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# Exclusive Country Living in North Crestview April 2011 Newsletter

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#### **NEXT**



Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are held in the Davidson Middle School Library (unless otherwise advised). You are invited and encouraged to attend. Minutes to the meetings may be found on our website.



I would like to let the homeowners know that in the past 2 months we have received 2/3 of the HOA dues. Thank you everyone for getting in your HOA dues in a timely fashion. Please remember, it is important for the name on the check to match the name on the tax scroll. Please also include your invoice number. We are well within budget and we have just finished the first half of our fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Maria Del Duca Treasurer

### Northwest Florida Fair Association 3rd Annual Arts/Craft Show

Saturday, April 16th - 9:30am to 4:00pm

at *Northwest Florida Fair Association*, Fort Walton Beach, FL Admission price is 1 canned good per person or donation at the door

Booths are available for \$50.00, includes table, chairs and power. We will support "Opportunity Inc" this year. Come on out for some great buys & support a great cause! For more information or to reserve a booth, phone: (850) 862-0211.

The temperature is rising and we're out in our yards. What an unpleasant surprise to step in someone's dog doo. Please be courteous and clean up after your pet or this could happen to you. . .



"THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'M WALKING THE DOG! OUR NEIGHBOR TOLD ME IF SPOT POOPS ON HIS LAWN AGAIN, HE'S GOING TO RUB MY NOSE IN IT!"

#### **Movie Night**

Shrek for Everafter Saturday, April 16th 7:30 pm

At Uptown Station Fort Walton Beach, FL

Come and re-live the Old Time Drive-In Movie experience at Uptown Station's Central Park! They have the Emerald Coast's only giant 30' inflatable movie screen.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and spread out on the grass at Central Park. They have all the dining experiences at Uptown Station.

#### **Spring Break Concert Series**

Saturday, April 2nd 7:00-9:00 pm

At Emerald Grande HarborWalk Village, Destin, FL

Come out each Saturday night during April for a live music performance!

Concerts are free and open to the public.



April 23, 2011 10:00 a.m.-12 noon

Spanish Trail Park
For children ages 0-12 years
Bring your own Easter basket
Sponsored by the City's
Parks and Recreation Department.



Alec and Angela Hritz (Hayden, Holley, Rylee, Carson & Brooklyn) 5857 Hunting Meadows

# AT YOUR SERVICE



Is that favorite dress or suit too big or too tight?
In need of alterations?
Call Karen Figueroa at 689-3442.

#### IN NEED OF A BABYSITTER?

Meg Faircloth is a 16 year old honor student with her own transportation. References available.

Contact Meg at (850) 758-5112.

Angie O'Neill is a 15 year old honor student at Crestview High School. She has had experience with both babysitting and pet sitting. She is available for evening and weekend jobs.

Call Angie at 682-4654.



If you have not participated in a neighborhood garage sale before, here are some good hints from Heloise:

- Price everything BEFORE your sale begins.
   Put tags or stickers on individual items, or put one price on an entire table of items. You can also fill bags or boxes and price them.
   Customers want to know what everything costs, so if you make it easier for them, items will sell faster!
- As you plan your sale, remember that people go to garage sales to find bargains so price things accordingly.
- When getting payment for items sold at your sale, if you do not want to accept checks, post a large sign stating "CASH ONLY".
- Enhance your garage sale! Let your children set up a refreshment stand. They can sell cookies, lemonade, soda, donuts, etc. It will make customers happy and they might linger longer.
- And last but not least, try tying balloons to your mailbox to make your individual sale more noticeable.

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#### BBB® Warns Of Door-to-Door Alarm Salesmen in Northwest Florida

Alarm company has been the target of government action in several states

**Pensacola, Fla.** (March 11, 2011) – Your BBB is warning consumers to be wary of salesmen who are going door-to-door offering home security systems "at no cost." Vivint, Inc. has been the subject of numerous government actions and numerous complaints filed with BBB.

Individuals in northwest Florida have alerted BBB that salesmen identifying themselves as being from Vivint, Inc. are offering "free" security systems if consumers pay for a monthly monitoring service.

Vivint, Inc., which also operates under the name APX Alarm Security Solutions, Inc., has had 1,441 complaints filed against it in the last three years, BBB's standard reporting period. Additionally, the BBB Serving Utah, where Vivint/APX is headquartered, reports that at least four states have filed government action against Vivint/APX for a variety of violations including operating without a license and using false or misleading sales tactics.

The state of Arkansas fined Vivint/APX \$40,850 for over 40 violations in 2009. The state of South Carolina fined Vivint/APX \$5,000 for violating South Carolina codes by having their license cancelled in another state (Louisiana). The South Carolina order references a \$50,000 fine levied by Louisiana for utilizing unlicensed employees, violation of a Cease and Desist Order and engaging in false, misleading or deceptive acts or practices. Minnesota imposed a civil penalty of \$25,000 against Vivint/APX for failure to comply with licensing requirements. And last year, the Oregon Department of Justice announced a \$60,000 settlement with Vivint/APX for misleading and aggressive sales practices.

Your BBB warns consumers to be cautious doing business with anyone who shows up on their doorstep. Don't feel pressured to make a decision on-the-spot. Verify licensing, bonding, insurance or any other requirements that may be necessary for that industry. Consider getting estimates from multiple trustworthy businesses to ensure you're getting the best deal.

For additional information and advice you can trust start, with bbb.org.



## FRAUD ALERT!

## Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Larry Ashley



#### Your Grandson Needs Help Scam is Back, Again

This is a scam that will not go away. The Sheriff's Office is getting reports that this scam is back, again. We have seen this scam or a version of this scam a number of times over the past few years. Below is how the scam works:

Think you recognize that voice at the other end of the line? Well, it might not be who you think it is. That's what a couple of Okaloosa County residents recently learned when they received calls from a young person claiming to be their grandson.

The call went like this:

Young Male Caller: "Grandpa, this is your oldest grandson."

Mr. Jones: "Edward?"

Caller: "Yes, grandpa, I need some help."

The call went on from there to ask for \$3,000.

The Sheriff's Office has received information of other versions of this scam. Such as a caller claiming to be a "family member" who needs bond money, has had their wallet stolen, has gotten in trouble, or was in an accident. Remember to never give out information until you have confirmed who you are talking to; this may mean you need to make a phone call confirming what you are being told.

Thankfully no money was lost in the latest reports. However, the caller was able to easily obtain their grandchildren's names and engage them in a conversation. The seniors were lucky; they were unable to send any money and they felt bad until they learned it was a scam.

Please continue to help the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office by warning individuals about the frauds and scams out there: by holding seminars and posting Fraud Alerts on bulletin boards, websites and in newsletters. It is because of these outlets individuals are thinking twice before falling for the lines of the con-artists.



For assistance call the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Fraud Line: 850-651-7674



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Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>



Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

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