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Wednesday, August 3, 2011

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COMING**

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.



The **Choctawhatchee Audubon Society** will hold a free beginning **bird watching** seminar.

The program will take place in the Learning Resource Center, Room 128, on the Northwest Florida State College Niceville Campus.

Info: 582-7064.

Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



PAL Soccer registration will be held at **Niceville City Hall**, 208 N. Partin Drive.

There will be no late fee, but after this date, prospective players will be added to a waiting list.

Info: 678-2182 or NicevillePALsoccer.org.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m.



The **Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida**, 115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso, will hold the first of its two-part **pine needle basketry** classes.

Learn original Seminole techniques from Joe Stoy.

Cost is \$75 for nonmembers, \$60 for museum members.

Call 678-2615 to register.

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College eyes settlement with Richburg

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

Northwest Florida State College and its former president, James R. Richburg, have reached a tentative deal in a two-year legal fight over his firing.

Terms of the agreement weren't disclosed. The college board of trustees is scheduled to consider the proposal Friday.

Richburg, college president for 22 years, claims that the board of trustees' vote to terminate his contract during a meeting April 28, 2009, was invalid. In a petition for reinstatement or damages filed shortly afterward, he contends the board acted without a finding of "good cause," without taking public comment, without providing required notice and with no opportunity for a



James R. Richburg

hearing.

Richburg was fired less than two weeks after being indicted by a Tallahassee grand jury on criminal charges of perjury and official misconduct related to a \$6 million legislative appropriation to the college to build a "joint-use" training center at the Destin Airport that the jury asserted would benefit Jay Odom, a big political contributor and owner

of an airport business.

After a judge refused to allow Richburg to testify for the prosecution against Odom and another co-defendant, former Speaker of the Florida House Ray Sansom, all charges against the three men were dropped earlier this year.

Richburg, of Niceville, is seeking

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Money in the tank



Beacon photo by Del Lessard
Mark Clark, a marketing specialist at Okaloosa Gas, fuels his company car, a 2010 Honda Civic GX, with compressed natural gas that costs the equivalent of \$1.21 a gallon.

Utility touts fuel savings in natural gas vehicles

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

How would you like to own a car that runs on fuel far less than the \$3.75 you might be paying for gasoline?

Okaloosa Gas says it has just the ticket. But the Valparaiso-based utility faces an uphill drive in its battle to win public acceptance of natural-gas-powered vehicles.

With gasoline prices near historic highs, there's new interest in alternative-fuel vehicles.

The Okaloosa Gas District is marketing cars that run on compressed natural gas (CNG). The state utility has purchased three production Honda Civic sedans equipped with four-cylinder motors that burn the fuel. The utility has been showing the vehicles at public gatherings and to customers.

Nearly identical in appearance to

the popular gasoline-powered Civic, the GX version, powered by a 113-horsepower internal-combustion engine that runs only on CNG, is produced in Honda's Indiana plant and sells for about \$26,000, according to Mark Clark, market development specialist at Okaloosa Gas. That's substantially more than the price of a conventional Civic, and it doesn't include the cost of a fueling station.

While the CNG car has a lot of appeal, it also has some drawbacks, in addition to its high purchase price:

—A home fueling station costs another \$5,000.

—A lack of public fueling stations (the nearest is Milton).

—Mileage is lower, and range is relatively short (218-280 miles).

—Few auto mechanics are trained to work on the pressurized

fuel system.

—Filling the tank takes much of the night.

—Usable trunk space is smaller due to the location of the gas tank.

—Assuring customers that the vehicles are at least as safe as gasoline-powered ones.

But public acceptance—not necessarily the sale of Hondas—is the purpose of the marketing effort, says Gary Long, Okaloosa Gas vice president for marketing.

Besides the potential savings of operating vehicles with CNG fuel, natural gas is also, importantly, a domestic fuel source that the U.S. has in abundance, Long said.

Long said that for now, the utility is focused on convincing local governments and companies to convert their fleet vehicles to bifuel operations, that is, vehicles that can run

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Niceville names new police chief

David Popwell succeeds Brian Cruttenden, retired after 18 years at the helm

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

The officer who has run the Niceville Police Department's operations and investigations branches since February has been promoted to police chief.

David Popwell was named chief Sunday, effective Aug. 1, by Niceville City Manager Lannie Corbin.

"I'm honored to be chosen and looking forward to the challenges ahead," Popwell said. "I want to make this the best department in the state, we've got the people on board to make it happen."

"Dave has done a great job for us," Corbin said. "With his education and background he is a person

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David Popwell

City picks lender for \$2.65M

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

The Niceville City Council has chosen Branch Banking and Trust Co. (BB&T), as the lender to provide a pair of bank loans that will refinance up to \$2.65 million in bond debt owed by the city.

By refinancing the bonds with new bank loans, the city will obtain lower interest rates and thus save over \$16,000 per year in interest payments for each of the next seven years remaining in the bonds' term, for a total savings of \$119,266.

After approving the refinancing deal at a meeting Thursday, city council members discussed how to use the saved money, to include using the money to make payments on a larger loan amount, as a way to help finance capital improvement projects such as a new senior center at the civic complex surrounding Niceville City Hall.

The city is currently making payments on two

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White Point Rd. sidewalks begun

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

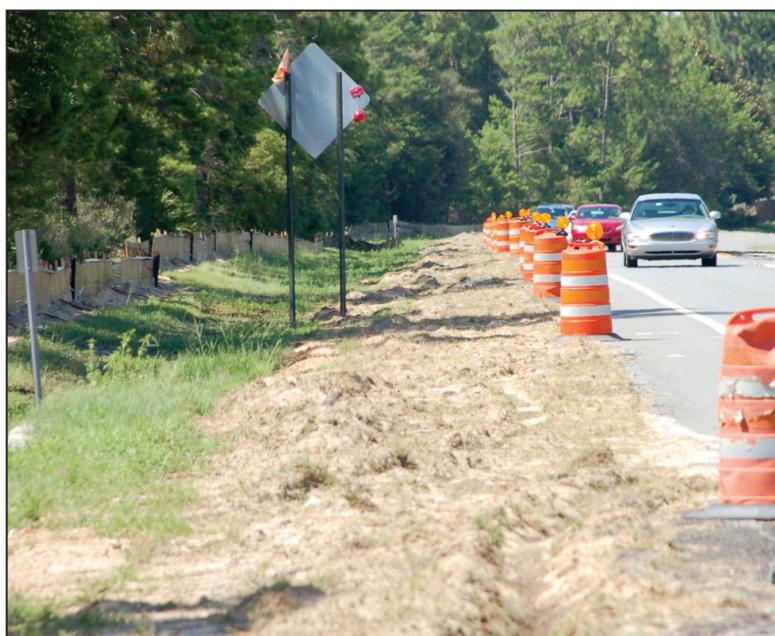
Residents along White Point Road will soon get more peace and quiet in addition to what they enjoy now that the road is no longer a state highway and access road to the Mid-Bay Bridge.

Construction of a mile-and-a-half of sidewalk on the west side of White Point Road, from Highway 20 south to Olde Post Road got underway July 18, according to Eric Broome, the project's engineer at the Okaloosa County Public Works Department. The county project is funded by a state grant, he said.

On March 25 the county signed a \$639,895 construction contract with low-bidder Anderson Columbia, he

said. Start of construction was deliberately delayed until after the Mid-Bay Bridge connector road opening, which occurred May 12. At the same time the new bridge connector opened to traffic between the bridge toll plaza and Highway 20, White Point Road was blocked off at its southernmost end, and reverted to a county road, dramatically thinning the traffic.

Anderson Columbia has 120 days to construct the ADA-compliant sidewalks, Broome said, although the project could be completed in about half the time. He said recent heavy rain slowed initial progress. In addition to installing curbs and gutters, the project calls for ADA-compliant ramps at cross streets.



Work has begun to install sidewalks on the west side of White Point Road.

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Valparaiso eyes sidewalk bids

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

Valparaiso is set to build new sidewalks in one part of town while it begins removing or repairing existing sidewalks in another.

City officials received bids from six contractors vying to build over two miles of sidewalks in residential neighborhoods near Lewis School.

Bids received by the July 26 deadline ranged from a low of \$372,172 from Construction Service Co. of Florida Inc., Niceville, to the highest bid of \$631,900 from The Green-Simmons Co. Inc., Pensacola. In between were bids received from Champion Contractors Inc., Crestview, \$404,586; H & T Contractors LLC, Freeport, \$453,768; Gulf Atlantic Construction Inc., Pensacola, \$466,456; and Gum Creek Farms Inc., DeFuniak Springs, \$521,935.

City commissioners are expected to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder at their Aug. 8 meeting.

The city last year received up to \$1 million in the form of a state grant to build the sidewalks. The grant allowed about \$200,000 for planning and \$800,000 for construction.

However, the project ran into opposition from some residents in certain neighborhoods. Although the sidewalks are planned on city rights of way, these residents contended the walkways are unneeded and would ruin the grassy roadsides which homeowners maintained as part of their lawns.

Commissioners subsequently removed the planned sidewalks from two streets, S. Bayshore Drive and the portion of Jasmine Avenue inside the Indian Shores subdivision, eliminating approximately 4,000 feet of the original 16,910-foot length of the project.

The city commission voted to go ahead with plans to install sidewalks on Grandview, the portion of Jasmine outside of Indian Shores, Montana, Georgia, Ferndell, Poincianna, Tennessee, Florida, Mississippi, Rose and Vine.

Contingent on commission approval and receipt of approval from the Florida Department of Transportation, the funding source, construc-



Beacon photo by Del Lessard
Valparaiso public works will replace some of the aging sidewalks in Plat 1 with sod and repair others using in-house resources. That is expected to save the city more than \$20,000 compared to the estimate of what a contractor would charge. Above, a segment of deteriorated sidewalk on Eastview Avenue.

tion of the five-foot-wide sidewalks in the Lewis School area is expected to take 120 days.

On the other side of Toms Bayou, in Old Valparaiso, the original Plat 1, the city has about 4,100 linear feet of sidewalk that is broken, uneven or contains segments with missing sidewalk panels. Much of the worst segments of sidewalk have been closed, roped off and posted for months to avoid liability if anyone is injured because of the poor condition.

The city engineer and the public works director surveyed the Plat 1 sidewalks and recommended removing the worst segments, a little over 1,000 linear feet, and replacing them with sod, plus repairing the remainder, at an estimated contractor cost of \$52,000.

Valparaiso's public works director, James Vanlandingham, later told commissioners that the city could use in-house resources to do the sidewalk work at a little more than \$10,000.

At their final budget workshop July 18, city commissioners agreed to budget \$10,000 for the city's public works department to remove and sod the worst portions of sidewalk and repair the remainder. The budget, which won't be finalized until the second budget hearing in September, will go into effect Oct. 1.

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Clarification

An article July 27 on a new "pet-friendly" hurricane shelter at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, failed to make clear that the pets would not be housed in the same building as their owners. Human evacuees would be sheltered in the college sports arena. Their pets would be kenneled in a specially prepared classroom building.

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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

Joshua Joseph Jimenez, a pizza delivery man, 22, of 4134 Beach Drive, Niceville, and of 5 Elm Ave., Fort Walton Beach, was arrested by Niceville police, subsequent to a traffic stop for inoperative tag lights, July 25, on charges of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, Xanax, amphetamine manufacture, possession of listed chemicals with intent to manufacture, and possession of narcotics equipment with intent to manufacture.



Joshua Joseph Jimenez

Anthony Shane Peacock, a cook, 33, of 106 Lake Road, Laurel Hill, and of 5 Elm Ave., Fort Walton Beach, a passenger in Jimenez's vehicle, was arrested on the same charges.



Anthony Shane Peacock

After an "alert" by a police drug dog, police searched Jimenez's vehicle, and discovered a small pill bottle with a white substance which later tested positive as being methamphetamine, and another bottle containing 13 Xanax pills.

Inside a duffel bag found under a blanket in the bed of Jimenez's truck, police observed what appeared to be methamphetamine manufacturing equipment.

Jeremy J. Ogburn, 31, of 1131 Ivey Terrace, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 23 on misdemeanor worthless check charges, five counts.

Joshua Heath Gentry, 26, of 403 Glendale Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 20 on an order revoking bond on the original domestic violence charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Rafael Jacob Stoffel, a military member, 28, of 265 Grandview Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 21 on a charge of failure to appear on the original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked.

A 15-year-old boy, no address available, was arrested by Niceville police July 25 for shoplifting. The boy was allegedly observed placing two video games in his backpack then leaving Kmart, 1140 E. John Sims Parkway, without paying the \$60 cost of the items. Approached by store security personnel outside, the boy allegedly produced the stolen items from his backpack then ran from the scene with two other males who were in the store with him. The boy and his two companions were stopped by police as they exited a wooded area in the 1100 block of Rhonda Drive.

Diana Serena Rodriguez, 25, of 333 Lewis St., Fort Walton Beach, was arrested by sheriff's deputies May 17 on a charge of making a false bomb threat. Rodriguez allegedly called a Bluewater Bay business April 28 and told the person answering the phone "There's a bomb in your building and it's about to blow up." Caller ID traced the threat to Rodriguez, who, when contacted by deputies, allegedly admitted making the threat because, "They deserved it."

DUI arrests

Jason Mark Wellborn, 32, of County Road 30, Cragford, Ala., was arrested by Niceville police for DUI on Highway 85 at Highway 20, July 24 at 8:44 p.m. Wellborn was also cited for failing to maintain a single lane.

Thefts

A Niceville resident from the 100 block of Meadowbrook Lane reported that sometime July 4-5 unknown person(s) stole a \$500 breathing machine from the back seat of her vehicle while it was parked at the residence.

A Niceville resident from the 700 block of Caribbean Way reported that sometime July 1-3 unknown person(s) entered his residence and stole two envelopes containing an undisclosed amount of money.

A Niceville automotive business, 1607 N. Partin Drive, reported July 25 that unknown person(s) stole an undetermined amount of gasoline from a customer's vehicle. The reporting party also said approximately \$90 in gas has been stolen from another customer's vehicle about three weeks ago.

Fire Department Reports

Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls July 18, 2011, through July 24, 2011.

0 Structure Fire	12 Emergency Medical Calls
0 Vehicle Fire	5 Vehicle Crash
2 Other Fire	0 Vehicle Crash with Extrication
0 Illegal Burn	4 Other Emergency Calls
0 False Alarms	1 Hazardous Conditions

Location	Situation	Date	Time
17th Street	Medical	07/25/11	08:10
N. Partin Drive	Medical	07/25/11	12:24
W. John Sims Parkway	Chemical spill/leak	07/25/11	23:43
Coral Drive	Outside fire	07/26/11	05:11
Tamara Cove	Medical	07/26/11	12:11
SR85N	Vehicle crash	07/26/11	12:31
E. John Sims Parkway	Outside equipment fire	07/27/11	10:10
E. John Sims Parkway	Medical	07/27/11	17:16
E. John Sims Parkway	Alarm activation	07/27/11	18:49
Powell Drive	Medical	07/27/11	21:13
Coconut Palm Circle	Cancelled on scene	07/27/11	23:46
E. College Blvd.	Vehicle crash	07/29/11	07:37
Summerwood Court	Medical	07/29/11	13:13
Willow Lane	Medical	07/29/11	14:38
E. John Sims Parkway	Vehicle crash	07/29/11	19:55
SR285 @ MM#8	False call	07/29/11	20:12
Edgewater Drive	Medical	07/30/11	08:11
E. John Sims Parkway	Medical	07/30/11	10:01
E. John Sims Parkway	Medical	07/30/11	10:08
E. John Sims Parkway	Vehicle crash	07/30/11	10:16
Reeves Street	Medical	07/30/11	19:22
Duncan Drive	Medical	07/31/11	09:19
E. John Sims Parkway	Vehicle crash	07/31/11	10:14
SR85N	Service call	07/31/11	17:26

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North Bay

The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls July 25, 2011, through July 31, 2011.

Location	Situation	Date	Time
2 miles north of Range Road	EMS excluding vehicle	07/25/11	09:46
N. White Point Road	Medical assist EMS	07/25/11	17:52
N. White Point Road	Medical assist EMS	07/25/11	21:55
Calinda Lane	Medical assist EMS	07/25/11	23:28
N. White Point Road	EMS excluding vehicle	07/25/11	23:48
N. White Point Road	Dispatched, canceled	07/26/11	00:36
N. White Point Road	Medical assist EMS	07/26/11	03:07
N. Bermuda Circle	Medical assist EMS	07/26/11	06:43
E. Highway 20	Smoke, odor removal	07/26/11	08:18
N. White Point Road	Medical assist EMS	07/26/11	10:54
N. White Point Road	Medical assist EMS	07/26/11	14:05
Mid-Bay Bridge top	Motor vehicle accident	07/26/11	17:15
N. White Point Road	Medical assist EMS	07/26/11	22:50
White Point Road	Medical assist EMS	07/27/11	08:03
John Sims Parkway	Outside equipment fire	07/27/11	10:11
Highway 20	EMS excluding vehicle	07/27/11	11:38
White Point Road	EMS excluding vehicle	07/27/11	12:05
Ida Coon Circle	False alarm	07/28/11	06:50
E. Troon Drive	EMS excluding vehicle	07/28/11	21:15
Pine Street	Dispatched, canceled	07/28/11	21:37
Shirah, Destin	Dispatched, canceled	07/28/11	23:25
East Capri Cove	Dispatched, canceled	07/29/11	07:07
N. White Point Road	Medical assist EMS	07/29/11	08:13
E. Highway 20	EMS excluding vehicle	07/29/11	08:59
E. Highway 20	EMS excluding vehicle	07/29/11	10:58
White Point Road	Service call, other	07/29/11	21:48
Oakmont Circle	Dispatched, canceled	07/30/11	01:45
Calinda Lane	Medical assist EMS	07/30/11	23:03
Ingrid Court	Medical assist EMS	07/31/11	06:31
Chadwick Lane	Cooking fire	07/31/11	12:42

Visit northbayfd.org for more information.

Valparaiso Volunteer

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

Location	Situation	Date	Time
Lincoln Avenue	Sick call	07/01/11	01:31
Chicago Avenue	Overdose	07/01/11	15:59
Southview Avenue	Sick call	07/03/11	03:17
N. Bayshore Drive	Allergic reaction	07/04/11	21:21
N. Bayshore Drive	Assault	07/40/11	21:35
Highland Street	Sick call	07/07/11	02:24
Lincoln Avenue	Sick call	07/07/11	13:47
Chicago Avenue	Unconscious	07/07/11	15:35
Grandview Avenue	Diabetic	07/07/11	18:33
Spencer Place	Sick call	07/08/11	23:38
Carolina Avenue	Gas leak	07/09/11	10:00
White Drive	Structure fire	07/11/11	11:48
North Partin Drive	Station move-up	07/11/11	12:21
Everglade Drive	Fire Structure	07/11/11	14:35
Wolverine Avenue	Seizures	07/13/11	20:55
Seminole Avenue	Chest pain	07/14/11	19:43
North Bayshore Drive	Fall	07/16/11	17:10
Okaloosa Avenue	Fall	07/17/11	18:44
N. John Sims Pkwy	Fall	07/18/11	13:16
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Judith Drive	Unknown problem	07/21/11	16:01
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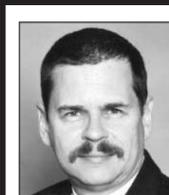
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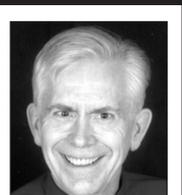


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7th SFG dining hall opens

Sgt. Matthew Pieper serves a plate of roast beef to Capt. Doug Nab in the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Dining Facility. The facility opened for its first meal service for lunch Monday. The 7th SFG cantonment, recently constructed on the Eglin reservation, is about five miles west of Duke Field. When the entire unit is moved from Fort Bragg, N.C., later this year, some 2,200 soldiers, many of whom are Green Berets, will have come to the area.

COLLEGE

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at least \$764,000 in pay that he would have received under his employment contract through June 30, 2012. In May he filed a separate claim against the college for \$935,000 for legal expenses incurred in the criminal case.

An administrative law judge was scheduled to hear the case last month in Niceville but that hearing was later canceled when attorneys for both sides said they wanted to try mediation again.

Sandy Sims, chairman of the college board of trustees, said a tentative settlement agreement was reached during a day-long

mediation session in Tallahassee July 27. Sims was the trustees' representative to the closed-doors mediation meeting.

During last week's mediation session in Tallahassee, attorneys for the college and Richburg met

at the beginning, Sims said. Each side aired the arguments they planned to present to the administrative law judge, if the case proceeds unsettled, she said. Then the special mediator separated the two sides for the rest of the



Sandy Sims

day and passed offers and counter-offers between the two parties.

The tentative agreement, reached in about 12 hours, won't take effect unless the college board of trustees approves it, Sims said.

The trustees will meet Friday at 2 p.m. in the College Mall Gallery, Building K, on the Niceville campus, for two purposes: convening to a closed session of the board to discuss litigation strategies and related expenditures.

The board will then reopen to the special session for the second purpose of the consideration for approval of the mediation recommendation.

Scheduled to be in attendance will be trustees: Sandy Sims,

Brian Pennington, Paul Foster, Rachel Gillis, Dale Rice, Marijo Strauss, Esteena Wells and Wesley Wilkerson; college president Ty Handy; also, college attorneys Joseph Lorenz, Mike Mattimore, Dena Sokolow, Rob Larkin and Terin Cremer.

Sims, Wells, Rice and Pennington voted to terminate Richburg in a 4-3 vote April 28, 2009. Wilkerson, the only other trustee still on the board, opposed termination.

BLOTTER

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A building contractor reported July 21 that unknown person(s) cut the electrical wiring from several boxes at a residential construction site on Black Bear Circle, Niceville.

A Niceville resident from the 200 block of Honeysuckle Way reported that unknown person(s) stole a mountain bicycle from the front porch sometime July 18-19. The bike was valued at \$80.

A Niceville resident from the 100 block of College Cove reported that unknown person(s) stole a recycle bin full of aluminum and steel scrap from her yard on the side of the house, sometime July 23.

Deputies responding to an abandoned vehicle call July 25 found a golf cart just inside a wooded lot in the 1500 block of Rocky Bayou Drive, Niceville. Using a hardware store receipt, deputies identified the Niceville cart owner who said he parked the cart and stored his golf gear in a rental enclosure unit at the Rocky Bayou Golf Club July 21. The lock to the storage unit was found pried off on the ground with the hasp holding the lock. Golf clubs and other items were found inside the enclosure, minus a cart key and a small clock.

Criminal Mischief

Sometime July 13-14 an unknown person drove onto a field on the east side of a Niceville church, 1200 E. Valparaiso Blvd., and caused an estimated \$800 damage, destroying a picnic table and making a series of "donuts" in the ground.

Sometime July 13-14 unknown person drove across the lawn of a Niceville church, 1100 S. Palm Blvd.

Sometime July 4-5 unknown vandal(s) used a green marker to deface a truck parked in a driveway, and a mailbox, both in the 200 block of Edge Avenue, Valparaiso. Three other addresses in the 200 block also were vandalized with green marker, including another truck, a boat, a mailbox and a third vehicle.

Other

James Walter Lyon Jr., 20, of 305 23rd St., Niceville, was issued a notice to appear by sheriff's deputies July 18 on charges of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A 15-year-old Niceville boy, a student, was issued a notice to appear by sheriff's deputies in Destin, July 14, on charges of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

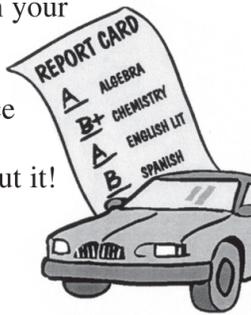
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Sean Bradley, 36, Niceville, military

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GAS

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on CNG, gasoline or diesel. There are no CNG vehicles in Okaloosa Gas' service area, except its own three Honda Civics. Even its own fleet runs on gasoline. The utility did install one home-fueling station for a man in Navarre whose family is involved in the business. But Okaloosa Gas hopes to make some fleet sales soon. In the 1990s Okaloosa Gas and some local governments used grant money to create bifu-

el vehicles, retrofitting gasoline engines, including some Niceville police cruisers and Okaloosa County school buses, to burn either CNG or gasoline. However that program ended abruptly after a few years when the fueling station, near Edge Elementary School in Niceville, was destroyed in a fire. The natural gas industry considers CNG vehicles safer than conventional ones, said Debbie Moore, marketing development manager at Okaloosa Gas. Natural gas rapidly dissipates in air in the unlikely event of a leak. It would burn only within a nar-

row range of concentration in the atmosphere (about 7-14 percent), and then only if an ignition source is present. Two of the biggest technical problems with those 1990s vehicles—throttle body carburetors and the then-new technology onboard computers—are no longer issues, Clark said. Most cars today are fuel injected rather than the old liquid-based carburetors, and today's onboard computers no longer have problems sensing what type of fuel is being fed to the engine. Still, Honda sold only about 2,000 of the CNG Civics in the

U.S. in 2009. Clark himself drives a company-furnished 2010 Honda Civic GX as he markets natural gas to military and commercial customers. Low pollution—notably a near-absence of particulates—from the vehicle is a big selling point, Clark said. He likes to take his white handkerchief and wipe the inside of the GX tailpipe to show people how clean-burning CNG is. The hankie comes out without any visible residue. CNG vehicles still emit invisible pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. They also result in emissions of methane and carbon dioxide, although views on the extent to which these are pollutants. For now, the gas district is chiefly marketing to fleet operators. However, if you want to buy a personal CNG vehicle such as the Civic GX from a Honda dealer, Okaloosa Gas will be happy to install a fueling station in your home, according to Clark. The home fueling station,

called Phill, is billed like any other home gas appliance, Clark said. Customers pay, at current pretax natural gas rates, \$1.21 per gasoline gallon equivalent (gge), he said. Sales taxes boost that cost, but even then the expense would be less than half the current price of gasoline. Phill, also sold through Honda, compresses the natural gas to 3,600 pounds per square inch before it goes in the car's tank. The filling station costs \$5,000 installed, although there's still a \$1,000 federal rebate available through the end of the year, he said. Phill is a "timed-fill" device that pumps the equivalent of about half a gasoline gallon an hour, Clark said, ample for drivers who park their vehicles every night and don't need to top off in the daytime. Fast-fill stations, which fill a tank in minutes, cost more. The Civic GX doesn't go quite as far on a gallon as the conventional gasoline version. The GX is rated at 24 mpg city/36 highway gasoline equivalent, compared to the 28 city/39

highway for a gasoline version of the Civic sedan. With its smaller fuel tank (a 7.8-gge gas cylinder in the trunk behind the rear seat) the CNG version of the Honda has a range of 218 to 280 miles. Perhaps its biggest limitation as ordinary transportation is the current lack of public CNG fueling stations. While Okaloosa Gas recognizes that limitation, and plans to build a public fueling station somewhere in its franchise area next year, currently the cities of Milton and Birmingham provide the only public CNG fueling station (out of 10 total) within a 300-mile radius of Niceville, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Carolyn Brewton, utility billing supervisor for the city of Milton, said the city has had the CNG fueling station for over 10 years. Four city vehicles and a couple of individuals and businesses use the 24/7 fueling station, she said. Most drive hybrids that can use CNG or regular fuel, she said. Users need to make a deposit with the city and are issued a card used to purchase the fuel. Billed by the city monthly, the current price is \$1.39 per therm, or \$1.62 gge, Brewton said. The price is higher than that charged by Okaloosa Gas because it includes operating and capital costs, she said. Pensacola is also working on opening CNG fueling stations over the next five years, according to Clark. Clark offered a Beacon reporter the opportunity to test drive the 2009 Civic that Okaloosa Gas has named PONGO (Powered On Natural Gas Only). From the stop bar at the intersection of highways 85 and 190 the Honda accelerated quickly and evenly to the 45 mph speed limit. No special sounds, smells or hesitation. It drives just like a gasoline-powered vehicle. Staying within the Twin Cities, the trip easily stayed within the vehicle's 280-mile range.



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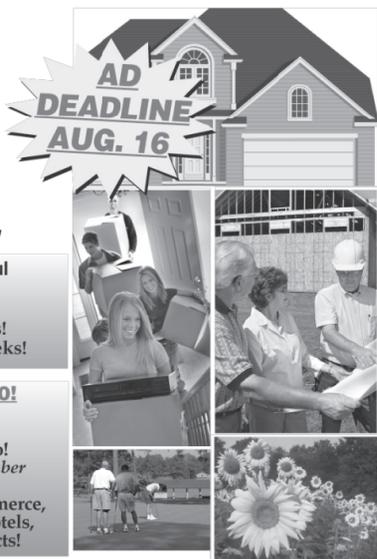
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LENDER

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sets of bonds, with the interest on one set paid with revenue from the city's sales taxes, and the other bonds paid with revenue from the city's gas tax. The current interest rate on both sets of bonds is 3.75 percent, according to City Clerk Dan Doucet.

BB&T, a bank holding company based in Winston-Salem, N.C., was one of seven financial institutions who bid on the new loans to Niceville. The other bidders were Hancock Bank, Suntrust Bank, Compass Bank, Regions Bank, Coastal Bank and CCB Community Bank.

Of the bidders, BB&T offered the lowest tax-exempt "true interest costs" of 2.09013 percent for refinancing the city's sales tax bonds, and 2.072718 percent for new loans to refinance the city's gas tax bonds.

During a previous city council meeting held July 12, financial advisor Bill Fray, of Fray Municipal Securities, told the council that the economic uncertainty gripping the nation creates the perfect time to refinance the city's bond debt at a lower interest rate. He said that by refinancing at current low rates, the city can save tax money, which now goes toward interest payments.

The city's bonds, Fray had said, have a term of 15 years, with seven years remaining. The new loans will be paid off by the end of 2018, the same as the current bonds.

During the July 12 meeting, Fray had also told the city council of other possible options, such as lengthening the city's debt schedule to 15 years, from the remaining seven, which would allow the raising of about \$960,000 in new funds without raising current payments. As an alternative, said Fray, the city could go with a 12-year loan that would allow the raising of about \$650,000 in new money without raising payments.

After some discussion at the July 12 meeting, the city council approved Fray's proposal to advertise for bids from potential lenders.

At another meeting, held July 21, the city council approved the first of three readings of proposed city ordinances to authorize the refinancing of the city's bonds.

During the July 21 meeting, City Attorney Dixie Powell and City Manager Lannie Corbin said refinancing the bonds will reduce what the city must pay to redeem them, or in the case of those bonds to be repaid with funds from the city's share of state sales-tax revenue, to possibly issue additional bonds to finance additional capital improvements, without increasing payments.

Powell told the council that if the sales tax-funded bonds are increased, they must not exceed 1.35 times the current loan amount, for a total of \$1,100,000. The city also has bonds financed by the city's share of the motor-fuels tax, totaling \$1,550,000, a sum that cannot be increased, Powell said.

At the July 28 meeting, the city council approved resolutions approving the selection of BB&T to provide the loans, and also approved the second of three readings for the city ordinances approving the refinancing plan. City resolutions gain final approval after one favorable vote by the council, while city ordinances require approval at each of three public readings. The third and final reading of the ordinances to approve the refinancing plan is scheduled for 6 p.m. Aug. 9, at Niceville City Hall.

Also during Thursday's meeting, city council members and senior staff members discussed how to use the interest money saved through the refinancing plan. Possibilities, they said, could include enlarging the new loans, or obtaining additional loans, and using the savings to make interest payments on those.

If additional loan money were obtained, said Corbin, the most likely use of the additional funds would be to build a new senior center somewhere in the city complex in the center of Niceville, which now includes the city hall, police and fire stations, library, community center, children's park, sports fields, skateboard park and water tower. Another possible use of additional funds could be to expand or improve city recreation facilities, he said.

No decisions were made Thursday about expanding or extending the new loans, although those issues are likely to come up at future city council meetings.

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that can take Niceville into the future with a lot of pride." Popwell succeeds Brian Cruttenden, 55, who retired Sunday after a 32-year career in the department, where he had been chief since 1993. "It was an honor to serve the city of Niceville all these years," said Cruttenden. "I never forgot I worked for the public. I was

always conscientious of taxpayers' dollars." "Brian took over when Niceville was growing and did a good job," said Corbin. "He was the right person at the right time." In 2004 Popwell, now 49, retired from a career in the Air Force's Security Forces. He joined the Niceville Fire Department as a volunteer in 2000. He took a part-time job as a Niceville police officer in

2002. After his military retirement, Popwell transitioned to full-time employment with the police department in 2004. In February of this year he was promoted from lieutenant to captain and placed in charge of the operations and investigative branches, a good group of applicants apply," he said. "It was impor-



Brian Cruttenden

tant to hire from inside. It was a tough decision." The new police chief is married and lives in Niceville with his wife, Sallie. The couple's 21-year-old daughter, Jessica, will graduate from Florida State University this year. Popwell teaches part-time at Northwest Florida State College's law enforcement academy. Cruttenden, who started as a patrolman in the Niceville

department in 1979 and rose to chief 14 years later, was enrolled in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) of the Florida Retirement System with a July 31 retirement date. He was honored at an in-house going away ceremony last week. Cruttenden, whose wife, Wanda, is the city's planner, said he plans to take some time to reevaluate his priorities and may find other areas to serve the public.

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Saving lives in Afghanistan

Who's News

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Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Joshua Croxton, a Niceville native, coordinates flights to forward operating bases at the Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, rotary wing July 16. Croxton is the blood coordinator for the 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward).

Photo by Staff Sgt. Theresa Seng



Sailor with Niceville ties revamps blood distribution

Petty Officer 2nd Class Joshua Croxton takes the slogan "warriors sustaining warriors," which has come to define the Marines and sailors of 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), very seriously.

Croxton, whose parents Alfred and Helen Matkin live in Niceville, made a change to the mode of blood distribution throughout Helmand Province, Afghanistan, resulting in approximately a 30 percent decrease of wasted blood.

"We had blood getting

destroyed because it wasn't being used," explained Croxton. "I had to find out how we could save or use the products to the best of our ability, while keeping the products at an acceptable level to maintain readiness at our Role I Shock Trauma Platoon and Role II Forward Resuscitative Surgical System facilities.

"I've learned many people don't want to donate because they think blood is wasted or not used," explained Croxton.

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Jennifer R. Sallman, daughter of Ramsey and Susan Sallman of Niceville, received her Master of Public Administration, Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy, degree from the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, on May 18.



Jennifer Sallman

Sallman is an alumna of Niceville High School and Emory University. She also participated in Teach For America. Sallman now lives in Manhattan.

Cindy Dottaviano of Niceville earned the use of a Chevy Malibu for her success as a Mary Kay independent sales director.



Cindy Dottaviano

Dottaviano began her Mary Kay business as an independent beauty consultant in January 2003 and, as a direct result of her accomplishments, became an independent sales director in October 2003.

Cherie Anderson, a Niceville resident and a MetLife representative, recently obtained the Chartered Federal Employee

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In the Service

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Cheryl L. Boutwell, daughter of David and Elma Boutwell, graduated from Basic Training July 1. She is attending the



Cheryl Boutwell

Defense Language Institute (DLI) in Monterey, Calif., to pursue a career as a Cryptologic Linguist for Air Force Intelligence.

Boutwell is a 2006 graduate of Niceville High School and a 2010 graduate of the University of Central Florida.

Lily Hall is Dressage Champ

Lily Hall, 12, daughter of Steve and Sherry Hall of Niceville, recently returned from the 2011 Florida 4-H State Equestrian Finals in Tampa. Lily won the title of State Champion for Dressage, in the 13 and younger category, riding her horse Heart of Gold. She also won the State High Point Dressage award, competing against almost 60 other Junior and Senior Dressage class participants. Dressage, commonly called "Horse Ballet," is a style of riding which develops a horse's obedience, flexibility and balance.



Rocky names discipleship director

Rocky Bayou Christian School (RBCS), Niceville, has appointed Ernest Clark as its discipleship director. In Clark's new position, he will oversee the school's chapel program, lead the Academy's (grades 7-12) leadership development program and student government, and be involved with counseling for Academy students. In addition, Clark will draw on his personal ministry experience and education to teach a number of Bible classes.

Clark, who graduated from high school in 1987, graduated summa cum laude with a



Ernest Clark

degree in Bible from Cedarville University, Ohio. He earned a master's degree in International Studies at Columbia

University, S.C., and graduated magna cum laude with a second master's degree

in Biblical Studies from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, N.C. In addition to his strong educational background, Clark brings with him a passion for ministry. Over the last 11 years, he and his family lived and served in South Asia, where they learned from, served with and then taught local believers. Clark opened and ran an Asian studies center for foreign university students, and also worked with several Indian churches and organizations to develop effective programs of nonformal education for thousands

of adults in rural areas.

"Most of our ministry was focused on adults. Now, (at Rocky Bayou) I will focus more on the Academy, which is more teenagers," he said.

"I thank God for the opportunity to teach students as part of a faculty that has established a reputation for excellent Christian education," said Clark. "I am eager to nurture students in their faith, to equip them to know God truly and serve him faithfully in his world."

How does he plan to

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Cherie Anderson

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Taylor Blair of Niceville was named to the dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design for the 2011 spring quarter. Full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the quarter receive recognition on the dean's list. Blair is seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in animation.

Mackenzie Dixon, a 2005 graduate of Niceville High School, recently graduated from Troy University, Ala., with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Tara Leigh Emmett of Niceville graduated with a Master of Science degree from Troy University, Ala.



Fla. Assisted Living committee named

The Florida Assisted Living Association, Emerald Coast Chapter, announces its steering committee, from left, Vice President Traci Williams, Belvedere Commons, Fort Walton Beach; President Jo Lynn Lamb, Grace Management; Membership Elizabeth Rambow, Superior Residences of Niceville; Treasurer Shelley Normand, Superior Residences of Niceville; events/education coordinator Angela Guimond, Hawthorn House, Shalimar; Secretary Tami Miles, Sterling House Bluewater Bay; media relations Emily Jennings, Wellington Place, Fort Walton Beach.

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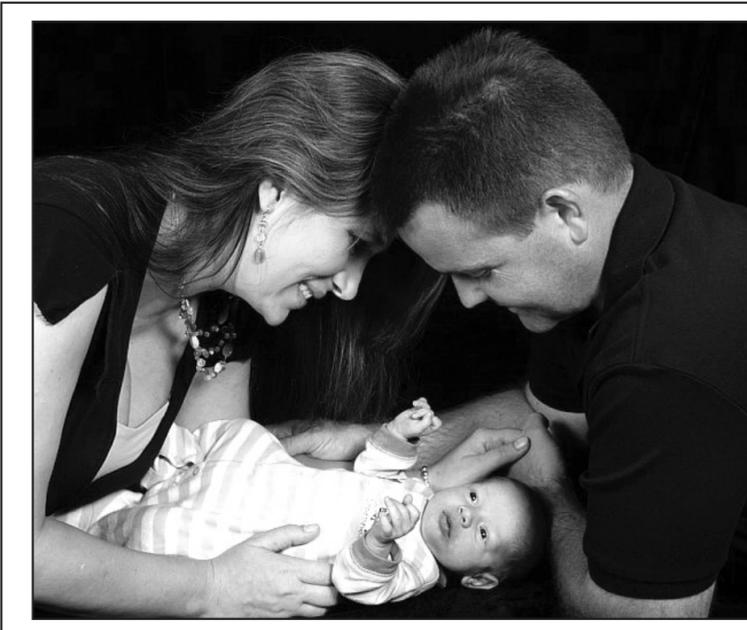
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Johnson-Coleman
Ruben and Janet Johnson announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Kay Johnson, to Jacob M. Coleman of Little Rock, Ark. Lindsay is a 2004 graduate of Niceville High School, a 2008 graduate of the University of Arkansas, and is now completing her residency requirements for a doctoral degree in pharmacy. Jacob is employed as a financial analyst for the UA Medical School Department of Pediatrics. The wedding will be Dec. 10, 2011, in Little Rock.

Talton-Jackman
Ken and Laura Jackman of Niceville announce the engagement of their son, Bryan Scott, to Kimberly Anne Talton, daughter of Bob and Elizabeth Talton of Vanceboro, N.C.

Kimberly is a graduate of West Craven High School in

Vanceboro, and a 2004 graduate of University of North Carolina, Wilmington. She currently teaches AP History at Bartlett Yancey High School in Yanceyville, N.C.

Bryan is a 2006 graduate of Niceville High School, and is currently serving in the United States Coast Guard. He is a petty officer 3rd class and is stationed at the Naval Engineering Support Unit, Portsmouth, Va.

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Croxtan carries a box of blood to the Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, flight operations tent so it can be shipped to a forward operating base, July 16.



SAVING

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"I wanted to debunk that thought as well as save lives with the blood we have on hand."

With those intentions, Croxtan began researching the amount of blood that was expiring at outer-lying forward operating bases, which came to an average of 100 units of blood.

"I cannot say exactly how many lives the blood can save," said Croxtan. "One Marine could need all 100 units, or 100 service members could need one each. It just depends on the injury."

"There is no set amount given to any patient, but I think it's safe to say any life saved, be it one or 100, is one or 100 that get to go back home," Croxtan added.

Croxtan, who has previously worked with the American Red Cross Blood Donation Program and Armed Services Blood

Program in the past, had no problem diving in when this issue came to light.

Finding himself in this line of work is natural for Croxtan, who works as a patient tracker in the area of operations.

"I'd rather help people than hurt people," he said.

By making just a couple simple tweaks in the blood distribution system, Croxtan is doing just that.

"This is going to help increase the survivability of the [service members] who sustain any degree of bodily injury or traumatic blood loss," said Croxtan. "It's going to give them the blood they need to return home to their families and friends."

Croxtan, a nine-and-a-half year Navy sailor and a 2001 graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School, knows the feeling well.

"I am honored to serve alongside the Marines and sailors. It's a great time, but I can't wait to get home," he

said.

As of now, home for Croxtan is along the Atlantic coast of North Carolina, near Camp Lejeune, with his wife of one-and-a-half years, Hazel Virginia Croxtan.

Croxtan may no longer live on the Gulf Coast, but he still makes it a point to return. He spent the 2010 Christmas season in Niceville, visiting his family.

"Niceville is pretty nice," he said. "It's not too big, not too small. It's home because my parents are there."

For now, Croxtan is exactly where he needs to be—making great strides toward sustaining the lives of those around him.

"I don't know what they'd do without me," he said, laughing.

This story was compiled with information from a Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System press release and a Beacon staff-conducted interview.

School Briefs
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RBCS seeks host families

Rocky Bayou Christian School is looking for families living in Okaloosa County to host an international student. Male and female students will come from China, S. Korea, Thailand and Vietnam.

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Info: call RBCS, 729-7227, ext. 375, or email williamsd@rbc.org.

Science camp for girls

Lewis School is hosting a STEM (Science, Technology,

Engineering and Mathematics) camp on Aug. 8-10. The camp is for young women entering the sixth grade to encourage them to pursue careers in math and science. The students will explore solar energy and marine science, and will culminate on a local charter boat in order to get up close and personal with local marine habitats. Info: Lewis School, 833-4130.

RBCS open house

Rocky Bayou Christian School welcomes parents to a Community Open House Wednesday, Aug. 10. Parents may drop by any time between 9 a.m. and noon to learn about RBCS' Christ-centered, excellence-driven private education offerings. Open house attendees will also receive \$50 off the enrollment fee if they submit an application by Aug. 15 (only valid for new applications).

The open house will begin at Grace Presbyterian Church, locat-

ed at the school entrance, then proceed throughout the campus, 2101 N. Partin Drive between Rocky Bayou Baptist Church and the Swift Creek community.

For more information about the open house or admissions, contact Katherine Grete, gretek@rbc.org or 678-7358, ext. 330. For information about RBCS, visit rbc.org.

Sales tax holiday

Florida's back-to-school sales tax holiday will begin at 12:01 a.m., Friday, Aug. 12, through midnight, Sunday, Aug. 14. During this period, no sales tax will be collected on sales of clothing, wallets, handbags, backpacks, footwear and certain accessories for \$75 or less, or on school supplies at \$15 or less.

To see a list of clothing and accessory items and their taxable (T) or exempt (E) status, visit dor.myflorida.com/dor/tips/pdf/tip11a01-03_list.pdf.

DIRECTOR

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overcome the challenge of ministering to teenagers in a changing world? "As with any challenge, we look to God for our strength. He is no less able to help teenagers.

"It's always God's work, and it is our joy to serve him," he added.

Clark is married to Tiffany

Hamilton, a 1994 alumna of RBCS, who attended the school from sixth-12th grades. The couple met as undergraduates at Cedarville University. They have three children—Catherine, 11, who will be a sixth grader at RBCS, Ben, 9, who will be a fourth grader at RBCS, and Ana, 4, who will start her education at home with her mother.

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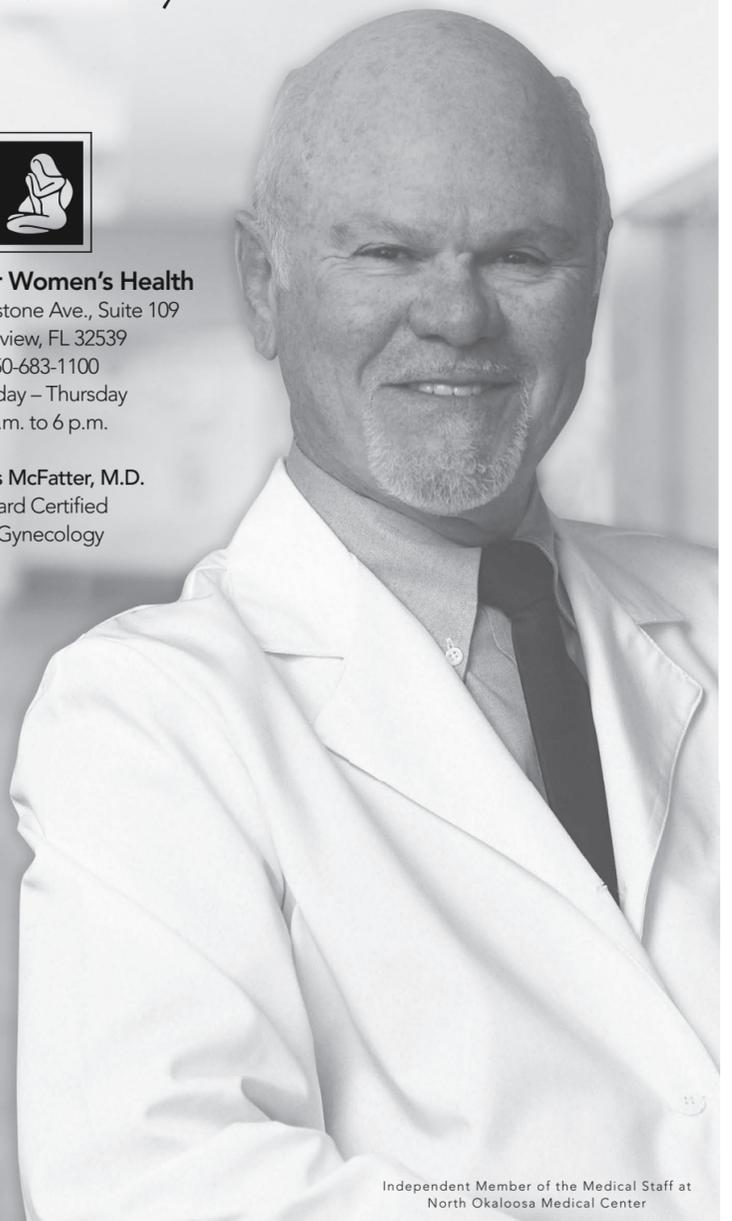
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NOTICE TO CITY OF NICEVILLE HOMEOWNERS

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IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

- If you own your home
- If this is your primary residence
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Household size	1 person 2 person 3 person 4 person 5 person 6 person 7 person 8 person
Household size	\$37,800 \$43,200 \$48,600 \$54,000 \$58,350 \$62,650 \$67,000 \$71,300

If you would like to be considered for possible assistance, you should attend a homeowners' meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the City of Niceville Council Chambers located at 208 N. Partin Drive, to discuss program requirements and receive application materials. If you cannot attend this meeting, you can also pick up an application package after August 10th from Wanda, Cruttenden, City Planner, Niceville City Hall, 208 N. Partin Drive, or call, toll-free (877) 309-1951, Ext. 15, and request an application package be mailed to you. All interested homeowners should submit completed application materials to Marie Dingman, Summit Professional Services, Inc., P.O. Box 18168, Panama City Beach, FL 32417 on or before October 10, 2011. All applications are subject to review, ranking and approval by the Niceville City Council.

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Applications are being accepted for children ages birth-5 years old at Okaloosa Head Start, a comprehensive early childhood care provider which aims to better prepare children for kindergarten. The program is free for those who qualify. Info: 678-6893 or okaloosaheadstart.org.

TOPS evening meetings

TOPS club 0111 is a weight-loss support group which meets every Thursday evening at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 200 Valparaiso Blvd., Education Building, Room 4. Weigh-in will be at 6:30, and the meeting will start at 7. Info: Michele, 678-2863, or Cindy, 279-4847.

Free museum admission

The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida has partnered with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and more than 1,300 museums across America to offer free admission to all active-duty military personnel and their families through Labor Day. Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families.

Creative writing group

The Valparaiso Community Library offers a writing workshop Thursdays at 1 p.m. All ages are welcome to come and explore their creativity, with a focus on self expression, creative writing and improvisation. This program is not a formal writing course; but group discussions and friendly critique will help individuals develop their written and/or vocal narrative style. Call the library for info, 729-5406.



Bird watching program

The Choctawhatchee Audubon Society will hold a beginning bird watching program at Northwest Florida State College Aug. 4. Lenny Fenimore will present an entertaining program certain to give listeners the proper knowledge for bird watching. The program will be held in the Learning Resource Center, Room 128, at NWFS. The meeting is free and will begin at 6:30 p.m. with socializing, with the speaker at 7. Info: Walt Spence, 582-7064, or ChoctawhatcheeAudubon.org.

School supplies donations

Donations of school supplies are now being collected at Niceville's Sharing & Caring, 104 Bullock Blvd. Supplies will be distributed Aug. 13 to approximately 350 students in our community. Parents/guardians may sign up their children until Aug. 5. Lists of supplies needed may be obtained at Sharing & Caring.

Friends for Fun senior club

All singles 60 and older, come join Friends for Fun for laughter and friendly conversation each Wednesday, 3-6 p.m., at the Bluewater Bay Clubhouse. This is an opportunity to make new friends and find joy and companionship. Info: 897-4434.

Alabama storm donations

Safe Haven Horse Rescue Center will collect nonperishable food items and personal hygiene products to aid in storm relief in Alabama. Collection boxes will be placed at Laura's Pet and Horse Supply and Read it Again bookstore in Niceville. Info: Wendy25200@yahoo.com.

Hospice vehicle donations

Covenant Hospice adds another way you can help its mission—through vehicle, RV and boat donations.

Vehicles, running or not, are picked up, then sold at auction. The price a vehicle takes at auction becomes a tax deduction for you, and indigent care, bereavement services, or support and care for kids coping with loss.

If you would like more information on how you can support Covenant Hospice by donating your vehicle, boat or RV through the easy donation process, call Jenni Perkins at 598-5003.

Community yard sale

The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, 115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso, will hold its community yard sale with Niceville-Valparaiso Kiwanis Saturday, Aug. 27, 7 a.m.-noon.

Clean out your garage, closets and shed, and help preserve the past by donating whatever you are past needing. Donations (no clothes please) will be accepted during regular museum hours, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Limited 10-by-10-foot spaces are available for \$10. Sellers, visit the museum to reserve your spot. Info: 678-2615 or heritage-museum.org.

Art exhibit at library

The Local Color Artists Club will exhibit works at the Niceville Library through Aug. 27. Pastels, wooden flutes and photography, as well as paintings created using watercolors, oils and acrylics will be on display and



Ruckel football band info sessions

Students planning to participate in Ruckel football band this fall must attend one of two information sessions with at least one parent. The meetings will be Aug. 8 and Aug. 11, from 7-8 p.m., in the RMS band room. Visit the RMS Band website, okaloosa.k12.fl.us/ruckel/activities/band, for more information.

Monetary donations will also be accepted. Info: 729-3600.

Photography exhibit

The Arts and Design Society will hold the opening reception of the 12th annual Photography and Digital Arts Exhibition. This judged show will feature work from area photographers. The show will open Aug. 5, 5-7 p.m., and be held through Sept. 2 at the ADSO's Art Center Gallery, 17 First St. SE, Fort Walton Beach. Gallery hours are noon-4 Tuesday through Friday, and 1-4 Saturday. Entry is free. Info: artsdesignsociety.org or 244-1271.

Embroiderers' membership

The Sand Dunes Chapter of Embroiderers' Guild of America will hold its annual membership coffee Aug. 6, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Niceville United Methodist Church. The 2011-12 program will be presented and snacks will be served. Visitors are welcome; park in lot A and enter near the playground. Info: 496-3466.

Bass tourney for CAC

The fourth annual American General Life and Insurance Company Bass Tournament is set for Aug. 6 at the Marina Village in Freeport. Proceeds will benefit the Emerald

Coast Children's Advocacy Center. A \$3,000 payout is at stake for the winners of this tournament in memory of local angler Bob Zdenek. There will be a free Family Fun Day while the anglers are out fishing. Stay for the weigh in and see who brings in the biggest fish.

Angler entry fees are \$110 per boat. For more information, visit: aglabass2011.eventbrite.com. Arts and Crafts vendor spaces are available for \$25 each. Call Joy Hudson at 833-9237, ext. 256.

PAL Soccer registration

Niceville PAL Soccer League registration will take place Aug. 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Niceville City Hall. A late fee will not be charged. There will be a waiting list after Aug. 6. Info: 678-2182 or nicevillepalsoccer.org.

Dog fashion parade

Sterling House Bluewater Bay is having a "Dog Days of Summer" parade and show on Saturday, Aug. 6, at 9 a.m. Registration forms are available at vet offices and kennels in Niceville and Bluewater Bay or you can pick one up from the Sterling House at 1551 Merchants Way, behind the Merchants Walk shops in Bluewater Bay. This event is an Alzheimer's fundraiser and we are asking for a \$10 donation to register your pet. Prizes will be given away for the top winner in five categories, participation ribbons will be given to all. Info: 729-3323.

Pancake breakfast

The Niceville High School volleyball team will hold two all-you-can-eat breakfasts, including pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee, juice and milk for only \$6. The breakfasts will be Aug. 6 and 13, 8-10 a.m., at Ed's Seafood and Steaks in Niceville.

Pine needle basketry

The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, 115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso, will hold a two-part pine needle basketry class Aug. 6 and 20. On both days, the class will run 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The cost of the class is \$75 and \$60 for museum members. Join instructor Joe Stoy and learn the original Seminole techniques using modern materials and local pine

needles. Space is limited. Call 678-2615 to register.

Movies at Uptown Station

Movie nights will be held throughout the summer at Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach. The movies are free, and guests are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and coolers. Pets and glass containers are not allowed. The movies for this month will be:

Aug. 6, 8 p.m., "Life As We Know It." Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m., "Alice in Wonderland."

RMS football band meeting

Students planning to participate in the Ruckel Football Band this fall must attend one of two scheduled meetings with at least one parent. The purpose of the meeting is to go over dates, rules, expectations of students and parents, band fees, gather parent volunteers, and to allow parents to complete and turn in Okaloosa County School District required paperwork. The meetings will be Monday, Aug. 8, and Thursday, Aug. 11, from 7-8 p.m. in the RMS band room.

Visit the RMS Band's website, okaloosa.k12.fl.us/ruckel/activities/band for other important summer news.

Referee training course

The USSF Entry Level Referee Course will be held in Niceville for those interested in refereeing. The class consists of online education modules and 12 hours of classroom training and participation. After training, you will have the basic knowledge to begin refereeing.

The cost is \$100. Register by Aug. 8. To register or for more information: Al Haberbusch, haberbus64@cox.net or 678-9084; Howard Hill, howard_hill@cox.net or 678-2182; or Bernie Busovne, busovne

family@cox.net or 897-9497.

Professional training

The American Society for Training & Development (ASTD) welcomes the public to its Aug. 9 program, "Drinking the Kool-Aid of 21st Century Organizational Learning" presented by Barry Altland.

The meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, in the College Mall Gallery, Building K. The cost is \$17 for nonmembers, \$12 for chapter members. For info or to RSVP: astdemeraldcoast.member-lodge.org, or Tracey Tapp at astd.ec.hospitality@gmail.com.

Men's over 40 softball

The Niceville Recreation Department is now accepting teams for the 2011 Men's Over 40 Softball League. Entry fee is \$300 plus a \$10 resident or \$30 nonresident fee per player. Games will be held Wednesday nights starting Aug. 10. For more info call Jim Baughman at 729-4062 or visit the city's website at cityofniceville.org.

Revival Christian program

Revival at New Life Christian Ministries, 130 N. Partin Drive, Niceville, will take place Wednesday, Aug. 10 through Friday, Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The guest evangelist will be Bishop C.D. Gearing of Doraville, Ga. Info: 729-0733.

Chamber breakfast

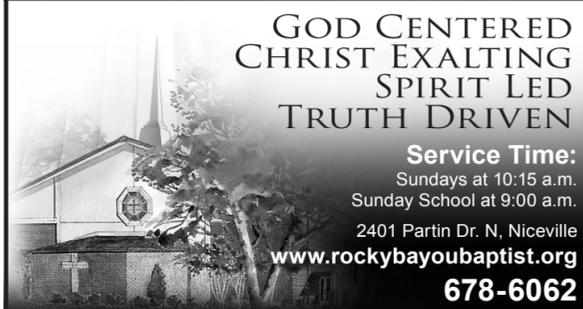
The Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce will hold its Second Wednesday Breakfast Aug. 10 at the Niceville Community Center located at 204 N. Partin Drive. The breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m. with coffee and conversation, followed by breakfast at 7:30. This month's sponsor is Simple HR. Chamber members, their guests and prospective members are invited to attend.

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Barracudas set records



The Bluewater Barracudas swim team, from left: front, Ren Prescott, Cameron Turner, Carson Kale, Sydney Kale, Stephanie Markwardt and Sarah Markwardt; center, Kellen Broaderick, Tatum Hackler, Jane Parke, Sydney Dawson, Jillian Prescott, Rhiannon Thompson, Rachel Gold, Brooke Arrington and head coach Brad Kale; rear, Benson Kuira, Chase Turner, Matt Markwardt, Frank Bruechner, Chaz Brechler, Levi Wilke, Jesse Arrington and assistant coach Trent Brown. Not pictured are Haley McWilliams, Ashley Reynolds and Katie Miller.

Team, personal bests galore

The Bluewater Barracudas brought the 2011 Long Course season to a close in dramatic fashion July 14-17 in Knoxville, Tenn., where the University of Tennessee played host to more than 900 athletes from Tennessee, Alabama and Northwest Florida. The Barracudas were represented by 23 athletes, the most in club history at the Southeastern Championships.

Kellen Broaderick and Haley McWilliams swam their way to a combined nine team records over the course of the weekend. Haley was the only Barracuda to crack the team scoring column with her 12th-place effort in the 1500-meter free. Kellen was just on the outside looking in of the "top eight" in an age group that boasted some of the country's fastest swimmers. In all Broaderick established new team records in the 50 breast, 100 free, 100 fly, 200 IM and the 200 free. Haley followed

closely with new team records in the 200 fly, 400 free, 400 IM, and the 1500 free.

Not to be outdone, Levi Wilke continued his steady rise up the ranks in the senior boys division. Levi established new team marks in the 200 free, 200 fly, 400 free and the 400 IM. Levi was also joined by Frank Bruechner, Chase Turner, Matthew Markwardt and Chaz Brechler on two competitive senior men's relays.

Three Barracudas—Katie Miller, Tatum Hackler and Sarah Markwardt—set two new team records. Markwardt and Miller both set new breast stroke marks, Sarah's in the 10 and under age group and Katie's in the senior women group. Both narrowly missed the final in the sprint breast stroke as they were alternates for the heat swum in the evening.

Tatum Hackler got the Barracudas off to a hot start,

establishing a new team record in the 800 free in the opening event of the meet Thursday night. She added a new 200 free record Friday morning, besting her own record set only three weeks before. Tatum was joined by Ashley Reynolds, Jane Parke and Sydney Dawson for two "top 16" relay performances and Rhiannon Thompson and Jillian Prescott added strength to what was BWB's deepest age group.

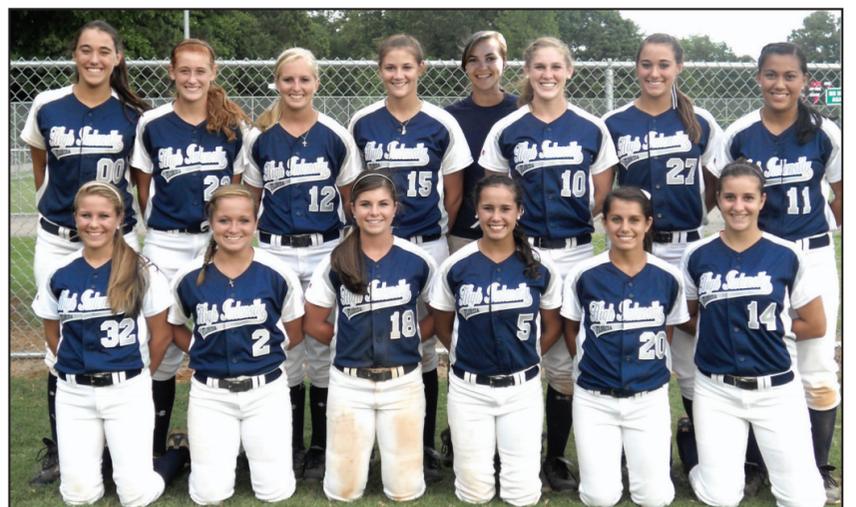
Ashley Reynolds, Benson Kuira and Chas Brechler rounded out the record-breaking performances. Reynolds broke her own 50 back record and Benson surpassed his own standard in the 100 back, while Chas set a new team mark in the 400 free.

Sixty-eight percent of the Barracudas compiled personal bests for the weekend championship meet, where many of the swimmers had to drop a tremendous amount of time just to qualify.



10-11 All-Stars win sectionals

The Niceville-Valparaiso Little League 10-11 year old All-Star team defeated Tallahassee Chaires-Capitola in a best-of-three series to capture the Florida Little League Section 1 title, winning the first two games 13-2 and 13-8. The team then traveled to Bonita Springs but lost the state title two games to win. From left: front, Cole Russell, Matthew Wells, Kyle Vogler, Caleb Russell and Tripp Wittaker; back, Nic Nolan, Rece Hinds, Sam Stahl, Dawson Marshall, Lance Byrd and Jack Wolgast. Not pictured was Hunter Macdonough. David Marshall managed the team, with coaches Jimmie Opitz and Berry Drake.



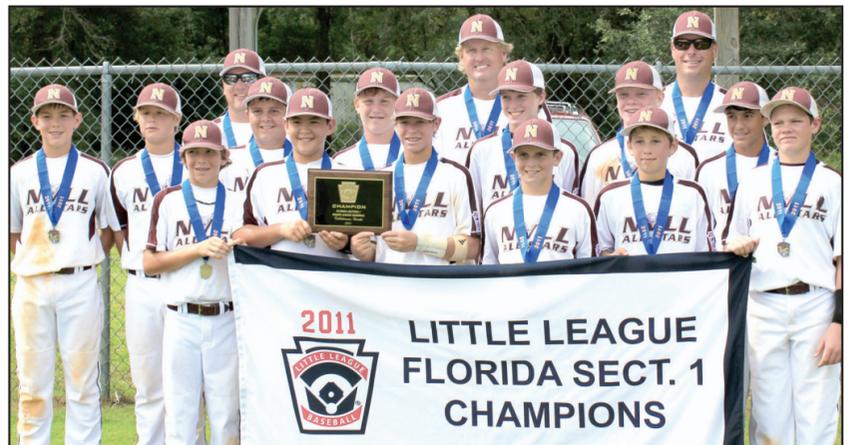
16U in national title hunt

The High Intensity 16U fastpitch softball team competed in the 2011 16U USA/ASA "A" National Softball Championship in Chattanooga, Tenn., July 30-Aug 7. High Intensity 16U is one of six teams from Florida to win a berth. The team, coached by Danny Hensley, has a record of 29-2. From left: front, Savanna Hewett, Jennifer Phillips, Rachel Dunsford, Courtney Adams, Jessie TenBroeck and Christina Ramirez; back, Jessica Ujvari, Audrey Diekmann, Jaime Phillips, Alexis Brunson, Lauren Donaldson, Jessie Mullen, Jamie Ujvari and Aja Brechtel.



9/10 All Stars fall in state semis

The Niceville-Valparaiso Little League 9/10 All Star team won District 1 in Shalimar, then Section 1 in Tallahassee, then went 2-1 in pool play at state to make it to the semifinals, before losing in the semis. From left: front, Cole Varner, Tristan Keith, Coley Embry, Derek Vogel, Evan Griffith, Brandon Cromwell and Harrison Dorsett; second row, Chandler Plourd, Connor Walsh, Trent Walker, Zach Coldsnow and Owen Williams; third row, coach Robbie Williams, manager Weyman Dorsett, coach Brian Walsh and coach Kriengsak Vogel.



12U All Stars advance to state

Niceville 12U All Stars traveled to Woodville baseball complex in Tallahassee to play the District 20 champion Chaires-Capitola July 23, with the winner advancing to the state tournament. Niceville outscored Chaires-Capitola 17-2 in two games to win the sectional title and play in the state tournament. From left: front, Devin Hemenway, Nick Hazama, Christian Huff, Drew Grandgenett, A.J. Nipper and Brady Smith; second row, Tyler Russell, Chance Huff, Logan Taylor, Judd Barth, Will West III, Wesley Brooks and Jacob Jenkins; back row, coach Dave Smith, manager Bill West and coach Chandler Huff

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