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Railey Conner, 11, sorts through donations for her 12th Birthday Project. She seeks donations for nursing home residents in lieu of presents for her Dec. 15 birthday.

## Birthday Project 2.0

### Holt girl seeks donations for seniors, not presents

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**HOLT** — Many birthday boys and girls fixate on flashy gifts they'll receive.

Railey Conner of Holt has a different perspective.

She's rejecting gifts today, her 12th birthday, and requesting donations for senior citizens in nursing homes.

"I think it would be better to donate than to receive gifts," she said.

Railey won't miss the gifts, said Angie Holland, her mother.

"It's not a big deal to her like it is to the adults that find out that what she is doing," she said.

This marks the second year of Railey's Birthday Project. Last year, she donated gift bags to residents at Carrington Manor in Crestview. This year, Railey also will give gifts to residents at Safe and Secure Respite Care LLC in Crestview.

The former has a special place in her heart.

It's been the home of her great-grandmother, Roxie Buchanan,

#### WANT TO DONATE?

See a link to Railey Conner's 12th Birthday Project Facebook page at [crestviewbulletin.com](http://crestviewbulletin.com).

84, for the past two years. She and her mother regularly visit Buchanan, who has Alzheimer's disease.

Those visits inspired Railey's wish to bring Christmas joy to the elderly.

"When I visit her and see the other people in the nursing home, I see how lonely they are," Railey said. "I think most people tend to think of needy children, which is great, but we forget about the elderly because they are not often seen out in public."

Slippers, nightclothes, lotions and crossword puzzles are among donations that fill a spare room in the family's home.

"(Recipients) really enjoy the puzzles because it helps them pass the time," Railey said. "They also like the new clothing we get them because it is something new to wear."

About 60 nursing home residents should receive gifts come Christmas Eve, she said.

Local businesses, churches and organizations posted project fliers to aid the effort. First Baptist Church of Holt and Innerlight Surf

and Skate locations in Fort Walton Beach and Destin set up donation drop boxes.

Area residents have donated about \$600, which the mother-daughter duo will use to buy gift-bag items, Railey said. But donations — which far surpass the number of presents most 12-year-old girls receive — haven't met this year's goal.

"I think we are almost there, but not quite there yet," Railey said.

She has a plan if donations exceed expectations.

"Whatever we have left over, we will box up and donate them to other nursing homes in the area," she said.

"She's a great girl, very selfless," said Patti Snow, Carrington Manor's administrator.

Railey doesn't just talk the talk; she walks the walk, meeting personally with dependent seniors and getting to know them.

"She actually knows a lot of the residents here, so she personally knows what each one of them want for Christmas," Snow said.

"The residents really enjoy what she does for them."

**WANT TO GO?**  
The next Laurel Hill City Council meeting is 6 p.m. Jan. 8 at city hall.

## LAUREL HILL Residents show support of dissolution

### Councilwoman criticizes mayor's performance

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**LAUREL HILL** — Most residents who crowded First Baptist Church of Laurel Hill's fellowship hall Tuesday night said this north county community should dissolve its city status.

The City Council wanted residents' input on whether it should place a dissolution option on an upcoming ballot. Resident Harold Jones' comments on poor road conditions during a Nov. 15 council meeting spurred the town hall.

Residents mainly discussed the main roads' disrepair and expressed concerns about how their tax dollars were spent. Most favored dissolution.

"My position is that we are in the county, and we all need to make (the city of) Laurel Hill go away," Harold Jones said.

See **DISSOLUTION A5**

## Prevent burglaries during the holidays

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**CRESTVIEW** — Thieves often prey on unsuspecting individuals amid the holidays' hustle and bustle. However, armed with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and Crestview Police Department's tips, you can avoid becoming a target.

"The biggest thing we get is people not properly locking up their cars and homes," said Ashley Bailey, a crime prevention specialist with Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. "Eighty to 85 percent of car burglaries are due to unlocked cars."

Thieves who don't steal the vehicle still might take items from inside, Bailey said.

"They will take anything that isn't nailed down, from loose change to cellphones and iPads," Bailey said.

Some items reveal personal information, which can lead to more problems like identity theft, officials said.

On the county's north side, thieves often target houses on large properties with few surrounding neighbors, officials said, adding that burglary attempts happen in the daytime, too.

See **BURGLARIES A5**

## News Bulletin seeks impressive light displays

FROM STAFF REPORTS

**CRESTVIEW** — For some residents, Christmas decorating means untangling lights, hoping that one pesky strand will illuminate another year and getting the display up so they can move on to the next holiday chore.

Others place each carefully planned strand to give the

most visual pleasure to passing neighbors, a heartfelt Christmas present the owner shares with passers-by.

Like any art, beauty can be solely in the eye of the beholder. One person's work of multi-colored glittering art is another's tacky display of ostentation.

See **LIGHTS A5**



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Lights outlining this Old Bethel Road country home cast a blue glow in the distance as motorists approach.

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## OBITUARY

### Eric Wayne Woods

Eric Wayne Woods, 30, of 3360 Auburn Road, Crestview, died peacefully in his sleep Dec. 8, 2012, in Franklin, Ind.

Visitation is 12-2 p.m. today, Dec 15, at Brackney Funeral Service, 480 James Lee Blvd., Crestview. A celebration of Eric's life will follow at his Auburn Road residence.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Erma Welch, Murl and Nell Woods and dear friend Michael Jarriel.

Survivors include his fiancée, Tara Hurlbert of Crestview; parents, Linda Welch-Turner (Donald) of Holt, and Danny Wayne Woods (Grace) of Franklin; sister, Nikole Woods; brother-in-law, Ben Guzman, of Fort Walton Beach; nephews, Logan Brannon and Julian Guzman; nieces, Sky Guzman and Hailey Guzman; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

Eric was a 2001 graduate of Crestview High School and served in the Marines, receiving a National Defense



ERIC WAYNE WOODS

Service Medal, Rifle Marksman Badge and a Good Conduct Medal.

He had a huge variety of work skills, with the last being a forklift operator, which took him to Franklin (where he got to spend time with his dad).

He loved sports, from playing basketball at Twin City Park with his friends to watching football and always rooting for the SAINTS!

He enjoyed helping others and was just a phone call away. He loved his family and friends and met no strangers. All that knew him appreciated his sense of humor. He loved life and lived it to the fullest.

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Brackney Funeral Service made arrangements.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# Two residents earn HERO awards

Special to the News Bulletin

CRESTVIEW — Public Works employees Floyd Spence and Randy Broxson, received HERO awards at the Dec. 4 Okaloosa County Commission meeting for their assistance following a May 11 two-car accident.

Spence and Broxson directed traffic around the accident site; helped move the uninjured driver of one car from danger; and simultaneously applied medical assistance to an injured

mother and son. They provided moral support and first aid until the police and an ambulance arrived on the scene.

The Humanitarian Efforts Recognized by Okaloosa County award celebrates county employees who go beyond their job's scope and do something humanitarian or heroic.

The HERO award can include acts occurring outside work hours and submissions by people outside Okaloosa County staff.



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Floyd Spence's wife, Shannon, accepts the HERO Award on his behalf, along with HERO Award winner Randy Broxson as Administrator Jim Curry addresses the crowd at the Dec. 4 Okaloosa County Commission meeting. Floyd Spence, of Crestview, and Broxson, of Holt, assisted a mother and son after a car accident.

### KNOW A HERO?

Call 311 if you want to recognize an Okaloosa County employee's selfless act.

# Gulf Power donates building to city

## Building could become recycling center

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CRESTVIEW — Gulf Power has a new, unwanted building that could become a recycling facility for the Hub City. The City Council on Monday unanimously approved accepting the electric utility's gift.

There's just one catch: The city must dismantle and move the building.

The structure — originally a warehouse on Cadle Drive in southwest Crestview — comes with no other conditions, Public Works Director Wayne Steele said.

The 3,552-square-foot building is 96 feet long, 37 feet wide, was never occupied, has metal trusses, a metal roof, plywood walls and HardiePlank composite siding.

The cost to dismantle the building would not affect the Public Works budget, Steele said. The Okaloosa Correctional Institute's inmate labor would dismantle and store components at Public Works until the council decides where to place the building and determines its purpose.

"We have been proactive in our recycling initiative. It would serve well as

a recycling facility," Steele said. "My recommendation would be to move it to behind the hospital by the fire building" on Brookmeade Drive.

Councilman Tim Grandberry praised the donation and Steele's suggestion, and moved to accept the donation upon approval of the city attorney. Council President Ben Iannucci III, a proponent of introducing more green initiatives to Crestview, pronounced the suggestion as "great."

In other matters, the council:

- Unanimously approved an ordinance waiving collection of traffic impact fees for a 24-month trial.

"It's a very big step to move our business development forward," Iannucci said.

- Unanimously approved renewing Crestview's annual dues to Sister Cities

International for 2013. The action followed a two-week visit last month by 36 Noirmoutier, France, guests.

- Unanimously approved placing an ad on a Crestview city map the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce will publish.

- Unanimously approved a contract for officiating services at Crestview Recreation Department sports events. Hub City Sports Officials' \$56,300 winning bid is \$8,700 less than the budgeted amount.

The services had not been previously submitted for competitive bidding, Steele said.

- Unanimously approved having consultant Jack Dorman study the city's military compatibility update to the comprehensive plan.

A workshop on the issue is at 8 a.m. Feb. 9 at city hall.

# Council mulls travel expense reimbursement

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CRESTVIEW — Networking with other cities' elected leaders and learning innovative ways to meet Crestview's challenges are some benefits of attending out-of-town conferences, city council members said.

For long-distance travel, though, council members would like some of their expenses reimbursed.

Meeting in a Dec. 10 workshop to discuss travel expense reimbursement,

council members said having Crestview represented at events like the regional and state League of Cities meetings has increased the city's stature.

However, travel expense reimbursement money was excluded from the 2012-13 city budget, so city leaders must fund their own expenses. For trips no farther than Tallahassee, they will assume the expense, Councilman Charles Baugh Jr. said.

"If we're gonna grow (as a city), we gotta go (to league meetings)," Councilman Tom Gordon said.

Reimbursement discussion originated in October when Council President Ben Iannucci III requested reimbursement for nearly \$600 in expenses, including \$239.27 for a one-night stay at the Florida League of Cities conference hotel in Kissimmee. He learned there was no budget item for travel reimbursement.

"We have done a lot as council members to have representation on various boards," Baugh said. "People don't ask me 'Where's Crestview?' anymore, but now they know that Crestview is one of the largest cities we have in Northwest Florida because of our representation on the board."

Travel reimbursement could come from the city's contingency fund or another line item if necessary, Finance Director Patti Beebe said.

The Florida League of Cities can also reimburse some travel expenses, Baugh said. He offered to set aside a quarter of his councilman's compensation to help cover his travel expenses.

City Clerk Betsy Roy said her office would review past travel expenses, examine the mayor's budget and other budgets and bring recommendations for reimbursement options before the council for consideration.

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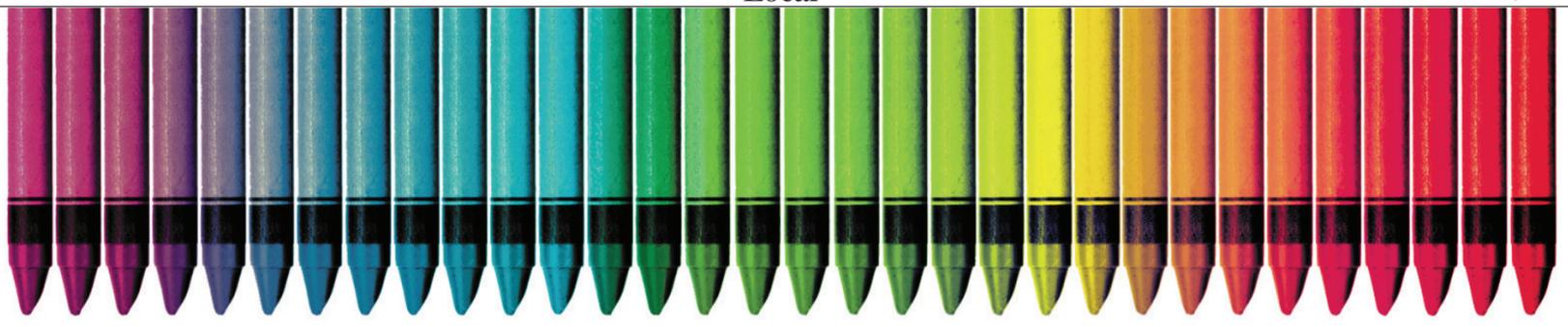
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# Coloring contest winners announced



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At left, Laurel Hill School winners, shown with third-grade teacher Chana Russell, are Levi Reed, first; Fredriana Olds, second; and Cassie Varnum, third. At right, Antioch Elementary School winners, shown with Principal Wanda Avery, are Maya Stokes, second; Jaymie James, first; and Armaan Giliani, third.



Richbourg School winners, shown here with Karen Wooten, are Jonathan Roche, first; Josh Rancourt, second; and Jacob Luttrell, third.



At left, Baker School winners, shown with Susan Holley, PTO president and Farm Bureau Women's Committee, are Eva Charpentier, first; Annie Taylor, second; and Brandon Moss, third. At right, Bob Sikes Elementary School winners, with Principal Vicky Hayden, are Amsiray Padilla-Arroyo, first; Evelyn Barrow, second; and Bradie Benner, third.

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This week, the Okaloosa County Farm Bureau announced winners of its National Farm-City Week coloring contest. Okaloosa County Schools third-graders participate in the annual event in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. The contest's overall winner is Jaymie James of Antioch Elementary School, shown below with Principal Wanda Avery.



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- MAYOR: for a four (4) year term
- CITY COUNCIL, TWO SEATS: for a four (4) year term each to the two council candidates with the greatest number of votes

Candidates run at large and must be qualified electors of Okaloosa County residing within the city limits of the City of Laurel Hill. All candidates are elected at large, by highest number of votes.

The qualifying period shall commence at noon on Monday, December 31, 2012, and shall close at noon on Friday, January 4, 2013. All candidates shall qualify with the Supervisor of Elections office at 302 Wilson St N, Suite 102, Crestview, FL. (The Supervisor's offices will be open on December 31, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm, and will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2013, in observance of New Year's Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.)

Qualifying papers are now available in the Supervisor's office. In accordance with F.S. 99.061(8), the Supervisor's office may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period, to be processed and filed during the qualifying period.

To qualify for all offices, a candidate must file the required papers and a filing fee of \$10, pursuant to the city charter.

Registration books for this election will close on Monday, February 11, 2013. Voting will be held for city residents only at Precinct #5, First Baptist Church of Laurel Hill, on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Voting is conducted in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act; for information or assistance, call 850-689-5600.

Absentee ballots will be available through the Supervisor of Elections offices, in compliance with state and federal laws.

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## Local merchants say deals still to be had

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**CRESTVIEW** — Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday are long gone, but sales haven't ended, local merchants say.

However, north county shoppers wanting large electronics or appliances had better hurry.

"Everybody is getting down to crunch time," Tommy Rivers, the Crestview Sears manager, said. "The big items are getting hard to get.

"There'll be sales going on almost daily. We get emails with new sales every morning."

New merchandise arriving at stores is part of the plan for repeat business.

"All of our stores received some new toys this week that customers haven't seen on the shelves yet," Wal-Mart district manager Jon Kurpil said. "We actually had some reductions that came down this week in our

toy department to spur a little more shopping."

Local small businesses continue to offer bargains on everything from sewing machines to TVs, ATVs, clothing and tablet computers.

On Dec. 12, the Red Raspberry Boutique on Main Street held a "12-12-12" sale, at which the first 12 customers and every 12th customer thereafter received a gift and 12 percent off select merchandise.

Store clerk Cindy Holobaugh and storeowner Donna Howard said they noticed an increase in Main Street business that began on Black Friday.

"I think Main Street is doing well. I look up and down the street and see more cars and a lot of foot traffic," Holobaugh said. "Donna always encourages people to spend Crestview money here in Crestview. She wishes people would look to Crestview first and help the local economy."

Kicking off the shopping



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At left, Local merchants, including the Crestview Sears store, hope to attract more shoppers with almost daily sales and specials as they count down to Christmas. At right, Vickie Speakman, the Crestview Sears assistant manager, counts a dwindling inventory of Craftsman Bolt On modular tools, which she said is this year's "must-have" gift.

season early with Thanksgiving evening sales, the Crestview Wal-Mart ended with a sluggish Black Friday morning. Other stores also noticed slower sales that day.

"Black Friday was a disappointment for us," Rivers said. "We opened at 4 a.m., and it wasn't the usual rush. About mid-morning, the Wal-Mart customers stopped by. We didn't get busy until 9 a.m. but we

stayed busy till 3 p.m."

Business at Tractor Supply Co., which specializes in farm supplies, hardware and rural-themed giftware and toys, hasn't slacked off since the holiday shopping season began Nov. 23, Assistant Manager Jeff Roush said.

"It's been steady; nothing major, but steady," he said.

While electronics and sporting goods continue

to sell steadily, local stores have noticed a shift in holiday-specific purchasing.

"We're seeing a slowdown as far as Christmas decorations," Kurpil said. "I think most everybody has their trees up. Now, the focus has shifted from 'trim-a-tree' to 'trim-a-package': bows and boxes and gift wrap, that sort of thing."

Given an extra shopping weekend between Thanksgiving and Christmas this

year, shopkeepers said they will still offer special sales to help nudge undecided or last-minute shoppers, but urged customers to buy must-haves soon.

"We get special deals every day," Sears Assistant Manager Vickie Speakman said.

"This year, the (Craftsman) Bolt On tool is the new thing. Customers are really asking for it, but we have just a few left."

## FAITH

### FAITH BRIEFS

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**'CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY: AN EVENING WITH THE KING':** 5 p.m. Dec. 15, Warriors Hall, 202 Stillwell Ave., Crestview. Fellowship Church of Praise presents a celebration of Christ's birth through praise, worship and dance. There will be gift giveaways, fellowship and enjoyment for the entire family. Cost is \$5 per person.

**'SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT,'** St. Mark United Methodist Church's Christmas cantata: 9 a.m. Dec. 16, 2250 PJ Adams Parkway, Crestview. Call 682-5280 for details.

**LIVE NATIVITY:** 6-8 p.m. Dec. 19-22, 1020 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview.

Presented by First Baptist Church of Crestview. Features live music, animals and photos with the nativity.

**ST. MARK UMC CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** Dec. 23-24, St. Mark United Methodist Church, 2250 PJ Adams Parkway, Crestview.

- Early bird community and candle lighting service, 6 p.m. Dec. 23.

- Children/family candle lighting service, 4 p.m.; contemporary candle lighting service, 5:30 p.m.; traditional communion and candle lighting service, 7 p.m. Call 682-5280 for details.

**LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE,** 6 p.m. Dec. 24, 4565 Live Oak Church Road, Crestview. Call 682-5160 for details.

## Preparing for Christmas

When I was growing up in Crestview, we decorated the house inside and out.

It was not quite like the display in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," but lights went up outside the house and we got a real tree and decorated it. Mom painted a picture in the living room's big picture window. We were preparing for celebrating Christ's birth.

Not unlike the Magi.

Present-day astronomers, in Christ's time, were priestly men called stargazers. The term "Magi" possibly referred to a certain Persian priestly order.

Let me paint you a picture of Matthew 2: 1-12: Several men gaze into the heavens, day in and day out, for particular signs. Then, it happened.

A very unusual star appeared from nowhere. To these men, it was a sign that someone very special would be born or had been born. They excitedly checked the star's origin, its continuing appearance, and its unusual brilliance. They tracked the star to Christ in the manger and paid tribute.

Today, we prepare for vacations in a similar way. These men needed to plan a trip. They decided how many would go, provisions needed, gifts to take as tribute, best routes, and their



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destination.

Preparation sometimes took two years. AAA couldn't tell them what interstates and highways to take. They received no recommendations for restaurants or hotels. Servants may have handled these duties.

Today, we get in the car and go. We stop at a motel, spend the night and continue the

journey the next day. However, ancient people planned for hardships, rested several days before continuing onward, and sometimes bought more animals during the journey because of sickness or injury.

Then the big day came when they started the journey.

There is no known diary for the Magi, but I imagine they experienced sandstorms, desert heat, robbers and thieves. They probably couldn't find water, encountered path hazards and lost servants.

At some point, the star disappeared, but they continued their journey. Then they entered Israel's borders and continued on to Jerusalem to see the king.

Herod the Great was ruler during Jesus' birth. The Magi expected to find the new "King of the Jews" in the palace's fine splendor, but he was not there. Herod, half-Jewish and

half-Edomite, asked the priests and scribes about the Messiah's birth. Armed with new information about Jesus' birth, the Magi continued on to Bethlehem.

Here, they found the Christ child — who was no longer an infant — and they worshipped him.

The men bowed, acknowledged Christ as King, and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Gold — the finest of all medals; the only metal fit for a king — indicated the child's divinity.

Frankincense is the gift for a priest. People used this sweet perfume when they made sacrifices during temple worship. Priests open the way for people to find God. Jesus made it possible for us to enter the very presence of God.

Myrrh — a gift for the dying — was used in spices in the burial cloth that Jesus was wrapped in. Jesus came into this world to die for our sins.

This year, as you prepare for Christmas Day, seek the King of Kings who has opened the way for us to enter God's presence. He died on the cross at Calvary for our sins.

Merry Christmas to you. May God bless you richly.

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

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# BURGLARIES from page A1

Burglaries particularly happen when thieves see evidence of valuable merchandise — a box for a large HDTV, for instance — that might be inside the home.

“People should not keep boxes of large purchases outside, near their trash cans, for everyone that drives by to see,” Bailey said. “They should break them down and put them inside the trash.”

Patrolling officers can help, too.

Okaloosa residents can add their home addresses to the Vacation Security Check website, and officers will check their homes when possible. (See [crestviewbulletin.com](http://crestviewbulletin.com) for the link. Hover over the “News” tab and click “Law Enforcement.”) Residents should give a one-week notice before their trip and list family, friends and neighbors who might have reason to stop by.

The Crestview Police Department typically sees a slight increase in property crime during the holiday season, according to Public Information Officer Lt. Andrew Schneider, who suggested several ways to deter would-be criminals.

Tips include:

- “Have adequate exterior lighting; a motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards,” a department news release stated.
- Trim trees and shrubs to eliminate hiding spots that would allow potential break-ins.
- Keep an inventory of expensive household items — computers, televisions — and their serial numbers.
- Purchase an alarm system for peace of mind.
- Form a neighborhood watch group.

Harold Jones was one of several residents who spoke in favor of Laurel Hill’s dissolution during Tuesday night’s town hall meeting at First Baptist Church of Laurel Hill.



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# DISSOLUTION from page A1

“I’m for it,” said Deborah Adams, a Laurel Hill School teacher. “If Laurel Hill is no longer a city, that does not mean that they are going to erase those letters off the map.”

A few residents favored Laurel Hill remaining a city.

Despite the city’s high debt and low reserves, Mike Blizzard said the likelihood of Okaloosa County taking the task, post-dissolution, would be a “pipe dream.”

“We’re not going to be in any better shape than we are now,” he said, adding the sole difference would be the area’s municipality loss.

The city has \$380,000 in reserves; just \$272,000 is available at the city’s discretion. This could cover infrastructure, paying down debt or equipment purchases. However, about 14 miles of roadway need repairs; about 55 percent of them need asphalt resurfacing, which would cost about \$60,000 per mile, Okaloosa County Public Works Director John Hofstad said. The remainder would require reconstruction, which would cost two to three times as much.

Florida Rep. Doug Broxson, Okaloosa County Commissioner Nathan Boyles and Hofstad offered moral support but did not express stances on the dissolution issue.

However, Hofstad gave the issue perspective.

“We just want to be very clear that if your goal is to dissolve the city and become unincorporated in Okaloosa County, it’s not like we show up the next day and start repaving roads,” Hofstad said after the meeting. “We have a process we go through.”

The county commission must approve funding for road repairs, and that’s just part of the lengthy process, he said. Nevertheless, “we certainly want to help out Laurel Hill where we can ... and we certainly will in the future.”

During the meeting, an audience member asked the council to give input.

Council Chairman Larry Hendren and co-chairman Robby Adams said they favored dissolution. Councilman Clifton Hall said he wants Laurel Hill to remain a city. Council members Betty Williamson, Willie Mae Toles and Mayor Joan



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**Okaloosa County Public Works Director John Hofstad**

Smith expressed no preference. While addressing the issue, Toles shared her dissatisfaction with the current mayor.

“Laurel Hill was all right until she got here,” she said.

The audience applauded the statement. Hendren encouraged residents to call city hall with questions on the matter and do research before deciding on the issue.

Resident Scott Moneypenny agreed. “The citizens of Laurel Hill need all the information that is possibly available before making a decision to dissolve a city,” he said. “Because once you lose the infrastructure, there is going to be problems that people cannot foresee.”

The next council meeting will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 8 at city hall.



BRIAN HUGHES | News Bulletin

White LEDs trim the Powell home on U.S. Highway 90 West.

# LIGHTS from page A1

Nevertheless, two displays recently caught our eye.

Coming into Crestview on U.S. Highway 90 from the west, after rounding the curve past Yellow River, one can’t help noticing the Powell family’s long, low, single-story home overlooking a pond. Delicate blue-white LEDs line the driveway and cast a glow from snowflake decorations hanging

from the home’s eaves.

A drive north on Old Bethel Road yields a surreal blue glow, which, upon rounding a curve, yields a rustic country home with lines defined in blue lights. Blue lights also climb several trees on the front yard and the driveway’s entrance, enhancing the annual display for which the home is noted.



# ARREST REPORT

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Crestview Police Department and Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office provided the following crime reports for publication.

### CRESTVIEW

**Nov. 24**  
• Thomas Samuel Bright, 30, Crestview: retail theft.

• Brandi L. Brisset, 22, Crestview: battery (domestic violence).  
• Jonathan Michael Byrd, 23, Crestview: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.

**Nov. 25**  
• Michael H. Jamison, 34, Crestview: theft.

**Nov. 26**  
• Anita Jean Bledsoe, 28, Crestview: Battery—touch or strike.

**Nov. 28**  
• Everett Baggett III, 21, Crestview: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

**Nov. 29**  
• Richard Martin Joseph Gough, 19, Crestview: retail theft.  
• Jennifer Lynn Smith, 33, Crestview: retail theft.

**Nov. 30**  
• Robert Gage Cadenhead, 22, Crestview: fugitive from justice.

• Dwayne Eugene

Williams, 38, Crestview: possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.  
• Bill Edward

Gallagher, 34, Crestview: assault—intention/threat to do violence.

• Joshua K. Kenne, 25, Crestview: aggravated battery (domestic violence) — offender knew victim was pregnant.

### Dec. 2

• James Edward Holmes, 37, Crestview: out of county warrant (failure to appear on original charge of trespassing).

• Christina Ann Edwards, 28, Crestview: battery — touch or strike.

• Carlos Rodriguez Gantt, 36, Laurel Hill: operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver’s license, possession of cocaine, a controlled substance, and felony possession of a controlled substance while in physical control of a motor vehicle.

• Timothy Maxwell Glass, 27, Crestview: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.

• Stephanie Ann Pybus, 28, Niceville: resisting an officer without violence; disorderly intoxication.

### OKALOOSA COUNTY

**Nov. 28**  
• Michael Henry Duncan, 40, Crestview:

fugitive from justice.  
• Christopher Daniel George, 40, Baker: out-of-county warrant.

• Gloria Dawn Pettit, 33, Holt: dealing in stolen property and obstructing justice.

• Michelle Renee Sheets, 37, Crestview: grand theft of a motor vehicle.

• Thomas Ferris Simmons, 58, Milton: dealing in stolen property and obstructing justice.

**Nov. 29**  
• Leressa Marjena Day, 54, Baker: battery — second or subsequent offense.

• Donald Wayne Phillips, 48, Baker: Contempt of court and domestic violence injunction (possession of firearm and ammo); contempt of court and domestic violence injunction (willful violation); carrying a concealed weapon/firearm.

**Nov. 30**  
• Lisa Brogdon Gordon, 41, Gulf Breeze: battery — touch or strike.

• Antwain Marque Grantham, 27: fugitive from justice.

• Michael Simon Shechtman, 22, Orlando: out-of-county warrant.

**Dec. 1**  
• Crystal Christina Fogel, 38, Baker: battery — touch or strike.

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- CITY COUNCIL, THREE SEATS:** for a four (4) year term each
  - Precinct 1, East Crestview (south of Hwy 90, east of Hwy 85)
  - Precinct 2, West Crestview (south of Hwy 90, west of Hwy 85)
  - Precinct 3, North Crestview (north of Hwy 90)

Candidates for Precincts 1, 2, and 3 must be registered electors of Okaloosa County and reside in the designated city precinct. The City Clerk candidates must be registered electors of Okaloosa County but may reside anywhere within city limits. Candidates are elected at large, by plurality.

The qualifying period shall commence at noon on Monday, December 31, 2012, and shall close at noon on Friday, January 4, 2013. All candidates shall qualify with the Supervisor of Elections office at 302 Wilson St N, Suite 102, Crestview, FL. (The Supervisor’s offices will be open on December 31, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 pm, and will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2013, in observance of New Year’s Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.)

Qualifying papers are now available in the Supervisor’s office. In accordance with F.S. 99.061(8), the Supervisor’s office may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period, to be processed and filed during the qualifying period.

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Candidates may have the 1% election assessment waived by filing an Affidavit of Undue Burden.

Registration books for this election will close on Monday, February 11, 2013. Voting will be held for registered city residents only in Okaloosa County precincts 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 45, and 52 on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Voting is conducted in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act; for information or assistance, call 850-689-5600.

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DON W. HOWARD, Clerk Of The Circuit Court

By: Vicki Jackson Deputy Clerk

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vs.

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By: Vicki Jackson, D.C.

DON W. HOWARD CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MORRIS HARDWICK SCHNEIDER, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF, 5110 EISENHOWER BLVD, SUITE 120, TAMPA, FL 33634

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 46 2012 CC 000762

CENTURY PARK VILLAS, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, Plaintiff

vs.

CLARA D. CRAFT;

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CLAIRE M. KRAWITZ; UNKNOWN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF H. CARL CRAFT A/K/A HUGH C. CRAFT, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS OR PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3857 INDIAN TRAIL, UNIT 105 IN CENTURY PARK VILLAS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC (MERS) AS SOLE NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. and CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A. A/K/A CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 28, 2012, and entered in Case No. 46 2012 CC 000762 of the County Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for Okaloosa County, Florida, wherein CENTURY PARK VILLAS, INC. is Plaintiff, and CLARA D. CRAFT; CLAIRA M. KRAWITZ; UNKNOWN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF H. CARL CRAFT A/K/A HUGH C. CRAFT, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS OR PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3857 INDIAN TRAIL, UNIT 105 IN CENTURY PARK VILLAS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC (MERS) AS SOLE NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. and CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A. A/K/A CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com](http://www.okaloosa.realforeclose.com), the Clerk's website for online auctions, at 11:00 AM on the 27 day of December, 2012 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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

Dated this 20 day of Nov, 2012.

DON W. HOWARD As Clerk of said Court

By Edna Hoke As Deputy Clerk

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Legal # 160556

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2012-CA-002927

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.

BRIAN D. DAVIS; STEPHANIE M. DAVIS; Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated Nov 15, 2012 and entered in Case No. 2012-CA-002927, of the Circuit Court of the 1st Judicial Circuit in and for OKALOOSA County, Florida. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and BRIAN D. DAVIS; STEPHANIE M. DAVIS; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at BY ELECTRONIC SALE AT: [WWW.OKALOOSA.REALFORECLOSE.COM](http://WWW.OKALOOSA.REALFORECLOSE.COM), at 11:00 a.m., on the 4th day of Jan, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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Dated this 20 day of Nov, 2012.

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Dated this 20 day of Nov, 2012.

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## Shots don't fall for Hoboes

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**LAUREL HILL**—Sometimes, the shots just don't fall.

The Laurel Hill boys basketball team had one of those nights Monday as the Hoboes hosted Jay.

Laurel Hill missed jump shots, layups and, yes, free throws.

All the misses led to a loss: the Royals beat the Hoboes 54-37.

Laurel Hill's shooting struggles have become familiar to coach Kent Zessin. Rather than pass blame to his players, Zessin takes responsibility for his team's

poor performance.

"Mentally, we weren't just focused on this one," he said. "Jay came out ready to play. And I think a lot of it is my fault."

"We had a game plan in and we didn't do a good job executing that plan. We are just struggling shooting the ball right now."

Further, numerous turnovers led to easy Royal baskets as Jay took the lead 4-2.

Max Smith gave the Hoboes a quick 2-0 lead off the opening tip. The Royals tied the game on a Marshal Thomas score that started a 13-0 Jay run.

Lane Strickland scored

for Laurel Hill (2-4), stopping the Jay run. The teams traded baskets throughout the first quarter's remainder, but the Hoboes couldn't cut into the Royal lead as turnovers and poor shooting plagued Laurel Hill.

"We are having way too many turnovers," Zessin said. "Our turnover ratio is way too high. We've got to cut those down."

Jay led 33-18 at the half and seemingly had the game well in control.

The Hoboes came out strong in the third quarter, scoring six quick points to shave the Royal lead to 33-24. Smith sparked the

rally with a pair of baskets around a score by Tanner McQuaig.

Smith's second basket came with 5:52 left in the third quarter. It was another four-and-a-half minutes before Laurel Hill scored again. By the time Josh Phillips scored a Hobo basket with 1:28 left in the period, the Royals were up 41-26.

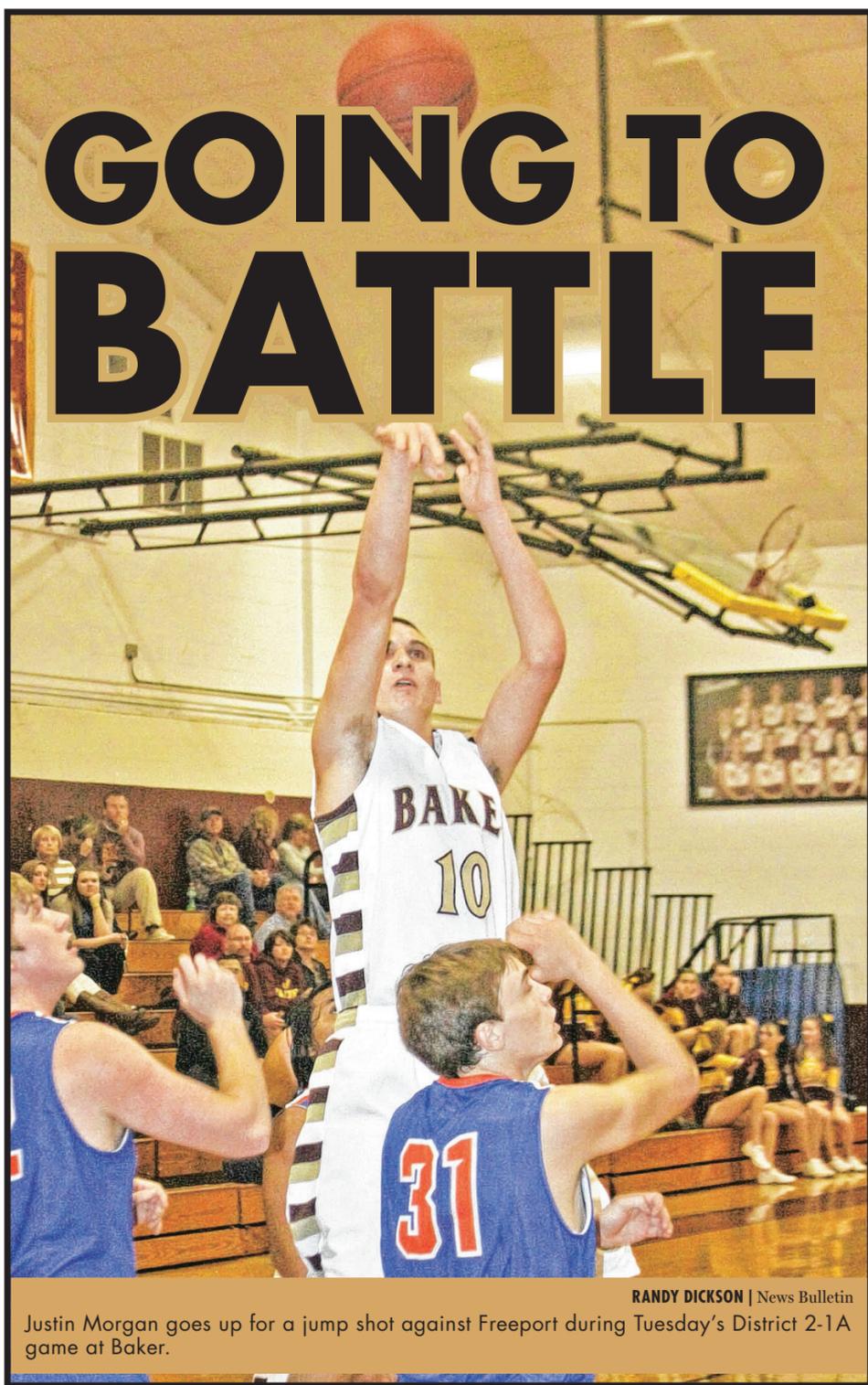
Laurel Hill never got closer to the Royals than 13 points when Tamaria Calloway scored with 1:53 left in the game.

Calloway led the Hoboes in scoring with 10 points. Smith added eight points and Strickland six points.



Max Smith attempts to go up over Jay's Eric Trevino as Laurel Hill hosted the Royals on Monday. Smith was called for a charging foul on the play.

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## GOING TO BATTLE

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Justin Morgan goes up for a jump shot against Freeport during Tuesday's District 2-1A game at Baker.

## Sanders leads Gators to district win

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**BAKER**—A slow start to the 2012-13 basketball season got a little better for the Baker boys basketball team on Tuesday.

Trailing Freeport by six points early in the fourth quarter, the Gators refused to fade away.

Powered by Garrett Sanders' 24 points, the Baker boys basketball team picked up a 53-47 win over the Bulldogs in a hard-fought District 2-1A game.

Sanders wasn't a one-man show; Brooks Taylor joined him in double figures with 11 points, and Justin Morgan had 10 points.

The longtime rivals—both in rebuilding years—battled hard from the opening tip.

"We never quit, and as a coach you have to look at the positives," Baker coach Mike Martello said. "We made some silly mistakes

at times, and that's because we don't have a lot of experience and depth.

"Every time you play Freeport, they are going to play hard. It was a battle just as we expected."

Sanders had a quick start, scoring five points in the play's first three minutes before Freeport (2-6, 1-3) came back behind the hot shooting of Curtiss Parker. Parker, who led the Bulldogs with 20 points, hit back-to-back baskets, giving Freeport a 9-7 lead at the first quarter's end.

Neither team could pull away throughout the second and third quarters.

A Parker 3-pointer gave the Bulldogs a 14-9 lead with 6:15 left in the first half, but the lead didn't last long.

Wilder Kersey hit a 3-pointer for Baker (3-4, 1-1)—his only basket of the night—and cut the Bulldog advantage to 14-12. Sanders followed with a basket

to tie at 14-14.

The game remained nip-and-tuck and was tied 37-37 after the third quarter.

Ryder Newman's and Parker's three-point baskets opening the fourth quarter put the Bulldogs up 43-37.

Taylor scored Baker's next eight points, putting the Gators in front 45-43 with 5:41 left in the game. A basket by Sanders made the score 47-43, and the Bulldogs never got closer than three points the rest of the way.

Freeport coach David Burke said he expected the outcome.

"It played out like I figured it would," he said. "I thought Baker would give us a good game. It's hard to beat Baker at Baker because coach Martello does a lot of good things up here."

Newman joined Parker in double figures for the Bulldogs with 11 points. No other Freeport player scored more than six points.

## Rally propels Vikings past Bulldogs 66-54

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**FORT WALTON BEACH**—Fort Walton Beach head basketball coach John Lavin knows that basketball can be a game of runs.

And his team had the biggest in Tuesday night's District 2-6A showdown against Crestview.

Leading 24-22 with just more than two minutes left in the second quarter, Fort Walton Beach ended the first half on a 12-2 spurt, giving the Vikings a 12-point lead—one the team would never relinquish in a 66-54 win.

"Proud of the effort tonight," Lavin said. "We did a good job to establish the lead there at the end of the half. That gave us a big cushion coming out after halftime, which we needed. My hat is off to Crestview. I thought they were the more aggressive team in the second half."

University of South Florida signees Drew Davis and John Egbunu combined to score 36 points; Davis led the way with a season-high 21 points. The 5-foot-10 guard scored six of FWB's 12 points in the half-ending run, and closed the game with eight straight free throws, sealing the victory after Crestview narrowed the gap to 57-51 with under two minutes left.

"It's always a gamble to either foul and make them shoot free throws or just try to come back trading baskets," said Crestview head coach Ken Meisner. "We chose to foul, and Davis just knocked them all down."

Davis' free throws stopped a furious Crestview rally that included eight of Ronnie Baylark's team-leading 19. When Baylark hit a three-pointer with 1:25 to go, Crestview crept to within striking distance for the first time since the second quarter.

"Ronnie had a lot of pressure on him tonight, because coach Lavin and his team had a good game plan," said Meisner, "but he did a great job of fighting through that pressure."

Egbunu had 15 points and eight boards for the Vikings, including a rim-rattling 360-degree dunk with five minutes to play that brought the FWB fans in attendance to their feet. Israel Black also reached double-digit scoring for the Vikings with 12, and Blake James added nine, all in the first half.

For Crestview, Clay Hancock's hot shooting kept the Bulldogs close, as the forward connected on four from behind the three-point arc and finished with 14 points. Jonathan Buckelew added 13 for the Bulldogs, who fell to 2-7 overall and 0-2 in district play.

"I told the kids that nobody likes to lose," Meisner said, "but we competed hard. They jumped out in front of us with that big run at the end of the half, but we kept fighting."

Now 5-2 overall and 2-0 in district play, Fort Walton Beach takes an extended break before returning to action Friday, Dec. 21 to host Niceville.

Crestview's Ronnie Baylark takes a shot against Fort Walton Beach.

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