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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - Aesop

NEEDS, REQUESTS, DONATIONS

We can do no great things -- only small things with great love. --Mother Teresa

"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give". -- Winston Churchill

FREE AARP TAX PREPARATION @ YOUR LIBRARY

For many Americans, there are few things more taxing than preparing to file their annual income tax returns. Fortunately, three locations in the Santa Rosa County Library System are once again AARP Tax-Aide Sites. The AARP Tax-Aide program is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, providing service to millions of low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older.

The AARP Tax-Aide program offers free one-on-one counseling to help individuals prepare and file basic tax forms, including the 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ and other standard schedules. No appointment is necessary; however, service is on a first come, first serve basis. Library locations are equipped to file your return electronically, allowing you to receive your return much faster.

Free AARP Tax-Aide Preparation begins in February and is available at three locations:

- **Gulf Breeze Library** – Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning Feb. 4 until April 15.
- **Milton Library** – Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 5 pm. And Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 4 until April 11. No service on March 26 due to another meeting previously scheduled.
- **Navarre Library** – **Thursday** and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Feb. 1 until April 13. There will also be an extra day of service on April 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be no service on Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30 due to library closing in observance of Good Friday. For a complete list of service dates and locations, visit the library calendar at

<http://catalog.santarosa.fl.gov/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&df=calendar&cn=0&private=0&ln=ALL>.

Visit the Santa Rosa County Library System home page at <http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/libraries> to link to 2012 tax year information, including commonly used tax forms and the AARP Tax Preparation Web Site. Visit the library for a limited selection of tax forms. Once supplies have run out, you can print forms at the library for a charge of \$.15 per page – or you can visit IRS.gov to download or print forms; links are available to forms at the library website.

The Santa Rosa County Library System is a department of the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners. Libraries are located in Gulf Breeze, Jay, Milton, Navarre, and Pace. Find additional information at www.santarosa.fl.gov/libraries or call (850) 981-7323 (READ).

POWER UP 2013 - CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

Gulf Coast Energy Network and National Energy invite you to join us at the largest energy and sustainability event along the Gulf Coast - **Power Up Energy Expo 2013, March 18 - 20, 2013** at the Emerald Coast Convention Center along the Gulf Coast in beautiful Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

Who Should Participate?

Attendees include, but should not be limited to: Energy managers, Environmental consultants, Engineers, Construction managers, Architects, Builders, Economic development professionals, Green Building Advocates, Researchers, Scientists, Facility auditors, HERS raters, Policy-makers, Elected officials, Home/business owners, Finance providers, Venture capitalists and investors, and the general public and students in related disciplines.

Register to Attend before February 15 and Save!

Power Up Energy Expo offers 10 educational training tracks including Energy Security, Economic Development, High Performance Green Building, Financing Energy Projects, and Energy Policy. For more information, and to see the complete agenda for Power Up Energy Expo 2013, visit <http://www.powerupenergyexpo.com/register>.

Become an Exhibitor or Sponsor (space is very limited)

Power Up Energy Expo 2013 is an admirable way to represent your organization and establish connections with industry peers. The agenda is designed with ample time between sessions to offer plenty of interaction with attendees. Sponsorship and Exhibiting opportunities are offered while supplies last. For details on becoming an Exhibitor and or a Sponsor at Power Up Energy Expo 2013, please contact Anna Covington AnnaC@GulfCoastEnergyNetwork.org or visit <http://www.powerupenergyexpo.com/exhibitor-info>.

REIMAGINE SANTA ROSA COUNTY - URGENT NEED

I have an urgent need for our upcoming event. The wonderful church family in Pensacola that typically provides the racks of clothing to be distributed during these events indicated they will not be able to make the January 26th event. I really do find this as an opportunity for the youth in our area to shine. In order to make this area of the event work, the following is needed:

1. Clothing and shoe donations from all churches.
2. A Youth Group or two to sort through the clothing and shoes the early morning of the event (8 a.m. - 10 a.m.) and place on racks (staff at Olive Baptist Church are checking to see if we might use their racks).
3. Bags to place clothing and shoes into for our guests to take out of the park with them.
4. Hangers to hang the clothing.
5. Other Youth Groups to work the event during the hours/shifts of 10 a.m. - 12 noon, 12 noon - 2 p.m., 2 p.m.-4 p.m. (although the event ends at 3 p.m. it will take another hour to break down.) Any clothing left over can be used for any church who may have a clothing closet or we can take to a shelter, whichever works out as we close the event).

Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help with this area.

So excited to have this opportunity to watch the youth groups in our area serve our community!

Linda English Reimagine Events, a project Doers of the Word Ministry
850-454-5280 linda@reimagineworldwide.org www.reimagineworldwide.org

INFORMATION

When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die. - *Eleanor Roosevelt*

SCRATCH ANKLE TIME

Get your applications in now!



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THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SANTA ROSA MEDICAL CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Ronnie McDowell & T. Graham Brown Private Concert
Farmer's Opry in Chumuckla
Thursday, February 14, 2013
5-30 - 7:00 p.m. dinner 7:00 p.m. concert
Dress Attire: Jeans, Boots, Cowboy hats
Sit-down dinner \$35

Silent Auction and More

Proceeds to benefit the Kathy Russell Scholarships & the Milton Relay for Life Cancer
Survivor's Reception [626-5113](tel:626-5113) or [626-9567](tel:626-9567) for additional information

ATTEND THE CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY SPONSORED BY THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Date: Feb. 21 – April 25, 2013
Time: 6 - 8:45 p.m., Thursday Nights Only
Place: St. Sylvester Catholic Church 6464 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze, FL. 32563

All too often a person's perception of law enforcement is that which is learned from crime-action television shows or movies. Although these captivate the public's imagination they are not always reality based. Those that depict "real life" situations only reflect a small portion of reality.

In view of this, the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office wants to educate the local citizenry on the agency's internal structure and the integral part that the agency plays in the local community.

By attending the "Citizens Law Enforcement Academy" you will learn how to better protect yourself from being a crime victim, how to report crime, and the ramifications of committing a crime. You will receive knowledge on officer training & equipment, what constitutes a crime, and how to differentiate between "reasonable suspicion" and "probable cause." You will watch police K-9s in action, learn about the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T.), see how a crime scene is handled and incriminating evidence is collected. You will learn the "Shoot/Don't Shoot" methodology, the use of firearms & tasers and what it is like to be an inmate behind bars. (A Saturday will be set aside for a tour of the county jail and evidence section along with a demonstration of officer firearms training at the firearms range of the main Sheriff's Office in East Milton, for those who are interested.)

This academy is FREE and open to residents 18 and older. To register for this class, go online to www.santarosasheriff.org, click on Services and Programs and go to the Citizens Law Enforcement Academy article & complete the application. Application forms will also be available at St. Sylvester Catholic Church. For questions call 983-1236.

VA FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERANS FAMILIES

Please disseminate the attached information on the grant opportunity from the U.S. Veterans Affairs on the funding to help veterans families with rent to prevent homelessness, or to re-house the families.



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NOTE: Applications are due to the VA by February 1.

TABLE TOP EXERCISE

This is part of the Business Continuity Initiative (BCI) please consider participating with your business.

BRACE has set up a table top exercise, that local businesses are encouraged to participate in right from their office, that test their disaster preparedness. It will provide questions and scenarios that each business should try to answer and hopefully will stimulate thought on what other items businesses need to prepare in the event of disaster. Every business should understand the statistics:

- Of all businesses that close in the aftermath of a disaster, approximately 43% never re-open. Of those that do re-open, approximately another 29% will close for good within two years.
- Statistics show that 60% of businesses that lose their business data will fail.

Greg Strader from BRACE is passing along the invitation to anyone that is willing and interested in participating. Please pass it along to any of the ESF 18 partners or businesses that you feel would gain a benefit. BRACE is paying for this out of the CERT and Citizen Grants that they secure each year and are offering this at no charge to the business community. People can read about the exercise at the link below and it will provide instructions on registering.

<http://www.drc-group.com/project/biz-escambia.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Greg Strader.

Greg Strader Executive Director (850) 444 – 7136 GStrader@BeReadyAlliance.org

This is on the 24th of January, if any business, non profit or church would like to participate in this exercise at the EOC on our big screens, let me know. Although registration says 9am-4pm my experience says this is a 3 hour exercise (or less) so please consider participating with key staff at your own place of business or here with us in emergency management.

BECOME A GETTING AHEAD FACILITATOR--WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY FOR TRAVEL!

Join author Phil Devol online **February 8 and 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CST**

[Register today!](#)

Getting Ahead is a program that allows people in poverty to create an economic plan of stability for themselves. It is a program created for people from poverty that embeds the concepts of Bridges into a weekly curriculum.

Bring this powerful program to your community by learning how to lead Getting Ahead as a facilitator.

Learn how to use the Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World workbook for adults in poverty. This program shows them how to use the hidden rules of class to build up financial, emotional, social, and other resources. Understanding the hidden rules of middle class and wealth, and choosing to use them, can open doors to such resources as new relationships and new jobs, among others.

Facilitator training includes the following topics: philosophy, theory, motivation and incentives, long-term support, mental models, content and process, and practice sessions.

For more information, email us at questions@bridgesoutofpoverty.com, or call us at (800) 424-9484.

NAVARRE HEALTH AND BUSINESS EXPO

The Navarre Chamber's Health & Business Expo being held on Saturday, January 26th from 9 am to Noon at Navarre High School, 8600 High School Road, Navarre, Florida 32566, will help expand the business and customer base for our Chamber Members that participate.

We will be pulling out all the stops to “pack the house” with hundreds of potential future customers for area businesses, organizations and health care professionals in the Navarre area. (Last year's Expo brought in 1,200+ attendees.)

The networking opportunities at this event will be abundant.



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The Navarre Chamber's Health & Business Expo will be heavily promoted through: website, online advertising, mass e-blasts, social media, print advertising, networking events, press release campaigns, Blab TV, radio advertising – News Radio 1620 and a live radio remote with Coast 93.3 on the day of the Expo.

There is no better place to make new business contacts and reach new customers in the Navarre area than the Navarre Chamber's Health & Business Expo.

Space is limited - so please complete the attached Booth Reservation Form and return it via email or fax.

If you have any questions and/or you need additional information, please let me know.

Chanda Ryan, Director of Membership & Marketing, Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce 850-939-3267

SKILLS USA 2013 WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES

Hello World of Possibilities Partners! We wanted to touch base with you on this year's Worlds of Possibilities Career Expo for April 29-30, 2013 which will take place at the Pensacola Bay Center.

The 2012 event was a GREAT success and we are grateful many of you were able to sponsor and participate. We are hopeful you will be able to join us for 2013. As you know, the Career Expo is integrated into Florida's Statewide conference for Skills USA, a national recognized program that serves as a partnership between students, teachers and industry to ensure that America has a skilled workforce. This program provides students the opportunity to practice and learn skills in their chosen career fields. This event promotes teamwork, leadership, and character development.

We are hoping you will be able to join us at this event. The Career Expo is a fun, educational, and hands-on interactive opportunity for students to become familiar with the overview of careers available throughout Florida. We expect 4,500 students to participate in the Career Expo again this year. The Worlds of Possibilities Career Expo will include industry sectors including:

World of Energy, World of Engineering & Architecture, World of Construction, World of Information Technology & Communications, World of Hospitality, World of Public Service, World of Aviation & Defense, World of Human Service, World of Health/Life Science, World of Transportation, Logistics & Distribution, World of Maritime, World of Education and more!

Attached is sponsorship information for your review. We will provide details on the schedule. For now, please consider joining us at the Career Expo.

If any further information is needed, please don't hesitate to let us know.

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SHOPPING LOCALLY IN MILTON JUST GOT EASIER

<http://www.mainstreetmilton.org/> will tell you all about Milton and there is an app you can download to help you shop locally.

TWITTER

SAFER Santa Rosa is on Twitter.

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend ;-). We are up to **486** people! Invite friends. **Let's keep growing this communications venue. Invite other Santa Rosans to participate.** Invite your Santa Rosa friends to join you on the SAFER Facebook page.



Use of barricades policy: Free to parades and other events in Santa Rosa County that are sponsored by a chambers or government entities (Christmas parades, Mardi Gras, 4th of July etc...) or non profits, that are hosting events that are free and open to the public. The user is responsible for transportation of barricades, AND banners advertizing sponsors MUST be put on barricades. Others wanting to use the barricades must provide transportation and rent barricades at a cost of \$5 per barricade. Additional fees may be applicable if barricades are not returned within 7 days of pick up/delivery. Barricades will cost \$8 each if delivery is required. Average rental price for barricades is \$9-\$13 each through other vendors. SAFER barricades are a bargain.

OPPORTUNITIES

There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up. - Bernard Meltzer

DISASTER ACADEMY

The Southeastern Jurisdiction is hosting a Disaster Academy beginning February 18, 2013 at Simpsonwood in Norcross, GA. Advanced Early Response Training (ERT) and working with children in a shelter are tracks available to trained ERTs.

Click [HERE](#) to register. **Registration deadline is February 1.** There is a \$100 stipend available.

For more information, please contact Amelia Fletcher at 251-968-2549 or Amelia@gulfshoresumc.org

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING

When a hurricane or disaster strikes, many people want to help their families, neighbors and others in the community, particularly when professional emergency responders are unavailable or overwhelmed. Area residents now have the opportunity to learn emergency medical operations, light search and rescue, fire safety and more, at no cost. The Navarre Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will conduct the 25 hour Introduction to CERT course at Holley-Navarre's Fire Station #45; Fri-Sat-Sun March 8, 9, 10 and 15, 16, 17. The course takes place over two weekends, and culminates in a "live" exercise (a simulated disaster). The

training is free and available for any adult citizen 18 or over, teens 14 and older can take the training with parental consent. No special skills or experience are required. Completion of the class does not create any obligation to become part of Navarre CERT. However, completion qualifies the student to be part of any Community Emergency Response Team in the country. To register go www.navarre-cert.org and fill out the online training registration. Attendance at all six sessions is required to become certified and pre-registration is required. Prior to the start of training, participants must take the FEMA Independent Study course IS-317: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams and is available online at www.citizencorps.gov/cert/training. For more information visit our web site, email us at info@navarre-cert.org or call (850) 936-5163.

TURNING A GOOD IDEA INTO A HIGH QUALITY GRANT PROPOSAL: A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

Purpose: The workshop aims to promote a stronger collaboration of Extension and NGOs to address the needs of the communities they serve by helping participants establish networks and processes that foster the type of supportive and encouraging relationships required to transform an idea into a funded project. Participants will learn to: 1) Collaborate to develop their ideas; 2) Follow a systematic process to transform ideas into powerful narratives; and 3) Understand the perspective of reviewers and potential funders.

Pensacola:

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

February 7th 2013

Escambia County UF Extension Office

Windstorm Training Room

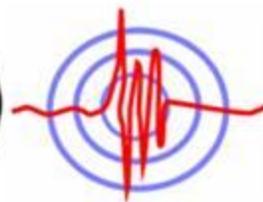
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Cantonment, FL 32533-7792

FORMIDABLE FOOTPRINT - WILDFIRE / TORNADO / EARTHQUAKE EXERCISES



Wildfire
Tornado
Earthquake



National Community / Neighborhood Exercise Series

The series of [Formidable Footprint](#) exercises for neighborhood, community and faith based organizations continues.

January 26 – Wildfire / February 23 – Tornado / March 30 – Earthquake

Exercises have also been scheduled for the following scenarios:

Flood – Hurricane – Influenza Pandemic – Solar Storm



The Formidable Footprint exercise series has been developed in accordance with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) protocols. The objective of the exercise series is for CERTs, Neighborhood Watch Programs, Neighborhood Associations, Community / Faith Based Organizations, Citizen Corps, Fire Corps and others to work as a team to become better prepared for the next disaster their community may face.

There is NO CHARGE for participation in any of the Formidable Footprint exercises.

For additional information or to register for up-coming exercises please access the following web site today: www.FormidableFootprint.org

Stay informed regarding future exercises by joining the Formidable Footprint LinkedIn Group <http://www.drc-group.com/project/footprint.html#linkedin>

DISASTER SERVICES AN OVERVIEW:

This course is now the prerequisite for all disaster courses and begins a series that will provide us training for next hurricane season. Other courses in the series will be Sheltering/Shelter Simulation, Disaster Assessment, Disaster Frontline Supervisor, Client Case Work. Dates and locations on these courses will be provided at a later date.

This class is open both current volunteers and those looking to volunteer!

When: Saturday Jan 26th

Time: 8:30

Location: Pensacola Office, 222 N. Baylen Street, Pensacola FL 32502

To register please contact John Murray at john.murray@redcross.org.

FREE! INTRODUCTORY WEBINARS

This month we are offering 2 more free webinars: **Workplace Violence: Could This Have Been Prevented?** and **Benefits of Modern Day Bicycle Patrol For Security Professionals**. The course information is below along with links to the registration page. Upon completion of each course you will receive a certificate and have the opportunity to speak with the instructor. Space in the classes is limited so we suggest signing up **as soon as possible**. If you are placed on the wait list we cannot guarantee a spot in the class.

We have many more courses to come. If you would like to recommend a specific class send us an email, we would love to hear from you.

Course: Workplace Violence: Could This Have Been Prevented?

Duration: 1 Hour

Date: January 22nd, 2013

Times: 2:00 PM

Cost: Free

Registration: [Click Here](#)

Description: The amount of violence in the workplace is occurring at an astounding rate. Workplace violence has become a threat to **any type of business**. Combating workplace violence is a team effort that involves the employee and employer. Unfortunately, many people in the workplace are not trained to recognize the signs of potential violence, what to do when it occurs, what to report, or how to react before the situation escalates. This **free** webinar gives you insight into all of these aspects of violence in the workplace. This webinar will prepare you to identify:

- Types Of Workplace Violence
- Risk Factors
- Prevention Elements
- What To Do When You Encounter A Potential Or In-Progress Incident

The information contained in this webinar is important to everyone in your workplace....all of the members of your team for a **safe work environment**.

Course: Benefits of Modern Day Bicycle Patrol For Security Professionals

Duration: 1 Hour

Date: January 23rd, 2013

Times: 2:00 PM

Cost: Free

Registration: [Click Here](#)

Description: The use of modern bicycle patrol in both security and law enforcement is often an overlooked highly beneficial patrol technique. This webinar will go over the history, growth, application, benefits and overview of training involved in becoming certified.

This introductory lecture is being presented by Off. Shawn Barry (Ret.) a 21 year veteran police officer and Executive Board Member of the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association. Shawn has trained hundreds of police officers in bicycle patrol and public order response from all over North America

NEWS (blue is new)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

The Decontamination Challenge in Hospital Emergency Preparedness

<http://ehstoday.com/emergency-management/decontamination-challenge-hospital-emergency-preparedness>

Disaster Dozen: 12 Myths of Disaster Preparedness

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/12-Myths-Disaster-Preparedness.html>

Episode 4, Disaster and Preparedness: Should I Stay or Should I Go?- Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yD_FSV7i3Bs&feature=youtu.be

Emergency 2.0 Wiki

http://emergency20wiki.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

Contacts Are Key in Emergency Management

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Contacts-Key-Emergency-Management.html>

Zombies and Preparedness: Five tips for using metaphors in exercises and outreach

<http://freeresources.lucienanton.com/2012/10/zombies-and-preparedness-five-tips-for-using-metaphors-in-exercises-and-outreach.html>

Woeful Success Rate in Citizen Preparedness Suggests New Approaches is Necessary

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Woeful-Success-Rate-Citizen-Preparedness.html>

Emergency Managers' Best Practices for Evacuating Communities

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Best-Practices-Evacuating-Communities.html>

Why Aren't Americans Listening to Disaster Preparedness Messages?

http://www.rand.org/about/people/u/uscher-pines_lori.html