

# HOMELAND: Agency controls bridge data

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know about the bridges in their area," asserts Tommy Speights, FDOT public information officer, "but we have been instructed to forward all public records requests to counsel for the FDOT as a matter of Homeland Security."

Speights went on to assure that all FDOT maintained bridges are inspected every two years, and all local bridges have passed inspection.

Assistant City Manager Dave Szymanski says that the last time the Three Mile Bridge was rated, it was given a 73 percent sufficiency rating, "meaning that it was neither structurally nor functionally obsolete. A bridge is replaced once it receives a 50 percent sufficiency rating or less."

Szymanski added that the city has had difficulty receiving engineer's reports on the bridges, too. "We have not been able to get that report from them either since before Hurricane Ivan."

Speights would only assure that he knew of no scheduled or necessary repairs to area bridges. "Of course, we will be opening the new west-bound lanes of the I-10 bridge later this year. The East bound portion is already complete."

Garcon Point Bridge opened in 1999 uniting south Santa Rosa County with the north end and I-10. The bridge itself is about three miles in length.

The 34 year-old Bob Sikes Bridge from Gulf Breeze to Pensacola Beach is maintained by Escambia County. Every bridge in Florida, including city- and county-maintained bridges, is inspected at least every two years by the DOT.

The Pensacola Bay Bridge was completed in 1962, and was named the Phillip Dane Beall, Sr. Memorial Bridge. Today, the bridge is best known as the Three Mile Bridge. It was damaged in 1989 by barge traffic, and received extensive repairs before opening again

# ROBBER: fled bank on bike

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the day of the robbery has them stumped.

"He disappeared," Hawthorne said. "He just vanished. We're not sure if he went into a condo, a house or hid somewhere in the woods. We just don't know."

According to a police report, the suspect was last seen leaving the People's First Community Bank, located on Shoreline drive, riding a bicycle and carrying an undisclosed amount of cash. The same report described the suspect as a middle aged white male close to 6 feet tall weighing approximately 230 pounds. Eyewitnesses reported the suspect entered the bank, asked for a roll of quarters in exchange for a \$10 bill. According to the report, when the teller looked away to fulfill his request, the suspected revealed a small handgun and demanded money.

Any one with information about the robbery is asked to call Lt. Rick Hawthorne at 850-934-5121 or Santa Rosa Crime Stoppers at 850-437-7867.

# 200 attend Broxson reunion

The Broxson Extended Family Reunion held July 29 in Milton drew over 200 people. There were a lot more than 'just Broxsons' at the gathering, since that extended family includes branches of many well known families along the peninsula.

Jernigans, Wells, Tolberts, Goldens attended, to name a few. John Broxson of Gulf Breeze helped organize the reunion with some of his sisters. This was the first time they held such a gathering, with a large buffet, quartet music from The Workman Quartet of Pensacola, and 'lots of visiting,' according to attendees, and County Commissioner John Broxson toured the tables to welcome attendees.



Photo courtesy Paul Keane

Broxson greets the oldest Reunion attendee, Agnes' sister, Jewel Golden, who is 95 years old. The Broxson family and most of its branches began in the Holley-Navarre area in 1923 and spread throughout the panhandle ... and beyond.

# DOCUMENTARY: Soccer a world sport

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Randy, and his love of the iconic 1966 surfing documentary "The Endless Summer," which he "has made me watch since I was 6 years old," said Oxenham, 24 in November.

"'Endless Summer' is two friends traveling around the world looking for the perfect wave," she said. "So, what if we traveled around the world looking for pick-up (soccer) games? That's how it all started, and everything kept falling into place."

"The Soccer Project" was born. Credit her co-star, co-director and boyfriend, Luke Boughen, with the working title of the documentary in progress. (It also makes for a good Web site name, Oxenham said.)

Boughen, 24, a former academic and soccer standout at his alma mater, Notre Dame, is part of the four-person crew along with Rebekah Fergusson, like Oxenham a former Blue Devils soccer player and a filmmaker; and 2004 Duke graduate and project producer Ryan White, the old man of the group at almost 26 and an already an accomplished documentary maker with several prestigious screen credits.

Boughen and Oxenham will be the two soccer players looking to start or join in on pick-up games at both accessible and remote locations around the world, beginning with a South American tour from September to December. (See [www.thesoccerproject.com](http://www.thesoccerproject.com) for the most updated list of projected locales and other information.)

Fergusson and White will capture these impromptu moments in natural light with

unobtrusive high-definition video cameras and microphones. All four are co-directors, which should make for some interesting behind-the-scenes conversations (or will it be all part of the "reality?"). Particulars of how to film and present "The Soccer Project" are still up for discussion.

"That's been the hardest part so far, putting words to what I think we all know we want to show," Boughen said.

"There's a romantic angle on one side," Oxenham said. "It's four friends traveling around the world, playing the game they love. It's everybody's dream. What's really, really important to me is the intimacy between cultures that soccer creates. No matter where you go, what you do, if people are playing soccer, you can get into that game."

Even during this time of anti-American passions in some corners of the world, she said. The project's quartet credits others for articulating how the power of soccer connects and unifies people above and beyond political and historical barriers.

"Soccer creates this incredible intimacy," Oxenham said. "That's the focus. We all play this one game. We don't want it to be a heavy-handed film, 'Oh, soccer connects the world.' We don't want to talk about that. Hopefully, the images will do that themselves. In Afghanistan, girls are playing for the first time, and they're wearing traditional head-to-toe garb and playing soccer. Then we'll be in Brazil with old guys in Speedos."

That last image may not be the first selling point when looking for financial backing for "The Soccer Project," and they are definitely looking -- along with working out

the details and logistics for such a massive undertaking.

"We've been working from when we wake up until when we can't function at night," Boughen said.

They have gotten a lot of help from sources such as the Duke University Office of the Provost and Center for Documentary Studies, which donated \$25,000 to cover equipment costs. The Southern Documentary Fund is handling tax-deductible donations as the fiscal sponsor.

The project has had some more-famous names sign on as advisors, such as former World Cup player and current ABC/ESPN commentator Eric Wynalda; former women's World Cup player and current Duke assistant coach Carla Overbeck; and "Survivor" winner and soccer activist/philanthropist Ethan Zohn. The hope is that they can make contacts with some heavy hitters in the soccer and corporate worlds. Pele and Adidas, anyone?

Oxenham said they have raised about \$38,000 of the \$60,000 they have budgeted for the South American leg of this globe-trotting enterprise, which could require traveling into the winter of 2008, depending on financing. She said a proven strategy is to take a 20-minute "short cut" of the intended full-length film (in this case, the South American footage) and shop it around to movie studios for their backing.

"If there can be gigantically popular documentaries about penguins marching across ice and spelling bees, there's no reason why a soccer film can't be popular outside of soccer," Oxenham said.

# GB grocery stores remove recalled, tainted canned goods

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Gulf Breeze grocery stores have already removed recalled canned goods from their shelves after Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson announced

The Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services department is intensifying efforts to assist federal regulators in searching for and removing from store shelves food products recalled by Castleberry's Food Company a week ago.

"We do normally carry the product but it is on lock-down," Rick Suggs, Bruno's store manager. "They are probably waiting to make sure everything is safe before they send out any more product."

Despite efforts by the Georgia company, the FDA and U.S. Department of Agriculture to remove the more than 90 different canned meats, chili sauces and other canned prod-

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ucts subject to the nationwide recall because of potential botulism poisoning, Bronson said inspectors in his Food Safety Division are continuing to find the recalled products on Florida store shelves.

Bronson said he will also dispatch inspectors to flea markets over the weekend to search for the recalled products as many flea markets typically carry low-cost food items, including canned goods.

At the same time, Bronson and federal authorities stress that Castleberry products already purchased by consumers should not be eaten.

"It is critical that none of these products are purchased or consumed," Bronson said. "Botulism is a serious threat as

the illness it triggers can cause paralysis, respiratory failure and even death."

According to the FDA, botulism is a rare but serious paralytic illness caused by a nerve toxin. Symptoms include double vision, blurred vision, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing and muscle weakness. In the most extreme cases, it can cause respiratory failure and even death.

The FDA recommends that if consumers find any of the potentially tainted products in their homes, they should double bag the cans and throw them away.

In addition to the more than 90 canned meats, chili sauces and other food products being recalled, there are also four pet food products included in the recall.

Winn Dixie employees assured customers that the Gulf Breeze Pkwy. store has also taken immediate action, and there are no shipments of the product on store shelves.

# Calendar of Events

**Thursday, Aug. 9**  
**Jewelry Sale** Thursday, Aug. 9 through Friday, Aug. 10, Gulf Breeze Hospital - Gulf Breeze Hospital Auxiliary will offer sterling silver, chains, luggage, purses, watches, earrings, necklaces, magnetic bracelets and stretch bracelets by Amber Waves, many for \$5. Details: 932-8004

**Friday, Aug. 10**  
**Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce-Small Business Networking Lunch - Nichols Seafood**, 3966 Avalon Boulevard, Milton. A delicious "working lunch" at noon with an informative program. This is a great opportunity to introduce yourself and your business/organization, so bring your business cards and/or flyers, brochures, and be prepared to be handed a microphone! Guest and non-members welcome!

**Saturday, Aug. 11**  
**Paws for Pints Blood Drive** - Bayview Dog Park from 10am to 2pm. Bayview Dog Park, 2000 East Lloyd Street, Pensacola, Florida. Hot dogs will be provided. Come help with the summer blood shortage and give someone the gift of life! Dog owners are invited to bring their dogs, enjoy the dog park and support the community need for blood.

**Sunday, Aug. 12**  
**Monday, Aug. 13**

**Tuesday, Aug. 14**  
**The Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce** is pleased to present the popular Gopher Club Breakfast on Tuesday, August 14 from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at the Pensacola Civic Center. Cheryl Carrier, featured speaker, is program director of 21st Century Education Programs for Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services. RSVP at 850.438.4081, ext. 256.

**Blood Drive** - Gulf Breeze Hospital; 1110 Gulf Breeze Pkwy; 1pm - 6pm

**Wednesday, Aug. 15**  
**The Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce** Monthly Breakfast Meeting 7 - 8:30 AM Sponsored by Andrews Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Center. Held at Andrews Institute, food provided by Nosh.

**Thursday, Aug. 16**  
**Friday, Aug. 17**  
**Workforce Pensacola Conference** - Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and Workforce Escarosa bring the first annual conference; 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Hilton Garden Inn, Pensacola Beach RSVP at 438-4081.

# Photography class starts Aug. 13

The Wide Angle Photo Club will begin a free four-part instructional series on Basic Photography this month at their August 13 meeting.

The four one-hour modules will be presented by retired Navy photography instructor Tom Coffelt during the club meetings at ARC Gateway, 3908 N. 10th Avenue, at 7 pm on the second Monday nights of August through November.

The lessons are designed to help novices hone their skills and provide a refresher for more experienced artists. Guests are welcome to attend the presentation and stay later for the club business meeting if interested.

In Module One, Coffelt will

discuss the features of a digital single lens reflex (SLR) camera. Future sessions in September through November will cover exposure control, photographic composition, and Photoshop Elements. Participants are encouraged to bring their cameras.

Mentor time begins earlier at 6:15 pm for anyone who needs photography advice, and a member photo share time will be included in the club meeting after 8 pm.

New members are welcome to join at any time. For more information on WAPC, go to their web site at [www.wideanglephotoclub.org](http://www.wideanglephotoclub.org).

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**Felonies**

7/30/07  
Williams, Stephen David, 29, W/M, 7000 block of East Bay Blvd, Navarre, Aggrav Batt of pregnant victim

7/30/07  
Le, Dung Van, 39, O/M, 5000 block of Hwy 2221, Panama City, Felony Probation Violation

8/01/07  
Wagner, Brandon Lee, 17, W/M, 3000 block of Wells Beach Rd., Navarre, Burglary of structure unarmed without persons inside

**DUI**

08-01-07  
King, Michael John, 41, W/M, 8000 block of Calle Mio, Navarre, DUI 1st offense