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STORMY SPRING WEATHER



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Church members at Highland Park UMC look over storm damage to one of the church's buildings on Sunday morning in Dothan, Ala.

Dothan storm delayed Floridan's printing, delivery

From staff reports

A storm that swept through the Dothan area early Saturday evening left half that city without power, including the Jackson County Floridan's printing facility. As a result, the paper had to be printed in Opelika, Alabama, and delivery was delayed by several hours.



Dusy Street near Dothan High School was one of the hardest hit areas in the city.

The Floridan's circulation director, Dena Oberski, explains further:

"We received more than a hundred calls from subscribers who didn't receive their Jackson County Floridan by our normal deadline of 6 a.m. on Sunday," Oberski said. "It is our hope that all of our papers were delivered that day. However, if anyone did not receive their paper they should call me directly at 526-3614. We thank our loyal customers for their patience. We also appreciate our carriers who made great efforts to get our newspaper delivered

WADE IN THE WATER



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Cows waded out into a flooded, grassy area on Ed Roger's land, south of Alford. Consistent rain has caused some flooding of low-lying areas. The chance of more rain and possible thunderstorms remains for Tuesday.

during a crisis situation."

Forecasters are predicting rain and potentially severe thunderstorms for Jackson County on Tuesday afternoon and into the night. Because of lingering uncertainties about the path of the storm, more specific timing predictions

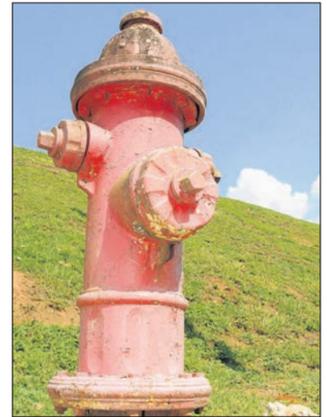
were not possible as of midday Monday. Average rainfall across the area is predicted at between 1 and 2 inches, with higher amounts possible in various pockets. Some localized flash flooding is possible, but widespread flooding is not expected.

DEMOLITION RAMPS UP

Heavy equipment started tearing down the old theater building on the Chipola College campus Monday morning in Marianna. Last week, a fire damaged portions of the building near the stage area. Demolition is expected to be completed by the end of April. According to a statement last month by Chipola spokesman Dr. Bryan Craven, the long-term plan for the site is to build a bookstore.



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FLORIDIAN FILE PHOTO

The Sneads Carlisle Rose Garden Club will host a fire hydrant-painting contest next month.

Hydrant art contest set

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With support and approval from the Sneads Town Council, the Sneads Carlisle Rose Garden Club will hold a fire hydrant-painting contest in the community in May and early June. Pick up an application at Sneads City Hall.

Those wishing to participate will submit a design for approval, pay a \$25 entry fee on approval of the plan, and be assigned one of the town's more than 70 hydrants to paint. The winner of the contest will be awarded \$50. The contest is a fundraiser to support the garden club's various ongoing town beautification efforts.

Garden Club president Bill Pevy said the effort is about more than raising money, though.

Club members want to see some creative designs that will add a touch of whimsy and something special to the landscape of the town. "We've sent notice out to various places and we're hoping to attract some aspiring artists," Pevy said.

Registration begins May 1, and

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County Crime Briefs

Fountain woman charged with open count of murder

Victim was retired BCSO deputy

A Fountain woman has been arrested in the shooting death of her longtime live-in boyfriend, a retired deputy with the Bay County Sheriff's Office.



Hundley

Cheryl Hundley, 56, is charged with an open count of murder. Hundley called 911 to report the shooting around 5:15 a.m. Monday. Deputies and EMS responded to the home she shared with 60-year-old Sam Denham to find Denham inside, shot once in the chest. He was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead a short while later.

Officials say Denham and Hundley had been in a relationship for 13 years.

A forensic analysis was done at the scene, 12406 Silver Lake Road in Fountain, and inves-

tigators interviewed Hundley and family members.

"Investigators believe that Denham and Hundley were involved in a verbal altercation at which time Hundley shot Denham," authorities said.

Man charged with aggravated battery, attempted arson

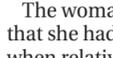
A Marianna man is facing charges after he allegedly struck a pregnant woman and attempted to set her car on fire.

Andrew Whidden, 32, of Marianna, was charged with aggravated battery on a person who is pregnant, and attempted arson.

According to a report filed in court, shortly after 6 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, a deputy with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to physical disturbance at a Corbin Road home in

Cottdonale.

There, the deputy met with a woman who had bruising and redness visible on her left eye and an older contusion on her right thigh. He also noted in his report that the odor of gasoline was noticeable when he got out of his patrol vehicle.



Whidden

The woman told the deputy that she had been sleeping when relatives woke her and said that her child's father, identified by authorities as Whidden, was pouring gasoline on her vehicle and trying to light it. The woman told the deputy she saw Whidden outside standing near the vehicle holding a lighter and a bat. During the ensuing altercation, Whidden allegedly struck the woman with his hand. As she started toward the house, she asked one of her relatives to

call the police and Whidden left.

According to the woman, the older bruise on her thigh was caused by Whidden throwing a bottle at her several days prior. She told the deputy that she was 10 months pregnant with Whidden's child and that he had threatened her in the past.

Relatives of the woman who were on the scene corroborated her description of the morning's events.

Collected from the scene was a red container, in which there was a small amount of liquid that smelled like gasoline. The deputy reported noticing the odor of gasoline on the hood and side of the woman's vehicle.

At a Marianna automotive repair shop, Whidden's place of employment, officers contacted him to ask about the incident. The subject said he was unsure if the child the



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