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SPECIAL TO THE NEWS BULLETIN

The public will get a chance to tour the new Okaloosa County Courthouse Annex Extension on Sept. 22.

## Open house planned for new courthouse annex

Work continues to free up space at Crestview courthouse

By Michael Stewart  
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Okaloosa County residents will get their first look at the new Okaloosa County Courthouse Annex Extension at a Sept. 22 grand opening of the \$27 million facility under construction since the spring of 2010.

The 84,000-square-foot building is expected to provide security lacking at the aging courthouse annex in Shalimar and head off a trial over its noncompliance under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

"This is an opportunity to tour the facility, which won't be as accessible after the October move-in date," said Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners Chairman James Campbell. "What you will see is a more efficient, secure facility for the public and employees, as well as a facility in which we can all be proud."

The annex extension is wheelchair-accessible and boasts three public elevators, a separate elevator for judges and two for prisoners.

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**James Campbell**  
Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners Chairman

The jury assembly rooms are oversized to accommodate more seating for those attending trials. The building's six courtrooms also are larger, with wood paneling and trim. They also are equipped with the latest technology, such as video monitors in the jury boxes and witness stands.

The annex extension will also house the clerk of courts office as well as court administration. In addition to a more se-

### WANT TO GO?

**What:** Open house for the new Okaloosa County Courthouse Extension.

**When:** Sept. 22, beginning at 5 p.m.

**Where:** In front of the C.H. "Bull" Rigdon Fairgrounds and Recreation Complex on Lewis Turner Boulevard.

cure facility, many considerations went into the design of the building, such as energy efficiency, handicap accessibility throughout, modern technology, additional space and room for future growth, County Administrator Jim Curry said.

"The Task Force that worked on the creation of the new judicial facility did a great job, and we went back to the drawing board several times over the years," Curry said.

Meanwhile, work is under

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## Concessionaire contract tossed amid controversy

By Brian Hughes  
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The Crestview City Council decided at its Aug. 8 meeting to ignore the recommendation of a committee tasked with selecting a concessionaire for the city's Parks and Recreation Department concession stands and awarded the contract to the second-place bidder.

That decision returned as a topic at the council's Monday meeting and continued at a special meeting called for Wednesday evening, at which the council voted unanimously to scrap the whole process and start over.

City attorney Ben Holley had reviewed the two top bids and recommended the city return to the drawing board.

"Neither one of them (the bidders) has a whole lot of experience; they both have a little bit of experience," Holley said Monday evening. "Their bids were identical. It is my recommendation that the council rescind its action, reject all proposals and resubmit the contract for bid."

"One of the concerns I would voice to you was one, the delay that would go into effect," because city fall sports are already under way, said attorney Bert Moore, who represented Bonda Todd and Gia DeMario, the bidders selected by the committee but rejected by the council. "Second, one of the concerns I had in the RFP (request for proposals) was the evaluation criteria," which Moore said he felt was vague.

Administrative Services Director Mike Wing, who chaired the committee, reported at the Aug. 8 meeting that the women's company had submitted a comprehensive proposal, whereas the company headed by Darlene Sledge, which was chosen by the council, had submitted a one-page proposal of "two or three sentences."

Monday evening, Council Member Ben Iannucci moved to accept Holley's recommendation, but the council tied, with Council President Charles Baugh Jr. and Council Member Phillip Berezo voting nay. Council member Robyn Helt was absent because of a family medical issue.

Despite the vote, which allowed the original decision to stand, the concessionaire brouhaha wasn't over. The topic resurfaced as a

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## New girl in town

Faroese student studying at Crestview High

By Brian Hughes  
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For many exchange students in the United States, the quirks of American English sometimes present a challenge that fortunately, is often overcome by Americans' eagerness to make a foreign guest feel welcome. Elin Olsen, however, speaks such excellent, American-accented English that she was

mistaken by her classmates at Crestview High School for another native newcomer in town.

A tall, slim-blond from the Faroe Islands, Elin is this year's Rotary International exchange student, and her yearlong Crestview visit is also her first trip to the United States. Rotary lets exchange students select the country of their choice in which to study, though the

region or city where the student is placed is often up to the program organizers.

"I just chose America, and they placed me here, which is cool," Elin said.

Elin's fluency in English helped her ace the 145-question language proficiency test required by the Okaloosa County School District. Though English is taught in

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With her excellent, American-accented English, Rotary exchange student Elin Olsen, a native of the Faroe Islands, is often mistaken by her Crestview High School classmates as a fellow American.



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# What's HAPPENING

**From staff reports**

**BINGO FUNDRAISER:** Today from 3-6 p.m., American Legion Post 75, 898 E. James Lee Blvd., Crestview, will host a bingo game to benefit its Gold Star Family Christmas fund. Proceeds go to the families of fallen soldiers the first week of December. For details, contact Cheryl Anaya at 758-0848 or accompany adoptions@cox.net.

**BULOVA PRIZE:** The Laurel Hill Hobo Festival Committee is holding a drawing at the Oct. 8 Hobo Festival (\$1 per ticket) for a Bulova Caravelle ladies bracelet watch. You need not be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at Farm World, Laurel Hill Grill and Laurel Hill City Hall, or by contacting members of the committee.

**MULLET PAGEANT:** The 2011 Mullet Pageant will be held Sept. 24 from 2-6 p.m. for all ages. The deadline to enter is Sept. 18.

To download an application, visit events-md.com. For more information, call 682-6129 or 682-2175.

**CRESTVIEW PATRIOTS:** The inaugural meeting of the North Okaloosa Chapter of the Florida Panhandle Patriots will be held Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Women's Club of Crestview, 150

Woodlawn Ave. (off State Road 85 behind Woodlawn Baptist Church).

The speaker will be Sharron Angle, who ran a heated campaign for the U.S. Senate against Harry Reid. She will be signing her new book, "Right Angle: One Woman's Journey to Reclaim the Constitution."

Seating is limited; please make a reservation. Contact Brenda for more information or to RSVP at info@PanhandlePatriots.com or 865-8777.

Meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**BOOK SALE:** The Friends of the Crestview Library will hold the fall book sale at the library Oct. 7-9. Friday hours are 5-8 p.m. for a preview sale, and nonmembers are charged a \$2 entry fee. Friends members are admitted free of charge. There is no admission fee Saturday and Sunday. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**DAV MOBILE SERVICE:** The Disabled American Veterans Mobile Service Office will be at the following locations to personally provide the best counseling and claim filing assistance available, free to all veterans and members of their families.

- Sept. 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Disabled American Veterans Chapter 57, 5296 Hare St., Crestview.

- Sept. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pensacola Vet Center, 4504 Twin Oaks Drive, Pensacola.

- Sept. 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Disabled American Veterans Chapter 72, 2A David St., Fort Walton Beach.

- Sept. 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., VA Outpatient Clinic, 1607 S. James Place, Tallahassee.

For more information, call Andrew Marshall at 727-319-7444.

**HOMECOMING:** The 2011-2012 Baker Gator Homecoming Parade will be Friday, Sept. 30. Entry forms, available in the front office, must be completed and submitted by Sept. 29. Please pick up forms or see Mrs. Wilde for more information.

**FUNDRAISER:** A Sept. 19 fundraiser will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the DeFuniak Springs Community Center to benefit Denise and Gary Cadenhead and family. They lost their home and its contents in an Aug. 20 fire. Proceeds will help them with the expense of getting into and furnishing a home.

Fish dinners will be available for \$5 per plate. Carnival games, a cake walk and carnival-style games are planned, as well as karaoke for young adults and other activities. The community center is on State Road 83. Turn

on Government Street between the ball field and the recreational center.

If you would like to donate time, food, money or an item to raffle off, call Susan Wiley at 951-3617 (cell) or 520-4373.

**FESTIVAL VENDORS:** The Hobo Festival Committee is taking applications from vendors for the Saturday, Oct. 8, Hobo Festival, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Gene Clary Park, Laurel Hill. The free, family-oriented festival will have arts, crafts and food vendors, live musical entertainment, a car show, a live auction and free activities for children. Booth rentals are \$25 for electric and \$20 for nonelectric. Call Nita Miller at 652-4441 or 546-0725 for an application or more information.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED** for the United Way Day of Caring, Sept. 22. Participants will be working at several different locations in the Crestview area.

The event will begin with breakfast at North Okaloosa Medical Center at 8 a.m., followed by assigned projects in the city. Lunch will be provided by the Crestview Woman's Club. To participate, call Ronda Davenport at 243-0315.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** The Knights of Columbus will host a 4:30-8 p.m. spaghetti

supper fundraiser today at 701 E. James Lee Blvd., Crestview. Dinners are \$7 per adult, \$5 per preteen and free for preschoolers. They include meatballs and all the trimmings, dessert and a beverage.

**NURSE ASSISTANT TRAINING:** A certified nursing assistant preparatory course will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 27-Dec. 15, by the American Red Cross. The training costs \$1,250 and includes the state exam fee, a background check and scrubs. Students meeting specific criteria can be eligible for a scholarship.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** The Ladies Auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus is having its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 1. Interested craftsmen, artisans and vendors wanting to rent a table for \$25 may call Sally at 689-1631 after 6:30 p.m.

**CLASS OF '76 REUNION:** Crestview High's 1976 graduates are planning an Oct. 28 and 29 reunion. To attend, contact Kenny Rogers at 689-7177 or rogersk1@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us.

**CITY HOURS CHANGE:** The City of Crestview's new office hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**BLOOD DRIVES:** The Northwest Florida Blood Center is hosting the following drives in north Okaloosa County:

- Sept. 18, First United Methodist Church, 599 Eighth Ave., Crestview, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Sept. 21, Laurel Hill School, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**BOOK DONATIONS:** The Friends of the Crestview Library are asking for donations of used books, CDs and DVDs for the Oct. 7-9 book sale. Books and other media will be accepted at the library off Commerce Drive (behind the post office). All proceeds help the Crestview library. Call 682-4432 for details.

**GSOC MEETINGS:** The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County meets every second Saturday at the Heritage Museum, 115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso, across from the city park. For more information, call Martha Trau at 259-4351.

**FOSTER AGENCY IN NEED OF BEDS:** Lakeview Center's FamiliesFirst Network is in need of beds for children in protective services. Bunk beds, twin beds and toddler beds are needed to help local families. Beds do not have to be new, just in good condition. If you

have beds to donate, call Elsie Green at 833-3840 or 585-1368.

**BINGO, FOOD DONATIONS:** Foster Families of America is hosting bingo from 5-9 p.m. Thursdays 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.

Foster Families of America 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 at extremely low cost. Your donation will be used to help families 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 Area Chamber of Commerce office on Commerce Drive. Thank you in advance for supporting a local charity in need.

For more information about the organization, visit www.fosterfamiliesofamerica.org. Store hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

**CRESTVIEW SOUP KITCHENS:** Serving from 11 a.m. to noon except Wednesdays, when the hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Mondays: Central Baptist Church, 951 S. Ferdon Blvd. (State Road 85), 682-5525.

- Tuesdays: Our Savior Lutheran Church, 178 North Ave., Crestview, 682-3154.

- Wednesdays: LifePoint Church (former First Assembly of God), 400 S. Ferdon Blvd. (State 85), 682-3518.

- Thursdays: Community of Christ, 398 W. First Ave., behind Whitehurst/Powell Funeral Home, 682-7474.

- Fridays: First Presbyterian Church, 492 N. Ferdon Blvd., intersection of State 85 and U.S. Highway 90, 682-2835.

- Saturdays: First United Methodist Church, 599 Eighth Ave., behind Tom Thumb across from Goodwill, 682-2018.

Volunteers are always needed. Call any church to volunteer.

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way to free up space at the courthouse in Crestview as well. On July 18, the Okaloosa County Tax Collector's Office moved out of the Crestview courthouse into the Brackin Building on Wilson Street at the former location of the First National Bank of Crestview.

County facility maintenance crews are working to renovate additional space in the Brackin Building for the Property Appraiser's Office as well, which will free up more room at the Crestview courthouse.

Meanwhile, the Crestview courthouse "continues to be renovated and updated," county spokeswoman Kathy Newby said.

Crestview residents will have to travel to the new annex in Shalimar; however, to view work by local artists.

"Another welcome aspect just came along this year, when Okaloosa Public Arts decided to assist us by displaying artists' works, adding aesthetic elements to the facility," Curry said.

Dozens of paintings and sculptures from local artists will be spread out through the hallways and jury rooms of the building's three floors.



Award-winning artist Elia Saxer works on a 15-foot mural inside the Okaloosa County Courthouse Annex Extension.

A total of 75 art pieces were selected from 150 submissions for the annex.

A sculpture titled "Illuminate," by local artist Richard Bauer is located outside the building, and located just in-

side is a mural by Elia Saxer depicting local landscape and wildlife.

The grand opening will feature the Niceville High School Opus One chorus performance, a flag ceremony

and a tour of the facility. The tour will include the clerk of courts, courtrooms, jury assembly, a judges' chamber and the inmate booking area. The public is encouraged to attend.

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Faroese schools, it's actually her third language after Faroese, a Norse language close to Icelandic, and Danish.

Asked how she became so fluent in English, Elin replied, "Television. As simple as that," adding that "Friends" is her favorite American TV program.

Florida's hot, humid summer was a major change from the temperate weather Elin enjoys in her native Faroe Islands, an 18-island self-governing Danish dependency located midway between Scotland and Iceland. Cool summers and rainy winters typify the Faroese weather, Elin said, and her friends back home are eager to hear about Florida's subtropical climate.

"Usually the first thing I say is, 'It's hot,' because that's the thing they're really excited about," Elin said. "At home, when the sun comes up in summer it's still windy so it doesn't get really hot."

In addition to her visits to the area's sugar-white Gulf beaches, Elin said her friends are also jealous of the many activities available in the Gulf South. Her recent visit to Biloxi, Miss., with her host family, Ingrid and Phil Gearhardt, caused some envy back in Elin's hometown of Klaksvik, a fishing community of 5,000 people.

"They were definitely jealous," she said. "We went to a concert and I posted my pictures on Facebook and my friends said, 'I hate you.'"

Next up: discovering America's favorite fall sport with her hosts.

"We are going to my very first football game," Elin said. "It's Florida State. I already bought a jersey."

The Gearhardts have been hosting Rotary exchange students as long as the program has been offered in the Crestview area, Rotary member John Blair said.

"We're always looking for host families," Blair said. "And any local high school student who wants to become an exchange student can contact us."

Last year the Rotary hosted a student from France and another from Italy at Crestview High School. Elin, however, is the second Faroese student to study in the area. In the late 1990s, Marita Trondheim studied at Baker School through another international exchange program.

Elin isn't the first member of her family to benefit from the Rotary Club's student exchange program. Her mother had been a Rotary scholar studying in New York in the 1980s.

"She told me about it when I was very little and I always knew I wanted to do it," Elin said. "I love it here so far, and I'm grateful to be here."

For information about participating in the Rotary Club's student exchange program, or being a host family, stop by the club's weekly lunch meeting at Ryan's, every Wednesday at noon, or send email to John and Heidi Blair at johnheidi-blair@yahoo.com.

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second agenda item on a special meeting Wednesday evening called by Mayor David Cadle for the original purpose of completing a legislative priorities survey for the Florida League of Cities.

If the council doesn't rescind the bid, Holley cautioned, the body would have to hold a quasi-judicial public hearing to hear Todd and DeMario's protest before it could award the contract to Sledge. In addition, Moore said, his clients had instructed him to take the matter to court if their protest did not prevail, which would further delay issuing a contract for city parks concession services.

Holley said a revised request for proposals should include more criteria that the committee can evaluate to prevent another tie between bidders.

"I don't want to belabor the process any more than we need to, but I want to make sure any position we take doesn't take us back to the same place we are now," Helt said.

Iannucci, saying the council should follow Holley's advice and reissue the request for proposals with more criteria delineated, moved, again, to rescind the proposal, reject all offers, and reissue the request, "this time going through Mr. Holley's office to make sure we



Attorney Bert Moore, at lectern, discusses with city attorney Ben Holley, left, his client's loss of a bid to provide Crestview ballpark concession stand services.

have the proper criteria." Sledge said she invested money to prepare the concession stands and obtain licenses required by the city.

"I came in here thinking I was going to get this contract signed," Sledge said. "I spent \$1,300 of my money to get the licensing based on my proposal because I thought I won

it ... Today I spent \$300 on supplies to get the building ready for inspection."

The council voted unanimously to rescind the original bids, as Holley had suggested.

Wing then asked if Sledge could be reimbursed for the money she has already spent to upgrade the concession stands.

"I think if she has put some money into the facility, and another party gets the bid, she should be reimbursed," Holley said.

"We owe both of you an apology for going through all this. It should not be like this for any of you," Berezo said. "Either one of you would do a great job."

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# Tribute to 9/11 emergency responders

Crestview High School's leadership class honored fallen service personnel at a Sept. 9 football game in honor of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Boots and helmets from emergency responders were on display and members of the U.S. military and law enforcement participated in a moment of silence before the game. Watching over the patriotic tribute are CHS ROTC members Cadet 1st Sgt. Chris Billedeau and Cadet Capt. Joey Maas.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS BULLETIN



Crestview High School's leadership class thanked school resource officer and Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Cpl. Greg Porch for "keeping us safe."

Hannah Singletary, Jayde Terrell and Holly Stanford from Crestview High School's leadership class thanked the North District office of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office with a basket of snacks with a tenth anniversary of 9/11 terrorist attacks. Accepting on behalf of the department is District One Patrol Division Capt. Larry Ward.



## Local AIDS support group celebrates 20th anniversary

Special to the News Bulletin  
Okaloosa AIDS Support and Informational Services is about to complete its 20th year of service to the Florida Panhandle.

Founded in October 1991, OASIS originated from the reality that in the early 1990s, there was little support for

the HIV/AIDS-positive community in this area of the United States. Additionally, a lack of education about HIV/AIDS was evident.

One visionary, David Neil, devoted the last year of his life to seeing that such shortcomings were lessened. David lived to see his vision become reality, dying

shortly after the establishment of OASIS. To honor David, all the clients served by the agency, and all the staff and volunteers, past and present, several events have been scheduled commemorating the 20th anniversary.

On Oct. 3, an open house will be held from 4-7 p.m. at the OASIS building, located

at 4 Jackson St. in Fort Walton Beach. Free HIV testing will be offered at the OASIS office on Oct. 5 from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Other activities to commemorate the anniversary include a client luncheon, an art contest, and a display of the local AIDS quilt.

The art contest will be for

area students and will begin on Oct. 3. The entry deadline will be Nov. 3. The winners will be announced at "Style," the annual OASIS dinner/auction fundraiser.

The winning art projects will be on display on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1. "Style" will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Ramada Inn on Oka-

loosa Island. "Style" is open to the public, and tickets will go on sale soon.

For more information regarding any of the 20th anniversary events, call the OASIS office at 314-0950 or email OASIS at aidsoasis1@aol.com. For information about OASIS, visit www.aidsoasis.org/AIDSoasis.

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Okaloosa counties. Vendors and exhibitors will bring back facets of a life and time gone by with crafts and displays ranging from true Florida cracker lifestyles, basket making, shoe cobbling and more. New for 2011 will be the Heritage Treasure Hunt. Children, adults and families can track

clues and answer questions located throughout the festival grounds to try to win various prizes while learning something about the area's rich heritage.

There is a \$5 parking fee for every car entering the grounds and all proceeds go to help those in need in the Munson community.

Last year, the funds raised through the festival were used to help provide many families with food, shelter and other essentials.

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# Why God allows suffering and tragedy

As we reflect on the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers and the United States, I would like to present to you this column on suffering and tragedy.

God is ultimately in control of everything and nothing happens that does not fit into His overall plan and purpose for this world.

Severe suffering or tragedy often causes people to ask many questions, and perhaps the most perplexing question of all is, "Why did God allow this?" While we won't always be able to discover what reasons God has for any particular suffering or tragedy, the Bible has much to teach us on this subject.

First of all, the Bible tells us that God is ultimately in control of everything and that nothing happens that does not fit into His overall plan and purpose for this world: "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please." (Isaiah 46:9-10).

God is sovereign over everything: war and peace, disease and healing, blessings and disasters, kings and paupers, evil men and saints, tornadoes and gentle rains, stock market crashes and unexpected bonuses.

This is important to

see because we must understand that bad things do not happen



**REV. ALBERT COREY**  
From the Pulpit

apart from God's control. God was not sitting in heaven chewing on His fingernails because He couldn't do anything to prevent the 2004 tsunami that killed more than 200,000 people. He wasn't

sleeping or caught off-guard when the federal building in Oklahoma City was bombed nor when terrorists did their evil work on Sept. 11, 2001. He has always been and always will be in absolute control of everything.

But this does not mean that God likes everything that happens in and of itself. For example, He hates all sin and evil, and He Himself cannot even be tempted to sin, nor does He ever tempt anyone else to sin (James 1:13). He will hold sinners responsible for their sins. Nevertheless, He still allows people to do even the most horrible things because He has some good purpose for it in His eternal plan. A major part of His plan is to prepare a people for Himself who will love righteousness and hate sin and live in loving fellowship with Him both now and for all eternity (Romans 8:28-29). But accomplishing this requires some suffering and we'll now examine some of the ways that God uses suffering.

One reason that God sends suffering is to discipline His people when they are going astray. The Bible tells us that just as

human fathers lovingly discipline their children, so God disciplines all who belong to Him: "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by Him. For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." (Heb. 12:5-6). In fact, the Bible goes even further by saying that if God does not discipline us then we are not truly His children (Heb. 12:8). "God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." (Heb. 12:10-11).

But whatever the sin, God has many ways to discipline us such as sickness, famine, failure, disasters, the government, friends, neighbors, relatives, coworkers, unjust treatment, etc. In the Old Testament, God sometimes used even wicked nations to punish Israel when they rebelled against Him. Sometimes our suffering flows as a direct consequence of our own sin and at other times God may bring it indirectly. Sometimes it is a mixture. But if we are His children then regardless of how it comes, it is meant for our eternal good.

But sometimes God allows His children to suffer even when they are living faithfully to Him. Some suffering happens simply because we live in a fallen, sin-cursed world. Even the best of saints

get sick, have flat tires, stub their toe, lose their wallet, have car wrecks, etc., and eventually die. But all of these things are used of God to help build our character and draw us closer to Him. In fact, scripture tells us, "All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purposes." (Romans 8:28). And the verse that follows this one tells us that God has predestined His people to be conformed to the image of Jesus.

So making us like Jesus is an important part of the "good" end to which God is working "all things" in our lives. We might not always be able to see how God will use something for our good, but He will. The Bible also says, "All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." (2 Tim. 3:12) One reason for this is that the world hates the true God, Jesus and Christians (John 15:18-25). So God's people sometimes suffer precisely because they are trying to live godly lives, which provokes hatred from Satan and from the world (John 15:18-25).

But such suffering provides an excellent opportunity for Christians to glorify Him by the way that they handle it. It is an opportunity to practice Jesus' command to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." This really requires us to look to God for the faith, courage, strength, and love with which to do it. The early believers even counted it an honor to suffer for the sake of Christ (Acts 5:41, Phil.

1:29, Matt. 5:10-12, Romans 5:3-5).

So suffering, whether deserved or not, is used by God to refine our character and build our faith and trust in Him. It should also draw us closer to God as we find our comfort in Him: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows." (2 Corinth. 1:3-5) And thus we see that it also prepares us to help and comfort others who are suffering.

The good news is that God has provided a solution. By His suffering and death on the cross, Jesus paid for the sins of all who would trust in Him as their Savior and Lord, including those responsible for His death. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) God can freely forgive our sins and still be righteous and just (Romans 3:21-26). So the most wicked betrayal and wrongful execution in all of history is being used by God to bring about the eternal salvation of all of His people.

But that is only part of the good news. By His Spirit, God is also able to change our hearts and set

us free from the power of sin in our lives (Ezek. 36:25-27). God Himself comes to live within those who trust in Jesus and submit themselves to Him (Acts 2:38, Phil 2:13). He gives us a heart to know Him, to love Him, and to love others.

This does not mean that we instantly become sinless but it does mean that He will begin the process of making us like Jesus. As we seek Him in prayer and in His word, He will help us to know Him better and to understand and obey the Bible, which is His word to us.

If you have never done so, then God commands you to repent (turn away from your sin and rebellion and humbly submit yourself to Him) and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:31, 17:30-31). No matter what you have done and how wicked you are, God is able to save you (1 Tim. 1:15-17). "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6: 23)

If you refuse to repent and trust in Jesus Christ, then all of His and your own suffering will do you no good. You will suffer even worse for all eternity in hell.

But if you receive Jesus, then all the benefits of His sufferings will be yours and He will use all of your sufferings in this life for your eternal benefit as well. Repent and call upon Him today!

*The Rev. Albert Corey, MCC is pastor of Oak Ridge Assembly of God in Crestview.*

## Church BRIEFS

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

### Revival

Tent evangelist Brother R.E. Dean, of Dothan, Ala., will be guest preacher on Wednesday night services, along with Westside Assembly of God Rev. TV. Kolmetz Sept. 21 and 28. Services start at 6 p.m. at the church, located at 179 Kit Drive, Crestview.

### Pastor appreciation

Lebanon Baptist Church invites everyone to the 7th Appreciation Service for the Rev. Nathaniel Jr. and Sister Wanda Sledge on Sunday, Sept. 18. Pastor Dennis Lyons of Mount Olive Ministries, Crestview, will host the 11 a.m. service. The Rev. Willie Earl Williams

Jr. and the congregation of New Hope Ministries, Laurel Hill, will host the 3 p.m. service. Lebanon is located at 1288 Washington Ave., Baker.

### Shady Grove concert, revival

James and Starla Dean, a southern gospel singing duo, will be at the Shady Grove Assembly of God Church Sunday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. The husband-and-wife team has sung on top charted songs and has appeared on Gospel Music Television and Gaither Gospel Group DVDs.

The church will also have revival featuring the Henry Johnson Family from Pensacola Sunday, Oct. 2 through Wednesday, Oct. 5. Sunday night services are at 6 p.m. and weeknight services are at 7 p.m. The Rev. Carroll Senn

of Shady Grove, located at 1189 Shady Grove Road in Baker, invites everyone to come and enjoy these events.

### "The Journey" events

"The Journey," a United Methodist Church community, has listed the following schedule of events:

Sept. 18, Oct. 9 and Nov. 13, 10 a.m. preview church service at Shoal River Middle School.

Visit the group's connection center and future site of their coffee house, Journey Java Connections, at 269 N. Main St., Crestview. For details, contact Sean Peters at 420-8038 or Sean@journeyCrestview.com, or Sandra Peters at 420-6723 or SandraPeters@journeyCrestview.com. Website: www.journeyCrestview.com.

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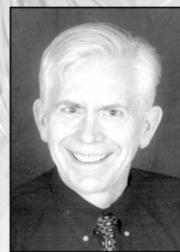
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## ECAR participating in fundraiser, open house

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The Realtor Outreach Committee of the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors has partnered with the Building Industry Association (BIA) of Okaloosa and Walton counties for its annual fundraiser, a casino night to benefit Shelter House and the William R. McClarrrie Memorial Scholarship.

At Casino Night, scheduled for Sept. 23, guests will arrive to find a variety of casino games available (blackjack, Texas Hold 'Em, and more). They will be given \$10,000 in chips (no cash value) to try and break the bank at their favorite gaming table. At the end of the evening, guests can win prizes based on the amount of chips they have won. The grand prize is a big-screen TV valued at \$800.

The suggested donation to play is \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. This year's event will be at the Elks

Lodge on Okaloosa Island. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, and the first cocktail is on the house. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the gaming begins at 6 p.m.

Tom Patrick, a local musician, deejay and frequent performer at the Boathouse Landing and Scully's, will provide the entertainment.

Tickets and sponsorships are available by contacting Michaela Mitchell at the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors at 243-6145.

The mission of Shelter House is to support victims of domestic violence by providing shelter, intervention and primary programs to the community through education, awareness and advocacy.

Each year, the BIA gives scholarships in memory of 1995 association President William "Mac" McClarrrie. Those \$1,000 scholarships are given to college and college-bound students to help offset the cost of education at

any chosen institution. Priority is given to students taking courses associated with the construction industry.

ECAR also will conduct the monthly Great Emerald Coast Open House Sunday, Sept. 18, from 1-3 p.m.

Homes available for viewing are listed at www.EmeraldCoastOpenHouse.com. Search by location and housing type, and use the map function to create driving directions. Look for the green and white Emerald Coast Open House signs throughout the area to know which homes are participating.

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## Fresh wave of foreclosures hits

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Banks have stepped up their actions against homeowners who have fallen behind on their mortgage payments, setting the stage for a fresh wave of foreclosures.

The number of U.S. homes that received an initial default notice — the first step in the foreclosure process — jumped 33 percent in August from July, foreclosure listing firm RealtyTrac Inc. said Thursday.

The increase represents a nine-month high and the biggest monthly gain in four years. The spike signals banks are starting to take swifter action against homeowners, nearly a

year after processing issues led to a sharp slowdown in foreclosures.

"This is really the first time we've seen a significant increase in the number of new foreclosure actions," said Rick Sharga, a senior vice president at RealtyTrac. "It's still possible this is a blip, but I think it's much more likely we're seeing the beginning of a trend here."

Banks have been working through a backlog of properties that first entered the foreclosure process months, if not years ago. But the August increase in homes entering that process sets the stage for a host of new properties being targeted for

foreclosure.

That's bad news for homeowners who have grown accustomed to missing payments for several months without the threat of foreclosure bearing down on them. In states such as New York and Florida, processing delays have helped some homeowners stay in their homes for more than two years before banks got around to taking back their properties.

In August, 78,880 properties received a default notice. Despite the sharp increase from July, it was still down 18 percent versus August last year and 44 percent below the peak set in April 2009, Sharga said.

## September is National Preparedness Month

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TAMPA — September is National Preparedness Month, and the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (www.disastersafety.org) calls upon property owners to invest in structural hardening measures that will reduce or prevent property damage because of natural and man-made hazards.

The U.S. has experienced numerous severe weather events this year, including tornadoes in Joplin, Mo., and Tuscaloosa, Ala., wildfires in Texas and Oklahoma, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. These disasters have left hundreds dead and caused billions of dollars in property damage.

"The severe and frequent natural catastrophes that have struck the U.S. this year demonstrate the need to be better and constantly prepared," said Julie Rochman, IBHS president & CEO. "We cannot stop Mother Nature's wrath, but we can do more to reduce the toll she takes on communities across the country."

The first step is to determine the natural hazards common in your area. IBHS' website offers a ZIP code-based tool that will generate a list of the risks common to geographic areas. Each risk is linked to a list of practical, specific measures home and business owners can use to help minimize the effects of natural disasters such as windstorms, hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, wildfires, se-

vere winter weather and hailstorms.

"For homeowners, structural hardening efforts can help protect their family from being injured and their home from being destroyed," Rochman said. "For business owners, the combination of structural hardening efforts and business continuity planning will improve a business' chance of not just reopening, but also remaining a functional, viable operation."

Rochman stressed the need for a proactive approach to preparedness.

"We need to create a culture that truly values preparedness and resiliency as a corporate, community and individual responsibility. We must recognize that preparedness and planned resilience are critical to long-term survival and economic well-being."

## Extension CONNECTIONS

### Treat winter weeds now

Despite the fact that winter annual weeds are not currently growing, we are approaching the best time to prevent them from being seen in our North Florida lawns.

Common winter annual weeds include annual bluegrass (Poa annua), chickweed, henbit, hop clover, lawn burweed and Carolina or wild geranium.

These and other winter annual weeds germinate from seeds in late fall and early winter. The little seedlings go unnoticed but continue to slowly grow through the colder winter months. Approaching spring, as day length becomes longer and soil temperatures warm, these previously inconspicuous weeds put on a growth spurt.

During spring, the winter weeds can outgrow lawn grass in our North Florida yards. They begin producing numerous flowers, followed by thousands of seeds. For example, one chickweed plant can produce more than 15,000 seeds.

In late spring or early summer, with the onset of higher temperatures, the parent plants that started their lives from seeds the previous fall will die. But they leave behind a multitude of seeds. These seeds last the hot summer months dormant in your lawn. Then, in late fall and early winter, they germinate, beginning the entire cycle again.

Late September to early October, when nighttime temperatures drop to 55 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit for several consecutive nights, is the time to apply a pre-emergence herbicide to interrupt the cycle of life for these winter annual weeds. This is just before seedlings emerge.

For season-long control, a second application might be needed about nine weeks after initial application. Not every lawn needs an application of pre-emergence herbicide. If your lawn has had no problem with winter annual weeds, there's probably no need to apply a pre-emergence herbicide.

Use pre-emergence herbicides only on lawns that have been established for at least a year. Many pre-emergence products interfere with grass seed germination. So, delay reseeding 6 to 16 weeks after application. This also applies to over-seeding a lawn with ryegrass seed. Always follow label directions and precautions when using any pesticide, including herbicides.

Larry Williams is the UF/IFAS Extension director for Okaloosa County.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**Sept. 22: Fort Walton Beach**  
 • 6-8 p.m.: All About Seafood. Cost is \$15. Preregistration required. Call 689-5850. Join University of Florida/IFAS Extension faculty as they discuss local seafood — what's available, health benefits and risks, selecting, handling and preparing seafood. There will be demonstrations, food tastings, recipes and tips.

**Sept. 22: Free webinar**  
 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: "Freshman Finances." What all freshmen and parents need to know about college life and their finances (http://bit.ly/StudentFin).



**LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100-1170**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
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**LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO.: 2011 CA 001991 S

HARBOR PLANTATION CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
THOMAS B. HENRY, JR., Defendant.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure signed on August 24, 2011, in the case of HARBOR PLANTATION CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS B. HENRY, JR., Defendant, Case No.: 2011 CA 001991 S, the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okaloosa County, Florida will on October 5, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. (Central Time), or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed pursuant to a public auction at www.okaloosa.realestate.com, which is conducted by agents of the Clerk of Okaloosa County to sell to the highest bidder for cash, except in the event the property is sold to Plaintiff via application of a credit bid, all in accordance with Section 45.031 of the Florida Statutes, the property located in Okaloosa County, Florida as described as follows:

UNITS 101 AND 201, HARBOR PLANTATION CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2222, PAGE 3064, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, IF ANY, APURTENANT SUBJECT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, TERMS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF SAID DECLARATION.

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

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: Sheila Sims, 190 Governmental Center, 5th Floor, Pensacola, FL (850) 595-4400 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.

**LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100**

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court, this 30 day of Aug, 2011.

DON W. HOWARD  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Tiffany Gardner  
Deputy Clerk

RICHARD M. COLBERT, ESQ.  
Richard M. Colbert, PA.  
Florida Bar No. 654329  
4 Laguna Street, Suite 101  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548  
Tel: 850-244-0350  
Fax: 850-244-5231  
Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Harbor Plantation Condominium Owners Association, Inc.

9/10/11  
9/17/11

Legal # 130363

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Case No. 2009-CA-006157

WILLIAM E. STANT, JR. and, MARTHA J. STANT, Plaintiffs,  
v.  
RODNEY L. CAPERTON, Defendant.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 26th day of August 2011, and entered in Case No. 2009-CA-006157, of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for Okaloosa County, Florida, wherein WILLIAM E. STANT, JR. and, MARTHA J. STANT are Plaintiffs and RODNEY L. CAPERTON is a Defendant. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.okaloosa.realestate.com at 11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on the 7th day of October 2011, the date and time of which is agreed to by Plaintiff. The sale shall be for the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

PARCEL #3 EVERGREEN UNRECORDED:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 25 WEST, OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCEED SOUTH 87 DEGREES 59' 33" EAST 459.51 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE GALLIVER CUT-OFF (66 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY), THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 54' 06" EAST, 255.71 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 3684.40 FEET, THENCE NORTHEASTLY ALONG SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 289.91 FEET (CHORD - 289.91 FEET, BEARING NORTH 18 DEGREES 38'51" EAST) TO END OF CURVE, THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 16 DEGREES 23'36" EAST 11.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 16 DEGREES 23' 36" EAST 340.70 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, THENCE DEPARTING RIGHT OF WAY PROCEED SOUTH 87 DEGREES 59' 33" EAST 1279.15 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00' 27" WEST 330.02 FEET THENCE NORTH 87

vs. MARIA T. WILSON, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated September 7, 2011 and entered in Case No. 2007 CA 005427 C of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida wherein BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS SWABS, INC. ASSETBACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-25, is the Plaintiff and MARIA T. WILSON; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.OKALOOSA.REALFORECLOSURE.COM at 11:00AM, on the 28th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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DEGREES 59' 33" WEST 1363.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINS 10.01 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

PARCEL ID NO. 25-3N-25-0000-0003-003A, together with a mobile home described as 1984 Scott 28 x 70, Serial Number 78AB,

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

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: Sheila Sims, Chief Deputy Court Administrator, Office of Court Administration at (850) 595-4400 at the M.C. Blanchard Judicial Building, 5th Floor, Pensacola, FL 32502 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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 29th day of August, 2011.

Ashley B. Rogers  
CHESSER & BARR, PA.  
398 North Main Street,  
Suite B Crestview, Florida 32536  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

DON W. HOWARD  
Clerk of this Court

By: Edna Hoke  
As Deputy Clerk

9/17/11  
9/24/11

Legal #130377

**Notice of Public Auction**

NOTICE: Pursuant to F.S. 713.78, the following vehicles will be sold at public auction at 9:00 AM September 29, 2011 at Xtra Automotive, 201 Lang Road, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547. The vehicles may be inspected one hour prior to sale.

1994 Ford F1TFF25N2RLA98013  
1996 Jeep 1J4FJ78S4TL201502

Management reserves the right to all bids.

9/17/11

Legal #130375

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2007 CA 005427 C  
DIVISION: W

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EAST 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 24 WEST, OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 70 YARDS, EAST 140 YARDS, SOUTH 70 YARDS, WEST 140 YARDS TO BEGINNING.

A/K/A 6282 HOLLOWAY ROAD, BAKER, FL 32531

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 9, 2011.

Don W. Howard  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: K Sims  
Deputy Clerk

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS 1120**

**NEW TODAY**  
CITY OF LAUREL HILL  
NOTICE OF REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 198

The City of Laurel Hill will hold a SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 8209 N Highway 85, Laurel Hill, Florida 32567, regarding the following ordinance: **First Reading of Ordinance 315: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 198 DISCHARGING FIREARMS**

The public hearing in conjunction with the second reading of the above ordinance will be held in a SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 8209 N Highway 85, Laurel Hill, Florida 32567.

All citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the City Council meeting and be heard regarding the above request. A copy of the ordinance may be viewed at City Hall, 8209 N Highway 85, Laurel Hill, Florida 32567.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (s.286.0105FS.)

The City of Laurel Hill adheres to the American with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Please call the City Clerk at 850-652-4441 to make request. For hearing impaired dial 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-900-955-8770 (Voice). Requests must be received at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to allow the City time to provide requested service.

The City of Laurel Hill supports "Equal Opportunity Employment, Housing and Providing Handicap Access."

**DIRECTV Summer Special!** 1 Year FREE Showtime! 3 mos FREE HBO/Starz/Cinemax! NFL SUNDAY TICKET Free- Choice Ultimate/Premier- Pkgs from \$29.99/mo. Call by 8/15! 1-866-419-5666

**Elks Lodge Turkey Shoot** starts 9am Sept. 24, 2011. Hwy 90 East to Fairchild Rd. follow signs.

**HAPPY ADS 1140**

**NEW TODAY**  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OOH LA LA OWNER SHARI COOK, ON SEPT. 22ND! We Love You! Sam, Marvin, Friends, Family & Ducky 1

**FOUND 1170**

**NEW TODAY**  
Cocker Spaniel found coming out of woods near mile post 15 of HWY 285. Has rabies tag, answers to the name Eli. Call 376-7984

**JEWELRY/CLOTHING 3270**

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**HELP WANTED 4100**

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**Network Support & Security Analyst**

PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, an electric generation and transmission cooperative serving Alabama and Northwest Florida, is seeking a Network Support & Security Analyst for the Headquarters Office in Andalusia, Alabama. The purpose of this position is to assist in providing technical and security support for the internet-working technologies and implementing standard solutions to facilitate and secure local and wide area data communications and the communication linkages between the financial systems, energy control systems, power plant systems, the Internet, and general corporate networking systems. This position requires a Bachelor's Degree in computer science or a closely related area and minimal programming skills are necessary. Employment is subject to a negative drug test, background check, and completion of a comprehensive application for employment. PowerSouth Energy Cooperative offers a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits program. Interested persons who meet the above qualifications should send a resume including salary requirements by close of business on September 27, 2011 to: PowerSouth Energy Cooperative Human Resources Department Position: Network Support & Security Analyst P. O. Box 550 Andalusia, AL 36420

**FURNITURE 3220**

King Pillowtop Mattress Set New! 3pc, packaged, has warranty, \$255 Will deliver. 850-471-0330

Queen Pillowtop Mattress Set - New with Warranty! \$180 Can deliver. 850-255-0123

Sofa & Love Stain Rest Microfiber, Factory Wrap, Lifetime MFR Warr! Must Sell \$425. Can Deliver 255-0123

**GARAGE/YARD SALES 3230**

Crestview Annual Cherokee Bend Neighborhood Garage Sale off John King Rd. Sat 9/17 from 7:30am-? No early Birds Please. 75 Homes Participating. Something for Everyone!!

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION 4130**

**\$5,000 Sign-On Bonus!** Frac Sand Haulers with complete Bulk Pneumatic Rigs only. Relocate to Texas for tons of work! Fuel/Quick pay available. (800)491-9022

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**Airlines** Hiring-Train for high paying Aviation Career. FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified - Job placement assistance. CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance 877-206-9405

**Multi Family Sale**

No early birds! To much to list Text FL77127 to 56654

**GUNS 3240**

**GUN SHOW** Fort Walton FAIRGROUNDS Sept 24th & 25th SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 10-4 FREE PARKING Info. (407) 275-7233 floridaGUNshows.com Text FL77810 to 56654

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## News & NOTES

### SCHEDULE

#### Monday

High school volleyball  
Navarre at Crestview,  
JV 5 p.m./V 6 p.m.  
Middle school volleyball  
St. Mary's at Shoal  
River, 4 p.m.  
Lewis at Baker, 4 p.m.

#### Tuesday

High school volleyball  
Laurel Hill at Jay, JV  
4:30 p.m./V 5:30 p.m.  
Baker at Rocky Bayou,  
JV 5 p.m./V 6 p.m.  
Middle school football  
Jay at Baker, 6 p.m.

### GOLF

#### Foxwood Thursday Lowball, Sept. 8

1. David Smith, Alan Parsons, Tim Crews -10
2. Aaron Daniel, Skipper Kemp, Heath Owens, Dale Anderson -8
3. Tim Fink, De Fischer, Steve Howard -7
4. Arnie Radowicz, Gary Zick, Brian Kamrowski -6

#### Foxwood Sunday Lowball, Sept. 11

1. Sonny Gomez, Archie Perez, Jesse Perez, David Smith, David Hinnant -11
2. Tim Stanley, Leon Cunningham, Lavaughn Dorman, Hal Jellison, Bob Langdon -11
3. Marc Knitter, Dan Bell, Barbara Bell, Mike Bremer, Tom Echols -10
4. Heidi Blair, John Blair, Dona Bouchard, Mike Bouchard, Steve Sparkman -9

#### Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

The Crestview Knights of Columbus Council 7968 will hold its annual golf tournament at Foxwood Country Club on Sept. 24. The tournament will start at 8 a.m. Cost of the tournament is \$40 for Foxwood members and \$45 for nonmembers. Lunch will be catered by Uncle Bill's. For more information, call Pat Quinn at 225-1390.

#### Christian Thomhave Tournament

The Christian Thomhave Memorial Golf Tournament is set for Friday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m. at Foxwood Country Club. Check-in will begin at noon. The tournament serves as a fundraiser for the Christian Thomhave Memorial Scholarship Fund at Northwest Florida State College. Format is a two-person Florida Lowball. There will be six flights in the tournament, with prizes awarded for each flight. Flights will be bracketed according to handicaps or playing abilities. Entry fees for the tournament are \$34 for Foxwood members and \$44 for nonmembers. Mail checks to Foxwood Country Club, 4927 Antioch Road, Crestview, FL 32536. For more information, call B.J. at 682-2012 or 826-2012.

#### Reporting news, calendar items, story suggestions

We depend on readers to help us with the many local events we are unable to cover. We need and welcome announcements for our sports calendar and youth league stories. To submit a story, email it to sports editor Randy Dickson at randyd@crestviewbulletin.com.

## BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL

# Combest sees improvement

By Randy Dickson  
randyd@crestviewbulletin.com

First-year Crestview volleyball coach Kathy Combest hasn't been surprised by the Bulldogs' slow start, and she doesn't fault the players. Crestview opened the season 0-3 before the start of play this week.

Combest, who picked up more than 500 wins while coaching Baker's volleyball team, is the third Crestview volleyball coach in four years. It is that lack of continuity that Combest believes is the basis for many of her team's struggles.

"These girls have never had consistency," she said. "They have never been in the weight room. They are tired, and it's hard on them to lift weights, but we are still making them do it."

"They aren't used to being told this is how it is, and



RANDY DICKSON | News Bulletin

Crestview assistant volleyball coach Kim Harrison, left, and head coach Kathy Combest watch the Bulldogs in their Sept. 6 match at Niceville.

this is what you've got to do. They like it, but they're not real confident yet. That's what we are trying to build is their confidence."

Along with a team short on veterans, Combest also inherited an early-season schedule that started off with District 2-6A powers

Mosley, Niceville and Fort Walton Beach. Crestview played out of district Tuesday, traveling to Walton, and was back in district play Thursday, losing both games, against Choctawhatchee.

The Bulldogs are starting to see a little light at the end of the tunnel. After losing the matches to Mosley and Niceville in straight sets, Crestview played the Vikings close and picked up its first set win of the year in a 3-1 loss.

Combest likes what she is seeing from the team.

"The progress has been a little bit better than I anticipated," she said. "I thought we would be a little further behind, but that (how far along the team is) comes from them being hungry. They want to be coached and have someone tell them what to do, how to

do it and when to do it.

"We are trying to get them to think on their own but also to play within themselves. They are thinking too much because they haven't learned to react."

Combest often talks of taking baby steps. She also thinks it will probably take two or three years to get the program to the point where the Bulldogs can compete at the top level on a consistent basis. That doesn't mean she's ready to write off this season.

"We are just going to take it game by game and try to get better," she said. "We are going to take it game to game, and when the district comes, that's a whole new season, because all these games will lead up to district (tournament)."

"You start new when you go into district."

# Gators make quick work of Hoboes

By Randy Dickson

randyd@crestviewbulletin.com

**LAUREL HILL** — There weren't any surprises Tuesday night when Laurel Hill hosted eight-time defending District 1-2A champion Baker in District 1-1A play as the Gators won in straight sets 25-11, 25-9, 25-8.

The Hoboes and Gators have played each other for several years, but never as district rivals. When the Florida High School Athletic Association formed the new 1A rural classification, the county rivalry took on a more important feel.

Baker coach Tomikko Parks was glad to see her team put together a good effort from start to finish.

"We're working on this playing a complete game thing," she said. "It's a novel idea we've come up with. We are working on it."

"Last night (Monday), we had one complete game within the match (against South Walton). Tonight, we got three of them in a row. We were a little lackadaisical at times, but overall we played a good match."

Baker (5-1, 2-0) didn't exactly stumble out of the starting blocks, but the Gators did get off to a slow start in the first set. Baker led 2-0 early in the set. With the Gators leading 2-1, the Hoboes (1-2, 0-1) went on a 6-0 run behind the services of Kasey Harrison.

Laurel Hill led 8-4 after a kill by Sara Schulmeister, but the Gators responded with a kill by Laurie Steele that started a 10-0 Baker run with Taylor Morgan serving.

From that point on, the Hoboes never threatened in the match, as the Gators showed why they are again the team to beat in the district.

Baker was even more impressive in the second set, jumping to a quick 8-4 lead and keeping pressure on the Hoboes.

The third set started with an ace by Baker's Alex Roy that started the Gators on a 5-0 run. An unforced Baker error gave the Hoboes a point, and a Harrison ace pulled Laurel Hill to within three points.

As was the case throughout the match, a kill by Steele started another Gator run, and the Hoboes never got closer than four points the rest of the final set.

When the final point fell in Baker's favor, the stat sheet told part of the story.

The Gators scored more than 25 points off service aces. Roy, Morgan and Jordan Linzy led the attack with five aces each. Steele and Wickery added four aces each.



**ABOVE:** Baker's Laurie Steele battles Laurel Hill's Sara Schulmeister at the net. **FAR RIGHT:** Katie Wickery sends a set high into the air for Baker as Laurie Steele (32) gets ready to go in for the kill. **RIGHT:** Chloe Talaric serves for Laurel Hill against Baker on Tuesday.

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Steele led the way for the Gators with seven kills. Morgan had four kills, and Wickery three kills.

Laurel Hill coach Joshua Steele will use Tuesday's match as a learning experience.

"I take out of it exactly what we need to do and improve inside a match," he said. "We work on everything we think we need to do in practice, and once we see a team that is the standard in our district, we know

how to meet that standard and surpass it.

"They played volleyball. That's all I expect us to do is play volleyball."

The Gators also won the JV match 2-0.