district was designed by world-renowned architect Sir Norman Foster. Ethan Sparagowski declared the building, properly known as 30 St. Mary Axe and informally called "the Gherkin," his favorite London landmark. Top right, among the activities Ethan Sparagowski enjoyed in London was the colorful changing of the guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

Return of a seasoned traveler

Crestview's youngest P2P ambassador comes home

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Upon his return from a three-week sojourn around the British Isles, Ethan Sparagowski's luggage barely squeaked under the airline's weight limit.

It's a good thing that the only thing he left behind — his PJs — were left at the hotel on only the last night of his adventure. Their few extra ounces might've bumped him over the limit.

Ethan, 11, just started sixth grade at Davidson Middle School but already has seen more of the world than even some of his teachers. As Crestview's youngest-ever People to People ambassador, he had adventures and experiences even the most seasoned backpacker would envy.

Beginning in London, Ethan and his little band of fellow Northwest Florida delegates, who represented the district stretching from Escambia to Walton counties, visited in succes-



WORLD TRAVELER: Ethan Sparagowski, a Davidson Middle School sixth-grader, recently returned from his People-to-People study program in Great Britain. Here he cradles a shepherd's puppy in the Highlands of Scotland.

sion the four countries that comprise Great Britain. After England, their bus took them to Wales, then Ireland and Scotland.

Though prepared to be away from his family for an extended amount of time, Ethan confessed to a bit of homesickness over the first weekend,

particularly as it was Father's Day. After speaking with his dad, Kevin Sparagowski, he nearly broke down when talking to his mom, Nancy.

"I want to come home! I really miss you," he said he told his parents.

"He was ready to come home," Nancy Sparagowski said. "But once we got on Skype, that made the difference because he could actually see us. We had to make sure we had Harley (Ethan's favorite cat) in the picture."

The Internet-based service allows callers to see each other as well as converse.

"Sometimes I wondered if he didn't miss the cats more than he missed us," Nancy said.

After a while, she said, the excitement of exploring, seeing and doing new things allowed Ethan to adjust to his journey, though she, her husband and their oldest son Chayne certainly missed Ethan.

"The first week was real quiet. We enjoyed it, no TV, nobody running around the house," Nancy Sparagowski said. "The second week it was kind of weird. The third week we were really missing him."

The highlight of his trip, Ethan said,

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WARWICK CASTLE: After spending two days at Warwick Castle in England, Ethan Sparagowski declared it the highlight of his three-week trip to Great Britain.





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A KISS FOR LUCK: **Top left**, legend says if you kiss the Blarney Stone while hanging upside-down, you will achieve the gift of eloquence and flattery, or in other words, “blarney.” Here an assistant helps Ethan plant the requisite smooch on what the travel website TripAdvisor.com proclaimed the world’s most unhygienic tourist attraction. **Top right**, armed with a broadsword, Ethan Sparagowski joins the ranks of a medieval army at a re-enactment on the grounds of Warwick Castle in England.

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was Warwick Castle in England.

“For our group they actually lit the ammo on fire in the catapult,” Ethan said, describing his group’s day in a medieval battle encampment on the castle grounds, during which the kids got to fire the world’s largest trebuchet.

“We got to shoot a bow and arrow, too,” Ethan said. “We had to come back the next day because it was too big to see everything in one day.”

An exploration of a Welsh mine sparked an interest in mineralogy. Several of the souvenirs Ethan brought back to Crestview included samples of various crystals and minerals mined in the area, as well as a ziggurat of man-made bismuth, which explained, to some degree, the extra weight of Ethan’s duffel bag.

A lover of outdoor sports, Ethan became an instant fan of hurling at Croke Park in Dublin. The ancient Gaelic game is sort of an amalgam of field hockey, lacrosse and soccer in which a baseball-sized ball called a sliotar is whacked with a paddle-ended stick called a hurley, Ethan said.

The local cuisine didn’t deter the boy’s appetite, either, said his mom. From medieval banquet cuisine to Irish stew and Scottish haggis, he tried it all. In Ireland he even made his own soda bread, which he pronounced, “pretty good.”

“Some of the food was pretty weird,” Ethan said, the most unusual being the haggis. “Actually it wasn’t that bad. It tasted like sausage. It’s true.”

However, many meals were tailored to a young American’s limited cuisine experience, Ethan said.

“I really got tired of chicken and French fries,” he said. “The raspberry mousse was real good, though.”

After playing with a Scottish shepherd’s puppies, riding a pony on a Scots racehorse farm and getting to steer the group’s boat on Loch Ness as they searched for “Nessie,” the fabled Loch Ness sea monster, Nancy Sparagowski said her son decided he wouldn’t mind living in Scotland.

“I want to move there,” Ethan said.

Above all, she said, Ethan’s experiences have sparked his interest in history and geography.

“He has matured in some ways. He is more aware of things at home, and he is always popping up with comparisons to things he saw over there,” Nancy said. “I really hate to curb his interests when it comes to history. Ethan is a hands-on learner. The more he can experience and touch and grasp, the better off he is.”

Ethan recently attended a regional People-to-People meeting, this time in the honored role of an alumnus, and has set his sights on another P2P adventure: a summer 2011 trip to Australia.

“I think we have had him bitten by the travel bug,” Nancy Sparagowski said. “It’s neat that he is learning so much. He’s an outdoor kid, and the trip to Australia is right up his alley.”

To other students who receive invitations, apply and get approved for a People-to-People study opportunity, Ethan offers a traveler’s sage advice.

“They should go. It’s a good experience,” he said. But still ticked he didn’t get to see Stonehenge, he added, “You may not get to do all you want to, but you get to do a lot.”

Ethan Sparagowski shares more photos of his travels in Great Britain in a gallery on our website, www.crestviewbulletin.com.

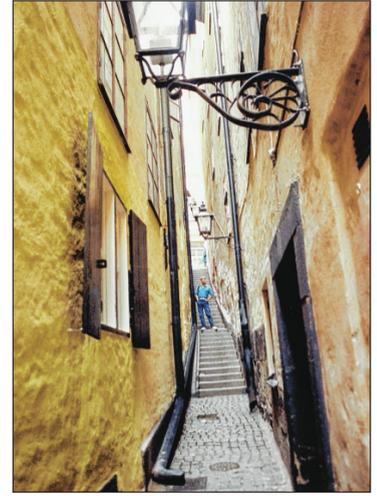


IRISH LANDSCAPE: **Above**, this old ruined house in the countryside of Ireland caught Ethan’s eye during his travels. **Below**, Ethan takes the helm of a Loch Ness cruise boat as his People to People delegation hunts for the lake’s famous monster, dubbed “Nessie.”



HIGHLANDS: Dramatic clouds crown a dramatic landscape in the Scottish Highlands.





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TOWN HALL: At left, a tour of Stockholm's city hall includes the Blue Hall, where the Nobel Prize dinner is held, and the Gold Hall, where dignitaries attend the Nobel Ball following the dinner. Views of the city from the tower are spectacular. **Center,** the Royal Palace in Stockholm's Gamla Stan, or Old Town, includes the State Apartments, Armory and Treasury, which you can visit. At left is beautiful Storkyrkan Cathedral, where the royal family worships. **At right,** listed on city maps as a street, you can touch both walls of this narrow passage in the Gamla Stan (Old Town).

Stuck on Stockholm

City called 'one of the most attractive capitals in Europe'

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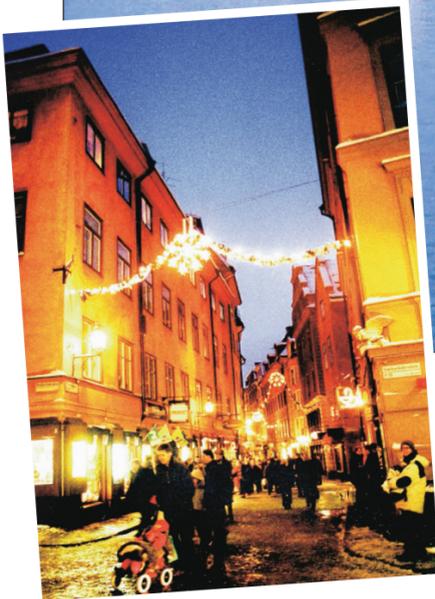
There are many reasons why Stockholm is my absolutely favorite city. Some are aesthetic. "Let's Go: Europe" calls it "arguably one of the most attractive capitals in Europe." Selected as the European Green Capital 2010, Stockholm boasts a green space within a 10-minute walk no matter where in the city you are.

Other reasons are cultural. Stockholm has more museums on more diverse topics than any other city I've visited. Add concerts, theater, opera, exhibitions and a phenomenal amount of public art to the list.

But the main reason is purely emotional. It's where I got my first taste of European travel, when, as an architecture student, I undertook an independent summer study program that began there. My very first meal in Europe was in Stockholm, a Chinese dinner (which for my Swedish hosts was an exotic treat).

In autumn, with the trees gloriously ablaze and the nip of fall in the air, strolling the old cobble streets is exuberant. Like Paris, Stockholm beckons visitors to simply wander among stately old buildings, down old streets so narrow you can reach out and touch both walls, up grand bustling shopping boulevards or along waterside promenades.

Its modern subway system, the T-Bana, has been called "the longest



NIGHTFALL: Above, Lights reflect in Stockholm's many waterways as evening falls. The waters of Sweden's capital, which sits on several islands, are so clean you can swim in them. At left, festively decorated for Christmas, the cobble, snow-covered streets of Stockholm's Old Town, lit by the golden glow of numerous lights, bustle with holiday shoppers.

art exhibit in the world." By law, a percentage of every public works project's budget is dedicated to public art, and each T-Bana station is a mini-museum.

While Stockholm's museums include plenty of masters, both old and new, the institutions with more tactile works most attract me. Foremost is the "Vasa" Museum, housing the 17th-century warship that keeled over and sank on its maiden voyage across Stockholm Harbor in 1628. More than three centuries later it was raised more than 90 percent intact.

Today the "Vasa" is an extraordinary time capsule of maritime culture, seamen's life, ship building and, to the embarrassment of Swedish art historians, the Swedish Baroque, which, as paint residue is analyzed, turned out to have a more garish palette than thought. Another favorite haunt is

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COUNTRY HOME: The grounds and gardens of Drottningholm Palace, the royal country residence of King Karl XIV Gustav and his family, are open to the public.



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ON GUARD: At left, most guards outside the Royal Palace speak English and welcome the opportunity to chat with visitors. Be sure to watch where you step. If you enter the semi-circle painted in front of his post, you will be warned. If you persist, the guard is allowed to poke you with his bayonet and will get two days' leave for defending the king. **Center,** seen on a lovely fall day, the Skansen hillside architectural preserve features samples of buildings from throughout Sweden and over hundreds of years. It also has a fun zoo. **At right,** the 19th-century schooner "af Chapman" is one of Europe's most popular members of Hosteling International. Anchored in Stockholm harbor, it lies opposite the Royal Palace (left).

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Skansen, a large hillside architectural preserve featuring samples of buildings gathered from all over Sweden and arranged in groupings of related periods, function or design. Skansen also features a modest zoo of domestic animals, plus fascinating demonstrations of traditional handicrafts, including weaving and glass blowing.

More artistry, as well as shopping in abundance, can be found in the Gamla Stan, the stately Old Town. Cafés and restaurants abound here as well.

Here, too, is the Kungliga Slottet, the Royal Palace. A free spectacle is the daily changing of the guard. Depending on which regiments are coming or going, the ceremony can be a lavish exhibit of varied and decorative uniforms and might even include a concert by the incoming unit's band.

You'll find most of the royal guards, like most Swedes, speak English, and after hours on duty, welcome the chance to chat with visitors, quite unlike their silent, stoic brethren in London. While you're at the palace, be sure to tour the gorgeous State Apartments, the fascinating Armory and the Royal Treasury where the crown jewels are displayed.

Stadshuset, the City Hall, on the shores of Lake Mälaren, was inspired by the palaces of Venice. Of particular interest is the Blue Hall, which isn't blue (the architect changed his mind multiple times during construction, but the original names he gave the rooms stuck), where the Nobel Prize dinner is held.

The mosaics in the Gold Hall, where the Nobel Ball is held following dinner, were completed in just two years, as the artist promised in order to win the commission. The city council chamber's décor was inspired by Viking ships and meeting houses.

A favorite restaurant is Gondolen, housed in what was once a pedestrian walkway suspended from the bluffs to an elevator down to the harbor below. Both the views and the innovative nouveau Swedish cuisine, are excellent. It's packed at dinner, so eat a nice lunch there instead.

Spend a day outside of town at Drottningholm slottet, the royal country palace, a Versailles wannabe. The vast formal gardens and parks are open to visitors, including the 18th-century Kina Slott (Chinese Palace), a country summerhouse built in the chinoise style. The Palace Theatre, also on the grounds, is a remarkable working museum of theatrical arts, rebuilt in 1756 by Queen Lovisa Ulrika following a fire.

Being off the beaten path keeps Stockholm refreshingly under-touristed. Its sheer beauty makes just wandering the streets, breathing the clean air and admiring the diversity of architecture, a fulfilling activity. Once you experience it you'll see it's no wonder I'll be forever stuck on Stockholm.



VOYAGE INTERRUPTED: In 1628, the Royal Swedish Navy's newest warship "Vasa" set sail on its maiden voyage, only to sink 20 minutes later. Raised in the 1960s more than 90 percent intact, today it has its own museum in Stockholm.

WANT TO GO?

Getting there

With Europe's many budget airlines, a visit to Stockholm from elsewhere on the continent is a matter of less than a two-hour flight, and often a lot less than that.

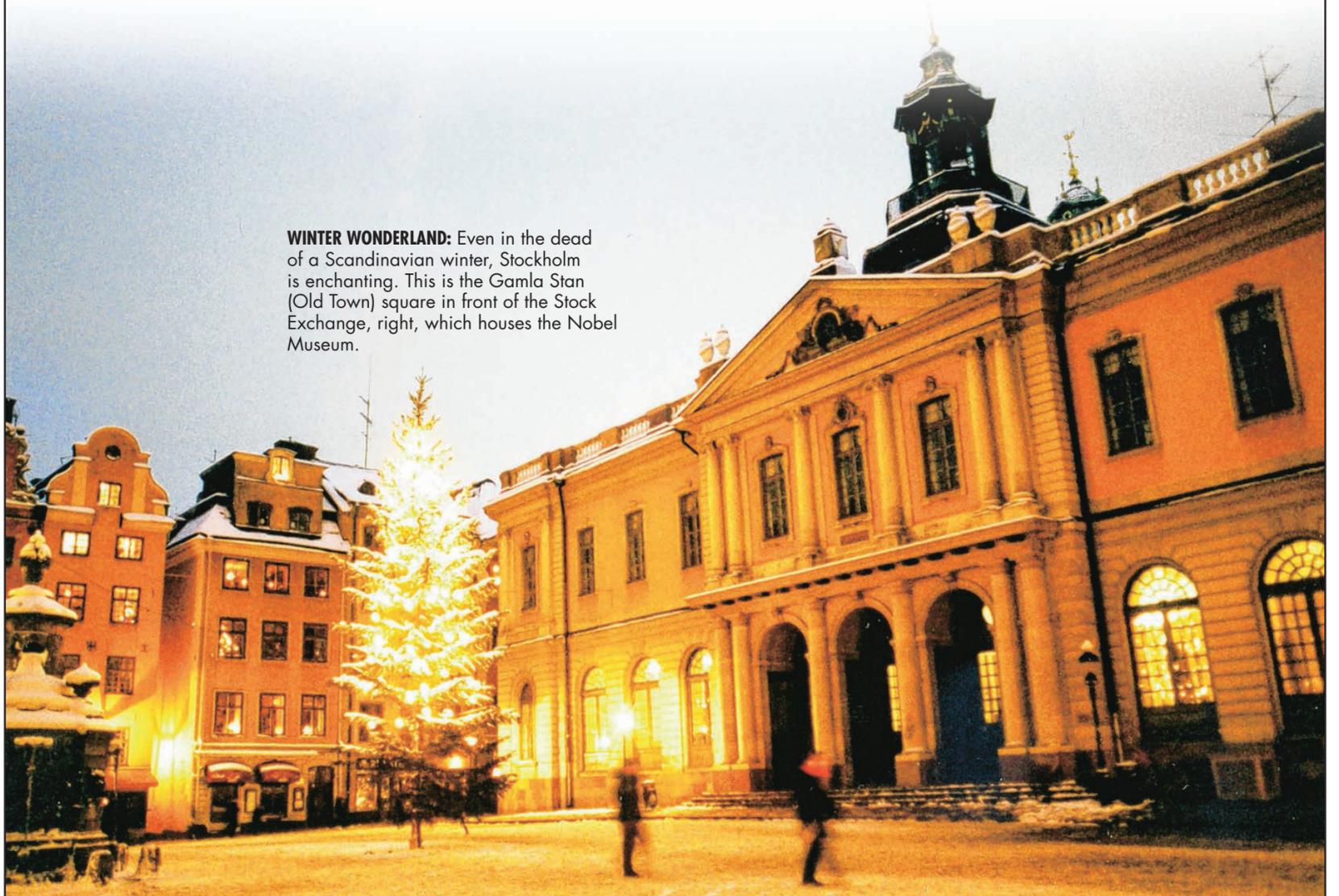
From Copenhagen and Oslo, it's an X2000 high-speed train ride that takes no longer than the cumulative plane trip, but without the hassle. To find which budget airlines serve Stockholm and other European cities, visit www.whichbudget.com. To check train schedules and book tickets, visit www.sj.se.

Planning your visit

- **Stockholm's visitor's website:** www.stockholmtown.com. The tourist center is across from Central Station at Vasagatan 14. Be sure to read about the money-saving Stockholm Card, which includes use of public transit, admission to 80 museums and attractions, sightseeing boat and bus tours, and discounts on concerts, cultural events and excursions to Drottningholm.

- **Sweden's tourism website:** www.visitsweden.com
- **"Vasa" Museum:** www.vasamuseet.se

WINTER WONDERLAND: Even in the dead of a Scandinavian winter, Stockholm is enchanting. This is the Gamla Stan (Old Town) square in front of the Stock Exchange, right, which houses the Nobel Museum.





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Sabine Lyons, left, presents Elementary School Teacher of the Month winner Debra Welsh with a plaque.

Recognizing educators

Laurel Hill class inaugurates monthly recognition program

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Until this month, the contributions of two key populations at Laurel Hill School went unheralded: its teachers and support staff. It took a bunch of students to correct the oversight.

"My leadership class has initiated the new Teacher and Support Person of the Month program," said Sabine Lyons, who also teaches art and English. "We knew that we had plenty of recognition opportunities for our students and even recognition for the principal and secretaries, but nothing for the teachers other than the annual Teacher of the Year."

Lyons' leadership students devised the parameters of the monthly recognition, which is awarded to an elementary and a secondary school teacher and one support staff member. The first educators honored by the program were announced at the Sept. 1 early release day faculty meeting.

The elementary teacher of the month, chosen by her peers, was Debra Welsh, who teaches in the Project Child classroom. Social studies teacher Tim Geoghagan was voted the secondary teacher of the month, and secretary JoAnn Jackson was chosen the support staff member of the month.

"The people are voted on by the faculty and staff, and once nominated, they will not be eligible anymore for the year, giving others the opportunity to be voted on," Lyons said.

The honorees' pictures will be mounted on plaques and displayed in the school during the month, to be replaced by the next month's winners. Afterward, the photos are placed in a magnetic frame and presented to each respective honoree "as a memento," Lyons said.

"We wanted to let the teachers know how much they were valued and appreciated, as well as the supporting staff," she said. "We knew that teachers and staff could always use a morale booster, and we wanted them to know that they were appreciated for all their hard work they do throughout the year."

The monthly recognition is not the first program the leadership class has initiated to honor Laurel Hill School's faculty. The class's birthday committee is tasked with recognizing each faculty member on his or her birthday.

"Students blow up a balloon, fancy it up a bit with an attachment and some gold wire, and a note that says 'Happy Birthday' and the teacher's name on it," Lyons said. "We wanted all our faculty and staff to know that we are grateful and feel blessed that they were born and they are a part of lives today."

The leadership class is also involved in a project to create a tile mural depicting scenes from the school and the town, Lyons said, and is also behind a community recycling program that will soon be implemented.

"I am trying to get the students to think about others, how to help others, and how to really appreciate others," Lyons said.



TIM GEOGHAGAN: Secondary school teacher of the month



JOANN JACKSON: Support staff member of the month

College Night to be Sept. 15 in Niceville

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College Night, a free annual event featuring representatives from more than 80 colleges and universities from across the nation, will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, in the College Mall (building K) of the Northwest Florida State College Niceville campus.

Sponsored jointly by NWF State College and the Okaloosa and Walton County public

school districts, College Night provides high school students, their parents, and others the opportunity to gather information, ask questions and plan for college. Representatives from NWF State College's baccalaureate and associate degree programs, as well as student services and financial aid, will be on hand to provide information.

For information, call NWF State College at 729-5379.



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WORKOUT: Rodney Nobles tries out the first piece of exercise equipment erected along Baker School's Barrow Trail.

Hiking the Baker trail

School officials try out newly cleared path

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Only a few pieces of equipment are in place, but already Barrow Trail next to Baker School has welcomed hikers. Mapped by the Northwest Florida Water Management District and newly cleared by the state Division of Forestry, the trail will ultimately have a series of exercise stations, rest benches and identifying markers for trees and plants.

Members of the community will also be able to use the fitness trail, and science classes at the school will be able to utilize it for plant and tree identification projects.

Plotted by students in Baker School's JROTC program, the trail was named for Justin Barrow, a 2010 graduate and previous cadet corps commander who, with his second-in-command, Michael Franco, led the trail project's volunteer blazers.

On Sept. 2, Michael, student cadet corps commander Ryan Courtney and recently retired ROTC instructor Carl Dean, who keeps tabs on the project, welcomed Okaloosa School District Deputy Superintendent of Operations Rodney Nobles and Principal Tom Shipp to walk the cleared trail. They explained the project to Nobles, stopping at the exercise bar Justin and Michael had constructed so Nobles could try a few press-ups.

"I think it's a great concept," Nobles said. "It's not only a trail that joggers and the cross country team can use, but it's also a fitness trail. It can be used for health, exercising and also for the sciences."

The ROTC students said their next step is to clear debris from the trail and, when contributions from local business are received, start constructing its equipment.



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BRIEFING: Former Baker School JROTC instructor Carl Dean, right, describes the trail project to (from left) Rodney Nobles of the Okaloosa School District and Baker School Principal Tom Shipp.

Obituary

Juanita Louise Givens Johnson

1928 - 2010

Juanita Johnson, 82, passed away Friday, Sept. 3, 2010, to be with her heavenly father. Juanita Johnson was born on June 27, 1928, in Crestview, Fla. She was a great mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved having her children and grandchildren visit her. She enjoyed being a wife and homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband and sweetheart, Donald R. Johnson; her parents, Claude and Aline Givens; and four brothers, James, Pat, Jerry and Charles Givens.

Juanita is survived by her two daughters, G. Elaine (Bill) Lever of Pensacola and Claudia (David) Rakestraw of Athens, Ga.; five sons, Ronnie (Sherrie Dewana) Johnson of Navarre, Jimmy (Pat) Johnson and Arthur Johnson, all of Pensacola, Edward (Rene) Johnson of Robertsdale, Ala., and Raymond Johnson of St.

Petersburg; sister, Frances M. (Jerome) Armstrong of Tyler Town, Miss.; and two sisters-in-law, Lillie Givens of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Beatrice (John) Jarvis of Duluth, Minn. She had two very special nephews dear to her heart, Joel Givens and Ricky Givens. Juanita is also survived by 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, great-nieces, nephew and great-nephews. Her very special friends were Bob and Ruth Scott and the Rev. Nancy Warner.

Juanita was a member of Ferry Pass United Methodist Church. She was also a member of Golden Agers, PJC Seniors Group and Bayview Park Senior Citizens.

The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Faith Chapel Funeral Home, with the Rev. Norman Brown and the Rev. Dr. Nancy

Warner officiating.

Interment followed in Barrancas National Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were the Honor Guard from the Escambia County Road Prison. Honorary pallbearers will be the grandsons.

The family received friends at Faith Chapel South from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6.

The family would like to thank all of the staff and CNAs at the Covenant Hospice facility for the tender loving care given to their mother during this special time in her life. The family would also like to thank Dr. Dewey Torres and Dr. Michelle Brandhorst for the special care given to their mother.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Hospice, American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice. Condolences may be placed online at fcfh.com.

City COUNCIL

The Crestview City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the council chambers in City Hall, 198 N. Wilson St.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Regular agenda

1. Approval of consent agenda
2. Presentation of service awards – Mayor David Cadle
3. Public hearing:
 - a. Ordinance #1439 – Providing for a scheduled increase in fees in Section 102-352 (Administrative fees) (second reading) – Administrative Services Department
 4. New Business:
 - a. EDC Public Support – Debbie Bodenstein
 - b. Update on the Water master plan – Tetra Tech, Michael Bomar
 - c. Acceptance of low bid for fire engine maintenance – Chief Joe Traylor
 - d. Contract for services with Panhandle Animal Welfare Society Inc. – city attorney
 - e. Hosting of Northwest

Florida League of Cities meeting and dinner – Councilman Charles Baugh

f. Resolution 10-11, encourage the continued funding for WAVE routes 11, 12, and Express Service to Fort Walton Beach – Councilman Bob Allen

g. Veterans Affairs Committee appointment – AMVETS Post #35 proposes to appoint William Lilly to replace Liz Westby for the remaining portion of a term ending on Jan. 12, 2011. City Council Appointment. (Note: The council may stipulate that Mr. Lilly may be appointed for the term of Jan. 12, 2011, through Jan. 12, 2013.) – Administrative Services Department

h. Ordinance #1440 amending and restating the City of Crestview's police officers and firefighters retirement plan (first reading) – City Clerk

i. Ordinance #1441 amending and restating the City of Crestview's general employees retirement plan (first reading) – City Clerk

5. Mayoral report
6. Business from the floor

Discovering Crestview—and America

Rotary Club brings European students to CHS

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Two of Crestview High School's newest students come from dramatically diverse backgrounds and have different native languages, yet for the rest of the school year, Erika Raggi and Louis-Paul Simon will share a lot in common.

The biggest tie that binds the two is the Crestview Rotary Club, which sponsored their arrival in town as exchange students.

Erika, almost 16, hails from Udine, a town of 99,500 people in Italy's northeastern tip, not far from the border with Slovenia. Louis-Paul, 16 going on 17, is from Belfort, a French Alsatian town of 53,000 people close to Switzerland.

"They go through an application process and interview process in their local Rotary Club," said Rotarian John Blair, who is also Crestview's postmaster. "We have exchange partners. The state of Florida will send an outbound student to their Rotary district."

Students can indicate their preferences for cities or regions where they'd like to study, but in this case, neither wound up where they thought — or hoped — they might.

"I wrote New York, Washington and Chicago, and I am here," Erika said.

"You can choose a city?" asked an amazed Louis-Paul,

who merely wanted to study anywhere in the U.S.

"You can choose what you prefer, but it is not guaranteed," Erika said.

Erika arrived in Crestview on July 25, affording a few days to become acclimated to her new surroundings before school started. Louis-Paul, however, only learned he was coming to Crestview at the last minute, arriving Aug. 18.

"Louis-Paul was supposed to go to Iowa, but at the last minute they couldn't find a Rotary Club to sponsor him," Blair said. "We stepped up and got him here at the last minute."

But Iowa wasn't his original destination, either.

"Originally, the Rotary Club said I was going to Alaska," he said.

"He had all these winter clothes packed," Blair said. "He had to change his packing."

The students are adjusting well to their new environment.

"I thought my town was little, then I came here and I thought, maybe my town is not so little," Erika said with a smile.

"It's really hot, but I like it," Louis-Paul added.

Both students were surprised by the structure of a typical American school like Crestview High. Changing classes, for example, was a shocker.

"I don't have to change my classroom and my classmates in Italy," Erika said. "When you



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NEW IN TOWN: Sitting in the Crestview High School media center, Rotarian John Blair, center, introduces the Crestview Rotary Club's new foreign exchange students, Louis-Paul Simon, left, from France, and Erika Raggi from Italy.

change classes, the teacher of the new class comes to the room. I get into a panic when I have to go all over the school and find my new classes."

"It's totally different," agreed Louis-Paul. "It's not the same building, it's not the same classes. We are all the time with the same students. The teacher moves."

"In France we begin school at 8 or 9, and we finish at 5. It's not the same classes every day. In France we have 12 classes. Here it is seven," he said, explaining that classes he took on Tuesdays and Thursdays were different than those he took the rest of the week.

Erika said she likes the freedom American students have to choose some of their courses and also likes the care teachers show toward their students.

"I like how here it is very different. You can choose what you study," she said. "In Italy you must do what the school asks. For me, this is something very new."

"The relationship you have with the teachers is totally different," she continued. "Here, the teacher talks to you about other things that are not school. They help you. In Italy you have to do it all alone. I thought all the schools were the same, then I came here and I realized the difference."

The duo is also discovering the cultural differences of the town — and country — that will be their new home for the next nine months.

"It's like another world!" said Louis-Paul.

"I had the American dream," Erika said, describing the typical impression and expectation foreigners often have of the U.S. before they actually visit in person.

"When you come for holidays (vacation), it is very different than when you live here for a year," she said. "In Italy we just have that idea of America, you know, New York, Los Angeles. I knew there was another side. Last year my sister went to Alabama. I went to visit her and I saw a place just like Crestview."

Though her homeland is renowned for its cuisine, Erika is happy with the food in America.

"I like the Kentucky Fried Chicken," she said. "And I love American pizza. I could live for Domino's Pizza! I have no problem with the food."

Louis-Paul was surprised that most people indulge in breakfast.

"We don't have time to take breakfast when we go to school," he said, but echoed a lament common with many foreign visitors. "It's not good bread here."

When Blair and his wife, Heidi, took the pair for root beer floats, the students, like many European visitors, discovered that particular soft drink didn't sit well on the European palette.

"It tastes like medicine!" said Louis-Paul, wrinkling up his nose.

The Blairs were instrumental in bringing the Rotary Club's student exchange program to Crestview three years ago. The couple serves as co-chairs for the Panhandle district exchange program. Currently 79 foreign students are studying throughout Florida through the program.

"One of the opportunities we have is for American students to do exactly what Louis-Paul and Erika are doing, to go to Europe or South America and be an exchange student for a year," Blair said.

"The same amount (of students) we bring in, we can send out. But we have seven inbound students but just one outbound student, a Tallahassee student in Japan. We would love to send a student from here."

The program has been slow to register on local students' radar, Blair said.

"Every time I say I am an exchange student, they say, what is that?" Erika said of her Crestview classmates.

To be a Rotary Club exchange student, the applicant has to be between the ages of 15-1/2 and 18-1/2 when their exchange starts. The Panhandle Rotary has exchange partners in 29 different countries, Blair said, and wants to see more

applicants from the north end of Okaloosa County take advantage of the extraordinary opportunity.

Though the cost is \$4,000 for the year, it includes everything, including air transportation, accommodations with host families, meals, a spending allowance and health insurance.

"I raised two boys, and I know for a fact it cost me more than \$4,000 just for food for a year," Blair said. "It looks like a lot but it is really a good deal."

In addition to opportunities for local students to study abroad, the Rotary's program also offers local families the opportunity to host visiting foreign students. Erika and Louis-Paul will each have three different host families during their 10-month visit. The relationship is frequently the start of a lifelong friendship between the two families, leading to further informal exchanges, Blair said.

But most importantly, the program allows foreign students to experience life in America and American culture, helping dispel misconceptions about our country they may have received from popular media or hearsay. These reasons, plus the opportunity to improve their language skills and experience personal growth, brought Erika and Louis-Paul to Crestview.

"I want to learn English as an American," Erika said. "That's my basic purpose. And obviously, making the experience as an exchange student with my host family. Also meeting new cultures. Rotary offers many opportunities to meet new cultures."

"I want to meet many people, to learn English, too, because I don't speak very good English," added Louis-Paul. "I want to meet a new culture, and to break away from my family."

For information about participating in the Rotary Club's student exchange program, or being a host family, stop by the club's weekly lunch meeting at Ryan's, every Wednesday at noon, or send e-mail to John and Heidi Blair at johnheidiblair@yahoo.com.



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THE TOUR: Crestview Rotarian Stephanie Dupree, right, director of the Post Surgical Unit at the North Okaloosa Medical Center, gives Italian exchange student Erika Raggi a tour of the local hospital.



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SETTLING IN: Louis-Paul Simon and Erika Raggi talk about their experiences as Rotary exchange students at Crestview High School.



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