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Crestview Post Office to weather woes

By Brian Hughes

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To see the bustle in the Crestview Post Office, it's hard to imagine that the U.S. Postal Service could go bankrupt next year. Locally, lines have steadily lengthened as the holiday mailing season approaches, though "steady" might not be quite the right term,

postal clerk Dave Strawser said. "It seems to have very quickly picked up, not steadily increased," Strawser said Tuesday afternoon. "Monday was a day like no other. They (customers) had the weekend to wrap their gifts and pack them to mail."

Supervisor Stephanie Brackney said there was a big rush on Saturday as families sent parcels

to troops stationed overseas. "We had lines out the door," Brackney said. "It was insane, but it's a good thing because people were taking care of our troops."

The recovering economy has also meant an increase in holiday mail over last year, Brackney

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Crestview Post Office clerk Shelton Sumrall helps customer Blanche Lustig ship holiday parcels.

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Students 'give back' to senior citizens

By Michael Stewart

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Although it has been 60 years since Opal Barnhill, 78, graduated from Baker School, she still enjoys eating in the school's cafeteria.

Tuesday afternoon, Barnhill was among about 55 senior citizens treated to lunch cooked by students enrolled in the school's culinary class. Before that, students in the band and chorus performed for Baker's senior citizens in the school's auditorium.

"It's great," Barnhill said. "I have really enjoyed it."

The Senior Citizen Banquet, sponsored by the Student Government Association and Leadership class, is an annual event that began at the school about 15 years ago, Principal Tom Shipp said.

Barnhill thinks it has been going on for much longer than that.

"When my husband was alive, we used to come to these a lot," Barnhill said. "I think it started back in 1976."

What is known, everyone agreed, is that the banquet is about community and

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Photos by MICHAEL STEWART | News Bulletin

Members of Baker School's choir perform for senior citizens Tuesday afternoon for the Senior Citizen Banquet. **Top**, Members of Baker School's culinary class cooked for the community's senior citizens during the annual Senior Citizen Banquet.

Burn victim 'has long road'

By Paula Kelley

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Kim Grice will turn 30 on Dec. 17 and chances are, her birthday will be spent in the South Alabama Medical Center Burn Unit in Mobile, Ala. Grice is undergoing treatments and therapy for burns that she received while having routine, outpatient surgery at the Crestview Surgery Center to have three cysts from her head for biopsy last week.

The fire that erupted in the outpatient operating room caused severe burns to her face and neck.

North Okaloosa Medical Center is conducting an investigation as to the cause of the fire.

A NOMC spokesperson said in an interview last week that Grice was fitted with an oxygen mask and her surgeon was using a cauterization tool to stop bleeding when the fire broke out.

Grice's mother, Ann Grice, left her daughter's bedside on Monday for the first time since the accident. She was to spend the night at home and left a family friend with Kim to help care for her.

"Kim missed her three little ones so much that we had them to visit over the weekend," the tear filled Grice said. "Emily, who is four years old, said 'Oh Mama I saw you on TV and it made me cry.' Cutter (8) tried to be the strong big brother and the baby, Samuel (3) just kept holding her bandaged face and wanting to kiss her. He has such a big heart."

Ann Grice, who was visibly tired as she sat in the News Bulletin conference room, still questions how the accident happened.

"I keep dreaming that someone is coming toward us carrying a bucket of fire," she said with tears streaming down her face. "I just feel like we are walking around in a nightmare."

"The last thing I said as they took Kim back for surgery last Tuesday

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KIM GRICE

Homeless victim killed by motorist identified by police

By Brian Hughes

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The Crestview Police Department has released the name of a homeless man who was struck and killed by a motorist while trying to cross State Road 85 at Cracker Barrel Road shortly after 9 p.m. on Nov. 30.

The accident, which took the life of Johnnie Mathews, closed both the north and southbound lanes of the busy thoroughfare for several hours while police investigated.

"We were finally able to make contact with his next of kin," police spokesman Lt. Andrew Schneider said. "We had spent several days

trying to find family members. Most of his family was deceased or scattered around the United States."

Schneider said Mathews' last known address was in Memphis, Tenn.

Crestview resident Amy Reid said her husband, Eric, a Baptist seminarian, periodically assisted

Mathews by buying him a hot meal, and once drove him to a church in Pensacola that offered homeless people food and the use of showers.

Reid's husband said Mathews had been living behind the Wendy's restaurant across the street from Cracker Barrel Road. She said Mathews told her

husband his mother still lived in Oklahoma.

"He's been in this area for several months," Schneider said. "He's lived in several different spots."

Schneider said the Crestview Police Department has not yet concluded its investigation of the accident.

"Charges (against

the motorist that struck Mathews) may be forthcoming at the conclusion of the investigation," Schneider said. "At this time, we cannot comment on what types of charges may be pending in this case as we are still working out the specifics of the events leading up to and during the accident."



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Driver Hurston Cromartie withdraws a forklift from another pallet of Cyber Monday shopping items destined for area postal customers at the Crestview Post Office.

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said as she looked over four overflowing pallets of incoming parcels, many bearing the Amazon.com "smile" logo, on the loading dock.

"This is Cyber Monday shopping," she said.

"I don't know if it's going to hit real hard until next week," Postmaster John Blair said. "I think Christmas being on Sunday has lulled some people into a sense of having extra time this year."

Brackney said closing more than half of the country's mail processing centers, one of the USPS's most controversial cost-cutting proposals, wouldn't have much effect on north Okaloosa County mail delivery service. Though the Panama City processing center is on the list of possible closures, the Pensacola center, which handles Crestview area mail, is not.

While local delivery in other parts of the country may increase by a day, Brackney said area residents probably could rely on next-day delivery as they do now.

"I think we're in a good area," she said. "Everything should go just as smooth as it already does."

However, if the USPS Panama City sorting center closes, area Netflix customers, who are served by the DVDs-by-mail company's Panama City office, would experience a delay in movies shipping to and from the facility. That could limit the number of movies a customer could watch in a one-month billing period, effectively raising the cost of DVD rentals.

Potential elimination of Saturday mail delivery would also compound the problem. Customers would definitely notice if their Saturday mail delivery is cut, Brackney said,

and not just Netflix customers.

"It's going to be a big difference," she said. "People are used to getting their letters on Saturday."

Brackney and Strawser said even if the USPS stops delivering on Saturdays, the customer service window will remain open, and might possibly add an extra hour with 9 a.m. to noon hours.

Customers lining up this week to mail parcels and buy holiday stamps seemed pragmatic about the post office's cost-cutting proposals, which include raising first-class letter postage to 45 cents.

"They have to get costs down," Crestview resident Blanche Lustig said. "People can go to the post office five days a week, like the doctor's office. As far as the rates going up, everything goes up. It's still cheaper than mailing things in Europe."

Mary Ryan doesn't like the idea, but also doesn't want to see the post office go belly-up.

"You gotta do what you gotta do," she said. "I just don't think cutting service is a way to attract more business."

Potential service cuts and rate increases haven't deterred the Crestview Post Office's customers from their holiday mailing. Few gave thought to the possibility that this could be the last Christmas that their cards and parcels could be delivered on Saturdays. For some, like Baker resident Linda Kennedy, just getting their mail mailed was the main focus.

"I haven't even thought about it," Kennedy said as she piled three large boxes on the counter. "I haven't done my cards yet — just some boxes, and I'm not finished."



Ken Hair, CIC president and CEO, thanks Chief Troy Lundquist and other volunteers from TACP.

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Hurlburt TACP contributes to golf fundraiser

Special to the News Bulletin

FORT WALTON BEACH — Students and instructors from the Hurlburt Field Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) volunteered their time at the 4th annual Tommy Bahama Golf Tournament in October. More than \$30,000 was raised, with the proceeds going to benefit Children in Crisis.

This is the second year the DET 3, 342nd TRS TACP has provided

volunteers. The coordinator of the TACP volunteers, Staff Sgt. Christopher Komorek, recruited more than 60 volunteers to help set up, break down and assist during the tournament. They helped with the event's overall success.

Ken Hair, president/CEO of Children in Crisis commented, "The TACP volunteers were amazing. They were very professional and took care of every detail. They know

the CIC mission because they are regular volunteers at the Children's Neighborhood on 'Landscape Saturday.' I can't thank the TACP leadership and volunteers enough for their awesome support!"

Children in Crisis is a 501(c)(3) charity of caring people working together to provide homes and establish hope for the abused, neglected and abandoned children of our community.

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giving back.

"We are a community-oriented school and we want to thank the community that got us where we are," said Denise Gronberg, SGA and Leadership advisor.

Sherilyn Griffiths, 71, was among the senior citizens who attended the banquet. She is a regular at the school's after-hours events. Griffith's grandson, Joshua Griffiths, is a senior at Baker and serves on the SGA and the ROTC. He is also the school's drum major.

Joshua Griffiths was grateful for the opportunity to support his grandmother and her peers for a change.

"It is a chance to interact with the community and to show our appreciation," he said.

Although the SGA and Leadership students spearheaded the banquet, the whole school participated.

Kindergarten students made placemats for the luncheon. Elementary students made corsages that were passed out. Members of the JROTC helped with parking. The Leadership students provided desserts and the SGA solicited donations for door prizes from area businesses.

"We have been trying to get everything together for this project for probably over a month," SGA President Morgan Jones, 17, said. "It's all worth it. They are great people and deserve the best."

Kelly Wilson, 17, a junior, said the experience was rewarding.

"When you talk to them (the senior citizens), they are very, very appreciative and they make you feel like you did an amazing thing for them," Wilson said. "What they give to us is so much more than what we give back to them."



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Baker's senior citizens enjoy a meal provided by students at Baker School.

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morning was, 'You take care of her.' They reassured me that everything would be just fine, but it was not, and will never be again," Grice said. "Kim has a long road to go. Things like therapy to keep the scar tissue in her lip from forming really thick.

We will be strong for each other and get through this one day at a time. I just can't believe that her birthday and Christmas are coming soon and she is in that burn center."

By Wednesday, Ann Grice was on her way back to Mobile as Kim had

news that a facial surgery might be in the doctor's schedule for her.

"I have to get back to her," she said. "She can not imagine going under anesthesia again. It is more than a fearful thing for her to think about."

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The Crestview City Council meets Monday at 6 p.m. at City Hall on Wilson Street. The meeting agenda is as follows:

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of consent agenda.
2. Presentation of certificate and service award – mayor.
3. New Business:
 - a. Request for reimbursement of expenses and related damages in the bid process for concessionaire services at Twin Hills Park – Ashley Rogers, Attorney at Law, representing Dawn Sledge.
 - b. Appointment of City Clerk and set salary.
 - c. Discuss employee investigation – Councilman Ben Iannucci.
 - d. Discuss proposal to reorganize Water Service and meter reader responsibilities involving Public Services Department and Utility Billing in the City Clerk's Office – Councilman Phillip Berezo.
 - e. Discuss replacement of Twin Hills Park pedestrian bridge – Public Services.
 - f. Authorization to execute property lease for Sharing and Caring, Inc. – Ben Holley.
 - g. Authorization to prepare a contract for purchase of 378 W. Woodruff Ave. property – Ben Holley.
 - h. Appointments:
 1. Planning and Zoning Board (Replacing Keith Lewis) – Councilman Iannucci.
 2. Planning and Zoning Board (Alton Jones -1-28-12) – Councilman Berezo.
 3. Planning and Zoning Board (Ellis Conner – 2-25-12) – City Council.
 4. Crestview Housing Authority (Robert J. Allen – 1-14-12) – Mayor David Cadle.
 5. Retirement Board – Deputy Clerk.
 - i. Schedule workshop for final presentation by Renaissance Group on Long Range Transportation Plan – Administrative Services.
 - j. Discuss concession services for city recreation activities – Administrative Services Department.
 - k. Resolution 11-20, a resolution urging the PSC to deny and the Florida Legislature to repeal the "Early Cost Recovery" statute relating to electric utility charges.
 - l. Resolution 11-21, A resolution supporting police officer and firefighter pension plan and disability reforms.
 - m. Discuss approval of invoice in the amount of \$360 for the membership renewal of Sister Cities International – City Clerk's office.
4. Mayoral report.
5. Business from the floor.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes for the regular council meeting, Nov. 28, 2011, and the special meeting of Dec. 5, 2011.
2. Approval of invoice in the amount of \$1,950 for professional services. Requested by Ben Holley.
3. Approval of invoice in the amount of \$2,102.44 for professional services. Requested by Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A.
4. Acceptance of the deed to the lift station in Iron Gate subdivision, Phase II, by Adams Homes of NW Florida, Inc., Wayne L. Adams, president. Requested by Administrative Services.

Fire leaves mom, 3 children homeless

By Wendy Victoria
Florida Freedom Newspapers

BAKER — A single mom and her three children were left homeless after an electrical fire broke out in their rental mobile home Monday morning.

Michelle Davis and her three children are staying at a hotel, courtesy of the American Red Cross. She has no idea where they will go next when their housing vouchers run out.

"They just cut my hours down at work," Davis said. "I haven't worked in over a week. I don't know where we'll go. I haven't a clue."

She is particularly concerned about her youngest son, Dylan Reynolds. The 11-year-old Baker School student is autistic and doesn't cope well with change.

The home sustained both smoke and fire damage. The fire broke out in the master bedroom, Davis said. "We lost everything," Davis said.

"We have no where to go."

She has a 16-year-old daughter named Rage and a 13-year-old son named Dex.

The family had just moved into the home in August.

Her first priority is finding a place to live. Then she will start to worry about things like Christmas presents for the kids.

Anyone wanting to help can call the local Red Cross office at 682-3356.

WILSON, SEYMORE EARN HERO AWARD



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Okaloosa County Administrator James Curry, right, presents Mark Seymore and Terry Wilson of the Okaloosa County Facilities Maintenance Department, left and center, with the Humanitarian Efforts Recognized by Okaloosa County (HERO) award for the safe return of a wallet belonging to a local military wife. The owner was very grateful for the wallet's safe return, including the cash, credit cards and other items in it. The employees were recognized by Okaloosa County commissioners for their honesty and integrity.

Tax abatement offered to Pharmacy South

By Kari C. Barlow
Florida Freedom Newspapers

County commissioners on Tuesday voted to offer a five-year property tax abatement to an Alabama pharmaceutical firm eyeing a move to Crestview.

The Alabaster-based Pharmacy South, which makes the respiratory drug Albuterol, is considering buying land at Bob Sikes Airport to build its next manufacturing plant.

The company is eligible to receive almost \$800,000 in tax breaks from the state. Okaloosa County has agreed to pay \$156,000 of that total, while the state would cover the remaining \$624,000.

Commissioners were unanimous in their support of the measure during the public hearing.

"It gives us an advantage," Commissioner Wayne Harris said. "This will create high-skill, high-wage jobs."

One resident opposed the tax abatement, telling commissioners it works against the free market.

"This board is saying it can choose winners and losers in business," said Pete Blome of Niceville. "It is not the role of government to own businesses or grant favors."

Blome said the board would be wiser to "cut taxes for everyone" instead of offering one company a tax abatement.

Others praised the tax abatement, saying it was an investment and would bring much-needed economic development to the county.

Pharmacy South is eligible for the tax abatement under Florida's Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program,

which is designed to attract companies from the aviation, aerospace, defense, life sciences and information technology industries.

Okaloosa voters approved the use of such tax breaks in a 2004 countywide referendum. Since then, the measure, which is available to new and existing companies, has been used four times.

Pharmacy South would have to satisfy certain requirements, including building its \$22 million manufacturing facility, before the tax abatement would begin.

If used, the tax abatement would be effective from 2014 to 2018.

Commissioner Bill Roberts said landing the company would bring new industries to the county.

"If we're looking at clean diversification, that's what we're going to get with this project," he said.

Pharmacy South has proposed building a 45,000-square-foot plant that initially would generate an estimated 130 jobs with salaries averaging \$43,800.

Former Destin Mayor Craig Barker, whose company Cobalt Blue has led the recruiting effort, told commissioners Tuesday that the deal has the potential to make the area an "epicenter of pharmaceutical manufacturing."

Barker said Okaloosa County drew major interest when the company learned of the Florida A&M University pharmacy school planned for the Alatec building in downtown Crestview.

FAMU would have the "opportunity to ... conduct research and development for the company as they move through clinical trials to gain FDA approval," Barker said.

Jingle Bell Jog today

By Mona Moore
Florida Freedom Newspapers

One of the Army's longest traditions is headed to the Emerald Coast.

The 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and the Special Forces Association, Chapter 7 will team up to host the 33rd Annual Jingle Bell Jog at 8 a.m. today, Dec. 10, at Uptown Station in Fort Walton Beach.

The 10K race is the oldest continuously running event in the Army. Though geared toward runners, other participants are invited to dress in their favorite Christmas costume or push their children in strollers in the 5K fun run.

Both events are open to the public, and military and civilian residents are encouraged to attend. The event begins and ends at Uptown Station.

"This year's Jingle Bell Jog has a special meaning for all of us, our Special Forces Chapter, our group and most importantly our families and surrounding communities," said Lt. Col. James Brownlee, this year's race director. "This may be our inaugural run here in Florida, but it is our 33rd consecutive year of putting on this wonderful event, and we are truly excited to be here in Florida."

Brownlee said he wants the race to be a memorable event that also raises money for the Special Forces Association Chapter 7.

Proceeds benefit the association, a nonprofit that supports families of the 7th Special Forces Group with a particular emphasis on families of fallen warriors.

Prizes will be awarded for best costume and to each of the first-, second- and third-place finishers in each of the following race age groups: 14 and below, 15-19, 20-27, 28-35, 36-42, 43-48, 49 and older, and youngest and oldest runners.



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NWFSC forensics places first and third in tourney

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The Northwest Florida State College Forensics Team recently competed in the 12th annual Star Invitational Forensics Tournament on the campus of Florida State College at Jacksonville.

The seven-member team competed against exceptionally tough teams from eight other colleges

and universities, earning first place in debate and third in the overall competition sweepstakes.

Tyler Corbin of Niceville took second place in drama. In Lincoln Douglas debate, Robert Smith of Shalimar took third place, Brittany Ostermann of Crestview took fourth and Caleb Crow of Ponce de Leon took fifth. All seven members scored

well throughout the competition, which contributed to their first and third overall standings.

For more information about the forensics team and the availability of scholarships for team members, please contact coach Cecil Scalf at 897-2080 or scalfc@nwfsc.edu, or the college's Student Activities office at 729-5348.

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NWFSC Forensics Team members (shown left to right) are Megan Rambo, Fort Walton Beach; Caleb Crow, Ponce de Leon; Shiena Normand, Niceville; Robert Smith, Shalimar; Nicholas Corbin, Niceville; Brittany Ostermann, Crestview; and Ryan Fisher, Niceville.



HOOT LOOTERS ANNOUNCED



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS BULLETIN

These Walker Elementary School Owls were recognized recently by their principal, Jeanine Kirkland, back row, left, for embracing the school's three Rs: being responsible, respectful, and ready to learn each day.

"Children are awarded Hoot Loot as they are caught doing the right thing by staff members," Kirkland said. "Their name is written on the Hoot Loot and the Hoot Loot is placed in a bucket for their grade level. Names are drawn from the bucket each week."

"They also receive a free buffet card from Ryan's and a pencil and a sweet treat from me," Kirkland said, adding, "They really aren't looters."

The latest Hoot Loot winners are (back row, left to right) Kirkland, Chandler Holloway, 5th grade, and Erin Mitchell, 3rd grade; and (front row), John Melford, 2nd grade; Brooke Dillon, kindergarten; Kendall Spelling, 1st grade; and Kat Williams, 4th grade.

DRILLING UNDER THURSDAY NIGHT LIGHTS



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The Crestview High School band paraded under floodlights of quite a different type than the musicians are used to Dec. 1 when they moved rehearsal for their January Rose Parade appearance to Crestview Bob Sikes Airport. A sharp turn onto the main Pasadena parade route has always been the bane of Rose Parade marching units, said band director Jody Dunn, and he's determined the Big Red Machine won't be its latest victim. With a route simulating the curve defined by orange cones on the tarmac in front of the airport fire station, the band drilled under taxiway floodlights around the bend over and over, section by section, including the reeds, shown here. The results of the Bulldog musicians' dedication will be viewed by millions of television viewers around the world over on Jan. 1.



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Christmas past, present, and future

I am sure you remember the time-honored traditional Christmas story "A Christmas Carol."

In 1843, Charles Dickens was steeped in debt and needed to make some quick money to resolve the debt.

The book was an instant success, selling well over 6,000 copies in one week. We have mean old Ebenezer Scrooge, who had forgotten about the real thrust of the Christmas message "peace on earth, goodwill toward men," and Tiny Tim, who was in need of a miracle. Dickens used three "ghosts" to help him tell the

Christmas story.

Today I want to use the same idea to tell the Christmas story. However, I want to use the Holy Spirit as our guide in each period.



REV. ALBERT COREY
From the Pulpit

CHRISTMAS PAST:

It's a simple, yet fascinating story. A young Jewish girl named Mary, who was probably no more than 15 or 16 years old, was engaged to marry a man by the name of Joseph. But before they were married, an angel of God appeared to Mary and told her that she was going to give birth to a son. Mary didn't understand how this could happen since

she was still a virgin. The angel explained to her the Holy Spirit would come upon her and she would become pregnant and give birth to a son. Even though she didn't understand everything, Mary told the angel she was willing to do whatever God wanted her to do.

In a couple of months, it became evident to everyone, including Joseph, Mary was pregnant. You can imagine what he must have thought. Joseph had made his mind up to divorce her quietly, because even though he would have been within his right to have Mary killed for committing adultery, he was a very loving and caring man, and

he didn't want any harm to come to Mary or her baby.

But then the angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, explained everything to him and convinced him to go ahead with his plans to make Mary his wife. The child she was carrying had been conceived by Holy Spirit. The angel also told Joseph that when the baby was born, he was to name the child "Jesus, because He would save his people from their sins." - Matthew 1:18-23

CHRISTMAS PRESENT:

It has been 2,000 years and the simple, yet fascinating story of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus being born in a manger in the little town of Bethlehem just doesn't seem to be good enough anymore. I guess you could say some people are doing their best to see it is phased out.

Today people are more familiar with stories like "Frosty the Snowman," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" and "The Santa Clause," than they are of the real Christmas story concerning the birth of the Christ child.

I received this poem a couple of Christmas seasons ago that I believe sums up Christmas Present very well. It is titled "A month before Christmas" and it goes like this:

*'Twas the month before Christmas when all through our land,
Not a Christian was praying nor taking a stand.
Why the PC Police had taken away,
The reason for Christmas - no one could say.*

*The children were told by their schools not to sing,
About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.*

*It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say
December 25th is just another "Holiday."*

*Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit
Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!*

*CDs from Madonna, an Xbox, an iPad
Something was changing, something*

quite odd!

*Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa,
In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda.
As Targets are hanging their trees upside down,
At Lowe's the word Christmas - was nowhere to be found.*

*At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears,
You won't hear the word Christmas; it won't touch your ears.
Inclusive, sensitive, Diver-si-ty,
Are words that were used to intimidate me.*

*Now Daschle, Now Darden, Now Sharpton, Wolf Blitzen,
On Boxer, on Rather, on Kerry, on Clinton!
At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter,
To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.
And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith,
Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace.
The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded,
The reason for the season, stopped before it started.*

*So as you celebrate "Winter Break" under your "Holiday Tree,"
Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me:
Choose your words carefully; choose what you say
Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS, not Happy Holidays!*

Today Christmas has been relegated to gift buying, being politically correct and the fear of offending someone. Ben Stein, a Jewish commentator made this observation:

"It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, 'Merry Christmas' to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a manger scene on display at a key intersection near my beach house in Malibu. If people want a crèche, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away."

CHRISTMAS FUTURE: In "A Christmas Carol," Scrooge learns a valuable lesson as he looks at the future. Scrooge was able to affect changes, provide "goodwill toward men" and save Tiny Tim's life.

Unfortunately, The Angel of Christmas Future has some pretty frightening things to show us this morning as well.

Can you imagine a day and time when "Christmas" is no longer a day where the majority of Americans remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ?

Can you imagine a day and time when schools and government offices will no longer be allowed to display manger scenes or use the word "Christmas" in any of their displays or signs?

Can you believe that a day is coming when school choirs will no longer be allowed to sing "Silent Night" or "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" at their Christmas concerts? And of course, that too will change. Instead of "Christmas concerts" they will be called "winter concerts."

Can you comprehend a day and time where Christmas will simply become a secular holiday? Christmas becomes a holiday where people get the day off from work to spend time with their family and friends and fill themselves with food. The main focus of Christmas Future will be the exchange of gifts with each other.

This is a wakeup call to the church, just as Scrooge's nighttime visions were a wakeup call to him.

Unless we make some changes, and make them soon, Christmas, the church and Christianity as a whole are going to continue to lose their appeal and their respect. And unfortunately, if this trend continues, churches all over the nation will begin to decline and lose their ability to make a positive impact on our post-Christian society.

But if Ebenezer Scrooge can change, then so can we.

The Rev. Albert Corey is pastor at Oak Ridge Assembly of God, 5297 Shoffner Blvd., Crestview.

Church BRIEF

ST. MARK CHRISTMAS EVENTS: St. Mark United Methodist Church will be holding three Christmas Eve services Saturday, Dec. 24. The family-oriented service will be held at 4 p.m. The contemporary candlelight

service is at 5:30 p.m. and the traditional candlelight service is at 7 p.m. The Christmas Cantata, "O, Holy Night," is on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 9:30 a.m. The Christmas Day service on Sunday, Dec. 25, is at 10 a.m. Children are

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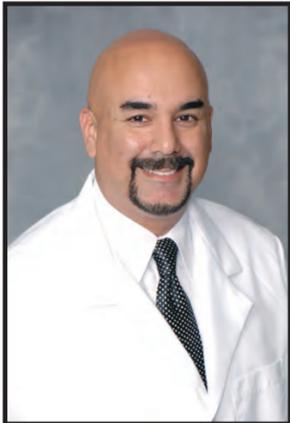
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Nominations welcome for military employer support award

Special to the News Bulletin

ARLINGTON, Va. – Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense (DOD) agency, is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is the DOD's highest award for civilian employers supporting National Guard

and Reserve members. The DOD encourages all Guard and Reserve members to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of their military service. Nominations may be submitted by service members, or by a family member acting on their behalf, at www.FreedomAward.mil through Jan. 16.

“Employers who go

above and beyond in their support of Guard and Reserve members are providing a tremendous service to our country; they are contributing to the resiliency and peace of mind of the more than one million men and women who stand ready to serve when our nation calls on them,” said David McGinnis, acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. “Guard and

Reserve members who feel their employers have gone the extra mile in supporting their military service should nominate them for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award to show their appreciation and highlight their support as an example for others to follow.”

With employer support acknowledged as a critical component of our national defense, ESGR enhanced

the nomination website this year to help guide nominators in capturing the most important details of their employers' support.

Previous recipients garnered recognition for supportive measures including organizing colleagues to provide dinners to a deployed employee's family, covering extra shifts during an employee's military training, taking a deployed

service member's children to sports practices and other family events, and establishing robust military support networks.

The 2012 recipients will be announced by early summer and honored in Washington, D.C. during a special ceremony early next fall. For more information on the Freedom Award, visit www.FreedomAward.mil or contact Beth Sherman at (703) 696-1171, ext. 539.

ORI results good news for wing

Special to the News Bulletin

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE – More than 600 airmen, civic leaders and supporters of the 96th Air Base Wing waited at the base's Heritage Hall for the results of its Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI).

The ORI, led by 52 inspectors from Air Force Material Command, was the culmination of more than six months of preparation in four major graded areas. The units were scored using a five-tier rating scale – outstanding, excellent, satisfactory, marginal and unsatisfactory. While the ratings in specific areas cannot be released, the wing

received overall results of excellent for positioning the force, employing the force, sustaining the force and the ability to survive and operate. The colonel said the inspectors also reported they have never seen a wing sweep every graded area.

“This is just a phenomenal validation of what we've always known about our wing,” he told the audience, many of whom were key players in the four days of rigorous inspections.

Besides the overall rating, the IG recognized more than 200 ABW personnel as either an outstanding performer or a member of an outstanding team. Additionally, the IG

singled out Tori Morris, of the 96th Logistics Readiness Squadron, for a coin for superior performance.

Nodjoman also presented wing coins as special recognition to individuals in each group for the role they played in either preparation or execution during the ORI. He also gave credit to his vice commander, Col. Tony Douglas, whose priority since his arrival in July was to ensure the wing's readiness. For a list of outstanding performers, click on www.eglin.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123277809.

ARMY RANGERS WELCOMED HOME BY 'OPERATION TWINKIE'



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS BULLETIN

U.S. Army Ranger School training is an intense, sleep-deprived two-month course designed to teach soldiers light infantry skills and leadership. Training on Dec. 2 had a sweet ending. Members of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, local FBI, First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach, First Baptist Church of Niceville, and others showed up with cases of Twinkies and words of encouragement for the exhausted troops. “Operation Twinkie” was a small thanks to our military for their service. Pictured handing out Twinkies are OCSO Under Sheriff Don Adams, Steve Harker with the FBI and Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Ashley.

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Military NEWS

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Easy improvements make for great entertaining

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There's nothing like entertaining friends and family in the comfort of your home. It's not only less expensive, but more enjoyable as you have full control over the food, drinks and guest list.

And fun entertainment spaces can be easily created in any size home, with just a few tweaks, without the need for costly additions or large investments.

"Nowadays you can entertain with professional flair without blowing your home improvement budget," says Todd Hall, president of Glastender, maker of commercial bar and food equipment. "You just need to find the right upgrades."

Game room romp

While recreation rooms might be a thing of the past, game rooms are making a comeback. When setting up a game room, include physical activities as well as video games. Billiards, ping-pong and darts are all-time favorites with kids and adults.

If you have the space, consider an indoor arcade game. These days, consoles are available with cabinets that resemble vintage arcade classics, yet feature multiple vintage and modern games. You can also set up "offline" stations with playing cards, board games and other activities for the youngest and oldest family members. It's sure to foster quality time and friendly competition

with friends and family members.

Wet bar chic

Nothing beats enjoying a nice drink with friends. But instead of opening a six-pack, consider ways to serve guests in style. Home wet bars, such as those made by Glastender, allow you to entertain like a professional bartender. For example, a drop-in cocktail station installs like a kitchen sink and incorporates the same elements as a commercial bar line-up, but in designs intended for the home.

And there's no need to confine cocktails to just one area. You can opt for a built-in indoor or outdoor cocktail station that stands alone, like an island or

grill. Or you can choose a rolling cocktail cart that lets you take parties outdoors in decent weather.

Look for commercial-grade options, such as bottle storage rails, wells for cold beer or soda, ice bins, and drain boards for freshly washed glasses. For more options for creating home cocktail stations, visit www.glastenderhome.com.

Big time flicks

The price of movie tickets is rising, but new flicks are going to DVD often in as little as three months. Now is a great time to set up or improve your own in-home theater.

Obviously you will need a screen big enough so everyone can see. You may also want to indulge in



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Some stylish additions let you entertain at home with flair.

movie theater seats and a vintage popcorn machine. Or you can go extra comfy with a big fluffy couch, cushions and beanbags.

"Whether you are looking to add a home

theater, a wet bar or a cozy seating area choose upgrades that will make guests feel like they're being taken out for a night on the town," Hall said.

Tips that allow turning down the thermostat

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With today's high fuel prices, heating your home in the cooler months can be expensive. By turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 degrees for eight hours you can save up to 15 percent a year on your heating bill, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

"There are basic steps homeowners can take to maintain a comfortable home while living with a lower thermostat setting," said Bob Vila, home renovation and repair expert.

To help you get started, Vila offers some useful advice:

Seal your drafts

One way to make sure you're not throwing money out the window is to ensure heat's not escaping through it as well.

From mail slots to

doorways, to cracks and loose window fittings, air leaks can be found throughout the entire home, sending heated air outside. Without compromising the ventilation system or air quality, you can seal most of these leaks by applying weather-stripping.

Weather-stripping comes in many forms, including adhesive-backed foam strips for door and window frames, sealants for cracks and shrink-film for windows. Many come with easy application features.

Warm air can even leave a room through electrical outlets. Seal these holes tight with fire retardant plastic foam outlet covers.

Gather round

"Not all rooms should be treated equally when it comes to heating," Vila said.

By targeting only frequently used rooms of the home, you can turn down the thermostat and save energy. But don't forget to close the doors of rooms not in use.

Portable heaters are ideal for zone heating because there is no installation involved, so you can create cozy spaces quickly. But traditional units can get very hot, posing a risk to pets, children, and flammable materials like curtains and carpet.

"Opt for a product with no exposed heating elements," Vila said. "You get the warmth you want without any risks."

For example, EdenPURE heaters don't get hot to the touch, don't have exposed heating elements that can cause a fire, and won't reduce humidity or oxygen in a home. For more information, visit www.edenpure.com.

Five-minute fixes

There are also many quick fixes that will help you heat efficiently.

Between annual furnace check-ups, clean or replace air filters once a month. Dirt and build-up prevent systems from operating at maximum efficiency.

Ensure heat registers are dust-free and clear of obstructions like drapes and furniture. Change the direction of your ceiling fan to a clockwise rotation. This forces cooler air upward, sending the warm air down into your living space.

Don't forget that thermostats need upkeep as well. Calibrate your thermostat for proper temperature readings and dust the inside and cover with a soft brush.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 46-2009-CA-005736

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS 2005106, Plaintiff

vs. LARRY A. MOBLEY A/K/A LARRY MOBLEY, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 46-2009-CA005736 of the Circuit Court of the 1st Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS 2005-06, Plaintiff, and LARRY A. MOBLEY A/K/A LARRY MOBLEY, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at WWW.OKALOOSA.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., on the 6th day of January, the following described property:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" To be published on December 3, 2011 and December 10, 2011

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.

DATED this 16th day of Nov., 2011.

Clerk Circuit Court By: K Bouhall Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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.

Exhibit "A" Legal Description

All that certain parcel of land situate in the County of Okaloosa and State of Florida being known and designated as follows:

Commencing at the NE corner of Section 18,

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T4n, R24w, Okaloosa County, Florida run thence South along the East Section Line, 660.72 feet; Thence N 84 Deg. 03'46"W, 67.89 feet to the West R/W line of Highway 189; thence S00 Deg. 01'10"E along said R/W Line, 431.21 feet to The Point of Beginning; thence N 83 Deg. 41'24"W, 197.91 feet; thence S00 Deg. 01'10"E, 220.10 feet; thence S83 Deg. 41'24"E, 197.91 feet to said West R/W Line; Thence N00 Deg. 01'10"W along said R/W 200.10 feet to The Point of Beginning. Contains 1.0 Acres More or Less

Tax ID: 18-4N-24-0000-0004-0020

Greenspoon & Marder, P.A. 100 W.Cypress Creek Rd Ste 700 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 (954) 491-1120

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Legal # 130484

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY FLORIDA CASE NO. 2011-DR-5219-F DIVISION: TTR

Jose Lebron-Camacho, Petitioner, and Maricella Quiceno-Gutierrez Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE TO: Maricella T. Quiceno-Gutierrez 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 Jose A. Lebron-Camacho whose address is 290 Vinings Way Blvd Apt 6303 Destin, FL 32541 on or before 27 Dec 2011, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Okaloosa County Courthouse, 1940 Lewis Turner Blvd, Ft. Walton Beh, FL 32547 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: November 18, 2011.

DON HOWARD CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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By: Kitty Sims 11/26/11 12/3/11 12/10/11 12/17/11

Legal # 130486 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2011 CA 2111

JPMCC 2004-CIBC10 LEGENDARY DRIVE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Plaintiff,

VS.

LEGENDARY OFFICE BUILDING, LTD., a Florida limited partnership, PETER H. BOS, and REGATTA BAY COMMONS ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.

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NOTICE OF SALE Pursuant to Chapter 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 5, 2011, entered in Case Number 2011 CA 2111 of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for Okaloosa County, Florida, wherein JPMCC 2004-CIBC10 LEGENDARY DRIVE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, is the Plaintiff, and LEGENDARY OFFICE BUILDING, LTD., a Florida limited partnership, is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in Paragraph 7 of the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, at www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com, beginning at 11 a.m. CT on the 17th day of January, 2012, the following described property, together with all improvements, appurtenances and fixtures, as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

Lot 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, of Regatta Commons, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 18, at Page 11, of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida AND that portion of Lot 15 of said subdivision being described as follows: Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 15; thence North 76°43'33"West 13.5 feet; thence North 13°16'27"East 147.04 feet; thence S 76°43'33"East 13.5 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 15; thence S13°16'27" West 147.04 feet along the Easterly line of Lot 15 to the Point of Beginning.

Together with a non-exclusive use of the easements, including, but not limited to access, utility, parking and sidewalks) set forth in that Declaration of Covenants recorded in Official Records Book 2060, Page 312 and Official Records Book 2203, Page 3591, of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida.

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

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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.

DATED at Okaloosa County, Florida, this 16 day of NOV, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: K Brown as Deputy Clerk

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Legal # 130493

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 46-2010-CA-005871S DIVISION:

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,

VS. JIMMY LUMMUS A/K/A JIMMY D. LUMMUS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 18, 2011 and entered in Case No. 46-2010-CA-005871S of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida wherein US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE is the Plaintiff and JIMMY LUMMUS A/K/A JIMMY D. LUMMUS; MARGARET A. LUMMUS; BENEFCIAL FLORIDA, INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com at 11:00 AM on the 11 day of JAN, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 20, EMERALD HEIGHTS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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, Chief Deputy Court Administrator, Office of Court Administration at (850) 595-4400 at the M.C. Blanchard Judicial Building, 190 Governmental Center, 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 on 11-18, 2011.

Don W. Howard Clerk of the Circuit Court

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IMPORTANT

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.

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Legal # 130496

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 46-2009-CA-000900

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff,

VS. MAGGIE J. DECORTE A/K/A MAGGIE JANE DECORTE, et al, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 18, 2011 and entered in Case No. 46-2009-CA-000900, of the Circuit Court of the 1st Judicial Circuit in and for Okaloosa County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP is the Plaintiff and MAGGIE J. DECORTE A/K/A MAGGIE JANE DECORTE IN are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com at 11:00 AM on the 11 day of JAN, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 11, OAKLAND ADDITION TO FORT WALTON BEACH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 114, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 122 N AUDREY CIRCLE, FORT WALTON BEACH, FL 32548

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 11-18, 2011.

Don W. Howard Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Dated this 17 day of NOV, 2011.

DON W. HOWARD Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Vicki Jackson Deputy Clerk

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Legal # 130497

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 46-2010-CA-004045S DIVISION:

ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC. Plaintiff(s),

vs. TONI REGISTER et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated Nov 18, 2011, and entered in Case No. 46-2010-CA-006756C of the Circuit Court of the 1st Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida, wherein ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC. is the Plaintiff and TONI G. REGISTER A/K/A TONI REGISTER; SHANTE L. LUNDY and OKALOOSA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 a.m. on the 17 day of FEB, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT THE NE CORNER OF SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4, SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 23 WEST, RUN SOUTH 30 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 55' WEST 1,040.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 258.00 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 55' W 243.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 117.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 140.70 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 57' 52" W 177.49 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SANTEE STREET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 20' 08" E ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 84.68 FEET; THENCE N 32 DEGREES 03' 39" E, 66.00 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 59' 20" E, 142.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

and Commonly known as: 6137 SANTEE ST, CRESTVIEW, FL 32539

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS

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Legal # 130500

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 46-2010-CA-006756C Division No. Section.

GILBERT GARCIA GROUP, P.A. Attorney for Plaintiff(s)

2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 110 Tampa, FL 33607 (813) 443-5087

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated Nov 18, 2011, and entered in Case No. 46-2010-CA-006756C of the Circuit Court of the 1st Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida, wherein ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC. is the Plaintiff and TONI G. REGISTER A/K/A TONI REGISTER; SHANTE L. LUNDY and OKALOOSA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 a.m. on the 17 day of FEB, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT THE NE CORNER OF SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4, SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 23 WEST, RUN SOUTH 30 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 55' WEST 1,040.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 258.00 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 55' W 243.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 117.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 140.70 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 57' 52" W 177.49 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SANTEE STREET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 20' 08" E ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 84.68 FEET; THENCE N 32 DEGREES 03' 39" E, 66.00 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 59' 20" E, 142.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

DATED at OKALOOSA County, Florida, this 22 day of NOV 2011.

DON W. HOWARD, Clerk OKALOOSA County, Florida

By: Vicki Jackson Deputy Clerk

Michelle Garcia Gilbert, Esq./Florida Bar# 549452

Laura L. Walker, Esq./Florida Bar# 509434

Lisa N. Wysong, Esq./Florida Bar# 521671

Daniel F. Martinez, II, Esq./Florida Bar# 438405

Kalei McElroy Blair, Esq./ Florida Bar#44613 GILBERT GARCIA GROUP, P.A.

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 110 Tampa, FL 33607 (813) 443-5087

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE No. 2009 CA 005693 S

REGIONS BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO PLANTERS BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. EZZELDIN M. BENGHUZZI, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 7, 2011, in Case No. 2009 CA 005693 S of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit for Okaloosa County, Florida, in which Regions Bank, Successor By Merger To Union Planters Bank, N.A., is Plaintiff, and Ezzeldin M. Benghuzzi, Tawfik M. Benghuzzi a/k/a Tawfik M. Benghozi, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, online via the internet at www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, on the 4th day of January, 2012; the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

UNIT 1815, PELICAN BEACH RESORT, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF AS RECORDED IN OR BOOK 2045 AT PAGE 28 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, IF ANY APURTENANT THERETO, SUBJECT TO AND IN ACCORD-

ANCE WITH THE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, TERMS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF SAID DECLARATION.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on the same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

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ANCE WITH THE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, TERMS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF SAID DECLARATION.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on the same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure 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.

Dated this 17th day of Nov, 2011.

DON W. HOWARD Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Edna Hoke As Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF LEAH H. MAYERSOHN, ESQ. Mayersohn Law Group, P.A. 101 NE 3rd Avenue, Suite 1250 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 (954) 765-1900 (954) 713-0702 fax

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Legal #130490

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 46 2010 CC 002255

SANDPIPER COVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation Plaintiff,

vs. JOYCE W. FINCH; JOHN E. FINCH and WILLIAM T. BILES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 16, 2011, and entered in Case No. 46 2010 CC 002255 of the County Court in and for Okaloosa County, Florida, wherein Sandpiper Cove Condominium Association, Inc. is Plaintiff, and JOYCE W. FINCH and JOHN E. FINCH are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com, the Clerk's website for on-line auctions, at 11:00 am, on the 5 day of January, 2012 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

That certain condominium parcel composed of Family Unit No. A, Building No. 4, Sandpiper Cove, Phase 1, a condominium according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in OR Book 695 at pages 115 through 133, amended in O.R. Book 704 at pages 800 through 801 and

News & NOTES

Area schedule

TODAY

Girls high school soccer

Tate at Crestview, noon
MONDAY

Girls high school soccer

Crestview at Pine Forest,
7 p.m.

Girls high school weight lifting

Crestview at Baker, 3:30 p.m.

Boys middle school basketball

Davidson at Ruckel, 5 p.m.
Liza Jackson at Shoal River,
5 p.m.

Bruner at Baker, 6:30 p.m.

Girls middle school basketball

Davidson at Ruckel, 6:15
p.m.

Liza Jackson at Shoal River,
6:15 p.m.

Boys middle school soccer

Bruner at Shoal River, 6:15
p.m.

Baker at Ruckel, 6:15 p.m.
Lewis at Davidson, 6:15
p.m.

Girls middle school soccer

Bruner at Shoal River, 5 p.m.
Baker at Ruckel, 5 p.m.
Lewis at Davidson, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

Boys high school basketball

Escambia Charter at Baker, V
6 p.m.

Laurel Hill at Poplar Springs,
JV 5 p.m./V 7:15 p.m.

Girls high school basketball

Laurel Hill at Poplar Springs,
JV 4 p.m./V 6 p.m.

Boys high school soccer

West Florida at Crestview, JV
5 p.m./V 7 p.m.

Davidson girls take soccer win

The Davidson girls soccer
team beat St. Mary's on
Tuesday 2-1.

Hannah Nolan and Lauren
Hayes each scored a goal for
Davidson.

YMCA basketball

The Crestview Family YMCA is
holding registration for its youth
basketball program through
Dec. 17 for boys and girls ages
3-12.

The season will start in
January.

Cost of the league is \$36
for YMCA members and \$48
nonmembers.

For more information contact
Troy Donofro at tdonofro@
ecymca.org or call 689-2999.

Crestview Little League

The Crestview Little League will
hold registration Dec. 10, 11,
17, 18 and 30 from 10 a.m.-6
p.m. at the Crestview Little
League Fields.

The league is open for north
Okaloosa County residents ages
4-18 and will include softball,
baseball and T-ball leagues as
well as a Challenger league for
special needs children.

Registration fee is \$30 per
child.

Each child will need a photo
identification and an original
birth certificate to register.

The league also needs
coaches and umpires. No
experience is necessary for
these volunteer positions.

For more information call
Michelle Yardley at 305-0437.

Tennis camp

Seascape Resort is hosting a
tennis camp for kids ages
12-16 on Dec. 19-24 from 2-4
p.m. daily.

Cost of the camp is \$130.

For more information call
654-4287.

Reporting news, calendar items and story suggestions

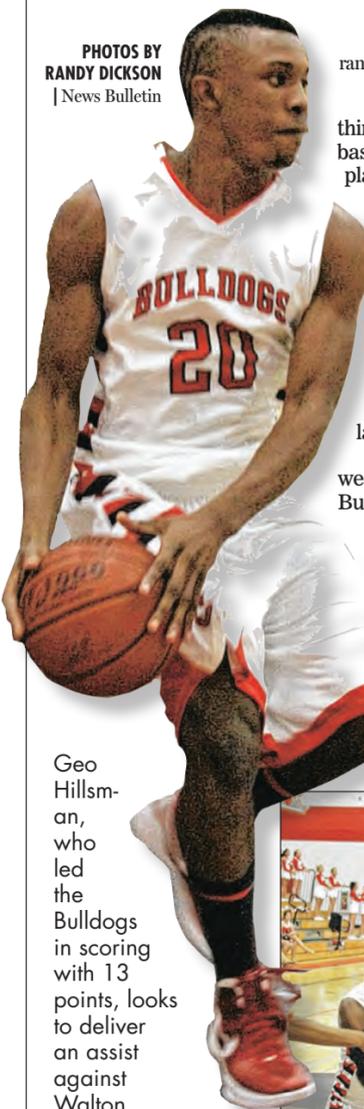
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events.

We welcome announcements
for our sports calendar and
youth league stories. If you
would like to submit a story, or
a photo with information about
those pictured, please email it to
sports editor Randy Dickson at
randydc@crestviewbulletin.com.

The deadline for submitting
material for Wednesday's paper
is 9 a.m. Monday. Saturday
deadline is 9 a.m. Saturday.

BULLDOGS TURN BACK BRAVES

PHOTOS BY
RANDY DICKSON
| News Bulletin



Geo Hillsman, who led the Bulldogs in scoring with 13 points, looks to deliver an assist against Walton. **Right:** Crestview's Antryum Coleman weaves his way through traffic on his way to the basket.

By Randy Dickson
randydc@crestviewbulletin.com

CRESTVIEW – It's a good thing the Crestview boys basketball team wasn't playing for style points Monday night.

The Bulldogs were playing their third game in four days as they hosted Walton and it showed. But in the end Crestview was able to pull out a 49-43 win over a Braves squad it beat last week.

"I hate to play a team we have already beaten," Bulldog coach Keith White said. "Our guys already think we are better than them and then we just don't get prepared mentally. This game is so mental. When you don't prepare mentally you see the way we shoot."



"We were 1-of-10 from the free throw line at one time. We were 1-of-13 on 3 pointers and we were just selfish. We don't pass the ball down inside where it was open all night. We just don't play good when we've already beaten somebody."

Neither team seemed to be able to get into the flow of things in what can only be described as a physical and rugged game.

The Braves (1-4) jumped out to an early 4-0 lead behind baskets from Alex Campbell and Angus Anderson.

The lead didn't last long as Antryum Coleman hit a 3-pointer for Crestview, and following a pair of missed free throws by Denzel Ware, Ronnie Baylark scored on a layup to put Crestview up 5-4.

Missed free throws were a recurring theme as the teams combined to hit just 2-of-14 from the line in the first quarter.

Crestview (4-2) led 9-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldog lead was 17-16 at the half, thanks in large part to Jerry Aaron and Geo Hillsman, who each scored four points in the second quarter.

Walton did regain the lead at 15-13 on a Deshua Tucker 3-pointer with 2:15 left in the half, but Hillsman came up with two scores to give the Bulldogs the lead at the intermission.

Anderson led a third-quarter charge by the Braves that culminated in a 23-22 Walton lead with 5:42 left in the period.



Crestview's Ronnie Baylark skies toward the basket in the first quarter of Crestview's win over Walton on Monday.

With Aaron leading the way the Bulldogs answered Walton's challenge. Aaron scored back-to-back baskets to spark a 10-point run that put Crestview up 32-23.

The Braves didn't go away though. An Anderson 3-pointer gave Walton a 41-40 lead with 3:28 left in the game, but Walton was unable to hold onto the lead.

After hitting just 3-of-15 free throws in the first three quarters, the Bulldogs were a perfect 4-4 in the final two minutes of the game to pull away with the win.

Hillsman led Crestview in scoring with 13 points.



Crestview's Greg Burden is fouled as he shoots a 3-pointer by Walton's Amos Williams.

Aaron added 12 points. Coleman had eight points and Baylark and Ware each had seven points for Crestview.

Anderson led all scorers with 18 points. Tucker chipped in 11 for the Braves and Tray Williams scored five.

'We had a dog fight' Crestview takes hard-fought win over Pace

By Michael Stewart
michaels@crestviewbulletin.com

UPCOMING WRESTLING EVENTS

Jan. 10: Milton at Crestview, 6 p.m.

Jan. 28: Tri-meet; Crestview, Milton and Pace. At Crestview, 11 a.m.

Crestview High School's wrestling team edged out the Pace Patriots Tuesday night in a hard-fought 37-30 win in a meet at the Bulldogs' gym.

"Pace has a great wrestling team," Crestview assistant coach Adam Peterson said. "We had a dog fight. It all came down to heart and endurance."

Pace coach Reggie Allen said he was pleased with his team's effort.

"I am very proud of these kids and the way they fought," Allen said.

Crestview lost the first match-up of the night when Quentin Englebright fell in a close 5-4 decision to Pace wrestler Steven Murray in the 106-pound division.

Crestview followed with two pins in the 113- and 120-pound classes by A.J. Rivera and A.J. Locke, respectively. The Bulldogs Josiah Molyneaux pulled out a third win in the 126-pound division in an 8-5 decision.

Pace rallied, however, with three straight pins by Hunter Dillashaw (132), Gabriel Santiago (138) and Brandon Lyter (145). Pace looked to have the edge with a fourth straight individual win in a 7-2 decision in the 152-pound division.

Crestview's Terryn William's (160) halted the Pace attack, however, when he pinned Patriots wrestler Nathaniel Elrod. Crestview's Brian Alvarenga (170) won in a 5-2 decision, which was followed with a pin by Bulldogs wrestler Tyler Goudy in the 182-

pound class. With a wrestler out due to an injury, Crestview forfeited the 195-pound division and six points.

A major decision in Bulldogs wrestler Michael Copeland's 18-7 victory over Tres Dawson in the 220-pound division edged Crestview up to 34-30 going into the final match.

Pace's Zachery Thaler stepped up several weight classes to take on Crestview heavyweight Logan Patten in the 285-pound division. Although Thaler was outsized, he managed to take down Patten at one point.

It wasn't enough to stop Patten, however, who won in a 15-11 decision.

"I think they did great last night," Crestview coach Joshua Goudy said Wednesday of his team. "We had a couple of wrestlers have to come through at the end in a real clutch and brought home the win."

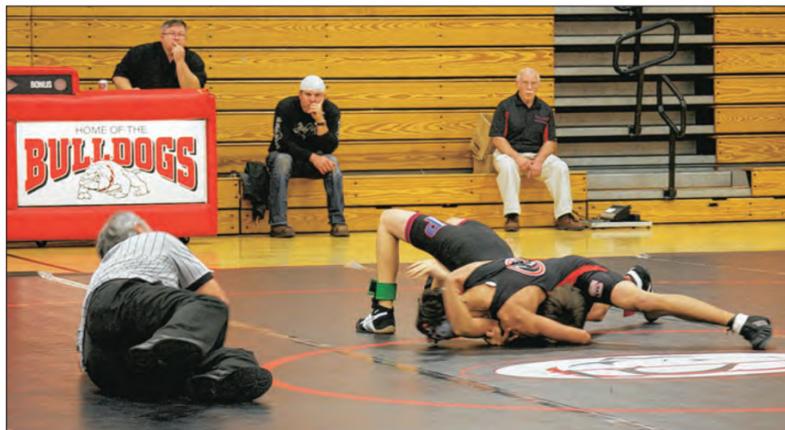
Pace skills coach Dr. Frank Oliveri said the quality of wrestling exhibited at the meet was impressive.

"The level of wrestling in Northwest Florida has really picked up," Oliveri said.



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Crestview wrestler A.J. Locke, top, won in the 120-pound division, pinning Pace's David Grant.



Crestview's A.J. Rivera pins Patriots wrestler Jacob Bradley for a win in the 113-pound division.

Meanwhile Goudy is optimistic about his team's prospects.

"We were missing three of our regular varsity wres-

ters due to injuries and hopefully we will get them back real soon," Goudy said. "We are going to get them guys healthy. Once

we get those guys to wrestling where they should be wrestling we are going to have a full line up and a great team."