DENVER (AP) — A wildfire erupted Tuesday near Durango, Colorado, known for its ski resorts, forcing the evacuation of more than 1,300 homes and marking the latest in a series of blazes that have been feeding on the drought-striken U.S. West.

The fire in central Colorado had burned more than 2,000 acres but was dangerously close to two densely populated housing developments near the town of Silverthorne, about 60 miles west of Denver.

"This area is a lot of homes that are pretty tightly packed together," U.S. Forest Service spokesman Brian Ohm said. "Be a resident, there's a need for a lot of housing and there's only so much available space for good and bad to build on."

Ohm said the Buffalo Fire had came to within about 200 yards of a subdivision that includes condos, apartments and pricey homes.

The closest ski resort to the fire, Keystone, is about 8 miles away and across a large expressway.

About 50 firefighters were battling the blaze, which had moved to the west, along with heavy air tankers and helicopters.

The possibility of a rapid growth was heightened by the fact that it spread.

Silverthorne resident Jake Schuleman told The Denver Daily after spotting the fire while driving, "I've never seen a fire that's moved this fast and has spread so far."

There were big black rolling clouds coming out of it and it was like the fire was right next to the neighborhood," he added.

"We've never seen destruction like this," another resident said, "I've even seen smoke from the fire destroy homes as by Tuesday night."

Colorado's largest blaze also kept burning in the Jemez National Forest, which was closed to the public to try to prevent additional fires. The 416 Fire north of Durango in southwest Colorado has burned about 36 square miles and is partially contained. No homes have been lost, but a significant amount of wildlife has been lost.

"The fire is burning in the Four Corners region where Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah meet and that is the center of a large patch of exceptionally drought. Much of the U.S. is experiencing some level of drought."

More than 900 firefighters were dealing with rugged and inaccessible terrain, and residence of more than 2,000 homes have been forced to evacuate since the flames ignited June 1.

Meanwhile, additional firefighters were headed to Wyoming to work on a wildfire that has exploded in size and prompted evacuations near the Colorado border.

The Bogus Creek Fire grew rapidly Monday because of strong winds and dry conditions and had scorched about 3.6 square miles of mostly beetle-killed forest. Several small communities of permanent and seasonal residents were ordered evacuate and no buildings were burned.

Large wildfires also forced evacuations farther west.

In central Utah, a wildfire fed by dry conditions and strong winds consumed more than 10 square miles and burned a cabin. The Trail Mountain Fire began as a prescribed burn but grew out of control and threatened several homes.

A wildfire burning grass and brush in central Utah threatened several homes and other infrastructure, while more than 250 fire- fighters raced to the hills overlooking Las Vegas to battle a blaze in thick brush surrounding by rugged terrain.

The Summit County Sheriff's Department officers and neighbors evacuate a boy (among others) as a wildfire approaches neighborhood near Silverthorne, Colo. (AP Photo)
Area News

Liberty Cemetery
Clean-Up June 23
Liberty Church Cemetery in the Bickley-Beach Community is having a summer clean-up day Saturday, June 23, at 8 a.m. Anyone with loved ones buried there is asked to participate.

‘Fishers Of Men’ Plan A Free Hot Dog Party
A group of like-minded Christian men in Waycross are prayerfully launching an advocacy ministry — Fishers of Men — that they hope will become regional (even national) in scope.

Under the leadership of founder James Moore, the group envisions an interdenominational outreach aimed at building up Jesus Christ’s church in each community — locally, regionally and nationally.

An introductory event, a free ‘hot dog in the park’ party Saturday, June 23, 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. at Memorial Park, 1300 South Georgia Parkway, has been planned.

“Kids, treat your dad to a free hot dog for Fathers Day,” said a Fishers of Men spokesman.

Four-Wheeler Is Swiped In County
A red Honda four-wheel TRX model 420M1G was reported stolen at a residence in the 1600 block of Astoria Road some time between 7 a.m. Sunday and Monday afternoon, said Ware County Sheriff’s Capt. Neil Skerratt.

Deputy Zabrae Williams took the report from the victim who said he last saw the machine about 7 o’clock Sunday morning, then Monday afternoon noticed it was missing.

Ware County detectives are investigating.

SPECIAL PHOTO

Officers simulate entering the “hot zone” in search of an active shooter while also rescuing a “victim” during an active shooter drill at Coastal Pines.

Active Shooter Drill At CPTC

By EVA BYRD

CPTC Project Manager

Classes were canceled Friday in the Allied Health Building on Coastal Pines Technical College’s (CPTC) campus but an active shooter drill showed what kind of chaos occurs when tragedy strikes.

Shortly after 11:30 a.m., faculty and staff, along with local law enforcement, emergency services providers and student volunteers, took part in a planned active shooter drill.

Personnel from the Waycross Police Department, Waycross Fire Department, Ware County Emergency Medical Service and Ware County Emergency Management Agency participated in the drill.

Chief James Mock, CPTC campus police, coordinated the event. Using a gun loaded with blanks, (see ACTIVE, page 13)

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Norma Gillies Wheeler
Wheeler Funeral Home, Tuesday morning (June 12, 2018)
She was a native of Waycross and a resident of Waycross, a member of the Waycross Village Retirement Communities.

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Dear Abby:

I am a 37-year-old daughter recently moved back to my parent's home after graduating from college. I am looking for work and trying to find a job. My parents are retired and have a small income, so I am struggling to make ends meet. I am frustrated with my situation and feel like I am not making progress. My mother is constantly criticizing me for not being able to find a job and my father is frustrated with the state of the economy. I feel like I am being pressured to find a job quickly. How can I handle this situation and find a job?

My 33-year-old mother is considering going back to school to get a degree in law. She is very interested in the field and feels like it is a good career choice. She has been talking to me about it and asking for my opinion. I don't really know what to say. I am worried about her finances and I am not sure if she has the time or energy to pursue this. Should I encourage her to go back to school or suggest that she look into other options?

Today is Wednesday, June 13, 2018, and I am writing to you because I am feeling very frustrated with my job search. I have been sending out resumes and cover letters for several months, but I have not received any callbacks. I am feeling very discouraged and I am not sure what to do next. Any advice would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Dear Abby

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**Family Fun and Insight in Sprightly “Incredibles 2”**

By LINDSEY BAHR

AP Entertainment Writer

“The Incredibles” writer and director Brad Bird wanted to immediately follow up the 2004 animated superhero classic with a sequel. The characters’ powers are all born of stenotypes. Dad is strong, mom isitching in a million directioncter girls put up shields, little boys are full of thrills, and babies are unpredictable. It’s why he decided the sequel to “Incredibles 2,” a bouncy and quick-witted romp, be his up

For the rest of us, however, 14 years in and 14 years out. And in the franchise, the Marvel-ous

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Kim's Weapons Must Go

The Washington Examiner

President Trump has never been tested on a deal this important. He's had a steady stream of large deals and the potential costs nearly as big as his deal with North Korea.

Trump must avoid fooling himself, as he sometimes does, that a foreign policy with no results is simple. He must also avoid the fatal flaw of former President Barack Obama's foreign policy.

Kim is a munificent tycoon who oppresses and starves his people with an evil efficacy that shocks the conscience. The Kim Jong Un regime is long past the point of being able to negotiate with the American president in a sitting room.

Kim is also not in a position to accept American terms. He lacks the ability to deliver on the terms that the United States would consider a reasonable outcome.
**Five-Star Monday: Dodgers Place RHP Buehler On DL:**

Los Angeles Dodgers right-hander Walker Buehler was placed on the 10-day injured list Monday with a shoulder problem. Buehler, the 2015 first-round pick, was placed on the list after being scratched from his last scheduled start due to soreness in his right shoulder.

Buehler was 5-2 with a 2.62 ERA in 12 starts this season. He missed two starts earlier this month due to a right shoulder strain.

**Michael Phelps’ Grand Slam: Phelps wins 20th Olympic medal:**

Michael Phelps captured his 20th Olympic medal in Tokyo on Saturday, joining the late Mark Spitz as the only American to win 20 gold medals. Phelps won the men’s 100-meter butterfly after leading off the 4x100-meter medley relay.

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Andrew Luck’s big secret:**

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck has been dealing with an injury to his left shoulder since the 2017 season, but he continued to play through it until it was finally determined he needed surgery.

**Donald求厳しいトレーニング: Rams求厳しいトレーニング:**

Los Angeles Rams defensive lineman Aaron Donald was back at practice Monday after missing two weeks due to a calf injury. Donald plays opposite fellow Pro Bowler (and Redskins’ linebacker) Ryan Kerrigan.

**Tigers’ Cabrera Leaves Ruptured Left Tendon:**

Detroit Tigers shortstop Jose Iglesias was placed on the 10-day injured list Monday with a left hamstring strain. Iglesias had been dealing with the injury for several days.

**Archer求インジェクション:**

Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Chris Archer will undergo injections in his right elbow. Archer has been dealing with elbow inflammation for several weeks.

**Báez求選抜:**

Chicago Cubs shortstop Javier Baez was Optioned by the Cubs. Baez had been dealing with a shoulder issue for several days.

**Strasburg求選抜:**

Washington Nationals starter Stephen Strasburg was placed on the 10-day injured list Monday with a right hand sprain. Strasburg had been dealing with the injury for several days.

**Taylor求選抜:**

New York Yankees starter Sonny Gray was placed on the 10-day injured list Monday with a right shoulder strain. Gray had been dealing with the injury for several days.
Tiger

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from golf with the first of his back surgeries.

Three years from his last U.S. Open, five years from his last victory, and so much has changed.

Woods will play with Dustin Johnson and Justin Thomas, the top-ranked players in the world during the first two rounds.

Durant

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have those — Kyler's got another year, Draymond's got two more. Kyrie's really the only one we have to focus on.

Kevin Durant West is contemplating retirement, telling Kerr and Myers during meet-and-greet events he will take some time to decide. Kerr plans to take it easy for the next several months and not work much as Myers handles the contracts and money.


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San Francisco right-handers Chris Stratton (7-3) allowed one run in his seventh major league start. He struck out two and walked one.

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Merrymakers Remember Veterans Who Gave Their Lives For Freedom

By Dena McLuney

Merrymakers Reporter

A large group attended the Central Bap
tist Church Merrymakers gathering as the group remembered Memorial Day during its May meeting.

Sidney Walker, vice president, opened the meeting and welcomed all members and guests. The first point Mayor Knox made was that guests were Annie Mars, Michael Nix, Susan Strandt and Ronny Strickland. Walker acknowledged members needing prayer.

An inspiring devotion was given by Paty Davis from the Helpers by Catherine Marshall titled “How Much Do We Know About the Holy Spirit Working in Our Lives?” She explained that freedom of choice is a precious gift of the Holy Spirit and He wants to show us how welcome Him in our lives. We can be used to help others through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will fill us to the degree that we allow Him to in our hearts and lives.

Davis ended her devotional quoting Acts 1:8 and May Knox received the recognition. Walker recognized those members present who were celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries during the month of May. All attending were thanked.

May Knox reminded members not to “remember those whose sacrifice was the worst possible thing we could do” referring to those American soldiers who had given their lives in war. He went on to say that there would be a lot of empty chairs in many homes this Memorial Day because of the loss of service men protecting the freedoms of this country.

The second point from the motto was to honor the nation’s service men and women. The third point was to remember words from the former Secretary of State Ronald Rumsfeld who said, “We should never put a service person without thanking them for their service.” They deserve to be honored for their service.

He mentioned the newly finished memorial at Park Plant dedicated to honor all the fallen soldiers of America’s war from Ware County. The words on the moment read “All gave some and gave all.”

The third point Knox referenced was that “...we should teach our children the value of freedom. Most people younger today don’t understand what freedom has to be earned.” Knox ended his program with a few words reflecting on his time in Vietnam. He noted that 50,000 soldiers were lost during that engagement.

Post Traumatic Syndrome was never a problem for him, but he did express survivor’s guilt questioning why he came home when so many men didn’t. Mayor Knox says he gives thanks to God every day for his life and freedom.

During his concluding remarks, Knox quoted words from Lee Greenwood’s famous song, “God Bless the USA” and quoted President Ronald Reagan who said, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We did not pass it to our children in the blood stream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on to them to do the same.”

The fourth annual Bailey Heights Reunion July 28 and everyone was called to honor those who served the nation and gave their lives for freedom.

Reunions

Griner Family Reunion June 23

The Griner family reunion will be held Tuesday June 23, 11 a.m., at 811 Taylor Circle, Blackshear.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Grace Lee at 449-3924.

70th Allen Family Reunion June 24

The 70th annual Allen family reunion will be held Sunday, June 24, at 2 Building at Lake Wolter State Park.

Everyone is asked to bring a basket lunch to share at 12:30. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Justice Family Reunion July 1

Descendants of William Henry and Sarah Kathleen Justice will gather at the Hohonk Commu
ty Center Sunday, July 1, for the annual family reunion.

Gathering will begin at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, meat, dessert and drinks. Paper goods will be provided.

Anyone who is pictures is asked to provide them for the Merrymaker’s table and bring an item for the auction.

For more information, call Sonya at 458-2279 or Blanche at 288-6338.

Social Notes

For brides and event planners to ask questions and see their work.

General admission is $2. For more information, call the OHC at 285-4260.

OHC Hosting Bridal Expo On Saturday

The Okefenokee Heritage Center is hosting a bridal expo Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Vendors may sign up by calling 285-4260 or emailing okee

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Business Workshop Wednesday, June 20

The Waycross-Ware County De
cent community is hosting a Business Workshop Wednesday, June 20, from noon until 2 p.m. at the Community Room, 317 Plant Ave.

In addition to the free information, attendees will be invited to attend and listen to the steps one needs to take to successfully start a business in the local community.

Lunch will be provided for all that RSVP’s info@warewa.com or call 285-2112.

Harborview Hosting “Happy Hour”

The Harborview Cafe’ and HealthSystem will host “Happy Hour” each Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Harborview Satilla, 1600 Riverside Ave., begin ning July 5.

Headliners will include Cole Tomlinson on Friday, Leon Thrift on June 22, and Scott Nickell on June 29.

For information or to volunteer, please provide entertainment, call 283-1852 or Pam Cox (ext. 133) or Heather Arnold (ext. 126). Everyone is invited to attend.

Gutsy Grandmas

Welcome Visitors

Gutsy Grandmas, a low impact ex ercise class for seniors (grandpas as well!), is held at the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall Monday and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m.

The class is free to all and non
denominational. The aim is to en hance mobility using weights and stretch bands. No floor exercises are involved.

“We’d love to have you join us,” said a spokesms. “The workouts are fun and good for your health! Everyone goes at their own pace.”

For information, call 283-4277.

The guest speaker was a guest, Yvonne Knox, who was introduced by his wife, Yvonone Knox.

“Gutsy Grandmas” is held from 9 to 10 a.m., every Thursday at the senior center. Everyone is invited to attend.

“Code Red” Is Way of Notifying Citizens

Veterans are invited to sign up for “Code Red,” a program that notifies citizens by tele phone in the event of a problem or traffic situation like the recent closing of the Bickley Highway Bridge.

To access “Code Red,” visit the Ware County website at www.ware county.com and follow the prompts. Citizens without internet access should call 283-2454 (the EMA office) and personnel there will regis ter them into the system.

Anybody who has not already signed up may do so now or in the future, said Ware County manager Paty Davis.

VFW Offers Service To All Veterans

The Veterans of Foreign Wars lo cated in Waycross is looking to serve you. If you have served in any part of country conflict from World War II up to ongoing operations in Afghanistan or Iraq, you are eligible and invited to join our organization (DD-214 required). For more information, call 285-2862.

Emily Aguirre Gets Ready For Reunion

Emily Aguirre is a student with a bachelor of science degree in nursing, spends her re
time enjoying the company of her two sons and their families. She also volunteers at Bethesda Recovery in Waycross. She also has relatives at Bethesda’s Mc Neiland and great-fellowship, Mrs. Aguirre, a graduate of college, and she has a bachelor of science degree in nursing, spends her re
time enjoying the company of her two sons and their families. She also volunteers at Bethesda Recovery in Waycross.

New research is being conducted by Mrs. Aguirre’s teachers. The study is related to the ways in which personal pain is managed and a great reunion meal, besides reminiscing and great fellowship. Mrs. Aguirre, a graduate of college, and she has a bachelor of science degree in nursing, spends her re
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Retired Health Care Workers Meet Work Friday
Retired health care workers will meet at Covington’s for their fifth annual lunch and a meal at noon. Hour is for anyone from any area of health care and is Dutch treat.
Barbara Conover, a friend of Covington’s will call to sign them up and remind them about the meet-

ting. Call Virginia Highsmith if you would like to make a reservation.

Vietnam Veterans Meet Once A Month
The Vietnam Veterans of Amer-
ica post 166 will meet on the second Thursday of each month at Covington’s.

The meeting begins at 6:30 and
8:00 p.m. (Arrive at 6 or 8 if you
wish to sit in for supper and
dutch treat.) An informal menu
will be offered to those attending.

The meeting runs from 7:30 to 8:45.

The main outreach is to provide
information to men of all ages, back
grounds and ages, said a specific purpose.

Car Show on Saturday, Zaxby’s
A Slim’s Automotive classic car “cruise-in” will take place on Saturday,
day at 6 p.m. at Zaxby’s.

This is another opportunity to attend the event on the third Saturday of each month.

Firearms Safety Class For Women Planned
Firearm enthusiasts are invited to attend a firearms safety class planned for Saturday, April 12, 9 and 10 a.m. at 9 and 10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1622 Gibbs St., in Waycross.

The class is free and open to any woman who is 18 years old and over. The class will cover the ethics of gun ownership, basic firearm safety, gun laws and proper gun handling.

The class is limited to the first 24 persons to register.

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Charitable Giving In United States

HastingsonHill,TELLER

In a report released Tuesday, May 15, 2018, Hastings on Hill, a research firm specializing in charitable giving, released its annual survey of charitable giving in the United States. The report found that total giving in 2017 increased to $410.2 billion, up 7.7% from 2016.

The report also found that individuals gave 71.3% of total giving, up 6.8% from 2016. Foundations and corporations gave 19.5% and 6.6% of total giving, respectively.

The report also found that giving by wealthy individuals increased by 11.4% in 2017, while giving by affluent individuals increased by 4.9%.

The report also found that giving by public charities increased by 5.5% in 2017, while giving by private foundations increased by 11.4%.

The report also found that giving by religious organizations increased by 3.4% in 2017, while giving by education organizations increased by 4.9%.

The report also found that giving by health organizations increased by 3.5% in 2017, while giving by human and social service organizations increased by 4.8%.

The report also found that giving by arts, culture, and humanities organizations increased by 4.1% in 2017, while giving by environment and outdoors organizations increased by 3.3%.

The report also found that giving by international affairs organizations increased by 3.4% in 2017, while giving by public affairs organizations increased by 3.3%.

The report also found that giving by education and research organizations increased by 3.3% in 2017, while giving by religion and church-related organizations increased by 3.2%.

The report also found that giving by community development organizations increased by 3% in 2017, while giving by veterans affairs and military organizations increased by 2.9%.

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... Active Shooter

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A simulated shooter opened fire in the library and proceeded through the building firing at anyone he saw. Law enforcement responded, dealt with the shooter and secured the scene before allowing EMS crews to enter and treat the “wounded.”

During the drill, the Waycross Police Department and other emergency responders were called to a real emergency in the community, which added to the realism of the drill.

Prior to the actual drill, CPTC faculty and staff met to review what steps to take during an emergency. The review included an active shooter presentation and training presented by Capt. Tommy Cox of the Waycross Police Department, who coordinated the local emergency response.

While Friday’s scene was scripted out for training purposes, it provided the college and local agencies the opportunity to practice and prepare in the event the unthinkable were to happen.

“It is vital that emergency plans are communicated, executed, evaluated and updated as needed,” said Chief Mock. “Drills like this one are essential to help us do that.”

Following the drill, Mock and CPTC President Dr. Glenn Deibert led an after-action discussion with law enforcement, emergency responders and the CPTC leadership team to evaluate the activity.

“Drills like this are essential not only for the college, but for local law enforcement agencies and other emergency responders who need to be familiar with our facilities and emergency plans,” Deibert told the group. “Thank you for participating and for the work you do to keep our college and community safe and secure. Our community is fortunate to have such an outstanding group of dedicated public safety officers.”

The event was videoed by the college and will be used for future training at all CPTC campuses.

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... Baptists

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Greear, 45, a megachurch pastor from North Carolina who sometimes preaches in jeans and shirts with no sport coat, won about 69 percent of the votes in his election victory over former seminary presi-
dent Ken Hemphill, 70.

Greear narrowly lost the elec-
tion for president in 2016 and has been viewed by many Southern Baptists as the inevitable winner this time. Hemphill was nominated by some former SBC leaders who view him as less likely to propose potentially divisive changes.

As the two-day meeting began, about two dozen protesters gathered across the street from the convention center, drawing attention to abuse against women.

The protesters called for the creation of a database identifying pas-
tors accused of sexual abuse and misconduct. They also want pa-
tors and seminarians to receive training on how to respond to sexual abuse and domestic violence.

“We are not against the South-
ern Baptist Convention, but we be-
mare it can be better,” said Ashley Easter, a writer and speaker from North Carolina, who is an advocate for victims of abuse and an organizer of the protest.

Paige Patterson, the central fig-
ure in the most prominent of the SBC’s #MeToo cases, had been scheduled to deliver the featured sermon at the national meeting. However, he withdrew from that role Friday, hedging a request from other SBC leaders. Patterson was recently dis-
nmissed as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas because of his response to two rape allegations made years apart by students. He also was ac-
cused of making improper remarks about a teenage girl’s body and contending that women who are in abusive relationships should al-
most always stay with their hus-
band.
A portion of Memorial Drive at the Calhoun Street intersection was closed for approximately six hours Tuesday after a van drove off the road and clipped a power pole striking several parked vehicles, Cox said. The driver was injured in the mishap. The accident disrupted the daily operation of businesses, causing a power outage and a “traffic slow-down.”

Gene Justice, 55, of Waycross, was transported by Ware County EMS to Memorial Satilla Health for treatment of injuries that resulted from the 9:56 a.m. accident, Cox said. The 1995 Chevrolet Astro van was being driven by Justice south on Memorial Drive when it lost the runway to the right in the general vicinity of Wendy’s fast food restaurant, clipping a power pole and bringing down power lines, Cox said.

The van continued into the Car Mart parking lot where it struck four vehicles, Cox said. The vehicles the van hit included a 2004 Ford F-150, 2004 Hyundai Sonata, 2005 Saturn LS and 2008 Hyundai Tiburon, Cox said. Cox said the street was closed for approximately six hours, largely to facilitate Georgia Power crews, enabling them to replace the power pole and repair electrical power. Businesses along the portion of Memorial Drive were hamstrung by the lack of electricity. Motorists were hampered with the slow-down caused by the situation and the partial road closure. Justice was charged with failure to maintain a lane, Cox said.

Officer Michael Tanner investigated the accident.

Sports Hall Of Fame Nominations Open

The Waycross-Walke County Sports Hall of Fame officers and directors annually select five new inductees into the hall. Public nominations are solicited. To nominate someone for induction, mail a brief list of his or her accomplishments to: Sports Hall of Fame
315 Plant Ave., Suite F
Waycross, Ga. 31501
The induction banquet is held each March.

The hall of fame museum is open to the public during business hours Monday-Friday in the lobby of the Waycross Real Depot, Plant Avenue, downtown.

Helen, Dillard And Hiawassee Trip Stops

The Merrymakers of Central Baptist will visit north Georgia in September and they are inviting the public to tag along.

The Sept. 6-8 coach excursion to Helen, Dillard and Hiawassee will include three stops in nearby, go online and log onto www.aarp.org/drive

Triangle Al-Anon Has Meetings Saturdays

Al-Anon family groups are designed to help those who are troubled by family members with addictions to alcohol or drugs. The Triangle Al-Anon meets on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. at 309 Howe St. for anyone who wants to attend.

For more information, call Joy R., 281-269, or Gloria L., 286-7588.

Summer STEM Camp Offered To Area Youth

Weekly summer STEM camp sessions for grades kindergarten through 12 are hosted at the St. John Missionary Baptist Association Center, 701 Morton Ave., through July 20.

Gardening, STEM experiments, discoveries and more take place Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. with breakfast and lunch provided.

The camp is $55 per youth per week.

For more information, call (912) 816-0068 or (904) 474-4844.

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The Okefenokee Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes continues to be a highly successful ministry in the lives of young people throughout southeast Georgia.

The FCA depends primarily on donations from the public to perform its good will.

“We have a website,” said Toby Crowe, the area representative for the Okefenokee Area FCA. “Log on to www.okefca.org and you will be able to donate online at that site.”

Those who prefer to mail donations should do so to Okefenokee Area FCA, 3319 Katie Drive, Blackshear, Ga. 31516.

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