Car flips, 3 teenagers injured
2 victims remain hospitalized; police cite speed as factor in crash

The Hancock County Sheriff’s office is asking for more staff at the local jail, citing concerns the overcrowded facility is leading to increased violence.

Fights increase inside cramped facility

Jail transfer plan on hold amid liability concerns

Schools change plans for suspended students

Students charged with suspensions from school now will serve their punishments on campus as the district ends its agreement with an off-site suspension facility.

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Girls Clubs of Hancock County, the Boy Scouts of America and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America are now considering an alternative program for Eastern Hancock students who get suspended from school.

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"It would be nice if they let the people who know how to run the jail, run the jail," said Maj. Brad Burkhart.

The state now reimburses county jails $35 per day per inmate to cover day-to-day costs, Burkhart said.

When inmates who have been transported to a state prison to serve the remainder of their sentence come back, they bring with them new charges.