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**ACCIDENT VICTIM GRATEFUL TO ARMY MEDICS**



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Fort Walton Beach resident Brianna Baker, center, meets with U.S. Army medical specialists Steven Brooks, left, and Nicholas Wallace, right, for the first time since Jan. 7, when she was seriously injured in a wreck and the two men came to her aid. **BELOW:** Baker's Mazda Miata is pictured here shortly after the wreck on State Road 85 south of Crestview.

**Rangers stabilize injured teen**

By John Parrott and Michael Stewart  
 Crestview News Bulletin

A Fort Walton High School senior seriously injured in a Jan. 7 wreck on State Road 85 south of Crestview who is still recovering from her injuries recently met two U.S. Army medics who came to her aid after she crashed.

"Everyone in my family, my grandmother and my grandfather, think that you guys are the angels that saved me," Brianna Baker, 18, told U.S. Army 6th Ranger Training Battalion medical specialists Steven Brooks and Nicholas Wallace at their meeting in Crestview last week. Baker fractured her C1

vertebrae in the accident and credits the two men who stabilized her after the wreck with preventing further injury.

"I didn't realize until I was in the hospital that if I would have moved my neck, I could have injured myself more," Baker said. "I had no clue.

See **ACCIDENT A3**



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS BULLETIN

**2nd black bear killed**

**FWC: Same animal treated after November shooting**

By Brian Hughes  
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For the second time in less than two months, a black bear was shot and killed in north Okaloosa County.

A 250-pound fatally shot black bear was found early Friday near Shoal River in southeast Crestview.

Right before Christmas, another black bear was found dead at the Guest Lake boat ramp in Holt. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers believe that the 320-pound bear had been killed elsewhere and dumped in the boat ramp's parking lot.

Stan Kirkland, regional spokesman for the FWC, said his agency doesn't believe there is a connection between the two shootings. Officials said whoever shot the bear found Friday removed a tag attached to the animal's ear by FWC officials that would have identified it.

Lt. Mark Hollinhead, the FWC area supervisor investigating the incident, said FWC biologists also mark captured bears that are released with other identifiers, which allowed the FWC to identify the bear killed Friday as one that had been shot in November.

Hollinhead said a Fort Walton Beach resident who thought the bear was going to attack his dog shot and wounded the bear.

After treating the animal for its injuries, FWC officers moved it to the Eglin Reservation. Its wanderings over the past several months eventually brought it to southeast Crestview.

"I think the bear sightings are going to increase with the population growing as it is in our county," Hollinhead said. "We have watched them migrating slowly north. Once a male bear reaches a certain age, they have to move out because of the dominance of the older bears. They sure can't migrate south."

"We know that bears have spread their numbers," Kirkland confirmed. "They appear to be increasing. In the early '90s, we recognized this population among the eight subpopulations in the state to be around 1,000 animals. Today we estimate it around 3,000. Some believe the number is higher than that."

As the bear population on Eglin Air Force Base lands increases, Kirkland said there have been more instances of bears being shot in Northwest Florida.

"There's been a number of bears shot throughout the Panhandle," Kirkland said.

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NEW Customer Service Companies' Crestview facility across from Bob Sikes Airport has doubled its staff since arriving in 2004.

**NEW JOBS IN TOWN**

**Call center doubled staff since '04**

By Brian Hughes  
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NEW Customer Service Companies were the new guys in town in 2004. Since then, the company has doubled its staff at its Crestview location.

"When NEW first came to look at its site at the end of 2003, beginning of 2004, they said if you can provide us an enterprise zone at this site, we'll bring you an operation," said Larry Sas-

sano, president of the Okaloosa County Economic Development Council. "At that time, they had projected to hire about 250 people for that site. They're over 500 people now. They grew beyond their expectations."

Sassano said that of the company's 22 call centers around the U.S., as well as a handful outside the country, NEW ranks its Crestview facility among the best.

"They say this is their

best-run center," Sassano said. "They really give the credit to the people that work there. There is a high-caliber group in Crestview with a low turnover rate and a good work ethic. That says a lot about Crestview when a company this big says that."

Missy Dalrymple of the Crestview NEW office's human resources department was flattered by Sassano's

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# What's HAPPENING

**From staff reports**

**REPAVINGS:** CSX will be repaving three north Okaloosa railroad crossings, resulting in the following road closures (no through-traffic):

- Antioch Road will be closed from 7 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, through noon Thursday, Feb. 17. Southbound traffic should use U.S. Highway 90. Northbound traffic should use State Road 85.
  - From 7 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, through noon Friday, Feb. 18, Al Gilman Road will be closed. All traffic should use U.S. 90.
- Access is available to the crossings; however, no through-traffic will be permitted. Because of limited space for vehicles to turn around at the crossings, it is crucial that motorists follow detour signs.

Auburn Road north of Crestview is now open and construction on Old Bethel Road is complete, just east of Silver Oaks subdivision.

**WATER MEETING:** Blackman Community Water System members will have a meeting Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Blackman Community Center, 7095 State Road 189 N. in Baker. The public is welcome to attend.

**WATER OUTAGES:** Milligan Water System Inc. is notifying its customers that because of the ongoing construction and water relocating for State Road 4, water shortages will be experienced from time to time. The outages are mainly due to mainline extensions for the new highway and for system maintenance.

These outages are not always planned. Because of line breakages and the amount of work MWS is experiencing, staff

members do not have time to contact members who might be affected. They apologize for the inconvenience and ask that you please bear with them through the continuation of this project.

**ACT/SAT WORKSHOP:** Okaloosa students taking the March, April and May SAT and ACT tests can attend one of two 12-hour workshops being held in March. Registrations must be postmarked by Tuesday, Feb. 22. Forms have been mailed to area high schools. Students need to bring calculators. All materials, snacks and drinks are furnished.

The Fort Walton Beach High School Media Center workshop will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, March 8 and 9, and Monday and Tuesday, March 14 and 15, from 2:15-5:15 p.m. each day.

The Niceville High School Media Center workshop will be held Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11, and Wednesday and Thursday, March 16 and 17, from 2-5 p.m. each day.

For further details, contact Alice Hart at Amhart1966@aol.com or 615-585-2401, or call your high school's guidance department.

**TRAINING SEMINAR:** The Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers and the Northwest Florida Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will host their annual Regional Professional Development Seminar on March 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Emerald Coast Conference Center on Okaloosa Island.

The event includes 10 workshops on diverse

topics such as professional development, deployed troop experiences, multiyear procurement, cost estimating and rapid acquisition.

This year's luncheon speaker will be Michelle Prince, author of the best-selling book "Winning in Life Now ... How to Break Through to a Happier You."

Registration ends Feb. 28; attendance is \$110 per person. For details, registration and payment instructions, visit [www.gulfcoastasmc.org/RPDS](http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/RPDS) or call Katenna Edwards at 882-1768.

**BINGO, FOOD DONATIONS:** Foster Families of America is hosting bingo on Thursdays from 5-9 p.m. and at 1 p.m. Saturdays at 605 W. James Lee Blvd., Crestview (the D & W Cafe). All proceeds are used to help the community.

The organization is in great need of nonperishable food donations. It seeks to maintain hope and dignity to families by making essentials (food, clothing, kitchen items, furniture, etc.) available for free or extremely low cost. Your donation will be used to help families who are truly in need. Please drop off food donations at 112 Main St. in Crestview, or call 423-0488. You may also drop donations off at the Crestview Chamber of Commerce office on Commerce Drive in north Crestview. Thank you in advance for supporting a local charity in need.

For more information about Foster Families of America, visit [www.fosterfamiliesofamerica.org](http://www.fosterfamiliesofamerica.org). Store hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

**ZUMBA CLASSES:** The Crestview Public Library offers Zumba classes for all ages and ability levels with Gloria Rodriguez every Friday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The cost is \$5, payable at the door. Participating children age 4 and older attend free with a paying adult. However, no child care will be provided.

The library is at 1445 Commerce Drive behind the post office in north Crestview. For more information, call 682-4432 or Rodriguez at 218-8535.

**CARDIAC REHABILITATION:** To celebrate National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week Feb. 14-20, NOMC invites you to an open house on Friday, Feb. 18, from noon to 2 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, and have your blood pressure, body fat and BMI checked. The event will be on the first floor of the Physician Medical Plaza at 550 W. Redstone Ave., Crestview.

**SENIOR BINGO:** Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will be having senior bingo at the group hall on U.S. Highway 90 near Twin Hills Park on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. Lunch with desserts will be available. Call Suzi at 689-2487 for reservations.

**SURVIVOR DINNER:** The March 11 spaghetti dinner being held by American Legion Post 75 from 6-8 p.m. is a free dinner for cancer survivors. Door prizes and other activities are planned for the event, which will be held at 898 E. James Lee Blvd., Crestview. RSVP by March 1 by calling Mark Waggy at 423-4027 or Bobbie Henderson at 423-4020.

**MODEL RAILROAD CLUB:** Individuals interested in starting a

local model railroad club in Crestview are invited to contact Brian Laroche at 689-2591 or [brianlaroche@hotmail.com](mailto:brianlaroche@hotmail.com).

**BLOOD DRIVES:** The Northwest Florida Blood Center is hosting the blood drives listed below.

- Feb. 16, Baker School, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Feb. 20, First United Methodist Church, 599 Eighth Ave., Crestview, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Feb. 21, Marquis Cinema 10, Crestview, 3-7 p.m. All donors will receive a free movie ticket.
- Feb. 23, Parthenon Healthcare Center, 1849 E. First St., Crestview, 9-11 a.m.
- Feb. 26, Winn-Dixie, Crestview, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free gift card for all donors.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN:** The Crestview Police Department, in conjunction with officers across the state, invites you to support the 2011 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The 7 a.m. event will begin March 30 at the War Memorial Wall on Main Street; the torch will be passed to other participating agencies at the Shoal River bridges on South Ferdon Boulevard.

Run as little or as much as you like. You may also support the Special Olympics by holding fundraisers, collecting donations or selling sponsored merchandise. For details, call Major Joseph Floyd at 682-3544.

**POLITICAL MEET AND GREET:** North Okaloosa Republican Club and Crestview High School Teenage Republicans will host the meet and greets below for area candidates and elected officials. The public is invited.

• Saturday, Feb. 19, 3 p.m., TARS and NORC will host a meet and greet at Crestview High School. For details, call NORC President Benjamin Showler at 797-9821.

**OCSO WEBSITE:** The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office invites residents to sign up at [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com), where you can monitor neighborhood crime, sign up for crime alert e-mails and keep track of sexual offenders' or predators' addresses.

**LIBRARY FUNDRAISER:** The Friends of the Crestview Library are asking for donations of used books, CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes for the spring book sale April 1-3. Books and other media will be accepted at the library, off north

State Road 85 behind the post office. All types of hardbound and paperback books are needed.

**ART CONTEST:** The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post 5450 in Crestview is looking for art students in grades nine-12 to participate in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards Contest. Students' patriotic art could earn them college scholarship money worth thousands. The deadline to enter is March 31. For details, rules and an application, call LAVFW President Lynn Mobley at 537-3375 or patriotic instructor Amy Gavin at 682-7085.

**AMERICAN GIRLS BOOK CLUB:** meets each third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon at the Crestview Public Library. Attendees discuss one of the books and discover more about life at different times in American history. Activities and snacks are part of each session.

Sign up in Youth Services for each meeting, get a copy of the book, and read it before the meeting.

The next meeting is Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon, on "Addy Learns a Lesson," by Connie Porter.

**RELAY FOR LIFE DATE CHANGE:** The Crestview Relay for Life has been rescheduled. It starts at 6 p.m. Friday, May 13, and ends at noon May 14 at Old Spanish Trail Park on Stillwell Avenue. There will be entertainment for the entire family.

The event kicks off with a 6 p.m. survivor reception for cancer survivors and their caregivers. The free reception includes dinner and entertainment.

To preregister, or for more information, call Mary Tinsley, American Cancer Society, at 244-3813, or Crestview's Relay chairperson, Loney Whitley, at 537-4654. If you cannot preregister, register at 5 p.m. at the Relay site. The event celebrates survivorship and raises money for research and programs for the American Cancer Society.

**RED CROSS:** Registration for classes and other events is available at [www.yourredcross.org](http://www.yourredcross.org). You may also call 800-773-7620, ext. 0.

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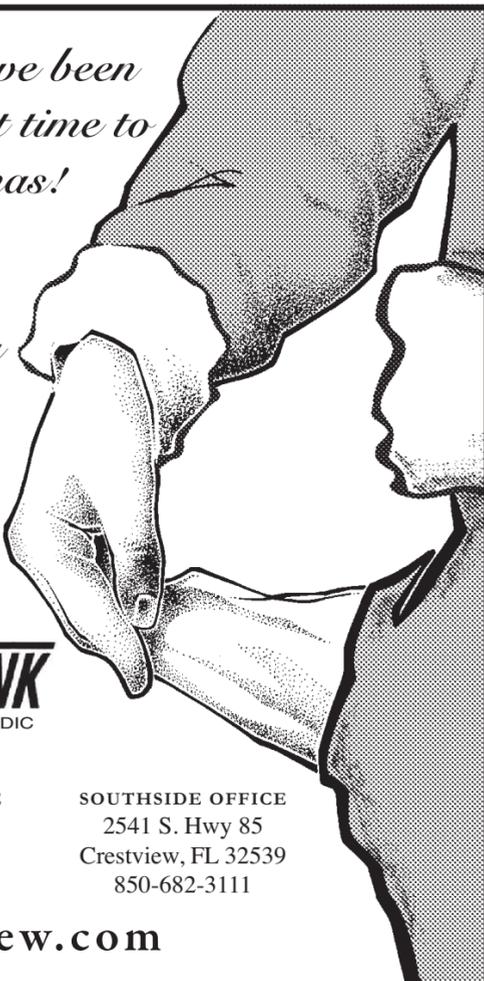
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NEW's company flag flutters in the breeze along with the state flag and Old Glory in front of its facility across the street from Bob Sikes Airport.

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comments, but hastened to acknowledge the efforts of the company's other locations.

"All of our sites are very productive and performing at a high level," Dalrymple said.

Employees like Chris Brigham give the company high marks for caring about the people who work there. Brigham, who recently separated from the Navy and is attending Pensacola State College, has worked for NEW in Crestview for six months.

"I love it," Brigham said. "The work is easy, and the people are real nice."

NEW provides and services product protection plans for "a large percentage of the majority of retailers," said Laura Lechner, communications specialist at NEW's Sterling,

Va., corporate headquarters. Cell phones and consumer electronics are the company's specialties, she said.

"Really, it's troubleshooting products, taking claim information and servicing products like electronics, appliances, sport-high equipment and even jewelry," Lechner said.

Clients include Walmart, Sam's Club, JCPenney, DirectTV, Sony and international giants such as Germany's Media Markt and Britain's TESCO, according to the company's website. NEW's employees go through a rigorous training program to become experts in the products offered by clients.

"It's amazing how much they learn," Lechner said. "That's why the training lasts six weeks."

## BEAR from page A1

"It's just disturbing that people can't learn to do the things they need to do to keep them at bay. We ask residents to secure their garbage cans. They can talk to their garbage service provider to provide them a bear-proof can."

Bears are scavengers, Kirkland said. Once they identify an easy food source, such as an unsecured trash can, they will return seeking more snacks. But there are no documented cases of bears attacking people in Florida, and shooting the animal is a felony offense.

"They remain on the

threatened species list and are fully protected," Kirkland said. "Bears aren't a threat to people. People, generally speaking, are more of a threat to them."

Kirkland asked that anyone with information on either of the two bear shootings contact his department.

"If someone knows who did this, we need them to come forward," Kirkland said. "They can collect a reward if they're interested. They can call our wildlife hotline at 888-404-3922. They don't have to leave their name. They can remain anonymous."

## ACCIDENT from page A1

The first thing I would have done if you guys hadn't been there would be to try to get out of the car."

About 7:15 a.m. the day of the accident, Baker was driving south on State 85 in her 1992 Mazda Miata after leaving the Crestview home of her mother and stepfather.

Baker was headed to school when she struck the rear of a 1993 GMC Suburban stopped at a traffic signal at the intersection of 7th Special Forces Way, according to a Florida Highway Patrol report.

Baker said she had just taken her seat belt off to reach for a cup of coffee when her cell phone rang. She looked down at the phone, and when she looked back up, she saw the stopped Suburban, but it was too late.

"I clipped the car and hit the pole," Baker said. "All I remember is looking back up and seeing coffee all over and broken glass."

A deputy was driving behind Baker and saw the accident.

"He said he saw 'no brake lights, no brake lights, and then smash,'" Brooks said the deputy told him.

The driver of the Suburban was uninjured. Baker was not so lucky. The airbag in her Miata did not deploy, and her head struck the front windshield of the car.

Brooks and Wallace, who had just pulled off of Eglin Air Force Base reservation lands, came upon the accident immediately after it happened.

The men said they were concerned when they saw the extent of the Baker's injuries.

"There was blood running down her face, and she was begging me to get her out of the vehicle, but my first priority is to assume the worst," Brooks said. "So I quickly made a medical decision to ensure she remained calm and in place un-

til we could get proper equipment and personnel before the extrication process began. With spinal cord injuries, you have to be extremely cautious."

Wallace said there was also concern that the undeployed airbag could activate, causing serious, if not fatal, injuries.

"We actually had an officer back home who was killed by an airbag deployment post-accident," Wallace said.

While the two men worked to stabilize Baker, Brooks placed his body between her and the airbag. He stayed there until paramedics from Duke Field arrived.

"Specialist Brooks kept talking to me and asking me questions about who I was, what I was doing and where I was going," Baker said. "I know now he was only trying to keep me engaged because he didn't want me to drift off into a coma or something."

Baker was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, where she remained for three days. The first week after the wreck, she had a hard time walking and needed a caregiver for a while to make sure she didn't fall and to help her with the most basic tasks, such as showering.

When Baker returned to school, there was concern about her getting up and down the hallways without assistance.

"Now I have a box with wheels I put everything in, so I can do everything myself," Baker said. "The past

two weeks, I have not felt hardly any pain."

An athlete on her school's swim team, Baker will have to continue wearing a neck brace for three to seven more weeks, but she is expected to make a full recovery.

At their meeting in Crestview, Baker told Brooks and Wallace she was grateful for what they had done. And she invited them to her graduation this year. She will graduate magna cum laude.

Baker's stepfather, Kevin M. Helmich, sent a letter to Battalion Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Matt Siefert thanking him for the quick reaction and expert medical attention by Brooks and Wallace.

"I thank God for the miracle that saved Brianna's life," Helmich wrote. "Almost surely, if she had been allowed to move, or try exiting the car, she would have stopped breathing and died."

As for Wallace and Brooks, they appreciate the gratitude.

"What we do, sometimes we're not able to get that thank-you," Brooks said.

Brooks presented Baker with a gold-edged medallion with a sword etched in its center, topped with the words "Follow me." Brooks said the coin, which was given to him by the sergeant major of the 6th Ranger Training Battalion, meant a lot to him.

"I want you to remember, no matter what, always, if you are ever feeling down or you need a little inspiration, I want you to take this coin out and look at it," Brooks said. "That's your good luck."



Brianna Baker, left, chats with U.S. Army medical specialists Steven Brooks, center, and Nicholas Wallace, right. The men were the first medical responders on the scene after Baker's car accident. They helped Baker, who was seriously injured. ABOVE: Army 6th Ranger Training Battalion medical specialist Steven Brooks gave Baker this medallion for good luck.

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**TEACHER OF THE MONTH**

# Richardson 'destined' for teacher's path

By Paula Kelley

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Sharon Richardson, from Davidson Middle School, has been named the February Teacher of the Month. Wild Olive Restaurant sponsors the monthly award for outstanding educators and presented her a dinner for two to recognize her work.

Richardson teaches seventh grade advanced comprehensive science, eighth grade biology honors for high school credit, and eighth grade "Science Students Together Reaching Institutional Diversity and Excellence," or SSTRIDE, as well as anatomy and physiology for Florida State University College of Medicine.

She organizes the school-wide science and engineering fairs and holds a Master of Science in Education and Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Florida State University.

Richardson said she is a firm believer in

making learning fun and that if a teacher has a passion for a subject, the students are more receptive. She attributes her love for science to Ms. Rawell, her elementary science teacher from Walton High.

"Her eyes lit up when she taught, and I came from a home where my parents stressed learning as my job as a child, so I was destined to take the teaching path," Richardson shared as she moved Petri dishes on a counter top.

Richardson holds state and national honors and awards for her teaching and leadership accomplishments.

She and her husband, Donnie, own a farm in Mossy Head and they have two sons; Aaron, who will enter Virginia Tech's medical school next fall; and Matthew, who will graduate from the University of Florida's law school this May. Both were award winners in International Science Fairs in their grade school years.



Sharon Richardson is Wild Olive's February Teacher of the Month. She loves getting her students involved in the learning process at Davidson Middle School.

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# Crestview has a new ambassador

## CHS junior is bound for China this summer

By Brian Hughes

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When President Dwight D. Eisenhower envisioned the People to People citizen ambassador program back in 1956, he envisioned people like Anjeleka Wheeler as its emissaries. The bright, articulate Crestview High School junior has a ready smile and the enthusiasm for embracing and sharing a new culture, just like Ike had in mind.

Anjeleka is Crestview's newest ambassador, following in the footsteps of Ethan Sparagowski, now a Davidson Middle School fifth grader who last year represented the area in Great Britain. Anjeleka will spend 17 days this summer exploring China in the student ambassador program.

The People to People program selects its participants after a vigorous evaluation, including letters of



ANJELEKA WHEELER

recommendation from teachers, coaches and community leaders, as well as interviews with the candidates and essays. Not everyone gets appointed, and not every appointee gets to sling on his or her backpack and head off to see the world.

To delve into the exotic east, Anjeleka must first raise almost \$5,000 to cover her tuition. Toward that end, the teen turned on her charm and winning smile before the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce at its recent monthly breakfast. She described the program of study she will follow, and explained how she will earn high school and college credits during her experience abroad.

"Personally, I am looking forward to broadening my perspectives of the world and gaining better understanding of Western Asia history," Anjeleka said in a letter to the community's business leaders. "I plan to give a speech and share my journal, photographs and experiences with contribu-



Anjeleka Wheeler, right, meets Crestview City Council President Charles Baugh, Jr. during her appearance before the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

tors upon my return."

Anjeleka and her family, including supportive mom Daphne Jordan, have undertaken a series of fundraisers, including yard sales, bake sales and a "sing-arama" in Pensacola featuring gospel groups that include Highly Favored

and the McKenzie Boys. A "Feast of Love" banquet at Barnhill's Buffet in Pensacola will also be held.

Community members and businesses that wish to help sponsor Anjeleka's People to People ambassadorship may contact her at 603-0806.



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With an Emerald Coast Aviation Cessna as a backdrop, Anjeleka Wheeler describes her upcoming People to People ambassadorship to members of Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Education BRIEFS

### ABWA offers \$2,000 scholarship

Working Women Express Network of the American Business Women's Association is funding a special scholarship through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund. The field of study is not specified and the scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000.

In order to be eligible for consideration, candidates must be women who are citizens of the United States and residents of North Okaloosa County; will be college freshman level this August; have been accepted at an accredited college or university authorized to confer degrees at least at the baccalaureate level or higher; and have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.

To apply, interested parties should send name and e-mail address to Working Women Express Network, Anita Kirkland, akirkland@fnlto.com.

Trustees of SBMEF serve as the selection board for this scholarship. Applications must be completed by May 15 at www.sbmeff.org. The winner will be notified in July. The scholarship is not renewable. A check will be issued jointly to the educational institution and the recipient. Funds are limited to tuition, books and fees.

### Science seminar at NWFSC

On Feb. 18, the free Science Friday seminar series at Northwest Florida State College will be held at 11 a.m. in room S-110 of the Robert E. Green Jr. Science Building on the Niceville campus. Christina Scally will speak on "Introducing the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center: Inspiring Future Naturalists."

The NWF State College Science Friday seminar series is open to the public. Groups should call ahead to ensure seating. For more information, contact the NWF State College Science Department at 729-5376.

The seminars are offered monthly on the third Friday of the month. The next seminar is March 18 with Margaret Genzburger, a naturalist with Nokuse Plantation, who will discuss ecosystem restoration at Nokuse. For the final April 15 Science Friday seminar of the semester, Staci Danko, an NWFSC Earth Sciences adjunct professor, will discuss the "Past, Present and Future of Mt. St. Helens."

### Brown earns degree

Jesse Brown of Crestview has received his Bachelors of Science degree in security management from Southwestern College. He graduated with cum laude honors.

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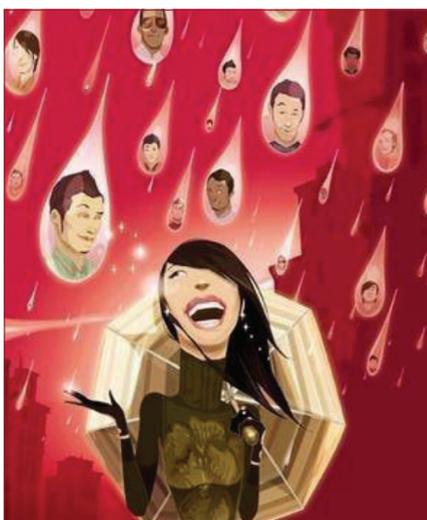
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# FROM BAG TO QUILT

## Locals turning plastic bags into art and practical pieces

By Brian Hughes  
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The next time you see a plastic grocery bag billowing around the side of the road, pick it up. It'll be perfect in a sleeping mat for a homeless person or a quilt.

Local artists, students and church ladies are finding that, once emptied of groceries, the ubiquitous plastic grocery bags have many more uses than just an excellent wastebasket liner.

Crestview resident May Allan and ladies in her Jubilee Circle at the First Presbyterian Church learned about mats for the homeless when the circle's president, Pat Thalacker, introduced a guest from Mississippi to the group's August 2010 meeting. The visitor showed a sample of a mat crocheted from grocery bags.

"I made the first mat," Allan said. "I didn't know just what to do, but I thought I could do it."

As those ladies experienced in crocheting wielded the needles, others cut donated grocery bags into four strips, tied the strips end to end and wound them up like a ball of yarn. Each 3.5-foot by 6- or 7-foot-long mat requires about 500 grocery bags, Allan said.

While the ladies of the Jubilee Circle were making sleeping mats, Fort Walton Beach artist and gallery owner Mercedes Rodgers was looking for a creative outlet to express her frustration over the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Rodgers felt a "community based conceptual art piece" would "empower people to do something positive with their grief and anger," and would raise awareness of society's dependence on petroleum-based products such as plastics.

Inspiration came from the National AIDS Quilt and the Nike quilt, both of which were artistic responses to social concerns, Rodgers said.

Rodgers started what she calls her "SOS Security Blanket," a quilt that "visually looks like something grandmother made." It has a traditional quilt's rustic charm of multiple squares in various patterns and colors, yet is made entirely of petroleum-based materials.

At approximately the same time, Crestview High School environmental sciences teacher Darron DeBose was teaching his advance placement and regular science classes about the social, environmental and health issues

associated with plastics. When CHS art teacher Laurel Siwicki started lessons on making art projects from recycled materials, the twain met.

"Anytime you can take science and art and put them together, you can make so much advancement," Rodgers said during a recent presentation at Crestview High. "I look at the Renaissance as one of the greatest periods in history. Your artists were also scientists."

"This artist is using her artwork to raise awareness," Siwicki told the assembly of environmental science and art students.

Rodgers invited the students, who had just watched the documentary "Bag It," which details the environmental and health hazards of plastics, to contribute to the SOS Security Blanket. Students will produce their own squares out of any petroleum-based material. Artwork can be drawn or painted, it could be a collage or squares could be crocheted or knitted.

"It really is like signing a visual petition," Rodgers said. "It's going to be as large as people want to make it."

The quilt will go on exhibit at Rodger's Full Circle Gallery, 29B S.E. Eglin Parkway in Fort Walton Beach on April 22. For information, call 362-8041 or e-mail fullcirclegallery@gmail.com.



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The Rev. Mark Broadhead of the First Presbyterian Church displays one of the sleeping mats made by women in his church for the homeless. The mats are crocheted from plastic grocery bags.



Crestview High School art teacher Laurel Siwicki, left, admires the "SOS Security Blanket" begun by Fort Walton Beach artist Mercedes Rodgers, right, during Rodgers' appearance at the school. The squares of the quilt are made from various petroleum-based products.

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# John Barry passes away Jan. 30 at age 77

By Brian Hughes  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

For me, Jan. 30 was the day the music died. Like most people, I was a devotee of John Barry's music without even realizing it. Miss Euler, my middle school music teacher, added "Born Free" to our class's repertoire and I was captivated by its soaring beauty.

I can't say that I rushed out to buy the soundtrack — that addiction, which I am proud to admit I have not licked, didn't happen until high school. In fact, I hadn't a clue who had written the song. I just knew it touched me in a way I couldn't quite lay my finger on.

For quite a few years during his career, John Barry had the distinction of being the most frequently heard composer in the world. His film score output was so prolific that it was impossible to dodge his music. Indeed, just a few weeks ago I was in a shop and his theme to "Mary, Queen of Scots" was playing on the Muzak.

Barry didn't intend to write film scores. A trumpeter, with his group The John Barry Seven, he was



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Some of John Barry's sound tracks in the author's collection.

first one of Britain's early rock-n-roll pioneers, paving the way for the British Invasion by originating the sound that would distinguish British rock from its American cousins.

His nudge into film mu-

sic came in 1960 with his friend and fellow rocker Adam Faith's "Beat Girl." A few films later and he came to the attention of producers Albert R. Broccoli and Harry Saltzman, who were bringing the

first James Bond film, "Dr. No," to the screen.

By high school I was already well acquainted with Barry's work, primarily through the Bond films. I'd slip some of my hard-earned money to

my art teacher, who'd buy Bond soundtracks at the mall for me. Mom didn't approve of my frittering away money on movie scores.

Barry's music encompassed a wide range of

film genres. His Oscar-winners include "Born Free" (I ultimately acquired that soundtrack after going to college), "The Lion in Winter," "Out of Africa" and "Dances with Wolves."

What thrilled me about Barry's work was his versatility. You've heard John Barry's music. The lushness of the strings, the haunting trumpets, melodies that sweep and soar, and pianos that range from gentle to strident. One of my favorites is his score for the 1995 IMAX film "Across the Sea of Time," for which "Flight Over New York" epitomizes Barry at his most mature.

Some of the world's greatest singers have sung his music, including Shirley Bassey, Tom Jones, Nancy Sinatra, Vanessa Redgrave, Matt Monro, and Chrissy Hynde. Louis Armstrong's last recorded song was the hauntingly beautiful "We Have All the Time in the World," for the sixth Bond adventure, "On Her Majesty's Secret Service."

John Barry suffered a heart attack and died at his Long Island home on Jan. 30. His music, however, will live on in the more than 97 film scores, five stage musicals, 25 TV themes and several instrumental albums composed over a breathtaking lifetime of glorious music.

## Community Arts CALENDAR

### 'Death by Candygram'

**FEB. 19 • Act4Murder** presents another entry in their popular audience participation murder mystery dinner theatre productions. "Death by Candygram" will be performed during a delicious 3-course meal ... and remember, someone's going to die! Will you and your friends win the prize for guessing who dunnit? Call Christopher's Uncorked Bistro, 224 N. Main St., 682-2002 or make online reservations at [www.act4murder.com](http://www.act4murder.com). Seating begins at 6:30 p.m.

### 'Turandot'

**FEB. 19 • Teatro Lirico D'**

Europa, the stellar European opera touring company, presents Puccini's final operatic masterpiece, "Turandot", as part of the company's 12th national tour of the U.S.A. at 7:30 p.m. at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center in Niceville.

Soloists come from Opera Bolshoi, Prague State Opera, the New York City Opera and the Metropolitan Opera as well as other major opera companies. The full scale production's clever sets, lavish costumes and world-class voices beautifully evoke the royal palace pavilion of the ancient Forbidden City in Peking and the work's legendary Chinese characters.

Based on the Greek myth "The Riddle of the Sphinx," the story follows Princess Turandot, who is haunted by the brutal rape and murder of her cousin, and thus poses an impossible riddle to any man who wishes to marry her, resulting in many beheadings, to the great horror of all Peking. Finally, a brave Persian prince solves the riddle and ends the deadly cycle, restoring peace and winning the heart of Turandot. Love triumphs as does this production of Turandot!

Jeffrey Rink, music director and conductor of the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, will conduct the Teatro Lirico

D' Europa musicians for this performance.

Tickets are \$45 each for single tickets or \$40 each for groups of 10 or more and are available in-person, by phone and through the Mattie Kelly Arts Center website. For information or tickets, contact the box office at 729-6000 or visit [www.mattiekellyartscenter.org](http://www.mattiekellyartscenter.org).

### Manga art show

**FEB. 22 • The Crestview Public Library Teen Club**, which recently combined with the Animé Club, and the Okaloosa Arts Alliance-North committee team up to present an

exhibit of student Manga art. Any student who enjoys creating Manga-inspired works is invited to submit them to this exhibit. The show will run from 4:30 until 8 p.m. at the library. There is no admission fee. For information, contact the library at 682-4432 or Rae Schwartz of the OAA-N at [bakerny@yahoo.com](mailto:bakerny@yahoo.com) or 585-5672.

Let the community know about your arts or entertainment event. Submit listings for the Community Arts Calendar to [brianh@crestviewbulletin.com](mailto:brianh@crestviewbulletin.com) or call 682-6524 at least two weeks before your event.

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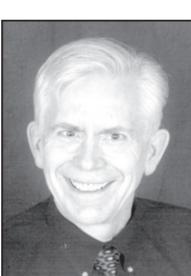


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# 2010 Posse Member of the Year

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The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Posse has named its 2010 member of the year, and for the first time in the organization's 46-year history, it's someone earning the award for the second time.

Lt. Tami Cokonougher (COKE-a-nower) has been a member of the volunteer group since 1989. She has contributed an average of 600 to 800 volunteer hours a year for the

past five years, according to a press released.

Lt. Cokonougher not only manages countless details, but also takes care of the posse's record keeping, organizes training sessions and orders supplies, the press release states. She is credited with being instrumental in setting up the Posse Auxiliary Training School in 2010.

Cokonougher was the recipient of the Posse Member of the Year award in 1995 as well.

Okaloosa Sheriff Larry Ashley said, "Lt. Cokonougher is one of the most dedicated volunteers you'll find anywhere. She always steps up to the plate when needed and this agency, along with our entire community, owes her a debt of gratitude for her efforts. I am extremely proud of all our posse members, who last year contributed more than 13,000 volunteer hours, from traffic control at football games and parades, to guarding crime scenes."



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Shown from left to right are Okaloosa County Sheriff's Capt. Terry Watkins, Lt. Tami Cokonougher, and Sheriff Larry Ashley.

## Obituaries

### Addie Barber Jenkins

Addie Barber Jenkins, 90, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, in Tallahassee.

She was born in Chipley and lived in Crestview from 1950 to 1998 and attended New Bethel United Methodist Church. She moved to Tallahassee in 1998 and attended First Baptist Church of Crawfordville. She was a former resident of the Cherry Laurel community.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, Crawfordville. Visitation followed immediately after the service.

Burial took place Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, at Live Oak Cemetery in Crestview at 11 a.m. Bevis Funeral Home, Crawfordville, was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her son, Tim Jenkins (Sylvia) of Crawfordville; sister, Betty Brunner; Chipley; two grandchildren, Kelley Moseley (Ben) Crawfordville and Kerry Prosser (Matt), Tallahassee; four great-grandchildren, Payton, Griffin, Finn and Easton.

She was predeceased by her husband, James "Shine" Jenkins, in 1997.

Sign, leave a remembrance or view the guest book for Addie Jenkins online at [www.crestviewbulletin.com](http://www.crestviewbulletin.com).

### Mary Alice Reed Paulk

Mary Alice Reed Paulk, 87, of Pensacola, passed away Friday, Feb. 11, 2011. She was born Oct. 15, 1923 in Parker Springs, and had lived in Pensacola for the past 60 years. She was a retired pediatric nurse and attended Ensley United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, T.L. Paulk Sr.; daughter, Susan D. Paulk; and son, T.L. Paulk Jr.

Survivors include her four children, Betty J. Powell (Robert), Bon P. Paulk (Patricia), Rebecca A. Windham (Thomas) and Debra K. Lewis (Wayne); two sisters, Patricia Pace

and Flora B. Bryan; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the chapel of Brackney Funeral Service. Burial will be in Milligan Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Covenant Hospice.

Brackney Funeral Service, Crestview, was in charge of arrangements.

Sign, leave a remembrance or view the guest book for Mary Paulk online at [www.crestviewbulletin.com](http://www.crestviewbulletin.com).

# Former POW turns 92

By Paula Kelley  
Crestview News Bulletin

Crestview Robert Marchant's morning coffee crew at the Crestview McDonald's celebrated his 92nd birthday with a cake on Monday.

A well-worn leather bomber jacket rested on his chair. When asked how old the jacket was he smiled and said, "half as old as I am."

Marchant enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 and was a radio operator in the Philippines when he was captured and became a prisoner of war (POW). He was a participant in the Bataan Death March,

a forced transfer of POWs historically remembered for its horrific physical abuse and murder of the prisoners.

"I'll tell you a secret," Robert said while holding a birthday card signed by the friends surrounding him. "The day we pulled into the San Francisco Bay was Sept. 2, 1945, and they signed the surrender of Japan papers that day. I had tears falling out of my eyes and I looked around and I was not the only one. There wasn't a dry eye on that boat. We were home and it was over."

Marchant retired as a master sergeant after 22 years in the service.



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Robert Marchant celebrated his 92nd birthday Valentine's weekend.

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## Letters to THE EDITOR

### Crestview ignoring needs of RV community

My wife and I are full-time RV users, having sold our home in Fort Walton in 2002.

We have lived in Okaloosa County for more than 17 years, and our daughter's family lives in Crestview.

We think Crestview is a fine, growing community, with adequate housing, lodging and dining facilities. There is one glaring exception, however, that has been

explained to local civic leaders in past years with no action taken, and unless you are a visiting RV owner, you would not likely know about it.

In the RV industry Crestview, and Okaloosa County as well, is known as being RV-unfriendly. This means that RV users will find no decent RV parks or RV resorts nearby and must commute from long distances to visit Crestview or the beaches. I was once told that there are three RV parks in Crestview, but that person was ill-informed. Crestview actually has

three run-down trailer camps that are an insult to any RV owner.

The message that this sends to your RV visitors is simply this:

"We do not recognize you as being worthy of staying within the city limits of Crestview, and we have no place for you to stay, so go somewhere else!"

Seem extreme? Consider that most RV owners are no different than any other visitor that stays in a motel. We have family and friends here. We eat in your restaurants, shop in your

stores, buy gas, etc., and yet you have no place for us to stay?

Some RV users may be in town to look for a home, or perhaps are with the military, or are contractors setting up a project. Trust me, when these folks are sent down the road, they will leave with a bad taste in their mouth and will tell others. We do. And I am ashamed that we call this our home base.

I know the folks at Passport America. They are airing online a 13-program TV series that I produced a few years back titled RV USA TV. We have traveled many miles and reported on RV parks, RV owners and park developers. We know how beneficial economically a nice RV facility can be for a community, yet nothing changes in Crestview.

Now I acknowledge that the construction of an RV park is not a governmental endeavor, but please tell me why the city government and the Chamber of Commerce has not found a suitable property to promote one? I can assure you that the demand is there, even from winter snowbirds.

If you, and others believe that a nice RV park (or an RV resort like Sunset King north

of DeFuniak Springs) would be a trashy, red-neck trailer camp, then you should watch the RV USA TV Florida Panhandle program at [www.passportamerica.com/rvsatv](http://www.passportamerica.com/rvsatv) and see what a modern facility really looks like.

Then drive through the "RV park" behind the motel on State Road 85, south of Interstate 10. This is where your RV visitors are being sent to.

Ron Hart  
Okaloosa County resident

### Air Force oversteps its bounds

Recently, the Air Force announced possible prosecution under the Espionage Act to civilian family members who read WikiLeaks on private computers.

The idea that a USAF wife, child or relative would be prosecuted for reading a public message in private is both ludicrous and chilling to the bone.

According to Air Force Materiel Command's legal office, "If a family member of an Air Force employee accesses WikiLeaks on a home computer, the family member may be subject to prosecution for espionage

under U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 793.

The Air Force member would have an obligation to safeguard the information under the general guidance to safeguard classified information." (Air Force Print News Today, "Command Offers WikiLeaks Guidance" AFMC Public Affairs report, Feb. 3, 2011.)

The still current Espionage Act (also known as the Sedition Act of 1918) made it a crime to be publicly against World War I, and hundreds (some say thousands) of Americans were imprisoned for simply saying so in public. Is it now being used again for odious purposes?

This should make you ask the question, at what point does any citizen become a criminal for simply reading something? Maybe you'll become a criminal for reading this opinion.

Somewhere along the line some military leaders have truly lost their compass.

The Air Force's reason for being is to assure our liberties, not threaten to throw families in prison for reading.

Pete Blome  
Chair, Libertarian Party  
of Okaloosa County

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- Homestead Exemption
- Additional Homestead Exemption for those 65 years of age and older with a household adjusted gross income of \$26,203 or less. Social Security income may not count (call for details)
- Widows, widowers, and blind persons exemptions
- Exemption for total and permanently disabled persons
- Exemption for certain total and permanently disabled veterans and their surviving spouses
- Exemption for disabled veterans with 10 percent or greater service connected disabilities (also applies to surviving spouses)
- Exemption for disabled veterans confined to wheelchairs
- Charitable, religious, scientific, and literary exemptions
- Historic property exemption
- Hospital, nursing home, and homes for special services exemptions
- Nonprofit homes for the aged exemption
- Proprietary continuing care facility exemption
- Low-Income housing property exemption
- Educational property exemption
- Labor organization property exemption
- Charter school exemption
- Community center exemption
- Economic development exemption
- Not-for-profit sewer and water company property exemption

For additional information, call the Exemption Department in Fort Walton Beach at (850) 651-7240; or in Crestview at (850) 689-5900; or visit our Web site at [www.okaloosapa.com](http://www.okaloosapa.com)

Our office makes every effort to insure that property owners are made aware of all exemptions for which they may qualify. Again, as stated above, in order to receive the exemptions this year, **applications must be filed in our office by the March 1, 2011 statutory deadline.**



Pete Smith, CFA  
Okaloosa County  
Property Appraiser

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## Check it OUT

By Heather Nitzel  
Special to the News Bulletin

The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21 as we celebrate President's Day.

### PROGRAMS

Free AARP tax help is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Mondays from 2 to 6 p.m. (except for this Monday, since we're closed).

"What did the cow say when the barn got crowded? Mooove over!" Join us down on the farm at Story Time on Thursday (Feb. 17) at 3 p.m. for some great farm stories and activities. Next week Story Time is on Wednesday (Jan. 26) at 10:15 a.m. and will celebrate "Adoption." (Please come whether your family has participated in adoption or not. It will be a great introduction to the idea for your preschooler, who will undoubtedly encounter it at one point or another). Story Time is designed for children ages 3 to 5. Younger siblings (accompanied by an adult) and older children are welcome!

For teens ages 12 to 17, play Wii on Fridays from 2-4 p.m. and join the Teen Club on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.!

Bring a picnic supper for your family to enjoy while you watch "Spiderwick Chronicles" (rated PG) at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18. We'll provide a beverage, thanks to our hard-working Friends of the Library! Registration is not required for this free event, but you are welcome to sign up in the youth area for a courtesy reminder call or e-mail. Movie picnics are designed with children age 6 and up in mind. Please do not bring children under the age of 6 unless you are willing to take them out if they get antsy.

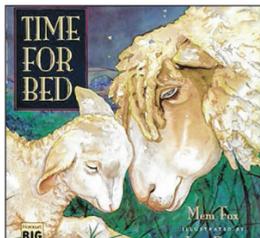
Families may sign out the Wii and play it in the Story Room for one-hour sessions on Saturdays, noon-2 p.m., Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

See examples of the Manga tradition by Crestview, Baker and Laurel Hill student artists

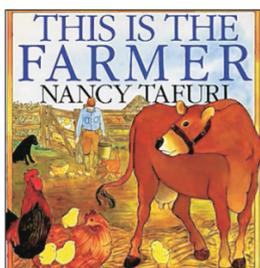
at the Manga Art Show on Tuesday, Feb. 22, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Thank you to the Okaloosa Arts Alliance-North and our own Teen Club for sponsoring this event!

Area musicians are welcome to play in the library on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Please call to schedule a performance date.

### STAFF PICKS



"Time For Bed" by Mem Fox, BB Fox. As darkness falls, parents everywhere try to get their children ready to sleep.



"This is the Farmer" by Nancy Tafuri, E Taf. A farmer's kiss causes an amusing chain of events on the farm.

### JUST ASK

Any questions? Just ask Jean, Sandra, Anna, Marie, Tracey, Audrey, Sharon, Mike, Sabrina, Annie or Heather. We will be happy to assist you.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."  
— Michelangelo

### HOW TO CONTACT US

In person: 1445 Commerce Drive (behind the post office). By phone: 682-4432. On the web: www.cityofcrestview.org/library.htm.

Heather Nitzel is the youth services librarian for the Crestview library.



PAULA KELLEY | News Bulletin

Firefighters worked this brush fire that broke out Monday afternoon north of Crestview.

## Nearly 80 acres burn north of Crestview

By Paula Kelley and Brian Hughes  
Crestview News Bulletin

**GARDEN CITY** — A resident clearing land started a small fire that quickly grew out of hand and consumed nearly 80 acres in the Garden City community north of Crestview Monday afternoon.

The fire started shortly before noon.

Chief Ed Cutler of the North Okaloosa Fire District reported that the Division of Forestry brought in two bulldozers to cut fire-breaks to contain the blaze.

"No structures and no animals were involved," Cutler said. "No equipment was lost."

Cutler said the Dorcas and Almarante fire departments also responded and assisted NOFD in fighting the fire.

"Everybody did great and we got it contained," Cutler said. "The dry conditions and wind were our

enemies today."

The fire occurred in the vicinity of Bill Lundy and Will Owens Roads.

"A guy was doing some land clearing, just burning some piles of brush in a pasture and it got away," Cutler said. "A little gust of wind is all it takes."

Firefighters were concerned that the fire would spread to small pine trees on the property, but were able to contain the blaze with engine pumpers and fire breaks.

Firefighters were still on the scene after the bulk of the fire was extinguished to keep an eye on several bales of hay that were still stubbornly smoldering.

"We have a few hay bales that are still on fire and we have to watch them," Cutler said.

The fire was contained by 3 p.m. and the Division of Forestry released the fire-fighters at 4:30 p.m.

# Crestview's gospel series

## 'It's God's thing. He set the timetable.'

By Brian Hughes

Arts & Entertainment Editor

For more than 30 years, Dr. Jim Harkins hosted Southern gospel concerts in Fort Walton Beach.

When his health took a downturn last summer, he had to cut back. That came as a blow to one of his biggest Crestview fans, Libby White, who was a regular in the audience.

She had already been entertaining the notion that a gospel music series would fit well in Crestview. With Harkins bowing out of the gospel scene, White realized it might be time to see if the idea would work. She knew more than a little about the genre. After all, it was the music she grew up with.

"My dad was a pastor and we went around to different churches and we sang," White said. "It's always been in my life. I just grew up with it."

White paid a visit to Harkins.

"I went down to talk to him and we sat in his living room and we laughed a lot and we cried a bit, and we prayed," White recalled.

"We figured if it was meant to be, God would show



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS BULLETIN

Nationally renowned, the Dixie Echoes Quartet gospel singers are among the performers in the Libby and Friends Gospel Concerts series.

us how."

The first concert of the new series was held Aug. 22, 2010, and featured the Emerald City Quartet, winners of the Emerald Coast Southern Gospel Music Association's coveted Quartet Of the Year for 2009. White took a couple months to consult with Harkins and fine-tune the program.

After December's "Christmas in the Country" concert featuring

the Mitchum Brothers, the series was off and running.

"It's God's thing," White said matter-of-factly. "He set the timetable. It was very easy to book through June. Then the Lord opened the door and we're booked all through 2011 and into 2012. You tell me I'm not supposed to do this! He's led us to do this."

Working to White's advantage is Crestview's convenient location. "We're in a unique spot because groups that sing down south going to Mobile go right past us," White said. "Because they're passing through, that's how I can do it on a love offering basis."

The concert series isn't just the work of one person. White's husband, John W. White, and their son, John C., pitch in.

Always supporting from the audience are her daughter-in-law Andrea and granddaughter Ava. John W. runs the series' website. Several local businesses have also jumped on the gospel bandwagon.

"When I started talking about this, Chip and Dorothy Reed (of Crestview Memorial Funeral Home) jumped right on it and said, 'We want to help,'" White said. "Ms. B's Bar-B-Que and Bakery said they'd make cookies. Then someone else said they'd provide door prizes."

White works part-time at Crestview Memorial Funeral Home and volunteers at Central Baptist Church.

"I'm busy all the time," White said. "The Lord's really blessed me."

### LIBBY & FRIENDS GOSPEL CONCERTS

The Libby and Friends Gospel Concerts are performed every second Saturday at 6 p.m. at Central Baptist Church, 951 S. Ferdon Blvd. Admission is free, though if the spirit moves you, a love offering is gratefully accepted. Visit [www.libbyandfriendsgospelconcerts.com](http://www.libbyandfriendsgospelconcerts.com) for more information. Upcoming concerts:

- Mar. 12:** Bama Blu-Grace
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# PROMISES, PROMISES: 'Widows' tax' lingers

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Tens of thousands of the nation's war widows find it perplexing and downright disrespectful to their late military husbands: In order to fully collect on insurance their husbands bought for them when alive, they must marry another man.

And to qualify, the widows must remarry when they are 57 or older. Those who remarry earlier miss out, as do widows who never remarry.

At the heart of the issue is a government policy known as the "widows' tax." It says a military spouse whose loved one dies from a service-related cause can't collect both survivor's benefits and the full annuity benefits from insurance the couple bought from the Defense Department at retirement. Instead, the amount of the annuity payment is reduced by the amount of the monthly survivor benefit.

Time after time, members of Congress have promised to help the 55,000 affected widows, but laws passed to help them have only created a more complicated system that's left many of them confused and angry.

So what's remarriage got to do with it? Very little, as it turns out. The marriage condition was stuck into the law by Congress as it attempted to help the survivors retain certain benefits if they remarried late in life, as is the case with other similar federal annuities. Because Congress hasn't been able to come up with the money to help all the widows, relief has been limited to that group. The result is an all but incomprehensible mess.

"I've never even wanted to date, much less remarry," said Nichole Haycock, a mother of three teenagers in Lawton, Okla., whose 38-year-old military husband died in 2002. "I already married the love of my life. Why would you bring that as a factor?"

And there's yet another wrinkle that leaves even some of those who benefit from the system — women 57 and over who have found love a second time and re-



Nichole Haycock, wearing both her and her late husband's wedding ring, shows a photograph of her late husband, Sgt. First Class Jeffrey Haycock, recently at her home in Lawton, Okla. Haycock says her husband, who died in 2002, was the love of her life. Tens of thousands of the nation's war widows find it perplexing and downright disrespectful to their late military husbands that in order to fully collect on insurance their husbands bought for them when alive, they must marry another man.

married — not completely happy.

For war widows who were denied the full benefits of their military insurance, the government sought to help by giving them back the premiums their spouses had paid for the policies. But if a widow then remarries at age 57 or older, becoming eligible for the benefit, she can only get it by repaying the insurance premiums the government had refunded to her.

Freda Schroeppel Green, 74, whose late husband served in Vietnam and died of a service-connected disability after 30 years in the Air Force, said she was surprised after remarriage last year to receive a bill from the government to repay more than \$41,000 in insurance premiums. Those premiums had been refunded to her after his 2003 death because at that time she wasn't able to receive the full benefit of the annuity.

"It doesn't make any sense to me," said Green, of Brooksville, Fla. "Why did they send the premiums that he paid and now they want it back?"

It also doesn't make sense to Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., and 10 other senators who last week filed legislation to help the widows.

"This has always been an issue of the military doing the right thing and living up to its promises," Nelson said in a statement. "These policies were bought by servicemen and women to make sure their loved ones would be taken care of following their deaths. Not only is it a promise the government hasn't kept, but now it's sending bills to survivors. That's just outrageous."

Among the widows, Green and the approximately 700 who have remarried after age 57 are considered the lucky ones because at least

they no longer have one benefit subtracted from the other.

Other surviving spouses — most of whom lose about \$1,000 a month because of the current setup — have fought for years on Capitol Hill.

The Gold Star Wives of America Inc., a congressionally chartered group of military widows, supports legislation backed by the senators and Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., that would eliminate the offset and not require widows to pay back premiums previously refunded. They argue the survivors have spent years living without the benefit of the annuity and it is cheaper for the government to forgo the premiums than manually calculate what's owed.

The main hurdle to eliminating the benefit offset is cash. It would cost the government an estimated \$6.7 billion over a decade to allow the widows to collect both

benefits in full.

The Defense Department has long said there was never an expectation that both programs would be provided at the same time. Clifford Stanley, the defense undersecretary for personnel, told Congress last year that eliminating the offset would create inequities in its benefits programs.

The widows disagree. Most of the affected survivors' spouses paid on average 6.5 percent of their retirement pay — or about \$100 a month or more — for the annuity. The service members died thinking their spouses would benefit from it, the widows say, just as if they had bought a private life insurance policy. The idea that insurance benefits would be reduced if the husband died from a service-related cause and the widow was receiving survivor benefits was never explained to them, they say.

"Nobody could see the train wrecking," said Vivianne Wersel, chair of government relations at Gold Star Wives, whose husband died in 2005 days after returning from a second tour in Iraq. "They had no idea. It wasn't until a death they realized they weren't getting what their husbands thought they'd be getting."

For the past several years, a measure to eliminate the offset has passed in the Senate only to be dropped when House and Senate negotiators got together in private to hash

out defense spending.

Instead, Congress in recent years has given the surviving spouses small legislative victories that in retrospect only seem to have created new inequities, said Steve Strobridge, a retired Air Force colonel who is director of government relations at the Military Officers Association of America.

One of those victories was the 57-and-older remarriage rule, which at first the Defense Department did not recognize. Three of the widows later successfully sued, and in 2009 the Defense Department issued new guidance saying those surviving spouses 57 and older who remarry wouldn't be subjected to the offset.

At the time of the court ruling in the widows' favor, even the federal appellate judge who sided with them questioned what Congress was thinking in only helping such a small subset of the widows. Noting that the service member paid for one benefit with premiums and the other with his life, Judge George W. Miller wrote, "Perhaps it was recognition that the political process is the art of the possible, and that prudence counseled against making the perfect the enemy of the good."

Another small win on Capitol Hill gave the widows affected by the offset a taxable \$50 a month starting in 2010. Instead of making the widows happy, however, many felt Congress was acknowledging that they'd been wronged but wasn't ponying up the money to fix the problem properly.

"What am I supposed to do with this except for put it in my gas tank and drive down to your office to complain?" said Suzanne Gerstner, 43, of Brandon, Fla., a mother of three whose husband died in 2005 of cancer linked to his 20 years of Air Force service. "Every little bit helps. Don't get me wrong, but that's kind of insulting."

Wilson, who chairs a House subcommittee with control over military personnel issues, said that for many of the survivors, eliminating the offset would mean the difference between scraping by and having a middle-class lifestyle. GOP House members have vowed to slash government spending, but Wilson said that even in tight times taking care of survivors is important. He supports a gradual phase-in to eliminate the current setup.

"It truly is a basis of priority," he said. "Are we going to show our appreciation for surviving spouses and children ... or spend money otherwise?"

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## News & NOTES

### SCHEDULE

**Thursday**  
High school boys basketball  
Class 1A regional quarterfinals, Malone at Laurel Hill, 7 p.m.  
Class 2A regional quarterfinals, Cottondale at Baker, 7 p.m.  
Class 5A regional quarterfinals, Crestview at Pine Forest, 7 p.m.  
High school baseball  
Choctaw at Crestview, JV 3 p.m./V 6:30 p.m.  
High school softball  
Baker at Fort Walton Beach, JV 4 p.m./V 6 p.m.  
High school tennis  
Pine Forest at Crestview, 3 p.m.

**Friday**  
High school baseball  
Crestview at Baker, JV 3:30 p.m./V 6 p.m.  
High school softball  
Crestview at Jay, JV 4 p.m./V 6 p.m.

### BRIEFS

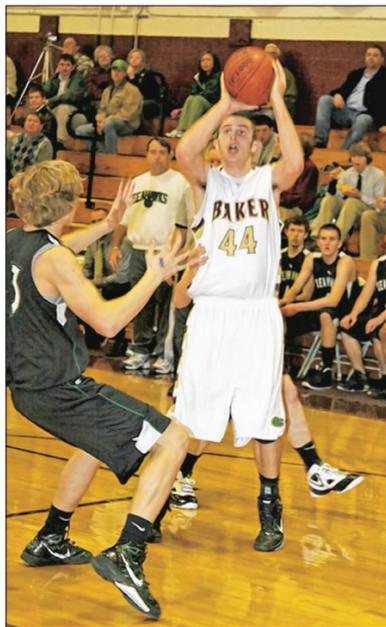
**Bulldogs send 2 wrestlers to state**  
A pair of Crestview wrestlers qualified for the state meet that starts Friday in Lakeland. Seniors Justin Mitchell, 171 pounds, and Michael West, 125 pounds, qualified for the state meet with third-place finishes in last weekend's regional tournament at Ridgeview High School in Orange Park.

**Woman's Club golf tournament**  
The GFWC Woman's Club of Crestview will host its 2nd annual Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 5, at Foxwood Country Club. Cost of the tournament is \$50 per person with four-person teams and includes greens fees, cart, a soft drink/water, lunch and desert. There will be 50/50 play and handicap play. There also will be prizes awarded to the top three men and women closest to the pin. Registration will open at 7 a.m. A shotgun start is set for 8 a.m. Hole sponsorships are \$50 per hole. Proceeds from the event will support charities of the Woman's Club. For an application or more information, call Jeri at 217-5869.

**CAC golf tournament**  
The Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center 12th annual Carnevale and Golf Classic will take place Feb. 26 and 27 at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. Carnevale will feature a chocolate and champagne-themed evening at Linkside Center on Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. Carnevale will include games, blackjack tables, a live band, plated dinner, unique live and silent auction lots, and other entertainment. Tickets are \$50 per person. Carnevale will be followed on Feb. 27 with the Golf Classic at The Raven Golf Club at Sandestin. In addition to a round of golf, the Golf Classic will feature golfer gifts, hole-in-one prizes, brunch provided by Another Broken Egg, a 19th hole celebration provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill, raffle prizes and other surprises. Registration is at 9 a.m. and is \$350 per player.

See NOTES B2

# Gators make it a 3-peat



By Adam Rosenberg and Travis Downey  
Florida Freedom Newspapers

**BAKER** — The Baker boys downed Pensacola Christian on Friday in the semifinals before defeating Freeport on Saturday to take the District 1-2A championship for the third year in a row.

In the championship game against Freeport, the Gators used a fourth-quarter surge to pick up a 60-54 win. Baker will host Cottondale in the Region 1-2A quarterfinals Thursday, while Freeport will travel to Holmes County.

Senior Jarrod Batson scored 18 points to lead the Gators, Cody Hartzog added 11, and Christian Mainor and Danny Spicer chipped

in 10 apiece.

"I think we had a little more in the tank and we made some more shots," Baker coach Mike Martello said. "I felt like in the fourth quarter we just had a little more. Not much, but it was enough."

Baker (17-9) led 31-28 at halftime and 43-41 after the third quarter before pulling away just enough in the fourth. Spicer made a pair of 3-pointers to get the Gator run going, but most of Baker's points in the fourth came from the free-throw line.

Mainor knocked down both shots of a one-and-one situation with 59 seconds left, essentially putting the

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Jarrod Batson, seen here earlier in the season against South Walton, led Baker with a combined 32 points against Pensacola Christian and Freeport as the Gators won the District 1-2A championship.

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Travon Calloway fires up a shot over Marcus Bradley in Saturday's District 1-A championship.

## Williams leads Hoboes to title

By Adam Pruiett  
Florida Freedom Newspapers

**PAXTON** — Laurel Hill downed Poplar Springs on Friday on its way to a Saturday title win against archrival Paxton.

In the Saturday game against Paxton, Issaic Williams wasn't about to let his masterpiece get tarnished.

In what had to be among the best individual performances in the storied history of the Laurel Hill and Paxton boys basketball rivalry, Williams dropped a jaw-dropping 40 points on the Hoboes' nemesis, including several free throws down the stretch against the hard-charging Bobcats, to secure a 76-71 victory in the District 1-A tournament final.

The Hoboes collected their first district title since 2007, ending the Bobcats' three-year championship reign in the process. Laurel Hill (20-7) and Paxton (23-4) have accounted for every 1-A championship since 2004, winning four apiece.

There was no doubt who the star of Saturday night was. After the contest, Laurel Hill's fans rushed the court and hoisted Williams into the air in an exuberant celebration on Paxton's home court.

"There are so many disadvantages that we have athletic-wise, and

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# Bulldogs fall in final

By Randy Dickson  
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**CRESTVIEW** — Crestview edged out Niceville on Friday night for a win in the semifinals but fell to Fort Walton Beach later that night in the championship game.

In the District 2-5A championship, Fort Walton Beach's A.J. Shepherd scored with 30 seconds left to give the Vikings a 52-51 come-from-behind win over Crestview.

The Vikings will host District 1-5A runner-up Escambia on Thursday in the opening round of the playoffs. Crestview will travel to Pine Forest to play the District 1-5A champion Eagles.

Crestview (19-8) jumped to an early lead and led most of the game.

A Shykeem Jackson basket with 5:13 left in the first half put the Bulldogs in front 24-13.

But the Vikings (26-1) began to battle their way back into the game behind the strong play of Shepherd, Anthony Hawthorne and Robert Willis in the second quarter.

Fort Walton Beach had cut the Bulldog lead to 26-20 as the teams headed to the locker rooms for halftime.

Viking coach John Lavin said his team, which was down by 10 points at one point, was lucky to be trailing by only six.

"We couldn't make free throws and convert," Lavin said. "It seemed like there was a lid on the basket in both halves.

"We just kept scratching and clawing and kept it within reach. You looked up and we were down by six at half, and we figured we are in pretty good shape."

Shepherd took over the game in the second half after scoring just three points in the first 16 minutes.

He scored five points in the third quarter as the Vikings cut the Bulldog lead by another two



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Crestview's Ronnie Baylark takes the ball to the basket against Fort Walton Beach's Darin Webster (15) and Sedric Rudolph.

points heading into the fourth quarter. But a Jackson basket followed by an Antryum Coleman score pushed the Crestview lead back to

41-35. A Shepherd tipoff from a missed basket pulled Fort Walton Beach to within two points of the Bulldogs, at 37-35.

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# Basketball history in our corner of the world

As best as I can tell, history will be made Thursday night when the Baker, Crestview and



NORTH END ZONE  
Randy Dickson

Laurel Hill boys basketball teams take the court for the regional quarterfinals in their respective classes. It's not that the teams haven't been to the playoffs before, because all three have, and each team has a state championship. But it seems it has been hard to get all three teams playing well in the same season.

The Gators claimed the first state title in 1955. Laurel Hill

followed 20 years later, winning it all in 1975. And Crestview claimed its championship in 1985.

The Gators were the first local team to make the playoffs, which they did in 1953. The Hoboes made their first postseason appearance in 1957. Crestview finally got into the hunt in 1967.

For the better part of the last decade, Baker and Laurel Hill have been regulars in the playoffs. Both teams are in the playoffs for the eighth time since 2001. Life on the hardwood has been a little more difficult for the Bulldogs, who, when they travel to Pensacola to play Pine Forest in the Class 5A regional quarterfinals, will be making their first playoff appearance since 2003.

I really don't have an explanation as to why Crestview's basketball program has struggled in recent years. I'm sure there are several reasons, but I leave those discussions for the barbershop and your favorite café.

This isn't a time to look back on the past failures of any team, but to celebrate the success of this year's teams.

All three teams have already done themselves proud.

Just making it to the playoffs for the first time in eight years is something the Bulldog basketball program can build on. There is no doubt Shykeem Jackson and his fellow seniors will be missed next year, but they still have work to do this year. When the seniors do

finally play their last game, they can turn the keys to the program over to a talented group that will return, led by point guard Justin Cline and a pair of baby Bulldogs, Ronnie Baylark and Denzal Ware, who cracked the starting lineup as freshmen.

Laurel Hill lost to rival Paxton twice in the regular season, but the Hoboes won the big game that mattered most when they beat the Bobcats for the District 1-1A championship. Laurel Hill will host Malone on Thursday as the Hoboes try to extend their season.

The scoring of guards Issaic Williams and Travon Calloway and guard/forward Tyler Zessin

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Shykeem Jackson fires up a jump shot against Fort Walton Beach in the District 2-5A championship.

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Shepherd then scored nine of the last 16 Viking points for a Fort Walton Beach win.

Shepherd finished the game with a high of 19 points. Willis added 13, and Rece Drake seven.

Jackson led the Bulldogs with 14 points. Ronnie Baylark added 11, and Justin Cline 10.

"They got a lot of second and third shots off offensive rebounds where we didn't rebound very well," Bulldog coach Keith White said. "We made a couple of costly turnovers down the stretch.

"We got the ball to the free-throw line one time and then handed it to them. And then we had the ball on an inbounds play and threw the ball right to them with a nice little lob pass."

White was still excited about getting his team ready for the playoffs.

"We are going to do what we do," he said. "The best part of the playoffs is you get to go play people that don't know nothing about you. When they don't know about us, I think we are pretty good. We are going to practice our butts off for three days, and then we are going to go play the best game we can play."

### Semifinals

The third time really was the charm for the Crestview boys basketball team against Niceville.

After dropping a pair of heart-breakers in the regular season, the Bulldogs came up with a win when it mattered the most.

Led by Jackson's 18 points, Crestview beat Niceville 63-50 in the District 2-5A tournament semifinals Friday.

Just as important for the Bulldogs (19-7) is the fact that they secured a spot in the playoffs for the first time since 2003.

Crestview wasted no time in setting the tone for the game as a smothering Bulldog defense held the Eagles (16-11) to just three points in the first quarter.

Jackson single-handedly doubled the Niceville point total, scoring six in the opening stanza.

"We didn't want to lose again, and we just wanted to come out and play,"



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Justin Cline gets a shot off against Niceville in Friday's District 2-5A semifinal game.

junior point guard Justin Cline said. "It is really exciting, because this is my first time in the playoffs and everything, and we just want to see how far we can go."

The Bulldogs led 11-3 at the end of

the first quarter.

Crestview turned to Baylark and Coleman in the second quarter. Each player hit a pair of 3-pointers as the

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game out of reach at 57-50.

Freeport (18-9) actually committed seven fewer turnovers in a game that was played in almost constant fast-break mode. The biggest difference came simply from shooting the basketball — Baker shot 36 percent from the floor, compared with 31 percent for the Bulldogs. The widest disparity in scoring came in the fateful fourth quarter, when the Gators outscored Freeport 17-13.

One night after carrying Freeport past Pensacola Christian with a game-high 33 points, junior guard Collin Myrick was a relative nonfactor Saturday, finishing with five points after having his playing time limited early

because of foul trouble.

"We just stopped making shots," Freeport coach David Burke said. "We live by the three, and tonight we died by the three. We just couldn't get them to fall."

Freeport kept the pace early behind 12 first-half points from Michael Graziani, who finished with a game-high 20 points. The Bulldogs led early in the second half, but a Batson bucket in the third quarter gave the Gators the lead for good.

"It just feels great," Batson said. "I feel like there was more pressure this year because I'm a senior, but we did it. We knew we had to keep pushing because if we didn't they would come back

and take that trophy."

During the postgame celebration, Martello was able to take stock of the special group of players that have accomplished so much for Baker. The rarity of three straight district titles wasn't lost on the seventh-year coach.

"This is a special class," Martello said. "They're kind of the end of the beginning. My second year, we had eighth-graders on varsity. I'm very thankful for these guys."

### Semifinals

Batson scored 14 points as Baker placed four players in double figures and the Gators beat Pensacola Christian 61-39 in

the semifinals of the District 1-2A tournament Friday.

The win for the Gators over PCA was a far cry from the last meeting between the two teams, one in which Baker (16-9) shot an abysmal 19 percent from the field in a road loss.

"When we shoot the ball well, good things happen for us," Martello said.

Leading by six at the half, Baker upped its lead to 10 early in the third on consecutive field goals by Batson, pushing the Gators to a 33-23 lead. Spicer then stepped up and hit a 3-pointer to make it 36-25.

It was then that Pensacola Christian lost its hot hand in

Doug Stampfer, who had hit back-to-back 3s to close the second quarter, when he crashed to the floor on a rebound try. After a long delay, Stampfer left the game with what Warriors coach Jim Schneider believed to be a head injury.

From that point on, Baker would distance itself thanks to the play of its guards, Matt Frey (10 points), Hartzog (nine) and Spicer (10). Mainor finished with 10 points, helping turn a tight one into a rout.

PCA (14-7) was led by Tom Andrews' 13 points and 10 rebounds. David Hawkins, who missed much of the first half with two fouls, finished with six points.

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Cost is \$20 on race day. For more information or a registration form, call Chris Guzowski at 892-5615 or e-mail [dfswomansclub@gmail.com](mailto:dfswomansclub@gmail.com).

### Adult basketball tournament

The Crestview High School girls basketball team

will sponsor a double-elimination adult basketball tournament April 2-3 at the CHS gym.

Cost of the tournament is \$150 per team.

T-shirts will be awarded to the first-place team, and a trophy to the second-place team.

For more information, call Crestview girls basketball coach Donald Campbell at 428-0734 or 882-6135, e-mail [Duck4311@cox.net](mailto:Duck4311@cox.net), or check the Crestview girls basketball website, [chsladydawgsbball.com](http://chsladydawgsbball.com).

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Camp hours are 4-8 p.m. July 15 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 16.

Cost of the camp is \$50 per player.

Water and T-shirts will be given to each participant. Participants must provide proof of insurance.

Registration forms will be available at the CHS office and Twin Hills Recreation Center.

For more information, call Crestview girls basketball coach Donald Campbell at 428-0734 or 882-6135, e-mail [Duck4311@cox.net](mailto:Duck4311@cox.net), or check the Crestview girls basketball website, [chsladydawgsbball.com](http://chsladydawgsbball.com).

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to overcome that comes from heart and desire and their work ethic," Laurel Hill coach Kent Zessin said. "They set goals, and they're accomplishing those goals."

Williams buried four 3-pointers and scored 16 points in the first quarter alone. His 21 points before halftime propelled Laurel Hill to a 36-27 lead, and Williams scored 13 points in the fourth quarter — most coming from the free-throw line, where he was 9 of 12 in the period — to help thwart Paxton's furious comeback.

"I was unconscious," Williams said. "It looked like an ocean when I was shooting it. I felt like I could hit every shot."

Paxton coach Jeff Bradley wanted the Bobcats to force the Hoboes to shoot from long range, never figuring that Williams would nail one NBA-range 3-pointer after another and Laurel Hill would finish with 12 trifectas.

"He stepped up big," Bradley said of Williams. "He hit the first four 3s he shot, and he was 28 feet back. He wasn't close to the line."

In typical fashion, Shaq Jackson led Paxton's charge back from as much as a 17-point deficit in the first half. The senior guard pumped in 29 points, and Josh McLaney drilled three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter.

Behind Jackson and McLaney, Paxton surged back to within 65-63 with 2:13 left. Laurel Hill built its lead back to five before Jackson drained a 3-pointer with 29 seconds left.

Paxton then had a chance to tie or take the lead when Mason McCormick stole the ensuing in-bounds pass, but he tripped and attempted a wild pass that zoomed out of bounds as he fell.

Williams ended up hitting 4 of 6 free throws to help close out Laurel Hill's first district title in four years.

"We just didn't have enough to finish it off," Bradley said. "We just didn't execute."

Tyler Zessin sank three 3-pointers and had 13 points for Laurel Hill, while Paxton's Chad Zessin had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Laurel Hill played the district tournament without leading rebounder and second-leading scorer Seth Strickland, who recently had his appendix removed.

"And these guys wanted to come out and win this game for him, and they did," Kent Zessin said.

Laurel Hill will host Malone in the regional quarterfinals on Thursday, while Paxton will travel to Tallahassee FAMU.

### Semifinals

Saturday's standoff between Laurel Hill and Paxton was set up Friday in the semifinals at host Paxton as the Hoboes defeated Poplar Springs 54-51 and the Bobcats ousted Central 60-46.

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carried the Hoboes through the district tournament, but there were plenty of other players who did things that never appear on the stat sheet.

In Baker, the Gators rebounded from a tough last week of the season to find their legs for the District 1-2A tournament. Baker lost the last two regular-season games to Laurel Hill and South Walton but regrouped and stepped up when it mattered.

Jarrod Batson is finishing up his high school career on another high note. And I imagine Christian Mainer won't leave anything on the court either, as the senior three-sport star won't be able to suit up for baseball season

*"I was unconscious. It looked like an ocean when I was shooting it. I felt like I could hit every shot."*

— Issaic Williams

With Poplar Springs (18-8) having superior size to Laurel Hill (19-7), the Hoboes used their speed in the press and transition to reel off an 11-0 run to start the second quarter on their way to a 32-20 halftime lead. Williams and Travon Calloway got the Hoboes off and running, combining to score all but four of the team's points before halftime and helping Laurel Hill bury all 10 of its free throws.

"Our goal was to come out and set the tempo," Kent Zessin said. "We knew we had to use that speed both offensively and defensively. We did a good job of that tonight."

The third quarter was all Poplar Springs, as sharpshooters Dan Wells and Nick Dahl began sinking 3-pointers and carrying the Atomics back to within 38-37. Dahl then tied it at 40 with 6:04 left in the fourth quarter with another trifecta.

Williams and Calloway were too much to handle, though, combining for all the points during a 9-3 run that helped defeat Poplar Springs. Williams posted a game-best 27 points, and Calloway added 21, while Wells had 17 for the Atomics, Dahl chipped in 14, and Brandon Smith 10.

In the second game, Paxton (23-3) led 30-25 at halftime after Laurel Hill's Jackson and McLaney both picked up three fouls. McLaney drilled a trio of 3-pointers before sitting, and Jackson recorded 12 points, but Hunter Phillips and Will Scott teamed up for 14 points in the second quarter to keep pesky Central (13-11) close.

The Jaguars tied it at 31-all in the third quarter before McLaney sparked and Jackson finished a 13-2 run that put the Bobcats in control for good, although Central never folded. Jackson finished with 22 points, and McLaney had 19.

Scott led Central with 17 points, and Phillips added 14. The Jaguars had 15 turnovers.

"I was just glad we battled through a little adversity with the foul trouble," Paxton coach Jeff Bradley said. "It showed a lot of character when they came back. We came back and fought it out, so I'm proud of them."

because of an arm injury.

It will be interesting to see how the Gators do against Cottondale in Thursday's tournament. Two years ago, Cottondale beat the Gators in the regional semifinals in a triple overtime game.

So for another week, basketball is taking center stage in the north end of Okaloosa County.

I urge Bulldog fans to travel to Pine Forest to support Crestview. And I would hope that Gator fans and Hobo fans will pack their gyms, as they always do.

Who knows? Maybe this will be the year that Baker, Crestview or Laurel Hill can once again catch lightning in a jar and ride the wave to another state title.

## COUNTY CHAMPS



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Shoal River finished the year 16-2. Team members are Tay King, Andrew Blackshear, Tyler James, Gage Powers, Tra Von Hartley, Phillip Geier, Jeremy Caldwell, Bryce Gillitte, Bryant Berry, Matthew Samuolis, Ricardo Rosa and Aaron Ferguson. The team is coached by Mitch Buckelew.

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Bulldogs scored 19 points in the period.

Niceville finally got untracked in the second quarter behind Matthew Cooper and Kyle Koszuta. Cooper scored five of his 10 points in the second, and Koszuta warmed up with four points on his way to a team-best 17 points.

But every time the Eagles mounted a charge, the Bulldogs responded to regain control of the game.

Crestview led 43-26 at the end of the third quarter, but Niceville kept chipping away and closed the gap to six points on three free throws by Koszuta with 2:09 left in the game.

The Eagles never got any closer, and the Bulldogs sealed the win at the line.

Jaquaris Morris, Baylark and Cline joined Jackson in double figures for Crestview. Morris had 13 points, Baylark 12, all on 3-pointers, and Cline 11.

Niceville coach Jerome Strutchen credited the Bulldogs for taking the game to his team early.

"They came out with a lot more energy the first half and then continued to do that the whole game," he said. "They played a little bit harder than we did, and we just couldn't make shots."



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Justin Cline and Denzal Ware battle Robert Willis of the Vikings for a loose ball.

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# Players, coaches welcome Kevin Pettis

By Randy Dickson  
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When Kevin Pettis was introduced as Crestview's new head football coach and athletic director on Feb. 1 his message to the players was simple, "It starts with you guys believing in what we are doing. That's all it takes; you have to believe."

The believing officially started Tuesday after the school board approved Pettis for the job in its Monday meeting.

Pettis makes no bones about his long-term plans.

"I've never been happier to be at a place," he said. "This is kind of a homecoming for me. I'm from this area. I'm not Crestview, but I'm from the Panama City area. I've waited my whole life to get back into the Panhandle."

The Bulldog players and coaches like what they heard from Pettis in that first meeting.

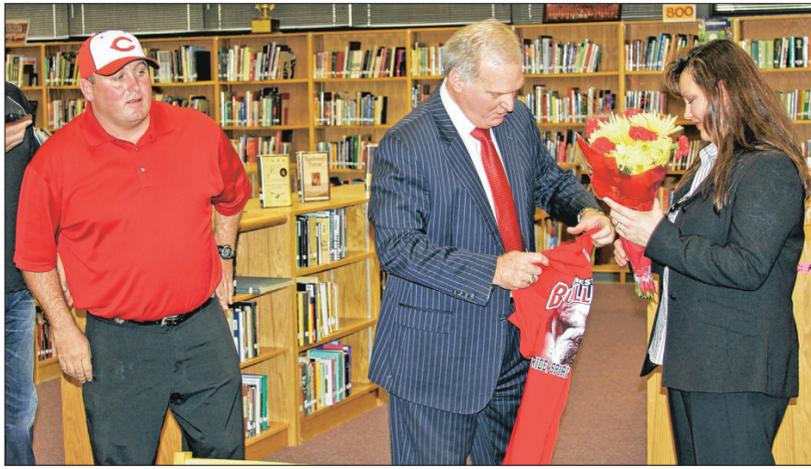
"I think he's going to do great things for this program," junior offensive lineman Will Boler said. "I'm excited."

"I think we will become a better team this year, much better from last. I think we will do better."

Running back Micah Reed is ready to get started under the new coach.

"When I first heard him, I thought he was a real strong, confident man, confident in his word, truthful," Reed said. "Everything he said about coming to Crestview to win, I just thought he was a really good fit to bring motivation to the team and to the school and the town of Crestview."

"We will be stronger building on our success."



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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Crestview Principal Ed Coleman, right, gives new Crestview head football coach and athletic director Kevin Pettis a Bulldog T-shirt and cap during the coach's introductory press conference Feb. 1. Pettis talks to the football team during his press conference. Coleman presents Kandice Pettis, the wife of Kevin Pettis, with flowers and a T-shirt.

Tim Gillis has been a part of the Crestview program most of his life, first as a baseball and football player and now as the head baseball coach and an assistant football coach. Like the others, Gillis likes what he heard from and about Pettis.

"He's got tremendous accolades, and he seems like a guy that has great character," Gillis said. "When somebody of that stature talks and he has that success, that matters when you have to buy in and get everybody on board moving in the same

direction. Any coach will tell you that's (getting everyone to buy in) what it takes to be successful.

"You can tell from his track record he's got it done, and he's been successful every where he's been. And I fully expect it to keep going in

that direction."

As is the case with Gillis, Bulldog track coach Ernie Martin is an assistant football coach who was a Bulldog athlete during his high school days.

Martin offered his take on the new coach.

"I don't think we've had

a situation like this since I've been back as a coach — where we had a great coach leave (Matt Brunson) and another great coach come right in," he said. "Coach Pettis' track record speaks for itself and just listening to him talk to the kids, his philosophy is just going to fit right in with what we've started and keep on."

"I think it's a real good fit."

Bob Kellogg has spent a lot of years on the sidelines as an assistant coach for the Bulldogs and, more recently, as the Baker head coach.

Kellogg also coached Pettis at Rutherford when Pettis was a sophomore.

"I think it's going to be good fit for this place," Kellogg said. "As a player, he was always very enthusiastic. He was an over-achiever type guy."

"He really wasn't that big in high school. He started as a sophomore at full-back and linebacker. Those two positions sort of show his mentality; he's just a tough old kid."

Kellogg thinks that toughness and enthusiasm will translate well at Crestview.

"He's just got that personality where he will attract kids and get them excited," he said. "He's a very positive individual. When I went to Rutherford, they hadn't won a game in four years, and we won two games that year, but he was probably the most excited about everything."

"He just carried that over into his career, and I think he's going to be a real good fit for this place. It's going to be exciting, and I think kids are going to enjoy playing for him."

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# Extension CONNECTIONS Your credit score

By Brenda Smith  
Special to the News Bulletin

Your credit history is important to a lot of people: mortgage lenders, banks, utility companies, prospective employers, and more.

So it's especially important that you understand your credit report, credit score, and the companies that compile that information — credit bureaus. This information is from the Federal Reserve Board and provides answers to some of the most common, and most important, questions about credit.

A credit score is a number that reflects the information in your credit report. The score summarizes your credit history and helps lenders predict how likely it is that you will repay a loan and make payments when they are due. Lenders may use credit scores in deciding whether to grant you credit, what terms you are offered, or the rate you will pay on a loan. Information used to calculate your credit score can include:

- The number and type of accounts you have (credit cards, auto loans, mortgages, etc.);
- Whether you pay your bills on time;
- How much of your available credit you are currently using;
- Whether you have any collection actions against you;
- The amount of your outstanding debt; and
- The age of your accounts.

Because your credit score reflects the information in your credit report, changes to your credit report may cause your credit score to change. For instance, if you pay your bills late or incur more

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debt, your credit score may go down. However, if you pay down an outstanding balance on a credit card or mortgage or correct an error in your credit report, your credit score may go up.

In some cases, a lender may tell you your credit score for free when you apply for credit. For example, if you apply for a mortgage, you will receive the credit score or scores that were used to determine whether the lender would extend credit to you and on what terms.

You may also receive a free credit score or scores from lenders when you apply for other types of credit, such as an automobile loan or a credit card. You may also purchase your credit score from any of the credit bureaus by calling them or visiting their websites:

- Equifax: Call 1-800-685-1111 or visit [www.equifax.com/compare-products](http://www.equifax.com/compare-products);
- Experian: Call 1-888-397-3742 or visit [www.experian.com/consumer-products/personal-credit.html](http://www.experian.com/consumer-products/personal-credit.html);
- TransUnion: Call 1-800-493-2392 or visit [www.transunion.com/corporate/personal/creditTools.page](http://www.transunion.com/corporate/personal/creditTools.page)

To find out steps you can take to improve your credit score, read the Federal Reserve's 5 Tips: Improving Your Credit Score at <http://www.federalreserve.gov>.

Brenda Smith is with the University of Florida IFAS.

# BBB warns of bait and switch air duct cleaners

Special to the News Bulletin

**PENSACOLA** — The Better Business Bureau Serving Northwest Florida has noticed ads running locally that may be cause for concern based on investigations in at least 20 other states.

Ads offering air duct cleaning at extremely low rates may seem like a great deal to homeowners, but Better Business Bureau offices across the country have found that while some businesses advertise unreasonably low rates ranging from \$49.95 to \$89.95, consumers are being charged significantly more.

"Although the businesses are owned by numerous individuals across the country and operate under a variety of different names, the tactics are often the same," said Norman Wright, president and CEO of BBB Northwest Florida. "Less-than-reputable businesses bait consumers with unreasonably low rates and then use scare tactics to convince the homeowner they have a mold problem or other risky situation that requires expensive

treatments."

Customers are baited with low advertised prices for air duct cleaning services. Once sales agents are in the customers' homes, they run tests that "find" mold or other unhealthy conditions and tell the owner they must pay hundreds or thousands of dollars for removal or remediation. However, investigations by BBBs have shown that these tests results are often bogus.

BBB recommends consumers:

- Check out the business with BBB. Before having an air-duct cleaner come to your home, check out the business with BBB first. Ideally, the business will be a BBB Accredited Business or at least have a good BBB rating. Pay close attention to the name of the business — unscrupulous outfits often choose a name similar to an existing business with a solid reputation in an attempt to confuse homeowners. Start with [bbb.org](http://bbb.org) to get a business' Reliability Report or to locate a BBB Accredited duct cleaner.
- Read the fine print. Ads and contracts may contain fine print that

the business might think will absolve them from having to honor their advertised price. Ask questions to verify the final cost before you sign a contract.

• Get a second opinion. If the air-duct cleaner claims you have a mold problem or other hazardous situation, get a second opinion. Because mold remediation can cost thousands of dollars, it is well worth the time and money to get a second opinion before agreeing to expensive, possibly unnecessary work.

• File a complaint with BBB. If you believe you've been the victim of a business' bait and switch tactics, file a complaint with BBB. Even if BBB isn't able to resolve the issue for you (which unfortunately has been the case with some fly-by-night businesses), the complaint can at least serve as a warning to other consumers about the business.

For additional information and advice you can trust and to check out a business in advance, start with [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) or call the Better Business Bureau at 429-0002 or 800-729-9226.

# Lowe's customers donate to Shamrock sales

Special to the News Bulletin

**TALLAHASSEE** — Lowe's is at the top of a long list of retail and restaurant partners to report a record-breaking \$1.3 billion in Shamrocks Against Dystrophy sales. At the conclusion of the 27th annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Shamrocks Against Dystrophy cam-

aign, Lowe's reported \$5.3 million in sales, increasing the previous record of \$4.8 million by almost a million.

More than 1,600 Lowe's stores nationwide, and 12 stores in Southwest Georgia and Northwest Florida will be fighting against neuromuscular disease again in 2011 by selling shamrocks from February to April 1.

Customers of the more than 1,600 participating stores showed their commitment to the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign through donations starting at \$1. Although it is a nationwide effort, all money raised stays in local communities and provides hope to families living with muscular dystrophy and re-

lated diseases.

Through Shamrocks Against Dystrophy, \$1 and \$5 donations help fund research for treatments and cures, support group sessions, clinic fees, MDA summer camp, mobility and communication devices, and much more.

For more information, visit [www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org).

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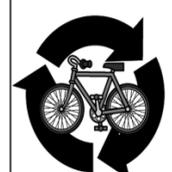
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Legal # 1011451

**OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLD CONVERSION REQUEST FOR BIDS ON HOLIDAY ISLE/OKALOOSA ISLAND PROPERTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That The Board of County Commissioners Of Okaloosa County, Florida, will open sealed Bids on the February 24, 2011, 10:00 a.m., Room 204, 302 N. Wilson Street, Okaloosa County Courthouse Ex-

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Legal #120897

**Helen D. Boyer**  
Lot 81, Block F, Holiday Isle Residential Section No. 5, according to the plat thereof as recorded Plat Book 4, page 39, of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida,

**Patrick L. Colvin and wife, Elizabeth L. Colvin**  
Lot 16, Destin Pointe, a planned unit development, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 14, Pages 90-93 of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida,

**Thomas G. Wilson and wife, Madonna B. Wilson**  
Apartment Unit 101-B, together with its undivided interest in the common elements, in Seaspray, a condominium as per Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded in OR Book 727 Page 156, of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida, and in Condominium Plat Book 1, pages 26-47 of said county.

**Frank J. Adcock, III as trustee of the Frank J. Adcock, III Revocable Living Trust dated 10/16/08**

Condominium Unit No. 215 El Matador, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded in OR Book 616 page 245 amended in OR Book 723 page 649, amended in OR Book 726 page 792, amended in OR Book 996, Page 16, OR Book 1058, Page 746, OR Book 1066 page 565, OR Book 1127 Page 700, OR Book 1130 Page 677, OR Book 1148 Page 395, OR Book 1172 page 1993, OR Book 1251, page 201, OR Book 1297, page 1787, OR Book 1639 Page 1733, and OR Book 2184 Page 1396, and amendments to Articles of Incorporation in OR Book 1124, page 1, OR Book 1298 Page 480 and OR Book 2184 Page 1410, and OR Book 2027, Page 2475 of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida.

Bid Forms may be procured from Surety Land Title of Florida, LLC, 4100 S. Ferdon Blvd, Suite B-3 Crestview, FL 32536.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive minor irregularities in the proposals submitted.

OKALOOSA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Legal #120896

**NOTICE OF SALE**

In accordance with Florida Statutes, KeepSafe Storage, located at 101 Hospital Drive, Crestview, Florida will offer for sale to the highest bidder the household and other goods stored in the below listed units. Said goods are to be sold to recover the rents not paid by the tenants.

1-24 Brenda Lewis  
1-57 Star Sailer

The sale shall take place on February 25, 2011 At 10:00 a.m. Barwood @ KeepSafe Storage.

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D18 Michelle O'Connor  
E13 Cheryl King  
D01 Brian Morris

The sale shall take place on Friday February 25, 2011 At 10:00 a.m. @ KeepSafe Storage 101 Hospital Dr. Crestview FL 32539

2/16/2010  
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LEGAL#120886

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO:2009CA003874**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF HARBORVIEW 2005-08, Plaintiff,

vs.  
JUDY COXWELL, DARREL GOBLE and CINDY HOLLAND Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 16, 2010, and entered in Case No. 2009 CA 003874 of the Circuit Court in and for Okaloosa County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK is Plaintiff, and JUDY COXWELL, DARREL GOBLE, and CINDY HOLLAND are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.okaloosaforeclosure.com](http://www.okaloosaforeclosure.com), the Clerk's website for on-line auctions, at 11:00 am, on the 30 day of March, 2011 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

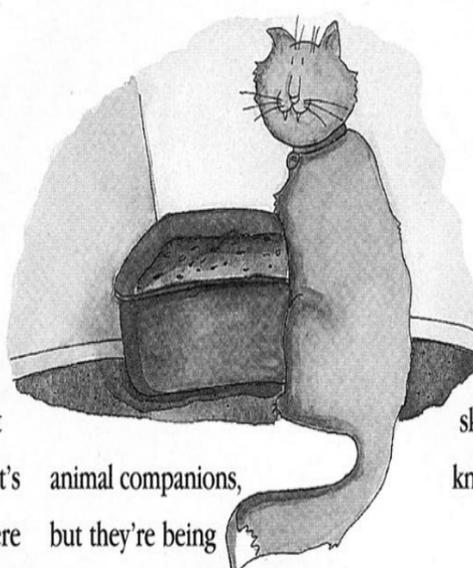
THE CONDOMINIUM PARCEL KNOWN AS APARTMENT 4-C, OF BAYVIEW WATERS CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1105, AT PAGE 95 AND AMENDED IN BOOK 1222, AT PAGE 1538, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND PURSUANT TO THE SURVEY, PLOT PLAN AND GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS, RECORDED IN CONDOMINIUM PLAT BOOK W, AT PAGES 45 AND 46, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, at 1250 N Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579 or (850) 651-7204 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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Van Ness Law Firm, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff  
1239 E. Newport Center Drive, Suite 110  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
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Legal#120884

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Case No. 11DR 265

Sherri Ann Babel Petitioner,  
and  
Jorge Gutierrez Magana, Respondent.

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR CHILD NAME CHANGE**

TO: Jorge Gutierrez Magana  
LAST ADDRESS UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Sherri Ann Babel whose address is 602 Shady Lane Drive, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547 on or before March 16, 2011, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Okaloosa County Courthouse, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

**WARNING:** Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: Feb. 2, 2011

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
By: Sherry Johnson  
Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL#120893

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO:10CA5307**

Joshua Schantz, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Floyd Johnson and Brenda Phillips, Defendants,

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action for damages has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Christopher P. Janes, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 191 Brooks Street, S.E. Fort Walton Beach Florida 32548, within 30 days of the date of the first publication and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will

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be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED this 20 day of December, 2010.

DON W. HOWARD  
As Clerk of Court  
By: Tiffany Gardner  
As Deputy Clerk of the Court

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LEGAL#120894

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY**  
CASE NO. 2010 CA 005853S

FANNIE MAE ("FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION"), Plaintiff,

vs.  
JEFFREY L. KIDD, et al. Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: JEFFREY L. KIDD  
Whose residence is: 734 LEGION DR APT 45, DESTIN, FL, 32541 & 525 SANDALWOOD CT, DESTIN, FL, 32541 & 850 AIRPORT RD, DESTIN, FL, 32541

TO: ELIZABETH A. KIDD  
Whose residence is: 734 LEGION DR APT 45, DESTIN, FL, 32541 & 525 SANDALWOOD CT, DESTIN, FL, 32541 & 850 AIRPORT RD, DESTIN, FL, 32541

If alive, and if dead, all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against JEFFREY L. KIDD; ELIZABETH A. KIDD and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described herein.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 45, LEGION VILLAGE TOWNHOMES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 81, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 734 LEGION DR APT 45 DESTIN, FL 32541

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Diana Chung, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2901 Stirling Road, Suite 300, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 26 day of January, 2011.

Don W. Howard  
As Clerk of the Court  
BY: Beth McDonald  
As Deputy Clerk

A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint and Lis Pendens were sent to the defendants and address named above.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 8506517497, 1250 N. EGLIN PKWY SUITE A114, SHALIMAR FL, 32579. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 8009558771 via Florida Relay System.

This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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**NOTICE OF SALE FOR STORAGE**

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Name: LAJUANA MC-FARLAND  
UNIT #19

LEKECIA ANDERSON  
UNIT #82

02/09/2011  
02/16/2011

**LEGAL#120895**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**PROPOSAL NO.: 11-01**

The City of Crestview, Florida will receive sealed proposals for: Banking Services to the City of Crestview, Florida.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Crestview, Florida, is accepting sealed proposals for:

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BANKING SERVICES**

At 10:00 A.M. CDT, on March 9, 2011 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 198 N. Wilson Street, Crestview Florida, proposals will be opened and submitted for evaluation.

An original and four (4) copies of all proposals, including all executed documents and needed attachments, shall be placed in a sealed envelope, marked "11-01: SEALED PROPOSAL FOR BANKING SERVICES", and delivered prior to the proposal opening deadline, 4:00 P.M. CDT on March 8, 2011.

Proposals may be hand delivered, mailed or delivered via courier service to the following address. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will be accepted.

Bid documents are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 198 N. Wilson Street, Crestview, FL 32536 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday. Telephone: 850-682-1560 or Fax: 850-682-8077.

City of Crestview  
City Clerk Department  
Janice F. Young, City Clerk  
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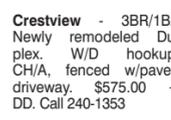
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• The **SICKLE CELL DISEASE ASSOCIATION** of Okaloosa, Walton, and Washington Counties meets every third Saturday from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 102 SE Fourth St., Fort Walton Beach, 32549. For more information, call 243-0700.

• The **AMERICAN GIRLS BOOK CLUB** meets every third Saturday at the Crestview public library on Commerce Drive from 10 a.m. until noon in the Story Room. Members talk about the book and discover more about life at different times in American history. Activities, arts & crafts, and interesting snacks are part of each session.

Join in by signing up in Youth Services for each meeting; get the book from the library or purchase it, and finish reading the selected book for that month before coming to the meeting. For details, call 496-9496.

• The **ISLAND LIFE SOCIAL CLUB** is a non-profit corporation that supports local and national charities through fund raising and volunteer activities. Their social get-togethers reflect the

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

• **UWF ACADEMIC ADVISING:** UWF offers extended hours for academic advising in Crestview. Nita Bryant will be in the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce office on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. She will be happy to set up an appointment to discuss your degree program and offer information on how to achieve your professional goals. To get started on your dream, please call Nita Bryant at 682-3212 or 833-3968.

### BINGO

• **BINGO AT VFW POST 5450** on U.S. Highway 90 West every Friday from 6-8 p.m. Members and guests are welcome. Phone: 682-5552.

• **EMERALD COAST HOSPICE PLAYS BINGO** with the residents of Crescent Park Village in Crestview once a month. Staff members and volunteers call bingo numbers and assist residents as needed. Usually six games

are played then the final game is a Cover-All, being the main prize. Anyone interested in volunteering with Emerald Coast Hospice can contact Ann O'Connor at 689-0300.

• **BINGO:** The Crestview Knights of Columbus has quarter and regular bingo every Tuesday. The quarterly games run from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and the regular games run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The K of C hall is located at 701 James Lee Boulevard, Crestview.

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• The **OKALOOSA CITIZENS ALLIANCE** meets at 2 p.m., Gulfview Hotel, 12 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, on the third Monday of the month. Visitors welcome. Details: 244-4490 or [www.oca1787.org](http://www.oca1787.org) online.

• **FLORIDA TRAIL ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE:** Visit <http://choctaw.floridatrail.org> for details on the group's upcoming events.

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**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT** meeting details online at [www.alzfamsv.org](http://www.alzfamsv.org). Call 892-2176 for details.

• **LIBRARY BOOK CLUB:** meets every second and fourth Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Crestview library on Commerce Drive. Details: Library Director Jean Lewis, 682-4432, or Helen Bosch, 537-8884.

• **SENIOR CIRCLE** is an outreach organization committed to enriching the lives of seniors through wellness and exercise programs, seminars on current issues of interest, friendship, and social gatherings. To learn more or to register for events, please call 689-8409. SC = Senior Circle Classroom at 127-A E. Redstone Ave. in Crestview.

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• The **NORTH OKALOOSA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** monthly meeting is at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. The club meets at the Dorcas Fire Station #42, about

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• **BECOME A TOASTMASTER:** The Crestview Toastmasters club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at O'Sullivan Creel (formerly Lundy & Bowers) at 296 S. Ferdon Blvd. Meetings begin promptly at 6 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. The club is a learn-by-doing workshop where members practice speaking skills in a relaxed atmosphere. The person with strong speaking skills has an advantage in today's competitive job market. Call Ruth Salazar at 974-1618 and join them in learning how to speak with confidence and say what you mean.

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• **CRESTVIEW LADIES PAINTING GROUP** meets

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• **DEFUNIAK SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB** holds monthly meetings. For more information contact Dara Dobson, 859-0096 or e-mail [wildflowersmatter@defuniak.com](mailto:wildflowersmatter@defuniak.com).

• **CRESTVIEW DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB:** Members meet the first Monday of each month from September through May. Anyone interested in learning more about gardening is invited to visit or join. Please call 682-2691 or 682-3639.

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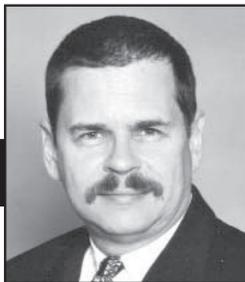
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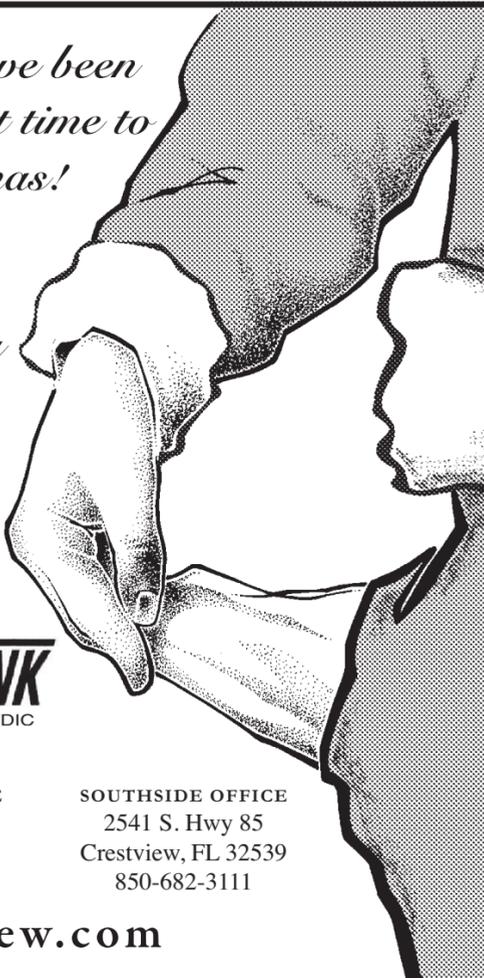
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• **WESTERN GATE CHAPTER, FLORIDA ASSOCIATION:** For more details on group events, visit the group's Web site at <http://westgate.florida.org> or call 932-5469. Third Thursday meetings are held at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church located at the corner of Langley and Goodrich Avenues, Pensacola.  
 • Meetings of the **PANHANDLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

ASSOCIATION consists of community leaders, museums, organizations and individuals actively engaged in the collection, preservation and restoration of historic property and memorabilia from the State of Florida and their respective communities. Call 678-2615 for details.

• **PANHANDLE PEDDLERS** is a recreational bicycling club for casual riders. Group rides, on paved roads and paved bike trails, will take place at a variety of locations in the Panhandle. Details from Art Gardner 699-2852 or [artgardner@mchsi.com](mailto:artgardner@mchsi.com).

• **MOMS CLUB OF CRESTVIEW** is a support group for at-home mothers in

Crestview. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Crestview, 492 N. Ferdon Blvd. (next to Wachovia Bank). For more information, please contact [momsclubcrestviewfl@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubcrestviewfl@yahoo.com).

• **MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS OF CRESTVIEW** meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Crestview. You do not have to be a member of the church to attend the meetings. Please e-mail [crestviewmops@yahoo.com](mailto:crestviewmops@yahoo.com) for questions or information.

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**OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLD CONVERSION REQUEST FOR BIDS ON HOLIDAY ISLE/OKALOOSA ISLAND PROPERTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That The Board of County Commissioners Of Okaloosa County, Florida, will open sealed Bids on the February 24, 2011, 10:00 a.m., Room 204, 302 N. Wilson Street, Okaloosa County Courthouse Ex-

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tension, Crestview, Florida, From:

**Helen D. Boyer**  
Lot 81, Block F, Holiday Isle Residential Section No. 5, according to the plat thereof as recorded Plat Book 4, page 39, of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida,

**Patrick L. Colvin and wife, Elizabeth L. Colvin**

Lot 16, Destin Pointe, a planned unit development, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 14, Pages 90-93 of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida,

**Thomas G. Wilson and wife, Madonna B. Wilson**

Apartment Unit 101-B, together with its undivided interest in the common elements, in Seaspray, a condominium as per Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded in OR Book 727 Page 156, of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida, and in Condominium Plat Book 1, pages 26-47 of said county.

**Frank J. Adcock, III as trustee of the Frank J. Adcock, III Revocable Living Trust dated 10/16/08**

Condominium Unit No. 215 El Matador, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded in OR Book 616 page 245 amended in OR Book 723 page 649, amended in OR Book 726 page 792, amended in OR Book 996, Page 16, OR Book 1058, Page 746, OR Book 1066 page 565, OR Book 1127 Page 700, OR Book 1130 Page 677, OR Book 1148 Page 395, OR Book 1172 page 1993, OR Book 1251, page 201, OR Book 1297, page 1787, OR Book 1639 Page 1733, and OR Book 2184 Page 1396, and amendments to Articles of Incorporation in OR Book 1124, page 1, OR Book 1298 Page 480 and OR Book 2184 Page 1410, and OR Book 2027, Page 2475 of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida.

Bid Forms may be procured from Surety Land Title of Florida, LLC, 4100 S. Ferdon Blvd, Suite B-3 Crestview, FL 32536.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive minor irregularities in the proposals submitted.

OKALOOSA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Chairman

Legal #120896

**NOTICE OF SALE**

In accordance with Florida Statutes, KeepSafe Storage, located at 101 Hospital Drive, Crestview, Florida will offer for sale to the highest bidder the household and other goods stored in the below listed units. Said goods are to be sold to recover the rents not paid by the tenants.

1-24 Brenda Lewis  
1-57 Star Sailer

The sale shall take place on February 25, 2011 At 10:00 a.m. Barwood @ KeepSafe Storage.

2/16/2011  
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D18 Michelle O'Connor  
E13 Cheryl King  
D01 Brian Morris

The sale shall take place on Friday February 25, 2011 At 10:00 a.m. @ KeepSafe Storage 101 Hospital Dr. Crestview FL 32539

2/16/2010  
2/23/2010

LEGAL#120886

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO:2009CA003874**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF HARBORVIEW 2005-08, Plaintiff,

vs.  
JUDY COXWELL, DARREL GOBLE and CINDY HOLLAND Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 16, 2010, and entered in Case No. 2009 CA 003874 of the Circuit Court in and for Okaloosa County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK is Plaintiff, and JUDY COXWELL, DARREL GOBLE, and CINDY HOLLAND are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.okaloosaforeclosure.com](http://www.okaloosaforeclosure.com), the Clerk's website for on-line auctions, at 11:00 am, on the 30 day of March, 2011 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

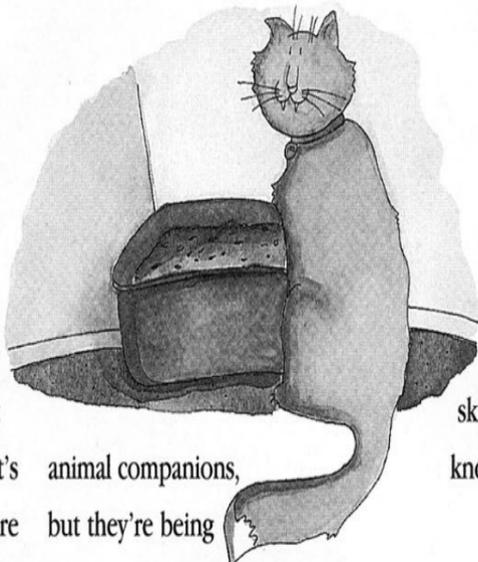
THE CONDOMINIUM PARCEL KNOWN AS APARTMENT 4-C, OF BAYVIEW WATERS CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1105, AT PAGE 95 AND AMENDED IN BOOK 1222, AT PAGE 1538, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND PURSUANT TO THE SURVEY, PLOT PLAN AND GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS, RECORDED IN CONDOMINIUM PLAT BOOK W, AT PAGES 45 AND 46, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, at 1250 N Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579 or (850) 651-7204 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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2/16/2011  
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**LEGAL#120884**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Case No. 11DR 265

Sherri Ann Babel Petitioner,  
and  
Jorge Gutierrez Magana, Respondent.

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR CHILD NAME CHANGE**

TO: Jorge Gutierrez Magana  
LAST ADDRESS UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Sherri Ann Babel whose address is 602 Shady Lane Drive, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547 on or before March 16, 2011, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Okaloosa County Courthouse, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

**WARNING:** Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: Feb. 2, 2011

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
By: Sherry Johnson  
Deputy Clerk

2/9/2011  
2/16/2011  
2/23/2011  
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**LEGAL#120893**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO:10CA5307**

Joshua Schantz, Plaintiff,

vs.

Floyd Johnson and Brenda Phillips, Defendants,

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action for damages has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Christopher P. Janes, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 191 Brooks Street, S.E. Fort Walton Beach Florida 32548, within 30 days of the date of the first publication and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will

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be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED this 20 day of December, 2010.

DON W. HOWARD  
As Clerk of Court  
  
By: Tiffany Gardner  
As Deputy Clerk of the Court

2/16/2011  
2/23/2011

**LEGAL#120894**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY**  
CASE NO. 2010 CA 005853S

FANNIE MAE ("FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION"), Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY L. KIDD, et al. Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: JEFFREY L. KIDD  
Whose residence is: 734 LEGION DR APT 45, DESTIN, FL, 32541 & 525 SANDALWOOD CT, DESTIN, FL, 32541 & 850 AIRPORT RD, DESTIN, FL, 32541

TO: ELIZABETH A. KIDD  
Whose residence is: 734 LEGION DR APT 45, DESTIN, FL, 32541 & 525 SANDALWOOD CT, DESTIN, FL, 32541 & 850 AIRPORT RD, DESTIN, FL, 32541

If alive, and if dead, all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against JEFFREY L. KIDD; ELIZABETH A. KIDD and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described herein.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 45, LEGION VILLAGE TOWNHOMES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 81, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 734 LEGION DR APT 45 DESTIN, FL 32541

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Diana Chung, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2901 Stirling Road, Suite 300, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 26 day of January, 2011.

Don W. Howard  
As Clerk of the Court

BY: Beth McDonald  
As Deputy Clerk

A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint and Lis Pendens were sent to the defendants and address named above.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 8506517497, 1250 N. EGLIN PKWY SUITE A114, SHALIMAR FL, 32579. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 8009558771 via Florida Relay System.

This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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LEGAL#1011449

**NOTICE OF SALE FOR STORAGE**

Household goods belonging to the parties named below and listed by unit number will be sold at public sale by Day's Pac Rat Mini-Storage at the Mini-Storages located at 2510 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, Fla. at 9:00 A.M., FEBRUARY 23, 2011. Unless charges are paid in full before the time of sale.

Name: LAJUANA MC-FARLAND  
UNIT #19

LEKECIA ANDERSON  
UNIT #82

02/09/2011  
02/16/2011

**LEGAL#120895**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
PROPOSAL NO.: 11-01

The City of Crestview, Florida will receive sealed proposals for: Banking Services to the City of Crestview, Florida.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that the City of Crestview, Florida, is accepting sealed proposals for:

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BANKING SERVICES**

At 10:00 A.M. CDT, on March 9, 2011 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 198 N. Wilson Street, Crestview Florida, proposals will be opened and submitted for evaluation.

An original and four (4) copies of all proposals, including all executed documents and needed attachments, shall be placed in a sealed envelope, marked "11-01: SEALED PROPOSAL FOR BANKING SERVICES", and delivered prior to the proposal opening deadline, 4:00 P.M. CDT on March 8, 2011.

Proposals may be hand delivered, mailed or delivered via courier service to the following address. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will be accepted.

Bid documents are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 198 N. Wilson Street, Crestview, FL 32536 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday. Telephone: 850-682-1560 or Fax: 850-682-8077.

City of Crestview  
City Clerk Department  
Janice F. Young, City Clerk  
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