

The Bay Beacon

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Wednesday, September 1, 2010

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COMING UP

Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

The Valparaiso Community Library will have a

Book Worms Program



on Early Release Thursday. Activities will include an age-appropriate story, game and arts and crafts. All elementary school age children are invited. Info: 729-5406.

Thursday, 7 p.m.

"Red Tide and Other Harmful Algal Blooms" will be the topic of the Choctawhatchee Audubon Society talk by Dr. Allison Bearegard, chair of the

Mattie Kelly Environmental Institute at NWFSC, in the Learning

Resource Center, LRC Room 128.

Info: Gary Parsons, 678-1461.

Saturday, 11 a.m.

Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park will host a reading of the popular children's book "The Salamander Room" at the Red Cedar Pavilion in the day use area. Park entrance fees will be waived for visitors who bring a library card, library book, or who donate a new or gently used family book. Info: 833-9144.



Sunday, 7 p.m.

The Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation presents "A Musical Farewell to Summer" Labor Day weekend concert at Grand Park in Grand Boulevard, Sandestin. This will feature live music with David Seering and the Joe Occhipinti Orchestra. Admission is \$10; kids under 12 free. Info: 650-2226.

Calendar, B-7.

City aims to boost utility fees, drainage tax

By Thomas Monigan

Staff Writer

The Niceville City Council has proposed increases in garbage fees and stormwater taxes that appear on monthly municipal utility bills.

Separately, the council was presented Tuesday night with a proposal that would boost the

price of city water and sewer service by about 6 percent, affecting over 7,200 customers.

Hearings on the proposed increases will be held Sept. 16, Sept. 21 and Sept. 23, with that last date set for a final vote.

The proposed garbage rate increase was given preliminary approval by a 5-0 vote

Thursday.

Tipping fees for the 5,485 residential garbage customers would rise 18 cents, from \$12.93 to \$13.11 monthly, which would give the city an additional \$11,900 annually. This matches the 1.39 percent increase the county is applying to its "tipping fees." Those

fees are for unloading at the county waste site.

Niceville garbage bills also include a sanitation fee and a recycling fee, which are not expected to increase next year, according to City Clerk Dan Doucet. The tipping fee increase would boost the total monthly residential garbage

bill to \$27.01.

Commercial tipping fees would also increase 1.39 percent monthly, but Doucet said that figure would be applied on a sliding scale because commercial garbage bins vary in size, and some are shared by

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Football season begins



The Niceville High School Eagles beat Booker T. Washington High School, Pensacola, in the Kickoff Classic Friday night, 20-3, in a steady rain. All of Niceville's points were scored by the junior varsity before a sparse umbrella-bearing crowd. Above, Eagles varsity defensive linebackers Eddie Martinez, left, and Tyler Miller sack the Washington quarterback. Niceville will take on Lincoln at home Friday in the season's first regular game. Story, B-4.



Beacon photos by Sarah Clauson

Niceville eyes 5% millage hike

By Mike Griffith

Beacon Correspondent

Niceville city officials are considering a municipal millage rate of 3.631, up 5.2 percent from the current property tax rate.

The proposed rate is the "rolled back" rate, a tax rate that will produce the same amount of property tax revenue in fiscal year 2011, which will begin Oct. 1, as during the current fiscal year, in which the millage is 3.45.

The proposed millage is slightly less than the 3.65 rate discussed during previous city council meetings. At the 3.631

rate, property owners in Niceville would pay \$3,631 in property tax for each \$1,000 of taxable value of their property. For example, the owner of a home assessed at \$150,000 taxable value, after homestead and other exemptions and discounts, would pay \$544.65 in municipal property tax, not counting the levies of other authorities such as the school board.

City council hearings are scheduled on the proposals Sept. 16, 21 and 23 at 6 p.m. at city hall.

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'Train wreck' seen after defeat of sales-tax hike

By Thomas Monigan

Beacon Staff Writer

With last week's rejection by Okaloosa County voters of a \$131 million sales tax for county public schools, what does the school district do next when it comes to repairing buildings?

Well documented is the fact that 30 of Okaloosa's 41 schools are at least 40 years old.

"I see it as a train wreck that's going to happen," said Rodney Nobles, the district's deputy superintendent for operations.

Why such a dire prediction?

That proposed sales tax money, Nobles pointed out, was targeted only for repair and maintenance projects that an independent study had identified as the most urgent.

In anticipation of its quest for the sales tax bump, Okaloosa Schools spent \$400,000 to hire construction and engineering firm Jacobs/Titan to conduct a year-long study.

That study resulted in the district's Capital Projects Plan and Estimated Budget.

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Voters oust school board incumbent

By Del Lessard and Thomas Monigan

Beacon Staff Writers

Howard Hill proved philosophical after losing his District 5 seat on the Okaloosa County School Board to newcomer Melissa Thrush.

"That's the process. You have to respect the vote," said Hill, who will end his 14 years on the board in November when Thrush is sworn in. Both candidates live in Niceville.

For her part, the incoming board member has plenty to keep her busy in the meantime. Three of her four children attend Plew Elementary School, where

they are in kindergarten, second and fourth grade, respectively.

And the fourth child is at home, still several years away from kindergarten age yet.

"It's been just kind of a whirlwind for me and my family," Thrush told the Bay Beacon. "I've been just amazed at the support and outreach of so many different people, people



Melissa Thrush

I didn't know. I'm a political newcomer. I'm just a parent and this was a giant leap for me."

Thrush graduated from Elliott Point Elementary, Meigs Junior High, and Choctawhatchee High School.

With academic and professional credentials in the field of engineering, Thrush chose to become a stay-at-home mom two years before she and husband, Dr. Chris Reed, came back to this area seven years ago.



Howard Hill

Her decision to run for the District 5 seat came from attending school board meetings in recent years, combined with her unhappiness over what led to the closure of most of Valparaiso Elementary School last spring.

"I was frustrated by the lack of process," Thrush said. "There was one option, to close (the school) or not to close (the school), and that was it."

With the failure last week of a referendum

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30% of electorate settles key contests

By Del Lessard

Beacon Staff Writer

Nearly 30 percent of registered voters in Okaloosa County cast ballots in the primary election Aug. 24, settling 14 contests to get on the Nov. 2 general election ballot while also finalizing three.

According to unofficial returns, 56 percent of Okaloosa voters rejected a proposal to levy a 10-year, half-percent sales tax that would have raised \$131 million for county public schools.

At the county level, Republican voters selected Larry Ashley as the GOP



Larry Ashley

candidate on the Nov. 2 ballot. Ashley handily beat five other Republican candidates, getting nearly 44 percent of more than 28,000 ballots cast. In November he'll face a Democrat and two no-party candidates.

Two Republican candidates for county commission also won spots on the Nov. 2 ballot.

Newcomer Dave Parisot got 54 percent of ballots cast for the District 2 commission seat, besting former commissioner Elaine Tucker. He faces two no-party candidates in November.



Dave Parisot

Incumbent District 4 Commissioner Don Amunds topped Republican challenger Danny Bennett, garnering over 55 percent of the vote to face a no-party candidate in the general election.

In the election, incumbent District 5 School Board Member Howard Hill lost his seat to newcomer Melissa Thrush, who garnered 56 percent of the vote in the non-partisan race.

Winning 54 percent of the vote, incumbent School Board District 3 member Rodney Walker defeated chal-

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Don Amunds



Reel busy

An angler tries his luck on the Valparaiso T-pier. Jutting into Boggy Bayou near the entrance to Toms Bayou, the 268-foot-long wooden structure is popular year round with hook-and-line fishermen, cast-netters, crabbers, and anyone just looking for a peaceful view.

Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

MILLAGE

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"The rolled back rate will produce the same revenues as our current year millage of 3.45," wrote City Clerk Dan Doucet in a letter to the city council discussing the proposed millage. "Since Niceville's property values decreased a total of approximately 31 million dollars, taxpayers will not have a tax increase as compared to last year's assessed value if everything remains the same. The Property Appraiser advises the CPI will increase 2.73% for homesteaded property (save your homes amendment). The appraiser is limited to increasing the CPI

to no more than 3% each year." However, added Doucet, "If a property owner has made improvements to their homes they will pay full tax on the improvements and it takes two years before it is capped at the 3% level." According to documents presented to the council by Doucet and City Manager Lannie Corbin, the proposed millage will produce about \$2,941,250 in property tax revenue. Other revenue in the coming fiscal year will include \$2,255,100 in intergovernmental revenue such as state or federal aid to the city, \$388,570 in charges for city services, \$170,600 in miscellaneous revenue, \$68,600 in fines and forfeitures, and \$60,000 for

building permits. The city is also expected to have \$3,064,100 in non-revenue funding, such as transfers, franchise fees, utility tax and other sources, producing a total revenue of \$8,948,220, which is also the amount the city now plans to spend in its FY 2011 general fund budget. "During the last five years," wrote Doucet, "we have reduced the general fund budget by \$1,151,000. During the last two years twelve employees left the City and only two were replaced. We need five new employees in the General Fund to take care of essential services provided by our Police, Fire, Parks and Repair and Maintenance departments." In the current year, Doucet reported, "During meetings with department heads we reduced our proposed budget as indicated below by \$404,660. These reductions cover operating expense and capital outlay items originally requested for FY-11."

Council members Dan Henkel, Al Swihart, William Thomas and Bill Smith voted unanimously to approve the budget proposal. Council member Judy Boudreaux was absent from the meeting. During their discussion of the proposed budget and millage rate, some council members questioned Corbin and Doucet about whether the proposed budget is enough. William Thomas said he is willing to raise taxes if that is necessary to maintain the quality of life of city residents. "Is hiring only one new cop enough?" asked Thomas. He said he is concerned about a possible increase in traffic, and perhaps crime, once the Walmart shopping center now being built in the city, and the proposed Home Depot, are open for business. Corbin replied that, "Niceville hasn't grown," during the past year, and that traffic, crime, and property tax revenue from the new commercial developments

will not affect the city until the new stores are actually open. Even when that happens, Corbin said, "The commercial development will be a factor, but I don't expect to need more people." "Let me assure you," Corbin told the council, "increasing taxes is not a popular thing." "I'm willing to make tough decisions," Thomas responded. Thomas said he is concerned about maintaining Niceville's reputation as a relatively crime-free city with a high quality of life for its residents, something he has promised his constituents. "Niceville is a city second to none," he said. "I trust your judgment, but don't be afraid to tell me if we need to make a move." At future meetings, said Doucet, the city council will address additional budget items not covered by the city's general fund, including "enterprise" items like the city water and sewer department, which is funded by user fees rather than direct taxation. In other business during the Aug. 24 meeting, the city council approved an interlocal agreement between the city and the

Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative (OCPLC). The agreement provides for county financial aid to city libraries throughout the county in return for each city agreeing to not charge non-resident fees to customers who reside within the county but not the city. Niceville Public Library Director Sheila Bishop told the council that the county has cut its contribution to the library cooperative to save tax money, but that the cooperative has also made serious cuts to its budget and services to keep costs down. She said that former OCPLC Director Bob Gorin recently resigned from his post in order to spare the county the cost of his salary and thus continue some of the services provided by the cooperative. Bishop said that she will serve as interim OCPLC director during the coming year at no salary except what she is already paid as city library director, and other city library directors will take turns as the OCPLC director in coming years, until funding improves enough to again hire a full-time director of the county cooperative.

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CITY

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more than one business.

The proposed commercial increase, affecting 396 customers, would bring \$6,315 more annually to the city, Doucet told the council.

Stormwater taxes, meanwhile, would increase from \$4.05 to \$4.25 (4.9 percent) monthly for residential and from \$8.10 to \$8.51 (5 percent) monthly for commercial. The residential increase would raise \$12,300 annually, while the commercial increase would mean \$7,200 more

each year. That combined total is \$19,500. The money is used to fund drainage projects.

The garbage and stormwater fees affect only property within the city limits. The water and sewer rates would also affect customers outside the city, in certain unincorporated areas.

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Marie Earl, 32, Crestview, restaurant worker



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Greg Crosswhite, 58, Niceville, retired



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TAX

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"Initially, they came back with a list with prices and estimates attached, and the total was \$300 million," Nobles said. "And we told them, 'That doesn't do us any good. Go back and prioritize 1 to 5 with 1 as the worst and 5 as the best.'"

The proposed 10-year plan represented all the 1s and 2s, Nobles said.

And now county voters have defeated the plan, which would have levied a 0.5 percent local-option sales tax in the county for 10 years, boosting the overall tax rate to 6.5 percent from 6 percent.

So that may mean being able to address "less than 1 percent" of the worst-case scenarios with the capital projects money available, according to Nobles.

Superintendent of Schools Alexis Tibbetts put it this way: "We will spend it (the capital projects money) for the most critical issues: life, safety and health issues."

Every year the district submits a "a five-year capital outlay budget." This year the first proposal

called for \$4.3 million. But the final one passed recently had to divert \$1.3 million for new air conditioning units at Edge and Elliott Point elementary schools.

So that means just less than \$3 million remains available for the school year that just began.

What happens if several major events were to wipe out that money in the next six months?

"If that money gets wiped out early, we do have some carryover funds," said Rita Scallan, chief financial officer for Okaloosa schools. "Most of that (about \$21 million) is committed, so we would just have to prioritize what is the greatest need."

This could possibly involve taking money to provide a chiller unit rather than proceed with the planned district-wide upgrade of doors, Scallan said.

"We would prioritize what is most important, and delay or defer other projects involved with basic maintenance issues," Scallan added.

Howard Hill, the lone school board member to vote against the proposal to put the sales tax issue on the ballot, said: "Dire has different definitions. If you don't have the money, you figure out a

way to take care of critical things first. To me there's always some way of solving the problem."

Joseph Pascarella, a leader of the Tea Party movement in Niceville and Valparaiso, said a number of factors caused opposition to the sales tax proposal.

"Right now is just not a good time to tax people," Pascarella said. "You put your foot in the door and once you go half a percent it could go up."

Five years instead of 10 years might have been more attractive, he added. "That's a long blank check," Pascarella said, "and when you give government a blank check, they usually spend it. Tighten your belt like we did and find other places (to get the money)."

So where does this leave things?

"Public education is funded only two ways in the state of Florida, sales tax and property tax," Superintendent Tibbetts said. "And we have eliminated one, so that only leaves one."

But according to state law: "There are no millage rate increases available to us without a referendum," according to CFO Scallan.

SCHOOLS

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dum to pass a half-cent local-option sales tax that was projected to bring \$131 million to the school district during the next 10 years, Thrush said she was aware of financial challenges ahead.

"It's going to be a tough four years, and I need good listening ears," she said. And she has already met with district officials and has scheduled more meetings.

"I need to just meet with different support staff members, teachers and administrators," Thrush said. "I don't have a particular agenda because the budget and the class-size issue will be the main things to deal with."

Hill, meanwhile, said his opponent had a well-run, well-financed campaign.

Three things worked against his reelection effort, Hill said:

—Anti-incumbent mood among voters.

—His lack of an endorsement from the teacher's union. (County records show that Thrush's campaign, largely self-financed, accepted at least \$1,500 in teacher union money.)

—Democratic voters who cast ballots for Thrush, a registered

Democrat, though the school board race is officially nonpartisan.

Hill is a Republican. Thrush accepted \$100 in campaign money from the Region II Democratic Womens Club, Shalimar.

Thrush said she welcomed the union endorsement. "Since 76 percent of district teachers are union members, and growing up here I have always had great respect for our teachers and support staff, I was very grateful to have endorsement of teachers and support staff," she said.

As for the issue of being a Democrat, Thrush replied: "it's a nonpartisan race so I just ran a race on what I would bring to the table, not my party affiliation. I would hope that people voted for who they thought was the right person but not who they knew was registered as Democrat or Republican. Obviously, some people who were registered Republicans voted for me. I couldn't have won without that."

Hill, 67, said that with the election over he would now be able to catch up with the PAL Soccer program he has spearheaded for local youngsters for many years.

In office until mid-November,

Hill said he would lobby voters to approve Amendment 8 to the state constitution on the Nov. 2 general election ballot. Amendment 8 is the so-called "right-size amendment" to alter an earlier voter-approved amendment that approved class size limits in public schools, he explained. The original class size amendment—which this year mandated its final, rigid limit for each school classroom—is causing Okaloosa County high schools tremendous financial problems, he said.

Hill was elected to the District 4 seat on the Okaloosa County School Board in 1996, but was prevented from seeking reelection when redistricting left him living outside his former district.

However, in 2000 Hill won election to finish the last two years of former School Board Member Don Gaetz' term in District 5. Gaetz left halfway through his second term on the school board in order to run for superintendent of schools. Hill won two more elections after that.

ELECTORATE

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lenger Paul Wendel Brock.

Voters winnowed six candidates for Circuit Judge, 1st District Group 3, down to two who will face each other Nov. 2, since no one got the required majority. Michael A. Flowers garnered 49 percent of the Okaloosa County vote and 34 percent districtwide, while Alisha W. McDonald was third in Okaloosa County with 12 percent of the local vote but placed second districtwide with 17 percent, sending both candidates into the runoff.

Republicans in State Senate District 2 picked Greg Evers as their candidate, with Okaloosa voters giving him a 69-percent

majority over Mike Hill. Evers will face a Tea Party candidate and a write-in candidate Nov. 2.

Democrats statewide chose Dan Gelber as their choice for Attorney General, with 54 percent of the Okaloosa vote.

Okaloosa Republicans were out of step with other Florida GOP voters, who named Pam Bondi as the party's choice to face Gelber in November. Local Republicans gave Holly Benson 48.5 percent and Jeff Kottkamp 28.9 percent while Bondi came in third in the county, with just 22.6 percent.

In the gubernatorial primary, Okaloosa Democrats agreed with their peers statewide, giving Alex Sink the nod with 62 percent of the Okaloosa vote over Brian P. Moore.

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Police Blotter

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Arrests

Robert Howard Tousignant, self-employed, 32, of 4527 Parkside Lane, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Aug. 18 on charges of grand theft, one count, and fraudulent/illegal use of credit cards, two counts.

Aaron Edward Knight, unemployed, 37, of 705 Powell Drive, Niceville, was arrested by Valparaiso police Aug. 22 on a charge of battery. Knight allegedly struck another bar customer in the side of the head with a full glass of beer, breaking the mug and knocking the victim to the floor at 127 John Sims Parkway. The victim had no visible injuries but told police his jaw was sore.

Mark William Forsythe, 50, of 400 Glendale Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by Valparaiso police Aug. 21 on the charge of battery, domestic violence.

Kyle Thomas Smith, a student, 18, of 415 Davenport Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by Valparaiso police Aug. 18 on a charge of criminal mischief. On July 28 Smith allegedly used a rock to cause \$832 damage to the paint and window of a vehicle. A 17-year-old Valparaiso boy, a cook, was also arrested by Valparaiso police Aug. 18 on two counts of criminal mischief, allegedly damaging the same vehicle as Smith as well as throwing a rock through the window of a business office.

Gary Eugene Tennant, 35, of 1601-E N. Partin Drive, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Aug. 21 on charges of grand theft and dealing in stolen property. Tennant is alleged to have accepted \$1,100 to repair the victim's Jeep several months ago but did not repair

it and sold its tires for \$1,000 without the owner's consent.

of a pretrial agreement of no contact.

Kevin Michael Knisley, unemployed, 21, of 1134 Bayshore Drive, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Aug. 20 on a charge of battery.

Mary Kathleen Mcmillan, a student, 57, of 2432 Roberts Drive, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Aug. 17 for violation of a domestic violence injunction.

Michael Joseph Ryan, 45, of 304 Reeves St., Lot E-5, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Aug. 22 on the misdemeanor charge of falsely identifying himself to a law enforcement officer.

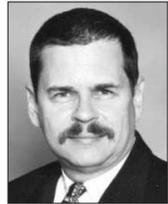
Richard Alan Claus, 52, of 2021 Flagstone Drive, Apt. 1703, Madison, Ala., was arrested by Niceville police Aug. 17 on a charge of battery, domestic violence.

Teresa Marie Ellis, unemployed, 21, of 304 Reeves St., Lot F-7, Niceville, and Bryan James Perkins, a flooring worker, 21, of the same address, were arrested by Niceville police Aug. 19, each charged with violation

Matthew Edward Wood, 32, with an at-large address, was arrested by Niceville police Aug. 18 on charges of burglary to a dwelling and petit theft. Wood

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0 Structure Fire	15 Emergency Medical Calls
0 Vehicle Fire	1 Vehicle Crash
0 Other Fire	0 Vehicle Crash with Extraction
1 Illegal Burn	3 Other Emergency Calls
0 False Alarms	0 Hazardous Conditions

Location	Situation	Date	Time
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle Crash	8/23/10	18:20
Hickory Avenue	Medical	8/23/10	19:37
Niceville Avenue	Medical	8/24/10	13:55
Fairway Drive	Medical	8/24/10	15:46
Perdido Circle	Medical	8/24/10	18:47
N. Partin Drive	Medical	8/25/10	04:57
N. Partin Drive	Medical	8/25/10	14:55
Reeves	Medical	8/25/10	20:18
Jones Street	Service Call	8/25/10	21:03
Friar Tuck Drive	Illegal Burning	8/26/10	10:14
Yacht Club Drive	Medical	8/26/10	14:50
S. Palm Blvd.	Medical	8/26/10	17:52
Red Maple Way	Medical	8/27/10	11:24
John Sims/Redwood	Canceled En route	8/27/10	18:08
Sparkleberry Cove	False Call	8/27/10	19:03
Yacht Club Drive	Medical	8/28/10	08:16
Reeves Street	Medical	8/28/10	22:29
Linden Avenue	Medical	8/29/10	03:51
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	8/29/10	20:20
Cook Street	Medical	8/29/10	20:56

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North Bay

The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls August 22 through August 30.

Location	Situation	Date	Time
Oaklake Lane	Dispatched canceled	8/23/10	10:48
North White Point Road	Dispatched canceled	8/23/10	14:47
Highway 20 & Bluewater Blvd.	Vehicle accident	8/23/10	20:22
North White Point Road	Medical assist EMS	8/24/10	15:26
Highway 20	HazMat release investigation	8/24/10	18:34
Turnberry Place	EMS excluding vehicle	8/25/10	02:57
Dominica Circle	EMS excluding vehicle	8/25/10	05:36
North White Point Road	Medical assist EMS	8/25/10	07:06
Pool area	Medical assist EMS	8/25/10	08:25
Calinda Lane	EMS excluding vehicle	8/25/10	11:58
Range Road	Dispatched canceled	8/26/10	07:04
Friar Tuck Drive	Dispatched canceled	8/26/10	10:17
Cat Mar Road	Medical assist EMS	8/26/10	23:35
Sparkleberry Cove	Dispatched canceled	8/27/10	19:05
North Ridgewood Cove	EMS excluding vehicle	8/28/10	01:13
Muirfield Way	Dispatched canceled	8/28/10	11:47
East Highway 20	Dispatched canceled	8/28/10	15:56
North Bermuda Circle	Medical assist EMS	8/29/10	15:31
Antiqua Way	Dispatched canceled	8/30/10	02:46
West Lido Circle	Medical assist EMS	8/30/10	06:39

Visit northbayfd.org for greater detail of incidents.

Valparaiso Volunteer

The Valparaiso Volunteer Fire Department responded to the following calls during the month of August:

Location	Situation	Date	Time
Kelly Way	Breathing Problem	8/1/10	10:01
Valparaiso Parkway	Fire Alarm	8/7/10	14:20
Valparaiso Parkway	Fire Alarm	8/8/10	07:18
Valparaiso Boulevard	Seizures	8/9/10	15:51
Southview Avenue	Diabetic	8/10/10	15:05
Glendale Avenue	Unconscious	8/10/10	18:21
South John Sims Parkway	Vehicle Lock Out	8/16/10	11:26
Edge Avenue	Unconscious	8/16/10	21:15
Edge Avenue	Fall	8/17/10	10:24
Rock Bayou Drive	Motor Vehicle Accident	8/18/10	08:27
Government Avenue	Power Line Down	8/18/10	17:56
Carolina Avenue	Suicide Attempt	8/21/10	04:56
South Bayshore Drive	Fire Alarm	8/22/10	08:44
Tom's Bayou Bridge	Motor Vehicle Accident	8/22/10	10:03
Alabama Avenue	Fire Alarm	8/22/10	15:38
North John Sims Parkway	Motor Vehicle Accident	8/24/10	12:26
North John Sims Parkway	Natural Gas Leak	8/24/10	19:22
Valparaiso Parkway	Unconscious	8/25/10	12:11
Glendale Avenue	Sick Call	8/25/10	18:29
Glennview Avenue	Fire Alarm	8/28/10	13:15

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BLOTTER

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allegedly entered a residence in the 1600 block of Date Palm Drive through the dog door. He cooked and ate some food inside the home.

Early Aug. 13, a relative who was checking the home while the owner was out of town saw Wood



Matthew Edward Wood

run out a back door. Wood was found Aug. 18 in front of his residence, 1313 S. Cedar Ave., Niceville.

DUI arrests

Christopher Andrew Coleman, 20, of 127 Gleneagles Drive, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies for DUI on Highway 98 at Gulf Shores Drive, Destin, Aug. 18 at 1:50 a.m.

Charles Ray Short, a federal civil servant, 49, of 201 Elizabeth St., Fort Walton Beach, was arrested by Niceville police for DUI Aug. 17. On Feb. 19 Short was injured in a single-vehicle motorcycle accident in the 700 block of West John Sims Parkway. Blood samples taken from Short at the hospital were tested by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and indicated his blood alcohol level was 0.149 to 0.151, exceed-

ing the state limit of 0.8 grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood.

Thefts

A Niceville resident from the 1000 block of Juniper Avenue reported that sometime Aug. 20-23 a radar detector was stolen from the victim's vehicle.

A Niceville resident from the 1100 block of N. Rita Lane reported that sometime Aug. 21-23 unknown person(s) stole \$10 in change from the center console of his vehicle as well as a military bayonet valued at \$50.

Another Niceville resident from Rita Lane reported Aug. 22 that a radar detector and \$9 change were stolen from his SUV while it was parked at his residence.

A Niceville resident from the 200 block of 21st Street reported Aug. 21 that unknown person(s) stole a GPS device from an unlocked vehicle.

A Niceville man reported Aug. 20 that when he returned home from an out-of-town trip a couple of weeks ago he did not realize his vehicle had been burglarized while it was parked in the 200 block of 22nd Street, locked up with the windows cracked. The victim later discovered his briefcase, a GPS unit and a concealed weapons badge had been stolen.

Sometime Aug. 21-23 unknown person(s) burglarized the fenced area in back of an equipment rental business, 1060 E. John Sims Parkway, and operated four pieces of heavy equipment, three forklifts and a backhoe, using the keys left in the equipment. The suspect(s) drove the vehicles within the fenced area. One forklift sustained about \$8,000 damage when it was driven off the right side of a trailer and fell on its side. The keys to the four pieces of heavy equipment were apparently stolen.

A Valparaiso resident reported that unknown person(s) entered the backyard of a home in the 200 block of Okaloosa Avenue and stole two large dog kennels valued at \$300 each sometime Aug. 16-17. The victim had disassembled the kennels Aug. 16 in preparation for a move, but left them in the backyard overnight due to a thunderstorm.

A Valparaiso resident reported that unknown person(s) had fraudulently used his credit card 22 times between July 30 and Aug. 20 at an online poker site. Twenty of the fraudulent transactions totaled \$750, while the last two transactions caused two \$25 fees for insufficient funds.

A Valparaiso resident from the 300 block of Chicago Avenue reported that sometime Aug. 13-14 someone stole a

credit card from his vehicle and made a \$47 charge to pay a cell phone bill.

A burglary to an unoccupied residence in the 1300 block of 23rd Street was reported Aug. 17 after the resident returned home from work and found the back door open and several items missing. A \$750 laptop computer, \$250 netbook, \$250 video game console, \$250 topaz and diamond ring and a .357 caliber revolver valued at \$375 were reported stolen.

A Niceville residence in the 100 block of Kent Court was burglarized sometime July 1-Aug. 18 and some \$19,000 worth of clothing, televisions, electronics, appliances and

sporting goods stolen. Due to criminal activity the house had been seized by the IRS July 1, the locks changed and signs posted in the windows. Some of the former residents made an appointment with the IRS Aug. 18 to retrieve some of their possessions from inside the house. Treasury agents discovered the burglary and theft when they inspected the interior of the home prior to allowing the former residents inside.

Criminal Mischief

A Niceville resident from the 2400 block of Rocky Shores Drive reported Aug. 21 that unknown person(s) spread toilet paper over a yard, flowers and a political sign.

Advertisement for Compass Rose Restaurant & Bar, Valparaiso, featuring the text 'WHO? is aware of the fact that the owner of the Boathouse Restaurant from 1987-2000 just opened the' and contact information.

Large advertisement for Melissa Thrush, a member of the Okaloosa County School Board. It features a large 'Thank You' script, a photo of Melissa Thrush, and text expressing her appreciation to voters and her commitment to education.

Advertisement for Lee Buick GMC in Crestview, FL. It lists services like oil change, tire rotation, and vehicle inspection, along with a \$50 mail-in rebate on tire purchases. Contact information includes phone number 850.682.2708 and website leebuickgmc.com.

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Baby dies after she is found in bathtub

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

Funeral services for a year-old Niceville girl were held Friday at Heritage Gardens Cemetery.

On Aug. 25 Kayli Haynes died at Sacred Heart Hospital, where she had been taken by helicopter ambulance the day before, according to the

Niceville Police Department, which said it was investigating.

The state medical examiner said Tuesday that a report on the cause of death had not yet been completed.

According to Niceville police reports, police responded to the infant's Niceville Avenue home about 1:58 p.m., Aug. 24, after receiving a 911

call that her mother had found her in a bathtub of water.

When police arrived they found the child's mother, Tara Haynes, and another woman, Jennifer Ogden, attempting to administer CPR to the unconscious infant on the front porch, according to police reports.

A police officer and Ogden

continued CPR on the child until Niceville firefighter arrived about a minute later and took over the life-saving effort, the police report stated.

As soon as EMS arrived the child was rushed to Twin Cities Hospital and subsequently transported to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, where she died the next day, accord-

ing to police.

According to her obituary, Kyli is survived by her parents Matt and Tara Haynes; big brother and best friend Caden, grandparents; James and Jeannie Haynes; grandmother Julie Wheat; uncles Kane (Tabitha) Strickland, Jared, Ryan and Ben Haynes; cousins Ethan and Ellisa Strickland.



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Twin Cities Woman's Club recently installed officers for 2010-2011. They are: **Roma Shipley**, corresponding secretary; **Dale Fuqua**, president; **Janet Pandzik**, vice president; **Patty Mixon**, recording secretary and **Margery Fletcher**, treasurer.

Louis James Tsunis recently graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Tsunis will be pursuing an MBA at the University of West Florida. He is the son of Steve and Regina Hlapotosos of Niceville and Louis Tsunis of New York.



Louis James Tsunis

Marsha Babe received Overall Agent of the Month from ERA American Realty for July. With more than 70 agents in five local area offices, the award represents Marsha's superior customer performance.



Jewel Shepherd, right, turns 101 today. With her is her daughter, Dorothy Head, 77. Jewel, who was born in Alabama but has lived in the Twin Cities for 12 years, now lives at Superior Residences, an assisted-living facility.

Beacon photo by Kenneth Books

101 and counting Jewel Shepherd goes way back

By **Kenneth Books**
Beacon Staff Writer

Robert Taft was inaugurated president in 1909. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was formed that year. In July, the 16th Amendment was approved, ushering in the federal income tax. On

Aug. 29, the first air race in history was held in Rheims, France.

Two days later, Jewel Shepherd was born in Prattville, Ala.

While all of those events that preceded her birth now seem antiquated, she's still with us.

Jewel turns 101 today,

and the staff of Superior Residences in Niceville is ready to kick up their heels to help her celebrate.

How does one live more than a century?

"By the grace of God," said Jewel, still spry with a quick mind and a sharp sense of humor. "Relax and

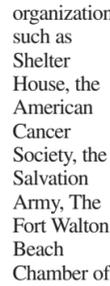
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Trio enters Hall of Fame

The Okaloosa County Commission on the Status of Women (OCCSW) inducted three women into the 2010 Okaloosa County Women's Hall of Fame at the Annual Women's Hall of Fame reception Thursday, Aug. 26, at NWFSO Niceville Campus, Building K Gallery. This year's inductees included Martha C. Miller, Valparaiso, city president of Coastal Bank and Trust Company; Karen Lauer, Fort Walton Beach, a 36-year Okaloosa County resident who has volunteered her skills for



Martha C. Miller



Doris Merlene Day

Commerce and others; and Doris Merlene Day, Valparaiso, a business woman, inspirational speaker and volunteer, was instrumental in the passage of laws affecting better treatment of breast cancer patients and equal pay for women.

"The Hall of Fame is a monument to some of the exceptional women in our county's history," said Lois Hoyt, chair of the OCCSW.

"To be nominated, much less selected as an inductee, is a great honor. The three women selected this year are exceptional in their fields and in their contributions to our community."

Day, the "Contemporary Inductee," was instrumental in the passage of the Mary B. Hooks Act/Breast Cancer Treatment, which passed in 2009 and took effect July 1, 2010, assuring better treatment of breast cancer patients. She also worked to help pass the Lilly Ledbetter



Karen Lauer

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Gallery to display local artist's work

Niceville award-winning artist Laurel Siwicki will present her solo show "Taking Flight, Taking Root" on Saturday, Sept. 4-Oct. 2, at Full Circle Gallery in Fort Walton Beach. The opening reception will be Sept. 4 from 6-9: p.m. with an artist talk at 7 p.m. The show will feature ceramic sculptures that reflect the artist's introspection into the life journey—how we get there and where we take root.



Laurel Siwicki

While Siwicki has been working on developing this show for about a year, she feels her own life journey has been preparing her for it all of her life. While the works are derived from the artist's personal experiences, they are open to individual interpretation, providing spectators with an opportunity to explore their own thoughts on taking flight and taking root. As such, symbolism plays an integral role in Siwicki's series and heavily

helps her tell her story. "Since the beginning of time, artists have been using symbols in their art to allow the viewer to infer their own meaning," Siwicki explains. "I use old and new symbols, all of which incorporate my Northwest Florida roots."

These symbols include cypress trees, dilapidated skiffs, and native birds. Siwicki's works also often include parts that look rusted or worn, which help create a sense of the passing of time, highlighting the artist's belief that journeys take time and that one ought to enjoy them.

"Too often we focus on the being-there, when, if we take a moment, we will realize that the getting-there is sometimes the best part," Siwicki says.

During her artistic career, Siwicki has experimented with many different media but has found that clay is what best gives shapes to her ideas. Most of her artwork reflects a sense of appreciation and observation of the world around her. Using a natural element such as a clay seems only natural for Siwicki's creations, through which she seeks to break the tradition and perception that



"Traveler's Voyage" is one of the artworks that will be displayed at Full Circle Gallery.

clay creates merely functional objects by using it expressively in innovative ways

Siwicki's own journey as an artist has led her to many places, but she has recently discovered that the place from where she originally took flight—Northwest Florida—is the place where she now takes root.

In conjunction with her exhibition Siwicki will offer two workshops, Journey Sculpture, Sept. 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and Angel Sculpture, Nov. 6, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. During these classes she will teach the techniques she uses to create her beautiful works of art. For more information, visit fullcirclefw.com.

Niceville teacher gets role in creating policy

Pam Smith of Niceville has been named one of just 15 teachers as Teaching Ambassador Fellows for the current school year, according to Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education.

Now in its third year, the Teaching Ambassador Fellowships were created to give outstanding teachers an opportunity to participate in policy development and to contribute their expertise to those discussions.

Fellows, in turn, share what they've learned about federal initiatives with other teachers in their districts and states, encouraging broader input into efforts to improve education at all levels of government. The 2010-2011 fellows join a network and continue to work with the Department's 38 previous fellows from the first two years of the program.

Smith is primarily an online instructor for Okaloosa Online, Blue Ridge International Academy and Troy University. She holds a bachelor's degree in

English education, graduate degrees in public administration and gifted education and additional graduate hours in reading, history and English.

This year's fellows were selected from 500 applications from teachers and instructional specialists at charter and traditional public schools. Applicants submitted essays about their record of leadership, their impact on student achievement, and their insight into educational policy from school and classroom experience. Applications came from teachers across the country, at every grade level and instructional area in urban, rural, and suburban schools.



Pam Smith

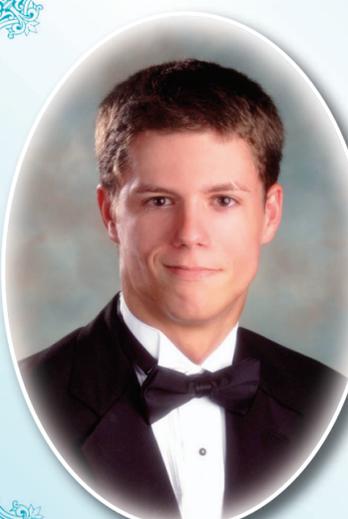
Smith was the only selectee

from Florida

She said she got the learning bug early.

"During my childhood, studying and learning were valued activities in the Smith household," she said. "My love for learning was formed as I watched the TV nightly news with my family, read the newspaper, engaged in family conversations at dinner, attended church, read all of the Nancy Drew, Trixie Belden, and Tom Swift mystery books, and took piano and organ lessons."

Another influence, she said, was "seeing my father working on his college degree with my mother as his editor and supporter. Due to the actions and words of my parents, I became a lifelong student embracing education, teacher workshops and conferences, museums, piano performance, and diverse creative arts and musical live events. As a lifelong learner, I chose to become an educator."



I would personally like to thank the community for the overwhelming love and support my family and I received following the tragic death of my son Chad William Averitte in an early morning car crash on July 12. My thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the three other young adults that were traveling with him during this tragic accident, and hope that they quickly both physically and mentally heal from this very unfortunate experience. For those that attended the memorial "paddle out" on Fort Walton Beach I hope the event was as moving and inspirational as I personally found it. Rest well my "buddy", I hope to see you again, but not too soon.

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Class signups ongoing

Registration for fall Prime Time series of personal enrichment classes offered by Northwest Florida State College begins Sept. 8 by web and in person at the Niceville campus and Sept. 9 at all seven college locations. The schedule of classes and registration information is available on the college website at nwfsc.edu/schedule, from the college's Continuing Education Department at 729-6084, and at community locations such as libraries and chambers of commerce.

Open to adults of any age, Prime Time non-credit classes start in September, October and November and range from \$5 to \$75. Most Prime Time courses are offered at the college's Niceville campus with a series of courses offered at the college's new South Walton Center, located off of Highway 331 south.

For more information, call 729-6084 or 729-6085.

NWF State College non-credit Prime Time classes focus on computers, health, travel, foods, politics, arts & crafts and more.



Long-time members of the Oliver D. Nicholson Post 221 of the American Legion are, from left: Cecil Blackwell, 50 years; J.C. Helms, the local Legion's first commander, and Cecil L. Anchors, the Legion's first elected commander.

Legion post marks 65th

In the summer of 1946 a group of 15 Niceville veterans began gathering in City Hall to form an American Legion Post. As plans came together and were completed on Aug. 15, 64 years ago, the charter for American Legion, Oliver D. Nicholson Post 221 of Niceville was official, with 15 charter members.

On Aug. 15, 2010, Post 221 celebrated its 65th year. Florida Vice Commander Fletcher Williams presented certificates to guests Cecil L. Anchors and Joel A. Helms, who are the last two living charter members. Both received a continuous year certificate for 65 years as Legion members.

The land Post 221 sits on was donated by a member of the Meigs family. Post members borrowed \$5,000 from a man who asked for no collateral and built a 30-by-70-foot building on John Sims Parkway. At that time, John Sims Parkway was a dirt road. They had numerous fish fries and dance parties to pay off the loan.

Since it was the largest building in Niceville, many others used it for meetings and parties. At that time there was no air conditioning and it got very hot inside, so they poured a concrete slab behind the building for outside gatherings and square dances.

J. C. Helms was the first commander. A short time later, Cecil L. Anchors was the first elected commander.

The post was named in honor of Oliver Daniel Nicholson, son

of Thomas and Alva Nicholson of Niceville. Oliver was Niceville's first casualty of WWII.

Oliver had enlisted in the U.S. Marines in December 1939 in San Francisco. He attained the rank of corporal and was serving on the USS Lexington in the Coral Seas.

Early on May 8, 1942, the Lexington was hit by torpedoes and Japanese dive bombers. Oliver was killed in the early morning attack and was buried at sea. Later that same day the Lexington exploded from internal gas fumes and eventually sank in the Coral Sea.

Cecil Blackwell received his certificate for 50 continuous years and Don Gamble, a 60-year member, was not able to attend but received his certificate the next day.

College scholars earn recognition

Northwest Florida State College recognized the superior scholastic achievement of students completing the Summer 2010 term by naming them to the President's List and Dean's List.

The President's List names those students with nine or more credits in the term who earned a grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 during the semester. The Dean's List names students with nine or more credits in the term who earned a GPA of 3.5 to 3.79.

President's List

Freeport: Mikaela Norton
Niceville: Adva Abbott, Jennifer Andreachi, Philip Augustin, Jane Brown, David Brown, Bobby Daniel, Kenneth Harrison, Kaycee Holland, Emily Jacobs, Rebecca Jones, Kathryn Keipert, Lindsey Macdonald, Coral McNabb, Kristen Ormsbee, James

Powers, Matthew Ruff, Colton Schniepp, Ryan Sims, Joshua Wagner, Celia Walker

Valparaiso: Jamie Clark, Eric Hinojosa, Amanda Kreger

Dean's List

Freeport: Michael Downs, Alexis Inabnet, Robert Mims, Patrick Pilcher

Niceville: Jenna Amell, Denise Bernstein, Michael Betsayad, Garret Clarke, Linda Clements, Edward Connor, Athena Cooper, Mary Granade, Carl Hall, Nicholas Harvey, Nathan Haynos, Micheal Higgins, Sara Messenger, Jessica Olson, Brian Orta, Victor Sallee, Charles Smith, Paula Theisen, Stephanie Thomas, Rhianna (Anna) Torrecarion, Vance White, Katie Wooten-Bryant

Valparaiso: Sari Hernandez, Colleen Provost, Samantha Sheffield

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Act, which took effect January 2009, providing a remedy for women and men seeking fair pay. Each time a discriminatory paycheck is received, the limitation for filing a discriminatory claim is renewed.

Lauer, the "Community Service Inductee," has provided critical service and leadership to the community of Okaloosa County throughout the 36 years she has lived here. She has taken leadership roles in such women-focused organizations as Shelter House and the Democratic Women's Club and given guidance and volunteer hours to the American Cancer Society, the Salvation Army, the American Heart Association and other key volunteer organizations in our community.

Martha C. Miller, the "Business Inductee" is the city president for Coastal Bank and Trust. She began her career at Coastal Bank in 1979 as a teller and worked her way up. Miller has served in various leadership roles including branch management, consumer and commercial lending, human resources, training, marketing and sales, and has taken leadership roles in the Niceville/Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce, the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, the Workforce Development Board of Okaloosa and Walton Counties and the United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

The women's photos will be placed permanently on display with the Okaloosa County Court House in Crestview, the County Commission building on Lewis Turner and in the Niceville City Council Chambers.



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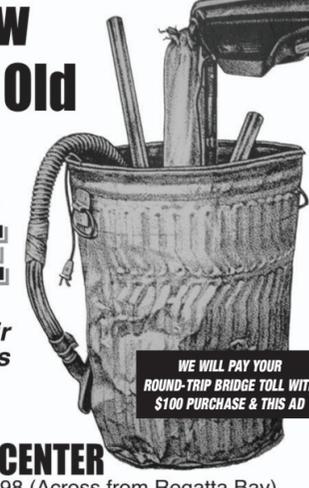





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Sarah Elizabeth Yarbrough and James Alan Wilder

Yarbrough-Wilder

Sarah Elizabeth Yarbrough, daughter of Charles Yarbrough Jr. of Fredericksburg, Va., and Charles and Elizabeth Gagner of Florida, Ala., and James Alan Wilder, son of Lewis and Barbara Wilder of Niceville, were united in marriage on Aug. 28, 2010, in a ceremony with close friends and family at Eden Gardens State Park in Santa Rosa Beach.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Niceville Community Center. A second reception will be held Sept. 6 at the Yarbrough home on the Rappahannock in Fredericksburg.

The bride is working on her bachelor's degree in social services for education at the University of West Florida, and is currently working as a credit union teller in the Niceville area.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree in media communications from Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky. He is employed by Starbucks in Destin, Fla., and is the owner of Wilder Creations.

Arts Center sets 3 new exhibits

Gulf Coast life to be theme

The Mattie Kelly Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College will kick off the 2010-2011 season with three new exhibitions appearing Sept. 5 to Oct. 10.

Though different in medium, scope, and point of view, these three shows are all artists' responses to the forces—natural and man-made—hat shape life on the Gulf Coast and in Florida, including reflections on Hurricane Katrina and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

A preview reception honoring the artists will be held in the galleries Friday, Sept. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours for the exhibits are Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to most performances in the main stage theater of the Mattie Kelly Arts Center. The Mattie Kelly Arts Center Gallery exhibits and reception are free and open to the public. For information, contact the gallery office at 729-6044.

In the McIlroy Gallery, Amy Vigilante will present "Crazy Eights," an exhibition of large-scale fiber art. Vigilante's works are created as traditional quilts with tops, batting, ornate backs, and copious stitching. These large-scale compositions incorporate bright colors, pattern (some fabrics are printed by the artist; others are Marimekko), and stitched text.

The 2004 hurricane season battered Florida with a series of dev-

astating storms and motivated Vigilante to begin making quilts; the uncertainties she felt during that series of natural disasters led her to cut fabric and explore how textiles might be recombined to create new meaning.

Several works in "Crazy Eights" reference change and loss experienced living in a hurricane zone. Other series explore aging, body image, and vulnerability through use of recycled clothing and found objects within the quilts.

Vigilante holds a Ph.D. in art education and has been Director of University Galleries at the University of Florida since 2002. She has exhibited throughout the Southeast in both solo and invitational group shows.

Bette Kauffman's "Waterline" will be on view in the Holzhauser Gallery. Visitors will find themselves in a near-360 degree environment created from photos



Bette Kauffman's Waterline Panel 6 reflects thoughts, opinions and observations in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

taken during five trips to New Orleans April 1-June 10, 2006, following Hurricane Katrina.

Kauffman's photographs, all reproduced 8-by-12 inches, are installed edge-to-edge so that the water line, visible on buildings,

landforms, trees, and other storm flotsam after Hurricane Katrina's floodwaters receded, forms a continuous band. Her images remind viewers of the devastation in New Orleans (and all along the Gulf Coast) wrought by the storm, and they point to the equalizing quality of natural disasters. Waterline is an interactive project; pens are provided and viewers are encouraged to contribute their responses to the installation.

This year marks five years since the disaster, and NWFSC viewers will be able to view comments from other audiences and add their own to the growing exhibition.

Kauffman is an associate pro-

fessor of communication at the University of Louisiana, Monroe, and holds a Ph.D. in communications; her background is in both journalistic and art photography.

NWFSC will also be the debut venue for Karen Reese Tunnell's new suite, "Oil on Water," which will hang in the Mattie Kelly Arts Center front hall.

"Oil on Water" is a series of monotypes created since the Deepwater Horizon oil spill by hydroprinting on cotton, producing a marbled effect that resembles the three-dimensional surface of a body of water. Tunnell then draws on the fabric and finishes the works with quilting or other sewing techniques.

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let nature take its course. That's what I did."

Jewel's daughter, Dorothy Head, 77, of Valparaiso, said her mother's doctor told her, "If you stay away from doctors and don't take medications, you'll live a long life." To this day, Dorothy said, her mother never takes any medications.

In 101 years, many breath-taking things can occur, particularly in the 20th century, with its technological explosion. Jewel knew right away what the most amazing thing was about her century-plus of living.

"I married my husband," she said. "I had the best man God ever gave breath to. He never said one cross word to me."

Jewel has lived in the assisted living home for only eight months. Before that, she lived 12 years in an apartment in Valparaiso. Her daughter helped her out in some cases, but she remained relatively independent. Even today, said Superior Residences Life Enrichment Director René Romeo, Jewel takes part in

most social events at the residence.

Growing up on a farm in Alabama, Jewel lacked many of the amenities we take for granted. They had no electricity; light was provided by oil lamps. They had no motor vehicle. Travel was accomplished in a wagon. During trips, rain was a major problem as there was nothing to cover them but oil cloth. In the winter, they would heat bricks to keep their feet warm in the wagon.

"I came from way back," Jewel said with a big grin.

But, despite what people today would consider hardships, Jewel had a rich life and a good upbringing. One of her strongest memories is helping to crank the ice cream freezer as it turned out a sweet confection. Her job? "I used to have to sit on the freezer while they cranked it," she said, to keep it upright.

Jewel is hard of hearing and blind, but, said Romeo, that doesn't stop her from living life to the fullest.

How does someone celebrate 101 years on the earth?

"I'll just let it come and go," Jewel said. "They're going to have a party for me."

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Classic cars to be shown at Sandestin

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin and the Destin Porsche Club will hold the fifth annual Charity Car Show, organized by the North Florida Region of the Porsche Club of America, Saturday, Sept. 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and will include live music from Cheryl Jones.

For information, call 654-5929. To register your car, call Scott Roberts, 974-6060 or scottandjan@cox.net.

Niceville JV shines in Kickoff Classic

By Sarah Clauson
Beacon Correspondent

The 2010 Niceville High School Football team made its debut Friday in the annual pre-season Kickoff Classic. The players got their feet wet, literally, against Washington High School and brought home a 20-3 victory, thanks to three touchdowns in the fourth quarter by non-starting and junior varsity players.

The rain kept the bleachers from filling, with the exception of the spirited student section, and the band's absence kept things all too quiet.

The game, which allowed starters and backups from both the varsity and JV teams to get time on the field, was a soggy one. It also gave the young team some pre-season action before the season officially begins this Friday against Lincoln.

The varsity starters opened the game and played through the first half without much rhythm. Washington managed to put three



Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson

Sophomore Carter Hermann runs the ball in the closing seconds of Friday's game with Washington. He got as far as the 1-yard line before being stopped. The Eagles won the game, 20-3.

points on the board late in the first quarter. Niceville's Special Teams couldn't quite get into the groove, and weren't able to give

the offense good field position.

The second half introduced some of the non-starters and junior varsity players, and finally in the fourth quarter, JV quarterback Jalen DeBonis was able to

put six on the board with a quarterback keeper that brought him into the end zone. A second touchdown was scored by junior Josh Jones, thanks to a strong run all the way from midfield. The final touchdown was scored again by DeBonis on another keeper with 4:36 left in the game.

An interception by Nicolas Magallan with fewer than two minutes in the game gave possession back to Niceville. Running back Carter Hermann landed the ball on the 1-yard line with seconds left in the game. The Eagles took a knee, and finished with a 20-3 victory.

Coach John Hicks kept things in perspective and quickly identified areas that needed correction. "We made too many mental mistakes on offense," he said.

"When we had a chance to make plays we didn't. Those are all keys to victory, and we didn't do it." As for the new defensive players, "They played good at times; at times they showed their inexperience."

Fresh off the heels of the school's best season since 1988, when it won the state football championship, this year's team has big shoes to fill.

After a stellar 2009 season that took the boys all the way to the Citrus Bowl for a stab at the state title, the Eagles lost much of their starting lineup, including 10 defensive starters. Senior Kyle McDorman returned as quarterback, along with running back Spencer Pullen and several other familiar names. There were plenty of new players, especially on the defensive side of the ball, all eager to make their presence known.

Wide receiver Terrell Nichols, a junior, was excited to get on the field.

"Ever since I was a little kid I always want to get out here on varsity and play the game," he said. He gave credit to last year's offensive starters, Roy Finch and Cody Williams, for being "like big brothers." He hopes to pick up where they left off and carry on the legacy.

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Grid stars of future show stuff

Blake Hartz, 13, of Niceville, shows his passing form at Saturday's Punt, Pass and Kick competition, sponsored by the Taylor Haugen Foundation. Winners were: Jay Marquardt, 8 to 9, Zackary Payne, 12 to 13, Savannah Payne, 10 to 11, Taylor Thorne, 12 to 13, Brandon Kucera, 14 to 15, Alayna Nixon, 14 to 15, Melaina Bryant 6 to 7, Mikhala Hampton 8 to 9, and Christopher Campbell, 10 to 11.

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Cheering for youth football

The cheerleaders of the Florida Youth Football Association are ready to urge the players into the end zone. From left: Felicity Francis, Virginia Wicker, Ashley Doan, Gabbie Berdelman, Bailey Bullard and Autumn Maynard.

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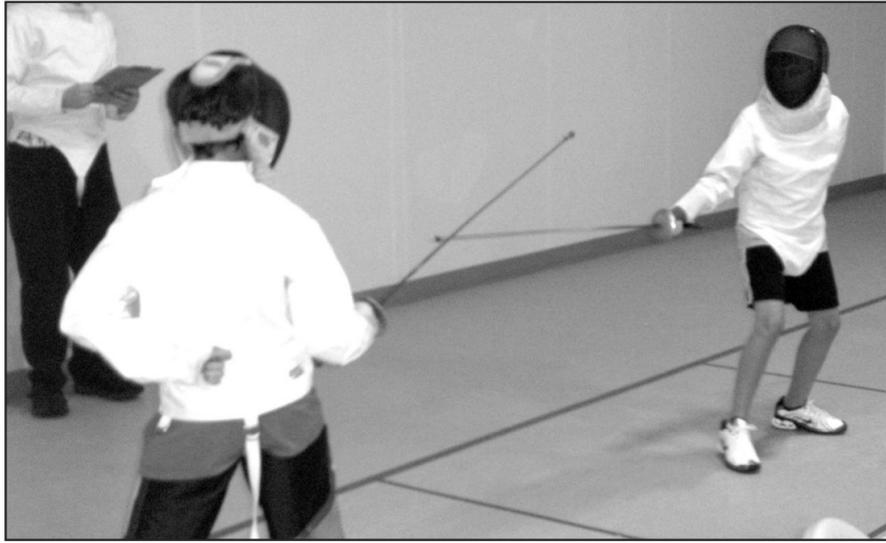
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Garron Ireton and Ryan Murphey, both from Niceville, battle in the 12 and Under Foil.

Fencers score in contests

The North Bay Society of the Sword Fencing Club held a series of competitions Aug. 8, which included sword fighters from across Northwest Florida.

Fencers of all ages engaged in combats of foil and saber at Niceville's First Presbyterian Church and a number of new names were added to the roll of winners. The results:

12 and Under Mixed Foil

1. Garron Ireton, Niceville
2. Ryan Murphey, Niceville
3. Alexis "Scrappy" Hopkins, Fort Walton Beach

14 and Under Mixed Foil

1. Garron Ireton, Niceville
2. Nick Hopkins, Fort Walton Beach

3. Alexis Hopkins, Fort Walton Beach

Women's Foil

1. Jessica Purvis, Bluewater Bay
2. Kim Hopkins, Fort Walton Beach
3. Kara Green, Niceville

Men's Foil

1. Jackson Ranes, Mary Esther
2. Steve Hopkins, Fort Walton Beach

3. Nick Hopkins, Fort Walton Beach

Mixed Saber

1. Heidi Bruntmyer, Eglin AFB
2. Geoffrey Drake, Niceville
3. Kara Green, Niceville

For more information on fencing and the club tournaments, call Robert Drake at 678-9190, or e-mail roho48th@cox.net, or go to northbayfencing.weebly.com.

Bass tourney raises funds for children

Bass anglers from the community came out in force to have fun and support Children in Crisis at the American General Life & Accident Insurance Company first CIC Bass Tournament. The charity tournament kicked off at Hammock Bay in Freeport and raised more than \$30,000 in prizes, in-kind donations and sponsorships. Proceeds will help feed, clothe and care for the abused,

neglected and abandoned children of our community. The end-of-day fish weigh-in was the highlight of the event and prizes were awarded to the top seven anglers. The team of Johnnie Kirkland and Harold Godwin won the \$3,000 top prize with a total weight of 10.94 pounds for five fish. David Howard won the "Big Fish" prize with a weight of almost five pounds.



Winners of the \$3,000 top prize in the bass tournament to benefit Children in Crisis were Johnnie Kirkland, left, and Harold Godwin.



13-14 All-Stars take Sectionals

The Niceville-Valparaiso 13-14 year old Junior All-Star baseball team finished its 2010 year at the Little League State Tournament in Stuart the weekend of July 30. Although they fell short in the state tournament, the All-Stars finished the season as District and Sectional champions. From left: manager Mike Hampton, John Secord, Tyler Head, Garrett Loftis, Jacob Clark, Ryan Wallace, Zack Shields, Matt O'Hair, Logan Gaither, Ryan Sorenson, Trey Irvine and coach Walt Irvine.



U13 girls place in tourney

The Emerald Coast United Soccer U13 girls team placed second in the Thunder Road Tournament at Auburn, Ala., last weekend. From left: back, Michael Denton, coach, Brook Gaskell, Jaysa Sargent, Julie Duchock, Lena Owen, Megan Doan, Mimi Paravalos, Krista Abel and Kelsie Walker; front, Maddie Prichard, Savannah Low, Kristen Anderson, MC Cockrum, Lanie Ely and Jessica Chaves.

Volunteers sought for Y cleanup

The Niceville YMCA will receive a facelift over the Labor Day weekend.

Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5 and 6, a group of volunteers will clean the exercise room and locker rooms. Great White Carpet Cleaners has volunteered to clean the carpet at no charge, according to organizer Phil Hooper.

The Niceville Kiwanis will also participate.

The group also hopes to repaint the interior of the facility, Hooper said.

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Museum seeks volunteers

The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida is seeking volunteers to assist with greeting, reception and in the gift shop. Flexible days and

times are available for one- to three-hour shifts. Interested individuals may stop by the museum during regular business hours, Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 678-2615.

Children's book reading

Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park will host a reading of the popular children's book "The Salamander Room," Saturday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m.-noon at the Red Cedar Pavilion in the day use area. Pack a picnic lunch, bring the family and join the park rangers and staff as they celebrate Literacy Month. Park entrance fees will be waived for visitors who bring a library card, library book, or who donate a new or gently used family book. Info: 833-9144.

Red tide lecture planned

"Red Tide and Other Harmful Algal Blooms" will be the topic of the Choctawhatchee Audubon Society Sept. 2 talk by Dr. Allison Beauregard,

chair of the Mattie Kelly Environmental Institute at NWFSC, in the Learning Resource Center, LRC Room 128. Socializing, refreshments and conservation topics begin at 6:30 p.m., prior to the featured speaker at 7 p.m. Info: Gary Parsons, 678-1461.

Baptist reunion scheduled

The second annual "We Grew Up at FBC Valparaiso" gathering is planned for the Labor Day weekend. Following an informal reception Saturday, Sept. 4, in the church's Fellowship Hall from 2-5 p.m., dinner will be at The Boathouse Restaurant in Valparaiso at 5:30 p.m. Sunday morning will be worship at FBC Valparaiso with Dr. Bill Warren preaching the morning message. RSVP for the reception and/or dinner to Pam Smith, 678-5484 text 621-6135 or Liz Jenson Webb, 678-1301 elizmiz@aol.com or Pam Smith pam-smith2@cox.net.

Charity shopping event

The Junior League of the Emerald Coast will host a charitable shopping event Nov. 5-6 at the Emerald Coast

Conference Center on Okaloosa Island in Fort Walton Beach.

The league's largest fundraiser, Mistletoe Market, is a charitable shopping event featuring many specialty merchants from across the country offering unique gift items. Mistletoe Market includes merchants selling everything from clothing, jewelry and handbags to food, art and children's items.

General admission: Nov. 5-6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., \$5, adults, \$2 children 6-12, free for children 5 and under. Info: jlcc.org or 862-2665.

Labor Day concert set

The Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation presents "A Musical Farewell to Summer" Labor Day weekend concert at Grand Park in Grand Boulevard, Sandestin, Sunday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. This will feature live music with David Seering featuring The Joe Occhipinti Orchestra. Food and beverages will be available for purchase by Cantina Laredo in Grand Park.

Admission is \$10; kids under 12 free. Info: mattiekellyartsfoundation.com or 650-2226.

Oktoberfest artist call

The 16th annual Oktoberfest and Arts & Crafts Festival at Winn-Dixie Plaza in Bluewater Bay is looking for artists and craftsmen interested in selling their work. The festival, sponsored by the Mid-Bay Rotary Club, will be held Friday, Sept. 24, 5-10 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Cost for the two-day event is \$75. Info: Bert, 897-3190.

Arrangers guild planned

Valparaiso Community Library and Valparaiso Garden Club are sponsoring a new Creative Arrangers Guild. The group will meet on the first Friday of each month, beginning Sept. 3, through April, 9-11 a.m. at the Valparaiso Community Library, 459 Valparaiso Pkwy. All sessions will be taught by accredited flower show judges. On Sept. 3, Marie Harrison will demonstrate traditional line and line mass

designs. Call 729-5406 or e-mail marieharrison@valp.net to register and request a copy of supplies needed.

Chamber breakfast set

The Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce will hold its Second Wednesday Breakfast Sept. 8 at the Niceville Community Center located at 204 N Partin Drive. The Breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m. with coffee and conversation, followed by breakfast at 7:30 a.m. This month's sponsor is The Manor at Blue Water Bay. Chamber members, their guests, and prospective members are invited to attend.

Museum prexy to speak

Shannon Hayes, president of the Carver-Hill Museum in Crestview, will speak at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida Thursday, Sept. 9, noon. Hayes will share information about the museum, its history and historic collections. Carver-Hill Museum, site of the last segregated school in Okaloosa County, is the county's exclusive repository for black history artifacts, collections and mem-

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Items for Sale
L-shaped sectional sofa- w/ 2 recliners & sofa bed, tweed colored cloth/ \$750; 27" RCA console TV \$125; 376-4330

CALENDAR

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orabilia.

Bring a sack lunch and come to the Heritage Museum for History Sandwiched-In, an informal, lunchtime educational program. This lecture is free and open to the public.

To reserve a seat call: 678-2615, or go to: heritage-museum.org

DAR set Constitution talk

Choctawhatchee Bay Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at St Simon's Church, Fort Walton Beach at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 9.

Dr. Harry Shallcross will speak on the Constitution.

All women who are lineally descended from a patriot of the Revolutionary War are eligible for membership and are invited to attend.

Info: Emily Danker, 651-6789.

Braille transcription class

The Northwest Florida Visionnaires, Inc. presents a free Library of Congress Braille Transcription Certification Class to teach the skills to transcribe textbooks for the blind children of Florida Sept. 13 through April, Mondays 10 a.m.-noon (except holidays), Room 912, First United Methodist Church Community Life Center, Niceville. No experience with Braille or the blind is necessary. Some computer skills and access to your own home computer are necessary to participate. Contact: Bettie Downing, 897-3383.

UMC arts and crafts show

The Destin United Methodist Women will present the Fall Flair Arts and Crafts Show Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Destin Life Center, Destin United Methodist Church, 200 Beach Drive. All proceeds will go to the church's missions. A variety of arts and crafts will be available for purchase, and there will be a bake sale. Lunch and



Labor Day concert set

The Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation presents "A Musical Farewell to Summer" Labor Day weekend concert at Grand Park in Grand Boulevard, Sandestin, Sunday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m., featuring The Joe Occhipinti Orchestra. Admission is \$10; kids under 12 free. Info: mattiekellyartsfoundation.com or 650-2226.

snacks will be available in the Soul Café.

Info or to obtain a vendor application, contact fallflair@aol.com or 650-5658.

Commissioner to speak

County Commissioner Don Amunds will speak at the meeting of the Silver Sands Republican Women Sept. 13.

The meeting will be held at the Bluewater Bay Restaurant in the Bluewater Bay Golf Clubhouse. There will be an opportunity to greet and meet Amunds beginning at 5:30 p.m. The business meeting and dinner will begin at 6 p.m. The restaurant will offer a special menu ranging from \$12-\$15.

Amunds will focus on the election in November. In addition there will be a time for discussion regarding the club's participation in activities which will aid the election of Republican candidates.

Reservations: 678-2182 for reservations. Guests are welcome.

Tea Party to hear Grete

The Niceville-Valparaiso Tea Party meets at Niceville City Hall the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. It is a local group of concerned citizens with a goal of holding local and national politicians accountable. It advocates for the U.S. Constitution at all levels of government. At the next meeting Monday, Sept. 13, at Niceville City Hall guest speaker iDr. Robert L. Grete will dis-

cuss "Religious liberty and the First Amendment." Info: 729-2874 or emeraldcoastpatriots.org.

Library book sale

Book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Niceville Library, Niceville Community Center, 204 N. Partin Drive (next door to the library), Friday, Sept. 17. Friends only pre-sale, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, open to the public 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Niceville Public Library.

Starship, Loverboy slated

Starship, starring Mickey Thomas, and Loverboy will headline

the 32nd Annual Destin Seafood Festival Sept. 17-19 at the Destin Fishing Fleet Marina, City of Destin Royal Melvin Heritage Park, and Fisherman's Wharf.

Starship performs the multi-platinum hits of Jefferson Airplane, Jefferson Starship, and Starship, including "We Built this City," "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now," "Sara," and "It's Not Over Till It's Over."

Since its self-titled debut album in 1980, Loverboy has released four multiplatinum albums and many international gold albums. Hits include "Working for the Weekend," "Turn Me Loose," "The Kid is Hot Tonight," "Lucky Ones," and "Hot Girls in Love."

The festival will also feature regional musical acts, seafood from local restaurants, arts and crafts vendors and a kids' play area

Info on sponsorships, arts and crafts vendor requirements, food vendor requirements and volunteer opportunities: Risa Garner, 837-2711 ext. 2 or rgarner@DestinChamber.com.

Amvets sets garage sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of Amvets Post 78 plans a garage and bake sale Saturday, Sept. 18, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., 910

Valastics Ave., Valparaiso.

Race for Relay slated

The fourth annual Twin-Cities Relay for Life 5K/Mile Fun Run will be held on Sept. 18, 8 a.m. at Lewis School, Valparaiso. Early registration is \$15/Fun Run \$5. Student price is \$5 for either race. NWFTC members receive a \$2 discount. Special rate for groups of 10 or more. Late fee add \$5 the day of the race. T-shirts for the first 250 entries. Register online at active.com. E-mail samacd@valp.net for any questions. Proceeds benefit The American Cancer Society. Runners and walkers are welcome.

Water outage this afternoon

Due to a utility repair, the water service will be interrupted on Judith Avenue, Christy Drive, Finck Road, 22nd Street and the 1000 block of Bayshore Drive Wednesday, Sept. 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting. The rain date is the following day. For more information, call 729-4064.

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