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Florida sparkles
Alabama explodes

Locals seeking flying fireworks cross over the line

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A visitor to the two popular fireworks shops in Floral, Ala., can often find as many, if not more, cars with Florida tags in the parking lot as those with local Alabama plates. State restrictions against any firework that leaves the ground and goes “pow” sends Florida residents desiring a bit of rockets-red-glare for their Fourth of July over the state line.

“Anything that flies through the air, explodes or detonates is considered illegal in the state of Florida,” Crestview Police Department spokesman Lt. Andrew Schneider said. “Anything that sends out showers of sparks, makes popping noises and that stays on the ground is allowed.”

Both Betty’s Fireworks and, two blocks away, Buddy’s Discount Fireworks are family-owned businesses that stock sparklers and “novelty noisemakers” permitted under Florida law. Both likewise have ample stock of all the fireworks forbidden in the Sunshine State that fly, whoosh, whiz, bang, explode and send down showers of sparkles.

“We’re the oldest fireworks distributor in the state of Alabama,” Buddy Holley, proprietor of Buddy’s Fireworks said proudly. “I was selling fireworks since I was 9.”

Both stores rely heavily on Florida customers, as well as folks passing through Floral heading to and from the Northwest Florida beaches. Holley makes sure they know right where

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Betty’s Fireworks owner Sandy Hunt said the landmark store established by her grandmother, Betty Stewart, has been stopping traffic passing through Floral for years, especially folks who want to take a picture of the shop’s slogan.



FLORIDA'S FIREWORKS LAW

According to Florida Statutes Title XLVI, Chapter 791.01, prohibited fireworks “means and includes... any article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation. The term includes blank cartridges and toy cannons in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel them, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrocket, roman candles, dago bombs, and any fireworks containing any explosives or flammable compound or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance.

“Fireworks” does not include sparklers approved by the division pursuant to s. 791.013; toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns, or other devices in which paper caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive compound are used.”

Halifax Media Group closes paper deal

From staff reports

DAYTONA BEACH – Halifax Media Group on Wednesday closed a deal with Freedom Communications to purchase eight daily and 11 weekly publications located in Florida and North Carolina, including the Crestview News Bulletin. The acquisition further expands Halifax Media’s reach in these states, following the Jan. 6 purchase of the New York Times Regional Newspaper Group.



MICHAEL REDDING
CEO of Halifax Media Group

With the Freedom purchase, total circulation for the Halifax Media Group will grow to 635,000 daily and 752,000 Sunday.

Florida newspapers involved in the transaction include:

- The News Herald, Panama City
- Northwest Florida Daily News, Fort Walton Beach
- The Destin Log, Destin
- The Santa Rosa Press Gazette and the Santa Rosa Free Press, Milton
- The Crestview News Bulletin, Crestview
- The Holmes County Times-Advertiser in Bonifay
- The Washington County News, Chipley
- The Walton Sun, Santa Rosa Beach
- The Times, Apalachicola
- The Star in Port St. Joe
- North Carolina newspapers include:
 - Times-News, Burlington
 - The Daily News, Jacksonville
 - The Gaston Gazette, Gastonia
 - The Star, Shelby
 - The Free Press, Kinston
 - The Jones Post, Kinston
 - The Havelock News, Havelock
 - The Sun Journal and The Shopper, New Bern
- The Topsail Advertiser, Surf City

“What these newspapers have in common with the Halifax Media Group properties is this: They are the best and most reliable source for local news in their communities,” said Michael Redding, CEO of Halifax Media Group. “We believe in the future of newspapers, both in print and online. We have to be great at both. These newspapers embody Halifax Media Group’s philosophy for providing local news that no one else can deliver.”

Founded in 2010, Halifax Media is headquartered in Daytona Beach. The company’s investment group includes Stephens Capital Partners, JAARSSS Media, and Redding Investments. The group consists of 36 newspapers and affiliated websites, published in six states, primarily in the Southeast. Halifax Media’s strategy is to invest long-term capital in quality companies positioned in strong markets that are closely connected to the community.

Crestview City Council to hire building official

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The Crestview City Council moved at its Monday night meeting to fill the vacancy left when former building official Bill Daigle retired earlier this spring.

The council approved council member Robyn Helt’s motion for the city to advertise for a building inspector at a salary of \$60,600 plus benefits. The motion passed 3-2, with council member Thomas Gordon and Council President Ben Iannucci III voting nay.

Since Daigle’s retirement,

Crestview has been paying Okaloosa County \$100 per hour for building inspections done by a county inspector. At its June 11 council meeting, the body approved a \$1,125 county invoice for May inspections and reviews of submitted building plans.

Helt has been emphatic at recent meetings that building inspections is a service the city needs to provide its residents. When the city requested the county lower its rate to \$75 an hour, it should have been considered an interim, temporary action, she said.

“The action we’ll take tonight is a Band-Aid fix and I

don’t like a Band-Aid fix,” Helt said at a June 11 meeting. “I want us to correct this issue and move on...I still feel this city needs a building official that this city has direct oversight over. My position will be the same in two weeks when we meet again, and if we don’t resolve this, it will be my position two weeks after that.”

At Monday evening’s council meeting, Gordon, citing occasions when not much building would be underway, suggested hiring a part-time building inspector, Helt immediately moved to make the position full time, “because an inspector is needed 12 months of the year.”

Helt pointed out the service can also be a revenue stream for the city, if not at least a break-even service.

“I think this makes sense and it is the right thing to do,” Helt said. “The city is growing and it will continue to grow, and I think the city needs to be in charge. We lose control when we do that (hire a county inspector). We lose the ability to provide oversight and I am frankly not going to put the citizens of Crestview in that position.”

“I have a problem hiring someone on a fulltime basis

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OFFICIAL OFFER MADE

The Crestview City Council voted to direct Administrative Services staff to request an interlocal agreement with Okaloosa County for building inspections at a rate of \$50 an hour once it hires a building official, a \$50 reduction of the city’s current rate for county inspections. The rate is \$10 more than the \$40 the county had been charging Crestview before the city’s building official retired in May.



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What's HAPPENING

4-H: On Thursday, June 21, the "Park Place" 4-H Club at Allen Park had its first meeting of the summer. A decision will be made at the Monday, July 9, meeting at 3:30 p.m., at the park on McClelland Street, Crestview, about which fundraiser the club will do for the summer.

HOBO FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS: The Laurel Hill Hobo Festival Committee, Inc. needs volunteers to keep the festival active. A meeting at 5 p.m. July 19 at Laurel Hill City Hall will help determine if this year's festival will be continued or cancelled. To join the committee, call 652-4441 or 652-4310, and attend the July meeting. If there is no response, the festival will be cancelled due to lack of support.

FUNDRAISER: The Crestview High School Cheerleaders' multi-family yard sale starts at 7 a.m. today (June 30), at CCB Bank, 1290 N. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, next to the high school.

FALL FESTIVAL SIGNUP: Planning for the 3-8 p.m.; Oct. 27 Downtown Fall Festival on Main Street in Crestview has begun. All vendors, businesses, artists, churches and civic organizations to help create a carnival-like atmosphere downtown. The public can look forward to live music, food, family-friendly games, bounce houses, treats for the kids and a costume contest. Visit www.mainstreetcrestview.org for a registration form, which is due by 5 p.m. Oct. 12. Preregistration is necessary for all participants so event organizers can plan where to place everyone along Main Street. For details call 689-3722 or email manager@mainstreetcrestview.org.

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER: Deacon Leroy and Mary Jones are having a 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. fish fry today (June 30) at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot, to raise funds for his sister, Lavaree Jones, who is having open heart surgery around July 1 at St. Luke Episcopal Hospital in Houston. You may pre-order dinners by calling 398-6465, Mary Jones at 585-4966, or Leroy Jones at 585-4792.

Due to two extended hospital admissions, Lavaree Jones's insurance benefits have been exhausted. Expenses for the surgery are more than \$200,000.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY DISCOUNT: A

Crestview class on driver safety is Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Senior Circle, North Okaloosa Medical Center, 127 E. Redstone Ave. (689-8409). Early registration is advised, since this is the last day of the promotion. If the class fills up, participants can call 729-3468 for earlier classes at alternate locations.

AARP Driver Safety is sponsoring an Educator Appreciation Promotion from July 1 to Aug. 30 for school employees who have worked for a school district or university in any capacity. This includes custodians, secretaries, aides, preschool teachers, college professors, guidance counselors, band directors, school nurses, Sunday school teachers, cafeteria workers, and parents who home-school their children. It does not matter how long someone was an educator or has a teaching degree — no documentary proof is required. Signup for the course is \$5.

URGENT CARE NEW LOCATION: Crestview Urgent Care has moved to 2400 S. Ferdon Blvd. in Crestview, behind Dunkin Donuts. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

LIBRARY SCHEDULE: "Aerodynamics for Dummies: Folding & Flying Paper Airplanes" is the 10:30 a.m. First Tuesday Lecture topic on July 3 at the Crestview Public Library, 1445 Commerce Drive, Crestview. People age 6 and up are invited to attend. Coffee, cookies and juice will be served at 10 a.m. Call 682-4432 for more information. For details on Ken Blackburn and airplanes, visit www.paperairplane.org.

MAIN STREET CRESTVIEW'S First Friday Fest is 3-9 p.m. July 6 on Main Street. Come buy, sell, or trade with vendors or find out what your antiques are worth. Enjoy live music, food, and classic cars.

GRIEF SEMINAR: Ralph Molyneaux of Emerald Coast Hospice will host a free seminar on understanding grief, and helping yourself and others who are grieving. From 6:30-7:30 p.m. on July 25, Aug. 1 and Aug. 8, he will present information in the education wing of Woodlawn Baptist Church, 824 N. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview. For more information call 689-0300.

BLOOD DRIVES: Northwest Florida Blood Center is hosting the following North Okaloosa blood drives:

- Today, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Okaloosa Medical Center, 151 Redstone Ave., Crestview; 3-5 p.m., NOMC Physician's Building, 550 Redstone Ave., Crestview.
- Today (June 30), 2-5 p.m., Pinnacle Pointe, 1000 Patriot Lane, Crestview.
- July 1, 3:30-7:30 p.m., Lifepoint Church, 400 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview.
- July 4, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Possum Ridge BBQ, 852 N. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview. Free BBQ sandwich for all donors
- July 6, 3-7 p.m., Pic N Save, Baker. Free gift card for donors, while supplies last.

THE NORTH OKALOOSA PATRIOTS meet at 6:30 p.m. every third Tuesday to address concerns regarding American freedom at 151 N. Woodlawn Blvd., Crestview (the Woman's Club meeting house). For information contact David Chamberlain at 682-6582.

FREE COMPUTER TUTORING: The Crestview Public Library offers free one-on-one beginning computer skills tutoring. The one-hour sessions are especially helpful for senior citizens who want to learn how to use the Internet and email. Appointments are available Mondays through Thursdays at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., or noon. Visit the library at 1445 Commerce Drive or call 682-4432 to schedule your tutoring session. A library card is required. There is no charge for an initial card to any Okaloosa County resident. Just bring in a picture ID and proof of street address.

MISCELLANEOUS "VOTE OKALOOSA,"

a new exhibit at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida (115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso) opens to the public at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 4. It features voting equipment and Okaloosa County voting documents dating back as early as 1917. In addition, Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections Paul Lux will give a presentation at an exclusive wine & cheese reception for museum members at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 3. New and renewing members are welcome. There will be refreshments, door prizes, new member incentives, and the unveiling of the new exhibit, sponsored

in part by Food World. Please RSVP your attendance by calling 678-2615.

FLORIDA TRAIL SCHEDULE: For more information on Florida Trail Association activities, visit choctaw.floridatrail.org.

- Wednesday, July 11, 5:30 p.m. hour-long walk on Navarre Beach, with dinner following at Stinky's Fish Camp. Details: 723-5112.
- Saturday, July 14, 9 a.m. canoe or kayak paddle trip on the Chipola River near Marianna. Details: 682-6098 or 302-528-2858.
- Saturday, July 21, 9 a.m. canoe or kayak paddle trip on Turkey Creek near Niceville. Eglin recreation permit required. Details: 689-8528 or 654-1172.
- Tuesday, July 24, 6 p.m. monthly meeting at Ed's Hometown Seafood & Steaks in Niceville. Visitors welcome. Details: 654-1172.

ADVENTURE CLUB: For more information on club activities, call Clarice Hebinck at 581-4591 or send her an email at freklz100@cox.net. After June 23, call the person listed for details if you think an activity might be cancelled due to weather.

BIKERS FOR BRIDGET EVENT: A poker run and poolside party starts at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 1, at the Palms Resort, 4201 Indian Bayou Trail, Destin, to raise medical care funds for Bridget James.

It begins with registration and free breakfast, with a cost of \$15 per hand and \$5 per additional rider. The first bike goes out at 10 a.m., with the last bike in at 2 p.m. The event ends at 6 p.m. A raffle, entertainment by Brandon Day and Zack Rosicka, food and beer specials are planned. Prizes include a renegade jacket, door prizes and goodie bags. For details contact Dee Dee James at 243-8860, 360-909-1050, or jamesddjms@aol.com.

JUNE 30 CAR SHOW: The Lake Jackson Cruisers 20th Annual Car Show is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at Lake Jackson, U.S. Highway 85 South, on Lake Jackson. Registration costs \$25 and is from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., with awards at 3 p.m. A swap meet is planned, and vendors are welcome (vending spaces are free of charge).

There are dash plaques for the first 100 cars, door prizes and 50/50 drawings. Trophies

will be awarded to the Top 50 Club Choice. For details call Darrell Blocker at 585-6128 or Jerry Fuller at 334-406-2755.

NORTH LIGHT SEMINARS: Events begin at 6 p.m. in November, December, January, February and March, and at 7 p.m. the rest of the season. All seminars are hosted by Northlight Marina in Niceville with free food one half hour before the seminar starts.

Subjects are July 18 - inshore slam; Aug. 15 - kayak fishing; Sept. 19 - sharks; Oct. 17 - flounder; Nov. 14 - bull redfish; Dec. 19 - winter bottom fishing.

A NEW DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONISTS CHAPTER is being organized in our area. The volunteer nonprofit organization promotes interest in the history and deeds of the American colonists prior to 1776. It also promotes love of the U.S.A. and its flag and institutions.

Women interested in patriotism and American history who can document lineal descent from an ancestor who provided service to the colonies prior to 1776 are eligible for membership. For more information please call 897-1278.

HERITAGE MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS: Use your talent, skills and creativity to benefit the community and help preserve local history.

Volunteer training is available in all areas of museum operations including: exhibit tours, meet and greet, special events and archives. For details on the volunteer opportunities, contact Carol Visalpatara at 678-2615 or at cvisalpatara@co.okaloosa.fl.us.

STRICTLY WEAVERS MEETINGS: are once a month by the Strictly Weavers Guild of the Emerald Coast. For exact meeting location and more information please call Alice (934-4403) or send an email to strictlyweavers@yahoo.com. Anyone interested in the art of weaving handwoven fabric is invited to attend.

HERITAGE PARK EVENTS: Heritage Park and the Indian Temple

Mound Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and are at 139 Miracle Strip Parkway SE. Regular admission is \$5 plus tax for adults, \$4.50 plus tax for seniors 55 and older and active military, and \$3 plus tax for children 4 to 17. For further information please contact Mike Thomin at 833-9595.

DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY: Pensacola Chapter 298 meets regularly every second Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Members of the lineage organization reside in Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Escambia counties. For more information call Glenda Manis at 678-7318 or 902-7049.

ONGOING

CARVER-HILL MEETINGS: The Concerned Citizens of Crestview group meets the first Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at Allen Park on McClelland Street, Crestview. The Carver-Hill Memorial & Historical Society meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the park.

SONS OF ITALY: The Order Sons Of Italy In America has a 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 additional information, call 585-3166.

TOASTMASTERS: The Crestview Toastmasters meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 6-7 p.m. in Room 6 at Troy University, 650 S. Pearl Street, Crestview. The club is a learn-by-doing workshop where members practice speaking skills in a relaxed atmosphere. The person with strong speaking skills has an advantage in today's competitive job market. Call Clara Dunham at 803-4488 and join them in learning how to speak with confidence and say what you mean.



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he is. "We advertise all over in Alabama, Jacksonville, Lake City, Biloxi (Miss.), Northwest Florida and Tennessee," Holley said. "We have people that come early to avoid the last-minute crowd."

"So far most of our traffic is out-of-town people going to the beach," Sandy Hunt, who purchased Betty's Fireworks from her grandmother, Betty Stewart, said. "We have repeat people. We have the same people who come through year after year on their way to the beach and they stop by."

Business has been a little slow at Betty's, Hunt said earlier this week, but she said Florida shoppers usually wait until the last minute.

"I think the business is slow because the Fourth has fallen on a Wednesday," she said. "This weekend will tell. Hopefully everyone is waiting for this weekend. The Florida traffic usually comes the last couple weeks before the Fourth."

Okaloosa County resident Dan Sullivan was browsing Holley's aisles earlier this week, his basket getting progressively heavier as his son Johnson and his pal, Kenneth Goodman, scampered up and added more fireworks to it.

"We come back and forth to Florida all the time," Dan Sullivan said, saying his family has a home in Andalusia. "We get all our fireworks while we're up here. I've been coming up here all my life."

It's loyal customers like



the Sullivan family that inspire Holley to pour some of his profits into supporting causes throughout the region, including fireworks displays for Crestview church organizations, Florida High School athletics, and the local Masonic lodge.

With Florida celebrating its annual June 24th Festival a week later than usual, the owners of both stores expect to see an increase in business this weekend. Holley is the sponsor of the festival's lavish fireworks display tonight over Lake Jackson.

"The show will be continuous fireworks and they won't stop for over an hour," he promised.

Local law enforcement officers said they are not aggressively going after residents noisily celebrating America's independence with products from Betty's or Buddy's, unless they get a complaint or the violation is flagrant.

"Basically if we receive a complaint or we see large explosions, we have to respond to it," Schneider said. "Usually we'll give a warning and say, 'Hey, put the fireworks away or take 'em back up to Alabama.' It's usually up to officer discretion."



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Above: Okaloosa County resident Dan Sullivan holds a basket of whizbangs from Buddy's Fireworks in Florida, Ala., as his son Johnson, right, and his friend Kenneth Goodman, left, add to it.

Right: Buddy Holley, proprietor of Buddy's Fireworks, says his family-owned business is the oldest continuously operating fireworks store in Alabama.



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that might be needed four months out of the year," Gordon replied.

Administrative Services Director Mike Wing, whose department includes building inspections, said Daigle's workload varied. "There are days during the reporting period when he was doing 30-plus inspections, and weeks when he was doing 20 or 25 hours a week," Wing said.

"The bottom line is, our recommendation is we needed a building official and we still need him," Wing said. "If the time comes when the numbers indicate we don't need a fulltime official, we can evaluate that. I don't know how we would advertise for a part time official."

Councilmember Charles Baugh Jr. expressed his satisfaction that the coun-

cil has evaluated the need for an inspector, considering several proposals Wing had submitted, ranging from hiring a city employee to remaining on a contract basis with Okaloosa County.

"I'm happy this is taking some time," Baugh said. "This is not being rubber-stamped because a department head requested it."

"We are doing this with due process, that is correct," Wing said.

"I'm not upset that it's taking a while. Like Mr. Baugh, I'm happy it's taking a while," Helt said. "It shows that each council member is taking time to consider the issue."

Baugh sought assurance from Wing that there would be "internal controls" to allay rumors of some builders getting free

inspections, unpermitted construction occurring or unsafe construction being approved.

"The rumors are what make me say, maybe we should go to another way of doing this and that way the citizens know that anything that is built in the city has an inspector to check it out," Baugh said. "I need to know that our liability level is reduced by having a competent individual doing it."

Wing assured Baugh that a recent audit of the building inspection department found only one problem.

"If there are rumors we want to know about it so we can address it," Wing said. "If you remember, we had a near-perfect audit of our inspections with one exception, a \$17.65 door. We do follow up on these things."



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Administrative Services Director Mike Wing, at podium, discusses hiring a city building inspector during the city council's June 25 meeting.

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Interested applicants may visit the program website at www.nwfsc.edu/ameriCorps or contact Laurie Von Kaenel at 729-6037. The application can

be printed off the website or picked up at any of the college campuses.

Member benefits for those selected to serve with AmeriCorps include:

- Full-time members: 1,700 hours of service from Aug. 15 to July 31, 2013; a living allowance of \$12,100 taxable gross (\$1,088 monthly taxable gross), health insurance, child care and \$5,550 educational award.

- Half-time members: 900 hours of service from Aug. 15 to May 31, 2012; a living allowance of \$6,406 taxable gross (\$640 monthly

taxable gross) and \$2,775 educational award.

“AmeriCorps is an opportunity to make a big difference in your life and in the lives of those around you,” said Von Kaenel, NWFSC AmeriCorps program director. “It’s a chance to apply your skills and ideals toward helping others and meeting critical needs in our community.” She said that in addition to the living stipend and educational award, full time members may be eligible for additional benefits such as health care or child care.

According to Von Kaenel, the 2012-13 AmeriCorps members will serve 11 elementary schools in Okaloosa County and three elementary schools in Walton County. Members will participate in the school districts’ Response to Instruction/Intervention Plan to help improve instruction for students with disabilities and to prevent inappropriate identification of spe-

cific learning disabilities.

In addition to focusing on academic mentoring services with seven full-time and eight half-time AmeriCorps members placed in the participating schools, there will be four full-time AmeriCorps members placed with the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance. The four will work collaboratively with each school in implementing environmental education and outreach activities that will include STEM-related curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) such as water collection and conservation, storm water management, water conservation/chemistry, exotic/invasive plant species as well as native plants and grasses in classes curriculum.

Members will work within the partnered schools and with the public to provide hands-on educational opportunities that teach families of



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In this file photo, AmeriCorps members working on learning gains in local schools helped Antioch Elementary students plant native shore grass along Choctaw Bay as part of the Grasses in the Classes curriculum.

school aged children to care about the environment in which they live.

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A perfect fit CPD provides free bike helmets, adjustments and child IDs

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Mary Klassen left the Twin Hills Park gym feeling elated knowing that her grandson Edward "Ejay" Gondzi's new bike helmet was professionally fitted to his head. Ejay had his helmet custom fitted by Crestview Police Department Community Policing officer Sam Kimmons Tuesday morning.

"I thought I had probably done a pretty good job of fitting it, but I feel a lot more comfortable now," Klassen said. "You gotta protect the old brain!"

Kimmons and his partner, officer Wanda Hulion, spent the morning distributing free bike helmets, fitting them to kids' heads, and distributing bicycle safety information. As part of the helmet distribution program, both officers had to attend a training program in Chipley to be certified to fit bicycle helmets to each rider's head.

Hulion also prepared free child digital ID kits, so after Ejay got his helmet fitted, he went inside the gym and had his fingerprints



Officer Wanda Hulion takes Ejay Gondzi's photo as she prepares a digital child identity kit for his parents and grandmother.

and a photo taken, with a copy provided to his mom, Angela Gondzi.

The officers stumbled on the University of Florida's free bike helmet program while doing an Internet search for school crossing guard training. The program was funded through two Florida Department of Transportation grants, one of which purchased the helmets through the Buy American Act, and the other funded the accompanying bicycle safety literature.

Kimmons said the program has provided more

than 50,000 bike helmets statewide. From the Crestview Police Department's initial shipment, 100 helmets were distributed at a third grade program at Baker School in May when the officers were invited by Principal Tom Shipp to speak about bike safety before the students were released for the summer.

"They loved it," Hulion said. "They were so excited. They wore their helmets to the lunchroom and all around school. And we were originally worried the kids wouldn't want to wear them."

A new shipment has come in with helmets available in many sizes and colors.

"We got in the rest of our shipment, right down to toddler size," Kimmons said.

Kimmons said he and Hulion are always glad to speak to community groups, especially kids, about safety and invites the public to contact them at either kimmons@crestviewpd.org or



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Crestview Community Policing officer Sam Kimmons adjusts Ejay Gondzi's bike helmet during a free bicycling safety presentation at Twin Hills Park last week.

hulionw@crestviewpd.org to arrange for a presentation. Their next presentation will be July 19 at Antioch Elementary School's daycare program.

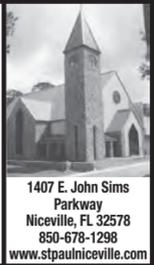
As for Ejay, he couldn't wait to try out a few laps around the Twin Hills Park gym parking lot now that his sharp-looking new helmet fit just right.

"You're gonna wear that thing for me all the time, aren't you?" Kimmons asked him.

"Yes sir!" Ejay replied as he wheeled his bike away.

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Lawmen: 'Rolling meth lab' found

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KENNETH WILLIAMS

A routine traffic stop Monday night in Crestview led to the arrest of a man who faces charges connected with operating a meth lab out of his car.

Kenneth B. Williams, 22, formerly of the 2000 block of Woodfern Drive in Fort Walton Beach, is charged with trafficking in methamphetamine, manufacturing methamphetamine and possession of illegal drugs within

1,000 yards of a school. Williams is in custody at Okaloosa County Jail without bond. A second person detained during the traffic stop was later released.

The incident occurred about 8 p.m. when a Crestview Police Department canine alerted officers to the presence of drugs during a traffic stop in the parking lot of the McDonald's adjacent to Crestview High School, according to a press release.

During a search of the man's

car, a lab used to manufacture chemicals used in the production of methamphetamines was discovered, police spokesman Lt. Andrew Schneider said.

"It was a rolling meth lab or 'shake and bake' lab," Schneider said.

Police recovered 336 grams of methamphetamine liquid, along with other chemicals, according to the press release.

Members of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and Guardian Environmental, a Tallahassee-based company that removes hazardous chemicals, assisted police.

Law enforcement crews were on scene until about 1 a.m. dismantling the lab.

"You have to use special equipment and respirators to remove and secure meth labs," Schneider said. "They are very, very unsafe."

Police cordoned off the McDonald's parking lot while the lab was dismantled.

"Due to the dangerous and extremely unstable nature of the manufacturing process, the scene was secured for several hours until the mobile laboratory could be safely neutralized and disassembled," the press release states.

Police: Burglar caught 'in the act'

From staff reports

An officer responding to a burglary call Tuesday morning caught a man exiting the window while carrying a jewelry box, according to a Crestview Police Department press release.

Wing, Ala., resident Kevin Jerome Bray, 25,

of the 900 block of Bray Road, is charged with burglary to an occupied structure. He was booked into Okaloosa County Jail without bond.

According to the press release, police responded about 6:15 a.m. to a call of a person breaking into the back window of a home on North Savage Street.

"They observed Kevin J. Bray exiting the rear of the residence with a jewelry box, which had been taken from inside of the residence where the owner had been sleeping," the press release states.

Police reported finding several items on Bray that had been stolen from several vehicles in the neighborhood.



KEVIN JEROME BRAY

Man charged with sexual assault of dementia patient

From staff reports

A Crestview man faces a charge of sexual assault and lewd and lascivious molestation of an elderly disabled adult.

Joseph Andrew Fisher, 67, of the 900 block of East Chestnut Avenue, was arrested

June 7 and released from the Okaloosa County Jail later that day on a \$1,000 bond. He is scheduled for an Aug. 27 trial before Circuit Court Judge Michael Flowers.

According to a Crestview Police Department arrest report, Fisher is accused of fondling an elderly patient suffering from dementia while visiting his wife at the Parthenon Healthcare of Crestview nursing home.

Police were told nursing staff saw Fisher "with his hands under the sheets and between the legs of a demented female patient"

who shared a room with his wife, the arrest report states. Fisher's wife appeared to be asleep at the time, according to the report.

The investigating officer wrote in his report that when confronted with the allegation, Fisher replied, "Well, that's pretty accurate."



JOSEPH FISHER

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May 2012 Employee of the Month - Melinda Knoll, Receptionist, North Okaloosa Physicians Group, Multi-Specialty Clinic. Melinda joined the North Okaloosa Medical Center team three years ago in February of 2008. Melinda works as one of the medical clinic receptionists, at the North Okaloosa Physicians Group Multispecialty Clinic. The nomination form for this award, touts Melinda's caring and friendly nature, always putting the patients needs first. This is evident from the interactions Melinda has with patients, from the time they arrive at the clinic, to the time they leave. Melinda promptly and pleasantly checks patients in for their appointments. When checking patients out, she carefully explains information regarding tests the physician has ordered, as well as the next appointment date and time. Patients have been complimentary about Melinda, in that she is helpful and they feel comfortable contacting her for assistance. Melinda's helpful and positive attitude with the clinic patients has been invaluable. Melinda exudes the term, "team member" and has strong, collaborative working relationships with her co-workers. She can adapt to any given situation. When other team members are out of the office, Melinda jumps right in and provides assistance wherever needed, and is always willing to lend a hand with the training of new team members. There is not just one reason why Melinda deserves this award—it's the combination of everything she does!

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Felony ARRESTS

- Crestview Police Department reports
- 6/6: ANGELO SHAMAR TORRES, 25, of 129 Arapaho Trail, Crestview, was charged with domestic violence/aggravated battery on a victim he should have known was pregnant.
 - JOSEPH ANDREW FISHER, 67, of 922 E. Chestnut Ave., Crestview, was charged with sexual battery of a mentally defective victim older than 12.
 - 6/7: DUSTY COURTNEY MOBLEY, 30, of 5064 Pasco Broxson Circle, Holt, was charged with felony battery by strangulation.
 - 6/8: DORA LEE SCOTT, 27, of Crestview, was charged with child neglect without great bodily harm.
 - JAMES CAMESLE WESLEY, 54, of 215 W. Cobb Ave., Crestview, was charged with burglary to an unoccupied conveyance and violation of an injunction against domestic violence.
 - GREGORY DWUN SPEARS, 19, was charged with grand theft from a dwelling.
 - DECAMERON D. BEMBO-BROWN, 20, of 571 S. Wilson St., was charged with committing a third degree felony.
 - 6/9: RONNIE LEE COOPER, 56, of 498 Brock Ave., Crestview, was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell.
 - 6/11: ROBERT MICHAEL HODGE, 33, of Crestview, was charged with failure to register as a sexual offender and grand theft totaling \$300 or more but less than \$5,000.

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12-1ESR Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Crestview. The amendments will eliminate Proportionate Fair Share Provisions and Transportation and Public School Concurrency from the adopted Comprehensive Plan. The City Council also will consider a new interlocal agreement with the Okaloosa County School District.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments and make decisions regarding the amendments, including whether to submit the amendments to all review agencies for comments prior to considering adoption of the amendments. The proposed amendments and the Comprehensive Plan are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Administrative Services Department, City Hall, West Wing, 198 North Wilson Street., Crestview, Florida from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and to provide written and/or verbal comments on the matters under consideration. Any person requiring a special accommodation because of a disability or physical impairment, including speech or hearing impairments should contact the City Clerk office (TDD# 682-6131) at least three (3) calendar days prior to the hearing.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at such meetings, such person will need to record the proceedings and, for such purpose, such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

PO 9317 June 30, 2012

Monitoring Requirements Not Met For City of Crestview Water Department

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What Should I Do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. *Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present.*

What happened? What is being done?

All required additional repeat samples taken at the sites on June 6th and June 19th, six (6) repeat samples in all, were all absent of total coliform bacteria. Additionally, 43 samples taken throughout the distribution system during the month of June were all absent of total coliform bacteria as well.

For more information, please contact: Vincent Knecht at (850)682-6132 Ext 111

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Date distributed: June 29, 2012

Teachers earn Star Discovery titles

Special to the News Bulletin

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Discovery Education has recognized the following Okaloosa County teachers as Star Discovery Educators for their commitment to harnessing digital learning to inspire students' curiosity and prepare them for future careers: Adrienne Hansen of Northwood Elementary School; Elizabeth Bears of Walker Elementary School; Sarah Downs of Antioch Elementary School; Kristen Oshea of Destin Elementary School; Brenda Tuncer of Annette P. Edwins Elementary School; Patsy Moulton of Shalimar Elementary School; Sylvia Hoke of Max Bruner Jr. Middle School; and Kim Hughson of Crestview High School.

STAR Discovery Educators are active members of the Discovery Educator Network, a global community of educators who are passionate about teaching with digital media and technology and sharing ideas and resources. As STAR Discovery Educators, Hansen,

Bears, Downs, Oshea, Tuncer, Moulton, Hoke and Hughson have proven themselves as leaders in transforming and enhancing learning in Okaloosa school district classrooms.

"Discovery Education and the DEN are proud to honor the hard work and dedication of Adrienne, Elizabeth, Sarah, Kristen, Brenda, Patsy, Sylvia and Kim," said Lance Rougeux, vice president of learning communities and instructional implementation for Discovery Education. "It is the work of passionate and committed educators like them who are engaging students through the use of digital media and technology that is making a difference across the country."

As STAR Discovery Educators, Hansen, Bears, Downs, Oshea, Tuncer, Moulton, Hoke and Hughson will share resources and innovative teaching methods with fellow educators across the district, state and world to improve student engagement and achievement.

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Any educator who uses Discovery Education products and services can apply to become a STAR Discovery Educator by submitting an example in which they shared best practice techniques for engaging students using digital media and technology.

For more information about Discovery Education and the Discovery Educator Network, visit www.discoveryeducation.com.

A WARM 'THANK YOU'



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Marcus Michles, at right, an attorney with Michles & Booth, donated \$5,000 to the Crestview High School band for the Tournament of Roses trip. "In appreciation, we had this picture framed and presented it to him," band director Jody Dunn said. "Mr. Michles never required anything in return for this donation. He has no children in the band and doesn't even live in the area. He is just a very gracious giver to the community. He is incredibly civic minded. It is my understanding that his was the single largest donation and he was so genuinely excited for the band." Pictured from left are Dunn, 2011-12 drum majors Kara Horne and Taylor Martin, and Michles.

BEST GATOR SPELLERS



BRIAN HUGHES | News Bulletin

As Baker School wound down the school year, it held a spelling bee for third, fourth and fifth graders. The 45 participating students were the top three spellers in their respective classes. When the bee was over, the third grade winner was Caleb Hicks (right), the fourth grade winner was Phoenix Jones (left) and the fifth grade winner was Connor Arnold (center).

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REV. MARK BROADHEAD
From the Pulpit

Men and women gave their lives for the initial freedom that came to this nation. Throughout subsequent generations, men and women sacrificed their lives to keep that freedom alive. Men and women today still sacrifice their time and energy to maintain our freedom and present it as an option for other countries to follow.

It seems to me that one thing some folks tend to sometimes forget, or don't stop to realize as often as they could, is the freedom they have

received in this life has been purchased and paid for by other people, at great expense to them. That great expense was often their own life, or the life of someone they knew and loved.

Do you stop to remember that? If not, I encourage you to do so. Stop to think where you would be right now if others had not stepped up to the plate and given their all for future generations.

Humbling, isn't it? Then, there is the topic of our ultimate freedom. Where did our ultimate freedom come from? It came from our Lord, Jesus Christ.

He made the ultimate sacrifice for each one of us. And what a freedom we have received! We have been given freedom from our sins. Partly this means that when we give our sins over to him, the power they held over us disappears. We no longer have to fear death and eternal separation from God.

He showed us what the ultimate sacrifice, what the ultimate level of love, can bring forth. He paid it forward for each of us.

I sometimes wonder how many don't remember, or don't stop to realize, that this ultimate freedom was purchased

and paid for by our Lord, Jesus Christ – at great expense to himself, and to God. I sometimes wonder if people realize how many men and women have given their lives to promote the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that others may come to know his ultimate sacrifice and depth of love.

This July 4, when we pause as a nation to celebrate attaining independence from the oppression and tyranny of Great Britain, let us also stop to celebrate attaining independence from the oppression and tyranny of sin. One form of independence came at the

cost of human life. The other, the more important of the two, came at the cost of the life of God's Son. Sacrifices made by those who knew a love greater than themselves.

Rev. Mark Broadhead is pastor at Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Hill 8115 Fourth St., Laurel Hill (652-2164) and First Presbyterian Church of Crestview, 492 N. Ferdon Blvd. (682-2835), at the intersection of U.S. Highway 90 and State Road 85 in the heart of Crestview. Sunday worship is at 9 a.m. in Laurel Hill and 11 a.m. in Crestview. Website: www.fpc-crestview.org.

Church BRIEFS

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER: Deacon Leroy and Mary Jones are having a 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. fish fry on June 30, at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot, to raise funds for his sister, Lavaree Jones, who is having open-heart surgery around July 1 at St. Luke Episcopal Hospital in Houston. You may pre-order dinners by calling 398-6465, Mary Jones at 585-4966, or Leroy Jones at 585-4792. Due to two extended hospital admissions,

Lavaree Jones' insurance benefits have been exhausted. Expenses for the surgery are more than \$200,000.

FOURTH OF JULY: Join the pre-fireworks celebration at Old Spanish Trail Park from 6 – 8:30 p.m. on July 4. There will be games, entertainment featuring the band the 3rd Condition, local rhythm and blues artist Robert Lucido and others. There will be bouncy castles, a water slide provided by Adams

Party Rentals, and a dunk tank featuring local candidates. It's fun and free for the entire family with games and free hot dogs. Check out www.crestviewnazarene.com for more information.

LIBBY AND FRIENDS GOSPEL CONCERT MINISTRY presents The Quicks at 6 p.m. July 14 at Central Baptist Church, 951 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview. A love offering will be received. Everyone is invited to attend. The group was named The

Quicks in 1999 while the family was stationed at Eglin. In 2002, they moved to Tennessee and expanded their ministry.

Concerts are on the second Saturday of the month and sponsored by Davis-Watkins Crestview Memorial, Possum Ridge BBQ, and Central Baptist Church.

For additional information, visit www.LibbyAndFriends-GospelConcerts.com, or call Libby White (496-7106) or Central Baptist Church (682-5525).

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES DISTRICT CONVENTION: The first of two three-day district conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses begins at 9:20 a.m. Friday, July 6, at the Mitchell Center, University of South Alabama, 2195 Mitchell Center Drive, Mobile, Ala. The event continues

over two weekends, including July 13.

Everyone from Pensacola to Panama City is invited to attend. The area's 24 Jehovah's Witnesses congregations are distributing printed invitations and an estimated 12,600 people are expected to attend.

The conventions' theme is "Safeguard Your Heart!," based on Proverbs 4:23, with the focus of strengthening one's spirituality.

EGLIN CHAPEL: The Eglin Chapel extends an invitation to adults and youths to learn to ring bells and to join the Youth Bell Choir, which meets every Monday from 3:45-5 p.m., and the Adult Bell Choir, which meets every Monday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the West Gate Chapel. If interested, please contact Audrey Bonanno at 863-9559.

The chapel is offering

a free marriage care seminar every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eglin Library conference room, building 278, 303 West F St., Eglin Air Force Base. Topics are July 10, I Take You; July 17, To Have and to Hold; July 24, For Better or Worse; and July 31, To Love and to Cherish. Lunch will be served. Call now to make a reservation at 882-2111.

Youths in grades 4-12 are invited to "Ride the Wave" this summer with Eglin Protestant youths of the chapel. Meeting dates are July 8, and Aug. 12 at the Eglin Youth Center. There will be lessons at each grade level, crafts, bonding activities, fun games, and much more. Doors open at noon. Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. For details, email coordinator Weyana Cook at weyana.cook@cox.net.

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Winners

- Photos will be assembled in an online gallery at the Daily News' Web site and will be featured in the calendar.
- Online readers will choose 24 finalists in Round one narrows to 50, Round 2 is 24 and final is 12.
- The Grand Prize winner will be the entrant from the final 12 who amasses the most votes.

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Mostly unwanted advice for short-sales and foreclosures

Special to the News Bulletin

I can't say, "Don't get there," because some have no choice, and some will be in foreclosure or become short-sellers not by choice but by other considerations that are just as compelling. Whichever is true, don't rely on advice someone else pays for.



MIKE CHESSER
Local Perspective

Sometimes a lawyer can't help. There's enough at stake that I always advise hiring your own lawyer. But even if your lawyer can't help, he or she will act in your best interests. Too many times I've seen a mortgage rescuer come forward suggesting the rescuer can take the owner out of his misery, at no cost to the owner. But usually the misery will be just beginning.

No one proclaiming to have your best interests at heart at no cost to you

is likely to be telling the truth. There's something in it for them, or they wouldn't be doing it.

There are two things I advise any short-seller or owner in foreclosure.

The first is not to try to live off the system for nothing. Instead, take the amount of the mortgage payment, or as much as you can possibly afford, and put the cash away each month. Put it in a lawyer's escrow account if you must, but put it away. When the final accounting comes, the owner will be infinitely better off having put some cash aside to rely on. As important, the habit of not making a fair payment for the place you live is not realistic. Don't get out of the habit. Another reason is evident from the next piece of advice.

Do not let your property be foreclosed without trying hard to short sell, do a deed-

in-lieu of foreclosure, or otherwise satisfy your mortgage without merely walking away as if it doesn't matter. Walking away hurts your neighbors and your credit rating. Walking away, unless there is absolutely no choice, is financially irresponsible. Here's why:

- You have some hope of structuring an affordable loan repayment if you actively work to solve your debt. I've seen very few short sales that can't be worked to result in either no residual balance (deficiency) the owner must pay, or a minimal one, if the negotiator takes the time and trouble to insist on that result.

I've seen very large deficiencies negotiated to nothing, or to amounts that the owner could pay in cash at the time of closing, or with an unsecured promissory note with very favorable terms.

The alternative is to

give up and walk away from a property with an undefined future liability. That deficiency hangs over the owner for as long as the statute of limitations, or longer. The owner doesn't know whether he can buy another house, a car, or any other asset, because the creditor may sue at any moment for the unpaid balance of a forgotten mortgage. That result doesn't contribute to the financial recovery of anyone involved.

- In spite of this obvious advice, I see countless short sale negotiators accept a short sale approval letter that promises to cancel the mortgage, but omits mention of the promissory note. The note must be satisfied, not be allowed to hang out there unpaid until the mortgage company gets around to assigning it to a collection agency. That drags out the owner's agony, sometimes invites bankruptcy, and keeps

the owner from getting on with life.

A short sale negotiator who works for the owner will return the approval letter, even though to do so may jeopardize the sale, and say to the mortgage company, "This isn't enough. Let's talk about how this whole thing gets finished. I not only need this mortgage satisfied, but we must deal with the unpaid balance, now, not later."

- The mortgagee will be trying to maximize its return, and is likely to be motivated to settle the whole deal now, rather than later. That's particularly true if there is even a little bit of cash available to fund a complete settlement. But this result takes someone who is looking long term, not just someone satisfying his or her own need for the closing commission.

I have had this discussion with attorney Shannon Widman, in south Walton County.

Shannon does lots of short sales, and I respect the fact that she would not leave the owner to take his chances with a deficiency claim that may not show up until years later, at least not without a sincere effort to finish the matter successfully for the owner.

There are other excellent real property lawyers who have that philosophy, and who do excellent work for their clients. Please make sure your negotiator understands that you cannot truly "walk away," unless the entire debt, including the promissory note, is resolved.

Next month in this space, Michael Hamby, tax lawyer and all-around good guy with our Shalimar office, will discuss the tax effects of debt relief realized by a short sale.

Mike Chesser is a board certified Real Estate Attorney with Chesser & Barr, PA.

COUNTY LINE

Medicaid billings lawsuit and other issues

House Bill 5301, signed by the governor, concerns Medicaid payments made by Florida counties each year.

In past years, you could dispute any of these bills if they lacked proper information or were deemed fraudulent. HB5301 changes this process, requiring counties to pay 85 percent of all unpaid invoices and future billings will be taken out of sales tax revenues prior to county disbursement.

Invoices disputed by the county can only be submitted AFTER payments have already been made, and must be disputed through a time-consuming, expensive administrative hearing process.

We feel simply that this system was already flawed and that the state is forcing us to fund a flawed system; therefore, we have joined 52 other counties through the Florida Association of Counties in a lawsuit. The State Auditor General also pointed out many deficiencies with erroneous billings and overpayments by the Agency for Health Care Administration in its Report No. 2012-021, dated Oct. 31, 2011 (www.myflorida.com under Auditor General). Thus, we are challenging this UNFUNDED MANDATE from the state legislators to county taxpayers.

The Florida Association of Counties states: "This

suit does not challenge whether counties should participate with the state in making its Medicaid payments. That policy decision was made long ago. Rather, counties want to pay their fair and accurate share of the Medicaid bills on behalf of their residents, which they have been prevented from doing because of a state billing system plagued with rampant errors.



DAVE PARISOT

"Counties do not want their tax revenue share automatically raided to pay bills under the new scheme enacted by Section 12. Forty counties representing 73 percent of the state's population ask this court to enforce their state constitution and to require the Legislature to play by the rules before attempting to reduce the amount of tax revenues returned to the people."

Now 53 of the 67 counties are participating in the lawsuit. What is the cost for Okaloosa taxpayers?

- In 2011, we paid \$1.3 million, and historically excluded from payment any invoices not consistent with requirements outlined by law.

- Unpaid claims represent nearly \$570,000 to be spread over yearly installments, with the first installment almost \$142,000.

- In 2013, the new budget requirement will be \$2.2 million, almost double

our current expenditures.

On the recent FAC Medicaid Update call, the Agency for Health Care Administration announced that they will not certify any dollars to Department of Revenue on May 7, thus delaying the first certification until June 7.

The agency is reviewing billing issues at this time and the county will have a small window of time to evaluate, at least for the 85 percent payment of past invoices. For more information, visit facmedicaid.com, which also has a link to AHCA.

One other issue foremost in everyone's mind is the Okaloosa Tourist Development Council. In the wake of the council director's alleged misuse of bed tax dollars, Airports Director Greg Donovan has stepped in to assist in the interim director capacity.

As the investigation provides us answers in the future as to WHAT happened, we will work diligently to find out HOW this happened and make necessary corrections in policy and procedures.

In the meantime, your support of Mr. Donovan is requested and appreciated, and I also request that everyone keep in mind that Okaloosa County has over 700 hardworking employees that are dedicated to serving taxpayers.

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POWERFUL TIPS | STORMS AND YOUR ELECTRICITY

From staff reports

When a major storm is forecast, your electric appliances most likely will wind up without power. Knowing how to handle electricity and the devices it powers before and after a storm can prevent injury to both you and your appliance.

CHELCO offers the following tips for safely dealing with electricity in storm situations.

- Make sure you have a landline plug-in phone because cordless units don't work when the power is out.
- Please make one call only to report a power outage. Extra calls jam the switchboards and slow down repairs. Your cooperation is critical to the success of the restoration process.
- Treat all downed lines as energized even though your power may be off.



FILE PHOTO

A convoy of power company trucks from an out-of-state utility head into Mississippi to help restore electricity following Hurricane Katrina's 2005 landfall.

- Remember, water conducts electricity. Standing water can electrocute you just the same as a live wire. Stay away from all downed lines and water puddles near the lines.
- Keep your freezer door closed once the power goes off to maintain the cold. If the door is kept closed, a well-filled freezer can keep most foods frozen two to three days. A half-full freezer will only last

- about one day.
- If you must evacuate, turn off your power to prevent shorts and possible fires from voltage dips and surges while the system is being repaired.
- When using a generator, refer to the book that came with it and follow the manufacturer's recommendations. Unless a home has been wired for a generator, use only those generators that appliances

can be plugged into.

- Generators should never be plugged directly

into a wall outlet. Use extension cords and plug appliances into the generator. If necessary rotate usage. For example, keep the refrigerator or freezer plugged in long enough to keep food cold, then switch the generator to another appliance.

- If generators are installed incorrectly, the result may be injury or even death for line crews who are trying to restore power. Current from a generator that is incorrectly hooked up can flow out of the home and into the transformer

serving the home (or business). The electricity then enters the local power distribution system.

- If your power goes out, turn off your major appliances, especially water heaters and heating/cooling systems. After power has been restored, wait about 15 minutes, then turn appliances on one at a time. If you own a heat pump, check the manual before turning it back on.
- If you evacuate, you can keep up to date on power restoration progress by checking www.chelco.com.

OPAL'S FURY



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Recipes for disaster

By BRIAN HUGHES

From the News Bulletin archives

After several days of no power, sweltering heat, being stinky and struggling to repair both home and lives, having to stomach one more can of cold Vienna sausages can push someone right over the edge. With just a little advance planning, post-storm menus can be tasty and creative. Prepare now. Don't wait for Jim Cantore to show up in Destin.

• Plan your post-storm menus as you would normal weekly meals. Don't just pitch random canned food into your shopping cart.

• Stock a real good variety of nonperishable foods. Save money on fancier canned goods by exploring the food aisles at Big Lots.

• Plant a small herb garden now to harvest from whether the lights are on or not. Basil and mint grow like the dickens in our summer climate. Even I can't kill 'em.

• Rotate a supply of longer-lasting fruits and veggies that don't need to be refrigerated. Include onions, potatoes, garlic, cabbage, oranges, lemons and grapefruits. Promptly replace them as you use them so you won't be caught empty handed.

• Seasonings and spices give canned food a kick. At least keep a jar of seasoned salt on hand.

• Bread will go moldy fast. Stock up on cracker-like Wasa flatbread. It lasts a long time and comes in tasty varieties.

• Remember rice and pasta can be cooked in a pot over your BBQ grill or a camp stove.

• Stock evaporated or non-fat dry milk in your storm pantry.

"Nutrition and nourishment are particularly important during stressful times," writes Sarasota author Daphne Nikolopoulos. "And no one can argue that an enjoyable meal helps alleviate stress."

Nikolopoulos' "The Storm Gourmet: A Guide to Creating Extraordinary Meals Without Electricity" is both a useful cookbook and practical

storm preparation guide. (Pineapple Press, 800-746-3275, pineapplepress.com.)

Some of her recipes are admittedly a tad exotic for local palates. (Not many local cooks whip up tapenade for a church supper.) But even the fancy dishes provide inspiration for adaptation. Don't shun a recipe because it has a snazzy name. "Salade Niçoise" is great stuff: just tell your family it's "Tators-n-Tuna Storm Salad."

Adapt family recipes. Can Aunt Tootie's famous chicken salad be prepared using canned chicken instead of fresh?

With a little planning now before a storm is forecast, your post-storm cuisine can be much more palatable, and your meals can be opportunities to renew and refresh as you work toward recovery.

BREAKFAST

"The Storm Gourmet" suggests varying three basic breakfasts from day to day:

• Cereal with Milk: Use reconstituted evaporated or fat-free dry milk. Buy cereal in small individual serving packs. (Ah, for the day of the Kell-Bowl-Pak!)

• Peanut Butter Toasts: Regular peanut butter won't spoil without refrigeration. Spread it on Wasa flatbread.

• Fruit Salad: Use canned fruit cocktail.

SALADS

Aussie Coleslaw

A variation on a favorite from Vic's Kangaroo Café in New Orleans, this coleslaw doesn't use refrigerated ingredients.

- 1 small bottle low-sodium Italian salad dressing
- Dash of hot sauce
- Powdered ginger to taste
- Head of green or purple cabbage or combination of both, chopped
- Cracked pepper to taste

In a large mixing bowl, whisk the bottle of salad dressing with the hot sauce and 1 to 2 tablespoons of powdered ginger. Add more or less ginger to taste. Mix in cabbage and

toss well. Add fresh cracked pepper and mix again. Store leftovers tightly covered.

BRIAN HUGHES

Salade Niçoise

- 29 ounce (2 cans) sliced white potatoes
 - 12 ounce (2 cans) light tuna in extra-virgin olive oil
 - 14.5 ounce (1 can) French green beans
 - 1 cup quartered, marinated artichokes
 - 1 tablespoon capers
 - ¼ cup black or Kalamata olives, pitted and halved
 - 1 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 - salt and pepper
 - anchovies (optional)
- Dressing:
- 7 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
 - 1½ tablespoons Dijon mustard
 - pinch salt
 - ¼ teaspoon cracked black pepper

Place tuna in a small bowl and toss with the lemon juice. Set aside. Combine potatoes, beans, artichokes, capers, olives and anchovies in a large salad bowl. Season with salt and pepper and toss together. Add tuna. In a screw-top jar, combine dressing ingredients. Shake vigorously until dressing has a creamy, frothy consistency. Pour dressing over salad and toss. Serves 4.

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MAIN COURSES

Pasta Galoop

We named this in honor of Sophia on "The Golden Girls," who called nitwits "dumb bocciagaloops." Make it on one of the first post-storm days to use up vegetables and meat that will rapidly spoil without refrigeration.

- 2 cups diced onions and bell peppers (any color)
- Minced garlic to taste
- 1 pound any sausage or ground beef that needs to be used before it spoils (You may use the beef



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The greater the variety of canned foods, the more palatable your post-storm menus can be.

to make meatballs)

- 1 pound pasta (any kind)
- 1 large jar pasta sauce (any brand, any flavor)
- Italian seasoning such as oregano, parsley, etc., to taste. Fresh basil and rosemary from your herb garden works great, too.

• 2 tablespoons olive or cooking oil
In a large skillet on your BBQ grill or camp stove, sauté chopped veggies in oil, add sausage or ground beef. Meanwhile, put a pot of salted water on to boil and cook pasta. Add the pasta sauce to the skillet. When the pasta is ready, drain it and pour it into the sautéed veggies, meat and sauce, stir and serve.

Serves 4-6

BRIAN HUGHES & TROY TILLMAN

Peanutty Chicken Over Puffed Rice

Daphne says, "Puffed rice? It sounds crazy, but its crispy texture is the perfect complement to the rich peanut sauce."

Brian says, "Also try regular rice or linguini pasta."

- 12.5 ounce (1 can) premium chicken breast
- 8 tablespoons creamy peanut butter

- ¼ teaspoon chili oil
- 1 cup coconut milk
- 1 teaspoon dark soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped*
- cracked black pepper
- 2 cups puffed rice cereal

In a martini shaker [or bottle with a lid], combine peanut butter, coconut milk, soy sauce, chili oil, and brown sugar. Shake vigorously until all ingredients are combined,

ensuring peanut butter is thoroughly incorporated. Place chicken in a medium-sized bowl. Top with peanut sauce and toss to coat. Spoon chicken mixture over puffed rice cereal. Garnish with fresh cilantro and season with cracked black pepper. Serve immediately. Serves 2-4.

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* Brian says, "I hate cilantro. I'd use parsley or chopped basil."

DESSERT

No-Bake Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies

Tracy Ann Curenton, director of food services at Dogwood Acres summer camp, says these cookies are a camp favorite. Store them in an airtight container after cooling.

- 2 cups sugar
 - ¼ cup cocoa
 - ¼ cup butter or margarine
 - ½ cup milk (either reconstituted powdered or evaporated)
 - 2½ cups oatmeal, uncooked
 - ¾ cup peanut butter
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Combine sugar, cocoa, butter or margarine and milk in a heavy saucepan. Over your camp stove or grill, cook until the mixture comes to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil for one minute. Remove from heat. Stir in oatmeal, peanut butter and vanilla. Drop by heaping spoonfuls onto lightly greased wax paper. Cool thoroughly.

TRACY ANN CURENTON

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Crestview FD throws a few local twists at 'Hurricane Gispert'

By **BRIAN HUGHES**
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Crestview firefighters not only monitored the progress of a fictitious category 3 hurricane, they threw a few unexpected twists into the county's annual hurricane planning exercise that sent participants hunkered down in the county Emergency Operations Center in Niceville scrambling.

Technically a "hurrex," or hurricane exercise, Hurricane Gispert (named for an emergency planner in Hillsborough County) was modeled on 1998's Hurricane Georges. That storm's severe flooding rendered Crestview an island cut off from surrounding communities.

Crestview Fire Department veterans Battalion Chief Tony Holland and Assistant Chief Ralph Everage were on duty during Georges. When Randy McDaniel, chief of Okaloosa County's Emergency Management department, asked Crestview emergency responders to join the Hurrex Gispert exercise, their first-hand experience proved invaluable.

"Randy had asked for some input from Crestview," Everage explained. "He wanted something other than a coastal component and asked for some input from us."

"We wanted them to consider what they could possibly need in the city — shortfalls they would have in a flooding event, making us jump through the hoops to find those things for them," McDaniel said.

As the virtual storm approached at 8 a.m. May 24, Holland and Everage logged into WebEOC, an Internet-based communications system used by emergency management agencies throughout the county. The system is also linked to the state Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee, which monitored the state's local Gispert exercises.

Using their experience from past storms, Holland and Everage devised "injects," or storm-related emergency situation scenarios, and entered them into WebEOC.



Crestview Fire Department Battalion Chief Tony Holland, left, and Assistant Chief Ralph Everage participate in the countywide hurricane planning exercise from the city's main fire station. Below, this Crestview-originated "inject," or emergency scenario, calls for county assistance to clear the city's busiest intersection.

Photos by **BRIAN HUGHES**
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As the "storm" buffeted the region, Holland entered, "In the area of (State Road) 85 and (U.S. Highway) 90 there are power lines down and the traffic light is on the ground."

The scenario and others from neighboring agencies flowed into the system. County Emergency Management staff prioritized the incidents and assigned them to various emergency services function (ESF) organizations.

ESFs include county and municipal public works offices, fire and search-and-rescue units, the Red Cross and Salvation Army, public utilities, the military, law enforcement agencies, municipal governments, the county health department, and animal control.

Other organizations include the Division of Forestry, local and county purchasing departments, city planning agencies and the Department of Children and Families, public relations and media.

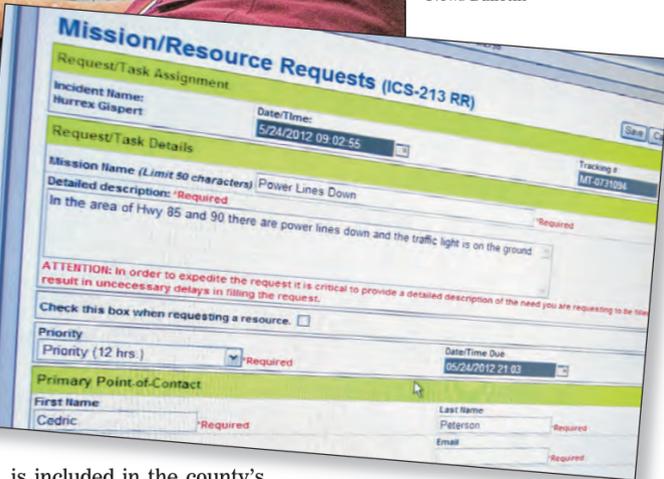
"When the requests come in, they go to ESF5 — planning —

which is the county Emergency Management department," Everage said. "They screen them and task them wherever they need to go."

"I could task Crestview through the same system," McDaniel said. "It allows us to collaborate and use our resources to the utmost. We can't be an island in a disaster. I have resources that Crestview may need and they have resources I may need and everybody works together to share those resources and prioritize them."

An hour and a half into the exercise, the monitor at Crestview's Public Safety Station 1 suddenly froze.

"This is why we do drills," Holland said as he rebooted the computer. When the system failed to come up, he and Everage realized the problem was not their equipment. Twenty minutes later, the system was back up. Fortunately, failure of the main link between agencies was a contingency that



is included in the county's plans.

"It allowed us to test our Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)," McDaniel said. "When our system crashed, our plan sent us back to doing it the old way, with three-part forms. When the system went down, we continued to collect the data. When the system came back up, we entered the data into WebEOC. We lost nothing."

Later, McDaniel said, an investigation by county computer technicians found the cause of the crash.

"What we found is the vendor

for our system sent us an update and the update had a bug in it," McDaniel said. "They had to send us a fix the next day but without the exercise, we wouldn't have known there was a bug in it."

"It's really a nice system," Everage said. "We're just working the bugs out of it."

"I don't like surprises so I'd rather have it break before I need it than when I need it," McDaniel said. "The exercise worked well."

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Legal # 160068
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 46-2010-CA-006522C
CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

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Legal # 160069

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 12 CP 592

IN RE: ESTATE OF

SARA F. TRAS
a/k/a Sara Ferdon Tras
a/k/a Sara Meigs Tras
Deceased.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.:
2010 CA 003920 S

HOLIDAY BEACH RESORT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL BICKFORD, also known as MICHAEL JOHN BICKFORD, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Defendant Christopher M. Wilcox in Court XV)

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Okaloosa County, Florida

By: K Sims
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SCOTT JOHNSON

BAKER — It's fair to say that Baker hit a home run in the hiring of Scott Johnson as the new Gator baseball coach to replace Gary Taylor, who stepped down at the end of the season.

Johnson, who recently resigned as the head coach at Chocotawhatchee, brings 14 years of head coaching experience and was the 2012 Daily News Big School Coach of the Year. In his tenure as a head coach, 27 of his players have been drafted to play professional baseball and several

others have signed college scholarships.

Johnson didn't plan on getting back into coaching so quickly, but the possibility of teaching at the same school as his wife, Christine, where their children also will attend, was more than he could resist.

"My wife and I have a big family," he said. "We have five children and my wife is a teacher as well, and this job is always a job that we were very interested in. The ability to live out in the country and the ability to have all of our kids in one building — I just always thought it would be a great place and we could have a

lot of success up here.

"The draw here is just family and to come to a place where we could put family first. If I make one of those long road trips that I make three times a week as a baseball coach and I don't get to see my kids until they are sleeping when I get home, I can see them in the halls here and I get to work on a faculty with my wife."

Johnson complimented Taylor on the work he has done with the Gator program and, if possible, hopes to have the former coach involved with the team in some capacity.

Johnson said he's thankful that Brunson and Baker principal Tom Shipp not only had a job for him, but for Christine too.

Brunson said hiring Johnson was an easy decision.

"Coach Johnson's name rose to the top from the list of applicants we had with the success he's had as the Coach of the Year and the schools he's been in," Brunson said. "I'm kind of partial to coaches from Okaloosa County and we are honored to have him and his wife here as Baker Gators."

Johnson is excited about being able to work closely with not only the high school players, but the middle school players as well.

The new coach has met with many of the Baker players, and he said he is ready to get to work with his new team.

"We are going to try and hold some practices this summer so I can see what we've got, but it's going to be a tough road, I know that," Johnson said. "A lot of these small schools don't play during the summer and I know it's difficult to do, but what it will do is those 10 days of practices we have will kind of let me implement some of the system we run and, obviously, give me a chance to see the kids as well."

"I think there is an opportunity for immediate success here and getting to talk with coach Brunson, he just seems like a wonderful athletic director, and Mr. Shipp just seems like a wonderful administrator and I think it can be a really good place."



HOOPS WITH HEROES

COACHING ICONS HOST BASKETBALL CAMP

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Okaloosa County and Gulf Coast Community College basketball coaching icons Roonie Scovel and Grover Hicks were reunited Monday and Tuesday at the Crestview Basketball Camp hosted by the Crestview girls basketball team.

Scovel and Hicks, who teamed up to lead the Laurel Hill girls to a state championship and the Gulf Coast women to three national titles, were happy to return to the county to help out Crestview girls coach Kathy Combest.

"It's about giving back," said Scovel, who retired following the 2011-12 season. "I try to make it very, very important in my life not to forget where I started and Okaloosa County is big part of that — and Walton — I started at Paxton actually."

"Okaloosa was very good to me so this was a great opportunity to come back to Okaloosa County and give back for just a short period of time."

Hicks, who retired in 2011, was glad to be back on a court, if only for two days.

"I've been retired over a year now and it was an opportunity to get back into coaching and scratch the itch a little bit," he said. "It's all the same if you coach on the high school level, the middle school level or the college level. It doesn't matter."

"They worked hard and tried and learned these skills, so it's been a fun camp."

Chelsea Combest, who played for her mother, Kathy, at Baker and for Scovel and Hicks at Gulf Coast, also was on hand to help out with the camp. The younger Combest said she felt every bit at home in the Crestview gym as she does at her old stomping ground at Baker.

"It doesn't matter to me (where a camp is held), a gym's a gym and a ball is a ball," she said. "We just have to have somewhere that we can come in and help these kids get better."

Seventeen players attended the camp — 14 girls and three boys — and they were given a crash course in the way Scovel and Hicks conducted a practice, right down to the pushups and suicide runs for not doing a drill or a play correctly.

Scovel said a big focus was teaching the girls the proper way to shoot.

"Coach Hicks and I are sort of big on shooting so that is one thing we tried to emphasize was the introduction of the jump shot with young women," she said. "That's one of the things that is missing in girls basketball and in college, so if they want to move to the next level that's something they have to master. That was the kind of thing we tried to hit on in two days with a lot of upper body strength and the jump shot."

Kathy Combest said the camp was just what she was looking for from a teaching and tempo standpoint.

"They (Scovel and Hicks) did everything I asked and everything I wanted the girls to see about how to run a practice and how a practice should be run," she said. "I've been working mainly fundamentals so we can start that practice and be able to do stuff in that camp. It is the start of what we are trying to make here."

"This is an opportunity for them to see what their potential is as athletes with their speed, their jumping and quickness."

The Crestview coach admitted she was disappointed that no girls attended the camp from the local middle school programs.

"Here we are in your backyard with two of the best coaches in the country and Shoal River and Davidson didn't show up — not one player — not even one," Kathy Combest said. "This was well publicized. I went to the schools and I even dropped by extra papers and it was a relatively cheap camp, and that's disappointing."

"I'm trying and I need a little help from them now."



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Above: Boys and girls benefited from attending the Crestview basketball camp. **At right,** Grover Hicks gives a few pointers to a player at the Crestview basketball camp. **Main,** former Gulf Coast Community College and Laurel Hill girls basketball coach Roonie Scovel shows a player how to box out for a rebound at a basketball camp at Crestview High School.