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Ranking our schools North county schools place in top half of state or better

By Brian Hughes
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A ranking of Florida's public schools released Monday placed all northern Okaloosa County schools firmly in the top half of the statewide roster.

Several north county schools placed well within the top third or top quarter of Florida's schools, and area students who go to Collegiate High School at Northwest Florida State College can proudly boast they attend Florida's top-ranked high school.

"School's not easy today.

School is hard," Okaloosa School District Deputy Superintendent of Operations Rodney Nobles said. "The accountability that the students and teachers are held to is difficult, but I think you can see it's paying off."

The state Department of Education ranked elementary and middle schools according to school grade points for the 2010-11 school year. Schools received one point for each percent of students who were enrolled for the full year, scored at grade level or higher on the FCAT, and made annual learning gains, for 800 possible

points. High schools are graded using the same criteria, then another 800 points were possible for criteria including graduation rates, accelerated coursework participation and performance, and readiness for postsecondary education.

Among top performing area schools, Antioch Elementary School was in the top 15 percent of statewide elementary schools with 616 grade points, ranking 279th out of 1,795 schools. Walker and Bob Sikes elementary schools landed in the top third with rankings of 513

and 595 respectively. Davidson Middle School, with 594 grade points, ranked 111th out of 583 total Florida middle schools, placing it in the top 20 percent. Close behind was Shoal River Middle School, ranking 133rd with 587 grade points, safely

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Megan Warman's legacy survives a year after her death

By Paula Kelley
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A year has passed since 18-year-old Megan Warman died.

She lost control of her car on Jan. 27, 2011 on State Road 85. Megan's wreck was believed to be a result of texting and driving while on her way to class at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville where the Crestview High School senior was dually enrolled.

Megan



would have graduated high school in May 2011 with a Bright Futures Scholarship.

"I can't believe a year has gone by since her accident," Megan's guardian, Rusty Fine, said. "Time just flies by. It really does feel like yesterday she was laughing in the house."

The Fines kept Megan's Chevrolet Cavalier, and displayed the mangled car at CHS, Choctawhatchee, Niceville and Baker schools in Florida and at Florala High School in Alabama. The car was also displayed with "Don't Text and Drive" signs at the entrance gates of Eglin Air Force Base.

"The car was a visual representation for young peo-

A year has gone by since Crestview High School senior Megan Warman died as a result of injuries sustained in a texting and driving accident. Her senior portrait sits here in a garden area of Rusty and Danni Fine's yard.

FILE PHOTO

ple, a connection to the message, 'If I text and drive, this could be my car. I could end up losing my life like Megan,'" Fine said. "After several months it was just too hard to see it parked in our yard and we recently sent it to the salvage yard."

Megan's death prompted classmates at CHS to speak out against texting and driving. The CHS Leadership Class and school resource officer, Corp. Greg Porch, sponsored a week of "Just Drive" programs. Signs and banners were placed throughout the school, students signed pledge cards and were given thumb band rings stamped with the message "DNTXTNDRV."

"Megan loved life and laughter," Porch said. "She was friends with everybody. Just a beautiful young girl with her whole life ahead of her and her death came as a shock to everyone who knew her."

"I made a promise to Rusty at the hospital before Megan died that we would make something good come out of it all and I feel like we have because we



have raised awareness. Megan's death created a cause for the students and they get behind a cause. She was one of their own. Not a day goes by that I don't think of her and most of those students feel the same way, even a year later."

In October, Okaloosa

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Megan Warman posed in a muscadine trellis in her backyard in late summer before her death in February 2011. Warman, 18, was on her way to class when she lost control of her car.

Main Street forges ahead despite looming loss of manager

By Brian Hughes
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In an attempt to continue presenting a variety of events to draw area residents downtown, the Main Street Crestview Association unanimously approved a full schedule of activities for 2012 at its Jan. 31 meeting. The elephant in the city hall conference room, however, was the sudden loss of funding for the Main Street manager's position.

In addition to the popular Fall Festival and Christmas

parade, the organization plans to launch a summer downtown festival, organize a Crestview component of the statewide Flea Across Florida yard sale, and host a late summer circus or carnival.

The diverse calendar was approved despite a move by the Crestview City Council, which, meeting on Jan. 23 as the Community Redevelopment Agency, voted 2-1 to rescind their agreement to fund the salary of the MSCA Manager Ryan Arvay.

CRA board members

Tim Grandberry and Ben Iannucci missed the meeting in which Phillip Berezo and Charles Baugh Jr. voted to eliminate the funding. CRA member Robyn Helt cast a nay vote.

"The CRA made the decision in early November to continue funding the Main Street association," Main Street President Ellis Conner said. "In January they decided to change their mind."

Conner had said in November that the association has enough money to fund

manager Arvay's salary for two months. At Monday's MSCA meeting, it was

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Main Street Crestview Association members, from left, former president Mickey Rytman, manager Ryan Arvay, promotions committee chairman Cal Zethmayr and President Ellis Conner discuss a range of events for 2012.

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BULLDOG IDOL: With five of its members selected to attend the state Thespian competition in Tampa in March, the Crestview High School Thespian troupe presents "Bulldog Idol," a night of talent and performance on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Pearl Tyner Auditorium. The \$5 admission will help the student actors raise money for their meals and accommodations in Tampa. Tickets are available at the door. For information contact Thespian coach Annette Gebhardt at 689-7177.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT: A support group discussing "Dementia and Behavior Modification" presented by Joy Barbee, RN from the West Florida Hospital Memory Disorder Clinic will be at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Covenant Hospice, 370 W. Redstone Drive, Crestview. The support group is free and respite care is available. To register or for additional information, call 478-7790 or visit www.AlzFamServ.org.

MILITARY AFFAIRS: Clay Benton, the Eglin Air Force Base international military student affairs officer and foreign affairs specialist, will speak at the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce Military Appreciation Recognition Committee meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m. at the Crestview Public Library. He will discuss the training program on the F35 for foreign allied pilots and ways to help welcome them to our community during their training period. The public is invited to attend. Membership in the committee is not required.

FIRST TUESDAY LECTURE: There are many financial "apps" you can use with phones and other mobile devices. How do you find the right one? Which ones work? Discover more about these tools to help you spend wisely and save more money at the next Crestview Public Library First Tuesday program.

Elaine Courtney, Family and Consumer Sciences agent with the University of Florida/IFAS Okaloosa County Extension Service, will discuss "Financial Apps: Mobile Tools to Help You Spend & Save Wisely" at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Coffee and cookies will be served starting at 10 a.m. The library's address is 1445 Commerce Drive, behind the post office in north Crestview. Call 682-4432 for details.

WIND MITIGATION: A free informational meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. until noon,

at the Okaloosa County 911 Emergency Operations Center (Northwest Florida State College, Niceville). Learn more about roofs, windows and doors to protect homes, save money by lowering insurance rates and reducing home damage during disasters. Citizens are encouraged to attend. For more information or to register online, visit www.FloridasFoundation.org, or call 1-800-825-3786, or the Okaloosa County Public Safety Department at 651-7150.

CHARTER REVIEW: The city of Crestview will host a charter review workshop Monday, Feb. 6, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall on Wilson Street.

U.S. HIGHWAY 98 HURLBURT CLOSURE: Weather permitting, U.S. Highway 98 at the Hurlburt Gate will be closed from midnight, Feb. 4, through 8 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5. U.S. 98 will be closed to traffic at Cody Avenue and going west to the first median opening, in order to remove the pedestrian bridge for routine maintenance and cleaning.

BLOOD DRIVES: Northwest Florida Blood Center is hosting the following North Okaloosa blood drives:

Feb. 8: Woodlawn Baptist Church, 824 N. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, 3-6 p.m.

Feb. 10: Bob Sikes Elementary School, 425 Adams Road, Crestview, 4-7 p.m.

Feb. 13: Crestview Brackin Building, 302 N. Wilson St., 2-5 p.m.

Feb. 15: Baker School, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 24: Shoal Creek Rehabilitation Center, 500 S. Hospital Drive, Crestview, 8:30 a.m. to noon; First National Bank of Crestview, 1301 Industrial Drive, 1-5 p.m.

Feb. 28: Laurel Hill School, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Feb. 29: Paxton School, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FREE LUNCHTIME LECTURE: "Early African-American Education in Crestview," a free lunchtime lecture, will be presented Feb. 17 at noon at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida in honor of Black History Month.

Shannon Hayes, president of the Carver-Hill Museum, will share information about early education in the black community of Crestview, and about Carver-Hill Museum, the site of the first black high school and the last segregated school in Okaloosa County.

Bring a sack lunch. This lecture is free and open to the public. Space is limited. Please call 678-2615 to reserve a seat.

CHAMBER AMBASSADORS: A networking luncheon will be hosted by Westwood Retirement Resort at 1001 Mar Walt Drive, Fort Walton Beach on Wednesday, Feb. 22, for ambassadors from Crestview, Fort Walton Beach, Destin and Navarre chambers of commerce. Admission and lunch are complimentary. Contact Billie at 863-5174 or bhappell@brookdaleliving.com by Feb. 17 to make a reservation.

PATHFINDERS: Young men and women ages 10-17 are invited to learn about nature, hiking, camping and God with the Crestview Pathfinders. Call 652-3631 for details.

QUILT RAFFLE: The Flying Needles Quilt Guild is hosting a fundraiser raffle for two quilts. The Amazon Star quilt, measuring 104 inches square and made by designer Judy Niemeyer, and the Tulips Around the Cabin quilt, measuring 84 inches square and sewn by guild members. Tickets are one for \$1 or six for \$5, and are available at Margie's Sew Much Fun in Crestview; Lynne's Sewing Center; The Sewing Center, and the office of Dr. Eleanor McCain in Fort Walton Beach; Bayou Books in Niceville; and Yards n Yarns in Freeport. Proceeds will go to supply costs for charity items made and donated by the guild, including the National Quilts of Valor organization, which donates quilts to wounded American soldiers.

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 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, today at 8:30 a.m. It starts and finishes at Bob Sikes Elementary, at 425 Adams Drive. Packet pickup is from 6:30-8 a.m. Feb. 4.

Late entry and race day registration is \$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.

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.

CRESTVIEW TAX-AIDE VOLUNTEERS: The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program provides free assistance to low- and moderate-income taxpayers in conjunction with the IRS. Volunteers do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to participate. Volunteers receive free tax training and are asked to work four-hour days, once or twice a week at the Crestview Public Library. If you are good with numbers and computers, this community service is very rewarding. For more information please contact Dennis Malik at 537-8404 or Tom Alexander at 651-2326, or visit the AARP website at www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8.

TOASTMASTERS NEW VENUE: The Crestview Toastmasters club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The meetings are held in Room 6 at Troy University, 650 S. Pearl Street, Crestview, beginning promptly at 6 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m. The club is a learn-by-doing workshop where members practice speaking skills in a relaxed atmosphere. The person with strong speaking skills has an advantage in today's competitive job market.

Call Clara Dunham at 803-4488 and join them in learning how to speak with confidence and say what you mean.

ZUMBA CLASSES: Crestview Church of the Nazarene 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.

SENIORS VS. CRIME: The Okaloosa County Seniors vs. Crime is a special project under the Florida Attorney General's Office to assist senior citizens who believe that someone has taken advantage of them. The organization's office is located at 296 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, in suite 8. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, except holidays. For more information or to report a scam, call 306-3176 or email them at okaloosacountysvc@yahoo.com.

GSOC MEETINGS: The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County meets every second Saturday at the Heritage Museum, located at 115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso, across

from the city park. For more information, contact Martha Trau at 259-4351.

FOSTER AGENCY IN NEED OF BEDS: Lakeview Center's FamiliesFirst Network is in need of beds for children in protective services. Bunk beds, twin beds and toddler beds are needed to help local families. Beds do not have to be new, just in good condition. If you have beds that you would like to donate please contact Elsie Green at 833-3840 or 585-1368.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Faith BRIEFS

MR. DRAMA: Trevor Thomas, "Mr. Drama," and his wife, Sawyer, will be appearing at Live Oak Baptist Church, 4565 Live Oak Church Road, Crestview, Sunday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. They combine music, monologues, poems, sketches and mime in an unforgettable worship experience. For more information, call 682-5160.

CONCERT: The Lesters will be in concert 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at New Beginnings Church, 412 W. U.S. Highway 90. The public is invited to attend. A love offering will be taken.

GOSPEL CONCERT: Libby and Friends Gospel Concert Ministry will present Ernie Haase and Signature Sound 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at Central Baptist Church, 951 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview.

Tickets for groups of 10 or more are \$18 each,

with advanced general admission tickets at \$20 and at-the-door tickets at \$25. Gold circle tickets are \$25 each.

Purchase your tickets at Central Baptist Church, Crestview, 682-5525; Gospel Lighthouse Bible Bookstores in Crestview and Fort Walton Beach locations, 689-4404 or 244-5438; or through the ministry at 496-7106.

To pay via credit card, call 800-965-9324. For more information, visit www.Libbyandfriendsgospelconcerts.com or Central Baptist Church at 682-5525.

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Above: A Florida Department of Transportation memorial marker was placed just off the right-of-way on State Road 85 at the site of Megan Warman's fatal accident.

Left: Sy Pinkert misses his friend, Megan Warman, and uses his triathlon jersey to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving. Pinkert said many of his fellow cyclists have had drivers veer into the bike lane as they use their cell phones while driving.

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County Sheriff Larry Ashley and Okaloosa County School District Superintendent Alexis Tibbetts announced a partnership to bring "Just Drive" programs to high schools across the county.

"We know that increasing awareness will prevent accidents," Ashley said. "We began at the beginning, where every customer who comes into the licensing office to get a learners permit or drivers license will be given a no-texting thumb band and asked to sign a text-free driving pledge as a way to encourage people to think twice before texting and driving. It could possibly save a life."

The U.S. Army Safety Center in Fort Rucker, Ala., sent a video production crew to Crestview in 2011 where they produced, "The Ten Worst Days" for an Army-wide safety topic. The title was taken from an interview they did on camera with Fine who used the phrase when talking about the days following Megan's wreck. She

was in a coma for 10 days before she died Feb. 7, 2011, of injuries she sustained in the wreck.

The safety video reached more than 1 million U.S. Army members, their families and civilian workforce members, the video's producers estimated.

The Florida Department of Transportation placed a memorial marker at the site of Megan's fatal accident on State Road 85 just south of Juniper Creek.

Sy Pinkert, CHS class of 2010, passes Megan's memorial marker twice daily during his commute to and from Northwest Florida State College.

"We talked every day and I miss her. I miss my friend. Now I pass her marker on the road instead of talking to her," Pinkert said. "I did a triathlon in Destin and while training I can't tell you the number of times a driver came into the pedestrian and bike path toward me or one of my friends and they are always holding a cellphone

and jerking the car back at the last minute before they hit a runner or a cyclist.

"I wanted to make people think about what they were doing and about Megan, so I had a quick dry shirt made with Megan's name on it and her birth and death years. So many people knew her name and talked about her story at the race and on-line in runners' posts. It is just sad that she left this legacy."

Fine said he is advocating passage of a law prohibiting texting and driving in Florida, which is one of 15 states without some form of legislation banning the practice.

Florida Rep. Ray Pilon, R-Sarasota, and Sen. Nancy Detert, R-Venice, are sponsoring Senate Bill 416, which would make texting while driving a secondary offense, as the citation would be issued on top of another offense.

Rep. Irv Slosberg, D-Boca Raton, filed another bill to ban the use of handheld electronics by drivers age 18 and younger.

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landing in the top quarter of statewide middle schools.

Of 443 statewide high schools, Crestview High ranked 184th with an FCAT grade point of 503 and 656 high school component points, for a total of 1,159 points. Collegiate High School scored 711 FCAT points and a perfect 800 high school component points for 1,511 total points.

Baker School and Laurel Hill School ranked 22 and 23 respectively out of 65 statewide K-12 combination schools with 1,123 and 1,121 total school points. Baker School had 529 FCAT points and 691 high school component points, while Laurel Hill had 532 and 675 points respectively.

"In Okaloosa County, our teachers and our principals — the people who are actually on the front line doing the work — do a great job.

The rankings across the county with all our schools shows that," Nobles said.

"At the same time I think we all have become very adept at looking at our data year in and year out, seeing our strengths but also recognizing our weaknesses," Nobles continued. "That's what makes our public education system unique; we look at those weaknesses and work to overcome them."

The Florida Education Association teachers' union and other critics say schools can't be judged solely on test scores and factors such as students' socio-economic status should have been taken into account.

"We're fortunate that we live in a county that has a high socio-economic factor, but we do have a lot of students whose families are struggling across the

county," Nobles said. "That does play into what you get out of a kid at school."

"But again, our teachers, our principals, recognize those things. You can look at numbers all day long but until you know what those numbers represent, the people those numbers are involved in, that's when you make inroads, that's when you really help. They translate that data into individual students' needs."

Among other county high schools, Niceville ranked 18, Fort Walton Beach ranked 46 and Choctawhatchee ranked 68. In middle schools, Ruckel (10), Destin (38), Lewis (42), Meigs (62) and Pryor (70) topped north county schools. Edge (121), Plew (140) and Bluewater (165) ranked above Crestview area elementary schools.

NORTH COUNTY SCHOOL RANKINGS

According to the Florida Department of Education, this is how north Okaloosa County schools ranked, including school grade points.

RANK	SCHOOL	POINTS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (out of 1,795 schools)		
279	Antioch	616
513	Walker	586
595	Bob Sikes	575
666	Northwood	567
825	Riverside	553
MIDDLE SCHOOLS (out of 583 schools)		
111	Davidson	594
133	Shoal River	587
HIGH SCHOOL (out of 443 schools)		
164	Crestview	1,159
COMBINATION SCHOOLS (out of 65 schools)		
22	Baker	1,123
23	Laurel Hill	1,121

For a complete list of how all Okaloosa County schools ranked against Florida's other schools in their division, visit app2.fldoe.org/Ranking/Schools/.

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agreed to retain Arvay at least through February. An amended agreement between MSCA and Arvay will be presented at the association's Feb. 16 meeting, Conner said.

"The desire is there to continue this organization as it is. We will improvise as we need to meet our objectives," Conner said.

Cal Zethmayr, chairman of the Main Street promotions committee, introduced the new calendar of downtown events, beginning with participating in the April and September Flea Across Florida yard sales. A new First Friday Fest in June, July and August replaces the Okaloosa Arts Alliance-North's Music and Art on Main Street festival series.

In late August, MSCA would again host a circus

or carnival, followed by the city's popular Fall Festival on Oct. 27 and the Christmas parade on Dec. 1.

Following a motion by Coney Island restaurant owner Julia Phillips, the schedule was unanimously approved.

Returning to a previously discussed idea, former Main Street president Mickey Rytman asked how the organization's proposal to hold a Mardi Gras parade had been received by the CRA.

"We presented it with the CRA but they never discussed it," Conner said. "We need a Mardi Gras event to bring us out of winter. Hopefully when we meet with the CRA again, we'll put that back on their agenda.... That was our lead-off idea last year and we got no-

where with it."

"Because we have a broader audience with the new Seventh Special Forces people in town, it may appeal to them," Rytman observed.

"There isn't anything going on that time of year anyway so we need something," Phillips agreed. "For February or March, that would be perfect."

Arvay said he has gotten to work on updating the association's website and Facebook page, and is working on promotional fliers for Main Street's various events.

"I tried to keep him (Arvay) busy for the next three weeks until we have our February board meeting," Conner said, at which the fate of Arvay's position will be further discussed.

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Cosplay on the Emerald Coast

Photographer travels Southeast in search of costumed sci-fi fans

By Katy Houghton
The Destin Log

All across the Emerald Coast, there are men and women, both young and old, leading double lives.

"They use normal transportation. Some have jobs. Some go to school and some do both," Michael Smith said. "But a handful of times each year, they receive the call: A convention is close by."

Smith, a Crestview resident, is a freelance photographer who specializes in cosplay photography at sci-fi conventions across the Southeast.

Cosplay is short for "costumed play," a type of art in which a person wears costumes and accessories similar to that worn by characters commonly depicted in Japanese animation or anime, science fiction series such as "Star Trek" or even comic books.

But the world of

cosplay isn't limited to just sci-fi.

"People can even cosplay as real people," Smith said. "I've seen people cosplay as Christina Aguilera and even Snooki from Jersey Shore."

The 35-year-old first stumbled across the costumed fans in 2007 at his first convention in Panama City.

"Seeing people face-to-face dressed up as certain characters was refreshing," Smith said.

A year earlier, he became interested in photography when a friend asked him to take some good, non-cosplay pictures of her at a local park.

"Both she and I were amazed at some of the shots I got of her with me being new to the hobby and all," he said.

During the next few years, he expanded his hobby and created Emerald Coast Models,



MICHAEL SMITH



ANIME: Yoko, the first cosplayer Smith worked with on a regular basis, cosplaying as Azula from the Nickelodeon cartoon, "Avatar: The Last Airbender."

which focuses on female artistic modeling. While traveling to conventions, Smith met many cosplayers who were interested in posing for Emerald Coast Models.

So many in fact that the cosplay pictures began to stand out. So in January 2010, Smith launched a new website, emeraldcoastcosplay.com, an online gallery dedicated to convention photography.

"I love the fact of combining cosplay and photography; two completely different forms and creating one brand new art form," Smith said.

Smith most often attends SukoshiCON, where he is the official photographer, FAN:dom, MobiCON, Dragon*CON, Anime Weekend Atlanta and Kami-CON.

"There's a little bit of nerd in all of us," he said. "All I can say is to just check out an anime or sci-fi convention sometime. You don't have to dress up to go, but it is fun seeing people dress up."

And even if you're not a "nerd," Smith says you're bound to see at least one cosplayer dressed as a character you know.

"As for me, I don't really have a single favorite, but I do have characters I would love to find at a future convention and do some sort of mini-shoot with," he said.

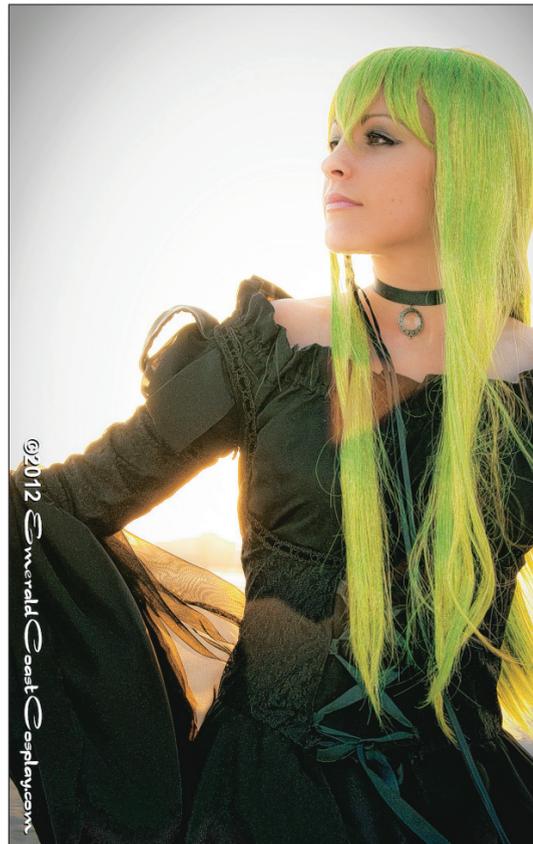
As for the most interesting thing he's photographed, Smith said it's difficult to pick just one.

"Have you ever seen the character Mystique from the X-Men films? Imagine seeing a cosplayer in person cosplaying as that character wearing nothing but a thong and body paint," he said. "That was very interesting."

Next on the convention line-up is MobiCON XV on May 18-20 in Mobile, Ala., and SukoshiCON v3 on Oct. 13 in Mobile, Ala.

For more information, visit emeraldcoastcosplay.com or visit them on Facebook at Emerald Coast Cosplay.

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MOON: A near full moon complete with an orange hue peeked in and out of the clouds in the sky over Crestview on a recent night.

Most checked out books at the Crestview library

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 "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules" - Jeff Kinney
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 "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journals" - Jeff Kinney
 "Private" - James Patterson
 "The Hunger Games" - Suzanne Collins
 "Green Eggs and Ham" - Dr. Seuss
 "Sizzling Sixteen" - Janet Evanovich
 "Breaking Dawn" - Stephenie Meyer
 "You've Been Warned" - James Patterson
 "The Postcard Killers" - James Patterson
 "The Litigators" - John Grisham
 "Ten Apples Up on Top!" - Dr. Seuss
 "Marked: a House of Night" - P. C. Cast
 "Wicked Appetite" - Janet Evanovich
 "Junie B. Jones Is a Graduation Girl!" - Barbara Park
 "Chasing Fire" - Nora Roberts
 "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut" - Dr. Seuss

Sheriff's employees receive awards

Special to the News Bulletin

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office employees recently earned some awards. Recipients include Inspector George Collins, Investigator Steve Hough and Deputy Heath Hehl.

Collins received congressional recognition for his work investigating and increasing public awareness about the crime of human trafficking. He was instrumental in bringing national and international attention to problems with the J-1 Summer Work Travel Visa program and subsequent exploitation of foreign workers at the hands of some labor brokers who abuse the program.

Collins received an award for his professionalism and dedication from Helen Rigon, who works for U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Chumuckla.

Hough was shot three times while working to take a violent fugitive into custody. He received the Medal of Valor from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office on Jan. 30. His fellow officers involved in the incident were also recognized for their bravery.

Hough was working outside a suspect's Milton home Dec. 9, 2011, as part of a U.S. Marshals Service perimeter team. There was very little area to provide cover and the suspect, Christopher Lewis, abruptly came out of the house with guns in each hand and began firing at officers. Hough returned fire but was

shot once in the face and twice in the leg. Lewis did not stop firing until all his ammunition was gone, and received multiple gunshot wounds that eventually proved fatal.

Hough put himself at personal risk to ensure Lewis did not escape, knowing the threat he posed to others, a sheriff's report states.

In awarding Hough the Medal of Valor, Sheriff Larry Ashley said Hough "performed in an exemplary manner exhibiting bravery, professionalism, rigid self-discipline, commitment, selflessness and courage under extreme duress."

Hough was also presented a special plaque from the Military Order of the Purple Heart's First Responders Program.

Three more Okaloosa deputies working with the marshals during the incident also received honors.

During the firefight, Investigator Todd Watkins's weapon malfunctioned. Watkins, holding a ballistics shield, attempted to move to position himself between the advancing suspect and his fallen partner. The shield was hit by multiple rounds. As the suspect was downed, Watkins got Hough out of the immediate area and began administering first aid. He was awarded the Medal of Valor as well.

Investigators Jeff McGill and John Merchant received the sheriff's Medal of Merit award. During the firefight, they moved to more tacti-

cal positions to aid fellow officers and prevent Lewis from escaping. When the suspect was downed by law enforcement gunfire, McGill moved immediately to help Hough and evacuate him to a nearby hospital.

Merchant and others entered the house to make sure it didn't contain additional threats to those giving aid to Hough.

Ashley said all four officers upheld the highest standards of the law enforcement profession.

Hehl is the sheriff's 2011 Deputy of the Year. Ashley presented the award during an agency awards banquet, calling Hehl a model officer.

Hehl responded to 2,829 calls for service in the east district, conducting 201 initial or continuing investigations, and making 73 arrests for violations ranging from driving under the influence to armed burglary. One of those investigations resulted in the recovery of more than \$110,000 in stolen property.

Ashley said Hehl exemplifies a standard of excellence in everything he does, from his demeanor and appearance to his drive and professional manner. Those qualities also resulted in his appointment as a field-training officer for the sheriff's office despite having been employed less than a year.

Hehl also was praised for performing his duties with the right mix of compassion and tenacity.

OCI initiates inmate re-entry program

Special to the News Bulletin

Okaloosa County Department of Corrections is working with JobsPlus on a monthly basis to provide inmates with a program to reenter the workforce.

Minimum- and medium-security inmates who are being released within a month get an overview of the program and the opportunity to attend an upcoming class.

JobsPlus drives a mobile unit to the jail, and inmates register in the Employ Florida Marketplace system, identify their skills and match jobs to those skills. Inmates also can preregister for additional assistance they might need while looking for work and be in the system, receiving benefits as soon as they are released. Veterans also can access services they are eligible for prior to their departure.

"Our corrections staff saw an opportunity to make a difference and allow for a smoother transition from the jail back into society," DOC Chief Paul Lawson said.

In the first month, 19 inmates attended the initial briefing and 11 participated in the JobsPlus program held Jan. 17. The program is funded by Employ Florida, Veterans Affairs and private industry.

Felony ARRESTS

Crestview Police Department reports

• RICKY A. BAGGETT, 49, was charged with failure to register as a sex offender and obstruction by a disguised person.

1/17: WENDY FRANCIS NELSON, 41, of 6009 N. State Road 85, Crestview, was charged with uttering forged bills, checks, drafts or notes and theft.

1/18: CHUCKIE TYRONE MCGUIRE, JR, 28, of 44 Crooked Pine Trail, Crestview, was charged with felony battery (domestic violence).

1/19: TONY D. TATUM, 21, of 1304 E. James Lee Blvd., Crestview, was charged with aggravated battery. • WALTER MARTIN KIDD, 54, of 125 W. First Ave., Apt. 28, Crestview, was

charged with felony battery.

1/20: JAMES E. LAFATA, 31, of 109 Lakeview Drive, Crestview, was charged with failure to return leased property.

1/22: RICHARD TRAVIS ELLEDGE, 48, of 796 McCaskill St., Crestview, was charged with domestic violence battery-second offense.

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office reports

1/17: JOSEPH YOUNG, 58, of 5326 Whitney Court, Crestview, was charged with impersonating a law enforcement officer/public employee or utility employee.

1/19: JONATHAN DWAYNE JOSLIN, of 697 Cobb Ave., Crestview,

was charged with aggravated stalking.

1/20: CARLOS ADIEM CUEBAS GONZALEZ, of 818 Lark St., Fort Walton Beach, was charged with armed burglary to a dwelling, structure or conveyance.

1/23: CHARLA NICOLE CATO, 24, of 1160 County Road 4A, Baker, was charged with dealing in stolen property. • MICHAEL ALAN MCCALLUM, 28, of 645 E. Ave., Crestview, was charged with unarmed burglary to a dwelling and larceny totaling more than \$300 but less than \$20,000. • CHRISTOPHER ALLEN DREADING, 24, of 5230 Griffith Mill Road, Baker, was charged with larceny/theft totaling \$300 or more, but less than \$5,000.

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Academic teams shine

Local middle schools score high in knowledge, sportsmanship

By Brian Hughes
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Crestview area middle school students displayed their academic prowess at the Jan. 14 county-level Academic Team competition at Pryor Middle School in Fort Walton Beach. In addition to demonstrating their knowledge in a variety of subjects, they also proved their skills in teamwork and sportsmanship.

Students from Shoal River and Davidson middle schools spent the school year preparing for the county competition, brushing up on subjects including math, history, civics, geography, science,

literature, grammar and current events, the clubs' advisers, Cindi Eastman at Davidson and Chris Brown and Rosemarie Morris at Shoal River, said.

Shoal River fielded a sixth grade junior varsity team, as well as a seventh and eighth grade varsity team.

The nine participating Okaloosa County middle schools competed against each other throughout the day. Davidson and Shoal River tied Pryor Middle School with eight wins and one loss each. For a while, Shoal River's varsity team was tied for first place with the Pryor team, but in the end, Shoal River placed second behind Pryor and



JENNIFER STEGNER | Special to the News Bulletin

Davidson Middle School's academic team members include (from left) Quinn Stegner, co-captain Jason Arndt, Tiffany Berkley, co-captain Nolan Arenz, Cailey Ness and Claire White.

Davidson came in third. "Since they defeated each other evenly, ultimately first, second and third places were decided by which of these teams had scored the most points throughout the day," Shoal River's Morris said. "A difference of two or three questions out of a possible 320 questions is all that separated them."

"We have an outstanding team," Davidson's Eastman said proudly. "For us at Davidson, it is not just about winning ... I think that the

experience of competing is valuable; winning or losing is not as important as building character. Team work and cooperation are key."

That spirit was also exemplified at Shoal River, said Morris, adding that while the junior varsity team didn't win many matches, they certainly received kudos for their sportsmanship.

"They showed Mustang character in a significant way," Morris said. "The Lewis (Middle School)

'team' consisted of one little girl. By the time she met us, she had endured a very long day. At the half, I explained to the team that the match would not count towards the day's standings and (asked) would they like to help her out.

"As a result, one of our team members joined the Lewis team for the second half," Morris continued. "The little girl from Lewis perked up noticeably and actually started buzzing in and answering questions! It was precious."

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Crestview Library hosts reading with Dozer

By Heather Nitzel
Special to the News Bulletin

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How would you like to read to Dozer? On Saturday, Feb. 4, we are kicking off R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs), a program that has received worldwide media attention. R.E.A.D. pairs beginning or struggling readers with a dog and watches confidence levels rise as



children read to a good listener who will not laugh at their mistakes. R.E.A.D. will be offered the first Saturday of each month from 10-11 a.m.

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Heather Nitzel is a youth services librarian with the Robert L.F. Sikes Public Library in Crestview.

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Firefighters honored for lifesaving measures



BRIAN HUGHES | News Bulletin

As Crestview Mayor David Cadle, left, observes, Fire Chief Joe Traylor pins lifesaving medals on firefighters Preston Downs, left, and Richard Cook.

By Brian Hughes
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A Dec. 11 traffic accident on State Road 85 might have taken the life of the driver of a van that slammed into a utility pole south of the Aplin Road intersection had it not been for the swift action of Crestview firefighters and police officers.

At the Jan. 23 meeting of the Crestview City Council, Fire Chief Joe Traylor pinned lifesaving award medals on firefighters Richard Cook and Preston Downs, who, with other public safety officers, responded to the scene of the single-vehicle accident. The motorist suffered an apparent heart attack but was revived.

"It is a great honor to be the fire chief of the city of Crestview," Fire Chief Joe Traylor said while praising his firemen. "These gentlemen responded to an EMS medical call and assisted so that the patient survived his event. It is an example of the teamwork that the citizens have come to expect from their police department and fire department."

"The council would like to commend our valiant firefighters," Council President Charles Baugh Jr. said as he and others in the city council chamber rose to their feet to applaud Cook and Downs.

Police officers John Cook and Rob DeRoche were recognized with lifesaving medals at the Jan. 9 council meeting.



Mayor David Cadle, left, recognizes Crestview firefighter David Turnage for five years of service to the city.



Crestview firefighter Edward "Tony" Mosely is recognized by Mayor David Cadle for five years of service to the city.



Police Lt. Andrew Schneider is recognized by Mayor David Cadle for 10 years of service to Crestview.

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Public safety officers recognized for service

By Brian Hughes
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Three Crestview public safety officers were recognized for a combined 20 years of service to the city at the Jan. 23

meeting of the Crestview City Council.

Firefighter David Turnage's five years of service were recognized by Fire Chief Joe Traylor and Mayor David Cadle.

"We can always depend on

David to do the job that needs to be done to protect the citizens of Crestview," Traylor said.

Edward "Tony" Mosley also was recognized for five years with the fire department.

"Tony... is another example of

the kind of employee that makes it a pleasure to be the fire chief of the city of Crestview," Traylor said.

Police Lt. Andrew Schneider was recognized for 10 years of service to Crestview.

"We're real proud of Andrew," Police Chief Brian Mitchell said. "He handles training for new officers who come on board and he is also our PIO (public information officer). He wears many hats."

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CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 240, INDIAN LAKE, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AND ALL EXHIBITS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2671, PAGE 3647, AND RE-RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2672, PAGE 3597 ALL OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO, AS SET FORTH IN THE DEC-

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LARATION OF CONDOMINIUM
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DATED this 17 day of Jan., 2012.

Don VV Howard
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: K Brown
Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

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By: K Sims
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P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida
33622-5018
F08111543

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Legal # 130597

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 46 2011 CC 000777

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FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 46-2008-CA-007077
DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs. SAM COLLINGWOOD A/K/A SAM A. COLLINGWOOD, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 46-2008-CA-007077 of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and SAM COLLINGWOOD A/K/A SAM A. COLLINGWOOD: LAKE ARTHUR ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED; STATE OF FLORIDA; OKALOOSA COUNTY; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WWW.OKALOOSA.REALFORECLOSE.COM at 11:00AM, on the 2nd day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 19, IN BLOCK E, OF LAKE ARTHUR ESTATES PHASE I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22, AT PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 3085 ZACH AVENUE, CRESTVIEW, FL 32536

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 9, 2012.

Don W. Howard
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: K Sims
Deputy Clerk

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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. AD-

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SHORELINE TOWERS PHASE I CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation Plaintiff,

vs. JANICE KENNIS and JOEL KENNIS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 19, 2012, and entered in Case No. 46 2011 CC 000777 of the County Court in and for Okaloosa County, Florida, wherein Shoreline Towers Phase I Condominium Association, Inc. is Plaintiff, and JANICE KENNIS and JOEL KENNIS 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 29 day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

The Condominium Parcel known as Apartment 4-5, of Shoreline Towers Condominium #4, a Condominium according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded in Official Records Book 1121, page 1877, of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida and pursuant to Survey, Plat Plan and Graphic Descriptions of improvements recorded in Condominium Plat Book 2, page 102, of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida. Subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any, which are specifically not extended or reimposed hereby.

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DATED this 23 day of January, 2012.

Don Howard, Clerk Circuit Court

By Nancy Moxcey
Deputy Clerk

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

Becker & Poliakoff, P.A.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
348 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW, Suite 7
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548-5253
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(850)664-7882 Fax

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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. AD-

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AMS, 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, lienors 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
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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. Box 776, Crestview, Florida 32536 on or before the 20th day of February, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 6th day

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By: K Sims
Deputy Clerk

Stanley Luke
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Crestview, FL 32536
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Legal #130577

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-004901-S

REGIONS BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH AMSouth BANK Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BETTY L. MCKISSICK, Deceased, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 10, 2012, in Case No. 2009-CA-004901-S of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit for Collier County, Florida, in which Regions Bank, Successor by Merger with AmSouth Bank, is Plaintiff, and Unknown Heirs, Beneficiaries, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees Or Other Claimants By And Through Under Or Against The Estate Of Betty L. McKissick, Deceased, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to

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the highest and best bidder for cash, at https://www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com/index.cfm, at 11:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, on the 21 day of FEB, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

UNIT NO. A, BUILDING NO. 12, FINISTERRA, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1060, PAGE 963, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO.

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 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 10 day of Jan, 2012.

DON W. HOWARD
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Vicki Jackson
Deputy Clerk

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.:
46-2009-CA-001116

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

SAMANTHA DOUANGDARA; MIRAMAR PLACE CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; GABRIELA WALSH; MICHAEL WALSH; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 9th day of Jan., 2012, and entered in Case No. 46-2009-CA-001116, of the Circuit Court of the 1st Judicial Circuit in and for Okaloosa County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and SAMANTHA DOUANGDARA, MIRAMAR PLACE CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., GABRIELA WALSH and MICHAEL WALSH IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY 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 28 day of Feb., 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

UNIT C302, MIRAMAR PLACE CONDOMINIUMS, PHASE IV, ACCORDING TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUMS FOR MIRAMAR PLACE CONDOMINIUMS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2508, PAGE 2081, AS AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2791, PAGE 4890, AND AS AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2794, PAGE 1231, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED SHARE OR INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELE-

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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, 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.

Dated this 10 day of Jan., 2012.

DON W. HOWARD
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: K Brown
Deputy Clerk

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Legal #130584

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.:
46-2010-005797C
CIRCUIT CIVIL

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., a Tennessee corporation authorized to transact business in Florida, Plaintiff,

vs.

PAMELA A. FLORES; JOHN H. MANN; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANTS, IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE DEFENDANT(S); Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 6, 2012 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on March 2, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. (CST), online at www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com, the following described property:

Lot 1, Block A, FOXES RUN FIRST ADDITION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 4, of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida.

To include a:
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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: 1-12-12

DON W. HOWARD, CLERK OKALOOSA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

By: E Hoke
Deputy Clerk

ADA/Accessibility

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Sims, Chief Deputy Court Administrator, Office of Court Administration at (850) 595-4400 at the M.C. Blanchard Judicial Building, 5th Floor, Pensacola, FL 32502 at

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In accordance with Florida Statute 197.3632, the Holt Fire District intends to use the uniform method of collection for non-ad valorem assessment. This may cause an increase in assessments of up to \$1.20 per assessment for FY 2012. The Holt Fire Commissioners will hold a public hearing on this as their first action at their regular meeting on the 1st Monday in March 2012 (5 March 2012), at 6:30 PM at the Holt Fire Department 490 Highway 90 W, Holt, FL 32564.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.:
46-2010-CA-000186

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARISA ROBERTSON A/K/A M ROBERTSON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; REDS WAY INVESTMENTS LLC; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 10 day of JAN, 2012, and entered in Case No. 46-2010-CA-000186, of the Circuit Court of the 1st Judicial Circuit in and for Okaloosa County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC is the Plaintiff and MARISA ROBERTSON A/K/A M ROBERTSON, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. and REDS WAY INVESTMENTS LLC IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY 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 2 day of MARCH, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6, BLOCK 1, LAKE SILVER FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 185, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

The date of first publication of this notice is January 28, 2012.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Tracy O. Strom Attorney for Kathleen Murray Florida Bar Number: 0907420 204 Buck Drive NE Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548 Telephone: (850) 243-5451 Fax: (850) 244-9554

Personal Representative: Kathleen Murray 14 Chipping Ridge Fairport, NY 14450

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Legal #130575

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 11-CP-530

IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES R. WALDRON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Charles R. Waldron, deceased, whose date of death was November 12, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okaloosa County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 101 James Lee Blvd. East, Crestview, FL 32536. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

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Attorney for Personal Representative: Tracy O. Strom Attorney for Kathleen Murray Florida Bar Number: 0907420 204 Buck Drive NE Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548 Telephone: (850) 243-5451 Fax: (850) 244-9554

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Big day for Bulldogs

Eight Crestview athletes sign scholarships

By Randy Dickson
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CRESTVIEW — The present and future met for eight Crestview athletes Wednesday as they signed a National Letter of Intent with the colleges of their choice to continue their athletic careers.

Six football players — Will Boler, Alex Campagne, Geo Hillsman, Matt Hutchison, Earl Reed and Javaris Seastrunk — signed scholarship papers, along with Bulldog softball player Hannah Day and track star Asten Lopez.

Reed, an offensive lineman, actually double signed, inking with Division I Memphis of Conference USA and junior college power Georgia Military. Reed is expected to attend Georgia Military.

Seastrunk, an outside linebacker, had an offer from Minnesota of the Big 10 but chose Division I-AA Elon of the Southern Conference. Elon is in North Carolina.

Hillsman and Hutchison will attend Gardner-Webb,

which is also an I-AA school in North Carolina. GWU plays in the Big South Conference. Hillsman is projected to play receiver and Hutchison fullback. Hutchison turned down the chance to be a preferred walk-on at Florida.

Boler and Campagne will continue their careers together, having signed with Cumberland University in Nashville, Tenn.

Day will keep her talents local as she signed with Northwest Florida State College, where she will catch for the Raiders.

Lopez, who was last year's female track Athlete of the Year after winning district championships in the 100 meters, 200 meters and long jump, has signed with Division I Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

The Bulldogs who signed Wednesday join classmates Kameron Miller and Derek Lovelace, baseball players who had signed previously.

Crestview head football coach and athletic director Kevin Pettis praised all the

athletes for their hard work.

"They've done a great job, and they've worked hard, and they deserve what they get," he said. "We are just proud that they were able to fulfill their dreams and save their parents a lot of money."

The estimated value of the 10 scholarships is \$2 million over four years.

For Day, the opportunity to play locally for the Raiders made her decision an easy one.

"I love their program," she said. "I love the school, and it's close to home."

"I had a great offer, and I took it. It was just a great opportunity."

The decision to turn down bigger programs to play at I-AA schools wasn't so easy for Hutchison or Seastrunk, but both are comfortable with their choices.

"The atmosphere (at Gardner-Webb) was awesome," Hutchison said. "The facilities were very nice, and everyone in Boiling Springs is just nice, too. It feels like back home, and that's where



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Eight Crestview athletes — football players Will Boler, Alex Campagne, Geo Hillsman, Matt Hutchison, Earl Reed and Javaris Seastrunk, softball player Hannah Day and track sprinter Asten Lopez — are joined by baseball players Kameron Miller and Derek Lovelace, who had signed previously.

I want to be.

"I talked to them (Florida coaches) Tuesday night about 9:30, and I made the final decision that I was going to go ahead and sign with Gardner-Webb."

As was the case with Hutchison, Seastrunk said the people at Elon played a big part in his decision. "It all comes down to the people there and that home kind of feeling that you feel like they care about you there," he said.

Wednesday might have

been the big signing day, but football players Andrew Gibbons, Matt Phelan and Andrew Thomas are expected to sign scholarships in the next few weeks.

Wednesday was an extra special day for Crestview assistant principal Dexter Day, a 1978 CHS grad who is also Hannah Day's father and the former middle school coach of some of the football players.

"It is a great day," he said. "Our kids deserve this just like any other kids."

They have worked hard over the past years. I know, I've had a few of these football players and obviously I've worked with Hannah ever since she could pick a ball up.

"The commitment that they are doing in these sports will catapult them to where they want to be later in life. That commitment and dedication to what they are doing in their sport will make them that much better in the business world or whatever they do."



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Crestview's Holly Stanford dribbles into the lane for Crestview. The Bulldog senior captain scored seven points as Crestview beat Niceville 49-34 in the District 2-6A tournament opener. At right, Jensis Coleman fires up a jump shot for Crestview.

Lady Dawgs win tourney opener

By Randy Dickson
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CRESTVIEW — The District 2-6A girls basketball tournament opened Monday night with No. 4 seed Crestview hosting fifth seed Niceville for the right to play top seed Choctawhatchee in the tournament semifinals that were played Friday at Mosley.

And to the delight of the home fans, it was the Bulldogs who advanced with a 49-35 win. Fittingly, Crestview avenged a loss from a year ago when the Eagles eliminated the Bulldogs from the tournament.

Crestview (14-9) got an early basket from Jensis Coleman less than a minute into the game and never trailed.

Coleman's basket was followed by scores from Jasmine Middleton, Solo Pride and Malia Gandy as the Bulldogs opened up an early 7-0 lead.

The Eagles, who end the season with a 5-21 record, finally got on the scoreboard with 2:57 left in the first quarter when

Dani Douglas hit a pair of free throws. An Aubrey West free throw cut the Bulldog lead to 7-3, but Erica Herman scored for Crestview with 12 seconds left in the quarter to push the Bulldog lead back to six points.

Niceville continually battled back throughout the game, cutting into a large Bulldog lead and closing to within three or four points only to see the momentum swing back to Crestview.

A basket by Middleton with 3:12 left in the second quarter put the Bulldogs up 17-9, and they appeared ready to run away with the game, but Niceville clawed back, holding Crestview scoreless the rest of the half. Amanda Demma, Michaela Mitchell and Douglas scored for the Eagles in the final three minutes of the second quarter to cut the Bulldog lead to a basket at 17-15.

With less than a second left in the half, Demma had a chance to tie the game with a pair of free throws, but she missed them both as the Bulldogs survived

the Niceville run.

As was the case in the first half, the third quarter started with quick scores by Crestview, followed by a counter punch from the Eagles.

A Jaci Hodskins basket with 6:28 left in the third pulled Niceville to within a point with the score at 20-19.

Crestview proceeded to go on a 9-0 run that ended with a 3-pointer by Holly Stanford.

A Douglas score 20 seconds into the fourth quarter once again had the Eagles to within a basket with the score 31-29. But back-to-back baskets by Crestview's Arianna Simms sparked an 11-0 Bulldog run to put the game out of reach.

"Any time you beat Niceville it's a good thing," Stanford said. "It was a good thing that we all came together and won our last home game and are going on to face Choctaw and hopefully we will make it to the playoffs this year."

"This has definitely been a building season



and we've had our ups and downs, but hopefully we can pull it out (beat Choctaw and make the playoffs)."

Coleman led the Bulldogs with 10 points. Stanford and Simms each scored seven.

Hoboes outlast Gators in close match

By Randy Dickson
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BAKER — Tuesday's boys basketball game between neighbors Laurel Hill and Baker was not for the weak of heart or mind.

The Hoboes and Gators battled it out for the full 32 minutes, and in the end it was Laurel Hill pulling out a 57-52 win.

To say the teams were evenly matched would be an understatement.

The game started just as it would unfold, with the teams trading baskets.

Hobo senior Tyler Zessin picked up the game's first basket on an offensive rebound. And 20 seconds later, the Gators (9-14) answered with a basket by Tikea Davis.

At the end of the first quarter, the game was tied 11-11. About the only difference in the first quarter was the Hoboes (13-10) got their scoring from five different players, while Baker's Garrett Sanders scored eight for his team.

Eight minutes later when the half ended, the score was still tied at 26-26. Danny Spicer took over for Sanders in the second quarter, scoring eight points, and Travon Calloway almost matched that total with 11 points for the Hoboes.

Laurel Hill coach Kent Zessin praised the play of both teams in the first half.

"The first half was probably the best half I've seen of two teams getting after it," he said. "It was just back and forth."

"I told the guys at halftime it was going to be the little things — hitting the free throws and doing the little things, and the game was going to come down to the wire."

The Hoboes might have taken care of the little things better in the second half, but they got a big boost from post player Lane Strickland, who scored 14 of his game-high 16 points in the final two quarters.

With Strickland taking over in the paint with eight points in the third quarter, the Hoboes tried to pull away. Laurel Hill led 43-35

after three, but the game was far from over.

Josh Hartzog did his best to will the Gators back in the game in the fourth quarter as he scored eight of his 11 points, but the Hobo lead was just too big to overcome as Laurel Hill held off Baker's late charge.

Sanders led the Gators with 13 points. Hartzog and Spicer each scored 11 points.

Strickland was joined in double figures for the Hoboes by brothers Travon and Tamaria Calloway. Travon Calloway had 15 points, and Tamaria added 11.

Baker coach Mike Martello was gracious in defeat.

"We knew what to expect," he said. "They just did a little bit better job of executing than we did, especially in the second half. Their defense in the second half set the tempo and we never could get it going offensively, and I just give it all to their defense in the second half."

"They really stepped up big."



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Laurel Hill's Travon Calloway knives his way between a pair of Baker defenders on his way to the basket.