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Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bayou Book Company will hold a **book signing** with Auburn Research Associate Mark Hains. Hains will discuss his new book, "**Year of the Pig**," which chronicles his study of wild pigs.

Info: 678-1593 or bayoubookcompany.com.

Saturday, 7 p.m.

The "We Are the Beggars" tour will come to **Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church**, 1200 Valparaiso Blvd., in the Parish Life Center. Performing will be the Ike Ndolo Band, Audrey Assad and Ennie Hickman.

Tickets are \$10 or \$15. Call 678-7813 to purchase tickets.

Sunday, 2 p.m.

The Magnolia Grill, Fort Walton Beach, will host a **wine and cheese fundraiser** to benefit the **Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida**.

Enjoy wine and food, live entertainment, and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$25; \$20 for museum members; and \$10 for police, firefighters and paramedics.

To purchase tickets call 678-2615.

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Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson

Military members and first responders were honored Friday in pregame ceremonies at Niceville High School's Eagle Stadium in remembrance of the impending 10th anniversary of 9/11. More events are scheduled in the area; story, Page A-3.



Brian Haugen



David Goetsch

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Shelter from the storm for pets, owners

Separate accommodations offered at college if a hurricane looms

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

People who need to seek public shelter during a hurricane or other disaster in Okaloosa County, and who plan to take their pets with them when evacuating their homes, should be aware of some facts about the new pet-friendly shelter at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, say local officials.

Pets will not be housed in the

same building as human shelterees. People seeking shelter in an emergency will be housed in the sports arena in the new community center at the college, which also houses the county's Emergency Operations Center, as well as classrooms, offices and other facilities.

Pets, however, will be sheltered elsewhere on campus, at Building S, a classroom facility adjoining the college's science

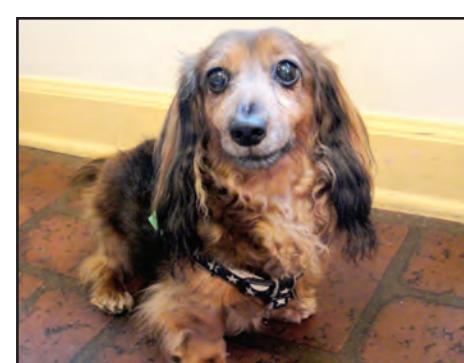
building.

College spokeswoman Sylvia Bryan stated:

—The animals will be housed separately, not with people.
—The county and Humane Society, not the college, will make the rules and run the shelter.

—Pet owners can't drop off animals and leave campus to

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Pets such as this dachshund now may shelter in Niceville, provided an owner comes along.

Washout

Although Tropical Storm Lee made landfall 300 miles west of Niceville, rain bands from the slow-moving storm drenched Northwest Florida over the Labor Day weekend, washing out holiday activities and prompting warnings for possible tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash flooding. The storm toppled trees and caused minor flooding and temporary power outages in the local area. Rainfall measured at the regional sewer plant in Niceville totaled 6.3 inches. Above, workers at the Bluewater Bay Marina dumped water from small boats on the beach Sunday.

Beacon photo by Mike Griffith



Pay boosted for sewage workers

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

Employees of the Niceville, Valparaiso, Okaloosa County Regional Sewer Board have received a 2 percent raise, with the possibility of some employees also getting merit pay increases.

The 2 percent raises, effective retroactively to July 1, the start of the fiscal year for the publicly owned utility, were originally tabled by its governing board from June to August to give each member entity—the county and the cities of Niceville and Valparaiso—time to finalize their own budget plans for the upcoming fiscal

year, including any proposed pay raises for their own employees.

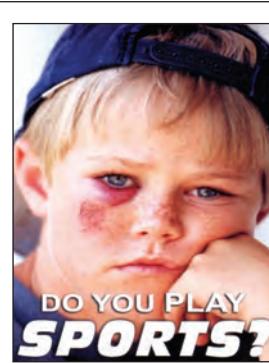
The Regional Sewer Board has 11 employees.

The board last month approved an across-the-board 2 percent pay raise, with an additional 1 percent set aside for merit raises to be given at the discretion of sewer plant manager Rick Helms.

Regional sewer plant employees got a 2 percent cost-of-living raise last year but no merit raises. Two years ago the board gave no raises for the first half of the year, then gave a 2 percent raise for the last six

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A look back at 9/11 and its aftermath



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9/11

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country has yet to adapt to the realization that a tiny yet determined group of terrorists can still inflict great harm. He likened our response to "coming to a knife fight in a phone booth using Marquess of Queensberry rules."

"The impact 9/11 has had on our nation's military hits home at Eglin, where an average of 1,600 warriors are deployed annually," said Col. S. a. Nodjoman, 96th Air Base Wing commander, Eglin Air Force Base.



Col. Sal Nodjoman

"Every member of Eglin is critical to our success and is part of our extended family," Nodjoman said. "The losses we've suffered, both in combat and here at home, leave a gaping hole in our hearts. I'm extremely proud of what Team Eglin warriors have accomplished both here and downrange to support our nation's efforts worldwide."

Eglin now has 607 members deployed. It has deployed a total of 966 so far this year. Last year the base deployed a total of 1,433, and a total of 2,106 in 2009.

Niceville High School senior Shane Horton was in second grade as the events of Sept. 11, 2001, unfolded. Although he heard about it in his classroom that morning, Shane said it wasn't until his parents explained it that he began to grasp just how historic an event had happened in his own young lifetime.



Shane Horton

Ten years later, Shane says he senses more national pride among his peers at school: "As you mature you realize, 'Hey, I'm a part of something bigger than me. I live in the greatest country in the world.'" He said he respects and enjoys saying the Pledge of Allegiance and having a daily moment of silence. "I believe it should be taken very seriously."

"The biggest change is the lack of freedoms that we enjoyed so much before," said Charles Merkel—



Charles Merkel

53rd Wing historian on Eglin and a career Army veteran who served in Vietnam and two years ago as a Defense Department civilian deployed to Afghanistan.

"In my wildest dreams I would never have thought of a fully loaded airplane as a weapon," Merkel said. As a result he said, "One guy tries to blow up a plane with a shoe bomb and everybody has to take their shoes off. It's not fun to fly anymore."

In a 2009 visit to Philadelphia with his wife, Diane, Merkel recalled the discouraging hassle of lines and checkpoints to even get close to the Liberty Bell. As a child visiting with his parents, Merkel said he was able to walk up and touch the famous bell.

Susan Watson, Northwest

Regional Director of the Florida branch of the American Civil Liberties Union said Americans have lost some of their cherished freedoms in the wake of 9/11. "We lost our way when, instead of addressing the challenge of terrorism consistent with our values, our government chose the path of torture and targeted killing, of Guantanamo and military commissions, of warrantless government spying and the entrenchment of a national surveillance state, all of which now define the post-9/11 era," Watson said. "That is not who we are, or who we want to be."

Watson continued, "We must ratchet down the post-9/11 national security state and continuing assaults on civil liberties, or else we risk enshrining a permanent state of emergency. We should not let the politics of fear dominate our political and legal discourse."

"I don't see much change," said Niceville City Councilman William Thomas, who retired from a career in the military and as a sheriff's deputy. "We're a four-day nation," he said. "We cry for three days then go back to normal."

The government, Thomas said, can make all sorts of security arrangements, but "it's up to we the people to follow through."

"People don't believe it can happen again," he said, they go to the airport and complain about security measures. "I don't think it's a matter of 'if' but 'when,' terrorists will again attack America."

He added, "It pays to be aware. If you notice something out of whack, call somebody."

"People have a higher respect for firefighters knowing they run in to burning buildings that might collapse,"

said Mark Norris, Valparaiso fire chief. Ten years ago, then an Air Force firefighter, Norris recalls watching the collapse of the Twin Towers and thinking that no one had anticipated such massive structures could fall.

Okaloosa County Schools Superintendent Alexis Tibbets was visiting middle school classrooms Thursday. "In one I asked students if any of them remembered 9/11. Of course they were all 3 or 4 years old when it occurred and several of them said that they remember they were being dropped off at daycare or preschool and their parents were

very upset and it was obvious that something important had happened. That is really the only rec-

ollection that most of our students K-12 have of that event."

Tibbets said schools will commemorate that day with lessons, activities or discussions about the terrorist attacks that are grade appropriate. She added, "I will remember forever as the principal of a school the terrifying events of that day."

"One of my vivid memories are the stories of Flight 93 in Shanksville, Penn., and the other demonstrations of great courage and patriotism on that day. That is what I personally speak with students about when I discuss 9/11 with them," she said.

"I was at home with my family when the events (of 9/11) unfolded, and when I saw what happened I got in uniform, drove to the base, and began to prepare my squadron to go to war," said Air Force Brig. Gen. Richard "Beef" Haddad, Valparaiso, then a reservist and commander of the 711th Special Operations Squadron, Duke Field. "My squadron was soon activated and we were instrumental in the success of the Air Force's first missions in-country," Haddad said.

"These citizen airmen have continued to answer our nation's call ever since, and just recently returned from Afghanistan."

"Everyone in my life, from my neighbors in Valparaiso, to my airline co-workers, to my daughters and wife at home, were behind me 100 percent as we flew overseas to hunt for those who caused these events," Haddad said.

"I have been away from my airline job for about five of the last 10 years," said Haddad, who has since been promoted to brigadier general on active duty. "The aviation industry is much safer and secure than it was prior to 9/11, but measures we now take for granted would have been

considered remarkable on Sept. 10, 2001."

"We're more prepared," said Randy McDaniel, Okaloosa County's chief of Emergency Management. Since 9/11 a 10-county Regional Domestic Task Force was formed, he said, and Okaloosa County engages in and frequently exercises with diverse agencies and most such exercises include some type of terrorism angle, such as hazardous materials events.

Tibbets also talked about other changes: "We have more fencing, cameras and plans for lockdown procedures than ever before. We partner with the local sheriff departments and have automatic contact systems for parents via phone and are working toward email."

She continued, "Social studies standards have been added by the state that address terrorism in both American and world history. In addition, 9/11 has brought increased attention to the Middle Eastern culture, governments and economy."

One thing seems very American and unchanged: "It's been an honor and privilege to have been among so many heroes," Merkel said about his 2009-10 civilian tour in Afghanistan, especially those who died in their country's service.

As of Aug. 31, for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, once home of the al-Qaida terror group, the Department of Defense reported that 1,383 American service members and DOD civilians had been killed in action. Another 362 died in nonhostile incidents. There were 13,609 wounded.

Meantime, in Iraq, there were 3,489 military and DOD civilians killed in action, in addition to 932 nonhostile deaths and 31,921 wounded.



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Sewer sprayfield costs rise



Some 300 acres of sewage spray fields north of Niceville will be replaced with a new system using less land.

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

The Niceville, Valparaiso, Okaloosa County Regional Sewer Board has been told by its engineer, Glenn Stephens, that nearly 80 acres of land have been identified as suitable for construction of nine rapid infiltration basins (RIBS) systems, a method that reduces the area needed to safely disperse treated sewage effluent for absorption into the ground.

Six of the nine RIBS would be located on the sewer board's largest existing spray field, on Eglin Reservation land north of College Boulevard, Niceville. The remaining three would be located on an adjacent field, Stephens said.

Stephens said that engineers had initially hoped to build the

entire 80-acre RIBS on a single area on the northernmost area of the existing spray field. However, a geological inspection of the soil at the existing spray field found an unexpected layer of impermeable clay several feet underground, he said.

The plan to divide the system into four lots to avoid the clay has tentatively received approval from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Eglin Air Force Base, Stephens said.

By switching to RIBS technology, the sewer board plans to reduce the acreage that it has to lease from Eglin, now over 300 acres. Eglin has sharply raised the price of renting Air Force land, causing the sewer board to invest heavily in the new system to reduce spray-field acreage.

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months of the 2009-10 fiscal year, with no merit raises included.

This year's combination of across-the-board and merit raises amounts to \$14,241 and was included in the regional sewer's \$1,806,045 annual budget, Helms said. The current budget is nearly \$39,000 less than the amount budgeted the previous year.

Separately, the Regional Sewer Board was told by its engineer, Glenn Stephens, that nearly 80 acres of land have finally been identified as suitable for construction of nine rapid infiltration basins (RIBS) systems, a method that reduces the area needed to safely disperse treated sewage effluent for absorption into the ground.

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Pedestrian hurt crossing highway

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

A 15-year-old Niceville boy was taken by helicopter ambulance to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola after he was struck by a pickup truck while trying to cross John Sims Parkway.

The boy was released from the hospital the following day.

An accident report filed by Niceville police gave the following account:

Brandon Clifford Weeks, 15, of Niceville, was struck by an eastbound pickup truck about 9 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 30, while attempting to cross two eastbound lanes of John Sims Parkway just east of the traffic light and in front of the Chick-fil-A restaurant.

Weeks was on the south

shoulder and attempted to cross into the median when he was struck by the pickup and thrown into the air, landing on the edge of the median and rolling over to the center of the median. Witnesses said the pickup truck, driven by Brock Buddles, 30, also of Niceville, had the green light as the boy attempted to cross. Buddles' wife and two small children were in the car and were not injured.

Weeks was taken from the scene by EMS ambulance to Twin Cities Hospital then air-lifted to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola. A spokesman at Sacred Heart said Weeks was released the next day.

Police said the driver was not at fault. No citations were issued.



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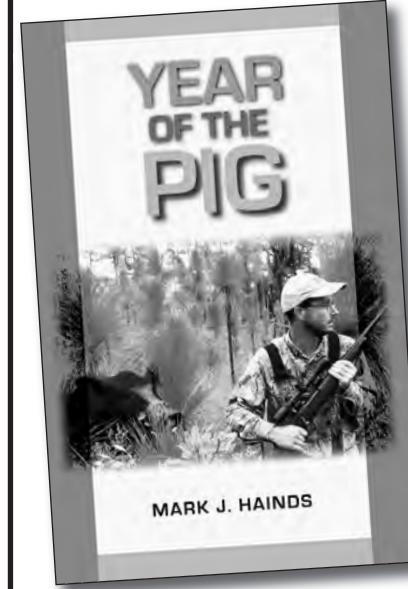
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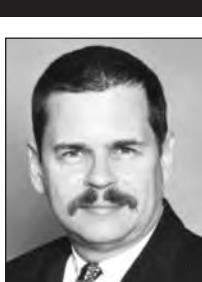
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Weight: 155
Age: 29, **Date of birth:** 06-06-1982
Hair: brown, **Eyes:** green



Name: Kenneth Marion Webster
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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

Bill Daniel Matlock, 34, of 210 22nd St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Aug. 3 on a charge of possession of a legend drug without a prescription. Hoback allegedly admitted buying three pills found in his backpack from a male in a trailer park. The pills were identified as methocarbamol 500 mg, a mild, non-scheduled muscle relaxer available only by prescription.

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Anthony Scott Barnett, 25, of 610 Crestview Ave., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Aug. 25 on a misdemeanor worthless check charge related to checks for \$76, \$252, \$300 and \$12.

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Cynthia Lachelle Mack, 21, of 312 Shirley Drive, Fort Walton Beach, was arrested by Niceville police Aug. 23 on a charge of grand theft.

While working a cash register at the Niceville Walmart Aug. 23 Mack allegedly failed to scan or ring up a \$300 stereo receiver, then placed it in a bag for the customer, an acquaintance of Mack's, to carry out of the store.

On Aug. 19 Mack is alleged to have under rang two items for a man, and later that same day rang up a \$170 receiver, then voided the transaction and placed the item in the customer's bag. Total value of the transactions was \$590.

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Steven William Roberts, 23, of 1722 Union Ave., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police, subsequent to a traffic stop for a broken left brake light cover, Aug. 22, on charges of carrying a concealed firearm, possession of imitation controlled substance with intent to sell or distribute, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

After a police drug dog "alerted" to the presence of narcotics, police searched Roberts' vehicle and found a .380 semi-automatic handgun underneath the front seat, between the driver's and middle seat, as well as three hypodermic needles and three spoons, one of which had white residue, and a knotted, clear plastic bag containing a white powder, which did not test positive for narcotics.

Roberts allegedly admitted that the baggie contained baking powder and that he intended to sell to someone as a real controlled substance. Police also removed a ceiling console where two more needles and a clear plastic baggy containing white residue that tested positive for cocaine. The handgun had been reported as stolen in Walton County.

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Ronald Eric Hoback, a sand-

wich maker, 30, of 1305 S. Cedar Ave., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Aug. 26 on a charge of possession of a legend drug without a prescription. Hoback allegedly admitted buying three pills found in his backpack from a male in a trailer park. The pills were identified as methocarbamol 500 mg, a mild, non-scheduled muscle relaxer available only by prescription.

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Brandon Michael Grim, a cook, 24, of 310 Andrews Drive, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Aug. 26 on a violation of probation charge on original charges of DUI and leaving the scene of an accident.

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Wendy Beth Fleck, a waitress, 36, of 405 Government Ave., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Aug. 27 on a violation of probation charge on the original misdemeanor charge of worthless checks.

Thefts

A motorcyclist who stopped Aug. 26 to eat at a Niceville fast food restaurant, 1022 E. John Sims Parkway, reported that half an hour after stopping he walked back outside and discovered unknown person(s) had stolen his helmet and the vehicle tag. The stolen items were valued at \$235.

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A woman visiting her mother's home in the 1400 block of Cypress Street Aug. 29 discovered that unknown person(s) had stolen an \$800 air conditioning unit from the outside of the property. A neighbor reported seeing a truck with a trailer at the residence within the previous seven days but was unable to see what was loaded onto the trailer.

Criminal Mischief

A Niceville resident from the 100 block of Black Bear Circle reported Aug. 28 that someone drove over his lawn sometime overnight Aug. 27-28, leaving tire marks in the lawn. Five portable toilets in the neighborhood were also discovered tipped over.

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A Niceville resident reported that unknown person(s) scratched the driver's side of his vehicle sometime Aug. 26-27 while the vehicle was parked in the 200 block of Sweetwater Run. There were also a few small dents along the driver's side of the vehicle.

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Unknown person(s) stole the stop sign and pole from the northbound intersection of Palm Boulevard and 21st Street, it was reported Aug. 27. A Niceville city worker replaced the missing pole and sign.

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Vandal(s) caused an estimated \$1,000 damage to a pickup truck parked in the driveway of a residence in the 400 block of Greenwood Way, Niceville, sometime Aug. 27-28. A rock that appeared to have caused the large dent in the rear side panel of the vehicle was found nearby with writing on one side, "Leave town by 4!" and an obscene drawing on the other side.

Fire Department Reports**Niceville**

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls August 29, 2011, through September 1, 2011.

0 Structure Fire	6 Emergency Medical Calls
0 Vehicle Fire	1 Vehicle Crash
0 Other Fire	0 Vehicle Crash with Extrication
0 Illegal Burn	1 Other Emergency Calls
0 False Alarms	0 Hazardous Conditions

Street	Situation	Date	Time
SR85/NR123	False call	08/29/11	07:41
Everglade Drive	Medical	08/30/11	15:07
E. John Sims Parkway	Vehicle vs. pedestrian	08/30/11	21:03
N. Partin Drive	Medical	08/31/11	07:49
27th Street	Medical	09/01/11	07:11
Juniper Avenue	Medical	09/01/11	08:26
N. Partin Drive	Medical	09/01/11	13:34
Perdido Circle	Medical	09/01/11	17:52

Weekly Safety Tip: Store unused charcoal in a cool, dry place, because damp charcoal can ignite itself. Use a metal pail or garbage can with a tight lid and place it in an open space where heat can escape if self-ignition should occur.

Valparaiso

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

Street	Situation	Date	Time
N. Bayshore Drive	Breathing problem	08/05/11	18:35
Glendale Avenue	Overdose/poisoning	08/07/11	15:41
N. Bayshore Drive	Traumatic injury	08/08/11	12:42
N. Bayshore Drive	Breathing problem	08/08/11	12:49
Lanman Road	Fire alarm	08/10/11	19:59
Linden Avenue	Fire structure	08/10/11	20:03
Biscayne Lane	Fire structure	08/10/11	20:25
N. Partin Drive	Station move-up	08/10/11	20:42
Pine Avenue	Fire alarm	08/10/11	20:54
Valparaiso Parkway	Allergic reaction	08/11/11	03:11
N. John Sims Parkway	Fire service call	08/11/11	11:50
S. Bayshore Drive	Unconscious	08/11/11	11:52
Madison Avenue	Diabetic	08/12/11	03:33
Edge Avenue	Fall	08/13/11	12:56
Glendale Avenue	OD/poisoning	08/16/11	20:51
Madison Avenue	OD/poisoning	08/16/11	23:03
Ohio Avenue	Fall	08/17/11	00:33
Reeves Avenue	Fire service call	08/19/11	03:04
Valparaiso Parkway	Fall	08/19/11	12:43
Seminole Avenue	Medical alarm	08/20/11	16:30
N. Bayshore Drive	Sick call	08/20/11	18:37
S. John Sims Parkway	Fire alarm	08/22/11	00:22
Okaloosa Avenue	Abdominal pain	08/22/11	22:26
N. Bayshore Drive	Sick call	08/23/11	21:07
Glen Avenue	Choking	08/25/11	12:51
Chicago Avenue	Fall	08/27/11	15:58
S. John Sims Parkway	Breathing problem	08/29/11	14:38
Johnson Street	Chest pain	08/30/11	14:35

Let us never forget another "day that will go down in Infamy"—September 11, 2001 at 08:46 our world was changed. Go to http://wtc911.us/wtc_911_facts.html for details about that day and its impact. Please support your local emergency services departments. Never Forget 9/11.

North Bay

The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls August 29, 2011, through September 2, 2011.</p



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Location:
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Has your life changed because of the 9/11 terrorist attacks ten years ago? If so, how?



"I've noticed more security at airports."



"It hasn't affected me personally, but some of my family members who worked in buildings near the World Trade Center lost their jobs, and had to move here to Florida."

Ryan Walker, 25,
Niceville,
unemployed



"Not much."

Ernest Kirkland, 73,
Niceville,
retired Air Force



"It's given me a greater appreciation for the military."

Linda Phillips, 50,
Niceville,
Air Force civil servant



"All in all, it hasn't affected me, other than my disdain for the terrorist countries."

Gary Plyler, 53,
Crestview,
groundskeeper



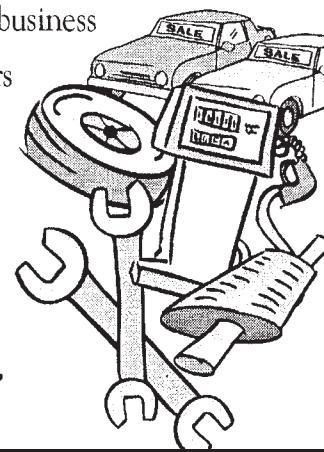
"I retired from the military about 11 months before the attacks, so the main effect on me is that security on military bases and at airports can be a hassle at times."

Jamie Clark, 49,
Valparaiso,
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was issued a notice to appear by Niceville police, Aug. 18, on charges of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, three pills of Xanax, and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

Richard A. Lowitz, a cook, 40, of 4616 Range Road, Niceville, was issued a notice to appear by sheriff's deputies Aug. 17 on charges of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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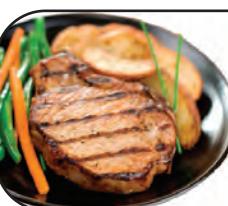
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Award-winning pianist to open symphony season

The Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra will open its 2011-12 concert season Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. with a "French Connection" concert in the Mattie Kelly Arts Center at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville.

The concert will feature pianist Ko-Eun Lee as a guest artist. The Gold Medal winner of the prestigious 2010 Wideman Piano competition, Lee will perform Saint Saëns' effervescent Piano Concerto No. 2. She has performed as a soloist with the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra, the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, among oth-

ers, and has won numerous national and international music competitions.

The all-French music program of the NFSO's Sept. 10 concert also includes the music of Berlioz and Georges Bizet. Composer Bizet is best known for his opera "Carmen," but his Symphony in C, which he wrote at 17, will make up the second half of the NFSO concert.

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Ko-Eun Lee

The 2011-12 season of the Emerald Coast's premier professional orchestra will present an extraordinary five-concert season of guest artists, joint performances with the newly formed Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale, and a concert-version of what is considered the greatest comic opera ever written, Rossini's "The Barber of Seville."

NFSO will again explore the rich world of opera with the season's second concert on Oct. 29 with a concert-version performance of Rossini's "The Barber of Seville." Bringing this masterpiece to life will be three guest



The Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, now in its 24th year, will open its 2011-12 season Sept. 10 with an evening of French music.



Sorority starts year with brunch

The Xi Beta Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Pi celebrated Beginning Day 2011-12 Aug. 28 with a Sunday brunch at Cantina Laredo, Destin. Those present included Brigitte Krasauskas, Fran Chiquette, Leigh Anne Heubusch, Carol Heubusch, Cyndi Anderson, Adrienne Wilson, Dottie Kime, Cathy Hess, Janice Jean, Diane Ruvio, Nikki Green and Marja Wilson.



Debbie Lewis

Debbie Lewis, Realtor with ERA American Realty of Northwest Florida Inc., Niceville, attended the Florida Realtors 95th annual Convention & Trade Expo Aug. 24-28 in Orlando.

Each year, the Convention & Trade Expo brings Realtors from around the state together to discuss and vote on key issues that shape their profession and state association.

In addition to committee meetings,

members attend educational seminars on topics as varied as handling short sales, social media trends, personal branding and home pricing strategies.

Cozy Drake of Niceville received her master's degree in clinical social work from Florida State University in August. Her future plans are to provide individual and group counseling to people struggling with issues such as anxiety, depression, trauma and relationship conflicts.

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Diane Freeman, Freedom Lounge manager, far left, and Heidi Blair, director of Northwest Florida USO, far right, with volunteers Jim Rabourn, left, and Bob Davis, right, pick up the goodies each Friday morning. The bakers, from left, Mitsuko "Mikki" Boartfield, Dolores Phillips, Mary Szwerluga, Nell Quinnelly, Jo Coats, Pastora Pieroni, Sandra Lundein, Hazel Reynolds, Jean Lainhart, Margaret Wesolowski, Elizabeth Reeser and Marie Balla.



Bass Pro gives to Scouts

On behalf of Destin Bass Pro Shop, Gary Feduccia presented a check to Billy Egan, field director of the Gulf Coast Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The more than \$1,700 given was generated by donations to the BSA taken by Destin Bass Pro in June.

SEASON

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vocalists, mezzo-soprano Maria McDaniel, tenor Adam Kirkpatrick and baritone David Murray. Sung in Italian with English supertitles, this concert

will undoubtedly prove to be one of the highlights of the season.

Dec. 9 marks the debut of the new Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale as they join the orchestra for an evening of holiday favorites and carol sing-a-longs. The Feb. 17 concert is the annual Stars of

Tomorrow event, sure to dazzle with guest artists from some of the finest young talent the area has to offer as well as the orchestra's tribute to the Old West in a performance of Copland's "Billy the Kid." The NFSO season finale on April 28 will feature three giants of clas-

sical music, Franz Josef Haydn and his two most talented students, Mozart and Beethoven.

NFSO season packages are on sale through Sept. 10 for \$115. Individual NFSO tickets are \$22.50 for adults or \$16 for youths 18 and younger. An active duty

military discount is available and NWFSC students may obtain one free ticket per student ID. "The Barber of Seville" is \$32.50 for adults and \$16 for youth.

Purchase tickets online at matiekellyartscenter.org or by phone or in person from the Box Office,

729-6000 or 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Doors open the night of the event at 6. Tickets purchased at the door are same price as advance tickets. See the symphony website for additional concert information and program notes at nfsymphony.org.

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Johnson-Carson

James and Mary Johnson of Niceville announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Johnson, to 2nd Lieutenant Thomas Carson, son of Brad and Sherry Carson, of Piedmont, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Niceville High School and a 2010 graduate of the University of Central Florida with a bachelor's degree in health science. She will receive a Master of Occupational Therapy degree from the University of Florida in December 2011.



Danielle Johnson and Thomas Carson

The groom-to-be is a 2009 graduate of the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in finance. He was commissioned in the U.S. Marine Corps in December 2009. He is stationed in Okinawa, Japan, with the 3D Marine Division.

A December wedding is set to take place in Roswell, Ga.



Allison Marie Hassell and Calen Michael Fretts

Hassell-Fretts

Scott and Sandy Hassell of Niceville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Marie, to Calen Michael Fretts, son of Tom Fretts of Courtland, Va., and Jill Zimmerman of

Calen is a 2003 graduate of Southampton Academy in Courtland and a 2008 graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in computer science. He is the owner of Alpha Web Presence, a web development company based in Niceville.

The couple will be married May 26, 2012, at the Eglin Air Force Base Bayview Club.

Wilburn-Anderson

Marcus and Beverly Wilburn of Freeport announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Rachel Lee, to Colby Lee Anderson of DeFuniak Springs.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Freeport High School and is a student majoring in elementary education.

The groom-elect is a 2000 graduate of Walton High School and is co-owner of Gulf Coast Insulation LLC.



An October 2011 wedding is planned at Saint Rita Catholic Church in Santa Rosa Beach.

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**Tea and book discussion**

The Friends of the Niceville Library will hold a tea and book discussion with author Nancy M. Kenaston at the Niceville Community Center, 204 Partin Drive, Sept. 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Kenaston worked at the Daily News, serving as editor during its transition from a weekly to a daily newspaper. She was also legislative aide to State Rep. Jerry Melvin for four years. She is the author of several history books, including "From Cabin to Campus," a story of the Okaloosa School System.

This program is free. To reserve a seat call Niceville Library at 729-4090.

Ladies' golf season

Bluewater Bay's Nine-Hole Ladies' Golf League 2011-2012 season will begin Sept. 7. The ladies will play nine holes, followed by lunch at the Bluewater Bay Clubhouse each Wednesday through May 30, 2012.

Info: Diane Chiquette, diane1157@aol.com or 897-4498.

Quickbooks class

"Quickbooks Basic" will be offered Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-noon, in Room 126 at the NWF/UWF Campus, 1120 Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Walton Beach.

See how QuickBooks financial software can help you take control of your business finances. Find out which QuickBooks product is right for you before you buy. See an overview of how QuickBooks simplifies tasks such as payroll, sales tax, job estimating, and job costing. The fee is \$50—Register and pay by credit card online at sbdc.uwf.edu to reserve a seat.

Cheer with RMS

All girls from K-4 through fifth grade are invited to cheer at an RMS football game Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m. All girls interested should meet at the ticket gate between Niceville High and Ruckel. Wear comfortable clothing (black, white or gold is preferred) and tennis shoes.

The cost is \$25 and participants will receive a snack and a spirit item with registration.

Info: rmscheer@ymail.com.

DAR meeting

The Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Sept.

8 at St. Simon's on the Sound Church at 10 a.m. Felicia Ritz, Constitution Week chairman, will present a program on the Constitution. All women lineally descended from a Revolutionary War patriot may attend meetings and apply for membership.

Seniors club event

Twin Cities Seniors Club will have a potluck and bingo event Sept. 8, 2 p.m. All 50 and older are welcome. Bringing a covered dish to share would be appreciated. Info: 678-8645 or 678-4346.

Aglow women's fellowship

Women's fellowship Fort Walton Beach Aglow, will hold its meeting with speaker Joni Ames Sept. 8, at Marina Bay Resort, 80 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Coffee and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10. The group will also have a meeting at 7 p.m., same location. Info: Barbara Williams, fwbaglow@yahoo.com or 678-1335.

Garden Club meeting

The Bluewater Bay Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the season Sept. 8, 9 a.m., at the Bluewater Bay Clubhouse on Bluewater Bay Boulevard. The meeting will begin at 9:30. Jennifer Lee will present "Cooking with Herbs," and discuss and demonstrate the merits of fresh versus dried herbs, and offer several unusual ways to use herbs in food preparation and have some recipes that feature herbs in a substantial way. This interactive program will include some tasting.

Guests and new members are welcome. Info: Jan Luckett, 897-6700.

Moms' morning prayer

For mothers of high school and college age students, Moms in Touch, an organization which gathers mothers to pray, will resume prayer for the 2011-12 school year Thursday mornings beginning Sept. 8 at 7:30 a.m. at the Niceville United Methodist Church. Contact Pia Elsesser, 729-0872 or elsesser@cox.net, for more information.

For more information about Moms in Touch International visit momsin touch.org.

Bird walk in Wright

Don Ware will lead a bird walk Sept. 10 at the landfill and spray fields in Wright. This site is one of the most prolific birding spots in the area for fall migrants and shore birds, and is the best place to see many different species. Meet at the Coach and Four Restaurant on Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, at 8:30 a.m. Bring a hat, water, sunscreen, insect repellent and binoculars.

Info: Don, 862-6582.

Women and Cars Workshop

Shelter House, a local domestic violence center, will present a Women and Cars Workshop Sept. 10 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Shelter House Administration Office, 102 Buck Drive, Fort Walton Beach.

Learn from a local, experienced

**Genealogists to see UWF archives**

The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County will take a trip to the University of West Florida Library Archives and History Center in Pensacola Sept. 10. Meet at Palm Plaza, Niceville, at 8:30 a.m., to carpool. Visitors welcome. Info: 678-2023.

mechanic how to check fluids, change a tire, check tire pressure and how to change your oil. Find out how to talk to your mechanic, which questions to ask and what really needs to be done to your car. This workshop is free and open to all women. To register, call Shelter House at 243-1201, visit shelterhouseuwf.org or email info@shelterhouseuwf.org.

Christian concert set

The "We Are the Beggars" Christian concert tour will come to Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1200 Valparaiso Blvd., in the Parish Life Center, Sept. 10. Doors will open at 7 p.m. The concert will also include Ike Ndola Band, Audrey Assad and Ennie Hickman. General admission tickets are \$10, and VIP youth event tickets are \$15. For tickets: call 678-7813, email holynam@holynamchurch.org or visit Holynam.tix.com.

Floral design classes

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs will offer "Floral Design Studies" this fall. The program will teach the basics of floral design. Classes are scheduled for 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sept. 10, and the first Saturday in Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb. and March. Cost is \$75.

Obtain a registration form from the Valparaiso Community Library, call 678-2842 or email marieharrison@valp.net to have one sent to you.

Genealogical Society trip

The September meeting of the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County will be a field trip to the

University of West Florida Library Archives and History Center located on the main campus in Pensacola. The meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. Visitors are welcome. Meet at the Palm Plaza parking lot on John Sims Parkway, Niceville, at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. Info: 678-2023.

Watercolor on Yupo class

Explore the unusual effects achieved using Yupo for watercolors Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m.-noon, at the Arts and Design Society, 17 First St. SE, Fort Walton Beach. Cost is \$30 for ADSO members, \$35 for nonmembers, plus a \$5 supply fee.

Info: artsdesignssociety.org or 244-1271.

Literacy month event

Celebrate literacy month at the Niceville Library, 206 N. Partin Drive, for the reading of "The Magic School Bus Gets Crabby," Sept. 10, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Touch tanks with land and marine crabs will be available for the children to observe.

Information about Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park will also be presented. The program is free to the public.

Grant writing course

The Niceville Public Library will host an "Introduction to Grant Writing," presented by Dr. Anne Holt Sept. 10 at the library, 206 Partin Drive N., 9 a.m.-noon.

The program will cover: grant writing guidelines, model narrative budget, Florida funders list, writing

do's and don'ts, and tips on finding matching funds. The cost is \$30, payable at the door. Registration is required since space is limited. Register at the Niceville Library Reference Desk, call the library, 279-4868, ext. 1504, or contact Holt, 850-977-5110 or aholt@aholt.com.

Book signing, discussion

Bayou Book Company welcomes Auburn Research Associate Mark Hains to sign copies of and discuss his new book, "Year of the Pig," Saturday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The book chronicles his study of wild pigs in 11 states.

Info: Bayou Books, 678-1593 or bayoubookcompany.com.

5K Fun Run

The second annual Hollyday 5K Fun Run will be held Sept. 10 at 7:30 a.m. The run will start and end at Village Baptist Church, 101 Matthew Blvd., Destin. Register early at active.com for \$25. Registration on the day of the race will be \$30.

Proceeds will benefit Shred Out Cancer, a nonprofit organization in memory of Holly Burke. Door prizes will be raffled, and advanced tickets will enter participants into a YOLO board drawing.

Info: Cathy, 582-0806.

September hikes

The Florida Trail Association announces the following events to be held in September:

Sept. 10, 6 a.m. Trail maintenance on Eglin near Crestview. Eglin permit required. Info: 850-492-8258; Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m. Hike in Blackwater River State Forest. Info: 850-484-1200.

0528. For more information, visit choctaw.floridatrail.org.

Sept. blood drives

The following blood drives will be held in the Niceville-Valparaiso area in September:

Sunday, Sept. 11—Northwest Florida Regional Airport—10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 19—Twin Cities Hospital—9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 26 and 27—Northwest Florida State College, Niceville—10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wine & cheese fundraiser

The Magnolia Grill Restaurant, 157 Brooks Street SE, Fort Walton Beach, will host a wine and cheese fundraiser to benefit the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida Sept. 11, 2-4 p.m. Bring your family and friends and enjoy an afternoon at the Magnolia Grill to help "Save History!" Enjoy wine and food, live entertainment, and participate in a silent auction. Tickets are \$25; \$20 for museum members; police, firefighters and paramedics tickets are \$10. To purchase tickets call 678-2615.

Girls softball tryouts

Niceville's High Intensity 10U girls softball will hold try-outs Sept. 11, 2-5 p.m., at the Niceville Softball Complex.

Info: Carrie Summerlin, 240-2221.

Braille transcription course

Northwest Florida Visionnaires Inc., a nonprofit charitable volunteer organization which serves the visually handicapped, will offer a free Braille transcription course to teach the skills to transcribe textbooks into Braille for blind children. The course will be held Mondays from Sept. 12 through April 2012, from 10 a.m.-noon., at the Niceville United Methodist Church Community Life Center, 214 S. Partin Drive. No previous experience with Braille or the blind is necessary. Info: Bettie Downing, 897-3383.

VFW Post meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Niceville-Valparaiso Kent Purcell VFW Post 10090 will be held Sept. 12 at the DAV Hall, 920 Hospital Drive, Niceville, at 7 p.m. Info: post10090@flvfw.org. Members and potential new members are welcome.

Square Dance Lessons

The Agape Squares will offer square dance lessons beginning Sept. 12 from 6:75 p.m. at the Niceville United Methodist Church, in the

Community Life Center. The first three lessons are free, after, lessons are \$3 a person.

Assisted living meeting

All are invited to the next Florida Assisted Living Association meeting Sept. 13, 10 a.m., at Sterling House Bluewater Bay. The guest speaker will be Mike Phillips from the Ombudsman Program. He will be speaking on the changes in the Ombudsman program and the difference in Ombudsman and AHCA. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

Professional training

The American Society for Training & Development September program will be "Moving From Evidence To Proof: Are You There?" presented by Julie Ray, Ed.D. and Kandi Gardiner of HumanResource Solutions Inc., Destin. The program will be held Sept. 13, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, Building K. The cost is \$17 for nonmembers, \$12 for chapter members.

To RSVP, email Tracey Tapp at astd.ec.hospitality@gmail.com or visit astdemeraldcoast.member.lodge.org.

After school program

Catch the Magic School Bus each month in Youth Services at the Niceville Library. Children ages 6-12 years old meet the second Tuesday of each month from 4:15-5:30 p.m. in the program room. Every month the program will focus on a different Magic School Bus book and will include fun facts, hands-on activities, cool science and, of course, a Ms. Frizzle mystery or two. Registration is required. Visit Youth Services to register. The first meeting will be Sept. 13 when the Magic School Bus goes "Inside Ralphie." Info: 279-4863, ext. 1514.

Chamber breakfast

The Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce will hold its second Wednesday breakfast Sept. 14 at the Niceville Community Center,

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BEACON SPORTS

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Wednesday, September 7, 2011



Eagle defense leads NHS to first home grid win Inexperienced offense shows promise

By Sarah Clauson
Beacon Correspondent

The Niceville Eagles kicked off their season with a 24-13 victory over East Gadsden last Friday night. The season opener brought out droves of fans eager to offer support, and to get a glimpse of this year's team.

With a solid defensive line-up, filled with many returning starters, all eyes were on the relatively inexperienced offense. Led by junior quarterback (and kicker) Andrew Mitchell, the offense scored 17 in the first half, while the defense kept the Jaguars at zero.

Mitchell put the first three on the board with a field goal late in the quarter. The momentum continued into the second quarter when Mitchell connected to Terrell Nichols for a

36-yard gain. A touchdown was soon to follow by running back Denzel Applewhite. Their very next drive also led to a score as Mitchell connected with Tyree McCants, who ran the ball into the end zone early in the fourth quarter.

Momentum slowed in the third quarter. The Eagles had some big plays, but weren't able to score on them. Early in the quarter they were forced to punt, but came up with possession of the football. A fumble at first and goal gave the Jaguars possession, but an interception by Demetrius Davis put the ball back in Eagle hands. The back and forth continued until the Jaguars scored two touchdowns within a minute, to narrow the gap to 17-13.

With their lead dwindling, the Eagles fought back and after a four-minute drive added the final seven points to the score. From the three-yard line, Jon Hudson powered over the pile of defenders into the end zone early in the fourth quarter.

The Eagles showed promise on both sides of the ball, even if they did encounter a few hiccups and missed opportunities. Head coach John Hicks referenced some early season inconsistency along with some strength.

"At times we did well, at times just so-so," said Hicks. As for the inexperienced offense? "A lot of guys contributed, a lot of different people stepped up," he said.

The Eagles hit the road this week against Pace. Their next home game will be Sept. 23 against Navarre, the first district game of the season.



Beacon photos by Sarah Clauson

Niceville's defense stood tall and the offense scored enough to defeat East Gadsden, 24-13, in the Eagles' first home game of the season Friday. Above, Eagles Alex Alford (21), Malik Williams (27) and Trey Barnes (11) throw an East Gadsden ball carrier for a loss.



Lewis runners place in meet

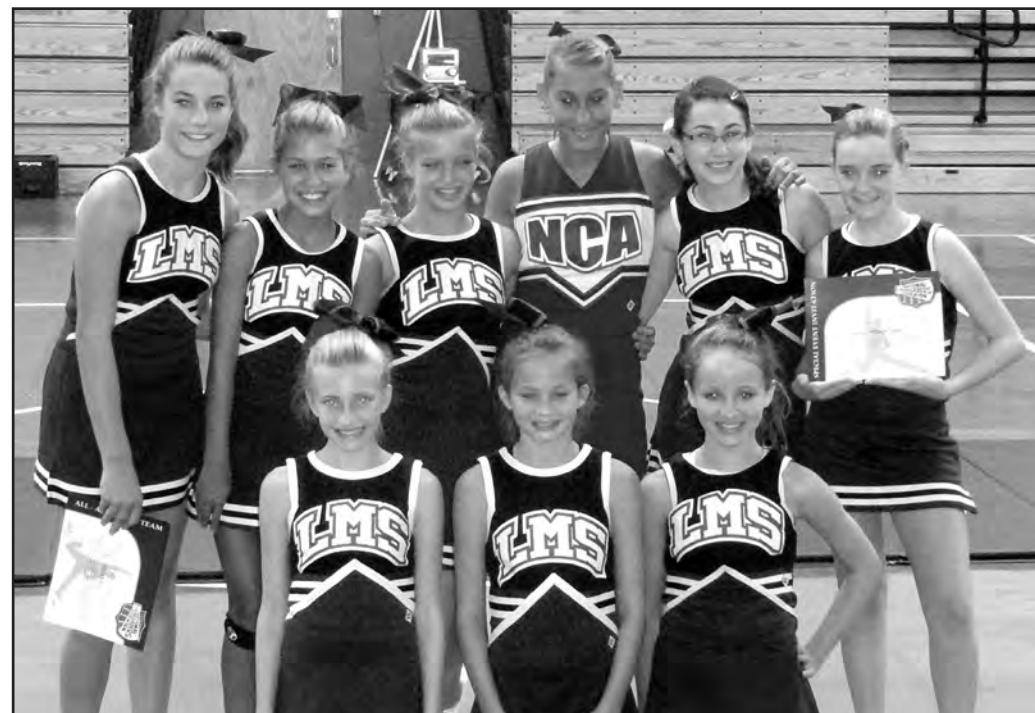
On Saturday, Aug. 20, several members of the Lewis cross country team participated in the Josh Sprinkle 5K Run at the Landing in Fort Walton Beach, with five of the runners placing in their age groups. Lewis tied with Niceville High School for having the most participants representing their school, earning the team a \$200 donation. From left: back row, Justin Haymond, Cameron Gilbert, Hannah MacDonald, Nathan Bohler, D'Angelo Swafford, Mitch Morken (first in age group), David Rivera (second in age group), Zachary Fralish, Kjersten Bartee and Jason Nodjomian (third in age group); front, Gabe Bohler (first in age group), Zach Hartzog, MacKenzie Reid (second in age group), Maddy Jansen, Jacob Hohman (third in age group), Kaelynn Bartee and Jayda Brooks.



Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson

Ruckel outscores Lewis

Ruckel's Baytnn Hicks carries the ball against Lewis Thursday evening as the Rams topped the Falcons, 22-6.



Lewis cheerleaders win awards

Lewis School cheerleaders attended National Cheerleaders Association summer camp, winning four superior awards for cheers and chants, the S.P.O.T. award for stunting, the Technical Excellence award, a Special NCA Invitation award and a NCA National Championship Bid. Everyone on the squad was nominated for All-American and three were chosen: Ali Hlatky, Korey Morelli and Hannah MacDonald. From left: rear, Ali Hlatky (captain), Cameron Gilbert, Korey Morelli, NCA cheerleader Erica Bruggeman, Katelin Koenigkramer (captain) and Kelsey Howell; front, Mekenzie Reid, Rylee Thompson and Hannah MacDonald.

Sports Briefs

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Young golfers excel

Two young Niceville golfers, Andrew Smith and Kayla Bloor, were among those who won Summer Tour divisional titles and AJGA exemptions in the second annual Edwin Watts Summer Tour Championships at Marcus Pointe, Aug. 20-21.

After Day One six players were within two strokes of each other to determine the winner of the Boys Overall 14-18 title and the crystal Edwin Watts Trophy. After Sunday's front nine, Smith was separated from three other golfers by just one stroke. At the end, he finished third, just two strokes behind the winner.

On the girls side, Bloor was separated by just one stroke from the eventual champion after the first day, but she finished second by two shots, with Niceville's Antonia Poate another two shots back in third.

In the Boys 14-15 division, Smith finished second by one stroke for the champions Silver Plate. According to the

organizers, Smith is one of the most improved players of 2011.

The Boys and Girls 10-11 division provided the customary fireworks with Niceville's Lauren Miller finishing third in a scorecard playoff with the second-place winner.

In the Boys and Girls 7-9 division, Destin's Madison Tenore continued her undefeated summer season with two solid rounds of 42, 40.

Softball tryouts Sunday

Niceville's High Intensity 10U girls softball will be holding try-outs on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 2-5 p.m. at the Niceville Softball Complex. For questions, call Carrie Summerlin at 240-2221.

Relay for Life run planned

The sixth annual Twin-Cities Relay for Life 5K/Mile Fun Run will be held Sept. 17 at 8 a.m. at Lewis Middle School, Valparaiso. Early registration for the 5K is \$15 and for the Fun Run, \$5. The 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 or e-mail samacd@valp.net with any questions.

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Wednesday, Sept. 7

Destin-Pryor, Jackson, cross country, 4

Ruckel@Shoal River, cross country, 4

Lewis-Davidson, cross country, 4

Destin-St. Mary, volleyball, 4

Lewis-Meigs, volleyball, 4

Ruckel@Davidson, volleyball, 4

Thursday, Sept. 8

Destin-Davidson, football, 6:30

Ruckel-Pryor, football, 6:30

RBCS@Walton High, volleyball, 5/6

NHS@Gulf Breeze, volleyball, 6/7

NHS@FWB municipal golf course, girls golf, 3

NHS short pentathlon, swimming, Parkwood, 3

Friday, Sept. 9

NHS@Pace, football, 7

RBCS-Baker, football, 7

NHS@Buchholz, volleyball, 3

Saturday, Sept. 10

NHS@Pace Invitational, cross country, 7 a.m.

RBCS-Maclay, volleyball, 1

NHS-Choctaw, swimming, Frank Brown Park, PCB, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 11

Okaloosa men's baseball, 1 and 4:30, Twin Oaks

Monday, Sept. 12

Lewis-Bruner, volleyball, 4

Ruckel-St. Mary, volleyball, 4

Tuesday, Sept. 13

RBCS@Pensacola Christian, volleyball, 5/6

NHS@Choctaw, volleyball, 5/6

NHS-FWB girls golf (Eglin course), 3

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CALENDAR

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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 The Manor at Bluewater Bay. Chamber members, their guests, and prospective members are invited to attend.

Concerto competition

The Northwest Florida Symphony Guild, in conjunction with the Northwest Florida



Symphony Orchestra and Northwest Florida State College, announce the

Free budget seminar

Carr, Riggs & Ingram will present a free brown bag luncheon, "How to Budget," Sept. 15 at the Fort Walton Beach Small Business Development Center, 922 Mar Walt Dr., Suite 203, from noon-1 p.m. To reserve your seat, register online at sbdc.uwf.edu.



25th annual Concerto Competition, open to students of orchestral instruments, piano and voice who are 23 years of age or younger.

Youth who enter compete for prize money and the opportunity to perform with the NFSO in a live "Stars of Tomorrow" concert.

For registration information, visit nfsymphony.org. Performers must

Art exhibits to open

The works of George Rodrigue and Karl Zerbe will be featured in the Mattie Kelly Arts Center galleries, Niceville, Sept. 10-Oct. 14. Rodrigue's "Blue Dog" has become an icon of Louisiana and rebuilding post-Katrina New Orleans.

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The Boathouse Landing

Relaxed waterfront dining, lounge and oyster bar

Advertising Feature

Nestled in the longleaf pines and shady oaks of Boggy Bayou, the Boathouse Landing in Valparaiso reflects the beauty and relaxed lifestyle of Northwest Florida. Family owned and operated by Nick and Lisa Sarra since 2001, the Boathouse Landing is the ideal choice whether you're looking for a casual meal with your family or for dinner before a show. The Bilge Pub offers two ways to unwind after a day of work or play, with a comfortable lounge inside, and a covered outside patio and oyster bar. Oysters on the half shell are now available in the lounge. Enjoy a half dozen with your favorite happy hour drink while playing NTN trivia.

The Bilge Pub offers happy hour Monday to Saturday, from 3 to 6 p.m., with different drink specials on tap each day. The Pub offers a shrimp boil every Sunday.

On Friday and Saturday nights, and Sunday afternoons, live music on the patio and outside dining deck is an eclectic mix of island, country and soft rock that adds to the dining experience at the Boathouse Landing.



Oysters on the half shell are available at our waterside oyster bar.

You may even catch a glimpse of dolphins swimming through the waters of Boggy Bayou.

The Boathouse Landing is open for both lunch and dinner all week. There's an extensive menu with something for every diner. "It's not just seafood," says Lisa. Favorites include ribeye steak, the Boathouse Grouper and the Oysters Rockefeller appetizer.

"We have four Early Bird

Specials we run from 4:30 to 6 p.m., seven days a week, except holidays," says Lisa. These delicious specials include Pecan-Crusted Fish with Garlic Beurre Blanc, Jumbo Fried Shrimp, Beef Tenderloin Tips with Marsala Mushroom Sauce and Pan-Sautéed Chicken Breast topped with Crab Meat, Asparagus and Hollandaise.

Being so close to Eglin makes the Boathouse Landing a great choice for people on base. Besides offering an excellent location for retirement lunches

and going-away celebrations, the Landing provides a menu of fast, delicious lunch options. One popular lunch hour choice is the Coconut Chicken Salad, big enough to make a meal in itself.

At Boathouse Landing you don't have to wait forever for a seat or for your meal. Fast, efficient service is the norm.

The Boathouse Landing's banquet facilities can be reserved to accommodate intimate parties of 15 or 16 people all the way up to large events of 75 or more. It would be hard to find a more lovely location to host a family celebration or reception than this restaurant, steeped in old Florida charm.

The Boathouse Landing also rents boat slips on a nightly and monthly basis. Many slips are also available for diners who choose to come in by water for a meal.

The Boathouse Landing is located at 124 John Sims Parkway in Valparaiso. Call the restaurant at 678-2805 or visit their website at www.theboathouselanding.com or on Facebook.



Nick and Lisa Sarra welcome you to dine with them at the Boathouse Landing, overlooking the shore of the Boggy Bayou, as they have for the last ten years.

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