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Brooke Broderick, owner of Draggin' Acres Goats in Holt, snuggles with Precious, one of her favorite goats, Thursday morning. [ANNIE BLANKS/DAILY NEWS]

## Holt woman with cancer finds homes for most of her goats

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HOLT — A 72-year-old woman with terminal cancer who was looking to find homes for her more than 70 goats said she has found new families for nearly all of them.

Brooke Broderick, the owner and sole proprietor of Draggin' Acres Goats in Holt, said the response to a Northwest Florida Daily News article about her and her search for homes for the goats, which first ran Jan. 21, has been "overwhelming."

"I've literally gotten hundreds of phone calls and messages and I couldn't even get back to everybody," Broderick said while sitting at her farm Thursday morning. One of her goats, Precious, nudged at her legs. "It was not what I expected."

Broderick was diagnosed with advanced-stage lung cancer in November 2016,



Chunky Monkey, a kid, plays in a yellow bucket on Brooke Broderick's farm in Holt Thursday morning. [ANNIE BLANKS/DAILY NEWS]

and was told by doctors shortly thereafter the cancer had metastasized and she didn't have too long to live. Broderick's primary concern since getting the news has been finding homes for her more than 70 goats, which lived with her on her 12-acre property.

Broderick has bred and sold goats to people across the Southeast for the past 20

years. The goats, she said, are like her own children, and though she's glad she's found homes for most of them, she's sad to see them go.

"I'm just praying that I've picked the right homes for them, for the personalities of the animals and the people," she said. "It's been hard, I'm not going to lie."

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Fruitable Flowers sells edible fruit bouquets, dipped fruit and fruit baskets. [AARON JACOBS | NEWS BULLETIN]

## New business offers tasty gourmet gifts

'It feels like family here, and that's what we like'

By Aaron Jacobs  
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CRESTVIEW — There's a new store on Main Street that offers a different kind of gift for most occasions. Fruitable Flowers, located at 321 N. Main St., offers fresh fruit arrangements, chocolate-covered strawberries and more. They offer a variety of edible bouquets, as well as chocolate-covered strawberries, chocolate-covered pineapple, and more. They are expanding their selection as well, with new creations already in the works. "We are not only going to do just dipped strawberries and bouquets," Owner Melissa Carter says. "We are gonna kind of lean towards some of the gourmet-type fruit atmosphere."

One of their original creations is the Strawberry Surprise, which is a large strawberry filled with cream cheese and special ingredients, dipped in chocolate and topped with roasted coconut or caramel. There is also a special surprise that Carter says is still in the works.

Carter said the idea came to her when she wanted to

order a fruit bouquet for her mother, but wasn't able to find anyone in the area who delivered to Crestview.

"My mother is someone that has everything, so I wanted to get her something that was different," Carter says.

After learning that no one could deliver, she decided to try starting her own business that would serve the Crestview area. When the opportunity arose to open a store downtown, Carter jumped at it. "I had always said if I ever opened a business up, I would like for it to be a small business, and I love for it to be on Main Street," she says. "I've always loved downtown Main Street, the old antique buildings and just the look, and how they have made the improvements to the buildings." The store opened Feb. 5, and Carter says neighboring business owners have been welcoming and helpful over the first couple weeks. "It's awesome," she says. "It feels like family here, and that's what we like."

Fruitable Flowers is open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the business at 850-423-7306 or visit its website at [www.fruitableflowers.com](http://www.fruitableflowers.com).

## Q&A with Crestview Police Chief Tony Taylor

Crestview Police Chief Tony Taylor has been working in law enforcement for more than 40 years in Okaloosa County. His first job was an auxiliary police officer with the Fort Walton Beach Police Department.

In 2012, he was elected to serve as the Chief of Police for the City of Crestview. In this Q&A, he talks about some of the challenges of the job, issues the city faces and memorable moments on the job.

**According to the Crestview Police Department's 2017 crime reports, the majority of offenses in the city are larceny. Does that reflect other year's reports? And how does the department work**



Chief Taylor

**to decrease these offenses?**

Larceny is a definite quality-of-life issue in any community. Maintaining a visible presence in our community and immediate investigation of any instances of larceny has caused the number of these crimes to decrease in Crestview over the last year by 73 incidents. We work with local businesses to encourage owners to be vigilant for shoplifters, for example, and call us to arrest the perpetrators when they identify them. Word gets out that that

shop is not a good place to rob. Additionally, as reported last year, we now have two officers who are certified business security inspectors who work with business owners to help them upgrade their business and property to make it less of a target for potential thieves. In addition, responding to meetings we have had with local businesses, we have returned to good old-fashioned community policing by having foot patrols in the historic business district, which creates a visible presence and serves as a deterrent to potential criminals.

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Chief Tony Taylor meets with residents at a recent public forum. Taylor implemented an open-door policy when he became Crestview Police Chief in 2012. He says it is important to interact with the community. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

COMMUNITY

# Master Gardeners elect board members

By News Bulletin contributor

The Okaloosa County Master Gardener Association has elected new officers for its board of directors.

The board members are President Dave Gordon, President Elect Debbie Sewel, Secretary Janet Hays, Treasurer Donna Edmiston, and Member at Large Lynda Penry.

Call 689-5850 during business hours to have Master Gardeners answer lawn and gardening questions.

Okaloosa County master gardeners also hold office hours at three locations:

- Crestview: 3098 Airport Road, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 850-689-5850
- Niceville: 200 Campbell Drive (inside youth center), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday
- Fort Walton Beach: 127 Hollywood Blvd. SW, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday, 850-651-7476

The Florida Master Gardener Program is a volunteer-driven program



Here is the newly elected Board of Directors for the Okaloosa County Master Gardener Association: (from left) Lynda Penry, member at large; Dave Gordon, president; Janet Hays, secretary; Debbie Sewell, president elect; and Donna Edmiston, treasurer.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS BULLETIN]

that benefits UF/IFAS Extension and the citizens of Florida. It relies on volunteers who have an interest in gardening and in giving back to their community. The Master Gardener mission is to assist Extension agents in providing research based horticultural education to Florida residents. The vision of the Master Gardeners is to

be the most trusted resource for horticultural education in Florida.

The UF/IFAS Extension Okaloosa County is the outreach arm of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida.

For more information, visit [www.ocmga.org](http://www.ocmga.org).

CHECK IT OUT

## Get ready for the library bear hunt



Heather Nitzel is the Crestview Public Library's youth librarian.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS BULLETIN]

By Heather Nitzel  
Crestview Public Library

We're going on a bear hunt in the Crestview Public Library on Feb. 23!

In addition to the bear hunt, we will read some stories and treat our bears to a picnic.

Someone in your party must be ages 3-14. Registration is recommended. Please call 682-4432 or come in to register. Once

you've secured your reservation, be here by 6:45 p.m. in your modest pajamas.

Bring your teddy bear, flashlight and four cookies to share. (It would help if the cookies are individually wrapped).

We should be finished by 7:30 p.m. The Crestview library is located at 1445 Commerce Drive.

Heather Nitzel is the Crestview Public Library's youth services librarian.

## OBITS

### JOHN MILTON HUNNICUTT SR. 1934 - 2018

John Milton Hunnicutt, 83, of Gulf Breeze, died surrounded by family on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, following a brief illness. John was born March 16, 1934 in Memphis, Tennessee to Colonel and Mrs. Jack Dawson (Dorothy) Hunnicutt, and he spent his early childhood in Booneville, Mississippi, until his parents moved to Tallahassee in 1942. Before moving to Gulf Breeze, John and his family were long-standing residents of Destin.

John graduated from Leon High School and attended Florida State University where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He also attended the University of Hawaii while serving active duty with the United States Marine Corps. John founded Brooks-Hunnicutt Insurance in 1969 in partnership with his friend of longstanding, John W. Brooks, who preceded him in death. The Agency was renamed John M. Hunnicutt Insurance & Investments, Inc., in 1982 and continues today in its 49th year of service to the Emerald Coast.

John was an American patriot and a true Southern gentleman; gracious and kind to all he encountered. He loved the Lord, his family, Florida State football, travel, his membership in the Marine Corps League, and the company of good friends. He was a lifelong Christian and a deeply intellectual man who enjoyed reading and learning.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Lindsey Von Shaw Hunnicutt, his parents Colonel Jack Dawson (Dorothy) Hunnicutt, his son-in-law Frank Steven Barkocoy, III and his daughter-in-law Lydia Smith Hunnicutt. John is survived by his children, Jack D. Hunnicutt, II (Partner Dwayne Cook) of Pensacola, and Jack's daughter Lindsey Bowen Hunnicutt, also of Pensacola; M. Allison Hunnicutt (Husband Jeffrey Allen Williams) of Deatsville, Alabama and Pace; John M. Hunnicutt, Jr. (Wife DeAna J. Hunnicutt) of Gulf Breeze and their children John M. Hunnicutt, III, Benjamin Clayton Hunnicutt, and their sons by marriage, Stephen Charles Trahant and Bobby Louis Trahant; Ashley Hunnicutt Barkocoy Roberts (Husband Phillip Roberts) and children



Macy Shae Barkocoy, Sydney Evelyn Barkocoy, Sophie Bell Barkocoy, Augustine Shaw Barkocoy, Austin Clayton Barkocoy and Zoe Lindsey Roberts; Alexis Hunnicutt (Fiance Andrew Todd Turk) of Nashville, Tennessee; and Christina Atwell and Connie Mormak of Hunnicutt Insurance, both of whom John also considered to be part of his family. John is also survived by two great grandchildren by marriage, MacKenzie Nicole Trahant and Jaxson Charles Trahant.

The family will receive friends and guests on Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 5 to 7 pm at Davis-Watkins Funeral Home, 113 Racetrack Road NE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547. A service honoring John will be held on Friday, February 16, 2018 at 2:00 pm at St. Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church, Fort Walton Beach, Florida with a reception immediately following at WaterVue at Brooks Street, 203 Brooks Street SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548. Private family interment and burial of both John and his late beloved wife Lindsey will occur at a later date at Barrancas National Cemetery.

The family expresses deep appreciation to the staff of Hunnicutt Insurance, John's caregivers from Better Health-care, Covenant Hospice and Lifeguard Ambulance Service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2600, Chicago, Illinois 60602-3356, Telephone (800) 486-8844, [www.ifc.org](http://www.ifc.org) and Covenant Care, 515 North Ninth Avenue, First Floor, Pensacola, Florida 32504, Telephone (877) 778-4650.

To share memories, express condolences and sign the guestbook, please visit [www.daviswatkins.com](http://www.daviswatkins.com)

### LULA B. JOHNSON 1935 - 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Lula B. Johnson announces her passing on Friday, February 9, 2018, at the age of 82 years. Lula was born on September 23, 1935 in Tennessee to Joseph and Ruth Long.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 49 years, Billy E. Johnson, her son, William E. Johnson, sister, Catherine Guyear, and grand-daughter, Brandy Barger.

Lula "Nenie" will forever be remembered and missed by her daughters, Barbara



(Steven) Turner, Jane (William) Zylak, Teresa (Ronald) Whiddon, 10 grandchildren,

and 23 great-grandchildren.

Lula was a military spouse for many years and worked as a hairdresser. Her passions involved family, playing Bingo with friends, and shopping.

Lula will be memorialized in a private ceremony with family at Heritage Gardens Cemetery at a later date.

You may go online to offer condolences to the family and sign the guestbook at [www.heritagegardensfuneralhome.com](http://www.heritagegardensfuneralhome.com). Heritage Gardens Funeral Home of Niceville is entrusted with the arrangements.

### MICHAEL 'MIKE' CHURCHILL 1973 - 2018

Michael (Mike) Churchill, 44 of Baker, FL passed away Thursday, February 8, 2018 at home with his family by his side. Mike was born March 20, 1973 in Memphis, TN and moved to the area in 1986. Mike was a member of Shady Grove Assembly of God, he was also a member of the Baker Fire Dept. Station 20, he was an avid fisher, and a life member of The Bass.

Mike was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Jake & Frances Nutt. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Churchill, parents, Paula & Roger Horton, close family friend, Missy Lawrence, five children, David Churchill, Quinton Churchill, Dakota Churchill, Paige Barnhill (Shannon), Natalie Mize,



four brothers, Jacob Pittard, James Francis (Tiffany), Chris Francis (Gina), Joseph Francis, three sisters, Brandi Churchill (Travis McLean), Katrina Smith, Jessica Shumway (Jessie), in-laws Yvonne & Larry Nolen, Jerry McPherson, brother-in-law Evans

McPherson (Leigh Anne), two grandchildren, Maddie Barnhill, Lincoln Barnhill, grandmother-in-law Louise (Maw Maw) Biles, seven nieces and 1 nephew.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at Shady Grove Assembly of God, beginning at 2pm, with Pastors Mel Coon and Brandon McMackin officiating. Burial will follow at Shady Grove Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 6 to 8pm at Shady Grove Assembly of God. Flowers are appreciated or contributions to Shady Grove Assembly of God.

You may leave your condolences at [www.brackneyfuneralservice.com](http://www.brackneyfuneralservice.com)

### GEORGE ALLEN SCRUGGS

George Allen Scruggs, age 84, of Fort Walton Beach, FL, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at his home.

George was a loyal and devoted employee who worked for contractors from Vitro Services - BAE at Eglin Air Force Base and retired in 1994 with 35 years of service. George was a devoted Christian, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sally Kay Bridges; two

sons, Donald and Stephen (Dana) their daughter, Katie (Duane), their two children, Emma and Stormie; daughter, Jenny; sister, Martha Clark; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

As in life, George was surrounded by family and friends when he passed into his Lord's arms. We'd like to invite family and friends to celebrate his life at First Baptist Church of Fort Baptist Beach, February 17, 2018 at 11AM. Visitation with the family

will begin at 10AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Emerald Coast Hospice, 340 Beal Parkway NW Ste C, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 will be appreciated. The support and care provided by their staff was a major comfort to George allowing him to spend the last of his time at home with his loved ones.

To share memories, express condolences and sign the guestbook, please visit [www.daviswatkins.com](http://www.daviswatkins.com)

COMMUNITY

# Crestview not quite 'rainiest' city, but it's still wet

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Though the city of Crestview may have a reputation of being one of the rainiest cities in Florida, local weather data doesn't necessarily back up that claim.

Crestview has cracked various lists in the past couple of years for its rainfall total, including a 2016 SFGate story that put the northern Okaloosa city at No. 16 nationally on a list of rainiest cities. The website said it got data from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration precipitation records.

Crestview's annual rainfall total of 65.23 inches put it well above the state average of 54.5, but behind two other Florida cities on SFGate list, including Homestead at No. 14 and Pembroke Pines at No. 12.

A Fox News article also ranked Crestview at No. 16 on the list of rainiest U.S. cities.

But Tim Curmack, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Mobile,



A portion of road in Crestview washed out following a heavy rain in 2014. [FILE PHOTO]

said that while Crestview certainly sees higher-than-average rainfall totals, the entire Florida Panhandle generally sees much higher annual precipitation rates than other

parts of Florida and most of the United States.

"That whole part of the Panhandle probably sees similar amounts," he said. "Some may be locally higher, but it

looks like, for the most part, the Florida Panhandle generally sees 60 to 65 inches of rain per year."

According to NWS Mobile data, which goes back to 1948,

Crestview averages 62.91 inches of rain each year. For comparison's sake, Pensacola averages 65.27 inches and Destin/Fort Walton Beach average 62.35 inches.

During last weekend's rain storm, where a large weather system dumped several inches of rain on the area, Crestview received less than other Okaloosa county towns. Destin received the most rain at 8.93 inches, the Destin Fort Walton Beach Airport received 8.48 inches, Crestview clocked in third at 7.63 inches and Niceville came in last at 6.23 inches.

Curmack said the area typically sees more rain than other regions due to its proximity to the Gulf of Mexico.

"This region is actually one of the wettest in the country," he said. "We're right here on the Gulf and there's no lack of moisture, and because we have that moisture readily available year-round ... we're more likely to get rain any time a system comes through."

"We also get tropical systems here too, and those can dump a lot of rain," he added.

# Briggs, Salinas graduate from basic military training

By News Bulletin contributor

CRESTVIEW — Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Joslyn E. Briggs and Airman Allyson N. Salinas graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airmen completed eight weeks' training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare

principles and skills.

Basic training graduates earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Briggs is the daughter of Jerry and Carolyn Briggs of Holt; sister of Cole Briggs of Valparaiso, Indiana, and Brittany Briggs Stover of San Angelo, Texas; granddaughter of Joyce Miller of Panama City; and daughter-in-law of

Robert Stover of San Angelo. She is a 2014 graduate of Baker High School, Baker.

Salinas is the daughter of Michelle L. Williams of Crestview and David E. Robson of DeFuniak Springs; and stepdaughter of Shawn A. Williams of Niceville and wife of Justin A. Salinas of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

She is a 2010 graduate of Walton Senior High School, DeFuniak Springs.



Airman 1st Class Joslyn E. Briggs



Airman Allyson N. Salinas

# Health department: Not too late for flu vaccinations

By News Bulletin contributor

CRESTVIEW — Dr. Karen Chapman, director of the Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County, said the organization has ordered additional flu vaccine for children for the Crestview and Fort Walton Beach clinics.

"On Friday, Jan. 12, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) stated that flu has reached epidemic levels and the nation has experienced 20 pediatric deaths," Chapman stated in a media release.

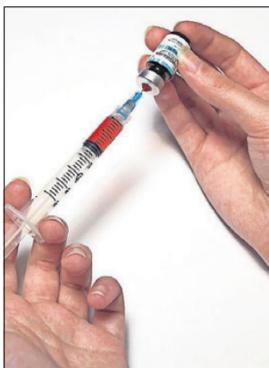
Of the 52 percent of reported flu outbreaks last week, 17 percent were in day-care, and 35 percent were in school settings. Emergency department data from last

week show that almost 20 percent of visits statewide are due to influenza-like illness in children younger than 4.

"We are still experiencing elevated cases for flu in local emergency departments. I urge parents to vaccinate their children. I urge everyone to get a flu shot now," Chapman said.

According to the media release from the agency, some people who get a shot still get the flu. Although a flu shot may not prevent infection, it can still prevent serious life threatening effects and length of the flu.

"Flu vaccination not only protects the elderly but can also significantly reduce a child's risk of dying from



The Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County has ordered more flu shots to protect area children and their families. [PIXIABAY.COM]

influenza. A recent CDC study showed vaccination

prevents deaths by half (51 percent) among children with underlying high-risk medical conditions and nearly two-thirds (65 percent) among healthy children. Sadly, all five pediatric flu deaths reported in Florida to date this year were in unvaccinated children," the release stated.

Flu vaccination also may make illness milder for those who get sick. Another recent CDC study showed that flu vaccination reduced intensive care unit admissions, ICU length of stay and overall duration of hospitalization among hospitalized flu patients.

Antiviral drugs are a second line of defense. There is an adequate supply of antivirals

in Florida, although the CDC is aware of some areas where there are delays in receiving new shipments. DOH recommends that people call their pharmacy ahead to your pharmacy for medication availability.

Visit FluFreeFlorida.com for more information about the flu. For the most current information about flu activity in Florida, please see Florida's weekly surveillance report, the Florida Flu Review.

Call 833-9246 or visit okaloosa.floridahealth.gov for more information on Okaloosa County health. Visit www.FloridaHealth.gov for more information about the Florida Department of Health.

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# HEALTH

## Better sleep

Lack of quality sleep can lead to serious health issues

By Marion Callahan  
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**T**here was a time when Marion Mass dreaded bedtime.

She would lie in bed for hours hoping to fall into a restful sleep, only to grow increasingly anxious as the hours passed. As a

pediatrician with three children, the lack of sleep took a toll on her mental and physical health, triggering anxiety, headaches and abdominal pain.

"When I saw it affecting me physically, I knew I needed to see a sleep specialist," said Mass, who sought help three weeks into the disorder. "As a physician, I thought I should be able to handle it all on my own, but I couldn't do it."

The New Britain Township, Pennsylvania, resident was advised to take medication for a

short period of time to help re-establish night sleep patterns and to incorporate relaxation therapies into her bedtime routine. Practicing good "sleep hygiene" also was a big part of it. That meant avoiding caffeine after 10 a.m., steering clear of food and screen time before bedtime and continuing a good diet and exercise plan. Playing calming music and spraying lavender oils on her sheets also helped.

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Above: A CPAP mask for nighttime use that is designed to keep breathing airways open. Left: A mouthpiece that can be used to push out the lower jaw during sleep to help open the airway in the throat and prevent sleep apnea. [ART GENTILE PHOTOS]

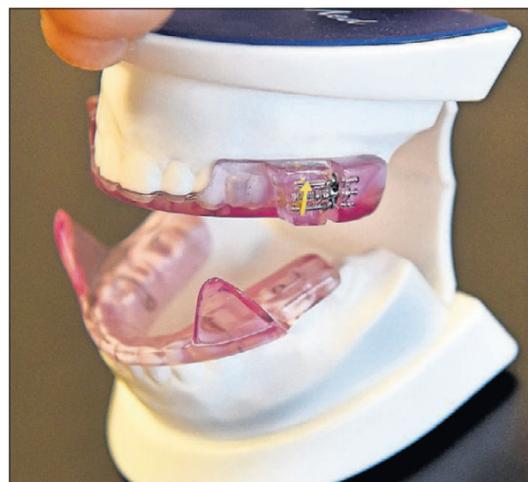
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# SLEEP

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Today, at 49, Mass is a big promoter of sleep and doesn't take a restful night for granted.

Doctors and scientists have linked severe shortages of sleep to obesity, depression, diabetes, hypertension and early death.

The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 50 million to 70 million adults in the U.S. have a sleep disorder, and snoring is a prominent symptom.

"You sleep for one-third of your life but it's largely ignored by many as a health issue," said Dr. Les Szekely, director of Doylestown (Pennsylvania) Health's

**"You sleep for one-third of your life but it's largely ignored by many as a health issue. Americans are sleeping one-and-a-half to two hours less than they did 50 years ago, and there will be health consequences to that."**

Dr. Les Szekely, director of Doylestown (Pennsylvania) Health's Sleep Center

Sleep Center. "Americans are sleeping one-and-a-half to two hours less than they did 50 years ago, and there will be health consequences to that."

Citing a survey tracking Americans' sleep behaviors, the National Sleep Foundation said 45 percent Americans reported that "poor or insufficient sleep" affected their day at least once in the last seven days.

One-third of those surveyed reported their sleep quality as "poor" or "only fair," despite sleeping

within the recommended number of hours a night.

But an area behavioral sleep specialist notes that there is no magic "number of sleep hours" that works for everybody of the same age.

Whether more sleep means better daytime function and health depends on the person, said Dr. Michael Perlis, director of University of Pennsylvania's Behavioral Sleep Medicine Program. "People, in general, would be better off with more sleep (say 7-8 hours).

This said, everyone's sleep need, ability and opportunity greatly differ, and thus what is optimal for one person may differ from what is optimal for another person."

Sometimes less but higher quality sleep "trumps" longer, but lower quality, sleep, he said.

"Ideally, 90 percent of time in bed should be asleep," he said.

"The best thing people can do is experiment with sleep duration a bit and keep track of how they feel and function."

Fatigue and lethargy during the day shouldn't be ignored, Szekely said.

The lack of "quality" sleep could lead to a variety of medical conditions — some of which are fatal, he said.

The brain and body require sleep for its restorative functions. Sleep,

he said, helps balance or reduce stress levels and even strengthen the body's immune system.

Studies show that people who don't get quality sleep or enough sleep are more likely to get sick after being exposed to a virus, such as a common cold virus. Lack of sleep also can affect how fast you recover if you do get sick. Infection-fighting antibodies and cells are reduced during periods of sleep deprivation.

During sleep, certain chemicals and hormones are released that help regulate metabolic rate and other necessary bodily functions, Szekely said.

"Without enough sleep, a multitude of different hormones can be interfered with and can translate into weight gain and lethargy," he said.

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## SCHOOL

# Capra to head NWF State's government relations office

By News Bulletin contributor

NICEVILLE — Northwest Florida State College has selected John R. "Jack" Capra as the college's new Executive Officer for Government Relations and Strategy.

As Executive Officer for Government Relations and Strategy, Capra serves the college as the executive lead for local, state and federal government affairs; legislative affairs; policy and external funding advocacy; official liaison to the military and veterans' community; oversight and planning for all components of campus safety and security; reviewing attorney on contracts/MOU's, and other legal subjects.

Capra received his B.S. from Florida State University, J.D. from St. Thomas University College of Law, LL.M. in Taxation from the University of

Miami College of Law, M.B.A. from City University, M.A. in Religion from Liberty University, M.A. in History from the Sam Houston State University, and his Doctorate in Christian Studies from the Columbia Evangelical Seminary. He is currently a Ph.D. student in Forensic Psychology from Walden University.

Capra was a direct appointment to the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps in September 1990 where he served until his retirement from the Navy Reserves in October 2014, with the rank of Captain (06). His military assignments included, among others, Pensacola, Bahrain, Antarctica, Germany, Italy, the Horn of Africa, Iraq and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Among other military decorations, Capra is authorized to wear the Purple Heart, Joint Meritorious Service

Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (5); Navy Achievement Medal (3); Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; and the Antarctica Service Medal.

Since 2003, Capra has served as an Assistant General Counsel with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

"Jack's commitment to excellence is evident in his significant achievements both in service to our country and our state. His experience and demonstrated successes in various leadership roles both as a civilian and officer make him an authentic fit for our college," said Dr. Devin Stephenson, college president. "Jack joined the NWF State College team on January 2nd, and his leadership will be critical to achieving our goals to be the BEST college in the nation."



Jack Capra. [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS BULLETIN]

# Crestview falls to Choctaw in academic tourney

By News Bulletin contributor

In match 4 of the Cox Communications/Okaloosa schools academic tournament, Choctawhatchee High School

bested Crestview High School, 300-50.

Choctaw Coach Kathy Moore brought Capt. Cole Browning, Justin Barraca, Mason Newman, Emma Borders and

Erick Chavez.

Crestview Coach Joey Lester fielded Capt. Everett Schweig and team member Patricia Wisenbaker.

In a nail-biter match 5, Rocky

Bayou Christian Academy scored 195 over Niceville High School's 185.

Rocky Bayou Capt. Elijah Suh led Devon Lewis, Josh Barkman and Caroline Seeling, under

coaches Dr. Mike Mosley and Julie Mosley.

Niceville Coach Justin Reichard fielded Capt. Ryan Erickson, Josh Mills, Liam Ordner, William Rood and Ella Joslin.

## FROM THE PULPIT

### Use discernment when helping others



Mark Broadhead

Did you know there are people who actually get their vacation travel expenses paid for on their way to a vacation spot by going from church to church along their route to ask for gas money, hotels, food?

The story is often they are on the way to a family member's funeral and need gas,

food or lodging. Then, after their vacation at "this World" or "that Studio," they stop at various churches on their way home for more "assistance."

What are Christians "supposed" to do?

What are Christians supposed to do when it comes to pitiful looking people standing on the street corner holding signs that say, "Will work for food." Or "Homeless, please help." Or "Veteran. Please help."

What are Christians supposed to do when churches receive phone calls from people looking for assistance with their utility bills

or rent? Church offices are inundated with such calls on a regular basis.

Are such requests for assistance legitimate? Truthfully, only that person and God know the answer for certain. The rest of us have to be discerning to try to determine if a request is legitimate or not.

I have learned the majority of people who make such requests have learned the art of tricking people out of their money. Their requests and stories are well rehearsed and designed to pull people's heartstrings, or guilt them into giving money.

This can be very detrimental

to those who have truly legitimate needs: those who through no fault of their own find themselves suddenly unemployed, or unable to work for other reasons; those who truly know poverty and do their utmost to make ends meet.

But once funds are used up by those looking for a handout, there is nothing left for those looking for a "hand up" to get out of their circumstances.

The Scriptures call us as Christians to help the poor and needy, care for the orphaned and the widowed, visit the sick and imprisoned,

feed the hungry, offer a cup of water in the name of Jesus.

The challenge is to discern a real need from simply a request by someone who enjoys getting "free money."

Some will say, "Give them the money. What they do with it is between them and God." Others will say, "Give to organizations that help lift people out of their situation, not perpetuate it, and refer people in that direction."

What about you?

*The Rev. Mark Broadhead is pastor at Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Crestview.*

# Hurlburt-based airmen to receive Bronze Star

Tuesday ceremony set at University of Alabama-Birmingham

By Jim Thompson  
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HURLBURT FIELD — Five Special Tactics airmen will receive the Bronze Star, the military's fourth-highest combat medal for extraordinary heroism, in Tuesday morning ceremonies at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital. The Bronze Star recognizes either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement or meritorious service in a combat zone.

The airmen, all part of the 720th Operations Support Squadron of the Hurlburt Field-based 24th Special Operations Wing, are being honored for their roles in a Special Operations Surgical Team (SOST) deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. The operation, which includes a number of partner nations, is aimed at the military defeat of ISIS, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

A SOST comprises six mobile surgical specialists with advanced medical and tactical training. Among the airmen



These six members of a Hurlburt Field-based Special Operations surgical team will all earn Bronze Stars. Two have already been recognized, while the remaining four will receive their stars in Tuesday ceremonies at the University of Alabama Birmingham Hospital. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS/U.S. AIR FORCE]

set to be honored Tuesday, all medical professionals, are: Maj. Justin Manley, a surgeon; Lt. Col. Ben Mitchell and Capt. Cade Reedy, both emergency room technicians; and Lt. Col. Matthew Uber, a nurse anesthetist. Two other airmen who were part of the deployment — Maj. Nelson Pacheco, an emergency room nurse, and Tech. Sgt. Richard Holguin, a respiratory therapist — have already received their Bronze Stars.

The fifth medal to be awarded Tuesday will go to Maj.

Jonathan Chin, another SOST airman who was on a different deployment.

While the airmen are based at Hurlburt Field, they serve at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital. As the only Level I trauma center in the region, UAB Hospital provides the airmen with the emergency medical experience they will need while on deployment, explained 1st Lt. Jaclyn Pienkowski, public affairs advisor with the 24th Special Operations Wing.

Broadly speaking, the

Hurlburt SOST team members are receiving the Bronze Stars for their work over the course of two months during their deployment, when they provided care for more than 750 patients, managed 19 mass-casualty events, performed 16 life-saving surgeries and cared for casualties of chemical weapon exposure.

Some of the team's specific exploits are noted in a recent edition of the Air Force's Portraits In Courage publication.

Initially, the team moved through unsecured territory and converted an abandoned residence into a makeshift hospital, where they "immediately began receiving a continuous flow of casualties due to being 3 kilometers (nearly 1.9 miles) away from a besieged city. Electricity, clean water, medical supplies, and blood were always in short supply."

In one instance, Reedy donated his own blood to save a local fighter's life, according to Portraits In Courage.

Also according to Portraits In Courage, "for the first time ever in a forward war-time environment, Maj. Justin Manley performed a procedure that placed a balloon catheter through a critically injured patient's femoral artery into the

aorta. ... This temporary measure provided valuable time to stabilize the patient and allowed him to survive en route to the operating room."

"On a separate occasion (as mortar rounds whistled overhead), a large family raced toward a checkpoint while insurgents fired automatic machine guns along their course," the Portraits In Courage story noted. "Scores of women and children needed immediate care. ... Mitchell and Pacheco cared for the critically wounded while the dead lay at their feet. With more patients than providers, the SOST treated casualties that an emergency room team would have struggled to manage."

"Our SOSTs are equipped to perform life-saving battlefield surgery and trauma resuscitation, far forward, to ensure the men and women who make up our military and partner forces make it home alive," Lt. Col. Eli Mitchell, commander of the 720th Special Operations Support Squadron, said in a news release. "We couldn't be more proud of the accomplishments of this team, which is on par with the level of expertise and competence we've come to expect from all the teams."

# PATRIOT PAGE

## Trump takes office as 45th U.S. president

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The 45th President of the United States, Donald Trump grew up in Queens, New York, the son of a real estate developer.

After college, including graduating from a prestigious business college, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Trump joined the family business and eventually took it over.

His work made him one of the most recognizable figures in New York City, and eventually due to his work on Fifth Avenue with Trump Tower and with casinos in Atlantic City, he achieved a more national profile.

Trump considered

running for president before the 2016 election, even campaigning as a member of the Reform Party in 2000, but used his fame to comment on political matters instead of running for office.

In 2004 Trump produced and starred in "The Apprentice," an NBC reality series where candidates competed for a chance to work for the Trump Organization.

Trump used his popularity from the show, as well as his position as an outspoken critic of President Obama, to launch a campaign for the 2016 presidential election.

Here are some highlights from his presidency.

### On the campaign trail

- Trump ran for president with the campaign slogan "Make America Great Again." He promised to build a wall along the Mexican border that he said he would get Mexico to pay for, to keep Mexican immigrants from coming into the country; repeal the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare; and follow a policy of "Americanism, not globalism."

- He emerged from a crowded field of Republican candidates to win the nomination and face former first lady, U.S. senator and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.
- Despite derogatory



President Donald Trump. [EVAN VUCCI/ASSOCIATED PRESS]

comments about women throughout his campaign, a lawsuit settlement involving his venture Trump

University, and alleged ties to Russia, Trump won the electoral college vote, though he lost the

popular vote to Clinton, and became the 45th president of the United States.

### In office

- Trump quickly issued executive orders once in office that included building the wall along the border, beginning the process of repealing Obamacare, and a travel ban keeping refugees and immigrants from a list of seven countries from entering America.

- Trump spent his first few months in office building his cabinet. Many of his nominees drew criticism from Democrats before being passed through the Republican-controlled Congress.

## The nation's first president

### Remembering the father of our country before Presidents' Day

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George Washington, considered the father of our country, grew up in Virginia.

He was raised mostly by his mother, Mary Ball Washington, and his older half-brother, Lawrence, after his father died when he was 11 years old.

Though little is known about his early life, according to the Mount Vernon website, www.mountvernon.org, he became a surveyor, and was officially named Culpeper County's surveyor at age 17.

Washington's early military experiences were

not successful, but they helped him prepare for his leadership during the American Revolution. He took over command of his half-brother's local militia after Lawrence passed away when Washington was in his early 20s, and he suffered defeats in the early stages of the French and Indian War.

Washington had two horses shot out from under him in a battle at Fort Duquesne (current day Pittsburgh), and colonists hailed him as a hero for his actions in the battle. He was then, at 22, given command of all of Virginia's forces.

Washington left the military, was married, and served in the Virginia legislature as he worked at Mount Vernon, Washington's plantation on the Potomac River.

In 1774 he was one of Virginia's delegates to the First Continental Congress, and the following year, at the Second Continental Congress, he was unanimously selected to lead the Continental Army.

### How he defined the office

After the Revolution, Washington left the public eye, but he was everyone's choice to lead the new government as president following the Constitutional Convention.

Here are some highlights from that period.

- Washington selected the location of the nation's capital, which would later be named after him.
- He did not necessarily want to serve more than his four-year term, but



George Washington

realizing he had a lot more work to do he agreed to run for re-election, where he was again a unanimous choice. He stepped down after that, establishing a two-term tradition that would last for more than a century.

- Washington's every move helped define the new office of the presidency, which he was aware of and felt strongly should not closely resemble the monarchy the



George Washington crosses the Delaware River in this Lloyd Garrison painting. [PROVIDENCE JOURNAL/FILE PHOTO]

country broke away from.

### Successes and failures

- During Washington's presidency, governmental departments were created that would form the president's Cabinet, and Washington signed into law the act establishing the Supreme Court, as well as the first 10 amendments to the Constitution – the Bill of Rights.

- Washington

established a position of neutrality for the United States in regard to foreign affairs. He resisted getting involved in the French Revolution despite France's willingness to help the American cause just a decade before.

- In addition to setting policies and overcoming challenges domestically and internationally, the new government disagreed over financial policies and how to pay debts.

## 5 presidents who used the most executive orders in U.S. history

By Thom Fain  
GateHouse Media

Although some on the right have compared Barack Obama to an English monarch, and then in the eight years before that anti-war Democrats decried executive action by George W. Bush, when comparing the tallies of Executive Orders to presidents of America's past – it's not even close.

Bill Clinton? Think again. The three presidents before Donald Trump (who has issued 59 Executive Orders through Feb. 15, according to the Federal Register) all used between 118 to 200 Executive Orders per term, and Clinton takes the cake. Obama issued such directives under the power of the pen as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which allowed children from illegal immigrants to remain in the U.S. under certain terms.

Neither Trump, Obama, Bush or Clinton come close to those who wielded executive power the most – as documented by the Federal Register Act of 1936:

to live the Dream and become a self-made millionaire, is most widely remembered for his humanitarian efforts and attempting to steer the country through the onset of the Great Depression and Dust Bowl emergencies.

What you might not have known, is President Hoover issued a whopping 968 Executive Orders. Their contents range from the exact directives of how E.O.'s must be detailed, to the establishment of the Veteran's Administration.

### 4. Theodore Roosevelt



Roosevelt

A man of the people, Teddy Roosevelt promised a "Square Deal" to his constituents

in his eight years of office beginning in 1901. In order to do so, he had to circumvent Congress on many an occasion. To preserve 150 national forests for future generations to enjoy, for example, he deferred to executive action to set in motion the underpinnings of our National Parks Service.

All 25 presidents who came before Roosevelt issued barely more than he did combined. Indeed, it was the "The Old Lion" himself who first issued a

thousand orders, 1,081 of them to be exact.

That forever changed the perception of executive orders. "I think [the presidency] should be a very powerful office," he said, "and I think the President should be a very strong man who uses without hesitation every power the position yields ... I believe in a strong executive. I believe in power."

### 3. Calvin Coolidge



Coolidge

Who all remembers President Coolidge from their history lessons? It can be difficult, for a man

who purposely did little to stand out very much. The 30th U.S. president, who oversaw the Roaring Twenties, was nicknamed "Silent Cal" for his laissez-faire style and supposed frugality.

It may come as no surprise then that the no-nonsense Coolidge circumvented big speeches and pleas to Congress with the issuance of 1,203 E.O.'s, including one that helped aid Prohibition officers in their searches for illegal liquor quantities.

### 2. Woodrow Wilson

Wilson, a former university professor and proponent of world peace,



Wilson

was eventually forced to lead the nation through the gorges of World War II at a time

of great crisis and uncertainty. For his valiance, he is often ranked as one of the greatest presidents in American history by political scientists and world historians.

It's also worth noting that Wilson issued a staggering 1,803 Executive Orders by the time he left office in 1921. The contents of his executive actions varied from the Navajo Reservation, to establishing new rules of conduct for American warfare.

### 1. Franklin D. Roosevelt



Roosevelt

FDR's legacy is one of courage and heroics, to be sure, and he was widely beloved by Americans who invited him to their living rooms through the modicum of radio. He established hope in a country that was desperate and desolate, and ushered in the resurgence of American power throughout World War II and across four terms as president.

His executive actions are unparalleled, issuing a dramatic 3,721 executive

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orders that did everything from establish Japanese internment camps, to implementing the New Deal – the most powerful E.O. since the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln.

Roosevelt redefined the Oval Office like perhaps no one since. Through

executive actions, he established new federal programs and Washington bureaucracies designed to relieve the nation of social ills and implement a moral directive for the role of government in Washington – something Democrats and Republicans have debated ever since his untimely death in 1945.



Hoover

### 5. Herbert Hoover

Hoover, who was orphaned as a small boy but went on

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CASE NO. 2017 CA 001802 F

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Plaintiff,

vs.

AMABLE TAVAREZ a/k/a AMABLE "ERIC" TAVAREZ,

Defendant.

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CASE NO.: 2017 CA 001967 C

FIRST COMMUNITY MORTGAGE INC

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF MARY P. GILMORE A/K/A MARY PEARL GILMORE, DECEASED, et al

Defendant(s)  
**NOTICE OF ACTION**

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DATED: January 24, 2018

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By Jackie Dunlap  
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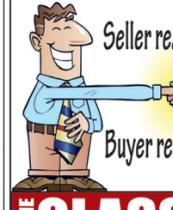
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## TAYLOR

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**In your 2016 offense reports domestic violence occurrences seem to be another big issue with 245 reported offenses. In your law enforcement experience, how can a community as a whole do better to reduce these occurrences?**

Sadly, there is not much a law enforcement agency can do to prevent domestic violence incidents, because these occur inside peoples' homes. We can only react to them. It's the sort of crime that it is difficult to be proactive to prevent. But as you can see from the comparison between 2016 and 2017, domestic violence incidents decreased from the 245 incidents you mention to 81 incidents in 2017. Victims and potential victims are learning there are options for them to get out of a potential violent situation, including social services such as Shelter House. Part of our officers' jobs is to educate victims about options that will help them from becoming victims again. Just last month, for example, our Community Services officers worked with Gordon Martial Arts here in Crestview to present a free and very well attended women's self-defense course.

**In January, the Crestview Police Department Facebook page announced that crime had dropped in 2017. What can you attribute the overall decrease to? How does the department plan to expand on that good news?**

There are multiple reasons we have experienced a decrease in crime in Crestview. Among other reasons, our City Council has responded to data that showed our patrol officer ranks were understaffed and underpaid. To maintain qualified officers after we trained them, the council also allowed us to increase our officers' salaries to be regionally competitive. We also increased our standards to exceed those of the state of Florida, and with a generous benefits package that includes a retirement package greater than that offered to state employees, we not only attracted new, highly qualified officers, we are able to keep them. Our officers can contribute up to 6 percent of their salaries toward their retirement fund. We have also expanded our Criminal Investigations Division, including adding investigators who concentrate primarily on sex and domestic crimes, to throw more investigators into some of our more complicated crimes. Implementing special task forces to concentrate on specific areas of crime when they arise, such as gangs, drug



Crestview Police Chief Tony Taylor (right) talks with a city resident at a recent Coffee with a Cop event. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

dealers and vehicle burglars, we have been able to nip many of these crimes in the bud. Our future plans include reactivating our Traffic Patrol Division, and adding a fourth K9 to assure all four shifts are provided a K9 unit. Toward that end, through our Crestview Citizens Police Academy Alumni we have partnered with Walker Elementary School, which is undertaking school wide fund-drives to raise money for a new dog. If they're successful, of course the new K9 will be named "Walker."

**What is the biggest challenge when it comes to keeping Crestview safe?**

Keeping a community safe requires us to approach multiple potential areas of concern often simultaneously. Challenges include both operational flexibility and funding for needed programs and equipment. Programs can mean everything from increased foot patrols in the downtown historic district to more frequent patrols in areas known for higher crimes. It means getting out in the community and talking to citizens to hear their concerns, and it means planning ahead in multiple areas. For the first time in its history, the Crestview Police Department has created, updates and provides our city leaders with a constantly evolving five-year plan, including financial forecasts, potential staffing needs and forecasted new equipment and vehicles. But none of this is possible without engaging the public and securing the citizens' trust in their police department, and that comes down to visibility and engagement. For example, one of my officers saw a group of seven or eight men hanging out in a residential street recently at night. He

stopped and in a non-confrontational way engaged them in conversation. It turns out they were holding nocturnal footraces. The next thing you know, my officer was challenged to one of the races! He was a sport and ran the race, and I can tell you of the two runners, my officer came in second while the resident came in next-to-last! It seems silly and insignificant, but in fact, the good will things like that create reverberate through the community, and in times of increased "us vs. them" mindsets and suspicion of law enforcement officers, means that should officers have to respond to that neighborhood in the future, some of the residents now know that our cops are on their side.

**Tell me about your open door policy. Why did you implement it and why is it important for the community?**

I have had an open door policy since my first day in office in Crestview more than five years ago. Communication within the agency and between the Police Department and the community is of paramount importance. It's how I know what concerns my officers, what they hear from their patrols is concerning residents, and what residents bring to me directly. But there is still a stigma about coming to the Police Department to discuss a concern, a sometimes uncomfortable formality that accompanies climbing the stairs of the Whitehurst Municipal Building to meet with me or one of my officers. For that reason, we also head out into the community for informal opportunities to chat over a cup or coffee or a meal. Our Coffee With a Cop program, held every other month, and periodic Lunch

With the Law events, allows these conversations to continue in both formal and informal settings, and leads to powerful connections between citizens and their Police Department. It also helps dispel rumors and builds a community trust that was shattered by the corruption of the previous police administration before I was hired.

**Can you name a memorable moment since your open door policy was implemented that sticks out to you?**

One of the most touching topics that has been brought to me many times is people of all walks of life begging me to please not let the case of Melissa Howard grow cold. [Melissa Howard was a young Crestview woman who was brutally murdered in 2006.] We also regularly hear from people asking the same thing for Kristy Rogers' [1997] disappearance, and from family and friends of Callandra Stallworth, who disappeared last March. As long as I am chief, these will never be "cold cases." We are very pleased that increasing our Criminal Investigations staffed has allowed one of my investigators to concentrate more on these and other as-yet unsolved cases. "There's always someone out there who knows something," he tells me. I have faith he will solve these. As for funny requests, well, we once had a lady who was convinced her neighbor was directing "radio waves" at her through her window. But before we could respond, someone at her church told her to fashion a helmet out of aluminum foil, and she told us that seemed to do the trick. But as I said earlier, we may chuckle at something like this, but for my officers and me, these

problems are very much of concern to a citizen, and every citizen deserves our time to hear their concerns and when we can, do what is within our power both physically and lawfully to help them. I just don't know if I could make a very good radio-wave-deflecting aluminum helmet myself!

**What is the one piece of advice you wish residents would listen to?**

Lock your doors! The single-most reason for the increase in motor vehicle thefts and burglaries from vehicles is because many people are busy or distracted and just forget to take their belongings from their cars and then lock their doors. Last year we had a resident catch thieves in the process of stealing his car, which he had left his keys in, and the bad guys actually started shooting at him with his own gun, which he had also left in the car. That and when you see something suspicious, call us right then and there. Call our Dispatch Center, 682-2055 right away. Don't send us a social media post. Calling our Dispatch Center or, in an emergency, 911, is the best way to summon a police officer to help you out or check on suspicious activity you have noticed.

**Tell me about the Citizen's Police Academy program. What are the requirements to join and how does the program help the police department? Lastly, how does that make you feel to see citizens wanting to support the department?**

This program has succeeded beyond our wildest dreams. Every year we have upwards of 10 to 15 residents who want to learn how their Police Department works, how it interacts with other first responder agencies, and

how it fits into the criminal justice program. Many of the graduates go on to become members of the Crestview Citizens Police Academy Alumni, a group these residents voluntarily formed as an independent, non-profit partner of the Police Department that helps us with staffing at community events, fundraising for equipment or supplies not covered by our city budget, and helping run programs such as the Citizens Police Academy and the Crestview Police Youth Academy in the summer. They volunteer in our office helping with non-restricted clerical tasks, such as duplicating forms, and turn out to help and join in the fun at our social events. Several have voluntarily taken the state required course to become school crossing guards, then pitch in to not only keep our students safe, but to free up patrol officers who can return to their normal duties, which sometimes include chasing down and ticketing drivers who speed through school zones. It really warms my heart to see all of these volunteers coming out to support our efforts and share our goals. And it's not just the CCPAA. There's the volunteer Blue Wives Matter group of police officer spouses, and even Be The Change, a Blue Lives Matter group founded by our special buddy Jae Williams, a local boy who was five years old when, after seeing the anti-police groups that made the news a couple years ago, he told his mom something needed to be done to support the local police and he wanted to do it. Last summer he graduated from our Youth Academy. We love him!

## GOATS

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But it has to be done."

Her property, which was once bustling with the sounds and movements of Nigerian dwarf and pygmy goats, now sits nearly empty save Broderick and her remaining 15 goats. Empty goat pens, toys and food bowls are still staggered around the property, and the remaining goats roam free in Broderick's front yard.

Most of the remaining goats, including three kids (the term for baby goats), are still for sale. But about five of them, which Broderick has nicknamed "Posie's Posse," after one of her beloved goats named Posie, will remain with Broderick until the end.

"I've decided to keep a



Brooke Broderick looks over a pair of newborn kids on her farm in Holt Thursday morning. (ANNIE BLANKS/DAILY NEWS)

few of them as long as I can, until I either have to be put in a hospital or something. They'll be here as long as I live here," she said. "Of course, my hope is one night, I'll just go to sleep and not wake up."

Broderick said that in the weeks since the first article ran, she's met many people from far and wide who have expressed interest in owning the

goats. She said she was touched by the response and was surprised at the kindness of so many people.

"I don't think I've gotten one negative remark out of the hundreds of messages and calls," she said. "I'm just amazed at the kindness of people I've never met. I've been humbled, I've been overwhelmed and I've been so grateful."



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