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PRIMARY ELECTION



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TESTING: In preparation for election night vote counting, Elections Information Systems Manager Darrell Tate feeds dummy ballots into a tabulating machine during pre-election day "logic and accuracy" testing. "All equipment is pre-tested," said Supervisor of Elections Paul Lux.

Voters streaming to the polls early

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Maybe it's the plethora of yard signs littering our roads. Maybe it's the hot topics of a half-cent sales tax or a race for sheriff that's heating up. Whatever is motivating voters, it's already driven them to the polls in increased numbers, and the primary election isn't even until Tuesday.

"Our percentage of early voting is higher than Miami-Dade County," observed Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections Paul Lux. "They are averaging just 121 people per site per day. We actually have been averaging about 141 per day per site. We are definitely outperforming them."

"Down there, they are complaining about the

costs," Lux said. "Why do we have these sites open if no one is voting?"

Lux also observed that many more voters are bet-

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POLITICAL SIGNS: Below, political signs line the streets of Crestview as the election approaches.

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PLAYING BY EAR

Laurel Hill hires consultant to complete past-due report

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Laurel Hill's long-overdue Evaluation and Appraisal Report, required by state law before any adjustments can be made to the city's land use and zoning maps, is under way. Pat Blackshear, who ran the Okaloosa Growth Management department "for many years," unanimously was hired to complete the EAR.

The report, which was due to be filed in 2008 with the state Department of Community Affairs, was overdue long before Harold Jones was appointed city clerk in

April 2009. When the city's current land use map went into effect in 2007, it was discovered that several landowners lost their properties' agricultural zoning.

Some feel the developer of the failed Harmony Village housing project, originally planned for the rolling hills across State Road 85 from city hall, was behind the change of zoning.

"The citizens had no say-so," Mayor Joan Smith said. "It was either the developer's way or no way. It was all pushed down our throat. We were just not treated well."

"The people got lost in" the zoning process because special interests planned the revised zoning with Harmony Village in mind, Jones said. "The developer wanted mixed use."

Blackshear agreed that the zoning re-

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ALL EARS: Consultant Pat Blackshear discusses Laurel Hill's Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The city council unanimously voted to hire Blackshear to prepare the state-mandated report.

Lawsuit targets 2 at CPD

Suit against chief, major alleges racism, harassment, false arrest

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A Crestview businessman has levied allegations of racism, harassment and false arrest in a federal lawsuit filed against the top two members of the Crestview Police Department.

Attorneys for Kenneth Jerome Siler, co-owner of Siler & Sons Inc., a concrete business, filed the lawsuit against Crestview police Maj. Joseph Floyd and Chief Brian Mitchell in the U.S. District Court in Pensacola.

The lawsuit alleges that Floyd falsely arrested Siler in 2008 and filed a police report that "contained misleading and false information."

"The Crestview Police Department violated his rights, and as a result, he suffered for it and is seeking damages as compensation," Siler's Pensacola-based attorney, Eric D. Stevenson, said.

Siler declined media interviews, Stevenson said.

In a written statement, Mitchell said the allegations "have no merit" and that he is looking forward to defending the lawsuit in court.

"Unfortunately anyone at any time can accuse an agency or company of impropriety and we, as public servants, are charged to defend our actions," Mitchell wrote.

"We are definitely going to fight it and the truth will come out in the trial," Floyd said.

At issue is an Aug. 29, 2008, incident on Main Street in downtown Crestview where Floyd arrested Siler and charged him with battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting an officer without violence. Okaloosa Circuit Judge William Stone later dismissed the charges.

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What's HAPPENING

From staff reports

NORTH OKALOOSA

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER: The charity dinner fundraiser of Council 7968 will be held Saturday, Aug. 21, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at 701 E. James Lee Blvd. in Crestview. Spaghetti and meatballs, or fried catfish with hush puppies, french fries, cheese grits and coleslaw will be served. Both meals include salad and dessert. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for preteens and free for children younger than 5.

SONS OF ITALY: The Order Sons Of Italy In America is starting a new chapter in Crestview. All people of American-Italian heritage are welcome to join. Meet new friends and make lasting friendships as you continue to enhance the cultural contributions Italians have made before and since their arrival on the shores of this wonderful experience called America. For more information, call 585-3166.

HIV/AIDS TESTING: now available every two weeks at Mount Zion A.M.E. Church, 502 McDonald St., Crestview. Testing takes place every second Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and every fourth Saturday from 2-4 p.m. Call the church at 398-6985 on Wednesdays for more information.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF CRESTVIEW: meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Come see what the Exchange Club is all about. For more information, call President Sharlene Cox at 682-6824.

NURSES REUNION: All nurses, ward clerks and CNAs who worked at Crestview Memorial Hospital and North

Okaloosa from 1969-1999 are invited to attend a reunion at Ryan's restaurant in Crestview. The reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 21, at 1 p.m. Lunch is at your expense.

For more details, call Mae Reatha Coleman at 682-5518 or Elizabeth (Dee) Stager at 689-8498.

ZUMBA FUNDRAISER: PASCO is sponsoring a ZUMBA fundraiser for the Cheer Zone Rockets All-Star Cheer Team from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Davidson Middle School cafeteria. Cost is \$10. Children's activities are available for an additional \$5. For details or to register in advance, call 305-2165 or 259-4339.

SUPPER FUNDRAISER: Paxton Ruritan Club will hold a spaghetti supper Friday, Aug. 27, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Town Hall in Paxton. Spaghetti, salad, bread, tea and dessert will be available for \$5 a plate, dine-in or takeout.

New members are invited to join the Ruritan club, which supports the community with several projects throughout the year. For details, ask any member at the supper or call President Missy Bolen at 834-5606.

CREATIVE ARRANGERS GUILD: Valparaiso Community Library and Valparaiso Garden Club are sponsoring a new Creative Arrangers Guild. The group will meet the first Friday of each month (September through April) from 9-11 a.m. at the Valparaiso Community Library, 459 Valparaiso Parkway.

All sessions will be taught by accredited flower show judges. During each session, the instructor will demonstrate a floral design, after which students will construct their own designs. All classes are free,

but students must bring their own equipment and materials. The class is open to all who are interested, and no previous experience is necessary.

The first session is Sept. 3. Marie Harrison will demonstrate traditional line and line mass designs. Call the library at 729-5406 or e-mail marieharrison@valp.net to register and to request a copy of supplies needed for the first session. The class is limited to 30 participants, so advance registration is required. Nonregistered participants will be admitted if space is available.

ANNUAL YARD SALE: The VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Post 5450 of Crestview, is having its annual yard sale to raise money to for the prostate cancer fund of the American Cancer Society. The sale will be from 7 a.m. to noon Sept. 11 at the post's 2240 W. James Lee Blvd. address in Crestview. Donations can be made to LAVFW 5450. If you have good usable items you would like to donate for this cause, call Lynn Mobley at 682-5552, 537-3375 or 978-0685.

MOUNTAIN DULCIMER GROUP: meets every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Come listen or play; beginners are welcome. Details: Marlin Bass, 682-3165.

CRESTVIEW BY NIGHT: If you have an after-5 p.m. public event in the Crestview area that you would like mentioned in the News Bulletin and on our website, please e-mail the details, along with a contact name and phone number, to okpublishing@crestviewbulletin.com.

CRESTVIEW LIBRARY: The Crestview Public Library, 1445 Commerce Drive in Crestview (682-4432 or www.cityofcrestview.org/library.

htm), is hosting the following activities:

- The library is an early voting site for both the August primary and the November general election. For more elections information, go to www.govote-okaloosa.com.

- The Friends of the Crestview Library are asking for donations of used books — and movies on VHS and DVD — for the book sale in October. Books and movies will be accepted at the library. All types of hardbound and paperback books are needed, but not magazines.

- The Sept. 7 First Tuesday program "Galileo and Global Warming" starts at 10:30 a.m., with coffee and cookies served starting at 10 a.m.

OKALOOSA COUNTY BUDGET MEETINGS: Crestview meetings are held in the Okaloosa County Courthouse at 101 E. James Lee Blvd. in Crestview. The last meeting in Crestview is a Sept. 21 public hearing at 6 p.m.

Fort Walton Beach meetings are held in the Water and Sewer Building's large conference room on the third floor at 1804 Lewis Turner Blvd. Dates and times are: Sept. 9 public hearing at 6 p.m.

Agendas are available at www.co.okaloosa.fl.us.

CAC VOLUNTEERS: Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center is recruiting new volunteers. An orientation session is scheduled at the center Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. The CAC helps to prevent child abuse, protect children and restore the lives of child abuse victims. "What's great about volunteering with us is that there are so many opportunities to help based on your interests and availability," Volunteer and Community Events Coordinator

Katie Crowell said.

Attendees are asked to RSVP for the orientation by contacting Crowell at 833-9237, ext. 222, or katie@eccac.org. Light refreshments will be served.

TOASTMASTERS: The Crestview Toastmasters club meets the second Tuesday of every month from 6-7 p.m. at Lundy & Bowers, 296 S. Ferdon Blvd. in Crestview. Details: Kathy Morrow, 865-6993.

BLOOD DRIVES: As part of the Drive For Life giveaway, all blood donations made to The Northwest Florida Blood Center between now and Dec. 31 are automatically entered into the drawing for a 2010 Kia Soul automobile donated by Kia Autosports General Manager Jessica Lee in Pensacola. The drawing will be held in January. Call 434-2535 for more information or e-mail Betty Roberts at broberts@fbsblood.org.

RED CROSS: Current classes and other Red Cross events in North Okaloosa County are listed below. Call 800-773-7620, ext. 0, or visit www.yourredcross.org to register. The Crestview Red Cross office is at 4100 S. Ferdon Blvd, Suite A.

- First Aid with CPR/AED-Adult & Child and CPR-Infant: Aug. 21, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Crestview and Milton

- Annual 5K run/walk: Aug. 28 at the Fort Walton Beach Landing. Registration is \$20 per person, and the run will be followed by a free Fun Run for the kids after the main event. An after-party will be held at the Magnolia Grill. Details: 882-8548. Proceeds from this race go to Red Cross of Northwest Florida, supporting Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field and our neighboring community.

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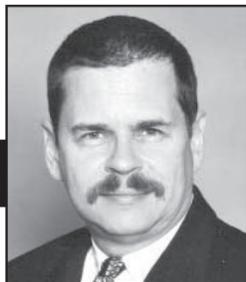
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Crestview City Council agendas for Aug. 23

Special to the News Bulletin

The Crestview City Council will have a 5 p.m. workshop meeting Monday, Aug. 23, followed by the regular council meeting at 6 p.m. at City Hall on Wilson Street. The workshop is for a review of Ordinance No. 1439 — Providing for a scheduled increase in fees in Section 102-352 (Administrative Fees) — Administrative Services Department.

The agenda for the council meeting:

1. Approval of Consent Agenda.
2. Presentation of Service Award — Mayor Cadle.
3. New Business:

a. Resolution No. 10-09 Amending the budget to more accurately reflect estimated revenues and appropriations — City Clerk.

b. Resolution No. 10-10 (Out of City Sewer at 1001 Industrial Drive, Okaloosa County, Florida). Requested by Belinda Gibbons, business owner, and Gary McMorrow, property owner. (Note Property will be contiguous with Crestview City Limits).

c. Request for acceptance and award of contract to Griner Drilling for water well No. 3 pump conversion — Public Services.

4. Mayoral Report.
5. Business from the Floor.

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EAR from page A1

vision was unfortunate but pointed out until the EAR is filed with the state, the city is prohibited from changing any land use, even to return it to the original usage.

"Leave the land uses as they are" for now, Blackshear advised. "Move forward and get the EAR done first."

After 35 years in the community planning business, Blackshear said she understands landowners' concerns.

"The last thing you want to do is upset the landowners," she said. "They want to know what the zoning is and is it going to stay. If it's going to change, they want to be the one making the recommendation."

"I guess this means we lost all our agriculture land, which our citizens tried so hard to get," observed Smith sadly. "There were some citizens who were told they would have to get rid of their horses."

While preparing the EAR, Blackshear said she believes some minor adjustments can be made, paving the way toward returning the agricultural use designations once the EAR is accepted by the DCA and the rezoning process can commence.

"I feel we can tweak some of the language of these categories without changing the actual land use," Blackshear said. "I think that's the better way to do it than to start taking land use away."

The first stage would be to get the EAR report filed and get the city in compliance, Blackshear said. The next stage would be addressing zoning tweaks. Nothing can be done until the EAR report is filed "because you're past due," Blackshear said.

One of the "tweaks" Blackshear recommended is "to strengthen the infrastructure policies," she said. "Developers should pay for infrastructure and not the city. Strengthen the policies to better protect the city."

Although Blackshear's original estimate for her services was \$19,000, she lowered her fee to \$16,000. The city's actual cost would be \$14,000 because assistance from Okaloosa County would help cover preparation of some documents. She agreed to start immediately to stretch the project — and its cost — over two fiscal years. The city's 2011 fiscal year starts in October.

Blackshear also assured community leaders that the public's input would be included through open hearings as the EAR process continues.

"Let me make real clear; I work for you," Blackshear stressed. "You will make the final decision of what is in the EAR report."

"It's about what's best for Laurel Hill. This city wants it done right," she said. "This time next year, you will feel much happier about the city's documents."

ELECTION from page A1

ter informed and prepared than in some elections. But as this is a primary election, by Florida law, voters can't cast ballots outside of races within the party in which they are registered.

"Mostly I hear from the ones who come prepared to vote in a particular race and then find they cannot because they are registered in a different party," Lux said. "The sheriff's race and school vote is driving everybody's interest. Just from what I've seen and heard, that seems to be the overriding concern."

After the first week of early voting concluded, 2,528 people had voted. By mid-week, more than 1,000 additional votes had tumbled in.

"We have received more than 3,800 people, which is only 700 short of the highest voting in a primary," Lux said Wednesday. "My suspicion is we will break that record today, and we still have three more days of early voting to go."

So far, approximately 3 percent of Okaloosa County's registered voters have voted early, and 3.5 percent have voted absentee, Lux said.

"Compare that to not quite 6 percent in the 2008 primary and 6.5 percent in 2006," he said. "We've almost reached the 2006 percentage."

By Friday morning, the tally was up to 5,254 early votes cast, or 7.8 percent of registered voters.

Today is the last day to cast an early ballot. Early voting has been going on for the past two weeks. If a voter hasn't voted yet, then he or she must do so during Tuesday's regular primary election day.

"On Tuesday, the polls



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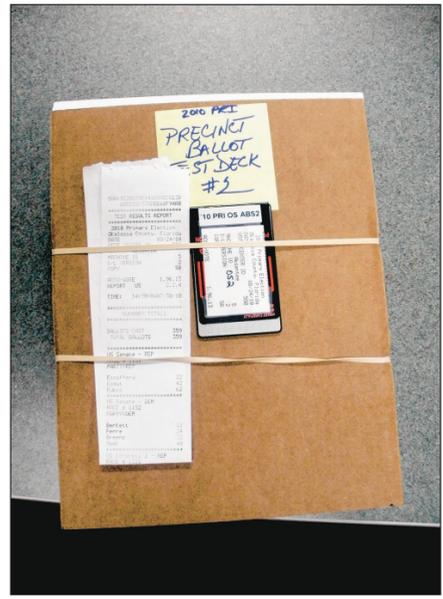
ELECTIONS CHIEF: Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections Paul Lux stands before a bank of voting booths following another day of early voting at his department's Wilson Street offices.

are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.," Lux reminded voters. "Anybody in line at the end at 7 gets to vote. If you're pulling into the parking lot at your polling place at 6:55 and are afraid the polls will close before you get to the front of the line, that's no reason to not go."

Based on the increased numbers Lux has seen voting early and absentee, he has revised his original estimate of voter turnout in the primary election.

"I think we're heading for between a 35 and 40 percent turnout," Lux said.

Read more election coverage on page B4 in today's News Bulletin and on our website, www.crestviewbulletin.com.



TEST REPORT: One of two stacks of test ballots, plus a printed report and memory card from the tabulation machine, following a pre-election day test of the equipment.

LAWSUIT from page A1

The lawsuit alleges Siler was walking with his daughter on Main Street and saw a man on a park bench being treated by paramedics when Floyd ran a stop sign in his personal car while responding to the scene.

Siler told Floyd he saw him run the stop sign, and the lawsuit alleges that Floyd crossed the street and confronted him.

"Floyd then placed his hand on the plaintiff's (Siler's) chest and attempted to push the plaintiff," the lawsuit states. "The plaintiff removed Floyd's hand from his chest."

In an arrest report, however, Floyd accused Siler of interfering with a crime scene. According to the report, Floyd was responding to a call of a man police believed might attempt suicide — the man on the park bench — who reportedly became combative and was shot with a Taser gun by another officer to be subdued.

Floyd said he was driving an

unmarked police car and was within his legal rights to run the stop sign while responding to an active call.

The man was being loaded into an ambulance when Siler yelled, "I saw you run that stop sign Floyd," Floyd stated in the arrest report.

"When Siler arrived at the rear of the ambulance, I advised him he was in a crime scene and to continue to move on," Floyd wrote in the report.

Floyd told Siler he was hindering officers and firefighters and that he would be arrested if he did not leave, according to the report.

Siler and Floyd reportedly then walked toward each other.

"I placed my hand on Siler's chest to maintain distance and I advised him again that he was going to be arrested if he did not leave the area," Floyd wrote. "Siler then slapped my hand and took an aggressive posture, yelling, 'Don't put your hands on me.

You can't touch me. I'm gonna sue you now. This is a lawsuit here."

The incident was not the first encounter between the two men. The lawsuit alleges that Siler complained of "excessive force" during a February 2008 incident when Floyd arrested a black man and that after the complaint Siler "became a target of harassment by Floyd."

The lawsuit alleges that Floyd was told by Siler not to enter a vacant lot he owned at the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Booker Street but did so on April 29, 2008.

According to a police report, Floyd and another officer witnessed a man, who they suspected might be carrying drugs, throw something on the ground on Siler's property.

The officers pulled into the entrance to the fenced-in property, blocking the entrance, to search for drugs when Siler pulled in be-

hind them and refused to move so they could leave, the police report states.

"Siler continued to be aggressive and belligerent until he moved his vehicle after approximately 15 minutes of keeping us blocked in," according to the report.

The lawsuit states, however, that Siler asked Floyd to call Mitchell "so Mitchell could personally assess what Floyd was doing" and that he was waiting for the police chief to arrive.

Floyd stated in his report that Siler "hindered and obstructed" police officers.

According to the lawsuit, Floyd applied for an arrest warrant. The criminal case was dismissed by the state attorney's office after Siler completed conditions outlined in a deferred prosecution, according to the Okaloosa County Clerk of Courts website.

Siler is black, and his lawsuit further alleges the incidents

were "racially motivated" and that Mitchell failed to act on complaints against Floyd.

"Mitchell intentionally, knowingly and recklessly failed to supervise and control on a continuing basis the defendant, Floyd, thus allowing racially motivated arrests without probable cause to occur," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit seeks damages against Mitchell and Floyd individually and in their "official capacity."

The lawsuit states only that damages in excess of \$15,000 will be sought. The actual amount Siler is seeking could be much higher, Stevenson said.

Stevenson said federal lawsuits typically move fairly quickly.

"My guess is that it will be wrapped up within a year," Stevenson said.

"Again, we look forward to bringing the truth to light and our day in court," Mitchell wrote in his statement.

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White and Pannasch to wed



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Kimberly White and Phillip Pannasch will be married next month.

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Mr. Randy and Mrs. Cheryl White of Milton are happy to announce the future marriage of their daughter, Kimberly L. White, to Phillip M. Pannasch, son of Mr. Steve and Mrs. Pamela Pannasch of Crestview.

Kimberly is a 2008 graduate of Milton High School and received her Associates of Art degree in May 2009 from Pensacola Junior College. She is a year away from graduating from the University of West Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a minor in Accounting.

Phillip is a 2005 graduate of Crestview High School and joined the U.S. Navy in August 2009. He is currently serving at NSA Norfolk as an Information Systems technician and is working towards finishing his degree and various certifications.

The couple will be married at 6:30 p.m. at the Garden Center in Pensacola on Friday, Sept. 17, 2010.



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Newlyweds Lyndsey and Davin Hand were married in Florala. The couple lives in South Walton County.

Mai and Cobb to wed



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Robin Eubanks and Mark Mai, both of Destin, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Mai, to Destin Cobb, son of John and Sharon Cobb, also of Destin.

Lauren graduated from Fort Walton Beach High School and is currently working toward a nursing degree at Northwest Florida State College.

Destin also graduated from Fort Walton Beach High School. He then graduated from the Fisher School of Accounting at the University of Florida, and is currently a certified public accountant for Carr, Riggs & Ingram.

The couple will be married Oct. 23, 2010, at the Kelly Plantation Golf Club.

Lauren Mai and Destin Cobb are planning an October wedding.

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Johnson and Hand united in marriage

Special to the News Bulletin

Lyndsey Johnson and Sgt. Davin Hand were married on Nov. 28, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church of Florala, Ala.

Lyndsey is the daughter of Dr. Joe and Mrs. Karen Johnson of Paxton, the granddaughter of Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Estelle Felgenhauer of Crestview, and Mrs. Reba Johnson of Kinston, Ala., and the late Tank Johnson.

Davin is the son of Mr. Dannie Joe and Mrs. Sheila Hand of DeFuniak Springs, and the grandson of Mrs. Lunette Yancey of Bonifay, and the late Mr. Charles Earl Yancey, the late Mr. James Hand, and the late Mr. Howard and Mrs. Peggy Johnson.

Lyndsey graduated from the University of Houston in May with a Master's of Music in Vocal Performance. While in Houston, Lyndsey performed five principal roles in the fully staged opera productions, sang in master classes with distinguished teachers and artists, and worked closely with current opera composers, directors and teachers. She has performed with many local organizations throughout her life including the Florida Chautauqua Theater, orchestra, and show choir groups, Grit & Grace, and the Okaloosa-Walton College's show choir, Madrigals, and symphony chorus. Lyndsey completed her bachelor's degree at Berry College in Rome, Ga., and also in vocal performance, and is glad to be home again performing with the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra this season as a soloist in Puccini's "Madame Butterfly."

Davin is proudly serving his eighth year in the United States Army. During his five years on active duty, he served



in Korea and Afghanistan. He joined the Army Reserves to pursue a college education in Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology. He is currently working his third season with the South Walton Fire District Surf Rescue Division as a lifeguard on the beaches of Walton County. He has received many honors and distinctions in his career, as well as placing in competitions, such as Top Military Team in the Southeastern SWAT Competition and brigade winner in the Army Warrior Competition. After finishing his bachelor's, Sgt. Hand plans on continuing his military career as an active duty commissioned officer. The couple resides in South Walton County.

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Sister sister cities?

Niceville may join Crestview's relationship with French city

Brian Hughes

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Any naughty connotations aside, the French term *ménage à trois*, literally, "a household of three," applies nicely to the long friendship that both Crestview and Niceville have shared with the French island town of Noirmoutier-en-l'Île.

On Aug. 7, representatives from both Okaloosa County cities met at Northwest Florida State College to discuss formalizing the relationship. Combining the resources of both Florida communities is logical, the group agreed, including more participants for visits to France and more hosts when the French groups visit Northwest Florida.

Groups from both cities have already enjoyed previous cultural and educational exchanges with Noirmoutier:

- Northwest Florida State College Soundations show-choir members and Madrigals singers perform in Noirmoutier every two years.

- In May, five people from Niceville joined a contingent from Crestview at Noirmoutier's celebration of the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II.

- Crestview High School French Club students periodically stay with Noirmoutier families for multi-week exchanges.

- Last fall, 40 residents from Noirmoutier, including 20 students, spent two weeks in Crestview, staying with local host families, including some from Niceville.

Among those meeting at NWFLSC were Dr. Cliff Herron, head of the college's fine and performing arts division, who organizes the



BRIAN HUGHES | Crestview News Bulletin

REMINISCING: Members of the Crestview and Niceville sister cities organization, from left, Niceville High School French teacher Monika Dombrowski, Joe and Pam Coffield from Crestview, and Crestview High School French teacher Chris Lanoue, examine the Coffields' scrapbook from their recent trip to Noirmoutier.

choirs' performances in France, and Monika Dombrowski, formerly a French teacher at Crestview High School, who now teaches the language at Niceville High School.

Chris Lanoue, the current CHS French instructor, extolled the virtues of the educational exchanges her students have experienced, piquing the interest of Dombrowski.

"The kids could take a packaged tour," Lanoue said, "but nothing beats the experience of staying in a home with a French family."

Crestview sister city organization president Jim Mills, treasurer Pam Coffield and her husband, Joe, described the activities the Florida and French communities have shared. Events have included special dinners, excursions and sightseeing.

"They go all out when we visit," Mills said.

Also attending were Cornelia Boone and Chris-

tina Rowe, both of Niceville, who joined the May exchange and became instant advocates of the sister city program.

"I think it gives a whole sophistication and global outreach advantage to our towns," Rowe commented.

With a group from Noirmoutier, including civic officials, planning a fall 2011 visit to Florida, on Aug. 10, Mills, Herron, Lanoue and Katie Sharon, a Crestview banking executive who participated in a commercial exchange in Noirmoutier during the May visit, addressed the Niceville City Council to encourage formalizing the unification.

Mills was uncertain if Sister Cities International, the world's coordinating body for sister city relationships, would permit two neighboring communities to team up. If it is permissible, he said, one obvious advantage was the \$360 annual dues paid to SCI could be split between the two communities.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS BULLETIN

Law enforcement officers inspect a tractor-trailer rig for possible hiding spots for illegal drugs or contraband during a recent training exercise.

Sheriff's office co-sponsors drug interdiction training

Special to the News Bulletin

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office helped sponsor a three-day training course Aug. 9 to 11 on ways to pursue and identify individuals involved in criminal activity while they are traveling roads and highways. Twenty-three deputies from the OCSO and 16 from other law enforcement agencies attended the free training, which is funded by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Instructors from The 4:20 Group, LLC provided law enforcement officers quality, up-to-date information focusing on current trends pertaining to criminal activity.

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This is why many special programs have had funding cuts. Elementary school music and art programs are diminished. Funds for school bands have shrunk and more cuts loom.

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From the PULPIT

Reasons to boast



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From the Pulpit

"So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure." 2 Thessalonians 1:4
All of us enjoy feeling special and hearing our name called. However, without God, we have no eternal significance. I was humbly made aware of this truth when I recently visited a nursing home.
My much-loved aunt, age 96, lay in her bed,

taking up only a small portion of it. Her frail little body looked like a tiny seashell upon a vast white beach. I lightly squeezed her hand and said, "Do you know me?" She looked into my eyes but said nothing.
I needed her to recognize me and extend love to me as she always did. When she didn't respond, I felt disappointment. Again I asked, "Do you know who I am?" Still no reply.
Then, when our eyes

connected, she smiled sweetly and in a weak voice, oozing with love, said, "You are just who you are."
I nodded with joy as I thought, "Yes I am just who I am! Even without a name, I have my identity. I am a child of God!" I kissed my aunt goodbye and walked to my car in tears. I could boast only of belonging to Him.
Father, make me into the person You intend me to be.

Brother Raymond Williams is pastor at New Beginnings Church, 412 W. James Lee Blvd., Crestview, FL 689-2988.

Church BRIEFS

Please turn in your church news briefs to the News Bulletin by 5 p.m. Tuesday for the Saturday issue.

America, speak at the 10 a.m. Sunday School and 11 a.m. worship service of the First Presbyterian PCA, 23500 Fifth Ave. in Floral, this Sunday, Aug. 22. He is planting a PCA church in Crestview.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMP MEETING: On Monday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m., Trumpet Ministries will begin the West Florida Camp Meeting at Auburn Pentecostal Church, 6144 N. State Road 85, Crestview. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Reverends David Tolbert, Sime Morris, Kenny Morris, Brian Crets and Darrell Turner will be preaching. You are welcome to attend.
AWANA: New Beginnings Church, 412 James Lee Blvd. in Crestview, welcomes all young people to join their AWANA clubs from 5 to 7 p.m. each Sunday night. The clubs serve all children and youths ages 2 years old through 12th grade. Transportation is provided by the church. Call 689-2988 for more information.
HOME COMING: Bradley Assembly of God Church at 16305 Bradley Road in Wing, Ala., is having Homecoming Sunday, Aug. 22. Services will begin at 9:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. and singing in the afternoon. Bro. Ken Draughon from the Alabama District Council will be guest speaker for the day. Singers will be the McKissack Family. Everyone is welcome to attend.
PCA SERVICES: The community is invited to hear the Rev. David Young of the PCA, Presbyterian Church in

EVENTS

BORN TO WIN: Radio show airs every day at 12:30 p.m. on WTJT 90.1 FM. Presented by Northwest Florida Church of God, pastored by Carl Dillenback.
CATHOLIC RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for those seeking one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This formation process is the church's approved method for individuals to become members of the Catholic community. Sessions are held at the Eglin Chapel Center Annex from 7 to 9 p.m. each Wednesday evening. Details: Susan Huberty at 882-7320.
FREE BIBLE COURSE: Airport Road Church of Christ is offering a free Bible correspondence course. Call 682-4025 for more information. The radio program airs Monday through Saturday at 5:45 a.m. on WAAZ, 104.7 FM.
BOOK OF REVELATION STUDY: Each Sunday at 5 p.m., the Good Hope Congregational Church presents the study of the Book of Revelation. The Rev. Tommy Coleman will be presenting the study, and there will be finger foods to follow every Sunday evening. Anyone interested may join. Call 537-4307 for more information.

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EFCU congratulates Richardson on Nintendo Wii win

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From more than 100 participating entries, EFCU President Phipps McGee drew Deari Richardson's name as the grand prize winner of a Nintendo Wii game system. Nine other winners were awarded a cash deposit to their savings accounts.

"We appreciate all parents and educators who



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Deari Richardson won a Nintendo Wii for participating in the Okaloosa Teach-Children-to-Save program at Eglin Federal Credit Union.

take an active role in helping their children better understand money management," McGee said. Students and parents

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president, Mark E. Mattheiss, a Pensacola native has developed material for Raytheon, Northrop Grumman, and Lockheed Martin. Mattheiss was previously vice president of Brooks Dental Laboratories Inc. For information contact Mark Mattheiss at markmattheiss@cox.net.

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News & NOTES

Softball challenge

The Sliding Into Home for Kids softball challenge will take place Aug. 28 at Old Spanish Trail Park starting at 9 a.m.

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Come show your support as the Crestview Fire and Police departments, along with the Florida Department of Children and Families, with the Families First Network, swing into action to raise community awareness for the needs of local foster homes.

For more information, call Kristopher Staley at 585-3615 or Alice Cheslock at 533-6118.

YMCA soccer, flag football

The Crestview Family YMCA will hold registration for soccer and flag football through Aug. 28.

The coed leagues are open for children ages 3-12.

Play begins the week of Sept. 13.

Cost is \$36 for members and \$48 for nonmembers.

For more information, call 689-2999 or visit the YMCA at 298 N. Wilson St.

AHA golf tournament

Okaloosa County employees will host the 9th Annual AHA Golf Tournament benefiting the American Heart Association (AHA).

The tournament will be at the Foxwood Country Club in Crestview on Sept. 10, and all proceeds benefit AHA locally. If you would like to sponsor or play in the tournament, contact Randy Sims at 689-5914 or rsims@co.okaloosa.fl.us, or Sandra Launch at 651-7515 or slaunch@co.okaloosa.fl.us.

Loop the Lake 5K

The fourth annual Loop the Lake 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run are set for Sept. 18 from 7-10 a.m. in DeFuniak Springs.

Last year, more than 300 participants took place in the race, which is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

The 5K starts at 8 a.m. at the amphitheater on Circle Drive in DeFuniak Springs.

Early registration runs through Sept. 12 and costs \$15. Late registration costs \$25 and goes from Sept. 13 until 7 a.m. on race day.

The fun run for kids 10 and younger is \$10.

For more information about the race and a registration form, go to www.chelco.com.

Fall baseball

Sign-up for NAYB Traveling Eagles Fall Baseball is now available at www.travelingeagles.com for players ages 7-14 (as of April 30, 2011). For more information, call Mike Wells at 428-0005.

2010 high school football schedules

Baker
Aug. 27 KO Classic vs. Jay
Sept. 3 at Crestview
Sept. 10 vs. Sneads
Sept. 17 at Vernon
Sept. 24 at South Walton
Oct. 1 vs. Northview
Oct. 8 at Bozeman

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CRESTVIEW VOLLEYBALL

Expectations HIGH

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Ben Kimbrough admits that in his first year of coaching the Crestview volleyball team last year he had to learn on the fly.

Now with a season under his belt, he's ready to apply some of those lessons in the 2010 season.

"I was able to learn a lot from the teams we played last year," he said. "Last year was a learning experience for me, too. I'm never going to claim I know everything."

"Going into it for me, I love it because I get to learn something from every match we play and everybody we compete against. I can see different styles of play, and I'm looking forward to how this season is going to turn out with a little more experience under my belt."

Perhaps the most important lesson he learned had little to do with the physical strategies of the game.

"Our communication on the court was really bad last year," he said. "With that we had an issue where when we got down a little bit, it really brought us down."

"I think this year my focus is on better communication so that they know their roles and what they need to do on court so they are meshing better. I think that's the biggest thing I've picked up on."

Kimbrough's return for a second year stopped a revolving door for Bulldog volleyball coaches, and the players appreciate having the same coach two straight years.

"It feels like we've actually got somebody that cares about the sport and cares about us that isn't too busy with their personal lives to come out and help us with something we love," senior Marley Galvin said.

Galvin's classmate, Alicia Dukes, said the constant coaching changes had the Bulldogs feeling like volleyball orphans.

"It helps that we have familiarity with the coach," she said. "And we feel like we are wanted rather than being passed down from coach to coach."

"We don't feel like we are being abandoned."

Junior Sara Hamilton puts a lot of stock in the familiarity Dukes spoke about.



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Alicia Dukes goes up high for a spike.

See **CRESTVIEW B2**



LEFT: Sara Hamilton gets in position for the dig. **MIDDLE:** A Bulldog volleyball player makes a set. **RIGHT:** Members of the Crestview volleyball team work on their serves.

Parks settles in as Gator volleyball coach

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BAKER — So far so good for Tomikko Parks as she takes over as the Baker volleyball coach.

Parks replaced Lisa Roy, who stepped down after two years to return to nursing.

"Actually the transition has been rather effortless," Parks said. "I've been lucky enough to inherit six seniors, and four of them played last year. It's just a great bunch of kids."

"They've been willing to come out and work. I haven't had any type of issues where you always want to go back to what the old coach did."

The Gators are riding a string of seven consecutive district championships, with the past two coming under the direction of Roy and the other five coming with long-time coach Kathy Combest leading the squad.

Parks has been on staff at Baker for nine years. And like Roy, she played volleyball for Combest. Both of those factors have made the transition a little easier.

"A lot of them I have known since they were babies," Parks said. "Some of them I've known since they were little bitty. That's just coming from the type of school this is."

"It's good just to have them know that we worked hard then, and when I first started playing volleyball, we were building this program. It's good that they know that I was there and know what it means to work hard and come to this gym every day and lay my heart on the line and get after it."

Parks previously coached many of her volleyball players in middle school basketball,



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Baker volleyball players work on their serve during Tuesday's practice.

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Oct. 22 vs. Holmes County (Homecoming)
 Oct. 29 vs. Freeport
 Nov. 5 at Jay
 Nov. 12 at Blountstown

Crestview
 Aug. 27 KO Classic at Gulf Breeze
 Sept. 3 vs. Baker
 Sept. 10 vs. West Gadsden (Homecoming)
 Sept. 17 at Tate
 Sept. 24 at Catholic
 Oct. 1 vs. Navarre
 Oct. 8 vs. Fort Walton Beach
 Oct. 15 vs. Milton
 Oct. 22 at Mosley
 Oct. 29 vs. Leon
 Nov. 5 vs. Niceville

Calendar deadlines

If you have an announcement for our sports calendar or would like to submit a story, please note the following deadlines.

The deadline for the Wednesday issue is 9 a.m. Monday. Our deadline for Saturday is 9 a.m. Thursday.

In the event of limited space, calendar items are prioritized by the closest dates. Other submitted material is published as we have available space.

BAKER

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and that has helped with the transition as well.

"So far it is going pretty good," senior Carly Barton said. "She has kept most of the girls the same, so we are used to everything, and we basically know what to do. We already knew, but we are doing pretty good."

Mollie Royal is glad to have Parks as the coach.

"I really like her," Royal said. "I think she's doing a great job, and it's a lot of fun with her. I think it's easier because they all (Combest, Roy and Parks) pretty much coach the same way and have the same ideas."

"I think her coaching style is sort of a combination of coach Combest and coach Roy. I think that really helps that she played here, because she knows the tradition and how important it is for us to win and to do good."

Parks was hired in July and didn't have the chance to get on the floor with her team until school started. With this being her first year coaching volleyball, Parks turned to Combest for a few pointers.

"Every coach needs someone because you don't know everything," Parks said. "Every now and then, you do need somebody to come in and give you a little refresher course on how we used to do things and how things have changed."

"Like I tell the girls, I remember doing things. I remember playing. I remember all kinds of things, but it's just hard when you haven't done it in a while to be able to teach the little nuances of everything."

Having six seniors on the squad makes things easier for Parks, whether teaching a drill or leading the younger players by example.

"When it is time to get to work, I don't have to tell them," Parks said. "I don't have to get them to show the younger girls what it takes. I have been blessed, I guess I should say, to



have six seniors I can look to."

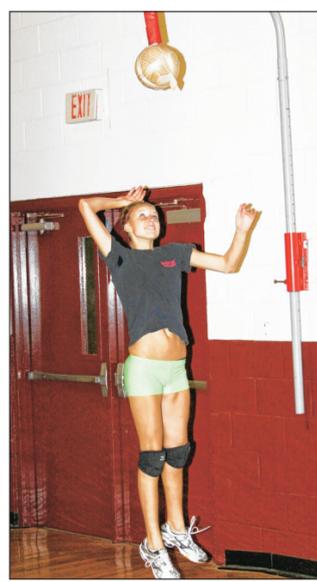
And a new coach hasn't changed the expectations of the Gator seniors.

"With seven districts championships, we always go out and use what we've got (in the way of talent), and we always seem to come out (on top)," Barton said. "We are an athletic team."

"We always have been, so I think we will be fine."

And the players feel the need to win for themselves and for Parks.

"There's definitely a lot of pressure because there has always been that pressure to win district," Royal said. "So it's definitely there with a new coach."



ABOVE: A Baker player gets low as she makes a dig.

FAR LEFT: A Gator volleyball player makes a high set at the net.

LEFT: A Baker player works on her technique on a spike.

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"It is has helped us because we know what we are doing and we know who he is," she said. "He helps us out."

"He's not just another random person who comes in. We know him, and we get along with him."

The Bulldogs finished last year with a 13-12 record. Kimbrough would have liked to have had a few wins in District 2-4A play, but as a whole he was happy with the way the team played in 2009.

"I always try to look at the positives, and that was great," he said. "I look at the negatives of last season only to see what I need to improve on. What things do I need to change around to make it easier and make it better for the girls to play

at their capabilities?"

"So for me, 13-12 is a winning season for us. We were last in the district, but it was a tough district. We learned a lot from what we did last year."

Defending district champion Niceville will be tough again. But the Eagles, who have been almost unbeatable the past several years, might come back to the pack a little in 2010.

Mosley and Fort Walton Beach should be good as well. And Kimbrough and his players also are expecting a good year for Crestview, meaning the district could be up for grabs.

"I really want to win district and have a better season than we did last year," Galvin said. "It was not dreadful, but seeing our record, we know we can play better than that."

Dukes sees no reason the Bulldogs shouldn't be in the thick of things.

"I think we can compete with everybody," Dukes said. "I don't think there are going to be any shutout games this year."

"It's going to be hard competition from everybody."

Hamilton believes winning could come down to the mental aspects of things.

"I'm hoping we can win, because I know we are a way better team than last year," she said. "I know if we go into it with a good mind, a strong mind, we can win."

"I think we can go all the way to districts and win. We just have to keep a strong mind and stay focused on the game, and I think we can win."

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The City of Laurel Hill, Florida has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal year 2010-2011. A preliminary meeting will be held on August 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

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Golden silk orb-weavers are all about the silk

Special to the News Bulletin

When someone mentions spiders, do you think of scary books parents read to little children about the creepy, crawly, eight-legged creatures? But spiders aren't that scary when you learn more about them. They actually do good things by helping control pesky biting flies like mosquitoes. And while all spiders can bite and have venom, only a few Florida spiders are harmful if they bite you.



BACKYARD SAFARI

A common Florida spider seen during the summer is the golden silk spider. This large and amazing spider has a long, yellowish body with tufts of black hair at the joints of its long legs. Although they may look scary, golden silk spiders are not dangerous. They can still bite, but usually they scurry off to hide when their web is disturbed.



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The golden silk spider hangs face-down in the center of her web, waiting for unsuspecting prey (flies, beetles, grasshoppers, wood moths and other flying insects) to get stuck so she can have her next meal. Yes, the large spider in the center is the female who made the web. If you look closely, you may see several smaller spiders in her web. They are males hoping to get her attention.

Golden silk spiders belong to the orb-weaver family. It is called an orb-weaver because its web is round. The unique thing about these spiders is the silk they spin to make their webs. It looks like gold thread and shimmers in the sunlight. Golden silk spider silk is also very strong — so strong that native people in tropical countries mat and twist the webs to make strong bags and fishing nets.

Recently a group of people in Madagascar — an island in the Indian Ocean southeast of Africa — collected more than 1 million golden silk spiders and carefully extracted their silk before returning them to the wild. They wove the silk into a beautiful golden rug. It took four years to make because collecting and weaving spider silk is a very difficult process. The techniques they used to make the rug were developed more than 100 years ago.

Finding these spiders is easy. Join the Get Outdoors Florida! movement and search for the golden silk spiders and their

The golden silk orb-weaver has a long, yellowish body with tufts of black hair at the joints of its long legs. This is a female golden silk spider. She hangs upside down in her web, waiting for her next meal.

beautiful, large webs by looking between tree branches, along woody hiking paths and across empty doorways. Because the webs are large and bright, they are easy to spot and can be seen throughout the day.

Make up a creative story about the spider you find. What is she thinking? What is her day like? Can you count how many bugs she has caught in her web? Can you draw a picture of her?

To learn more about the golden silk spider, visit www.myfwc.com/learning or www.ifas.ufl.edu. Also, to view the textile created using the silk of the golden silk spider, visit www.amnh.org and type "spider silk" in the search box. Be sure to visit the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center's website (www.btycc.org) and discover the outdoors. Learn about youth activities such as fishing, shooting sports, hiking, viewing wildlife and seasonal hunting on the impoundments, fields and forests of the conservation center.

Jessica Basham is a columnist with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission. Contact her via e-mail at Jessica.Basham@MyFWC.com.

Health department director emphasizes mosquito precautions

Special to the News Bulletin

OKALOOSA COUNTY — Dr. Karen Chapman, director at the Okaloosa County Health Department, emphasizes the importance of protection against mosquito-borne diseases during the summer rainy season, which includes peak mosquito activity months. The Florida Department of Health works with partner agencies (including the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, mosquito control agencies and state universities) throughout the year to monitor the presence of illnesses carried by mosquitoes, including West Nile virus infection, St. Louis encephalitis and Eastern Equine encephalitis.

Although mosquito diseases can cause serious illnesses and even death in people of any age, children and those over 50 are at greatest risk for severe disease. Physicians should contact the Okaloosa County Health Department if they suspect an individual may have a mosquito-borne

illness. DOH laboratories provide testing services for physicians treating patients with clinical signs of mosquito-borne diseases.

To protect yourself from mosquitoes, you should remember to practice the "5 D's":

- **Dusk and Dawn:** Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood.
- **Dress:** Wear clothing that covers most of your skin.
- **DEET:** When the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing up to 30 percent DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) are recommended. Other effective mosquito repellents include picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535. Some repellents are not suitable for children.
- **Drainage:** Check around the home to rid standing water — where mosquitoes lay eggs.

For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses, visit www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/medicine/arboviral/ or call the health department at 833-9247.

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Okaloosa County Sheriff

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Who can vote? Registered Republicans in Okaloosa County.
What's next? Winner faces Cesar Morales (no party affiliation), Robert Thacker (no party affiliation), and Democrat Brian Sparling in the Nov. 2 election.

Larry Ashley

Family: Lanie Lee Ashley, Anna age 13, Robert age 11, and Ryan age 7.

Place of worship: First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach

Experience relevant to the office you seek: Chief Deputy of Sheriff's Office operations, 2009-present; Major and director of Finance and Administration, 2009; Major and director of Field Services Division, 2008-2009; Major and director of Support Services Division, 2007-2008; Major and director of Criminal Investigations Division, 2004-2007; Captain of Field Services, 2001-2004; Criminal Investigations Division, 1995-2001; K-9/Street Crimes Division, 1991-1995; Uniformed Patrol Division, 1990-1991.

Other education/experience: Graduate of FBI National Academy, Quantico, Va., 2005; Master's Degree in Public Administration with emphasis in Management, Troy State University, 1998; Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice; Minor in Forensics, University of Southern Mississippi, 1989; Graduate of Police K-9 Patrol/Detector School, 1991; Graduate of State Law Enforcement Academy, Okaloosa-Walton

Community College, 1990; Florida Department of Law Enforcement Chief Executive Training.

Thousands of hours of specialized law enforcement and public safety training by state and federal agencies dealing with such things as crisis intervention, computer and intellectual property crime, terrorism, gangs, firearms trafficking, white collar crime, money laundering and drug trafficking.

Reason you are seeking this position: I have worked toward and trained for serving as sheriff while promoting through the ranks from patrol deputy to chief deputy. Serving under three different sheriffs, I have gained the local insight and experience essential to providing a high level of public safety. I want to ensure that Okaloosa County remains a safe and highly desirable place to live for my children and family. There is no more qualified and committed person for the job.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: Government agencies, including the sheriff's office, will continue to struggle with the declining economy as they attempt to maintain necessary services. As sheriff, I will enhance efficiency and cut cost by consolidating services, focusing on establishing economies of scale by unifying all public safety communications and fleet maintenance services. I will also continue taking our agency toward a paperless environment, which will reduce document storage and maintenance costs. Consolidation is efficient and cost effective.

Rick Hord



LARRY ASHLEY

RICK HORD

Family: Wife, Christie (married 10 years); children, Mattie (6) and Annie Mae (2)

Place of worship: St. Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church, Fort Walton Beach. I have served several years on the Outreach Commission, including three years as chairman, and a three-year term (ended December 2009) on the church Vestry.

Experience relevant to the office you seek: I have 35-plus years of community, civic and church involvement in Okaloosa County, including many leadership positions. I worked in the private sector 15 years, during which time I became an unpaid volunteer officer with the Florida Marine Patrol Auxiliary, advancing to the rank of Major, in charge of the Auxiliary program for Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties. Since 1989, I have been full-time with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. Until early 2005, I served as Public Information Officer. Since that time, I have served as desk sergeant, followed by three years as supervisor of court security for the courthouse in Crestview and the Annex in Shalimar. For the past two years, I have been a Field Services supervisor of deputies on a patrol shift. Two-time winner of the "Public Image Award" for Florida Law Enforcement.

Other education/experience: BS, Communications, Florida State University. Master of Pub-



RON LIVINGSTON

STEVEN MENCHEL

lic Administration, Troy State University; graduate of Class-4, Florida Leadership Academy. Certified NRA personal protection instructor. I am also a certified law enforcement instructor, and am an active teacher for the Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Academy at Northwest Florida State College, having trained approximately 480 prospective law enforcement officers. I am consulted as a "Subject Matter Expert" by the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, and I helped re-write the textbook currently used in every Law Enforcement Recruit Academy in Florida. I am also the author of more than 100 published columns and articles on law enforcement, personal protection, crime prevention and public safety topics.

Reason you are seeking this position: The sheriff is a role model. The deputies who protect and serve you will reflect the attitude of the role model you elect for them. I take very seriously the responsibility of being someone you depend on. I believe in leadership by example and management by walking around. I believe in rallying the many forces of progress in our community to work together. I believe in honesty, open-mindedness, flexibility, pragmatism and perseverance.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it:

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forms to restore and protect public trust. I'll form a citizens advisory panel, and I'll appoint the Clerk of Courts to function as my Finance and Payroll officer. The clerk is already doing those jobs for all county departments, and for the Okaloosa Supervisor of Elections. This would create a new check-and-balance system, and make it easier for county commissioners and citizens to keep track of the taxpayers' money.

Ron Livingston

Family: Married to Karla; three children Alex, Zack and Cole

Place of worship: Methodist, First United Methodist Church of Crestview

Experience relevant to the office you seek: I have been with the Florida Highway Patrol for 19 years. I'm currently a district supervisor.

Other education/experience: Multiple hours of supervisory training, law enforcement training. Involved in several different task forces at the state and federal level.

Columns and articles on law enforcement, personal protection, crime prevention and public safety topics.

Reason you are seeking this position: I want to bring my years of experience to work for you. I will bring ethical leadership back to your sheriff's office. I will be a sheriff for the entire county, not focusing on one portion more than the other. I will bring

a conservative position to the office, by cutting the wasteful spending without compromising the public safety efforts. I will not only support but will fund the school resource program. We have to make sure our children are safe while they receive the education they deserve.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: We have to put the past behind us, and focus on the citizens of this county. I will work day and night to restore the honor and dignity back into the administration. I will make sure that the deputies receive the training they deserve, along with the equipment they need to perform their jobs properly. The budget is a big issue, and we need someone that is willing to face the Okaloosa County Commission, and figure where we can cut costs and stop duplications within our government. I am that person. I will be honored to have your vote on Aug. 24!

Steven Menchel

Family: Wife Vivian, daughter Amy, grandson Blake and son-in law Jeff.

Experience relevant to the office you seek: Retired senior executive level manager/Federal Agent, with over 38 years of progressive law enforcement experience. During those 38 years, 24 were served in a variety of management positions. The last two Executive Level Management positions included: Deputy director of Covert Operations Division, U.S. Customs, Washington D.C. In this assignment I managed all undercover operations worldwide and had an operating budget of \$100 million dollars. Assistant Special Agent in Charge,

See SHERIFF B7

Okaloosa County Commissioner, Districts 2 and 4

DISTRICT 2 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Who can vote? Registered Republicans in Okaloosa County.
What's next? Winner faces Tom Tona (no party affiliation) and a write-in candidate in the Nov. 2 election.

DISTRICT 4 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Who can vote? Registered Republicans in Okaloosa County.
What's next? Winner faces Dick Reinlie (no party affiliation) in Nov. 2 election.

District 2

Dave Parisot

Family: Wife, Chong, for 29 years; daughter, Laura, and family in Maryland; two sons, Michael and family in California, and Craig and wife in Washington, D.C.; and four grandchildren.

Experience relevant to the office you seek: I have participated in over 90 Commission meetings and workshops, including all budget workshops in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 (I stay for the whole meetings). My research and presentations to the Board have produced significant spending cuts resulting in lower taxes and fees for County citizens. I have held multiple command and leadership jobs in the USAF in aircraft maintenance and

logistics and was known for my problem solving abilities.

Other education/experience: Master of Business Administration in Management (1985); Bachelor of Science in Psychology (1968); Associate of Arts in Real Estate (1991); USAF Air Command and Staff College (1984); USAF Squadron Officer School (1988); Seminars on Florida Sunshine and Public Records Laws (2009) and Ethics (2009); and, I have owned and operated two businesses in housing construction and in retail sales after my USAF retirement in 1989.

Reason you are seeking this position: I can better serve the people of Okaloosa County as your elected County Commissioner than as a citizen advocate as I have been for the past four years. I want to help guide Okaloosa County (our retirement home) to economic recovery along with our cities and businesses. My experiences with real-world military emergencies will be a valuable asset in the event of future disaster planning and execution in Okaloosa County.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: There will be some tough budgeting decisions to be made in the next few years, which must be assessed for impacts on services the citizens need and want. This may require some reorganization and consolidation of offices and more partnering among county constitutional offices and between the county and our cities to cut spending and increase efficiencies. Another mid- and long-range issue is upgrading the county road system and working with our state and federal officials to get our



DAVE PARISOT

ELAINE TUCKER

DON AMUNDS

state and federal tax money to help fund these projects.

Elaine Tucker

Family: My husband is Maj. (Ret) Robert "Geno" Tucker, and we have 4 children, Lindsey Daso, Taylor Daso, Natalie Barnes and Tyler Tucker.

Place of worship: Shalimar United Methodist Church

Experience relevant to the office you seek: NW FL Regional Airport Civilian Liaison - current position; James E. Plew Outstanding Community Ambassador; Eglin AFB Air Force Material Command (AFMC); Community Leadership Representative - 3 years; Okaloosa County Commissioner - 4 years (vice chair and chairman); Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) - 4 years (chair 2 years); Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) - 4 years; Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Task Force - 3 years; Okaloosa County Economic Development Executive (EDC) Board - 4 years; Florida Association of Counties (FAC) local area representative - 4 years; Board of Directors & Growth Management committees - 2 years; Certified county commissioner; Community Development Corporation (CDC) Board - 4 years; Hurricane Katrina Task Force housing chairman - 3 years; Defense Support Initiative (DSI) Board - 5

years.

Other education/experience: News Talk 1260 Radio Co-Host - 1 year, open forum discussion on variety of local and national issues; Director of Events, Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation (DCWAF); Planned and executed all fund raising events in support of local charitable organizations raising over \$2 million dollars for local children's charities; Commissioner, City of Shalimar; Served as mayor pro-tem, police Commissioner and finance commissioner.

Reason you are seeking this position:

I am seeking the position of Okaloosa County commissioner at the request of many, many residents over the past 3.5 years. As a past commission chair, I bring a proven leadership, knowledge and a great working relationship with our local, state and federal officials and community organizations. I have a positive and proactive attitude and will work FULL TIME for the citizens of Okaloosa County.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: The biggest issue we will face will be how to recover from the long-term recession facing Florida and this nation. Unfortunately, the financial disaster created by the Gulf oil crisis has made the economic situation here locally even worse. It will take my leadership, strong community partnerships, smarter government, a

commitment to Okaloosa County residents and their future, to begin to solve this problem.

District 4

Don Amunds

Family: Married to Joanna Amunds, two boys: Scott, 23 and Robbie, 16.

Place of worship: Trinity United Methodist Church

Experience relevant to the office you seek: 23 years of public service, managing \$280 million budget; developing, building and managing rental properties; developed partnerships between government and private business.

Other education/experience: Bachelor of Science, Troy University; certified county commissioner, state of Florida.

Reason you are seeking this position: Having lived in Okaloosa County most of my life, I want to work in the community to make a difference and

implement positive change. I want to continue to work with citizens on both minor and major problems that affect the county. I intend to continue putting common sense in government and less bureaucracy and to run a more efficient and productive government.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: The biggest issues we now face are economic concerns. We need to continue to look for partnerships with other agencies to save money. I want to implement economic benefits such as tax abatements and other incentives to bring more businesses to our area, which will create better paying jobs and will, in turn, diversify our economy more and provide the ability for people to qualify for home loans, which then stimulates the building industry and the economy.

Danny Bennett

No information provided.



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COMMISSIONER RACE: Dave Parisot, candidate for the District 2 County Commissioner seat, speaks with voters during a recent candidate forum.

Okaloosa County School Board, Districts 3 and 5

NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Who can vote?

All registered voters in Okaloosa County.

What's next?

Winner of each race takes office.

District 3

Paul Wendel Brock

Family: Happily married 42 years to wife Jane (Skipper), of Destin. She is presently a guidance counselor at Edwins Elementary; two Sons: Brandon and Aaron.

Place of worship: Active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Experience relevant to the office you seek: Retired as a teacher in 2006 after 30 years; Bruner Jr. High, taught American History and coached football and baseball from 1973-1989; Fort Walton Beach

High School, 1989 until 2006, taught AP American History; World History; AP European History; coached baseball and basketball; advisor and sponsor, Youth In Government, Fort Walton Beach High School; advisor, Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Bruner.

Other education/experience: B.A. in History, from the University of West Florida; M.A. in Educational Leadership, from the University of West Florida; Served on the YMCA advisory board, Youth in Government; served, and continue to serve, as a Boy Scout Leader for over 30 years; active sponsor of Youth in Government at Fort Walton Beach High School; leader of National Day of Service; continue service to the community; Children in Crisis and Sharing and Caring; substitute teacher (I do this because I love kids.)

Reason you are seeking this position: My opponent has served for 16 years. I feel that it is time for a fresh new prospective to serve on the board.



PAUL BROCK

RODNEY WALKER

Having been a teacher for over 30 years I know the effect of every decision by the board on teachers and students. I believe that we can do a more effective job of producing better citizens, who understand and respect the foundational principles upon which the country was founded, i.e. respect for the Constitution; the free enterprise system; morality. We must improve the cooperation between the school, church and family, the primary transmitters of our culture. Finally, we can improve the communication between the board and those we serve.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: Schools have lost over \$40 million



HOWARD HILL

MELISSA THRUSH

the past two years and the economy is not getting any better. Schools have cut support personnel, cut programs, utilities, administrative overhead to meet the crisis. Some ways to address this is obvious. Live within your means; seek input from local citizens and businesses for ideas of having a smarter budget. Expand and improve volunteer programs and business partnerships to help the schools. This is part of my goal to improve the cooperation between family, church and school.

Rodney Walker

Family: Two sons, Rodney, Jr. and Chet, who are both graduates of the

Okaloosa County School system.

Experience relevant to the office you seek: Educated in the public schools of Florida and earned undergraduate degrees in social studies, psychology, and counseling. Master's degree in Educational Leadership and School Administration. Lifelong educator with 30-plus years of service to the Okaloosa County School system as a teacher, guidance counselor, and administrator. Retired as director of Student Services in 1994.

Other education/experience: Elected in 1994 to the Okaloosa County School Board. Served six consecutive years as Chairman of the School Board and is again serving in that capacity this year. Also serves as the Board's representative in the school facilities construction program.

Reason you are seeking this position: I feel that the lack of funds for schools is the biggest issue being faced by the School Board. The school district lost \$39 million in revenue in the

last three years. I feel that my expertise in the budget area and full understanding of how the education system works will be beneficial in managing the budget in these difficult times.

District 5

Howard Hill

Family: Elizabeth "Libby" Hill (wife); John Hill (son); David Hill (son); Christine Bethanne Johnson (daughter).

Experience relevant to the office you seek: Almost 14 years as proactive, informed School Board member; 24 years active duty in the U.S. Air Force, in leadership, operational and staff positions, ranging from squadron-level to the Department of Defense. Active involvement in community through being member of Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, YMCA Advisory Board, Okaloosa Republican Club as well as PAL Soccer

See **SCHOOL B7**

Judge, 1st judicial circuit

NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Who can vote?

All registered voters in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties.

What's next?

Candidate who wins more than 50 percent of the vote takes office. Otherwise, two top vote getters advance to the Nov. 2 election.

Kenneth Brooks, Jr.

Family: Wife, Cathy (married 27 years), children: Zach, Hannah, Emily

Place of worship: St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Milton

Experience relevant to the office you seek: I have been practicing law for 20 years. Prior to that I served as a decorated law enforcement officer in Florida. I am a trial attorney and for 20 years I have represented clients in Okaloosa, Escambia, Santa Rosa and Walton counties. My practice includes; family law, criminal law, abandoned, abused or neglected children, probate and many other areas of law typically handled by circuit judges. I have handled small cases to multi-million dollar litigation matters in state and federal courts.

Other education/experience: Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida State University

Juris Doctorate from the University of North Dakota School of Law

I am a member of the Order of Barristers and practice in State and Federal Courts.

I traveled extensively when I was young as my father is a retired Lt. colonel in the U.S. Air Force. We eventually settled in Florida where I became a law enforcement officer and then went on to practice law. **Reason you are seeking this position:** After a rewarding 20-year career practicing law it was time to give up a very successful practice and give back to the community that has been so good to us all these years. The pinnacle of a lawyer's career is to be a judge. As an attorney who spent the majority of his career in the courtroom, I wanted to assure that our community received the most qualified person for the job.

Biggest issue this

position faces and how you plan to address it: The most pressing issue is how to handle larger caseloads with decreasing funding. Docket sizes increase and there is no funding for more judges. Efficiency is the key, and while it is true that justice is the goal, it can be accomplished efficiently by assisting the clerks office in moving cases along. All the best judges I have worked with were tireless workers, preparing for large dockets the night before court.

Clint Davis

Family: Married to Maranda Davis, with four children.

Experience relevant to the office you seek: I have a decade of courtroom trial experience, primarily in Circuit Court. I've also practiced in most of the areas of law within Circuit Court jurisdiction.

Other education/experience:

Honors graduate of University of West Florida. Honors graduate of University of Florida College of Law.

Reason you are seeking this position: I'm qualified by education and experience, and I am committed to ensuring American concepts of justice and the rule of law endure in our courts.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: An overburdened court system combined with ever decreasing available funding makes it difficult to give every litigant his or her "day in court." To deal with this serious issue, judges must promote efficient use of court time by eliminating unnecessary delays, requiring parties to mediate outside of court, when appropriate, and other similar measures.

Michael Flowers

Family: Wife, Jan Flowers, who is a registered nurse. We have three daughters: Jennifer, who is a student at the University of Alabama; Cara, who attends the University of West Florida; and Leah, who will begin attending the University of West Florida this year.

Place of Worship: Niceville United Methodist Church

Experience relevant to the office you seek: I have practiced law in the First Circuit for 25 years. I have an active trial practice, and am primarily experienced in the family law, juvenile law, and criminal law areas.

Other education/



KENNETH BROOKS JR

CLINT DAVIS

experience: BS from Florida State University, 1981, and Law Degree from Cumberland School of Law.

Reason you are seeking this position: I am seeking to be a judge because I have been asked to serve by other lawyers and members of the community. I appear before the courts virtually every day of my career, and I believe we need judges who will listen carefully to the positions of the litigants, who will act swiftly and efficiently, and who will apply the law on the books, and not the law they think should be on the books.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: The biggest issue this position faces is how to handle more cases with less money. I am confident that I can play a leadership role in continuing to make the courts operate more cost effectively. The law has been slow to use the advantages of technology, but I am an advocate of using technology to help minimize the administrative costs that the judicial system incurs, even with an increasingly heavy caseload.

Mike Lawson

Family: I have been married for 10 years to my wife, Nicole, and we have two children, Margaret and John, as well as our little dog, Maggie

Place of Worship: Christ Our King Catholic Church, Freeport

Experience relevant to the office you seek: As an attorney I focus my practice on property and business law. My primary job is to protect property owners and business owners from litigation, and with the current economic downturn I have devoted an increasing amount of my practice towards the foreclosure cases that are clogging our court system. If elected I would be one of the few judges with longstanding experience in foreclosures, contract law and property litigation.

Other education/experience: BA in International Studies, University of West Florida. MA in War Studies, King's College - in Law, College of William and Mary; I



MICHAEL FLOWERS

MIKE LAWSON

also attended the University College Dublin (Ireland), University of Oslo (Norway), Klagenfurt University (Austria) and College of William and Mary at Madrid (Spain).

Prior to becoming an Attorney I spent over nine years in the National Security Fields, most of which was spent working with the Department of Energy in the area of Nuclear and Biological Weapons proliferation.

Reason you are seeking this position: I believe there is always need for conservative judges who believe that the law must be applied to the facts strictly, impartially and without bias or political agenda. Judges do not make law, they do not make social policy and they cannot interpret the law to achieve a "desired outcome."

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: The biggest issue before the courts is the extraordinary caseload. As a judge I will use methods such a mandatory case management conferences, to streamline my docket as much as possible. I will hold attorneys to the deadlines imposed by the various rules of procedure. I will not grant frequent extensions and continuances to attorneys without good cause. I will sanction lawyers when the facts show an attorney has wasted the court's time or unnecessarily delayed a trial.

Alishia McDonald

Family: Married to teenage sweetheart, Eric J. McDonald. We have four daughters, Amber (age 10), Annah (age 8), Amelia (age 5), and Allison (age 3)

Place of worship: University Parkway SDA Church, Protestant Christian Denomination

Experience relevant to the office you seek: The two primary areas of law facing circuit judges are family and criminal law. I have been in private practice specializing in the areas of family law and criminal defense for the past six years, and I have over 12 years of diverse legal experience and the integrity that matters to competently serve as circuit judge. I



ALISHIA McDONALD

ROBERT MCGILL, III

began my legal career at Northwest Florida Legal Services fighting for the rights of the poor, battered women, and children. After leaving NWFLS, I became a felony circuit prosecutor in the First Judicial Circuit. As a prosecutor, I prosecuted criminal defendants and fought for the protection and rights of victims of crime. As a former defender of the indigent, former felony circuit prosecutor at the State Attorneys Office in the First Judicial Circuit, and a current criminal defense and family law attorney, I have proven that I have the integrity that matters, and the experience and common sense to make unwavering sound and fair legal decisions.

Other education/experience: University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville., Juris Doctorate (J.D.) 1998; Franklin Pierce University, Rindge, N.H., Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) 1995.

Reason you are seeking this position: The Bible tells us that there was no evidence against Jesus during his trial before Pilate. But Pilate desired to please people and thus condemned Jesus to death because he did not heed counsel from God through his wife, nor did he follow the law. Judges should be ethical, impartial and follow the law, but they also should be connected with God. I seek to administer firm justice that is tendered with mercy.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: An important issue is efficient docket control. The Court's resources, and taxpayer dollars, should not be unnecessarily wasted. If elected, I will seek to reduce the number of continuances, hold more case management and pre-trial conferences, encourage attorneys to expeditiously move their cases and hold them accountable if they do not; set more trials, and utilize General Magistrates and certified mediators more. These advances should allow for the court to move more cases.

Robert E. McGill, III

Family: Wife, Leah (married 28 years); daughters

Mallory (24), and Lauren (22); mother, Lottie.

Place of worship: First Presbyterian Church of Destin

Experience relevant to the office you seek: I have 29 years of experience in general civil practice, including serving as the city attorney for Destin. My professional career has not been confined solely to the practice of law, and similarly my legal practice has not been confined solely to one area of law. In fact, my work outside of the legal arena has given me a unique perspective that my opponents in this race do not have.

Other education/experience: Florida Supreme Court certified Circuit civil mediator; Hebert and Abbott in New Orleans, La. (1981-1984); Commercial real estate development (1985-1990); Stowell, Anton and Kraemer in Destin (1991-1993); Destin city attorney (1993-1996); Robert E. McGill, III, P.A. in Destin (1993-2010).

In addition to my work, I have a history of giving back to my community through my involvement as an Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Destin, Rotarian for 23 years, serving for the last four years on the Sacred Heart of the Emerald Coast Development Board, and the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority.

Reason you are seeking this position: I think it is time that we quit electing inexperienced people. I have 29 years of experience practicing law, and I believe it takes this much experience to be a good Judge. At this point in my career, if I am elected Judge I essentially get a chance to make a career change and serve the people of Okaloosa County doing something that I love - the law. I am a good listener, hard worker and a compassionate, fair minded person, and these traits which have been entrusted to me will allow me to hear all sides of a dispute in an open minded manner.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: The biggest issue facing our court system today is the overcrowding of the court docket. I believe that justice delayed is justice denied. I have successfully run my own law practice and administered up to 14 employees. This experience will help me efficiently move cases through the court system. Also, I plan to use magistrates and help train and work with mediators to assist in resolving cases without having to trial.

State Representative, District 1

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Who can vote? Registered Republicans in Florida House District 1.

What's next? Winner faces Mathias Venditto (no party affiliation) in Nov. 2 election.

Greg Brown

Family: Wife, Jennifer
Place of Worship: Olive Baptist Church

Experience relevant to the office you seek: Decade of legislative experience working for Congressman Jeff Miller, U.S. Sen. Mel Martinez, and State Senator Durrell Peaden. Currently a realtor.

Other education/experience: Attended Pensacola Junior College and the University of West Florida

Reason you are seeking this position: I am a sixth generation

Northwest Floridian with a passion for our area. I have a decade of proven legislative experience, and the energy this position demands. I will be a fresh face for Florida politics that can make an immediate impact for our area. I am a pro-life, pro-gun, pro-family conservative. I am a Reagan Republican that believes in less taxes, and more personal responsibility, and will fight for the values vigorously in Tallahassee.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: Economic recovery and government intrusion. We must reduce government regulations and increase the access to capital for existing businesses to create jobs. Consider tax cuts for businesses in counties which border other states and face direct competition. Invest long term in education and develop clusters to attract businesses in the military, agriculture, technology, and health care fields. I will stand up to federal mandates and use my experience to make the necessary state budget cuts.



GREG BROWN



DOUG BROXSON



FERD SALOMON

Doug Broxson

Family: Wife, Mary, four children, Julie, Jason, Jill and Judd

Place of worship: Brownsville Assembly of God

Experience relevant to the office you seek: Life experience. Founders expected people who were involved in our system and lived under the law to step up and serve. I am a businessman, family man and churchman.

Other education/experience: B.S. Evangel University-Springfield Mo; graduate of Milton High School

Reason you are seeking this position: I am a 37 years and counting businessman. I know the challenge to making payroll, paying taxes, putting children through high school

and college and dealing with government intrusion. Citizens who have been under the law are better equipped to pass a law.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it:

Medicaid has the potential to break our state budget. Florida must have control of our own plan.

Citizen Insurance: This is a potential major tax burden on every insured in Florida, must depopulate to free market.

Jobs: create a positive environment for business to come to Florida.

Ferd Salomon

Family: Wife of 30 years, Monica; son Christopher, 26, Pace HS/UF graduate, active duty Navy pilot; Jennifer, 23, Pace HS/UF graduate, second year law

student at Stetson law; and daughter, Rachel, 15, Pace HS sophomore.

Place of worship: St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Milton

Experience relevant to the office you seek: No political experience; Santa Rosa County Local Planning Board, 2004 - 2008; member, Pace Chamber of Commerce; board member, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce; board member, WorkForce Escarosa; chairman, TEAM Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa County's economic development organization; President-elect, SubWest Rotary Club of Pensacola.

Other education/experience: Education: Duke University, B.A., University of West Florida, M.B.A.

Work history: retired Navy Captain/aviator; 26 years of service. Former squadron commanding officer; executive officer at NAS Whiting; regional commander for all NW Florida naval facilities; currently working as a commercial real estate broker.

Reason you are seeking this position: I am compelled to action in the belief that I can make a

difference and ably represent the citizens of Northwest Florida. Northwest Florida will never have the numerical clout we need to stand up to the rest of the state. This is why we must elect the most qualified and experienced leader we can. We will succeed by having a qualitative edge - a representative that can command respect and exert influence on the process.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: Getting people back to work and the economy back on track has to be top priority. Specifically, enhance incentives, accelerate budgeted projects, preferential weighting for grants, extend the GO Zone to NW Florida, ensure BP remains committed to the claims process and recovery, focused marketing effort, build up the closing fund, defeat Amendment 4, Single Sale Factor CIT, remove duplicative or unnecessary regulations, remove barriers to small business, pass Amendment 3, reduce WC rates, etc.

Ricky Perritt

No information provided.

State Senator, District 2

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Who can vote? Registered Republicans in Florida Senate District 2.

What's next? Winner faces Tea Party candidate Christopher Crawford and a write-in candidate in Nov. 2 election.

Greg Evers

Family: Three children; Stephanie, Jennifer and Rob

Place of Worship: Beaver Creek Baptist Church

Experience relevant to the office you seek: My Northwest Florida roots run deep. I am a fifth generation Panhandle farmer

and small businessman who was born and raised in Santa Rosa County. I have served on the Yellow River Soil & Water Conservation District and in the Florida House of Representatives. My heritage and proven record fighting for Northwest Florida make me uniquely qualified to serve the people of Northwest Florida in the Florida Senate.

Other education/experience: Jay High School graduate 1973; Pensacola Junior College; Yellow River Soil & Water Conservation District (1996-2001); Florida House of Representatives (2001 - Present).

Reason you are seeking this position: As a fifth generation farmer and small businessman, I am running for the Florida Senate so that everyday, working people have an effective, dedicated and independent voice in Tallahassee. I want to advocate for the needs and concerns of



GREG EVERS



MIKE HILL

my constituents and ensure that Northwest Florida's voice is not drowned out by South Florida's needs.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: The two biggest issues I believe that need to be addressed are out of control government growth and economic recovery following the Deepwater Horizon tragedy.

Out of Control Government: I will work to curtail and reverse the spin of out of control government and will work to make sure that Florida is protected from Big Government intrusion. Specifically, we need to get

control of illegal immigration. I have already filed legislation identical to the Arizona immigration law during the special session, and if elected, I will file this again in the 2011 session and fight for its passage. I also co-sponsored the Florida Healthcare Freedom Act and am committed to helping Floridians not fall victim to socialized medicine based out of Washington.

Economic Recovery: I would also like to file economic recovery legislation that will help our region recover and decontaminate after the Deepwater Horizon tragedy, stimulate growth of jobs and continue the fight to protect our 2nd Amendment rights and freedoms.

Mike Hill

Family: Married to the former Greta Fields (first and only wife), 28 years.

Three children; Joshua, 17, Jessica, 15, and Jonathan, 14.

Place of Worship: New Testament Fellowship, Pensacola

Experience relevant to the office you seek: Serve on several statewide and local community boards and visit legislative delegation annually in Tallahassee on behalf of those organizations. No prior public office.

Other education/experience: B.S., U.S. Air Force Academy, 1980; MBA, University of West Florida, 1988; Company Grade Officer of the Year, Eglin AFB, 1988; State Farm Insurance Agent, 1990 - Present.

Reason you are seeking this position: People are desperately hungry for a true conservative that will take a firm stand for the time tested, irrefutable principles of limited government, lower taxes, personal freedom and individual

responsibility. I want to repeal the \$2.2 billion in fees and assessments placed on Floridians' driver licenses, license plates, vehicle registration and fishing licenses. Reducing government spending and waste is critical. My friends at Florida Tax Watch offer my solutions in this area that must be implemented.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: Economic development and job growth is imperative. We must streamline the permitting process for all businesses. We must reduce the corporate tax to zero over the next seven to eight years. We must build vibrant partnerships between our higher education, our military and high tech businesses. Through forward thinking leadership, this partnership will serve as the foundation for high pay job growth for many years to come.

Tea partiers on congressional ballot

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Patricia Sullivan, a local tea party movement leader in central Florida, thinks it's time for people to take the running of government away from professional politicians and power brokers.

That's what motivated the Eustis homemaker and mother of four homeschooled children to run for Congress.

"Who best to put government back in the hands of the people than one of the people?" Sullivan asked in a telephone interview.

She's one of at least a half dozen members of the conservative tea party movement running for U.S. House seats in Florida's Aug. 24 primary — one Democrat and the rest Republicans.

They are among 40 Republicans seeking nominations in 12 districts and 29 Democrats in 11 districts. Two Republican and five Democratic incumbents have drawn intraparty opposition, but all are favored to be nominated again.

Political analysts also give tea party activists little chance of defeating opponents who usually are better known, better organized and better funded.

Their chances, said retired University of South Florida political scientist Darryl Paulson, are "similar to most third party candidates, and that's slim to none." Paulson, a

Republican, said they have influenced the GOP's agenda, though, to some degree.

Sullivan is one of seven candidates seeking the Republican nomination in Florida's 8th District.

The winner will challenge freshman Rep. Alan Grayson, who narrowly defeated Republican incumbent Ric Keller two years ago. The Orlando Democrat, unopposed in the primary, is one of the Republicans' top targets nationally.

The GOP has been energized by Grayson's inflammatory comments. He's called Republicans "knuckle-dragging Neanderthals" and said their health care plan amounted to wanting people to "die quickly" when they get sick.

Former Florida House Speaker and ex-Senate Majority Leader Daniel Webster of Winter Garden is the most recognizable of the Republican contenders. He got a late start, though, in a field that includes Ocala state Rep. Kurt Kelly as well as lawyer and conservative talk show host Todd Long and builder Bruce O'Donoghue, both of Orlando.

Besides Grayson, the Republican nominee on Nov. 2 will face George Metcalfe, who is running without party affiliation, and financial adviser Peg Dunmire, one of three Florida congressional candidates fielded by a new

third party, the Tea Party.

They may share the same name, but the state-recognized Tea Party is not affiliated with the largely Republican tea party movement. Both adhere to limited government and anti-tax fiscal principles, but there's bad blood between them including a lawsuit challenging the Tea Party's right to use that name.

Republicans say the new party is a spoiler designed to help Democrats by taking votes from GOP candidates — an allegation Tea Party leaders deny.

Grayson's district is one of six considered competitive in Florida. Other Democratic incumbents targeted by the GOP are Reps. Allen Boyd of Monticello, Suzanne Kosmas of New Smyrna Beach and Ron Klein of Boca Raton.

Democrats, meanwhile, have put bull's-eyes on two seats being vacated by Republican incumbents. In the 25th District, Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart of Miami is moving to a neighboring district where he will succeed his retiring brother, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, without opposition. In the 12th District, Rep. Adam Putnam of Bartow is running for Florida agriculture commissioner.

State Sen. Al Lawson of Tallahassee is challenging Boyd from the left in the 2nd District's Democratic primary while five Republicans, all

political newcomers, are attacking him from the right. Panama City funeral home owner Steve Southerland has the fundraising lead and considered the favorite in that group.

Like Grayson, Kosmas was elected in a previously Republican district, the 24th, two years ago. She's expected to weather a single primary challenger while five Republicans vie to oppose her in November.

Craig Miller of Oviedo, a former CEO of the Ruth's Chris Steakhouse chain, leads in fundraising, most of it out of his own pocket. The other candidates include state Rep. Sandy Adams of Orlando and Winter Park City Commissioner Karen Diebel.

Klein is expected to win renomination while retired Army officer Allen West of Deerfield Beach is favored in the GOP primary. That would set up a rematch of the 2008 election in the 22nd District. Klein won with 55 percent of the vote.

Joe Garcia, a former U.S. Energy Department official and ex-chairman of the Miami-Dade County Democratic Executive Committee from Coral Gables, got 47 percent in a loss to Mario Diaz-Balart two years ago. Garcia is favored in the Democratic primary and state Rep. David Rivera of Miami is the front-runner for the GOP nomination.

Poll: Democrat Sink holds up against GOP for governor

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — It looks like the millions of dollars spent for ads by Republicans in Florida are paying off — for Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Alex Sink, who was on par with or ahead of her prospective GOP opponents in a poll released Thursday.

Independent Gov. Charlie Crist leads Republican Marco Rubio in his bid for the U.S. Senate, the Quinnipiac University poll found.

Sink, Florida's chief financial officer and a former Bank of America executive, has sat on the sidelines while Attorney General Bill McCollum and millionaire businessman Rick Scott mash each other with biting personal accusations before their Republican primary showdown Tuesday.

In hypothetical general election matchups, Sink was preferred by 31 percent to McCollum's 29 percent, within the poll's margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. She led Scott 33 percent to 29 percent.

Independent Bud Chiles, the son of the late Democratic Gov. Lawton Chiles, had 12 percent in both comparisons.

"He is getting one in eight votes, and that is nothing to sneeze at," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac poll, noting Chiles' potential role as a spoiler. Chiles poses a significant problem for Sink because he is likely

to draw more heavily from her base on Election Day.

While McCollum and Scott have spent more than \$40 million to assault each other, Sink seems to have profited the most, although she remains a relative unknown to more than half of the respondents in the latest survey.

"She has been the unintended beneficiary of the heavy volume of negative television ads her potential November opponents launched against each other," Brown said. "Once the primary is over, the race for governor will be one to define Alex Sink."

McCollum, who spent 20 years in the U.S. House of Representatives before returning to his home state to make a pair of unsuccessful bids for the U.S. Senate, is making his fourth statewide run.

Scott, the former CEO of the Columbia/HCA hospital chain, was forced out by the company, which paid a \$1.7 billion fine for Medicare fraud. Scott, however, was never charged with any wrongdoing.

In the six-day random telephone survey of 1,096 voters completed Monday night, Crist leads Republican Marco Rubio and both Democratic hopefuls, billionaire investor Jeff Greene and U.S. Rep. Kendrick Meek of Miami, in a three-way Senate contest, the Connecticut-based polling institute reported.

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Houston, Texas, Office of Homeland Security. In this assignment I managed the following Divisions: Training, Intelligence, Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Special Response Team.

Other education/experience: My 38 years of law enforcement experience coupled with 24 years as a senior level manager gives me a unique perspective. I have worked from a street level law enforcement officer up through the ranks and have supervised units from narcotics enforcement, child exploitation, trading with the enemy and undercover task force operations. My assignments have taken me around the world and have given me a vast amount of experience and insights into the operations of other agencies.

Reason you are seeking this position: The tragic death of three deputies, the arrest of the sheriff and the ongoing corruption within the sheriff's office made me frustrated. With my 38 years of law enforcement and management experience I decided "The Status Quo Has to Go." I entered this race to give the fine men and women of the sheriff's office and the citizens of Okaloosa County a sheriff they can all be proud of ... we all deserve better!

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: Corruption: I will conduct investigations and take necessary action to bring closure to the corruption plaguing the department so that we can move forward.

Budget: I will bring Local/State/Federal agencies together to form task forces and work jointly in enforcement, training, intelligence gathering and grant research; just to name a few. These joint efforts will assist in cutting agency cost while increasing the level of service provided throughout the county.

Bill Patterson

Family: Wife, Tammy L. Patterson; children, Mark W. Paterson and Sonya L. Patterson

Place of worship: 1st Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach

Experience relevant to the office you seek: I bring to the Office of Sheriff of Okaloosa County an extensive background and a long history of service to my country. Enlisting in the USAF after graduation from high school May 1961, I proudly served my country until my retirement 1st September, 1989. I rose quickly through the ranks in the Non-commissioned Officer (NCO) Corps receiving extensive training and schooling. Also in

management and logistics training I lead men and women engaged in the life threatening job of defending the nation. Logging 350 combat missions in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia on AC-130 gunships as an aircrew member in a fighting environment provided the basis for calm response under fire. Schooled in plans and management I was called upon to document lessons learned in training and doctrine manuals for training of the next generation of young warriors. Prior to retirement, I was assigned as the Superintendent of Resource Plans for the 374 Tactical Airlift Wing; Clark AFB, Philippines with authority over the Pacific Theater of Operations. My orders were to clean up organizational, social, and physical barriers interfering with the smooth function of the organization. My military career is well documented, with numerous General Officer endorsements as to my dedication to duty, honor and country as well as my ability to make complex organizations work well even under the high stress conditions of armed conflict. After my retirement I continued my response to the call to duty and my interest in law enforcement through continued education, public service and political office. The diversity of skills, training, and education provide a unique opportunity for me to serve my friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens in Okaloosa County as sheriff in this time of disruption. My goal is to provide the strong organizational leadership I have and work ourselves out of the current environment by restoring the people's confidence in their local law enforcement. I will always be integrating the law enforcement elements in OCSO into an advanced and functioning service that the citizens can be proud of.

Other education/experience: BS in Industrial Management, Troy State; ASS Logistics Management, Community College of the Air Force; ASS Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Community College of the Air Force Management; Associates of Science in Criminal Justice, Okaloosa-Walton Community College; Fla. Law Enforcement Police Standards; Fla. Law Enforcement Corrections Standards; Expert qualification: multiple firearms.

Membership: Life member of the Air Force Association; life member of the National Rifle Association; Florida Sport Shooters Association; lifetime Member Spectre Association; lifetime member Fort Walton beach Chamber of Com-



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CAMPAIGN: Sheriff candidate, Bill Patterson hands out his campaign fliers at a political forum.

merce; Air Commando Association; lifetime member Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Recent Experience: Okaloosa County Sheriff's Posse (4 1/2 years); FWB City Council (2003-2007/2009-2010), Mayor Protem; West Florida Regional Planning Council; chairman: Board of Directors Okaloosa Gas; Northwest Florida Fair Association Board of Directors.

After feeling uneasy with the structure of the law enforcement in Okaloosa County, and feeling the call of duty, I have spent the last year and a half traveling among my fellow citizens in Okaloosa County to discover the sources of discontent. The level of dissatisfaction expressed with then Sheriff Charlie Morris', (now the current administration), lead me to organize an official campaign for the Office of Sheriff of Okaloosa County. Working with friends and concerned citizens the Bill Patterson Campaign was uniquely democratic in today's environment. In place of the \$7846.56 filing fee, the campaign solicited and received signed and validate petition from over 1,400 voters in Okaloosa County expressing their desire to see me run for the office. (In 2008 I was the only candidate placed on the ballot by the voters.) Determined to serve the people rather than special interest groups, my campaign staff, and I garnered support throughout the county by traveling north to south and east to west speaking at church banquets, club meeting, and other small get together throughout the county.

On very limited funding, I was able to register 38 percent of the vote in the August 2008 contest for Sheriff of Okaloosa County giving the incumbent strong competition high lighting many problems and focusing the citizenry on problems in the Sheriff's Office. Continuing to feel the call of duty and having the desire to represent the common citizen against special interest, I campaigned for and was elected to a seat on the Fort Walton Beach City Council seat No. 6 in April 2009. The recent disclosure and validation of the concerns expressed by the citizenry during the Sheriff's race in the fall has resulted in numerous calls from my supporters to stand up and offer to lead the Sheriff's Office to a future re-instilling the respect and confidence of the people in their local law enforcement.

Reason you are seeking this position:

The people of Okaloosa County deserve better. We have seen the abuse of power in the sheriff's office of past and today, has lead to arrests for criminal actions on several key individuals with more to possibly come. With ballooning budgets, I felt it time we do a line-by-line analysis. It is time to return honesty and integrity combined with fiscal responsibility to the sheriff's office.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: Okaloosa County, like most everywhere else, is facing long term economic decline. The local tourist economy is very vulnerable to economic decline in the rest of

the country and is now suffering further from all the publicity about the gulf oil spill. The task of providing high quality, affordable law enforcement service to the county under these pressures while nurturing a high degree of professionalism in the deputy ranks is the challenge.

I am focused on a functional audit of the budget to disclose what the taxpayer's dollar buys them. We all know that the recent sheriff's budget was subjected to a forensic audit. The goal of this audit was a criminal investigation; not an analysis of what the money is being spent on or what service it provides. This is the role of a functional audit.

Identification of integrated approaches to utilizing the Neighborhood Watch program and the Sheriff's Posse to promote citizen involvement with the goal of providing Safe Neighbors is an example of low cost approaches to improved quality with citizen involvement. I propose to work toward much more public visibility in the budget process so that the public will have a better understanding of cost.

Tony Taylor

Family: Lilia Taylor (wife); Deanna Prichard (daughter), Matt Prichard (son in law); Taylor (grandson); Grayson (grandson); To be named (grandson on the way); Heather Hamlin (daughter), Derek Hamlin (son in law); Tony Taylor Jr. (son).

Place of worship: Hollywood Boulevard Baptist Church, Fort Walton Beach

Experience relevant to the office you seek: In short, I have over 33 years experience in local law enforcement, having served my entire career with the Fort Walton Beach Police Department. I have prepared myself my entire career to lead a law enforcement agency. I have a broad range of extensive training and experience in law enforcement field work and administrative work; in that I have worked in virtually every capacity my agency has had to offer; patrol officer, detective, narcotics investigator, crime scene and evidence, administrative sergeant, division commander, et al. I worked my way up through each and every rank in the agency, testing and competing with other officers for each position. I have held the ranks of senior officer (now referred to as corporal), sergeant, lieutenant and captain (the highest rank possible without being appointed the chief of police or being elected sheriff). I have

supervised and led local law enforcement officers for over 23 years. I have experience in supervising a multi-jurisdictional drug task force (C2), which was comprised of local, state and federal law enforcement officers. As a captain (division commander) I commanded a patrol division for approximately nine years and the support services division for over two years. I have extensive experience in writing, justifying and administering multi-million dollar budgets, and in securing and managing federal grants. I am the most experienced and well-rounded candidate in this election.

Other education/experience: Graduated from Fort Walton Beach Christian High School in 1976; graduated with honors from Troy State University in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, minor in Business Administration; graduated from the 193rd session of the FBI National Academy; clinical forensic psychology; Media Relations for the Law Enforcement Executive; Hate Crime in a Multi-cultural Society; Deadly Force Management; Fitness in Law Enforcement; Human Behavior in Organizations; Overview of Forensic Science for Police Administrators and Managers; Legal Issues for Command Level Officers; received hundreds of hours in advanced law enforcement management training; received thousands of hours in advanced training in various law enforcement disciplines

Reason you are seeking this position: Okaloosa County needs healing from the events of the past year and a half. I have dedicated my entire adult life to the public service of the citizens of this community. I have been a good and faithful servant. I have the tested and proven ability on all levels of law enforcement to move the sheriff's department forward starting day one. I am a consummate professional. The citizens of Okaloosa County deserve no less.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: The biggest issue facing the new sheriff is the restoration of the trust and confidence of the citizens of Okaloosa County and the members of the agency in the administration of the sheriff's department. I will begin this process by appointing a command staff of accomplished professionals; taking immediate definitive measures to provide absolute closure to the darkest hour in the agency's history and addressing significant deficiencies in the agency's financial accountability and officer training.

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League President, all of which serves to keep me in touch with our citizens and their views and increases my effectiveness.

Other education/experience: Bachelor of Science Degree, US Air Force Academy; Master's Degree in Administration.

Reason you are seeking this position: I bring pertinent experience and knowledge, as well as dedication and commitment, to help overcome any difficulties so we will continue to provide excellent educational opportunities to prepare our students for further education for the 21st-century workplace. I am adept at finding sound solutions to tough problems; I seek and develop workable options. I am passionate about serving our children, the taxpayers and our community to ensure our schools remain the best in Florida.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: We face daunting funding challenges and unprecedented uncertainty over the next few years and expect significant budget shortfalls. I'll use a "hit list" of 44 possible cuts developed by a citizens' committee as a starting point. While I do what's best for

children, I do right by taxpayers by trying to keep their taxes low and by ensuring their tax dollars are applied effectively since 60 percent of their property taxes already go to schools.

Melissa Thrush

Family: Christopher Reid, M.D., Hannah, Emily, Marie, and Richard Reid.

Place of Worship: St. Rita's Catholic Church

Experience relevant to the office you seek: I am a parent of four children, three of whom are enrolled in the local public school district. I have an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master's degree in Integrated Manufacturing Systems Engineering. I have had varied career opportunities working in pharmaceutical manufacturing, a diesel engine plant, and finally managing the computer systems and network infrastructure for the Electrical Engineering department at the University of Virginia.

Other education/experience: I initiated and coordinated the volunteer operated art program at Valparaiso Elementary School.

I was a PTO Board member, Sunshine Math volunteer and Accelerated Reader volunteer. I coordinated the volunteer staffed Valparaiso Elementary Mustang Metropolis, city within a city program last year where students have hands-on experience running an entire city.

Reason you are seeking this position: I believe passionately in the mission of public education. As a parent and an engineer, I will bring a fresh perspective to the school board. I recognize the need to provide a quality education to all of our children, not just my own. I will listen and work with parents, educators, support staff, administrators and community leaders to make responsible choices that spend our tax dollars wisely and maintain an equitable, quality education system.

Biggest issue this position faces and how you plan to address it: The budget shortfall and class size are the biggest challenges facing our school district. The economic outlook will continue to be bleak as our state's revenue is solely derived from property and sales taxes. I will do my homework and



ANN SPANN | Crestview News Bulletin

CANDIDATE: Melissa Thrush, candidate for the school board, district 5 seat, is new to the local political arena.

research all the options. Working in conjunction with the superintendent, school administrators, educators, support staff

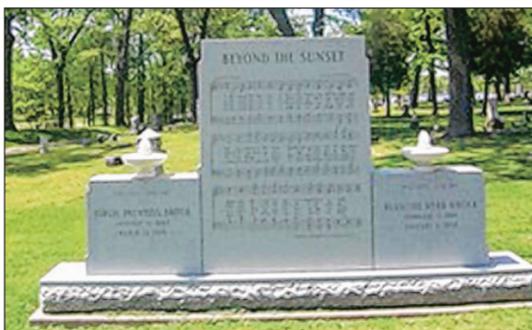
and the community, I will develop policies and approve budgets that address vital needs for our students.

STORY BEHIND THE SONG

Look 'beyond the sunset'

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*"Beyond the sunset,
O blissful morning,
When with our Savior
heav'n is begun;
Earth's toiling ended,
O glorious dawning —
Beyond the sunset when
day is done."*



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE LOG

SONGWRITING TEAM (left): Blanche and Virgil Brock composed more than 500 songs together. **TRIBUTE (right):** The Brock monument, designed by Virgil Brock in memory of his wife, features the full music score of their most famous song, "Beyond the Sunset."

Destin is known to have some of the most beautiful sunsets in the world. But did you ever wonder what's "beyond the sunset"?

Lyricist Virgil Brock and his composer wife, Blanche, tried to answer this question in their song "Beyond the Sunset."

Virgil was born in 1887 in a rural community in Ohio to devoted Quaker parents. At 16, he accepted Christ personally during a church revival meeting and felt the call for Christian service. He was ordained a minister of the Christian Church at age 19.

In 1914, while serving in Greens Fork, Ind., Virgil met and married a talented singer and pianist, Blanche Kerr. She was born in 1888 in Greens Fork, the daughter of Dr. James Kerr, and attended the Indianapolis Conservatory of Music and the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. They became a team, serving together in the Christian Church and writing more than 500 gospel songs before her death in 1958. Virgil died in 1978 at the age of 91. A large monument at Warsaw-Winona Lake cemetery in Indiana, with the words and music of "Beyond the Sunset" engraved in stone, stands as a tribute to the couple.

Their most famous song, "Beyond the Sunset," has sold thousands of records

and been recorded by performers such as Hank Williams, Sr., Pat Boone, Red Foley, George Younce and Slim Whitman. Some of their other songs include "He's a Wonderful Savior to Me," "Resting in His Love" and "Let God Have His Way."

Although Virgil didn't know music theory and needed Blanche to write the melodies for their songs, he was awarded an honorary degree of sacred music from Trinity College in Dunedin, Fla., in recognition of his 50 years of gospel songwriting.

'Beyond the Sunset'

During the summer of 1936, the Brocks were visiting Horace Rodeheaver at the Rodeheaver School of Music at Winona Lake, Ind. One evening, the guests viewed a most spectacular sunset and could not stop talking about its incredible beauty. A large area of the water appeared to be "ablaze with the glory of God, yet there were storm clouds gathering overhead."

As the guests were having dinner, Virgil's cousin Horace Burr, blind since birth, spoke with great ex-

citement, saying he had never seen such a beautiful sunset. One of the guests asked how it was possible for him to see the sunset. Burr's reply was, "I see through other people's eyes, and I think I often see more — I see beyond the sunset."

Virgil wrote of the event: "Someone then raised the question, 'I wonder what's beyond all of this?' Immediately, the answer began to form in my mind. I reasoned — Horace Burr had never seen the glory of an earthly sunset, yet was blessed as we tried to describe it to him — so we, too, as Christians, have never seen what is beyond, but God in His love and promise has told us in the Bible of the glory that is awaiting us beyond."

Blanche wrote about the song, "The phrase 'beyond the sunset' and the striking inflection of his (Burr's) voice struck me so forcibly, I began singing the first few measures. We then went to the piano and completed the first verse."

When Burr heard the verse the Brocks had written, he urged them to write a verse about the storm clouds, and the words for

the second verse came quickly to the couple.

*"Beyond the sunset,
no clouds will gather,
No storms will
threaten, no fears annoy;
O day of gladness,
O day unending,
Beyond the sunset
eternal joy!"*

As the Brocks remembered how closely Burr had walked with his wife, hand in hand, for so many years, the third verse was soon added.

*"Beyond the sunset,
a hand will guide me
To God the Father whom
I adore;
His glorious presence,
His words of welcome,
Will be my portion on
that fair shore."*

Before dinner was over, the fourth stanza had been added, and the song was complete and ready for publication.

*"Beyond the sunset, O
glad reunion
With our dear loved
ones who've gone before;
In that fair homeland
we'll know no parting —
Beyond the sunset for-
evermore!"*

Run the race with perseverance and dedication

Back in the '70s, a running craze swept America, with folks like Bill Rodgers and Frank Shorter leading the charge.



REV. STEPHEN YATES
Writes of Passage

Of course, another guy who was instrumental in the growth of running in the '70s was Steve Prefontaine. Going by the nickname Pre, Steve Prefontaine was easily identifiable because of his bushy mustache and locks that would fly in the wind as he ran. But more than anything else, Pre was known for just being fast!

A middle- and long-distance runner, Pre would eventually hold seven different American distance records during his career. He attended the University of Oregon from 1970 to 1973 on a track scholarship, and after finishing third in the NCAA men's cross country championships his freshman year, Pre would lose only two more races the rest of his time in college. And all told, he ended up winning an amazing 78 percent of the races he entered over his lifetime.

Known as a fearless runner, Pre was famous for pushing the pace during his races whenever possible. Or as he famously put it when discussing his basic strategy when it came to running: "I am going to work so that it's a pure guts race. In the end, if it is, I'm the only one that can win it."

Sadly, Steve Prefontaine died suddenly at the age of 24 in an auto accident on May 30, 1975. But because of his fearlessness and dedication to running, his legend is still alive and well even today. For at least in the world of running, no person in recent memory better exemplified the overall fortitude and grit needed to be great at the sport than Pre.

Running, of course, also plays a pretty big role in the Bible. You see, because running for long stretches at a time requires stamina, endurance and perseverance, it provides a natural analogy for describing faith and what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

In 1 Corinthians, for example, we're told to exercise self-control in our lives and not to box wildly as if swinging at thin air. Likewise, we're also told to avoid running aimlessly through life so as not to be disqualified from the race.

And then there is the Letter to the Hebrews. Comparing faith to a foot race, we're told in Hebrews to "lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely" so we might "run with perseverance the race that is set before us." So just like 1 Corinthians, Hebrews also sees faith as a race. And like any race, it requires commitment, dedication, stamina and even perseverance.

Of course, that's hardly the extent of faith in the Letter to the Hebrews, is it? After all, while Hebrews claims faith is like a race, it also likes to claim it's a race we hardly run alone. Or as Hebrews likes to put it: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

As far as Hebrews is concerned, while we're busy running the race of faith, all those who have gone before us, all those who have already finished their own races of faith are now looking down upon us cheering us on to the same finish line.

Every four years when they run the marathon at the Olympics, the race always concludes with the runners entering the main stadium for one final lap. The stands, of course, are usually packed with people who have come to urge and applaud the runners on to the finish.

Well, the very same thing, according to Hebrews, is happening for us as we run the race of faith. The stands are packed with all those who have gone before us as they clap and wave us onward.

Sure, those big guns of the faith are no doubt present — Abraham, Moses, Miriam, Saint Paul, Mary Magdalene and Mother Mary, just to name a few.

But the stands are full of others as well. They're also full of those saints who we have known and even journeyed with for a bit ourselves. Perhaps it's a Sunday school teacher who faithfully taught us the Bible when we were just wee little ones. Or maybe it's a doting grandparent who used to talk to us about what it means to follow Jesus Christ amidst the complexities and trials of life.

And then there are all those loved ones now gone who walked through life with us side by side and hand in hand, those loved ones who journeyed with us through not only the highs, but also the lows. Through the peaks and the valleys, the ups and the downs that come with faith and life, they were there with us running the race of faith as well. So they, too, are no doubt there cheering us on with all the other saints as we run the race of faith that has been set before us.

So let us set our feet to the road, brothers and sisters. For all of us are running a race, a race called faith, and to complete it requires perseverance and dedication.

But don't let the difficulty of the race trouble you, for watching over each of us are all those who have gone before us. With courage and fortitude, they, too, ran the race of faith. And if they were able to reach that finish line, then surely we can as well.

The Rev. Stephen Yates is pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Destin.

Faith BRIEFS

Gospel concert

The Emerald City Quartet and gospel-recording artist John White will perform in concert at 6 p.m. Aug. 22 at Central Baptist Church in Fort Walton Beach.

Emerald City, from Panama City, is known for their commitment to fresh harmonies, a dedication to the traditional Southern gospel quartet-style heritage and a Christ-centered approach to concert ministry.

Whether singing Southern gospel music, opera or traditional hymns of the faith, White is no stranger to Christian concert ministry. His accomplishments include numerous performances nationwide as both a soloist and a member of the award-winning Victory Road Quartet.

The concert is free of charge, with a love offering

taken at intermission. For more information, call 850-217-8853.

Luncheon, fashion show

St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Destin will hold a luncheon and fashion show at 11 a.m. Aug. 27 at the church. The event, open to the public, will begin with a social hour and silent auction followed by lunch and a fashion show. Clothes will be provided by Coldwater Creek and will be modeled by members and friends of the church, representing a variety of ages and sizes.

Silent auction items include gift certificates from area restaurants, jewelry, gift baskets, massages, a golf package, original paintings and other items.

Proceeds will go to support the ministries

of St. Andrew's, one of which is its homeless ministry. St. Andrew's provides showers, daily bag lunches, hot lunches on Mondays, bicycles for transportation and a food pantry.

Tickets are \$30 and are available at the church office, 307 Harbor Blvd. Call 850-650-2737.

Upper Room Morning Worship

Gather in the "upper room" upstairs at Marlin Grill in The Village of Baytowne Wharf at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort at 9 a.m. each Sunday for an interdenominational morning service of teaching, praise and worship. Dress: casual. Call 351-1990.

Bible study

Community Bible Study, Women's Day Class, will be held Tuesday mornings beginning Aug. 31 at Destin United Methodist

Life Center, 200 Beach Drive.

Join in the study of 1 and 2 Peter; 1 and 2 Thessalonians, Colossians and James. Children's programs will be held for infants to teens. Limited space is available in children's department. Preregistration is required. Call 837-2676 or e-mail Janet.destindunes@cox.net.

Arts & Crafts Show

The Destin United Methodist Women will sponsor the Second Annual Fall Flair Arts & Crafts Show from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 10 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Destin Life Center at Destin United Methodist Church, 200 Beach Drive. A variety of items will be for sale by both local and out-of-town vendors. A bake sale will feature homemade goodies, and lunches will be available in the Soul Café. Proceeds will benefit missions.

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LONG HAUL Quilting



Photos by JERILEE BENNETT | Freedom News Service

When trucker Dave White travels around the country in his semi, he takes along everything he needs to quilt. White has a table that he sets up in the back of his cab, complete with an iron and a sewing machine.

Trucker fills spare time sewing

By ANDREA BROWN
Freedom News Service

From the outside, the 9400 International cab looks as macho as its long-haul driver.

It's a galvanized steel man cave with 10 speeds, a 200-gallon gas tank, tandem axles and a 435-horsepower engine that can pull 40,000 pounds of tractor parts.

But don't be fooled. Behind the monster cab's studly bucket front seats lies a den of stitchery.

It's where Dave White, 53, unwinds from the stress of crisscrossing the country in his big, honking semi-trailer. The 6-foot-2, 240-pound trucker climbs into the sleeper compartment, fires up his sewing machine and makes quilts.

"The mindset of eat-sleep-and-drive gets real old real quick," said White, a retired Air Force aerospace weapons mechanic and instructor. "There are a good deal of other drivers suffering the same thing."

The routine became even worse when the economy tanked, leaving White with fewer loads and more idle time while on the road for weeks at a time, away from his Colorado Springs, Colo., home and his wife. He logged just 145,000 miles last year for Iowa-based Don Hummer Trucking Co.

During his first five years on the road, he killed time by reading action novels and flying a remote-controlled helicopter. Bored, he went looking for a pastime. His wife, Dee White, an accountant, suggested her hobby of quilting. "You can do this," she told him.

He was desperate enough to try it. That was last September. Today, he is a gearjammin', quilting fool.

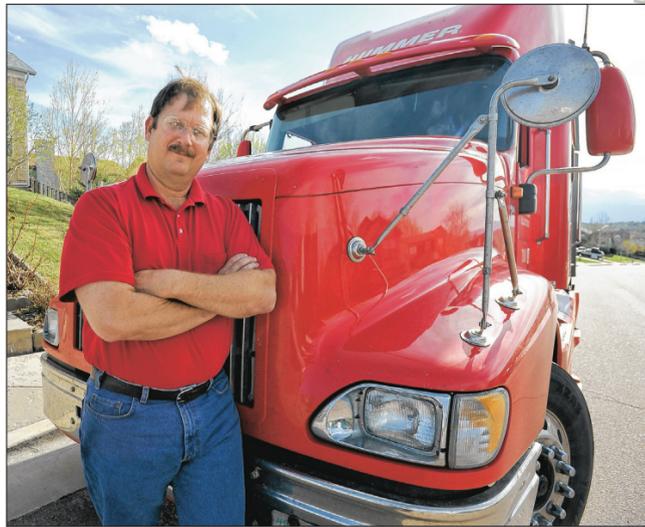
When he is not highballing his 70-foot rig down the highway, he puts the pedal to the metal of his portable Brother sewing machine.

He really can steam the windows when he fires up his sweet little travel iron, which he stores near tidy bins of dainty fabric.

"I've sat in here for six hours, sewing away," he said.

Sometimes, jazz music from the satellite radio keeps him company. Sometimes, it is NASCAR races booming in the background.

"I'm not totally void of involving myself in manly things," said the father of two adult sons.



Truckers have heard White pounding away, knocked on the door and asked what in thunder was going on.

He gladly tells them and shows off his quilt tops.

"One guy walked away shaking his head," he said.

So be it. "Others were enthused that I had found something to occupy my time," White said. "It's a productive activity. I can take ownership of my time."

White isn't the only long-hauler shattering the traditional trucker image and developing nimble fingers, said Dena Boelter, Don Hummer human resources manager.

Several of the company's other 160 male drivers crochet, knit and do needlepoint. But in the past they were really secretive about it, Boelter said.

"They would make me promise I wouldn't tell," she said.

Now, she is dragging the crafty fellas out of the closet by putting their work on display. Boelter is setting up an exhibit wall in the corporate office to show off drivers' handiwork, which includes sewing and fine art photography.

In addition to providing White a productive, creative outlet during his nomadic adventures, quilting has another benefit. The need to feed his habit forces him out of his cab and into quilting shops, where he gets to interact with other people.

"Driving is a solitary and sedate job," he said.

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The tools of Dave White's hobby are not hammers and pliers, but seam rippers and wheel cutters. When the long-haul trucker needs to break the boredom of his on-the-road lifestyle, he fires up the sewing machine and quilts.

"You are alone a lot. So I use it as a release mechanism to get out of the truck and meet local people at quilt shops."

It's not the usual truck stop conversation about women, weigh stations and speed traps.

It's more about threads, colors and stitch ripping.

"I was dumb as a rock when it came to cloth," he said.

Not anymore. He is learning about patterns and designs from his hours staring out the windshield at the changing landscape.

"It makes you aware of the vividness of nature," he said.

"I like the purples. Don't ask me

to do anything in pinks. I haven't ever seen a pink quilt that I went oohah on yet."

Pink aside, he is finding inspiration everywhere.

"I was looking at the George Washington Bridge in New York City thinking: 'That could be a quilting pattern.' The way of the wires on the suspension bridge and the masonry work," he said.

Ditto for the ripples on water, crop patterns and sunsets.

White really has put his quilting hobby into high gear. He has made eight quilts since he started last September, outpacing his wife. He even has taught her a thing or two.

"He learned how to use a seam ripper and taught me the proper way," Dee White said. "I've created a monster."

So far, he has made quilts for family members as well as donor quilts for a children's hospital.

Quilting is becoming more than just a hobby. It has become the couple's life.

"Now he calls me and says, 'Can we go to the fabric store when I get home?'" his wife said.

How much are they into quilting? Ask them about their recent Vegas getaway.

They went to a quilt show.



Land of the PENGUINS

Antarctic is realm of Emperors, Kings — and other species

By **GARY A. WARNER**
Freedom News Service

For some travelers, the dream is to stand before the Eiffel Tower. For others, to climb to the top of Mount Whitney. To cruise past the pyramids on the Nile or stand atop the Great Wall of China.

Among nature lovers, there are an equal number of meccas: The rain forests of the Amazon, the underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef, the oddities of nature on Tasmania, or the crucible of nature in the Galapagos.

Here we feature the work of freelance photographer Leslie Kelly, who ventured to the bottom of South America, only to jump onto a ship and head to the very bottom of the planet, Antarctica. There he visited a vast world of blue water and white ice, populated by thousands of penguins. Here, in some of the most inhospitable places known to man, the penguins thrive. Emperors and Kings mix with Adelies and the occasional Gentoo. Here they raise their young, fish the seas, dodge predators and congregate in what looks like a frigid formal, standing in their naturally provided tuxedo-like attire.

A trip to Antarctica is a dream trip for most travelers.

It is an otherworldly place that exists in our world but one that takes not a small bit of effort, time and money to reach. The goal is not to disturb the penguins in their world, but to learn that what we do, thousands of miles away affects not just us, but also these sublime creatures so far from home.



Photos by **LESLIE A. KELLY**

A Gentoo penguin briefly surfaces at Cuverville Island. **At top**, King penguins socialize at Stromness, South Georgia Island, in a late spring snowfall, an iconic setting for penguins and the far southern latitudes.

Black and white but always colorful

By **LESLIE A. KELLY**
For Freedom News Service

Many have thought the Antarctic to be a vast, white wilderness with little or no character, populated by animals unique to the continent.

I recently had the opportunity to go there to photograph the penguins — some of the many millions in the Antarctic region. Some major colonies had thousands of penguins; in other places there

were small groups.

They go about their daily business of socializing, breeding, raising their young, feeding and maintaining their nests. When they jump into the ocean, they disappear to the lens above sea level, unseen for long periods until they return to land and their colony.

Two things were immediately evident to this first-time visitor that can't be shown in still photographs.

The noise: an absolute cacophony rising from each area of

the penguins' colony as members come and go, raise their voices to be recognized or chase away a competitor for space or food.

The smell: the absolute pungent smell of mud and penguin feces that stays with you for days.

When I am asked about my visit to Antarctica, I'm unable to sum it up in words. Whatever the lapse in my ability to describe what I saw, heard (and smelled), I have memories I never will forget — the seals and whales, the great vistas

of mountain ranges, the peninsula with calving glaciers and bays.

And most of all, for me, the penguins.

Leslie A. Kelly lives in Huntington Beach, Calif., and travels to interesting destinations with adventure travel groups. He recently spent a month on an adventure cruise on the MS Fram that visited the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, the Antarctic Peninsula and southern Argentina.



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Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated 7-30, 2010 and entered in Case NO. 46-2009-CA-003024 of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida wherein US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE HEAT 2006-1, is the Plaintiff and JOHN WILKES, SR A/K/A JOHN F. WILKES SR; LINDA WILKES A/K/A LINDA C. WILKES; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WWW.OKALOOSA.REALFORECLOSE.COM at 11:00AM, on the 14 day of September,

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2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 21, BLOCK 4, SPRINGDALE UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 9 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 7 NORTH STREET, MARY ESTHER, FL 32569

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on 7-30, 2010.

Don W Howard Clerk of the Circuit Court By:K Brown Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION

File No: XXXX Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT CARROLL BRYANT Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ROBERT CARROLL BRYANT, deceased, whose date of death was January 22, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okaloosa County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 101 E. James Lee Blvd., Crestview, FL 32536. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 14, 2010.

Attorney for Personal Representative: William V. Linne, Esquire Florida Bar No. 153430 127 Palafax Place, Suite 100 P.O. Box 12347 Pensacola, FL 32591-2347 (850) 433-2224

Personal Representative: CAROLYN D. FLEMING 500 Gulf Shore Drive, Unit 622 Destin, Florida 32541

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LEGAL#120654

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO:462008CA004112C FILE NO:F08059941

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. FOR M&T BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. JILLIAN SPEARS MCKINLEY, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 06, 2010 and entered in Case No. 46-2008-CA-004112 of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida wherein MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. is the Plaintiff and JILLIAN SPEARS MCKINLEY, et al, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WWW.OKALOOSA.REALFORECLOSE.COM at 11:00AM, on the 20th day of September, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: A PORTION OF LOT 9, BLOCK 2, SECOND ADDITION TO GARNIER BEACH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 9, RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MERLE CIRCLE (SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE

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Telephone: (321) 773-5225 Fax: (321) 215-6409

Personal Representative Sherry M. Bryant Stone 2122 Salem Church Rd Irmo, South Carolina 29063

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LEGAL#120653

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO:2010CP000605S

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. FLEMING, a/k/a William Merton Fleming, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of WILLIAM M. FLEMING, also known as William Merton Fleming, deceased, whose date of death was April 30, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okaloosa County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 2010 CP 000605 S, the address of which is 101 E. James Lee Blvd., Crestview, Florida 32536. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: August 14, 2010.

Attorney for Personal Representative: William V. Linne, Esquire Florida Bar No. 153430 127 Palafax Place, Suite 100 P.O. Box 12347 Pensacola, FL 32591-2347 (850) 433-2224

Personal Representative: CAROLYN D. FLEMING 500 Gulf Shore Drive, Unit 622 Destin, Florida 32541

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LEGAL#120655

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO:462009CA005368 FILE NO:F09086088

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES W. CARTWRIGHT, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 02, 2010 and entered in Case No. 46-2009-CA-005368 of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and JAMES W. CARTWRIGHT, AQUA FINANCE, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WWW.OKALOOSA.REALFORECLOSE.COM at 11:00AM, on the 23 day of September, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 22 WEST, OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 11, FOR 271.79 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 393; THENCE SOUTH 58 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, FOR 712.37 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, FOR 378.39 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES

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TRATION SYSTEMS, INC. FOR M&T BANK, is the Plaintiff and JILLIAN SPEARS MCKINLEY; NICHOLAS MCKINLEY; FREDDIE E. SPEARS; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WWW.OKALOOSA.REALFORECLOSE.COM at 11:00AM, on the 23 day of September, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: LOT 2, BLOCK H, ADAMS POWELL EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 76, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1222 SUNSHINE DRIVE, CRESTVIEW, FL 32539

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on 8-6, 2010.

Don W. Howard Clerk of the Circuit Court

By:K. Brown Deputy Clerk

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IMPORTANT In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at 101 James Lee Boulevard East, Crestview, FL, 32536-3515; telephone number (850) 689-5000, Extension 7497, prior to the proceeding, or Shalimar (850) 651-7497 or at 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL, 32579; telephone number (850) 651-7497, prior to the proceeding.

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LEGAL#120656

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO:462009CA004304 FILE NO: F09073832

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs. BRUCE UNANGST, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated 8-5-, 2010 and entered in Case No. 46-2008-CA-004696 of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. is the Plaintiff and BRUCE UNANGST, SHIRLEY UNANGST A/K/A SHIRLEY L. UNANGST, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR AMTRUST BANK, F.S.B.; QUAIL RUN TOWNHOMES OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WWW.OKALOOSA.REALFORECLOSE.COM at 11:00AM, on the 16th day of September, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: A PORTION OF LOT 9, BLOCK 2, SECOND ADDITION TO GARNIER BEACH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 9, RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MERLE CIRCLE (SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE

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06 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, FOR 90.69 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A PROPOSED 60 FOOT ROAD; THENCE NORTH 41 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID PROPOSED ROAD, FOR 361.78 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 393; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, NORTH 58 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST, FOR 151.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING

HERE IS A MOBILE HOME AFFIXED TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. 2005 FLEETWOOD BEACON HILL I.D. # (S): GAFL457A37918-BH21 A N D GAFL457B37918-BH21

A/K/A 5300 FAWN LAKE DRIVE, CRESTVIEW, FL 32539

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 6, 2010.

Don W. Howard Clerk of the Circuit Court

By:K. Brown Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

IMPORTANT In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at 101 James Lee Boulevard East, Crestview, FL, 32536-3515; telephone number (850) 689-5000, Extension 7497, prior to the proceeding, or Shalimar (850) 651-7497 or at 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL, 32579; telephone number (850) 651-7497, prior to the proceeding.

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LEGAL#120657

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO:462008CA004696 FILE NO:F08069906

JPMORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. Plaintiff,

vs. BRUCE UNANGST, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated 8-5-, 2010 and entered in Case No. 46-2008-CA-004696 of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. is the Plaintiff and BRUCE UNANGST, SHIRLEY UNANGST A/K/A SHIRLEY L. UNANGST, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR AMTRUST BANK, F.S.B.; QUAIL RUN TOWNHOMES OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WWW.OKALOOSA.REALFORECLOSE.COM at 11:00AM, on the 16th day of September, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: A PORTION OF LOT 9, BLOCK 2, SECOND ADDITION TO GARNIER BEACH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 9, RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MERLE CIRCLE (SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE

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NORTH AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 120.00 FEET) AN ARC DISTANCE OF 60.64 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 9; THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST 110.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 83 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST 115.30 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE AFORESAID LOT 9; THENCE NORTH 08 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY 110.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 114 MERLE CIRCLE, FORT WALTON BEACH, FL 32547

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 2, 2010.

Don W. Howard Clerk of the Circuit Court

By:K. Brown Deputy Clerk

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IMPORTANT In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at 101 James Lee Boulevard East, Crestview, FL, 32536-3515; telephone number (850) 689-5000, Extension 7497, prior to the proceeding, or Shalimar (850) 651-7497 or at 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL, 32579; telephone number (850) 651-7497, prior to the proceeding.

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LEGAL # 101276

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

TDA Case #: 2010 TD 00180 C

Notice is hereby given that PPTS 1 LLC, as holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the name in which the property is assessed and the description of the property is as follows: Certificate # 1877 of 2008 Assessed to: SANDRA KILCREASE ET AL Description: N792 FT OF E1/2 OF NE1/4 Parcel ID#: 08-3N-25-0000-0001-0030 Opening Bid: \$2,956.01 All of said property being in the County of Okaloosa, State of Florida.

Unless the certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the BCC Board Meeting Room at the Okaloosa County Courthouse, Crestview, Florida at 10:00 a.m. on August 28, 2010.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2010. DON W. HOWARD CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS By: Lisa L. Guia, DC

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY CASE NO:2008CA004920S

CITIBANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU SERIES 2007-HE3 TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs. Kristy L. Porter et al, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 7-28-10, and entered in Case No.2008 CA 004920 S, of the First Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida, wherein CITIBANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU SERIES 2007-HE3 TRUST, is a Plaintiff and KRISTY L. PORTER; PHILIP W. PHELPS II are the Defendants. Don W. Howard as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com at 11:00 a.m., at 10th on September 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 16, BLOCK 3, MARY ESTHER HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE(S) 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1014 AIRPORT ROAD UNIT 158, DESTIN, FL 325410000

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on 8-5, 2010.

Don W. Howard Clerk of the Circuit Court

By:K. Brown Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.2010-CA-1889

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. RALPH T. HUGHES, AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, FSB, and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

BY: DON W. HOWARD CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, DON W. HOWARD, Clerk of Circuit Court of Okaloosa County, Florida, will on the 16 day of September 2010, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. (Central Time), at www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com offer for sale and sell at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, in accordance with Florida Statute 45.031, the following described real property and personal property situated in Okaloosa County, Florida, described as:

Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 11, EDNEY'S THIRD ADDITION TO CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA, according to Plat thereof on file in Plat Book 1, Page 126, in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Okaloosa County, Florida, together with a 1992 West Mobile Home, VIN # GAFLN75A15106WE, and a 1996 West Mobile Home, VIN # GAFLS75A63348WE21, located thereon.

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 10, 2010, and entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is:

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff vs

RALPH T. HUGHES, AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, FSB, and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants.

and the docket number of which is 2010-CA-001889.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 10 day of August, 2010.

DON W. HOWARD CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT BEN L. HOLLEY P.O. Box 1238 Crestview, Florida

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