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Coming Up

Thursday, 6 p.m.

The **Good News Jail and Prison Ministry** annual banquet will be held at the **Niceville United Methodist Church Community Life Center**. Life-transforming testimonies from former inmates and a ministry update from Chaplain Lennon will be part of the evening. Call Chuck Turk at 678-5827.

Thursday, 7 p.m.

Fred Astaire Dance Studios presents **Dancing with Desire 2010**, a show featuring internationally acclaimed dance champions and guest celebrity performers, at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center. Tickets are $50 and VIP tickets are $100. Proceeds will benefit **Children in Crisis, Inc.**

Friday, 5:30 p.m.

A seminar, **Understanding Caregiver Stress,** will be held Friday June 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the **Sterling House Bluewater Bay,** 1551 Merchants Way, Niceville. Susie Baker from Covenant Hospice will lead the discussion in the dining room.

Call Tami Miles, 729-3322.

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Singer-songwriter **Kathleen Gibson** will appear in the **Niceville City Council Chambers** across from the Library. Gibson entertains and educates all ages with award winning music and stories.

Info: kathleengibson.com

Calendar, B-5.

Mission accomplished

Beacon photo by Norm Wolf

Diploma in hand, Niceville High School graduate Juan Alba gave a "thumbs up" Thursday, while classmate Rachel Agin is all smiles. A total of 516 NHS graduates were recognized during commencement ceremonies in Eagle Stadium.

Niceville woman pleads to keep backyard hens

'Urban chickens' are quiet and odor free, she tells city

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

A Niceville resident, saying she is part of "an urban chicken movement," has pleaded with the city council to be allowed to continue keeping poultry in her back yard.

She took her case to the council last week after a city official ordered her to get rid of three chickens she keeps in her back yard on McEwen Drive. Council members said they'd think over her request.

Anne Hinze, 310 McEwen Drive, addressed the council during its June 8 meeting, saying that she owns three egg-laying hens, which she keeps in her back yard. She has had the chickens for several years, she said, and has never had any complaints from her neighbors. In addition, she said, her two children, ages 3 and 5, are fond of the birds, which they regard as pets.

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Anne Hinze and her daughter Madeleine, 5, feed their three backyard chickens Monday.

Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

Students pave way for wall's visit

They gather vets' stories of Vietnam service

By Kenneth Books
Beacon Staff Writer

To those who went through it, slogging through rice paddies, flying over the lush landscape seeking a bomb target, cruising down the Mekong River in a small boat or patrolling the Gulf of Tonkin, the Vietnam War doesn't seem so long past.

But an entire generation has grown up whose knowledge of the war is limited to often-sketchy accounts in history books.

A visit to the Wall that Heals, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., which will be on display Thursday, June 17, through Sunday, June 20, at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, may fill in some of the gaps.

'The Wall that Heals'

Wall visit schedule, B-1.

Three young people born after the war ended on April 30, 1975, with the fall of Saigon, spent time over the last few weeks interviewing veterans of the Vietnam and other conflicts. The interviews took place at the Heritage

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From left: Sarah Barnick, Michael Weech and Yazdel Fonseca Alvarez examine a painting about the Vietnam War in the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida

Valparaiso Elementary winds down

Employees transfer or retire as school is downsized

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

After 52 years, Valparaiso Elementary School has closed the book on its role as a full-service primary school.

In January Valparaiso Elementary was ordered to shutter most of its classrooms, effective next school year, because of declining enrollments in the central area of the county.

Starting in August, most of Valparaiso Elementary's 400 students will attend Lewis Middle School or Plew Elementary. Valparaiso Elementary itself will remain open, perhaps under a new name, to teach students in special needs prekindergarten, voluntary prekindergarten, kindergarten and first grade.

Some teachers at Valparaiso Elementary, the city's only grade school, will follow their students to Lewis Middle School next year, said Mike Foxworthy, personnel director for the school district. A number of other Valparaiso Elementary teachers and staff who were retirement-eligible elected to retire at the end of the school year, he said.

Valparaiso Elementary listed 21 teachers and 44 full- and part-time staff members for the just-completed academic year. All but three returning teachers have been placed in new classrooms at other schools for the next year, Foxworthy said Friday.

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Beacon photo by Del Lessard

Valparaiso Elementary School second-grade teacher Marilyn Vu packed up her classroom Friday. Second-graders from the downsizing school will attend Lewis Middle School starting in August. As of Friday, the district hadn't yet found a job for Vu next year.

14.8% rate hike for Valp. utilities

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

Valparaiso water and sewer customers will have to dig deeper into their pockets, because the city has raised water and sewer rates.

A residential customer using 7,000 gallons a month will pay an average increase of nearly 15 percent, or an additional $6.47 monthly.

The increases are retroactive to May 15, and will show up on the next bills.

On Monday Valparaiso city commissioners approved two resolutions, raising utility prices for its 1,800 water and sewer customers. The increases stem from higher costs, including maintenance and planned improvements, officials said.

The municipal water and sewer services are "enterprise funds," which by law must be self-supporting financially.

For a typical residential customer using 7,000 gallons a month, the new water and sewer rate increases approved Monday will cost an additional $6.47 per month, boosting the monthly bill $43.70 to $50.17, or 14.8 percent. The calculations include a 10 percent administrative fee charged by city hall.

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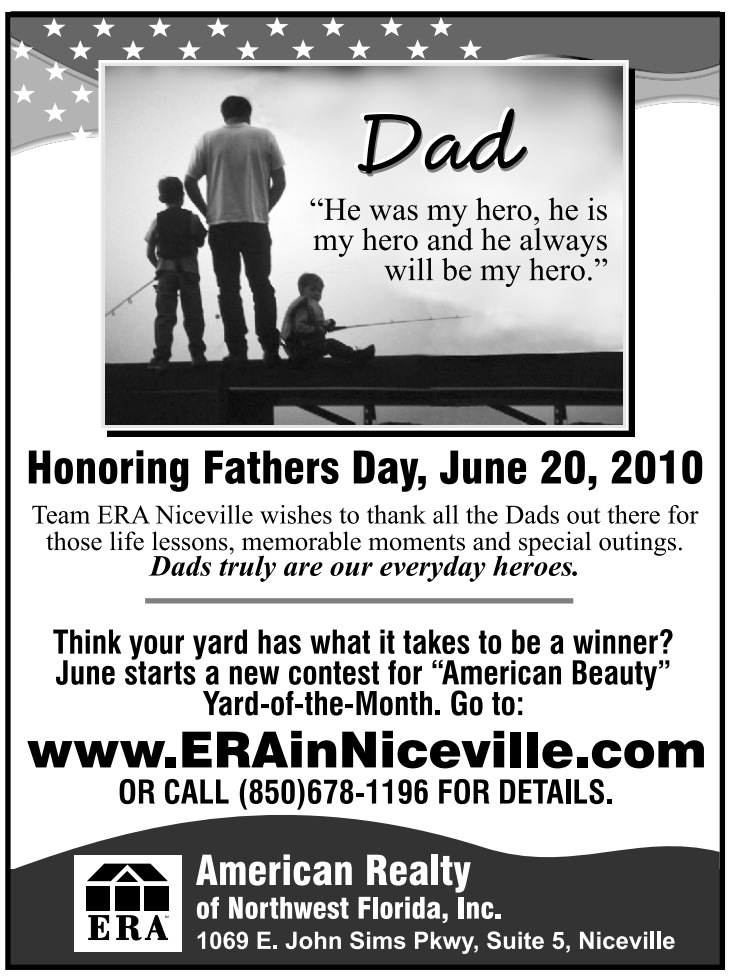

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Analog timepiece

Tarpon Springs artist Elizabeth Indianos and workers installed an interactive sundial at Northwest Florida State College Saturday. This sundial, a version of an ancient device used to tell time, is unusual in that rather then using the shadow of a fixed post, it will enable anyone viewing it to tell time by using his own shadow, while standing in the proper spot. The sundial, funded by a private donation, was installed outside the college science building. It will be open for public use once landscaping is completed.

FHP car hits man walking on highway

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

A Florida Highway Patrol car struck and critically injured a pedestrian early Saturday on John Sims Parkway near Bayshore Drive, Niceville.

An FHP report gave the following account:

On May 12, at about 2:19 a.m., the marked patrol car, driven by FHP Trooper John Lieb, 38, of Crestview, was traveling east on John Sims Parkway, in the inside lane.

Jorge Bejarano, 24, of Eglin Air Force Base, was walking in the eastbound lanes about 225 feet east of Bayshore when he was struck. The impact threw him onto the roof of the car.

The FHP car suffered an estimated $2,500 damage Lieb was not injured.

Bejarano was taken by ambulance to Twin Cities Hospital, then flown by helicopter to Sacred Heart Hospital, Pensacola. As of Tuesday morning Bejarano was listed in fair condition at Sacred Heart, according to a hospital spokesman.

Bejarano was a recent graduate of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal school at Eglin, according to an Eglin spokesperson.

No charges are pending according to the FHP, which was conducting the accident investigation.

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2 seats open in MSBU voting

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

Candidates are being sought for two seats on the governing board of the Bluewater Bay Municipal Services Benefits Unit (MSBU).

Candidates must register with the Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections by noon Friday.

During its meeting of June 8, members of the five-member board said the seats currently held by Gayle Hughes and Bart Bredenkamp will be open during the general election this November, and that neither of the two incumbents plans to run for re-election.

The MSBU is a unit of county government, in charge of managing landscaping, street lighting, street signs, and other beautification and maintenance of through streets and common areas in the unincorporated Bluewater Bay community. Board members are unpaid volunteers, elected to their positions for staggered terms, with Hughes' and Bredenkamp's seats open this fall. The district's current annual budget is $358,591.

The director positions are open to people living within the MSBU property boundaries. Additional information about the upcoming election is posted at the MSBU's website, www.bluewaterbay.org.

In other business during the June 8 meeting, MSBU management consultant Archie Jernigan reported to the board that some vandalism had occurred recently to the entrance sign to the Woodlands subdivision. A letter "T" and two "W"s were apparently stolen, Jernigan said.

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Walls of justice

Looking a bit like a false-front Hollywood set, precast concrete walls for Okaloosa County's $27 million, 86,000-square-foot south-county courthouse were being erected at the county fairgrounds last week. Construction is scheduled for completion by Sept. 1, 2011. The new facility will replace the older courthouse annex in Shalimar which officials say has security, space and accessibility issues.

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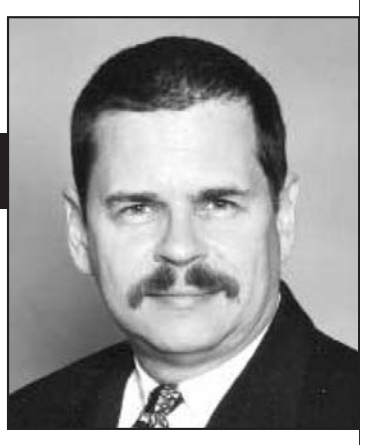

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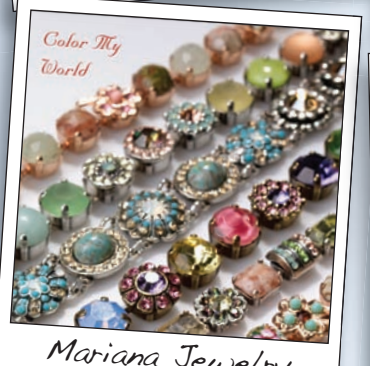

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The Inquiring Photographer —Mike Griffith

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Melanie Deckert Pelton, 50, Niceville, University of West Florida professor

"I don't like it. When the state's cheapest college raises tuition, it's unfair to the people who can't afford to go to college elsewhere."

Haley McWilliams, 15, Niceville, Niceville High School student

"I don't think they should jack anything up. We're having a tough enough time already."

Janet Clampitt, Niceville, unemployed screen printer

"I really don't have enough information to answer the question intelligently, but if they're raising tuition, I feel confident that it is because they have a need for more funds."

Anita Kurz, Niceville, Tai Chi instructor

"I don't think it's a good idea. The economy is so bad, many people can't find jobs, and also can't afford to pay eight percent more for tuition."

Krista Howard, 23, Niceville, receptionist

"I'm a student there. Quite a few of my friends cannot go to school now because of the expense. The tuition hike makes it tough for struggling young people to gain an education."

Ava Quigley, 25, Destin, veterinary assistant

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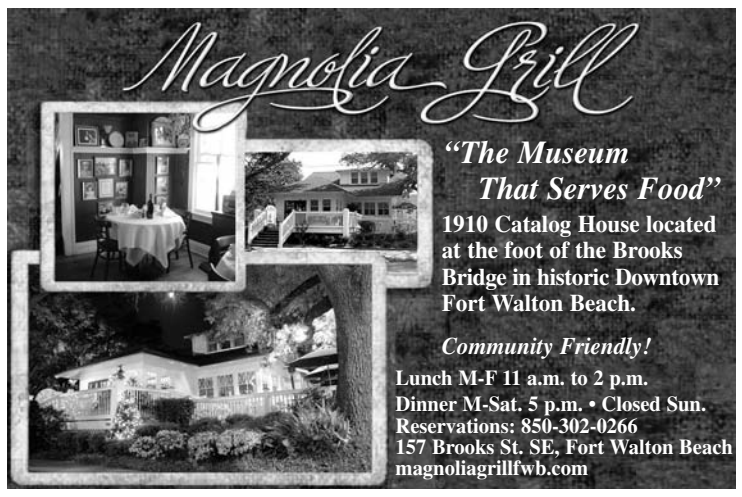

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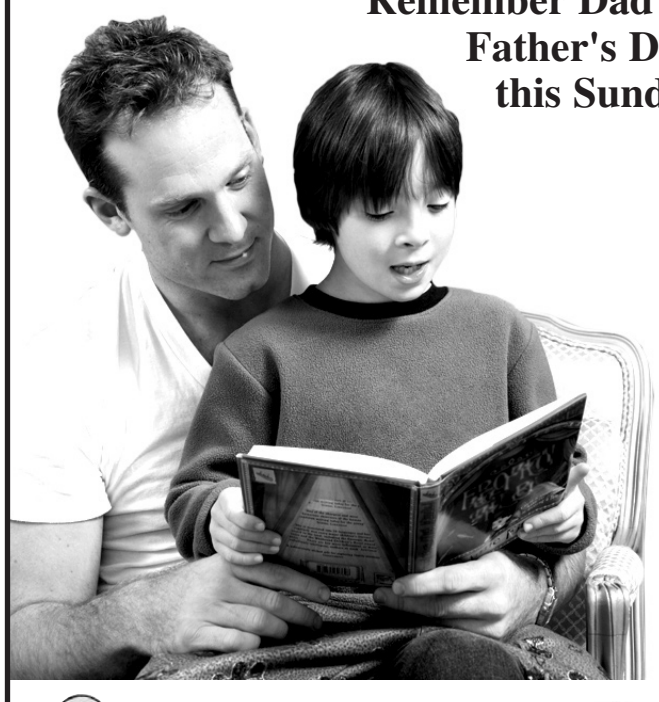

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4 & 5 - Year Old Children Eligible

2010 Summer VPK Program

and 2010-2011 VPK School Year Programs

The Early Learning Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties reminds parents that four and five -year old children are eligible for free Voluntary (VPK) for the Summer 2010 or School Year 2010-2011. For Summer VPK 2010, the child must have become **four years of age before September 1, 2009.** For pre-kindergarden children to qualify for 2010-2011 School Year VPK Program, they must have become **four years of age, on or before September 1, 2010.** Parents must be willing to sign the program application, provide proof of the child's age (birth certificate or other documentation), prove Florida residency, and transport the child to the Certified VPK Provider of the parents choice. A limited number of providers may transport children for an additional fee.

Florida residency may be verified by the following documentation bearing the parent/guardian's name & address as submitted on the VPK Application:

- Utility Bills
- Pay Stubs
- Residential Rental Agreement
- Government Documents (Tax Return, Military Orders, etc.)

The VPK Program is free early education. VPK Providers should not charge registration fees that are non-refundable once the VPK child has attended the program.

Providers are encouraged to provide services to as many children for the limited hours of VPK as possible.

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aroberson@owccs.org

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See the local Early Learning Coalition website for details about the VPK Programs at www.elc-ow.org

Certified Summer 2009-10 Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Providers
(Programs begin June 2010 and end July 2010)

The Early Learning Coalition encourages parents to contact certified providers in order to determine if the program is appropriate for their child(ren) and to determine if the provider has space available.
Register at school districts sites listed below:

Provider Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Type of Facility
Horizons Children's Center	343 Holmes Blvd.	Fort Walton Beach	32548	244-9187	Licensed Childcare Facility
Southside Elementary School	650 South Pearl Street	Crestview	32539	833-3100	Okaloosa County School
Van R. Butler Elementary School	6694 West Co. Hwy. 30-A	Santa Rosa Beach	32459	892-1100	Walton County School
WISE Center	555 Walton Rd.	DeFuniak Springs	32433	892-1100	Walton County School
Wright Elementary School	305 Lang Road	Ft. Walton Beach	32547	833-5860	Okaloosa County School

Certified School Year 2010 - 2011 Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Providers
(Programs may begin August 2010 and end May 2011)
Check Program Dates on the Early Learning Coalition Website at www.elc-ow.org

The Early Learning Coalition encourages parents to contact providers in order to determine if the providers' program is appropriate for their child(ren) and to determine if the provider has space available.

Provider Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Type of Facility
A Circle of Friends	5800 Washington St.	Baker	32531	537-9007	Licensed Childcare Facility
Beulah Christian Academy	109 McGriff Street	Ft. Walton Beach	32548	243-8452	Faith-Based Facility
Boys & Girls Club	923 Denton Blvd.	Ft. Walton Beach	32547	862-1332	Licensed Childcare Facility
Chatterbox Childcare and Learning Center	314 Carmel Drive	Ft. Walton Beach	32547	862-4000	Licensed Childcare Facility
Child Development and Education Center - NWFSC	100 College Blvd.	Niceville	32578	729-5386	Licensed Childcare Facility
Childcare Network #41	800 Falcon Place	Ft. Walton Beach	32547	862-6328	Licensed Childcare Facility
Childcare Network #105	502 Benning Drive	Destin	32541	654-7832	Licensed Childcare Facility
Childcare Network #132	1040 Farmer Street	Crestview	32539	683-1680	Licensed Childcare Facility
Childcare Network #142	108 NW Jet Drive	Ft. Walton Beach	32548	244-0942	Licensed Childcare Facility
The Creative Play School	11 Vine Ave. N.E.	Ft. Walton Beach	32548	243-0008	Licensed Childcare Facility
Discovery Time Playschool	15101 US Highway 331 S.	Freeport	32439	835-2331	Licensed Childcare Facility
Docie Bass Recreation Center	54 Ferry Road	Ft. Walton Beach	32547	833-9580	Licensed Childcare Facility
Eglin CDC	2579T Foster Dr.	Eglin AFB	32542	883-7425	Licensed Childcare Facility
First United Methodist Preschool	103 First Street SE	Ft. Walton Beach	32548	243-0431	Faith-Based Facility
God's Garden of Grace	4325 Commons Dr. West	Destin	32541	654-1440	Faith-Based Facility
His Kids	208 Crescent St.	DeFuniak Springs	32435	892-4388	Faith-Based Facility
Holt Academy	422 Highway 90 West	Holt	32564	537-8299	Licensed Childcare Facility
Horizons Children's Center	343 Holmes Blvd.	Ft. Walton Beach	32548	244-9187	Licensed Childcare Facility
Kid's Discovery #1	240 Green Acres Road	Ft. Walton Beach	32547	301-9409	Licensed Childcare Facility
Kid's Discovery #2	2265 Highway 98 West	Mary Esther	32569	243-5794	Licensed Childcare Facility
Kid's Place	321 NE Racetrack Road	Ft. Walton Beach	32547	864-5014	Licensed Childcare Facility
Little Angels Preschool	703 Miracle Strip Pkwy.	Mary Esther	32569	243-7522	Faith-Based Facility
Little People's Place	110 Truxton Ave.	Fort Walton Beach	32547	301-3589	Licensed Childcare Facility
Little Schooners Preschool	154 Calhoun Avenue	Destin	32541	837-6425	Faith-Based Facility
Little Stars learning Program	1002 Alabama Street	Crestview	32536	682-3338	Licensed Childcare Facility
Montessori Children's House	1374 East Chestnut Ave.	Crestview	32539	682-3869	Licensed Childcare Facility
The Montessori School for the Arts	410 Fir Ave.	Niceville	325786	678-7011	Licensed Childcare Facility
Our Little School House	505 E Hollywood Blvd.	Mary Esther	32569	664-6141	Licensed Childcare Facility
Pam's Light House Learning Center	1209 47th Street	Niceville	32578	678-0550	Licensed Childcare Facility
The River Academy	100A Hart Street	Niceville	32578	729-8600	Licensed Childcare Facility
The Roane School	4465 Legendary Dr.	Destin	32541	650-0137	Licensed Childcare Facility
Roehm Preschool & After Care Center, Inc.	1595 Highway 83 North	DeFuniak Springs	32433	951-2002	Licensed Childcare Facility
Shalimar United Methodist Preschool	1 Old Ferry Road	Shalimar	32579	651-2494	Faith-Based Facility
Shoal River Learning Center	5190 South Ferdon Blvd.	Crestview	32536	682-4700	Licensed Childcare Facility
TLC Recreation Center	502 Schneider Road	Fort Walton Beach	32547	862-0018	Licensed Childcare Facility
Trinity United Methodist Preschool	403 Racetrack Rd. NW	Fort Walton Beach	32547	862-9307	Licensed Childcare Facility
Twin Hills Learning Center West	837 West James Lee Blvd.	Crestview	32536	689-1663	Licensed Childcare Facility
Wesley Academy	214 South Partin Drive	Niceville	32578	678-4411	Licensed Childcare Facility
Wesleyan Child Care Center	599 E Eighth Avenue	Crestview	32536	682-7319	Licensed Childcare Facility
wRight Daycare	136 Partick Drive	Ft. Walton Beach	32547	864-5123	Licensed Childcare Facility

Provisional School-Year 2010-2011 Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Providers

The Early Learning Coalition does NOT guarantee that provisional providers will meet all the necessary requirements to become certified to provide the State's Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Program. The following providers have begun the application process and have not fully complied with requirements. Parents should make every effort to find a certified provider before the program begins.

Facility Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Provider Type
Childcare Network #183	405 Brookmeade Dr.	Crestview	32539	398-8806	Licensed Childcare Facility
Covenant Kids	1010 Gospel Road	Ft. Walton Beach	32547	862-5437	Faith-Based Facility
Kids Discovery #3	2101 P. J. Adams Pkwy.	Crestview	32536	423-0449	Licensed Childcare Facility
Southside Elementary	650 South Pearl Street	Crestview	32539	833-3100	Okaloosa County School

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HENS

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Unfortunately, Hinze told the council, a recent sewer leak caused a bad smell in her backyard until it could be repaired. A neighbor thought the smell was caused by the chickens and complained to the city.

Hinze said she was then visited by a city code enforcement officer who informed her it is illegal to keep farm animals in residential areas within city limits.

Hinze asked the city council to revise its ordinance to allow people to keep small numbers of chickens in their yards. She said she is not alone in her request.

"There is an urban chicken movement all across the U.S. and Canada," Hinze told the council. More and more people, she said, are raising poultry to provide their families with food, especially fresh eggs. The movement, she said, is partly the result of a slow economy making people eager to provide their own home-grown food, and also the result of people's desire to eat food that is locally produced, fresh, and free of chemicals or industrial farming practices.

Hinze said that her chickens are important to her family's economic welfare. Her husband owns a yacht service business, she said, but in the current economy his firm, like many others, especially in boating-related fields, faces "an uncertain future." Having their own source of fresh eggs helps the family make ends meet, she said.

Hinze provided council members with information folders, including facts and statistics about urban chickens. She presented the draft of her proposed new city ordinance, which would allow families to keep up to six hens, but no roosters, in their yards. She said that contrary to popular myth, chickens are not unsanitary, smelly, or dangerous in any way. Hens, she said, are quiet and docile, and produce much less waste than a dog or cat. What waste chickens do produce, she said, can be safely used as compost for fertilizing yards and gardens, unlike dog and cat waste.

After hearing from Hinze, council members were sympathetic, but were not ready to commit themselves without more information.

Council member Bill Smith said, "We will pass this to our staff for more research and recommendations."

Councilman William Thomas said, "We will look at this, and do our best to be fair."

In other business, council members reviewed the status of a project to install a new sewer lift station near Bayshore Drive. The project is nearly finished, and Bayshore Drive, which has been blocked for some time by construction, has been reopened.

Separately, a new city nature boardwalk at Kiwanis Park on John Sims Parkway near the head of Boggy Bayou is expected to be complete before the end of this summer.

Councilman Thomas said he supports adding additional officers to the Niceville police department, saying that current growth, such as the construction of the new Walmart shopping center, will add to traffic and crime in the city, and the city should expand police services to stay ahead of such growth.

Library Director Sheila Bishop said the city' fireworks fund has more than enough money for this year's Independence Day celebration over Boggy Bayou. Fundraising efforts, including T-shirt sales, aluminum can recycling, and other efforts, have been successful, with more than $38,000 collected so far. She said money being collected now is being applied towards next year's fireworks show.

HIKE

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Heyward Strong, the city commissioner who oversees the water and sewer system, said Monday the large rate increase is needed to pay for a $30,000 shortfall in the current budget year and for anticipated budget growth for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. It is also calculated to help the city begin repaying a bond borrowing needed to pay its share of planned improvements at the regional sewer plant and sprayfield.

The increase is expected to generate $130,000 in additional revenue during its first year, according to City Clerk Tammy Johnson.

For residential water customers in Valparaiso, the charge for the first 3,000 gallons will rise $1, to $9.75. For each additional thousand gallons between 3,001 and 8,000, the cost increases 30 cents per thousand, to $2.25 per thousand.

The residential rate for water usage between 8,001 and 15,000 gallons a month rises from $2.15 per thousand to $2.50 per thousand. For usage between 15,001 and 25,000 gallons a month customers pay 40 cents more per thousand, or $2.80 per thousand. For usage above 25,000 gallons, residential customers will see their rate jump from $2.22 per thousand to $3.15 per thousand.

Residential sewer customers will also pay more. The base rate for residential users for the first 4,000 gallons is increased by $2.33 per month, from $15.52 to $17.85. Residential customers using more than 4,000 gallons per month will pay an additional 45 cents per thousand gallons, with the rate rising from $2.55 to $3 per thousand, up to a maximum of 11,000 gallons.

A 10 percent administrative fee is also tacked on to all water and sewer payments. Similar rate increases were approved for commercial and multi-family residential customers.

In other action the city commission Monday approved a resolution that allows the city to begin negotiating a $2 million sewer-bond issue. The borrowed money, which will be repaid through customer revenue, will finance Valparaiso's $1.2 million share of planned improvements to the Niceville, Valparaiso, Okaloosa County Regional Sewer utility, which treats and disposes of Valparaiso's sewage.

The upgrades are required because Eglin Air Force Base is expected to soon start charging market rent for the regional utility's disposal land, considerably increasing costs.

TEACHERS

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Marilyn Vu is one of the three "teachers in waiting" still looking to be placed. She was a full-time, degree-holding classroom assistant for special-needs students at Valparaiso for 10 years. Three years ago Vu, 54, earned her teaching certification as her family life freed up more time for her career. However, because of a hiring freeze in effect at the time she continued to work as a classroom assistant until last November, when Principal Mike Fantaski hired her to fill a vacancy in the second grade.

"It's wonderful," said Vu. "I love it. It's so fulfilling."

Foxworthy said he anticipates that all three Valparaiso teachers without assignments will be placed before school resumes in August.

"We will hire some new teachers," said Foxworthy about the district-wide employment situation, "but fewer than the number in better times." He said some of the new hires are needed to comply with continued implementation of the state's class-size law, which reduces the number of children a given teacher is required to teach.

On the other hand, Foxworthy said, there may be problems placing all the non-instructional employees from Valparaiso Elementary. While non-instructional personnel, such as custodians, bookkeepers and secretaries, for example, have "bumping" rights based on seniority, he said some less-senior non-instructional personnel may get bumped and have to be laid off as a result.

The district's labor unions are keeping a close eye on the issues, Foxworthy said, to insure more senior employees are protected in bumps and that there be no new hires to displace existing workers.

STUDENTS

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Museum of Northwest Florida, which is sponsoring the wall.

"You can read anything you want in a history book," said Michael Weech, 22, a senior at the University of West Florida majoring in history, who conducted interviews with classmate Sarah Richardson. "But hearing about hiding in the bush being shot at or jumping out of a plane because it's on fire puts a new perspective on it. It made the conflict more real to us."

Sarah Barnick, 18, who just graduated from Rocky Bayou Christian School, agreed. "You think about war and hear about people dying, but it's not real to you because you're not there. It makes you appreciate more what they're doing."

The veterans the students interviewed dismissed the idea that war is constant fighting. It's been said that war is 99 percent excruciating boredom and 1 percent sheer terror.

"When you read all the history books, they say it was terrible, hand-to-hand combat," Barnick said. "The veterans tell you certain things were bad, but others weren't so involved."

Yazdel Fonseca Alvarez, another Rocky Bayou Class of 2010 graduate, said she now understands the heightened senses one gains in war.

"Listening to them talk about their war experiences, you hear about the adrenaline rush," she said, "what can happen if you turn your back or take one step."

Weech said he gained greater respect for those who fought past wars and those who are fighting today's two-front conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I have a much deeper appreciation for the sacrifices and the reality that puts someone in a 'kill or be killed' situation," he said. "I can read a book, but this makes it much more personalized and gives me a better grasp on the situation.

The interviews whetted Barnick's interest in the life of those in the military.

"It made me want to talk to more military people and people who have retired from the military," she said. "So much information is being wasted. There's so much you could learn from these people, but no one takes the time to find out."

Police Blotter

The following accounts of the activities of police are according to records of the Niceville and Valparaiso police departments, the Okaloosa County and Walton County sheriff's offices, other law-enforcement agencies, and the Okaloosa County and Walton County jails.

Arrests

Debbie Lynn Wages, a cashier, 46, of 506 Landview Drive, Apt. B, Fort Walton Beach, was arrested by Valparaiso police June 4 for fraudulent use of a credit card. Wages allegedly copied the victim's credit card numbers when she was residing with the victim then on May 7 used the victim's credit card numbers to make two payments through a Web site called "JPAY" to bring her probation fees current. The two payments totaled $311.

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Sarah Caroline Embry, a waitress, 30, of 1538 Hickory St., Niceville, was arrested by Valparaiso police June 5 on a Brevard County warrant on the charge of trafficking in stolen property.

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Michael Paul Hubbard, 34, of 765 Cocina Gates, Jacksonville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies in Alachua County May 28 on a Valparaiso warrant for grand theft that was issued in September 2008.

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Caleb Lynn Kennedy, 19, of 121 Wilder St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 1 on a misdemeanor charge of violation of probation on the original charges of driving while license suspended or revoked and resisting an officer without violence. Kennedy was also arrested on a charge of failure to appear on the original charge of giving false ID to a law enforcement officer.

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Casey Michael Chavis, 22, of 304 Reeves St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 4 on a probation violation charge on the original charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Jeremy James Larnce, 36, of 709 Kumquat Ave., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 4 on a Walton County warrant on the charge of violation of probation.

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Michael Travis Beaty, a handy man, 26, of 404 Detroit Road, Valparaiso, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 6 on the charge of domestic violence battery.

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Harley White, 27, of 1 Carolina Ave., Lot 3, Valparaiso, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 5 on the charge of resisting an officer without violence.

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Jeffrey Brian Brunson, 36, of 919 Linden Ave., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies May 31 on a misdemeanor worthless check charge.

Thefts

A 15-year-old student reported June 2 that someone stole his bicycle from a bike rack at Collegiate High, 100 E. College Blvd., Niceville. The boy said he parked his bike in the outside rack about two weeks ago and wasn't sure he locked it.

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A juvenile who posted her phone number on her MySpace page so that her friends could text her, reported May 27 that a male had been sending harassing text messages requesting she send nude pictures of herself..

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A Niceville resident from the 200 block of Madison Street reported an attempted burglary June 2 when an unknown male suddenly opened her door and stepped in while she was cooking dinner. Once the intruder saw her he stated "Oh, sorry. I was looking for 21st Street," then stepped back outside. The woman, who grabbed a cell phone and her child and stepped outside to go to a neighbor's home, said the intruder saw her on the phone and fled the area.

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An out-of-state man reported that unknown person(s) stole his duffel bag containing a camera, iPod, designer sunglasses, a watch, keys a checkbook and back pack early June 6 when he and his fishing buddies stopped at a Valparaiso convenience store, 159 John Sims Parkway. The victim said his friends took the duffel out of the vehicle they were in and placed it by the passenger side tire as they all went inside the store. When they came back out the bag was missing. The stolen items were valued at $850.

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A Niceville resident from the 4200 block of Ida Coon Circle reported that on June 5 someone burglarized his home and stole a quilt and two pillows, and damaged a bedroom window screen. The homeowner said he arrived at the home about 10 a.m. and saw an older pickup truck in his driveway and that a dryer had been moved in front of the back door. After forcing the back door open and entering the home the resident found the bedroom door locked. The burglar apparently exited through the bedroom window.

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A Niceville resident from the 600 block of Samana Way reported that unknown person(s) stole a $1,600 laptop computer from the passenger side floorboard of her vehicle sometime May 26-27. There was no sign of forced entry to the vehicle.

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A Niceville resident from the 1100 block of Sandlewood Circle reported that sometime May 18 and June 6 unknown person(s) stole a $540 radar detector from the center console of her vehicle. It is unknown whether the burglary took place in the driveway or at some other location. There were no signs of forced entry.

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A Niceville resident reported that her $350 cell phone and driver's license were stolen, possibly while she was at a Destin nightclub about midnight May 30-31.

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A Georgia visitor in Niceville for a wedding reported that unknown person(s) entered her rental apartment, in the 1900 block of Bay Drive, May 29 and stole a bag of jewelry while the victim was attending a function. Reported stolen were a $200 silver necklace, silver bracelets valued at $300 and a pair of earrings valued at $1,200.

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A home-based business owner from the 100 block of 3rd Street, Niceville, reported that unknown person(s) entered the residence sometime May 31-June 1, and stole two laptop computers valued at nearly $750.

Other

A 15-year-old Niceville boy, a student, was issued a notice to appear by Niceville police June 1 on charges of retail theft, three counts, and underage possession of alcohol, two counts. The boy allegedly entered Kmart, 1140 E. John Sims Parkway, with two other persons, collected two six packs of beer and a pack of cookies, then walked to the furniture display, sat down, and consumed about a quarter of each beer and some of the cookies without paying for the merchandise, which was valued at $16. The other two people were not charged.

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Adrienne D. Gentry, unemployed, 51, of 1441 Live Oak St., Niceville, was issued a notice to appear by sheriff's deputies May 31 for retail theft. Gentry allegedly concealed without paying for a $30 necklace at a Destin store, 34 Harbor Blvd., Ste 150.

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Shauna Lee Lapan, 32, of 312-A Washington Ave., Valparaiso, was issued a notice to appear by sheriff's deputies June 6 for retail theft. Lapan was allegedly observed shoplifting $150 worth of merchandise from the Fort Walton Beach Walmart, 748 N. Beal Parkway.

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On May 28 three employees at Niceville businesses received notices to appear for selling alcohol to individuals under the age of 21. The criminal summons were issued in a joint undercover operation between Niceville police and agents from the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.

Those receiving notices to appear were:

—Christopher Chance Gould, 37, of 335 Ohio Ave., Valparaiso, a bartender at Shanghai Restaurant and Lounge, 339 W. John Sims Parkway.

—Jennifer Lynn Bradley, 32, of 103 Kinsey Court, Valparaiso, an employee at the Coaches Den, 402 W. John Sims Parkway.

—Shahzad Sadruddin Babul, 31, of 865 Brett St., Crestview, an assistant manager at the Exxon station, 410 John Sims Parkway.

Fire Department Reports

Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls from June 7 through June 13.

0 Structure Fire
0 Vehicle Fire
1 Other Fire
2 Illegal Burn
0 False Alarms
11 Emergency Medical Calls
3 Vehicle Crash
0 Vehicle Crash with Extrication
2 Other Emergency Calls
0 Hazardous Conditions

Location	Situation	Date	Time
Reeves Street	Medical	06/07/10	1142
Bullock Blvd.	Medical	06/07/10	2203
Nathey Avenue	Medical	06/08/10	0321
21st Street	Service Call	06/08/10	1505
N. Partin Drive	Medical	06/09/10	1630
Rocky Bayou Bridge	False Call	06/09/10	1910
S. Cedar Street	Medical	06/10/10	2005
College/SR85N	Vehicle Crash	06/10/10	1419
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle Crash	06/10/10	1711
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	06/10/10	2127
S. Partin Drive	Medical	06/11/10	1014
John Sims @ SR85N	Brush Fire	06/11/10	1346
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle Crash	06/12/10	0219
Als Drive	Medical	06/12/10	0358
Ginko	Illegal Burning	06/12/10	0549
Als Drive	Medical	06/12/10	0705
Dincan Drive	Medical	06/13/10	0436
Pine Court	Medical	06/13/10	0936
Kelly Road	Illegal Burning	06/13/10	1546

Weekly Safety Tip: Most fireworks burn injuries involve children. These are usually burns to the hands and eyes causing vision impairment and disfiguring scars. Sparklers are the biggest danger to children. A tip temperature at the end of the sparkler reaches 1800 degrees Fahrenheit and can easily cause a burn. Web Page: http://www.cityofniceville.org/fire.html

North Bay

The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls from June 6 through June 14.

Location	Situation	Date	Time
Reeves Street	Medical	6/7/10	1142
The Crossings	Medical Assist, EMS	6/6/10	05:02
E Highway 20 & Lancaster	Motor Vehicle Accident	6/6/10	10:22
White Point Road	EMS call, excluding vehicle	6/6/10	11:30
Cat Mar Road	Dispatched & canceled en route	6/6/10	16:26
Hickory Street	No incident found on arrival	6/7/10	10:55
Southminster Circle	CO detector activation	6/7/10	12:13
White Point Road	EMS call, excluding vehicle	6/7/10	13:22
North White Point Road	EMS call, excluding vehicle	6/7/10	14:58
Highway 20 East	Lock-out	6/7/10	15:07
Parkwood Lane	EMS call, excluding vehicle	6/7/10	16:15
Sunset Beach Drive	EMS call, excluding vehicle	6/8/10	06:08
Highway 20 East	EMS call, excluding vehicle	6/8/10	11:35
White Point Road & HWY ..	No incident found on arrival	6/8/10	16:16
Olde Post Road	Medical Assist, EMS	6/8/10	19:01
Merchants Way/ 125	Medical Assist, EMS	6/9/10	04:44
East Highway 20	Dispatched & canceled en route	6/9/10	19:22
North White Point Rd	Dispatched & canceled en route	6/9/10	21:03
Meadowbrook Court	Good intent call, other	6/10/10	23:05
Ridge Lane	Medical Assist, EMS	6/11/10	06:52
North White Point Road	Medical Assist, EMS	6/11/10	11:54
Evans Court	EMS call, excluding vehicle	6/11/10	14:58
Yacht Club Drive	EMS call, excluding vehicle	6/11/10	22:50
Birkdale Circle	EMS call, excluding vehicle	6/12/10	09:43
Highway 20 East	EMS call, excluding vehicle	6/13/10	12:35
Saint Croix Cove	Unauthorized burning	6/13/10	14:40
Merchants Way	Medical Assist, EMS	6/14/10	05:29
White Point Road	Rescue, EMS incident, other	6/14/10	08:01
Bay Drive	EMS call excluding vehicle	6/14/10	12:41

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Darryl Willis
BP Claims

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"It is actually a complex system of systems, including gears, axles, differentials, electronic components, and everything else that enables the power of the engine to be applied evenly and correctly to the wheels."

"That," said Adam, "is why such work is best done by someone who has specialized training and equipment; who can do the job right the first time, ensuring that what gets fixed stays fixed."

Jeff Turner is one of Twin Cities Transmission's professional transmission and auto repair specialists. He brings over 25 years of training and experience to his job.

"The best solution to car problems," Adam said, "is to avoid them. Get your vehicle inspected and fluids changed every thirty to fifty thousand miles, and promptly report suspected problems. Sooner or later, however, every vehicle ages to the point that serious repair is needed."

The owner must then decide whether to repair or replace the vehicle. "If you like the car enough to keep it another couple of years," said Adam, "it's worth repairing."

Many of Twin Cities Transmission's customers are referred by other auto repair shops, who know that Twin Cities can accomplish the difficult, specialized transmission repairs not possible at general-repair facilities. "We don't work volume," Adam said. "We specialize in the bigger, more technical repairs."

Asked what attracts people to Twin Cities, Brandy Pirc, the shop's front-office ambassador to customers, replied, "People know that we're honest, and that we're the best at what we do. We offer a three year, hundred thousand mile warranty on most remanufactured transmissions and remanufactured engines."

As for her own role in the company, Brandy said, "I think people find it a little less intimidating to find a woman in the front office. They know I won't talk technical at them."

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Vietnam Wall set to open

By Kenneth Books
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wall That Heals, a half-size replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., will open its five-day visit to the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds today, Wednesday, at 4 p.m.

The speaker at the opening ceremony will be Col. (ret.) George "Bud" Day, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his service during the Vietnam War.

The 250-foot-long replica wall includes an information center, a presentation about the Vietnam War, and information about the original wall in the nation's capital. Also presented will be tours and the results of an oral history project interviewing local veterans of the conflict.

Bud Day

The wall's visit to Okaloosa County is part of a series of exhibits, educational programs and events planned by the Heritage Museum in honor of the 75th anniversary of Eglin Air Force Base.

The wall may be viewed 24 hours a day. The indoor exhibits, which include collections from the Vietnam Archives at Texas Tech University, are open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

The schedule of events:

Friday

—11 a.m., Vietnam reflections by Col. (ret.) Leo J. Weeks, who served two Army tours in Vietnam.

Saturday

—10 a.m., reading of the Okaloosa County names.

—11 a.m., Laura Stevens, art history professor at

Please see WALL, page B-6

A youngster traces the name of Charles Purcell of Valparaiso, one of the 58,000 names of those who died as a result of the Vietnam War on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Four local men honored on wall

At least four servicemen from the Twin Cities died in Vietnam and are among the 58,000 names inscribed on the Vietnam War Memorial. They are:

—Army PFC **Charles Kent Purcell II**, 19, of Valparaiso, was killed in action in South Vietnam May 13, 1967. (Panel 19E-Line 111.)

—Army Cpl. **Larry Eugene Martin**, 21, of Niceville, was killed in Quang Tri, South Vietnam, Oct. 24, 1968. (Panel 40W-Line 28.)

—Army CWO **Larry Wayne Rabren**, 21, of Niceville died April 30, 1970, Kontum, South Vietnam. (Panel 11W, Line 67.)

—Army Sgt. **Jack De Wayne Tuggle Jr.**, 20, of Valparaiso, died April 17, 1970, Bien Hoa, South Vietnam. (Panel 11W-Line 19.)

Niceville teen tours NASA

Niceville High School senior Lauren Eshbach hugs Astronaut Greg H. Johnson at the cockpit entrance to the Endeavour. Lauren, Miss Teen Florida-International, was a special guest of NASA in June. After having lunch with some of Greg's friends, they spent four hours touring the Space Shuttle Endeavor from top to bottom. Lauren said it was "the most amazing day of my life."

Who's News

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Xaver Orlando Santana will graduate with honors from Earle C. Clements MTC Job Corps Academy School of Transportation East Campus, Morganfield, Ky., June 22. After completing his CDP (Phase III) this June, he will enter Career Transition Period (CTP, Phase IV) to further his technical studies in transportation (Phase V) where he will use knowledge of the practical application of engineering science. Xaver is the son of Angeline Santana of Niceville and the late Carlos L. Santana Sr. of Bronx, N.Y., and the grandson of the late Mrs. M. L. Broxton of Niceville, and is a 2006 graduate of Niceville High School.

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The following local students were awarded bachelor of arts degrees from Flagler College, St. Augustine. **Tasmin D. Graves** of Freeport earned a degree in graphic design; **Shari Danielle Adams** of Niceville earned a degree in psychology and **Jessica Grace Corley** of Niceville earned a degree in elementary education.

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Four seniors, **Josiah Duffey** and **Aaron Cain** from Special Services, and **Corrie Sober** and **Stephanie Serban** from the Academy at Rocky Bayou Christian School attended the Twin Cities Auxiliary Luncheon on May 27. Each student was presented a scholarship ranging from $500 to $1,000. There were 20 scholarship recipients with scholarships totaling approximately $22,000.

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Winners of the recent Plew Elementary School science fair were: 1st—**Kaleigh Maker**; 2nd—**Daniel Kivioja**; and 3rd—**Claire Crist**.

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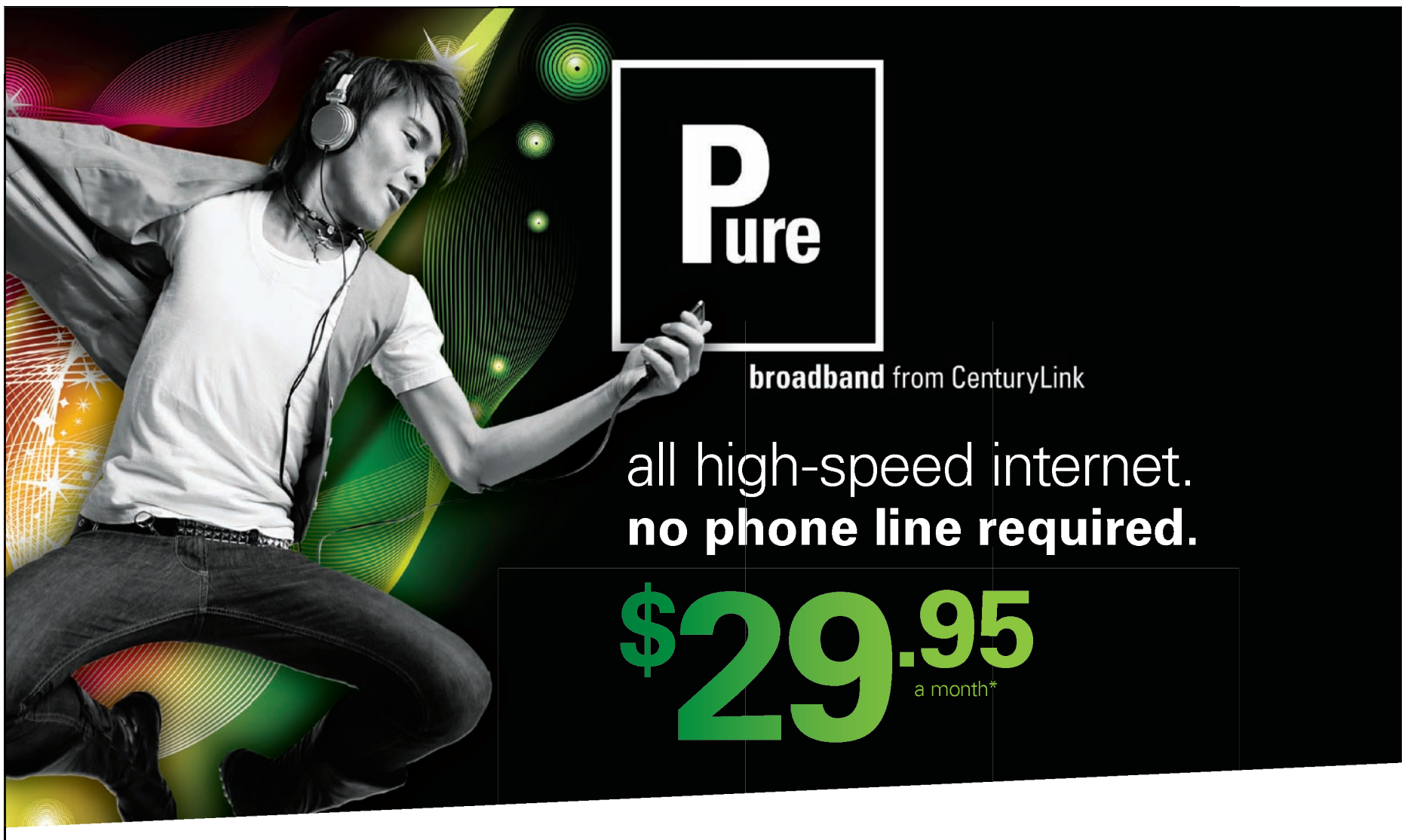

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Engagement

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McArdle-Suderman

Megan McArdle and Peter Suderman, both of Washington, D.C., are pleased to announce their engagement. Megan is the daughter of Francis X. McArdle of New York City and Joan McArdle of Washington, DC. Peter is the son of Sudy and Barb Suderman of Niceville.

Megan, a graduate of The Riverdale School in New York City, received her undergraduate degree in English literature from the University of Pennsylvania, and an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth. She is the business and economics editor for The Atlantic. Previously she worked at The Economist. Megan also is a frequent commentator on radio and television, and has appeared on NPR's Marketplace and MSNBC's The Kudlow Report. Her articles and reviews have been published in The New York Times, Salon.com, The Guardian, The New York Post and others. She is a fellow at the New

Peter Suderman and Megan McArdle

America Foundation.

Peter is a graduate of Niceville High School, attended Asbury College in Kentucky and received a B.A. in English from University of North Florida. He is an associate editor at Reason Magazine and a recipient of the Phillips Foundation 2010 Robert Novak Journalism fellowship. Peter has also been a writer at FreedomWorks and the Competitive Enterprise Institute as well as managing editor at National Review Online. His work has appeared in publications including The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Times, Newsweek.com, theAtlantic.com, the Washington Examiner, the Washington Times, The New Atlantis, The American Conservative and The Orange County Register.

A summer wedding is planned.

In the Service

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Navy Seaman Recruit **Ryan W. Elbert**, son of Karen M. and Timothy F. Elbert of Niceville, Fla., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Elbert completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Elbert is a 2008 graduate of Nicevile High School.

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Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer **Joey R. Short**, a 1975 graduate of Niceville Senior High School, assigned to the multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) and the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) recently received the 2009 Admiral Flatley Memorial Award.

The Admiral Flatley Memorial Award for aviation safety is based on comprehensive assessment of contributions toward aviation safety and is presented to one aircraft carrier, an associated carrier air wing and one amphibious assault ship and associated marine expeditionary unit annually. The ship maintained a record of zero mishaps for calendar year 2009 while safely completing a total of more than 4, 000 hours of flight operations and more than 5, 000 hours of shipboard landings.

Bataan is undergoing a planned maintenance availabililty at BAE Systems Norfolk Ship Repair Yard in Norfolk, Va.

Short joined the Navy in November 1990.

Weddings

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Manescala-Raymer

Janie Manescala and J.P. Raymer IV were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony by Rev. Lew Wilder on March 27, 2010.

The wedding took place in a bay side, garden ceremony at the home of the groom's uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sims III, Niceville, Fla., with the reception following.

The bride father's gave her in marriage.

The couple's parents are Peter and Jackie Manescala of Tampa, Fla., and John and M.J. Sims

Janie Manescala and J.P. Raymer IV

Raymer of Valparaiso, Fla..

Special guests included the groom's grandmother, Margie Sims McCraney of Valparaiso. Guitarist was Warren Sutton of Tallahassee, Fla..

Janie, an FSU graduate, is a floral designer at A Country Rose. J.P. is in golf sales at Edwin Watts Golf. They reside in Tallahassee. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii.

Healing camp slated for kids

Emerald Coast Hospice is offering a free camp for children July 16-19 at Camp Timpoochee, Niceville. Camp Brave Heart is for children, ages 7-14, who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Regardless of the type of loss or the reason for the loss, all children throughout the area are invited to apply to attend Camp Brave Heart at no cost to them. A prior affiliation with Emerald Coast Hospice is not a prerequisite.

Camp Brave Heart is run by clinical experts who understand the healing process. The emphasis is on healing, arts and crafts, field games, boating, swimming and honoring the people they have lost with a very special memorial service.

To receive an application for a child to attend, or to volunteer to assist with Camp Brave Heart, call Jim Vail, Bereavement Coordinator, at Emerald Coast Hospice, 689-0300 or go to gentiva.com/hospice. Applications will be accepted while space is available.

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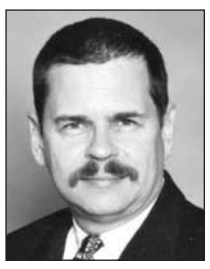

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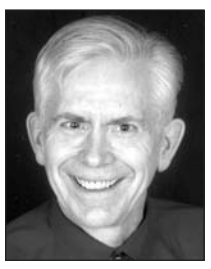

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(*Includes $10 user fee that goes to City of Niceville.)
(**Includes $10 user fee plus $10 fee for players residing outside city limits of Niceville or Valparaiso; both fees go to City of Niceville.)

Late Registration
Thurs., July 29 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Niceville City Hall
$25 extra for late registration (after July 24)

Waiting list after July 29 contact Donna Farrell at 897-8626.
Copy of state-issued birth certificate required for players not registered with PAL Soccer in Fall 2009.

Age Group	Birthdates
VIP (Children w/ disabilities)	Aug 1, 91–Jul 31, 05
U6	Aug 1, 04–Sep 1, 05*
U8	Aug 1, 02–Jul 31, 04
U10	Aug 1, 00–Jul 31, 02
U12	Aug 1, 98–Jul 31, 00
U14	Aug 1, 96–Jul 31, 98
U19	Aug 1, 91–Jul 31, 96

*Contingent registration for Sep 2–Dec 31, 05. Call for details.
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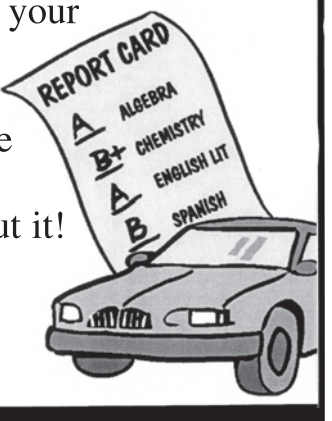

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8th grade—**Alexander Hencinski**
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Outstanding Spanish Student: **Lauren Barsky, Katia Hernandez**

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6th grade—**Ashlyn Richter, Desmond Tucker, Rebecca Havard**
7th grade—**Emily Murray, Matthew Clements**
8th grade—**Amber Hicks, David Hirtreiter**
5th Grade
Outstanding Math Student: **Nicholas Abate**
Outstanding English Student: **Tatum Hackler**
Outstanding Science Student: **Melinda Dennis**
Outstanding Social Studies Student: **Addison Betances**
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Outstanding Math Student: **Kennedy O'Malley-Dertien**
Outstanding English Student: **Zachary Fralish**
Outstanding Science Student: **Emily Nelson**
Outstanding World Cultures Student: **McKenna Dean**
7th Grade
Outstanding Math Student: **Abigail Williamson**
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Outstanding English Student: **Katelyn Friesen**
Outstanding Science Student: **Regan Hobbs**
Outstanding History Student: **Chase Corley**

Straight "A" Award—5th Grade

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5th Grade
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Akiya Mason
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2009-2010 Band and Chorus Awards

Symphonic Band

Most Outstanding Musicians—**Marshall Mosley, Andrew Royal**
Outstanding Citizens—**Alex Hencinski, Brooke Jones, Madeline Nehus, Brock Schaefer**
Outstanding Improvement—**Amanda Mitchell, Theresa Gunger, McKenna Dean, Khloe Miller Aidan Hill**

Jazz Band

Most Outstanding Musician—**Alex Hencinski**
Most Outstanding Citizen—**Amanda Abate**
Outstanding Improvement—**Sabrina Keesey**

Intermediate Band

Most Outstanding Musician—**D'Angelo Swafford**
Outstanding Citizens—**Blake Dean, Madeline Colon**
Outstanding Improvement - **Stephan Williams**

Beginner Band

Most Outstanding Brass Musicians—**Joshua Banaszak, Zachary Fralish**
Most Outstanding Woodwind Musicians—**Bethany Banaszak, Sarah Schwarz**
Most Outstanding Citizen—**Taylor Duncan**
Outstanding Improvement—**Larry Wells**

5th Grade Band

Most Outstanding Musician—**Jonathan McClain**
Most Outstanding Citizen—**Michelle Tolentino**
Outstanding Improvement—**Melinda Dennis**
All State—**Andrew Royal**

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NHS's Opus One inducts 10 singers

Michael Dye, Choral Music Director for Niceville High School, announced the 2010-2011 Opus One members. Members were inducted into the 2010-2011 Opus One group at a ceremony held Monday evening at Niceville High School.

During the ceremony the singers pledged to represent their program, their school and their community, in all aspects of their lives, with honor and pride. They further pledged their commitment to their fellow singers and to all of the NHS Choral Music programs, and agreed to personally achieve to the best of their abilities in all of their academic courses.

The Opus One Class of 2010-2011: returning members—Brandon Bubel, Jessica Erickson, Nick Harvey, William Kortbein, Colton Schniepp, Hillary Vest and Tasha Williams; new members—Caleb Coatsworth, Danielle Fox, Marisa Hancock, EJ Huston, Haley Leiback, Mallory Olds, Olivia Scruggs, Colton Vest, Kristen Walker and Gabe Wisdom.

During the ceremony the 2009-2010 Opus One graduating seniors were also recognized: Maggie Alexander, president; Chris Dugre, vice president, Chase Cloutier, Rachel Guidry, Natalie Harris, Natasha Jackson, Elle Keenan, Aaron Overton, Aline Rackley, Kim Schell and Ryan Smith.

Niceville High School's Opus One choral group.

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Katrina Camacho: Presidential Scholarship, UWF; Spirit of Capstone Award; Leadership Award; Director's Spirit of Collegiate HS Award.

Michael Taylor: Hurlburt Spouses Club Scholarship; Mattie Kelly Okaloosa County Art Show winner

Shaquavia Hardy: Eglin Officer's Spouses Club Scholarship; Gates Millennium Scholar; 2010 Coca-Cola Finalist; Delta Sigma Theta Scholarships; Leadership Award.

Brittany Baker: Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship; Savannah College of Art Design Scholarship; National Achievement Scholarship Outstanding Participant.

Sunni Norden: Pace honors Scholarship; UWF.

Mariah Lewis: Presidential Scholarship; UWF.

Samantha Sementili: Emerald Coast Association of Realtors Scholarship; Blackwater Review; Leadership Award.

Matt Provow: Huntingdon College Scholarship; Heroes and Dreamers Award.

Heather LeMay: Rotary Club Scholarship; The President's Volunteer Service Award; Spirit of Capstone Award; Director's Spirit of Collegiate HS Award.

Talia Edge: Take Stock in Children Scholarship.

Kelsey Hundley: Farm Bureau Scholarship; Leadership Award; Director's Spirit of Collegiate HS Award.

Corrine Givens: Order Sons of Italy in America Scholarship.

Arraye Stallworth: Wilma Shaw Ministries Scholarship.

Jessica Shaw: Capstone Scholar Scholarship, University of Alabama; Director's Spirit of Collegiate HS Award.

Rebecca Jolly: University of Montevello Freshman Leadership Scholarship.

Jessica Lopez: Spirit of Capstone Award.

Cody Skarupa: Rising Star Award; Heroes and Dreamers Award.

Matthew Harrison: Robert C. Byrd Scholarship; National Merit Finalist; Director's Sprit of Collegiate HS Award.

Samantha Horn: National Merit Finalist; Spirit of Capstone Award; Leadership Award.

Ashley Landuyt: National Merit Finalist.

Kelly Friedman: National Merit Commended Scholar; Spirit of Capstone Award; Director's Spirit of Collegiate HS Award.

Brittany Clark: National Merit Scholar.

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Rebecca Smith: Yearbook Award; Spirit of Capstone Award; Rising Star Award.

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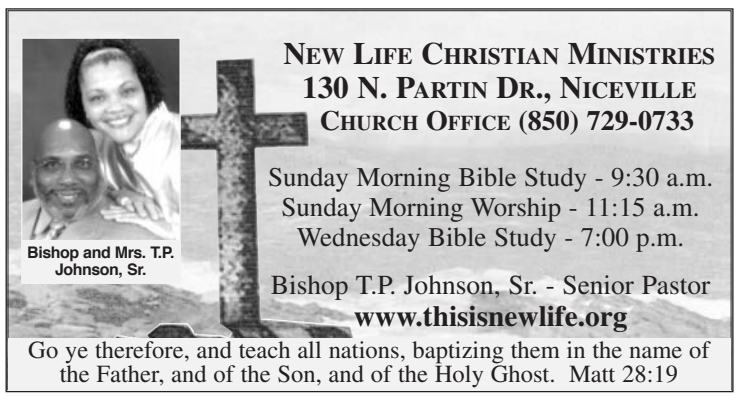
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CALENDAR

E-mail items to info@baybeacon.com before 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Summer reading program

The Niceville Public Library's Summer Reading Program begins with an open house Wednesday, June 16, in the Youth Services area of the Library. Drop in 11 a. m. and 1 p.m. to pick up a reading log and a schedule of all the library's summer events. Light refreshments will be served.

Age 3-kindergarten will meet Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for stories, rhymes, music, poetry and a take home craft or activity.

Grades 1-3 will meet Wednesdays at noon for stories, music, crafts and activities.

Grades 4 and 5 will meet Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. for books, book discussion, special guests, crafts and activities.

Free camp for kids

Emerald Coast Hospice is offering a free camp for children July 16-19 at Camp Timpoochee, Niceville. Camp Brave Heart is for children, ages 7-14, who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Regardless of the type of loss or the reason for the loss, all children throughout the area are invited to apply to attend Camp Brave Heart at no cost to them. A prior affiliation with Emerald Coast Hospice is not a prerequisite.

Camp Brave Heart is run by clinical experts who understand the healing process. The emphasis is on healing, arts and crafts, field games, boating, swimming and honoring the people they have lost with a very special memorial service.

To receive an application for a child to attend, or to volunteer to assist with Camp Brave Heart, call Jim Vail, Bereavement Coordinator, at Emerald Coast Hospice, 689-0300 or go to gentiva.com/hospice. Applications will be accepted while space is available.

Dems host Tibbetts

At its June 17, 9:30 a.m., meeting at Democratic Headquarters, 60 Second St. (Unit 305,) Shalimar, the Democratic Women's Club of Okaloosa County will host Schools Superintendent Alexis Tibbetts and Cindy Frazier, coordinator for the "Take Stock in Children" and mentoring programs sponsored by the Okaloosa Public School Foundation, Inc.

Info: Judy Byrne Riley at 678-1561 or okaloosademocrats.com.

Jail Ministry banquet

The Good News Jail and Prison Ministry annual banquet will be held Thursday, June 17, at 6 p.m. at the Niceville United Methodist Church Community Life Center. This fundraising banquet directly supports the Okaloosa County Jail Chaplain and many programs that bring the Good News to county inmates. Come hear life-transforming testimonies from former inmates and a ministry update from Chaplain Lennon. For tickets and information on how you or your church can sponsor a table at the banquet , contact Chuck Turk at 678-5827.

Dance Desire for CIC

Fred Astaire Dance Studios is proud to present Dancing with Desire 2010, a show featuring internationally acclaimed dance champions and guest celebrity performers, Thursday, June 17, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Northwest Florida State College, Niceville. Tickets are $50 and VIP tickets are $100. All proceeds will benefit Children in Crisis, Inc.

To sponsor the event, which combines entertainment and charitable fundraising, or to place a business ad in the collectible playbill, call Children In Crisis, Inc., at 864-4242.

Caregiver stress seminar

A seminar, Understanding Caregiver Stress, will be held Friday June 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Sterling House Bluewater Bay, 1551 Merchants Way, Niceville. Susie Baker from Covenant Hospice will lead the discussion in the Dining Room.

Reservations and info: Tami Miles, 729-3322. Complementary refreshments will be served.

'Fallen Soldier' monument

The city of Niceville is accepting donations for the "Fallen Soldier" monument which will be in memory of fallen veterans and positioned outside the Community Center. The monument will be made by "The Large Art Co." The goal is $4,400; $3,378.50 has been raised so far. Send donations to Fallen Soldiers Fund, City of Niceville, 208 N. Partin Drive, Niceville, FL 32578. Call Ron Hall, 259-7794, for further information.

Orchestra tickets

Season tickets are available for the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra's 24th season. Those who subscribe or renew by June 30 will be entered into a drawing to win an original artwork, "The Symphony," above, by local artist Linda Kenick. Season tickets are $100 for five concerts. Call 729-6000.

Hospice sets garage sales

Covenant Hospice will hold garage sales at 1419 29th St., Niceville, Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19, 8 a.m.-noon. The sales will benefit its non-funded and underfunded programs in Okaloosa and Walton counties. These programs include bereavement services, children's services, chaplain services and indigent care.

Items on sale include: furniture, books, jewelry, housewares and much more!

Sorry, no clothes.

Info: Lill Jennings, 729-1800.

Kids on Campus signups

Registration for the Kids on Campus summer enrichment program at Northwest Florida College is in progress at all seven NWFSC locations. Kids on Campus offers youth entering grades three to eight a unique opportunity for fun learning in a college environment with classes in athletics, theater, art and academics. The program offers two sessions at the Niceville campus; June 21 to July 1 and July 12 to 22. Classes are held Monday through Thursday. Registration is on-going until the first session on a space available basis. The course list and registration forms are available at all area elementary and middle schools, NWFSC campuses and centers, and nwfsc.edu/schedule.

Info: 729-6086.

Patriotic art exhibit slated

The Local Color Artists Group is presenting "Patriotic Impressions," a new fine art exhibit at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, featuring colorful, original works of art in a variety of media, created by 10 local artists. All work is available for purchase; a portion of the proceeds will benefit the museum.

'Frankenstein' is coming

Murder, despair and terror are on tap when Stage Crafters presents "Frankenstein," a play about a creature created from pieces of the dead. Evening performances begin at 7:30 and weekend matinees are 2 p.m. on June 18-20. Tickets ($15) go on sale two weeks before opening night and can be purchased at: Bayou Books, Niceville; Dowd Title Group, LLC, Destin; Connect With Flowers, Shalimar; PS Gifts, Fort Walton Beach; and at all Century 21 offices in Navarre and Okaloosa and Walton counties. Performances are held at the Municipal Auditorium, 106 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. For Info, e-mail: executiveboard@stagecrafters.com or visit Web site stagecrafters.net. Frankenstein is directed by Joe Perna.

Golf, silent auction

A four-man scramble golf tournament to benefit New Headings International, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of all people worldwide, and a silent auction will be held Saturday, June 19. The entry fee is $80, which includes pre-play and post round food, drinks, door prize entries, range balls plus full round with cart, competitions for the closest to the pin and longest drive, a free warrior custom golf club for each team member and a voucher for an additional free round at Shalimar Pointe. Hole in one prizes include a full set of Callaway irons, round trip airfare for two, and LCD TV or a car.

Registration is at 7 a.m. A shotgun start is set for 8 a.m. The silent auction, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Grit & Grace auditions

Grit & Grace, Inc. announces auditions for the upcoming production of "A Box of Grace" June 19 at the old Freeport Library, 1-4 p.m. and June 21 at the Florida Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood, DeFuniak Springs, 4-7 p.m. The *Grit & Grace* production will take place at the Walton High School auditorium in DeFuniak Springs, Sept. 9-12.

For more information on how to be a sponsor, how to become a cast and crew member, or how to get involved with year's production, call 892-9578, or hinsonharmony@yahoo.com.

Singer to appear

Singer-songwriter Kathleen Gibson will appear Saturday, June 19, 10:30 a.m., in the Niceville City Council Chambers across from the Library. Gibson entertains and educates all ages with award winning music and stories. Her performance will touch your heart and tickle the funny bone.

Info: kathleengibson.com

Concerts in the Park

Concerts in the Park, Thursdays through June 24, 7 p.m., Mattie Kelley Cultural Arts Village, The Village Green, 4323 Commons Drive West, Destin. Parking at Grace Lutheran Church. Admission is $5 for adults; kids under 12 free. Raffle prizes at intermission. Bring your favorite chair and picnic or purchase dinner from Carrabba's Italian Grill. Ice cream treats from Marble Slab Creamery. Schedule: June 17, Clark & Company; and June 24, The Return. Presented by Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation. Info: 650-2226 or mattiekellyartsfounda tion.org.

Fitness regime offered

If you're looking for a challenging workout or just want to become more physically fit, join the ROTC students at Northwest Florida State College for physical training this summer, and get into shape free of charge as the program opens its workout routine to the public. Youth and adults of any athletic ability, who are at least 16 years of age, are invited to join the students in the college's ROTC program for circuit training, upper body and abdominal training, cardio training, stretching, running and team sports every Monday through Aug. 19, 6-7 a.m. at the Niceville campus. Participants meet by the ROTC building at the west end of campus by the ball fields.

Info: Capt. David Avallone, 729-6022 or avallond@nwfsc.edu.

GOP candidate forum

The Okaloosa County Republican Club will host a forum on June 24 for the Republican candidates for Sheriff. The seven candidates will answer questions and state their opinions on the issues. The forum will be at the American Legion Post #235 on Hollywood Boulevard in Fort Walton Beach. The candidates will be available to meet attendees starting at 6:15 PM followed by dinner at 6:55 PM. The forum will begin at 7:30 PM. Reservations and cancellations must be made by Monday, June 21. The dinner cost $10. Call Ginny Mills at 609-1179 or Jane Dale at 651-5049 for reservations.

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Explosive deal on a T-shirt

Library Director Sheila Bishop said the city's fireworks fund has more than enough money for this year's Independence Day celebration over Boggy Bayou. Fundraising efforts, including T-shirt sales, aluminum can recycling, and other efforts, have been successful, with more than $38,000 collected so far. She said money being collected now is being applied towards next year's fireworks show.

NHS makes Newsweek list again

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

Niceville High School is in the top one percent of an exclusive group of nationally ranked public high schools.

This week Newsweek released its annual list of the best public high schools in the country based on "how hard school staffs work to challenge students with advanced-placement college-level courses and tests."

Just 1,623 high schools made the grade on Newsweek's list—6 percent of the nation's total—and Niceville High was ranked No. 131, its best showing ever in the five-year history of the Newsweek rankings. Last year, Niceville was No. 332. It has made the rankings every year since the list's inception in 2006.

School Board Member Howard Hill pointed out that all four traditional public high schools in Okaloosa County made it into the top 25 percent of the magazine's exclusive list: Choctawhatchee High was ranked No. 268, Crestview High School was listed as No. 314, and Fort Walton Beach High School was No. 401. The magazine excluded private and religious schools from its rankings.

According to Newsweek, the rankings are determined by taking the total number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or Cambridge (AICE) tests given at each public high school during the year and dividing by the number of graduating seniors.

Chamber honors member

"Chairman's Choice" is the opportunity for one person to attend different functions that the Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce chairman of the board attends to gain a different perspective. For June, Chairman of the Board Philippe Miceli, BankTrust, selected Therese van Gogh, North Light Yacht Club.

WALL

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Northwest Florida State College, discusses background of the memorial and its architect, Maya Ling Lin.

—1 p.m., Charles E. Merkel Jr., 53rd Wing historian, discusses "The People and Places of Vietnam," with slides, stories and memorabilia.

—8:30 p.m., candlelight ceremony with reading of Okaloosa, Walton and Santa Rosa county names.

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Rocky soars in Math Bowl

Rocky Bayou Christian Academy placed well in the NWFSC Math Bowl March 5. In the individual testing top 10 were YuXuan Zhang, first , 151 points; James Kim fourth, 115 points; Matt McDorman, sixth, 107 points, and Su Ho Im, seventh 106 points.

Earlier in the year, eight seventh graders participated in the Duke University Talent Identification Program by taking the ACT or SAT. Four of the eight participants—Joshua Birdsong, Cameron Esses, Joshua Preston and Hannah Stoner—qualified for the state recognition ceremony in May by earning at least a 20 on the English or math sections or at least a 21 on the reading, or science sections. Joshua Birdsong qualified in reading, Cameron in English, Joshua Preston in math and reading, and Hannah in English.

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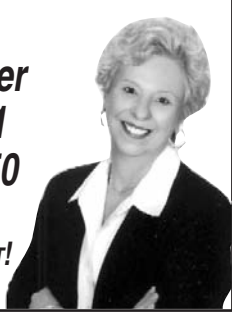

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$1.78 lb
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El Montery Burritos **$2.85**
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19.7 oz

$2.65 lb
Pork Loin
Whole Boneless

$1.93
Sweet Vidalia Onions
3 lb bag

South Eastern Peaches ..... **85¢ lb**
1 lb pkg

Red Ripe Roma Tomatoes ..... **83¢ lb**

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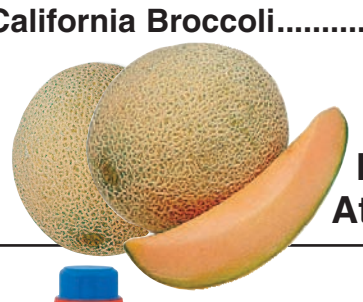

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88¢
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2 ltr btl

88¢
Betty Crocker Cake Mix
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$5.88
Tide Detergent
Liquid or Powder

88¢
Flavorite Cereal
Apple Dapples, Fruit Rings, Frosted Flakes
12.2 oz box

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12-16 oz

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Jumbo or Training Pants, 19-50 ct

Betty Crocker Brownie Mix **$1.07**
18.3-19.9 oz box

45¢
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15 oz can

$2.25
General Mills Cereal
Kix 8.7 oz; Cocoa Puffs 11.8 oz; Cheerios 8.9 oz; Cinnamon Toast Crunch 12.8 oz; Multi-Grain Cheerios 9 oz; Total Raisin Bran 18.25 oz box

Bisquick Baking Mix **$1.33**
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1 ct pkg, Big Roll

Act II Popcorn ..... **87¢**
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Pime Cuts or Come N Get It
17.6 lb bag

$1.77
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Shredded or Chunk
8 oz pkg

89¢
Sunny Delight
48-64 oz btl

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1/2 gal

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8-12 oz pkg

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4-6 ct pkg

Yoplait Yogurt, Light or Thick & Creamy ..... **44¢**
6 oz ctn

Imperial Spread Quarter ..... **75¢**
1 lb pkg

Florida Natural Orange Juice **$2.66**
64 oz ctn

$3.75
Blue Bell Ice Cream
1/2 gal

99¢
Totinos Party Pizza
9.8-10.9 oz box

Shopper Value Ice Cream **$3.66**
140 oz pail

Banquet Family Size Entrees **$1.98**
24-36 oz box

Totinos Pizza Rolls **$1.15**
7.5 oz box

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Red Baron Pizza **$3.33**
20-22.1 oz select varieties

Flavorite Tater Puffs or Hash Browns **$1.35**
23-32 oz

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10.5-12 oz box

$4.45 lb
Large Shrimp
31-40 count

Catfish Fillets ..... **$4.41 lb**
Farm raised

$5.99
Brill Cakes
assorted varieties

European French Bread **$2.15**
16 oz pkg

Glazed Donuts **$1.98**
12 ct pkg

$7.48
Barefoot Wine
1.5 ltr

Michelob **$8.92**
12 pk bottles or cans

Bogle Merlot or Chardonnay **$7.65**
750 ml

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