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## City attorney puts resignation on hold

Holley says he is 'embarrassed' over council actions

By Brian Hughes  
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Crestview's long-time city attorney Ben Holley tendered his resignation at Monday evening's meeting of the city council after council member Phillip Berezo moved to issue a request for qualifications for the attorney's

*"I can tell you at this point if you go out for qualifications seeking a city attorney after I've served here 30 years without ever having any problems, I won't be submitting a proposal. You can count on that."*

**Ben Holley**, Crestview city attorney

to speak with Baugh privately.  
Following a meeting Tuesday with Baugh, Holley agreed to

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Crestview city attorney Ben Holley talks with city council member Robyn Helt at the conclusion of Monday evening's council meeting, during which Holley resigned.

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### ANTIOCH ELEMENTARY STUDENTS GET A LESSON IN AVIATION



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Antioch Elementary School third-grade students Avery Dauphin and Hunter Blackwood hold up a propeller blade as Brad Hall of Emerald Coast Aviation explains how an airplane flies. **Below**, Avery's model airplane takes flight as Braydon Gammon and Camille Veillon run behind him after launching their own planes.

## Inspired Aviators

### Airport exec visits Antioch Elementary 3rd-grade ACE classes

By Brian Hughes  
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Two third-grade classes at Antioch Elementary School learned about the forces that act on an airplane from a local expert during their January Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) class. The program, developed by the U.S. Civil Air Patrol to inspire students' interest in aviation, is studied by all of Antioch's students.

For their Jan. 5 class, Brad Hall, vice president of Crestview Bob Sikes Airport fixed-base operator Emerald Coast Aviation, visited the combined classes of Amanda Tolbert and Christina Clark. After the students each made a model airplane, Hall explained how an average propeller-driven airplane flies.

First they learned about the parts of a plane — wings, fuselage, tail and propeller — and then the four forces that act on those parts — thrust,



*"Miss Clark, it's raining airplanes!"*

**Reagan Hodges**  
Antioch Elementary student

## Okaloosa judges juggle demanding caseloads

By Michael Stewart  
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The addition of a new circuit judge seat in Crestview and implementation of a program aimed at streamlining cases involving families are among changes made last year in Okaloosa County to help offset bloated caseloads experienced by judges.

Stagnant population growth in Escambia County prompted the January 2011 transfer of a First Judicial Circuit judge seat from there to Crestview, which experienced a 42 percent growth in population from 2000 to 2010, according to U.S. Census figures.

"This is the first time ever there were two sitting circuit judges in the north end of the county," Circuit Judge Terry Ketchel said. "Just a few years ago, we didn't have one sitting permanent circuit judge in the north county. We now have two."

Circuit Judge Michael Flowers was elected to fill the new Crestview post and joined Ketchel, who has served in Crestview since 2007. There are also four circuit judges at the Okaloosa County Courthouse Annex in Shalimar serving south county residents.

The First Judicial Circuit comprises

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### OKALOOSA JUDGES

There are six judges in the First Judicial Circuit who serve in Okaloosa County, which also has three county judges. Two of the county judges preside in Shalimar, and one presides in Crestview.

County judges handle small claims and misdemeanor and traffic cases, including DUI, among other things.

Circuit judges handle felony criminal cases. Circuit judges also preside over business and civil disputes involving \$15,000 or more, while county judges handle cases less than \$15,000.

Circuit judges also have exclusive jurisdiction over family and probate, dependency, divorce and domestic violence injunctions.



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## What's HAPPENING

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**MLK PARADE:** The Concerned Citizens Group of Crestview is sponsoring the Martin Luther King Jr. parade Saturday, Jan. 14. Lineup will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of S. Lloyd Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. The parade will start at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Catherine Dorch at 682-6287 or Pearl Bess at 682-5733.

**HEALTH FAIR:** Congressman Jeff Miller is hosting a Seniors Health Fair Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 8-10 a.m. at the Crestview Community Center, 1446 Commerce Drive, Crestview.

The event will feature flu shots, blood pressure and other medical checks, as well as information on senior employment, prescription drug savings, respite care needs, veterans affairs, the Senior Companion program, and Social Security and TRICARE.

For more information, please contact his office at 479-1183 or toll free 866-367-1614, or visit jeffmiller.house.gov.

**MEET THE AUTHOR:** Meet Tracy Minnis, author of the book "Eating and Exercising in Alignment with your Hormones," at a Feb. 9 book signing at Adiva's Day Spa in Crestview from noon to 6 p.m.

The book was written for women between the ages of 10 and 65 (average). The content provides women with the necessary information to naturally achieve their best physique and be happier all month

long, so they won't dread any part of the month. Be one of the first to purchase a signed copy of Tracy's book.

**DMS 5K RUN/WALK:** The public is invited to participate in the Davidson Dash, a 5K run benefiting the American Cancer Society, on Feb. 4 at 8:30 a.m. It starts and finishes at Bob Sikes Elementary (425 Adams Drive). Packet pickup is from 6:30-8 a.m. on Feb. 4.

Preregistration postmarked by Jan. 31 is \$15, with late entry and race day registration at \$20. Registration for the Kids Fun Run is \$10 any day. T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 150 entrants in the 5K and first 25 in the kids run.

Make checks payable to Davidson Middle School, and mail check and registration to Davidson Middle School, c/o Daniel Richards, 6261 Old Bethel Road, Crestview, FL 32536. Visit www.okaloosa.k12.fl.us/davidson/ to download registration form, or register online at www.active.com.

The school with the most registered participants (employees, parents or students) will earn \$200 for their physical education department.

For more information contact race director Daniel Richards at 683-7500, ext. 403, or richardsd@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us.

**VOLUNTEERS**  
**WANTED:** Covenant Hospice is seeking individuals and groups to join its award-winning volunteer team. A training workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Covenant Hospice office in Crestview, located at 370 West Redstone Ave. The workshop is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

Schedules are flexible, with opportunities for one time, periodic or weekly volunteer assignments. Volunteers receive ongoing educational opportunities and are honored annually for their contributions. To register or to learn more, call Jodie Williams at 251-230-0713.

**COPS & DONUTS FUNDRAISER:** Cops and donuts have a long, humorous history together, so it is only fitting that The Crestview Police Department teams up with the great folks at Dunkin' Donuts and Good Things Donuts for a light-hearted fund-raising event.

Officers will be at both locations in Crestview Jan. 20 and 21 from 7-11 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and support the Crestview Police Department in their efforts to raise both donations, and awareness for the 2012 Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics of Florida. CPD volunteers will greet customers and rally support for the cause. You can also show your support with the purchase of a Special Olympics hat or T-shirt from the event's merchandise table.

For more information please contact agency coordinator Marsha Barnett at 855-0570 or barnettm@crestviewpd.org. You can also contact Okaloosa County coordinator Joseph Floyd at 682-4157 ext. 113 or floydj@crestviewpd.org.

**SOLES 4 SOULS:** North Florida Financial at 898 N. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, the office of Sara Fordyce, is supporting the Soles 4 Souls charity by cohosting a citywide shoe drive. Their goal is to collect 20,000 pairs by Jan. 25. We all have shoes that have not been worn in a long time. Donating shoes to the charity could mean a life is saved, a child can

go to school, and so much more.

Check your closets and declutter by donating any shoes you no longer need or wear. They accept shoes in all conditions of any type or size. The organization will repurpose, recondition or recycle shoes if unusable.

Please drop your shoe donations off at the office (leave them on the porch if necessary). Please tie laced shoes together, and if possible, rubber band shoes that don't have laces. You can also drop shoes off at Summit Bank, Crestview; First National Bank in north Crestview; Crestview High School; North Okaloosa Medical Center; Clipper's Hair Salon on Main Street; Northwood Elementary School; Davidson Middle School; Speedee Printing, Crestview YMCA; Mrs. B's Bar-Be-Que & Bakery; Triple Threat Dance Studio.

**GRIEF WORKSHOP:** Coping with the death of a loved one is extremely difficult, but no one should feel alone. Covenant Hospice invites those who have lost a loved one to attend a free grief workshop from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, at the Covenant Hospice office, located at 370 Redstone Drive.

The workshop is free and open to anyone in the community, but registration is required. A Covenant Hospice bereavement specialist will present current information on coping strategies, normal grief reactions, and supporting someone in grief.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a friend to learn some new insights into the grief process. For more information, please contact

Karen Whitworth at 682-3628 or email to karen.whitworth@covenanthospice.org.

**CELLPHONE DRIVE:** Shelter House is collecting your unwanted cellphones for emergency use by victims of domestic violence. Broken phones are also accepted and forwarded to a recycling facility, with proceeds returning to Shelter House for services such as a 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling, advocacy, outreach, prevention education and confidential shelter.

Drop boxes can be found throughout the community at Airport Road Church of Christ in Crestview; Beach Community Bank branches; Christ the King Episcopal Church

in Santa Rosa Beach; Destin Church of Christ; Fort Walton Beach Church of Christ; Gentle Breeze Dentistry in Santa Rosa Beach; Northwest Florida State College, Niceville Campus; Troy University campuses; and Whitney Bank branches.

If your business or organization would like to hold its own cellphone drive, call 243-1201.

### DONATIONS

**WANTED:** To help the homeless and needy families, a group is collecting the following items until Feb. 29: new or slightly used bras in all sizes, new and slightly used socks, all sizes; new panties (all sizes); and tampons/pads. For more information, contact Judy Christopher at 682-8023 or CHRISJ357@cox.net.

## Early voting at the library

Paul Lux to answer election questions

### From staff reports

The public is encouraged to attend the next Friends of the Crestview Library meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19. Guest speaker Supervisor of Elections Paul Lux will discuss the 2012 election year cycle and answer residents' questions.

The library will once again be the early voting site for north Okaloosa County for this year's Jan. 31 Presidential Prefer-

ence Primary, the August Primary Election, and the November General Election.

Early voting for the Presidential Preference Primary for registered Republican Party voters will be Jan. 21-28 at the library. Hours are Saturdays and Wednesdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information call the Supervisor of Elections office at 689-5600 or the library at 682-4432.

## Airmen to be welcomed home

### From staff reports

The unit is one of a handful of 552nd Air Control Group's routinely deploying control and reporting centers for combatant commanders. The group also develops software and deploys communications for the E-3 Sentry, Airborne Warning and Control System fleet.

The 728th ACS conducted a redesignation ceremony at Eglin on May 19, 2008, to mark the squadron's alignment under the 552d Air Control Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

## Janie Ruth Stabler Barrow

March 29, 1904 – Jan. 10, 2012

Ruth Stabler Barrow, 107, of the Oak Grove Community near Blackman, went to be with the Lord Jan. 10, 2012. She was born in Braggs, Lowndes County, Ala., March 29, 1904.

She was the beloved mother of two sons, Creston and wife, Marie Barrow of Baker, and Ray Barrow of Homestead; loving grandmother to seven grandchildren, Patsy and husband Joe McDonald of Baker, Sharon and husband Jerry Hillmeyer of San Antonio, Texas, Linette and husband Jack Jenkins of Baker, Doyle and wife Cheryl Barrow of Baker; Randy Barrow of

Homestead, JoEllen and husband Eddie Caines of St. Augustine, and Jimmy and wife, Judy-Lynn Barrow, of Fort Worth, Texas; seven great-grandchildren, Toni and husband, Rob LaFear, of Crestview, Adrian and wife, Shonda Luke, of Laurel Hill, Jessica and husband, Jamie Barrow, of Brewton, Ala., Joseph Jenkins of Pace, Nathan Barrow of Crestview, Clayton and Charlie Caines of St. Augustine; six great-great-grandchildren Tyler, Dylan, Cole and Justin LaFear of Crestview, Aiden Luke of Laurel Hill, and Jassy Barrow of Brewton; sister Lucy Cook of

Crestview; and many nieces and nephews.

She is honored in all that she did in life. While her family mourns the loss, they are assured in the knowledge she has found her home in glory.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, William and Effie Hobbie Stabler; husband, Jim Barrow; daughter-in-law, Peggy Brown Barrow; brothers and sisters, Cyrus and husband, Birdie Stabler; Lois and husband Bernie Parker; R.J. and wife Lillian Stabler; Inez and husband, Jordon Sanford; Clytie and husband Earl Moore, and brother-in-law, Roy Cook.

The family received friends at a viewing at Whitehurst-Powell Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12. Funeral services were held at Whitehurst-Powell Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, with Pastor Mike Ray officiating. Entombment followed at the Cotton Cemetery in Escambia Farms.

A deep thanks and appreciation is given to the people of Silvercrest Manor and Covenant Hospice of Crestview.

Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted online at www.whitehurstpowellfuneral-home.com.

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City attorney Ben Holley, at podium, addresses the city council after a 2-2 vote to request qualifications from attorneys interested in holding Holley's position.

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remain as the city's attorney.

"Hopefully we'll get this behind us," Holley said after the meeting with Baugh. "I'm not planning on leaving. But if three members of the council want me to go, I'll go."

Holley, who has held the post for more than 30 years, took issue when Berezo made the motion to seek "requests for qualifications" from other attorneys. Council member Robyn Helt seconded the motion "for discussion."

"I'd like to see what's out there," Berezo said, adding that Holley would be welcome to submit his qualifications along with any other interested applicants.

"I can tell you at this point if you go out for qualifications seeking a city attorney after I've served here 30 years without ever having any problems, I won't be submitting a proposal," Holley said. "You can count on that."

"In view of the fact that I have served all this time, I'm not going through an evaluation process because I've already been evaluated," Holley said. "I know you can't get anybody more qualified than me. I have more experience than anyone around here. My fees have been cheaper by about a third than what the city of Fort Walton pays, and they're smaller than Crestview."

Helt said the current council has evaluated several longtime providers of city services, and such evaluation shouldn't be interpreted as a lack of confidence.

"If this is put out for bid, and the qualifications come back and it's clearly evident in writing that Mr. Holley's fee is the lowest fee, and he's been doing this kind of work for many years, then this is a clear showing to the city that this is in the best interests of the city," Helt said. "I'm just a little perplexed, because when I hear the city attorney say he's not interested in being part of that discussion, that ties my hand as a council member."

"My proposal is already submitted," Holley said. "You know what I charge, you know the experience that I have and you know the qualifications that I've got ... If the resolution passes tonight, I will tender my resignation tonight, and I won't be looking at any of this stuff," indicating several ongoing issues requiring the city attorney's review.

The motion failed 2-2, with Council President Charles Baugh Jr. and council member Tim Grandberry voting nay. Council member Ben Iannucci was not present.

Holley then left his seat on the dais and addressed the

council from the podium.

"I've been hoping it wasn't going to come to this. I have been representing the city for a long time," he said. "I've sat here in this council meeting in this last year, and I've been embarrassed. There are some things that should never have taken place here."

Holley then itemized some of the council's controversial actions, including an attempt to construct a downtown parking lot and a May vote by the council to withdraw more than \$16 million of city funds, including nearly \$1 million in Community Redevelopment Agency funds, from First National Bank of Crestview and deposit it with Coastal Bank and Trust and CCB Community Bank.

"This council allowed somebody to come up here and virtually slander that bank about their condition and what was going on when the information that was provided was provided by another bank trying to get that business," Holley said. "That should have never taken place."

When Holley started to describe "a clear conflict of interest," Baugh banged his gavel, cutting Holley off before he could elaborate.

"I didn't think you would come here and berate this council," Baugh said. "I'm afraid I'm going to have to restrict some of your conversation."

Holley said what he had to say was "not secretive" when Baugh suggested the two meet in private.

"I want it to be public," Holley said.

Council members asked Holley to reconsider his decision.

"We need you in the city," Baugh said.

"The city needs you up here," echoed Grandberry.

"And I would prefer that you not resign," Helt added.

"The only way I would reconsider my resignation is if I didn't know there were three people up there who wanted me to leave," Holley said, adding he felt Iannucci would have also voted against him had he been present.

"I know it hurts," Grandberry said. "After 30 years I would be hurt, too. Don't make such a quick decision on something like this ... Let's regroup on this thing."

"I want to be clear if there is going to be action to go out for proposals, I'm not going to participate," Holley reiterated.

"I have to tell you how much I respect you and your standing in this community, and I would encourage you to reconsider," Mayor David Cadle requested.

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drag, lift and gravity. To illustrate thrust and drag, Hall had some of the kids assist him.

"We overcome the force of drag by increasing the force of thrust," Hall said.

When one of his assistants, portraying thrust, tried unsuccessfully to pull away from another (drag), Hall called up three girls who teamed up to be a stronger thrust, successfully pulling two "drag" boys forward, accompanied by peals of excited laughter from their classmates.

Hall also brought along a few props — literally — to enliven his lesson. Avery Dauphin and Hunter Blackwood discovered a plane's propeller is surprisingly hefty as they held up a propeller blade. Students also got to see a typical wing tip up close as they learned about the role of position lights (red on the left, blue or green on the right).

Those technical lessons learned, Hall turned to the fun stuff. "You want to go fly your airplane?" he asked, to which he was greeted by an enthusiastic chorus of, "Yes!"

Out on the playground, the kids soon filled the air with flying airplanes. One girl



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Brad Hall helps Antioch Elementary third-grade student Molly Matlock make a model airplane as Joshua Dees, right, checks out his neighbor's progress.

enthusiastically showed Hall how her plane could be made to fly longer with a more gentle throw than some of the other kids were using.

"Miss Clark, it's raining airplanes!" Reagan Hodges exclaimed, her arms covering her head as she ran up to her teacher.

"This is the neatest program,"

Clark said. "It's the kind of stuff that makes kids love learning."

"Aviation is definitely a subject that's easy to teach kids because the interest is already there," Hall said. "We can't be putting all this money into the airport and building all that infrastructure if these kids aren't going to be ready for it."

## JUDGES from page A1

Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties. The heaviest caseloads in those four counties are found in Okaloosa County, Ketchel said.

About four to five more judges are needed to meet the caseload demands throughout the First Judicial District, Ketchel said, but given budget constraints, that isn't going to happen.

And even though the judges aggressively manage their budgets, the sheer number of cases crushes the system, Ketchel said.

"One of the biggest challenges is that I don't have enough time to make a good decision," Ketchel said. "I've got a half day, and we are dealing with custody issues. Mom. Dad. Three hours. C'mon, can I really understand this fully in three hours? Probably not, but that's what we've got. So we make a ruling, and we do the best that we can."

Okaloosa County Clerk of Courts Don Howard stated in an email that in 2011, Okaloosa's six circuit judges were each assigned, on average, 5,543 new cases.

Howard said the numbers could be misleading, however, given the complexity of some cases.

"Some case types can extend beyond one year and require judicial involvement for multiple years," Howard wrote in the email.

"Even within the same case type, various degrees of judicial involvement could be required."

"An example would be, for instance, a dissolution of marriage case that is part of our Circuit Civil division. You could have a non-contested simplified divorce case that requires very little judicial involvement or a very complex divorce case that could extend for multiple years and require numerous hearings and extensive direct judicial involvement."

One attempt to streamline the process is implementation of the first Unified Family Court in Okaloosa County, over which Ketchel presides.

"The concept is to have one judge handle all the cases of one family, so, one judge, one family," Ketchel said.

In the past, one judge might have handled a domestic violence injunction, while another judge

## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LAW

"Some folks we see more often than not. They have a name. They are 'frequent flyers.'"

"We have two judges retiring after this term. They are forced to retire at age 70. We call it 'constitutional senility.'"

First Judicial Circuit Judge Terry Ketchel



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Florida First Judicial Circuit Judge Terry Ketchel, at podium, speaks to the Government Issues Committee of the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce during a meeting last month.

presided over a divorce case involving the same family when the parents are fighting over custody of their children. Many times, the judges were unaware of the other cases involving the same family members.

"So, I'm halfway through a divorce, working on custody," Ketchel said, citing an example.

"We've only got three hours and are halfway through, and somebody raises (the issue) that there has been an incidence of domestic violence. This is a big deal."

Ketchel recounted another case involving a family where there was a domestic violence case, a divorce case and three separate cases involving the Department of Children and Families.

Rather than handle the cases

separately, Ketchel was able to deal with them all at once.

"I scheduled the final hearing — all day, one case," Ketchel said. "Fortunately, the case settled. They were able to resolve all of those issues."

Crestview attorney Nathan Boyles lauded the work of Okaloosa County's judges and said that unfortunately, the judicial system gets the least recognition of the three branches of government.

"Believe it or not, the judicial system has the biggest impact on your everyday lives," Boyles said at a December meeting of the Government Issues Committee of the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce. "The decisions that are made by judges impact how businesses and individuals make their decisions."

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR****Boyles calls city attorney's actions a 'charade'**

At the Crestview City Council meeting on Jan. 9, I witnessed a very unfortunate series of events.

When faced with the prospect that the city council was interested in receiving and reviewing proposals for legal services, longtime city attorney Mr. Ben Holley threatened immediate resignation if the council went forward in submitting the request to the public.

The motion died after a 2-2 vote (Councilman Ben Iannucci was absent from the meeting).

After the vote was held, Mr. Holley stepped down from his seat with the council, approached the lectern and proceeded to tender his immediate resignation stating that, effective immediately, he would no longer be advising the council.

Realizing that Mr. Holley's abrupt departure would leave the city without legal representation, the mayor and several members of the council proceeded to encourage Mr. Holley to reconsider his decision. After considerable pleading, Mr. Holley agreed to retake his seat and hold his decision "in abeyance" until he could discuss the matter with the council president in private and receive sufficient assurance that a majority of the council did not support putting the legal services contract out for consideration.

I don't yet know what the result of that private conversation will be. I do know with certainty that ALL services that a government entity receives from private providers should, from time to time, be put out for bid.

Requesting that the legal services contract be reviewed was not disrespectful to Mr. Holley, though he clearly took great offense. Nor was putting the bid out an indication that Mr. Holley was doing a poor job, indeed most would agree he has been a fine attorney for the city. However, occasionally requesting that services be rebid is an excellent way to ensure that the goods or services being provided are the best available for the price offered. Indeed, the city now periodically puts its accounting services out for bid and has even initiated a program to regularly review its banking relationships.

Councilman (Philip) Berezo should be thanked for requesting that Crestview's legal services contract be occasionally revisited and councilwoman (Robyn) Helt should be commended for voting in favor of the motion.

As an attorney, I can say categorically that I have no current interest in serving as the city attorney for Crestview, nor do I take the position that the city's attorney should be replaced, though the council may be reconsidering its decision given the charade that unfolded after its vote.

However, as a candidate running for a seat on the Okaloosa County Commission, I can assure the citizens of Okaloosa County that I'll work with staff to verify that every good and service paid for by Okaloosa County is subject to occasional review to be certain that what was a good deal five years ago, or 15 years ago, as in the case of Mr. Holley, is a good deal today; Because it just makes good sense.

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# Crestview's sole sisters

Local drive benefits shoeless souls around the world

By Brian Hughes  
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The pile of shoes included teeny-tiny little baby footwear and to a pair of brilliant pink Crocs. From running shoes with vibrant green soles to a pair of four-inch high chrome stiletto spiked heels that organizers of the local Soles4Souls campaign agreed were probably as painful to wear as they were to look at.

"These will probably be recycled," organizer Cathy Thigpen said, holding up the stilettos. "But nothing goes to waste."

Thigpen, the north county representative to the Okaloosa School District board, and Fordyce and Campbell, of the Crestview branch of North Florida Financial, all agree the initiative has grown much bigger and faster than they expected.

"I don't think we knew what we were getting into," Thigpen said.

"It takes a lot of work," Fordyce said, pausing while she united a wayward sneaker with its mate with a rubber band.

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shoes by Jan. 25. Earlier this week the three women were boxing up donations, filling boxes of all shapes and sizes from a pile of shoes in the center of the floor of a local garage.

When the drive is over, the Pensacola branch of Two Men and a Truck moving company has volunteered labor and a truck to deliver the shoes.

"The response has been overwhelming," Thigpen said. "The entire region has just rallied behind us. Churches, businesses, families, they're all contributing."

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Local Soles4Souls organizers welcome donations of shoes of any style, size and condition. Top, from left, shoe drive organizers Sara Fordyce, Mandy Campbell and Cathy Thigpen stand behind a mound of donated footwear before boxing them up to donate to Soles4Souls.

## WANT TO HELP?

Donations of used shoes for Soles4Souls may be brought to any of these collection points by Jan. 25. Please tie laced shoes together and rubber band pairs of shoes that have no laces.

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- Summit Bank, Crestview
- First National Bank of Crestview, main office
- Crestview High School
- North Okaloosa Medical Center
- Clipper's Hair Salon, Main Street
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# Council divided on property purchase

**Police officers commended, concessionaire compensation approved**

By Brian Hughes

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The city of Crestview's purchase of property at 378 Woodruff Ave. was stymied at Monday evening's meeting of the city council when members voted 2-2 on a motion to authorize city attorney Ben Holley to proceed with the purchase. Failing to win a majority, the motion failed. Council member Ben Iannucci was absent.

The council had previously approved purchasing the property and authorized Holley to draw up the purchase contract. However, some council members were hesitant to conclude the acquisition following several citizen comments against the purchase because no clear use for the property has been decided.

"There are other things I think we as a council should be spending our money on," said council member Phillip Berezo, who cast one of the "nay" votes. "If we're going to cut (spending), I don't see why we as a city are spending on something that might increase in value. But this is not one of those things I'm willing to spend \$30,000 on."

Council member Robyn Helt, who has been a leading proponent for purchasing the property, said the land could make a prime downtown parking



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From left, Crestview Mayor David Cadle reads a proclamation praising Police Officers John Cook and Rob DeRoche following their receipt of lifesaving awards from Police Chief Brian Mitchell and Maj. Joseph Floyd. Right, Fire Chief Joe Traylor, center, poses with Senior Capt. James Poirrier and Chief Dave Brown after presenting a flag that flew over American troops in Afghanistan on the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

lot, with space for 32 vehicles.

"When you have the opportunity to acquire a piece of property for \$29,000 just across the street from City Hall, it warrants considering it," Helt said.



"We have a pharmaceutical school that's opening this coming fall. When we have those students attempting to attend their classes... where will those students park?"

Mayor David Cadle

continued to counsel restraint before the city "gets into the real estate business."

"Is it my understanding that this council has decided to build a parking lot? I don't remember it being voted

on," Cadle said. "We just haven't had a clear vision. We haven't studied the issues. We're going into it too quickly."

Cadle reminded the council that land is traditionally acquired only after a need has been identified and city staff has found the optimal piece of property to meet that need.

"I think we're deciding to buy a property without any clear consensus about what to put there," Cadle said. "It is a small property. If there is a good use made for the property, I wouldn't have a problem with it."

"The property has potential," council President Charles Baugh Jr. said, suggesting it could house city departments or archives. "We don't have a whole lot of offices a city the size of Crestview needs to expand."

After Helt moved to execute the land purchase agreement, Baugh passed the gavel to Vice President Tim Grandberry so he could second the motion when none of the other council members did so.

Grandberry joined Berezo in voting nay, effectively stalling the purchase.

In other matters, the council:

- Gave Crestview Police Officers John Cook and Rob DeRoche a standing ovation as the patrolmen were presented with lifesaving awards by Chief Brian Mitchell and Maj.

Joseph Floyd. The officers responded to an accident on Dec. 11 in which a motorist passed out and crashed his van, bringing live electrical lines down around the vehicle.

"Had it not been for the brave, quick action of these officers, the driver would not be alive today," Floyd said.

- Applauded the presentation by Fire Chief Joe Traylor to Chief Dave Brown and Senior Capt. James Poirrier of a flag flown on the 10th anniversary of 9/11 over American military forces in Afghanistan.

- Approved 3-1 offering compensation of \$5,340 to Dawn Sledge, who had invested time and money into preparing city ballpark concession stands under the impression she had won the concessionaire contract, which was placed on hold when another bidder filed a bid protest.

Sledge had originally demanded more than \$20,000 in compensation. She will also receive a \$1,200 reimbursement from the state for a concessions license she was able to return.

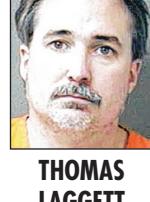
- Scheduled a series of public workshops for: transportation planning, 5 p.m., Feb. 27; city charter revision, 5:30 p.m., Feb. 6; hotel bed tax, 6 p.m. March 5; and impact fees, 6 p.m. March 6.

## Crestview man charged with child molestation

Special to the News Bulletin

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has arrested a Crestview man on charges of sexually molesting a 3-year-old child on at least two occasions between the fall of 2005 and spring 2006.

Thomas Christopher Laggett, 49, was charged



THOMAS  
LAGGETT

Jan. 7 with sexual battery on a victim under the age of 12 and lewd or lascivious conduct on a person under the age of 16.

Investigator Ralph Garrett said Laggett would give the child a bath, stay by themselves.

squirt water up the victim's nose with an ear syringe, and would then molest the child on a bed.

The victim told investigators Laggett said to keep his actions a secret because he didn't want his dogs to

wants his dogs to stay by themselves.

## Cops and donuts fundraiser for Special Olympics

### From Staff Reports

Cops and donuts have a long, humorous history together, so it is only fitting that the two are teamed up for the first ever Cops and Donuts fundraiser for the 2012 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics of Florida, organizers said.

On Jan. 20-21 Crestview's Dunkin'

Donuts and Good Things Donuts will have officers from the Crestview Police Department as greeters from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The officers hope to rally support and raise awareness for Special Olympics. Hats and T-shirts will also be available from their merchandise tables as a part of the fundraiser.

Dunkin' Donuts is

located at 2408 S. Ferdon and Good Things Donuts is located at 318 S. Ferdon.

For more information, please contact Crestview Police Department agency coordinator Marsha Barnett at 855-0570 or barnettm@crestviewpd.org, or Okaloosa County coordinator Joseph Floyd at 682-4157 ext. 113 or floydj@crestviewpd.org.

## NOTICE TO OKALOOSA COUNTY VOTERS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that we have made the following changes to some of our polling places:

- We have combined **Precincts 22 and 41**. They will continue to vote at the **Fred Hedrick Recreation Building, 132 Jet Dr, Fort Walton Beach**. However, all voters will enter the building through the front entrance instead of the side entrance as both precincts will be located in one room.
- We have changed the location of **Precinct 24** from the Fort Walton Beach Shrine Club to the **Knights of Columbus, 205 Carol Ave NW, Fort Walton Beach**.
- Due to construction at **Precinct 44**, we have changed the polling place from Corpus Christi Catholic Church and combined it with the polling place for Precinct 35, **Destin United Methodist Church, 200 Beach Dr, Destin**. All voters for Precincts 35 and 44 will enter the polling place through the Life Center front doors. Voting will be held in the gymnasium.
- Due to the growth of **Precinct 45** and the congestion at the intersection of Highway 85 and PJ Adams Parkway, we have changed the polling place location for Precinct 45 from St. Mark United Methodist Church to **Foxwood Country Club, 4927 Antioch Rd, Crestview**.

New voter information cards have been mailed to voters in Precincts 24, 35 and 45. Voters may use the Voter Lookup tool on our website, [www.govote-okaloosa.com](http://www.govote-okaloosa.com), to find their precinct, check their voter registration status, and view absentee requests and sample ballots.

Please call our office at 689-5600 or 651-7272 to verify your polling place location if you have any questions.

January 14, 2012

Paul Lux  
Supervisor of Elections  
Okaloosa County, FL

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Tom Lane, Chairman/CEO of CCB Community Bank and CCB's Board of Directors, is proud to announce the appointment of Leon Daggs, Jr. as Chairman of the Board of Directors for CCB's Florida Locations. Daggs, President of Hub City Ford in Crestview, has been a CCB board member since the CCB Crestview location opened in 2007.

Daggs obtained his MBA from St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO. He also served in the U. S. Navy, attaining the rank of Lt. JG.

Lane states, "Daggs will serve this position well as he brings a lot of experience and expertise to his appointment". During 23 years in the automobile industry, Daggs has won numerous awards, most notable, "top Profit Award for Ford-Lincoln-Mercury Minority Dealers," and Ford Motor Company President's Award. Active in the community, he has received many awards from other organizations for his support of education and social causes.

Daggs resides in Crestview with his wife, Saundra. His son, Christopher, is Vice President (General Manager) of Hub City Ford, Inc., Crestview FL.

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## FROM THE PULPIT

# Turn to God in times of uncertainty

At the beginning of the lunch line at school was a basket of delicious-looking red apples. There was a sign above the basket that read, "One apple per student. Remember God is watching you."

At the far end of the line was a basket of homemade chocolate chip cookies with a sign that said, "One cookie per person." A student had written, "Take all you want. God is watching the other end of the line."

Isn't that the way many people think? "God can't possibly be watching everyone in the world all at the same time. If God is off helping someone else somewhere in the world, he couldn't possibly be watching me. Right?" Wrong!

Or have you said, or heard someone else say, "My problems are so small compared to those of so-and-so. God can't possibly be interested in mine."

Right?" Wrong!

God is very much interested in each and every one of us. And he watches over us all at the same time. We have to remember that God is not bound by the same physical and time limitations that we humans are. We need to try to understand, even a little bit, that God can do what is impossible for us. Time and space mean nothing to God. He has no boundaries, no limitations. He knows each of his children inside out – all at once.

Why would God take the time, or have the interest, to know each of us individually and personally? Because God created us to be in relationship with him. We were created to be loved by God, and to love God back.

We were also created to be in relationship with other people. In the Garden, Adam and Eve had a relationship with each other. For a while things were great. But then,

that relationship became strained when God's discipline was meted out.

Each blamed the other for their downfall in succumbing to temptation and being separated from God. This sort of finger pointing and blaming still happens. People are unwilling to take responsibility for their own actions and decisions, and wind up pointing their finger at someone else.

We were also created to be in a healthy relationship with ourselves, but many don't do that. We have been wounded and hurt by the careless remarks of a parent, or teacher, or spouse or authority figure.

"You're lazy. You're not very smart. You have no talent. You'll never amount to anything. Cry-baby." These kinds of messages tear at us deeply, and many

times we unfortunately believe them. They then become an unconscious driving force in our lives that we believe and live. So, to avoid that pain we look for superficial ways to feel better about ourselves.

Now hear this... Those lies about us are just that — lies, falsehoods. There is no truth in them. And if we want to be free of their power in our lives, we have to face them and overcome them. We do this by turning to God for his help. In times of stress or uncertainty, we need to allow God to be our defender, to keep us safe from the snares of evil people.

When afraid or hurt or angry we should run toward God, not toward despair. We should freely express our feelings to God about the trials we experience.

And we need to do it as truthfully as possible.

God will not punish us for being truthful with him. He knows what's going on, anyway. His love for us never ends. It never goes away.

God hangs in there with us because he knows us inside out. He knows our every movement. He knows the way we are living. He knows those things that drive us and why we make decisions the way we do.

And still he surrounds us and goes with us. Like David wrote in the psalms, we cannot comprehend the depth of love God has for us. It is beyond our understanding. Fortunately, we don't have to understand. We just need to accept.

We may not be able to fully comprehend why we are so important to God, but we can begin to know some of it by accepting the fact that we are. Because

he knows us inside out, he wants us to have a relationship with him. That is why we were created.

Turn to him. Begin to recognize how you are his child and how he calls to you every moment of every day. He wants you to hear his voice, to know his touch, to walk in his ways. Open yourself to him. Trust him. Give yourself over to him and celebrate the fact that you are loved beyond all measure.

*The Rev. Mark Broadhead is pastor at Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Hill 8115 Fourth Street, Laurel Hill, 652-2164 and First Presbyterian Church of Crestview, 492 N. Ferdon Blvd. at the intersection of U.S. 90 and State Road 85 in the heart of Crestview. Sunday morning worship is at 9 in Laurel Hill and 11 in Crestview. (682-2835). Website: [www.fpc-crestview.org](http://www.fpc-crestview.org).*

## Church BRIEFS

**LEBON EVENTS:** Lebanon Baptist Church, 1288 Washington Avenue, Baker, and the Rev. Nathaniel Sledge, Jr. invite everyone to their 98th church anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 22. The guest church and pastor for the 2:30 p.m. service will be Pastor Dwight Baggett & the Macedonia Baptist

Church of Crestview and the Rev. Dwight Baggett. Brother Barron Evans is program chairperson.

The fifth Sunday fellowship is Sunday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. with guest speaker Rev. Robert Gray of Beulah Baptist Church in Milligan.

The Protestant Gospel Choir Union 20th Anniversary Celebration will be held at Mt. Zion AME Church, 502 McDonald St., Crestview. It includes revival on Friday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m., with guest speaker the Rev. Faye Allen, and a gospel concert Saturday, Jan. 28, with special guest Eglin Male Chorus.

**GOSPEL CONCERT:** Libby and

Friends Gospel Concert Ministry will present the Down East Boys Quartet Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at Central Baptist Church, 951 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview. A love offering will be received.

Tickets for the Feb. 12 Ernie Haase and Signature Sound Concert are available now.

Concerts are every second Saturday of the month, and are sponsored by Crestview Memorial Funeral Home, Liveoak Memorial Park, Ms. B's Bar-B-Que and Bakery, and Central Baptist Church. For more information visit [www.LibbyAndFriendsGospelConcerts.com](http://www.LibbyAndFriendsGospelConcerts.com), call Libby White at 496-7106, or Central Baptist Church at 682-5525.

**CLASSES:** Crestview Church of the Nazarene at 395 Aplin Road has Zumba classes every Thursday from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at 395 Aplin Road in Crestview. Taught by certified instructors, the class costs \$5 per person. For more information, please go to [www.crestviewnazarene.com](http://www.crestviewnazarene.com).

*"All I'm saying is simply this, that all life is interrelated, that somehow we're caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason, I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. You can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality."*

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## Martin Luther King Jr. observances

By Paula Kelley  
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Crestview celebrates the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with several events surrounding what would have been King's 83rd birthday on Sunday, Jan. 16.

This morning the Concerned Citizens Group will host the annual march in honor of King.

with lineup at 9 a.m. on the corner of South Lloyd Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in downtown Crestview. The March begins at 10 a.m. and ends at the Okaloosa County Courthouse where the guest speaker, Dion Stakley, will speak.

On Monday at 7 p.m., at the Carver-Hill School complex, the Rev. Edwin Stallworth will

speak on "The Celebration of the birthday of the Dreamer." Stallworth is the pastor at True Divine Missionary Baptist Church in Andalusia, Ala. The Carver-Hill Memorial and Historical Society, Inc are sponsoring this event.

Crestview City Hall will be closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 11-CA-003131C

JEFFERSON N. ADAMS, LONNIE JACK ADAMS, PHILIP L. ADAMS, AND PATRICIA A. RICHEY, as Trustees of the P.J. Adams-Louise Adams Revocable 1985 Family Trust Which was Established By The Decedent and His Wife, Louise Adams, Dated July 30, 1985, PLAINTIFFS,

VS.

T.G. DENNIS, PAULINE DENNIS, DORIS ANDERSON, H.C. ANDERSON, DANIEL ANDERSON, unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, liens and trustees of T. G. Dennis, Pauline Dennis, Doris Anderson, H.C. Anderson, DEFENDANTS.

**NOTICE OF ACTION AND NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING**

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following described real property located in Okaloosa County, Florida:

Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block I, Lake Silver Subdivision, according to plat thereof on file in Plat Book 2, page 180 in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Okaloosa County, Florida:

Tax ID# 19 4N 23 1410 0001 0000

has been filed in the above-named Court and you are required to serve a copy of written defenses, if any, on Stanley K. Luke, Attorney for Plaintiffs, P.O.

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### SCHEDULE

#### Today High school girls soccer

Crestview at Choctawhatchee, JV 10 a.m./V Noon

#### Monday

#### High school girls basketball

Ponce de Leon at Baker, JV 5:30 p.m./V 6:45 p.m.

#### Tuesday High school boys basketball

Baker at Laurel Hill, JV 6 p.m./V 7:15 p.m.

Crestview at Pace, JV 5:30 p.m./V 7 p.m.

#### High school girls basketball

Baker at Freeport, V 6:45 p.m.

Laurel Hill at Malone, V 6 p.m.

#### High school boys soccer

Milton at Crestview, JV 5 p.m./V 7 p.m.

#### Middle school boys basketball

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

#### Middle school girls basketball

Shoal River at Davidson, 5 p.m.

### BRIEFS

#### Baseball/softball registration

Crestview Parks and Recreation is holding baseball and softball registration for children ages 5-15.

Ages are those of the child before May 1, 2012.

Registration is Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Twin Hills Park Recreation Center.

Cost is \$60 per child for Crestview residents and \$65 for non-residents.

Cost includes complete uniform of cap, shirt and pants that participants keep at the end of the season.

Opening day is scheduled for March 12, but not all teams will be scheduled to play that day.

For more information call 442-4715.

#### Laurel Hill baseball registration

The Laurel Hill Youth Association is holding baseball/softball registration for children ages 4-12 every Friday and Saturday through January at Gene Clary Park in Laurel Hill.

Friday registration is from 5:30 p.m. and Saturday registration is from 2:30 p.m. Practice begins in February.

The park is on New Ebenezer Road.

For information call 612-6037.

#### CPD Special Olympics fundraiser

The City of Crestview Police Department will be sponsoring a bowling tournament for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics on Feb. 11 from 2-5 p.m. at the Shoal River Lanes in Crestview.

Here is how it works: Invite your friends, family, business, team members, or work shift to join you in creating a bowling team of four members.

Each member of your team makes a \$25 donation to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, and then you begin to bowl your best scores.

For information, contact the Crestview Police Department Agency Coordinator Marsha Barnett at 682-3544 ext. 129, or at barnettm@crestviewpd.org, or Okaloosa County Coordinator Joseph Floyd at 682-3544 ext. 113, or at floydj@crestviewpd.org.

## Gators make short work of Knights

By Randy Dickson  
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**BAKER** — It took all of two minutes for the Baker girls basketball team to take the suspense out of its game with Rocky Bayou Christian on Monday.

The Gators (14-1) jumped to a 9-0 lead with two minutes and 11 seconds gone in the first quarter on their way to a 58-16 win.

Most of the second half was played with a running clock per the mercy rule.

Cassidy Anderson, who led Baker with 13 points, got off to a quick start connecting on a 3-pointer to start the game and a 2-point basket less than 30 seconds later.

A Kathryn Quigg score was followed by yet another Anderson basket and there was still 5:49 left in the first quarter.

Rachel Mosley finally got the Knights (1-10) on the scoreboard with 5:40 left in the first period, but the team's baskets were few and far between. Rocky Bayou managed just four points in each of the four quarters.

Baker finished the first quarter with a 12-2 run and led 21-4 after the first period.

The Gators continued to dominate in the second quarter as Sarah Hudson led the charge, scoring seven of Baker's 19 points.

Five different Gators scored in the third period as Baker stretched the lead to 50-12.

Bethany Chestnut's basket with 5:21 left in the third quarter put the game on the running clock.

By the time the final horn sounded all 12 Gators had played and 10 had scored.

Anderson was the only



Kathryn Quigg banks a shot off the backboard.

Gator in double figures with 13 points, but several other players came close.

Hudson and Chestnut each finished the game with nine points. Quigg added eight points.

Mosley, who was the only Knight to score more than one basket, had six points.

Baker coach Brian Wagner took advantage of the big lead to give his younger players valuable floor time throughout the second period and in most of the second half.

"We still have a lot of young girls that need the time and the opportunity to get on the floor in a game situation," Wagner said. "Rocky Bayou is right down the road and it's probably a great situation for both of us to get to play."

"It's just minutes on the floor that's not in practice and live situations that you can't simulate in practice, but it's just not the same."



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Cassidy Anderson, who led Baker with 13 points, attempts a layup against Rocky Bayou Christian on Monday.

## Viking hoopsters sweep Bulldogs

By Randy Dickson  
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**FORT WALTON BEACH** — It was a clean sweep for the Fort Walton Beach basketball teams Tuesday night against District 2-6A foe Crestview.

The Lady Vikings opened the night with an impressive 58-24 win and the Vikings took the nightcap 59-48 for their first district win.

Viking coach John Lavin didn't try to downplay the importance of getting the first district win.

"It was pretty big," he said. "It was huge for our psyche. Getting that district win was tough."

"You have to battle every night and Crestview is a good team. It is big for our psyche to get the win in district play."

The Vikings (8-10, 1-3) wasted no time in taking control of the game.

Reece Drake and Allen Wallace led a balanced Fort Walton Beach attack as the Vikings jumped to a 16-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Drake had five points in the opening period and Wallace four points, but Devin Gould, Blake James and KeKe Richardson also scored in the period.

While all of the Vikings seemed to be finding their mark, things weren't going so well for the Bulldogs.

Crestview (9-5, 2-3) got a 3-pointer from Roman Donofro and baskets from Denzel Ware and Ronnie Baylark, but that was it.

The Fort Walton Beach offense slowed a little in the

second quarter, but Drake continued his hot shooting, adding five more points on the way to a game-high 20 as the Vikings extended the lead to 27-13.

But the Bulldogs weren't about to go away without a fight.

Crestview's senior guard tandem of Justin Cline and Antryun Coleman were held to a combined two points in the first half, but that changed in the third quarter.

Coleman scored nine points and Cline added six as the Bulldogs came roaring back.

A Colema 3-pointer with 25 seconds left in the third quarter cut the Viking lead to 39-35.

But that's as close as the Bulldogs got.

Richardson scored for the Vikings to open the fourth quarter and put Fort Walton Beach back up by six.

Ware basket made it a four-point game again, but when Richardson hit one of two free throws the Vikings were up by five and slowly pulled away for the win.

Late in the game the teams started fouling each other and while Fort Walton Beach only hit 8-of-16 free throws that turned out to be more than enough as the Bulldogs were 9-of-25 from the line and 3-of-8 in the fourth quarter.

A frustrated Bulldog coach Keith White offered one explanation for the way his team played.

"Our guys don't want to be coached," he said. "They want to do it on their own so I'm going to let them see how

good they are."

Wallace, who had 13 points, joined Drake in double figures for the Vikings. Gould had eight and Richardson seven.

Coleman led Crestview in scoring with 13 points. Cline and Ware each had nine points.

Things weren't so dramatic in the girls game.

Late in the first quarter the Lady Vikings led 9-6, but Fort Walton Beach closed with an 11-0 run and was up 20-6 at the end of the first.

Mercedes Clayborne added four more points to the run early in the second quarter before the Bulldogs scored on a pair of free throws by Jensis Coleman.

Fort Walton Beach (12-7, 4-2) led 35-12 at the end of the first half and 49-19 after three.

A Carissa Reeves 3-pointer for the Lady Vikings extended the lead to 35 points with 5:12 in the final quarter and started the running clock.

"I thought they came out very, very focused and ready from the get go," Fort Walton Beach coach Holly McDaniel said. "It's nice when you start hitting shots and it makes everybody relax a little bit."

"I thought our inside-outside game worked real well together."

Clayborne led the Vikings with 13 points. Cienna Morris added 11 and Emily Troell 10 points.

Crestview (10-7, 1-5) was led in scoring by Jasmine Middleton's four points. Four other Bulldogs scored three points each.



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Crestview's Ronnie Baylark shoots for three against Fort Walton Beach.