When Brittany Bowman stepped from the car for field sobriety tests, she dropped a small plastic baggy of white powder, the report said. ... The baggy was tested and found positive for cocaine.

Brittney Anna Bowman, 28, teaching algebra at Crestview High School, was arrested Saturday for “Giving Instead of Receiving.” Jennifer Richard's fourth-graders at Riverside Elementary School participated in the effort. Below: Canned goods fill the story time room in Riverside Elementary School's library.

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HOLIDAY HELPERS

Students, teachers donate items for Christmas

By Matthew Brown
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Crestview — North Okaloosa County schools coordinated efforts to ensure lower income residents have happy holidays.

Crestview High School's leadership program members raised more than $2,000 to buy food and gifts for three families.

“Last year, we had so much stuff that we had to take more than one truck to each house,” senior Gabrielle Thomas, 17, said. “This year, I'm hoping that we have that much, if not more.”

Students said the program reminds them of their blessings.

“This definitely makes me feel that I appreciate everything I have been able to receive,” Terra Fisher, 17, said. “This is my first year ever doing this and it makes me want to do this after I graduate.”

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See more stories on local residents' giving efforts:
• Family collects Christmas trees for fewer income residents, A2
• Donated toys help local families in need, A5
• Church provides presents for prisoners' children, A5

SAX TO THE MAX

Sax to the Max, four saxophone players from the Crestview High School band led by Nick Oehme, right, performed at the Creativewax Public Library Monday.

See Arts and Entertainment Editor Brian Hughes’ reviews of Sax to the Max and Schola Cantorum’s Christmas concerts at www.crestviewbulletin.com.

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CRESTVIEW — A calendar of downtown celebrations may include Earth Day if Crestview City Council Presi- dent Ron Lamourou III and Public Works Director Wayne Roske’s efforts are successful.

Lamourou said he and Roske discussed omit- ting DeFuniak Springs’ successful Earth Day celebra- tion. Local organizations pursuing conservation and energy efficiency initiatives could share such innovations at a downtown Crestview Earth Day festival. Demonstrations of energy generating and conservation equip- ment could line Main Street, Lamourou said.

“We would invite vendors to come in and companies that want to display things. It’s a lot of education. Intitiatives like Sum Street would have a lot of items we’ve seen or from a lot of the businesses on Main Street,” he said.

Lamourou said he and Roske discussed the city’s garbage contractor if a Crestview Earth Day festival becomes a reality.

“We talked to Waste Pro about things they would be able to do,” he said. “They have new technologies out there, such as natural-gas powered garbage trucks. We are discussing having a garbage truck where we’d open up the back end and everybody can bring in their recyclables and toss them in.”

The event would be open to the public, Roske said. Crestview City Council officials eventually decided current technologies that residents and the city can use to save energy — and money.

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By BRIAN HUGHES

Family collects Christmas trees for lower income residents

By Matthew Busiri

Crestview — Several area residents’ Decem- bers will be greener after a co- operated effort to provide Christmas trees for lower income residents.

David Fitzpatrick is co- organizing a family tradition of donating Christmas trees to families unable to purchase their own during the holidays.

Tuesday, Fitzpatrick rented a truck to collect 23 Fraser firs from lows’ Home Improvement donating. Fitzpatrick, who de- livered the trees to Sharing and Caring in Crestview.

Families who can’t af- ford Christmas trees can request a tree while they’re available.

Fitzpatrick — who has collected unused Christmas trees for 25 years — usually helps some children to help him load the trees.

“They have only been helping me for the past 12 years,” Fitzpatrick said. "I’m that kid’s dad, you know.

Rafa Teel, Fitzpatrick, 16, stands next to two of 23 Fraser firs he once collected. Rafa and his father, David, donated the trees for Sharving and fiding in Crestview.

“My kids said that when I couldn’t do anymore, they would take over,” he said.

“Now, it’s a family affair going for the family,” Rafa said.

“We don’t want a tree that was one of a few that someone needed. They’ve been helping the children,” Rafa Teel continued the tradition.

Christmas trees are usually left outside the organization’s building for pickup.

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We love our customers and we wish you and yours the happiest of holidays!

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WANT A TREE? Sharing and Caring is at 298 Main, Lester King Jr. Avenue. Tree supplies are limited.

CHRISTMAS • EVELYN GROSS • 385 N. SPRING STREET • CRESTVIEW CRESTVIEW — Evelyn Gross of Crestview has been asked to share her story of creating and sharing Christmas trees with others as she is featured on “Evelyn Gross Celebrates Christmas.”

Carols and Candles, Sunday, December 30th. 2:00 p.m.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 1407 E. John Sims Parkway — Niceville 850-678-1298 www.stpaulnecville.com

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**DON’T MISS THIS TRAIN**

Library exhibit celebrates local railroad heritage

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

CRESTVIEW — A collection of timetables, artifacts and a G-scale model train comprise a Crestview Public Library exhibit that recalls when the railway was king. Crevstview and Laurel Hill began as rural towns, with regular daily train service hauling forest and field to distant markets. Towns including Carrington, Sova and Baker grew up along the rail routes.

Tinber turpentine, peanuts and cotton regularly departed along the railroads for processing. The trains’ returns included groceries,的到来, oil, lumber and other goods a dozen customers, including Okaloosa County.

Sandra Atkinson, state committeewoman, and Al Ellis, chairwoman, Okaloosa County Republican Party, announced this week.

New officers for the Okaloosa County Republican Party; its members are Gaye Ellis, chairwoman; Al Ellis, vice chairman; and Sandra Atkinson, state committeewoman.

The others’ installation followed the organization’s Dec. 3 election.

The committee governs Okaloosa County’s Republican Party, its members are their county precinct’s representatives.

All registered Republican Party members should attend.

The next meeting is 4 p.m. Jan. 21, 2013, at the Niceville City Council Chambers, 200 N. Parin Drive, Niceville.

Call 850-4401 for details.

Okaloosa Republican group elects 4 officers

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

NICEVILLE — Three offi cers have joined the Okaloosa County Republican Party Executive Commi8Te, the group’s spokesper-

Sandra Atkinson, GATE ELLIS, Al KAUSES

Boston butts available

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

CRESTVIEW — The Duke & Out American Cancer Society Relay for Life team will present a Boston butt fundraiser beginning next week.

The sale of cooked butts are available 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 31, in the Crestview Public Parking lot. The cost is a $25 donation.

Contact Loney Whitley at 850-2000 or 537-4614 to place your order.

No garbage collection for unincorporated Okaloosa County

Waste Management will not collect household waste, recycling, yard waste or bulk on Christmas or New Year’s Day. Pick-ups resumes on the next regularly scheduled collection date.

Okaloosa County will close its facilities at the Wright Landfill and the Baker Landfill at noon on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 and all day on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

The Wright and Baker landfills also will close on New Year’s Day, Jan. 1, 2013.
Dear Santa,

I was naughty this year. Can you please ask them not to eat my friend Cole? This year, I do not complain about chores any more. I am a good boy. Thank you for giving me a new bike. I want a brother, a football and basketball, a pair of shoes, new pj's, new playstaision 2 game, a new blanket for my bed, a new pillow, a new lunchbox, a hat and a new doll. I love it if you would bring me a Wii game and a waterproof camera! Can you please bring my sister some things because I love her.

Y our Friend,

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December 2012
Donated toys help local families in need

By MATTHEW BROWN
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Crestview — Twenty-two children know someone’s distributed presents are in prison.

St. Mark United Methodist Church donated presents for children selected by incarcerated parents in nearby correctional facilities. Many of the kids’ caregivers can’t afford Christmas presents, church officials said.

Prison Fellowship International, a worldwide Christian-based organization, presented the angel tree program, asking local churches to donate Christmas gifts. PFI assigned the church 22 area children, ages 1 to 13, with incarcerated parents. Each child’s name, age and sex appeared on an angel ornament hanging from several Christmas trees within the church.

Throughout December, church members selected ornaments and decorated trees with paper ornaments, often in the shape of angels, inscribed with gift wishes. Presents bought by kids represented by the charitable organization sponsoring the tree.

This was the first time the church has brought its Christmas toy distribution to Crestview and Destin Springs, Baker said.

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Area churches, businesses and individual donors gave gifts as assigned. Each child received gift cards. A lot of times the teenagers got out of school.

“They see the little ones opening their Legos and dolls but they don’t have anything,” Garraty-Hargett said. “This way, they can shop for whatever they want.”

At Wednesday’s toy distribution, 15 Crestview area families, representing 31 children, received cards and gifts.

Christy McGovern, a mother of three, expressed gratitude.

“We have invited the church members to our families to our church and we will stay in contact with them throughout the year,” she said, noting plans for birthday and holiday cards.

“We just want them to know that we are still here for them,” Salazar said.

“How happy to make lasting connections with these families and have the opportunity to minister to them,” Ausley said.

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Riverside Elementary, a participating school, collected nearly 2,500 canned food items for Sharing and Caring in Crestview.

Trevor Bryant, 14, of Shoal River Middle School, sorts through food donations.

He inspired the food drive on behalf of the school’s Mustang Learning Community.

Trevor introduced the idea to Riverside faculty and student as part of his Mustang Learning Community project. The MLC encourages students to participate in community service projects. His church, Victorian Lake Worship Center, also participated.

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Robin Marston, president of Sharing and Caring in Crestview, expressed her gratitude.

“It helps tremendously with the needy families in the community,” Marston said. “We appreciate this very much.”

Lights over Peggy Drive

Dragon and UFO join locomotive and nativity scene in lawn display

By BRIAN HUGHES

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The Nicholses use red lighting, a Santa hat and a bow to transform their Halloween dragon into a festive holiday beast.

As Christmas approaches, the Nicholses begin placing other elements around their front and side lawns about a week before before it’s time to switch everything on. Grady said. “It goes all the way around,” he said, sweeping his arm down the side yard. “The dragons, with its wings spread wide, stands well over 6 feet tall.”

“He’s an old putt-putt (miniature) golf dragon,” Grady Nichols said. “A boy bought him at a yard sale and sold it to us. We had to fix him up a bit. He’s got five different colors of spray paint on him.”

A hot air balloon soars over a locomotive train.
KIMBERLY WILSON
Plaintiff,

voice impaired, call appearance, or immediately upon receipt of this notification if the time before the sale is less than 7 days; if the time before the sale is at least 7 days, then the following notice shall be served personally on the person designated as the person having last known address, or if there is no known address, then by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the property is located. If this notice is mailed, then it shall be mailed at least 15 days before the sale.


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By Cheryl Deery, Deputy Clerk

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The back line — Matt Kannapel, PJ Mish, Joe Kaiser and Bryon Wilh — kept opponents from taking many shots on goal. Mid-fielders Evan Sammons, Tyler Hancock and Seth Koutsouradis dominated mid-field play. Forward Danny

took first place in the Navarre Invitational Tournament on Dec. 14-15 in Navarre. — Special to the News Bulletin

The Indians steal game from Bulldogs 53-51

Madison Mc Nab, who led the Eagles 5-7, 1-4 in scoring with 33, finally got Niceville on the scoreboard with 4:15 left in the first quarter. Molly Woodward scored the Bulldogs next five points (4:3, 4:2, hitting a pair of free throws in the process), giving Niceville a 40-38 lead. She then drained a long 3-pointer, putting the Bull-dogs up 44-38 with 3:15 left in the first period.

Nelle Schreiber hit a couple of baskets for Nice-ville in the second period, making the score 58-46 with 11:45 remaining.

The Eagles tried to play catch-up the rest of the night. A pair of Elise Stuart's second-quarter 3-pointers helped the Eagles close to within four of the Bulldogs at the half, but the Bulldogs scored a 12-4 run and put the game away quietly. Niceville got to within a basket at 37-33 at the third-quarter's end, but Crestview scored five unanswered baskets, keeping a four-point lead.

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Nelle Schreiber hit from a tenacious Crestview pressure that led to easy baskets in the game’s first two minutes. "The kid went down and-a-half minutes. "I had our chances and we couldn’t make them with our free shots. The Eagles need to get in better shape to catch-up the rest of the night. A pair of Elise Stuart's second-quarter 3-pointers helped the Eagles close to within four of the Bulldogs at the half, but the Bulldogs scored a 12-4 run and put the game away quietly. Niceville got to within a basket at 37-33 at the third-quarter's end, but Crestview scored five unanswered baskets, keeping a four-point lead.

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