

# The Bay Beacon

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Wednesday, November 9, 2011

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Thursday, 9:45, 11 a.m.



The **Mattie Kelly Arts Center** will be the site for "Junie B. Jones," the next installment of the **Children's series**. Tickets are \$6 each for the one-hour show.

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Saturday, 7 p.m.



The second showing of the documentary, "Niceville: A Fish Story," will be shown at the **Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida**. Admission is \$5 and popcorn will be served. Museum members are free.

Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



The annual **Pioneer Day** will take place at **Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park** in Niceville, featuring displays and demonstrations of the skills our ancestors used to tame the land. Admission is free.

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## Eglin cuts seen hurting local economy

By Mike Griffith  
*Beacon Correspondent*

Local political, business and community leaders expressed some reactions last week to the recent announcement that the Air Force plans to cut 351 civilian positions at Eglin Air Force Base and 100 at Hurlburt Field within

the next year.

The cuts are planned as a way of cutting costs for the Air Force and streamlining the Air Force's command and management structure, according to Air Force officials who announced the cuts last week.

Eglin officials said the 351 Civil

Service positions being cut pay, on average, \$100,000 a year. Their elimination may amount to as much as a \$35 million annual hit to the local economy.

Asked for his assessment of how the cuts will affect local communities, Okaloosa County Commissioner Dave Parisot said, "I hate to lose good pay-

ing jobs, but we have also gained jobs from the F-35 wing and the 7th Special Forces Group."

Parisot added that, "I'm not sure how many actual personnel losses" will result from the cuts, most of which will

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## Sharing & Caring grows to meet need



The Sharing and Caring facility in Niceville is undergoing a 640-square-foot expansion, expected to be complete by mid-December. Sharing and Caring provides food and other assistance to needy families. Delle Diamon, organization president, said the expansion comes at a time when it is much needed. "We have helped 35 percent more people during the first nine months of this year than in the previous year," she said. Story, A-3.

Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

## Toll bridge traffic falls a 5th year

But revenue hits a record high

By Mike Griffith  
*Beacon Correspondent*

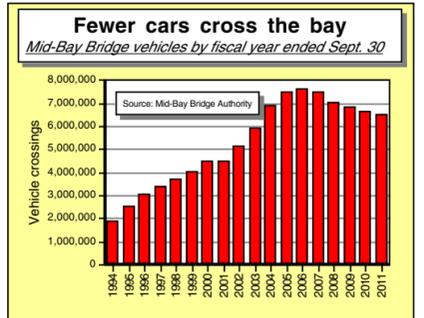
Despite declining traffic over the Mid-Bay Bridge, members of the bridge's board of directors remain confident that the 3.5-mile toll span can continue to pay off bonds issued to finance its construction, and of the new expressway being built to connect the bridge to State Road 20 and to State Road 85 north of Niceville.

Figures presented to the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority showed that traffic, at 6.5 million crossings for the year, continued to slowly but steadily decline throughout the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, as it had for the previous four years, although revenue, a record \$15.7 million, got a boost from a toll hike that took effect in summer 2010.

Traffic was also down for September 2011 from the same period a year earlier, after rising slightly in July and August.

So the fiscal year finished on a low note despite brief hopes that the traffic increase during the summer was a sign of a continuing recovery of traffic over the bridge. Bridge

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## Dogs may have their day in some eateries

By Del Lessard  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

Dog lovers may soon enjoy dining with their best friends in the outside portion of some Valparaiso restaurants.

The proposed ordinance is scheduled for second and final public hearing at the Nov. 14 city commission meeting which will

start at 6 p.m. in the Valparaiso Commission chambers, 465 Valparaiso Parkway.

During a special meeting Oct. 17 Valparaiso city commissioners held the first of two public hearings on proposed Ordinance No. 624. It would allow leashed dogs in designated outdoor portions of permitted restaurants.

The ordinance requires pet owners dining with their dogs to be completely separated from other diners.

"Some people like to share" their outings with their dogs, said Kay Hamilton, general manager of the Compass Rose restaurant in Valparaiso. She requested the city pass an ordinance allowing

pet owners to bring their dogs with them when they dine on the restaurant's outdoor deck. "A lot of our customers are interested," she said.

Hamilton noted that Fort Walton Beach passed a similar law allowing pet dogs in the out

Laura Miller, a bartender at Compass Rose and her mother Lynn Miller sit on the restaurant's deck with the family pet. The 23-pound, 2-and-1/2-year-old mixed breed was introduced as "Dolly Miller," an indication of how many families view their pets as part of the family.

Beacon photo by Del Lessard



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## Recalling secret air war 'Rustics' share Vietnam history in book

By Del Lessard  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

Jack Otis was a staff sergeant and admin clerk at Eglin Air Force Base in 1971 when he got an invitation to volunteer for a top secret mission.

Veterans Day events, B-1.

Otis, a native of Texas, was asked to volunteer because the Air Force knew he could speak French (thanks to several tours in France, the embassy in French Morocco, and his Parisian

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Then-Lt. Claude Newland, a U.S. forward air controller flying OV-10s from Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam, coordinated air support tactics with Cambodian military officers, from the left, Lt. Huot, Capt. Kohn Om, Capt. Ma Kim Ouem, and Lt. Sopuan.



Veterans of a covert war over the skies in Cambodia forty years ago met at a reunion in Fort Walton Beach last month. From left: Lendy Edwards, Kohn Om, Jack Otis and Claude Newland.

Beacon photo by Del Lessard

**BRIDGE**

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traffic is often seen as an indicator of the health of the local economy, as it indicates the number of tourists visiting the area, along with the amount of construction traffic to and from the Destin area, and the number of workers commuting between the Twin Cities and Destin areas—an indicator of overall employment and economic activity.

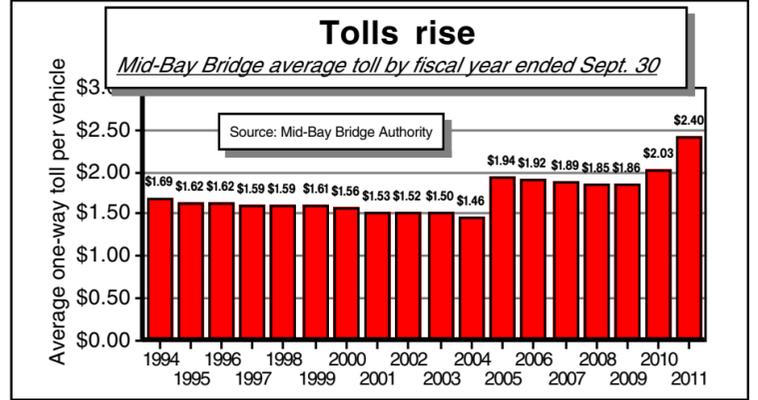
Traffic fell 10 months out of 12 in FY 2010-11, with July and August as the only up months. Overall toll revenue was up 16 percent from a year earlier, mainly due to the toll hike that took effect June 1, 2010, summer.

The average toll (total toll revenue divided by total trips) soared 18 percent, to \$2.40, including tolls paid by drivers of individual cars with and without discounts given to Sunpass electronic toll recording devices, as well as large trucks, which pay higher tolls. Under the increases that took effect in June 2010, two-axle cash tolls rose from \$2.50 to \$3 each way, while SunPass tolls rose from \$1.50 to \$2.

The higher tolls this year,

although producing more revenue, probably played a role in the continuing decline in traffic, as strapped motorists are forgoing some trips to save money during the national economic recession. Vest said that bridge traffic, although below that of previous years, “is a little above forecasts,” and that toll revenue is up from last year, largely because of last year’s toll hike.

Toll revenue from traffic over the bridge will remain the main source of revenue to the MBBA, even after the toll-charging second and third phases of the new connector road to



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the bridge become open to traffic in early 2014.

Vest said that the toll for cars on the new bridge connector, when it is completed, will be half that for crossing the bridge itself, with Sunpass subscribers paying \$1 per trip and other motorists paying \$1.50.

No human toll collectors will be employed on the connector, Vest said, and all tolls there will be collected either by the Sunpass system or by a new “toll by plate” system now being tested by the State of Florida, which will photograph and read license plates of passing vehicles, then send bills to the owners.

According to previous toll and revenue reports from the MBBA, however, most traffic over the bridge goes to and from the Niceville area, from which many local residents travel over the bridge for work, shopping, dining, or visits to beaches along the Gulf of Mexico. For such local residents, SR 20 will remain the shortest, as well as cheapest route to the bridge.

Visitors from farther north, such as out-of-state tourists and vacationers, will have the option of paying the extra toll to use the new connector between SR 85 and SR 20, but may also choose to take the longer but toll-free route south on SR 85 and then east on SR 20 to the toll-free portion of the bridge connector, as they do now. No one yet knows how many visitors will choose to pay extra to take the shortcut.

MBBA Chairman Gordon Fornell was asked if he remains confident that the MBBA will be able to pay off its bond debt as planned. “Oh yes,” he replied. “Absolutely.”

Fornell said that about 75 percent of toll revenue from the bridge goes to paying down the MBBA’s debt, while the remainder covers other costs, including operation and maintenance of the bridge and its connecting roads.

Fellow MBBA board member Virginia Asthana was also confident that the MBBA will have no trouble paying its bond debt, even if traffic does not increase. “I don’t believe that is a concern at this time.” Asked what effect the connector tolls will have on helping to pay off the bond debt, Asthana said she had no figures readily available on that.

A similar, though less heavily used, toll bridge in Santa Rosa County has failed to meet revenue expectations and this year had trouble paying its debts from operating revenue.

Vest said that the MBBA’s current \$16 million debt to the Florida Department of Transportation will be reduced to \$10 million when the current widening project on State Road 20 is complete, as SR 20 is a state road being improved by the MBBA. He said he expects the entire debt to the FDOT to be paid off within the next five years.

Vest also said that the MBBA may receive some additional funds from British Petroleum in the coming year to make up for toll revenue lost because of the decline in bridge traffic during last summer’s BP oil spill. However, he said, the exact amount, if any, will not be known until all the data from this year’s traffic and tolls have been processed, probably by the end of this calendar year. Vest told the MBBA board to expect an end-of-year report on traffic and finances during their December meeting in Destin.

# Busier than ever, Sharing and Caring expands building

By Mike Griffith  
Beacon Correspondent

The Sharing and Caring facility on Bullock Boulevard in Niceville is undergoing a 640-square-foot expansion, expected to be complete by mid-December.

According to Sharing and Caring President Delle Diamon, the expansion is being funded by a gift of nearly \$60,000 "from the estate of a lady in Niceville who passed away recently."

Sharing and Caring provides food and other assistance to needy families in the Niceville area.

Diamon said the expansion of the Niceville facility comes at a time when it is much needed. "We have helped 35 percent more people during the first nine months of this year than in the previous year," she said, and the need for space has grown with the clientele. Many of the new clients, she said, "are coming to us for the



Sharing and Caring on Bullock Avenue, Niceville.

first time in their lives to ask for help."

The expansion, Diamon said, will provide extra space for interview rooms where Sharing and Caring volunteers interview and counsel clients, and space for more computers to help clients connect with other agencies such as Jobs Plus in Fort Walton Beach, or to apply for food

stamps and other assistance.

"Transportation is a problem for many of our clients who don't have cars," Diamon said, so being able to connect via computer to other relief agencies from the Niceville Sharing and Caring office is important to them.

Some of the new space may also be used for storing the food, toys, and other materials brought

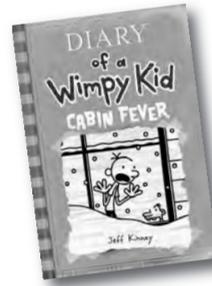
to the Sharing and Caring office for distribution to those in need. "We are very grateful to all the people who have been bringing food and other supplies to us," Diamon said, "and we've had to rent a pod to store all the toys people have been donating."

Diamon said that Sharing and Caring began in 1989, in some loaned space at Niceville First United Methodist Church. The organization moved into its present building on county land in 1990, when the building had only 1,408 square feet. The building was expanded by 450 square feet in 1998 with the help of the Niceville-Valparaiso Kiwanis Club, and the current expansion will add 640 square feet.

Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30 of this year, Diamon said, Sharing and Caring provided food and/or financial help to 7,188 people in about 2,800 families.

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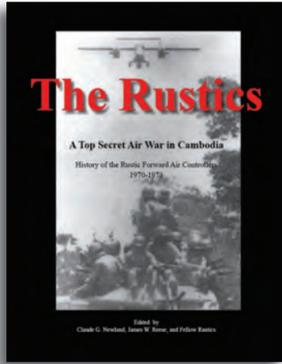
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marriage to a French bride).  
 "Where to?"  
 "Can't tell you."  
 "Doing what?"  
 "Can't tell you . . . but you will be on flying status."  
 Intrigued by the offer of flying, Otis volunteered, left his wife and two young children in a Shalimar trailer park, and was soon back in Vietnam for a second time (later transferring to Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base). He was soon flying combat missions from the backseat of OV-10s (or side-by-side within O-2s) with a group of Air Force forward air controllers (FACs) in what was a covert war in Cambodia.  
 Their call signs were "Rustic," and for three years the Rustic FACs—and often their airborne interpreters—acted as spotters, flying over enemy positions in their lightly armed, slow, propeller-driven small planes. They used their birds-eye vantage points in coordinating and directing bombing and strafing runs by the heavily armed tactical bombers flown by other U.S. airmen in sup-

port of Cambodian-government ground forces.  
 The Rustics' story is well-told by veteran American and Cambodian airmen in a new book, "The Rustics, a Top Secret Air War in Cambodia," edited by Destin resident Claude G. Newland, James W. Reese, and other former Rustics. The book is dedicated to three Rustic FACs killed in action over Cambodia—1st lieutenants Garrett Edward Eddy, Michael Stephen Vrablick and Joseph Gambino Jr.—whose names are inscribed in the Vietnam War Memorial Wall.  
 The Rustics' book, a print-on-demand volume for sale on the website Lulu.com, gives the background for this once-classified war, summarized here:  
 To stem the flow of Communist war materials being sent through officially neutral Cambodia and into South Vietnam, President Richard Nixon announced April 30, 1970, a two-month ground incursion into Cambodia by American and South Vietnamese troops, supported by U.S. air power. The incursion caused a war-weary Congress to limit presidential war powers, but Nixon, determined to continue

fighting Communists in Cambodia, acted covertly, authorizing U.S. FACs to support the friendly Cambodian army on the ground by directing U.S. fighter strikes in Cambodia. Thus, the Rustic FAC mission was formed at Bien Hoa Air Base, South Vietnam, in late June 1970.  
 Language was one of the first obstacles that Rustic FACs had to overcome—few Cambodians spoke English and none of the FACs spoke Cambodian. Because of their recent colonial past, many educated Cambodians spoke French, unfortunately a language few FAC pilots spoke. At first a few Cambodians flew in the backseat as interpreters, including Lt. Col. Kohn Om, a Cambodian pilot (MiG-17, A1-E Skyraider, T-33) who is now an American citizen and lives in Virginia. But there

weren't enough interpreters for every mission.  
 Fresh from training at Hurlburt Field to fly the OV-10 as a FAC, then-1st Lt. Newland arrived at Bien Hoa in August 1970 as a Rustic FAC and unit training officer. Kohn Om was one of his first students to learn the basics of providing air support to ground troops and to later set up an air-ground operations school for Cambodians.  
 With too few interpreters the Air Force searched for French-speaking volunteers like Otis. The initial cadre came from all backgrounds and ranks, from airman to captain.  
 "These interpreters were the real key to the success of the OV-10 Rustics," according to the Rustics' book. "They all fell in



Memoirs recently published by the Rustics.

love with the mission and became very proficient at navigation, visual reconnaissance, record-keeping and flying. Most of the pilots would let the backseater fly the plane if there wasn't much going on."  
 At the Rustics' recent reunion in Fort Walton Beach, Otis (call sign Rustic India), now a retired master sergeant living in Myrtle Beach, S.C., said, "I would have paid them to be there."  
 Like other interpreters, Otis soon acclimated to flying in the often sweltering back seat of the OV-10 while flying five-hour missions over Cambodia, communicating with Cambodian troops on the ground.  
 Within a year Rustic pilots like Ledy Edwards (Rustic 20), of Shalimar, were being sent to language school to learn basic French before deploying to Southeast Asia.  
 In April 1972 Edwards arrived at Ubon in Thailand (where the Rustics had moved from Bien Hoa) as a Rustic FAC flying missions over Cambodia, often flying without an interpreter because of his language training.  
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7.72 mm machine guns and up to 38 rockets, in addition to a half dozen white phosphorous marking rockets, Edwards said. Rustic FACs were authorized to use those weapons against enemy targets when fighter craft were unavailable, and often did, he said.  
 "We were family. We had a tremendous bond," said Edwards about the Rustics. "Flying with the Rustics was one of the most rewarding missions of my (24-year Air Force) career," Edwards said. "I loved the feeling of helping the guys on the ground," he said, "even though we (eventually) pulled out and it was for naught."  
 While the Rustics missions were highly classified, Newland said their cover was "blown" a few months after starting when a Newsweek magazine cover showed an OV-10 buzzing a Cambodian convoy. A copy of that photo is on the cover of the Rustics' nearly 500-page book.  
 "Lots of folks thought being an FAC was a crazy idea," Newland said, putting themselves right over the action in light aircraft. "The very last day Americans dropped a bomb (Aug. 15, 1973), the Rustics were there," he said.

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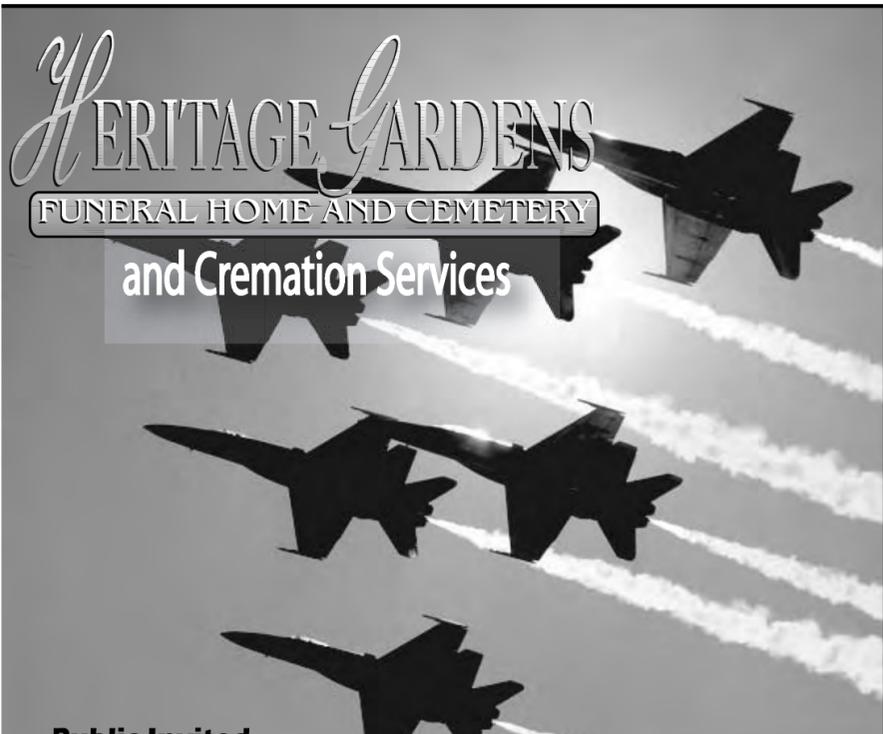
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The following accounts of the activities of police are according to records of the Niceville and Valparaiso police departments, the Okaloosa County and Walton County sheriff's offices, other law-enforcement agencies, and the Okaloosa County and Walton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

### Arrests

Stephanie Brooke Sandstrom, a student, 27, of 705 Helms St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Oct. 24 on a charge of fraud against a computer user, a third degree felony.

Sometime March 4-5, 2011, Sandstrom allegedly gained access to the Facebook account of a former friend. The victim was alerted by text notification March 4 and March 5 that attempts had been made to reset her Facebook account password. The victim was initially unable to access her Facebook and Yahoo email accounts because of a password change, but eventually gained access late March 5. The victim discovered several embarrassing emails and provocative images sent to friends and acquaintances during the time her accounts were compromised.

On May 18 a search warrant was executed on Sandstrom's address and two laptop computers seized as evidence. Computer analysis by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement recovered several images along with specifically related Internet history and log-in activity on one of Sandstrom's laptops. Sandstrom allegedly denied any involvement and told deputies that several persons had access to her home, computer and passwords during the time of the

occurrences, but declined to identify those persons.

Joseph Anthony Boulden, a laborer, 30, of 503 Johnson St., Valparaiso, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Oct. 27 on a charge of theft, \$300 or more but less than \$5,000. On Sept. 30 Boulden allegedly stole the washing machine, refrigerator and a window air-conditioner from the trailer he had been renting through Sept. 30 in Fort Walton Beach, 326 Carmel Drive, #35.

James Taylor Ward, 19, of 13856 W. Highway 20, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Oct. 26 on a charge of failure to appear on original charges of child neglect, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jason Christopher Mason, a bartender, 31, of 1309 Keturah St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Oct. 27 on a misdemeanor worthless check charge.

Warren Leigh Nelson, a driver, 54, of 254 Edge Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Oct. 26 on a Santa Rosa County warrant on the original charge of hit and run, leaving the scene of a crash with property damage.

Steven William Roberts, a military reservist, 24, of 1722 Union Ave., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Oct. 25 on charges of providing false owner ship information on pawned items, theft of more than \$300 but less than \$5,000 and dealing in stolen property. In August Roberts is alleged to have stolen a video game system and four video games valued in total at \$400 from the victim's residence, then pawned the items in Destin Aug. 11, claiming that he owned the items.

Richard James Bennett, a truck driver, 55, of 221 Deer St., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Nov. 3 on a charge of leaving the scene of an accident without rendering aid. On Sept. 18 Bennett allegedly backed his car up, with the driver's door open, knocking down and dragging another man about 20 feet in a parking lot, 626 W. John Sims Parkway, then leaving the scene. EMS later transported the victim to Twin Cities Hospital for his injuries.

Jason John Day, a construction worker, 37, of 1018 Alderwood Way, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Nov. 3 on a charge of violating a domestic violence injunction.

Jamie Delaine James, a massage therapist, 38, of 263 Grandview Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by Niceville police, subsequent to a traffic stop for an extinguished tag light, Nov. 3, on a charge of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

Patrick Richard Novinski, 22, of 507 23rd St., Lot A, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Oct. 31 on charges of battery, domestic violence, aggravated battery on a pregnant victim and burglary. Novinski allegedly struck a family member in the face several times. When the victim went to her neighbor's residence, Novinski allegedly followed and pushed the pregnant neighbor out of the way when

she tried to block him from entering her home. Once inside the neighbor's house Novinski allegedly spit in the neighbor's face then continued his attack on the family member.

Sarah Josephine Griffin, a manager, 37, of 928 Linden Ave., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Oct. 29 on a charge of domestic violence battery.

William Richard Davis Jr., a dishwasher, 20, of 2 Jonathan Court, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Oct. 26 on charges of trespassing, misdemeanor theft and dealing in stolen property. Davis and another man allegedly forced entry into a fenced area at a Niceville business, 210 Government Ave., stole wire, then drove to Fort Walton Beach to sell the wire for scrap.

Joel Vincent Valenti, 27, with an at-large address in Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Oct. 29 on charges of grand theft, fraudulent use of credit cards, and uttering false instruments. Between May 26 and June 30 Valenti



Joel Vincent Valenti

allegedly cashed \$370 worth of checks stolen from a former girlfriend and used the victim's ATM card without authorization in the amount of \$641. Valenti was also charged the same day with two counts of giving false owner information on pawned items, two counts of burglary and two counts of dealing in stolen property related to two Fort Walton Beach burglaries in July. Valenti was also charged with failure to appear on original charges of forging altered instruments, nine counts, and nine counts of passing forged or altered bills or promissory notes.

### DUI arrests

David Warren Beattie, a hospital worker, 56, of 4671 Browning Court, Crestview, was arrested by Niceville police for DUI on Highway 85 at Highway 20, Oct. 28 at 5:58 a.m.

### Thefts

A Niceville resident from the 1600 block of 26th Street reported Oct. 30 that someone broke into his residence twice last week, stealing a video game station valued at \$300 from his bedroom earlier in the week and on the night of Oct. 29-30 stealing \$420 rent money that was sitting on the TV stand in the living room.

Valparaiso police were called to the former Valparaiso Elementary School, 379 Edge Ave., Oct. 27 after a school district maintenance foreman reported one room had been broken into and a window broken in an attempt made to enter a second room. Three juvenile subjects were seen on surveillance video in the two rooms.

A window to the teacher's lounge was gained by three juveniles who used a brick to break a window in a door and gain entry. Once inside the room one of the three subjects smashed the glass to a vending machine to gain entry to the snacks.

The outer pane of glass on a door to classroom 22 was broken with a metal pole in an attempt to gain entry, but the inner pane did not break. The three suspects gained entry to classroom 22 by an unknown location, then ransacked a filing room, pulling out several wall and filing cabinets and dumping the contents on the floor.

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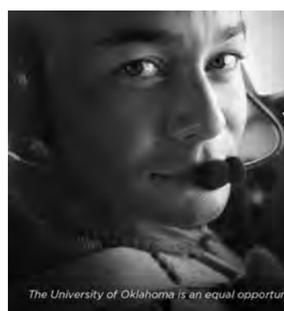
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# CUTS

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be of positions not currently filled, according to Air Force spokesmen.

Even among those civilian military employees who may actually lose their jobs, Parisot said, "Many will retire and stay in this area with their retirement incomes," so he remains optimistic that the economic impact will not be too severe.

"We've weathered this sort of storm before," he said.

Niceville Mayor Randall Wise said, "I'm sorry to hear about the cuts. It will hurt the local economy if the Air Force eliminates that many positions. It's sad news."

Northwest Florida State College Vice President David Goetsch said that to understand the impact of the cuts, one must remember that "there are two sets of numbers." In addition to the civilian positions being eliminated, he said, there are also about 64 positions being gained at Eglin and about 74 being gained at Hurlburt. In addition, he said, many of the cuts at the local bases are of "empty positions, being counted by the Air Force as if they were filled," thus showing cost savings on paper.

"Getting hung up on the numbers," Goetsch said, is unwise because, "It takes our eye off the ball." What matters most about the changes taking place at Eglin, Goetsch said, are two factors.

First, he said, "The flag pole is being moved from Eglin to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio," referring to the relocation of the two-star command billet of the Air Armament Center, the largest test and evaluation organization at Eglin, and considered the base's "crown jewel" because of the numerous well-paid engineering and technical jobs it brings to the area. Moving command of an Eglin organization to a place hundreds of miles away, he said, "does not bode well" for the future of the base, and may be the harbinger of more serious cuts to come as Washington faces increasing pressure to cut defense costs to stem the flow of red ink in the federal budget.

Second, Goetsch said, is what we don't yet know. There have been persistent rumors, he said, that the command structure of the 46th Test Wing, the main test organization within the Air Armament Center, will also be moved, to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. That would mean a serious reduction of Eglin's role as a test center for the Air Force.

What concerns him most, said Goetsch, is the possibility that Air Force leaders are planning "the erosion of Eglin as a research and development center, and its reestablishment as a training base," removing test programs and leaving such training units as the 33rd Fighter Wing, Army Ranger School, and Navy EOD School.

Such a transition, said Goetsch, could seriously change the economic and social impact of the military on the local community. Instead of bringing scientists and engineers to the area as permanent residents, the base

would bring young enlisted personnel and officers, most of whom would be here only temporarily, buying fewer homes and contributing less to the area economically or socially. Imagine, he said, "exchanging upscale shops and businesses for tattoo parlors and bars."

"That's our fear," Goetsch said, but added that thus far, it is only a fear, fueled by rumors, not by official statements from anyone in authority. Nevertheless, Goetsch said, he has heard many such rumors, usually from local defense contractors speaking to him confidentially.

Gordon Fornell, the chairman of the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority and a retired Air Force lieutenant general who previously commanded the Air Armament Center, said, "I have no feel for the likely impact" of the cuts. "It is still too early, and we have not assembled any data." Nevertheless, he said, there is certain to be "some impact," and the cuts "will be a loss for sure."

Valparaiso Mayor Bruce Arnold said, "It is too early to make predictions. I have no idea what's going to happen." He said the actual cuts will not be complete until the first of October next year. In the short run, he said, he is concerned that the announcement of impending cuts "will curtail people's expenditures during the Christmas season." In the longer term, he said, "I'm afraid for jobs, the housing market, and the general economy."

Dr. Rick Harper, of the Haas Center at the University of West Florida, said the Air Force's plans to move the command structure of the Air Armament center to Wright-Patterson do not make much sense to him.

"If the Air Force really wants to consolidate command functions," he said, "Why not move the command offices from Ohio to Eglin?"

Harper said it makes more sense to move the commanders, managers and administrators closer to where flying conditions are suitable for test flights than to move such ele-

ments away from Eglin, which offers "unique geographical assets," that produce a flying environment especially suitable for weapon-test flights. Such assets, he said, include large land ranges near an even larger ocean range, as well as consistently good flying weather. The area around Wright-Pat, he said, offers none of those things, and it will be difficult to command a test activities from hundreds of miles away from where the testing is actually done.

Like Goetsch, Harper expressed concern that the current changes are a foretaste of larger cuts to come, calling the current cuts "the camel's nose inside the tent." Moving the Armament Center headquarters away from Eglin, he said, "is not a good sign of things to come."

"The Defense Department," Harper said, "currently spends about \$6 billion per year in Okaloosa County. There is no other county in Florida with as great a reliance on Department of Defense dollars."

In Okaloosa, Harper said, about a billion dollars a year are put into the local economy by research and development programs. This differs from

military spending in his own region around Pensacola, he said, where the Pensacola Naval Air Station is primarily a training installation, and military spending in the local economy centers around "health, morale, and wellness" of military personnel.

Okaloosa Schools

Superintendent Alexis Tibbetts discussed how the pending cuts may affect education in her district, saying, "I would hate to see such a high-powered institution of scientists and engineers leave here." Military and civilian personnel from Eglin and Hurlburt, she said, regularly mentor local

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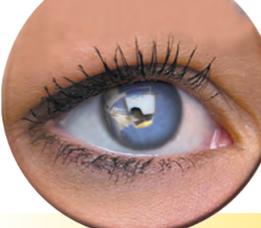
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**DOGS**

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door sections of local restaurants a few years ago and that many pet owners enjoy that opportunity. Florida statute 509.233 allows cities to exempt themselves from provisions of administrative code and allow dogs in public food service establishments, she said. Okaloosa County enacted an ordinance last year that allows restaurants in unincorporated

areas to obtain permits allowing dogs in outdoor areas. The city of Niceville does not allow dogs on restaurant premises. (Separately federal law requires food establishments to admit service dogs accompanied by their owners.) Under the proposed ordinance, which would allow only dogs, not other pets, restaurants would have to apply for a permit to allow dogs in a designated outdoor area of their business. A

restaurant would not have to allow animals. Compass Rose has a "lovely deck" overlooking scenic Toms Bayou, said Hamilton, a portion of which would be set aside for diners and their pets. "I think it will be a lot of fun," she said. The fee for restaurants to get a permit allowing dogs would be \$100. Among the provisions of the ordinance: —Ingress and egress to the designated outdoor area will not require entrance into or passage

through any indoor area or non-designated outdoor portions of the restaurant. —Employees would be prohibited from touching or otherwise handling any dog while serving food or beverages, handling tableware, or before entering other parts of the restaurant. —Dogs will be under control and on a leash at all times. —Employees and patrons won't allow their dogs to come into contact with dishes, utensils, tableware, linens, paper

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enforcement of the proposed ordinance Oct. 17 appeared to be split on whether the ordinance should be enforced by the city's building inspector/code enforcement officer, or police. In an unrelated action, the Valparaiso City Commission Monday will consider a proposed ordinance that would eliminate voice control as an allowable way to control dogs outside—in effect requiring all dogs outside to be leashed or fenced.



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Snow boasts that PoFolks' award-winning fried chicken rivals that of any other restaurant.



PoFolks, at 1170 John Sims Parkway in Niceville, has been offering delicious country cooking for the past 17 years.

Another popular item on the menu is the grilled fish, which is one of Snow's favorite items. He even says that the grilled fish may rival that of most seafood restaurants in Destin. The country fried steak and the fried green tomatoes continue to remain customer favorites.

"People are always going to eat," said Snow. "Whether or not they come eat with you depends on what kind of show you give them and whether you treat them

like a guest in your own home."

Every week, PoFolks has several specials for dining guests. For example, Tuesdays seniors can save 20 percent on their meals, and Wednesdays kids eat free all day. This is also on top of the daily lunch specials that run from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and all-you-can-eat specials.

PoFolks also offers a catering service for special events. It offers individual items, such as its famous fried chicken, or side items, such as vegetables. It also

has fruit and vegetable party trays.

In the future, Snow hopes to reintroduce the country cooking restaurant to the Florida Panhandle. Besides Niceville, the closest PoFolks locations are in Panama City and Enterprise, Ala.

"We're looking to expand specifically through franchising," said Snow.

PoFolks is located at 1170 John Sims Parkway, Niceville. You can contact PoFolks by phone at 729-2262. PoFolks is open from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

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**The Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution,** presented area mayors with 9/11 flags to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on U.S. soil. The DAR flags showed the Pentagon, Twin Towers and the Liberty Bell of Pennsylvania. Kay Dean Ham, chapter librarian, presented a flag to Mayor Randall Wise of Niceville and Mayor Bruce Arnold of Valparaiso.

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**Anna Klepser, Niceville,**

has been recognized by her co-workers as Eglin Federal Credit Union's



**Anna Klepser**

Employee of the Quarter.

She has been assisting EFCU members since 2001, when she began her career as a teller at the Mary Esther branch. She currently works as a BMS floater, in which capacity she serves members at various branches.

EFCU President Phipps McGee presented Klepser with the award at a recent staff meeting.

"Anna displays exemplary member service skills to each and every member and is always willing to go the extra mile for them," McGee said.

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## Two artists show views of home life



Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

**Joelle Dietrick's paintings, combining computer imagery with colors from the Sherwin-Williams line of house paints to depict dismembered homes, comment on the collapse of the U.S. housing bubble. The show at Northwest Florida State College will end Dec. 2.**

## Exhibits open at college

**By Mike Griffith**  
*Beacon Correspondent*

Two art exhibits, including one giving an artist's reaction to the crash of U.S. house prices, have opened for six-week showings at Northwest Florida State College.

The exhibits at NWFSC's galleries in the Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, feature bright colors



**Joelle Dietrick**

and imaginative imagery to depict some of the more distressing aspects of the American economy and home life.

Joelle Dietrick's "Sherwin Williams Series" is a set of drawings and paintings partly generated by a computer program Dietrick herself wrote. The program extracts imagery from websites advertising home foreclosures, creating works which recall the collapse of the national housing market in 2008.

Dietrick told the Beacon that she converted some of these images into black and white pen and ink drawings. Others, she said, were filled with colors from the 2007 Sherwin Williams Series of house paint colors, which were marketed just before the national housing "bubble" burst.

The broken, jumbled imagery, Dietrick said, is intended to illustrate the sense of frustration and loss of security felt by many people facing the foreclosure or declining value of their homes.

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## Lewis Honor Chorus singers

The following Lewis School chorus students were chosen to participate in the Oct. 17 All County Honor Chorus Concert: Brittney Booth, Wesley Brooks, Ryan Counsman, Catherine Crump, Blake Dean, McKenna Dean, Tanner Dean, Rachel Havard, Kelsey Howell, Madison Kleinsasser, Katelyn Koenigkramer, Anthony Litscher, Amber Ludwig-Lyon, Alexis Reid, Anthony Ricchio, Hannah Roos, D'Angelo Swafford, Alison Thomas, Michelle Tolentino, Nicole Tolentino, Jasmine Wallace, Donell Wells, and Veronica Whitfield. The Lewis School chorus director is Michelle Tredway.

## Veterans Day activities set

**By Mike Griffith**  
*Beacon Correspondent*

Doolittle Park, on John Sims Parkway in Valparaiso, will be the site of the community's annual Veterans Day commemoration ceremony at 11 a.m., Friday.

Col. David W. Hicks, commander of the 53rd Wing at Eglin

Air Force Base, will be the keynote speaker at the Doolittle Park ceremony, which includes a flyover by aircraft from Eglin's 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron.

Several local organizations this year have special activities planned to honor the area's many

military veterans on Thursday, Nov. 10 or Friday, Veterans Day itself.

—On Thursday local veterans will join students at Ruckel Middle School in the classroom all day, and in a ceremony featur-

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## Niceville native helps village in Guatemala

Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District engineer Amanda Lavigne, who grew up in Niceville, spent a week in Guatemala helping to improve the water supply in a mountaintop village. A University of Florida graduate, she joined the corps in 2010. It was her first time outside the U.S. The project was conducted by Engineers without Borders.



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## Tower of toys at NHS

Niceville High School collected more than 1,000 toys for the annual "Fur vs. Feathers" challenge with Crestview, which Niceville won by 27 toys. The toys, which will go to needy children for Christmas through Toys for Tots, were displayed on two huge piles for the Niceville-Crestview football game Friday night. From left: Rachel Shelikoff, Dylan Barbee, Brittany Henry, Megan Backhaus, Emily Thomas, Codi Schneider, Trevor Barnes and Elana Pete.



Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

## Plew runz for fundz

Students at Plew Elementary School ran laps around their school yard Wednesday, Nov. 2, as part of their annual "Fundz Run," a project to raise money to buy new school computers. The event raised more than \$41,000 in pledges. The Plew Panther also ran and walked along the track, encouraging students and stopping for an occasional hug. Although the Panther's alter ego was a closely-guarded secret during the event, the Beacon learned that the cat is closely related to volunteer Jerry Bailey.



## Food for thought at Lewis

Lewis School teacher Dood Wood's sixth graders recently completed a unit of study on the school lunchroom and nutrition. Cafeteria manager Genea Laird and a dietician provided answers to the students' questions and gave them a tour of the kitchen facility.



## Falcons create Veterans Day art

Bobbi Luna's sixth grade art students at Lewis School have been studying form and how form can be dimensional. In honor of Veteran's Day, the students decided to create patriotic-themed artwork to display in the hall for the upcoming Veteran's Day program to be held at the school Nov. 10.

## 5 named National Merit Scholars

Kevin Anderton, Catherine England, Marisa Hancock, Stephanie Hsiang and Gerrod Voigt were recently named semifinalists in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program from Niceville High School. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$34 million, that will be offered in the spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

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**BWB Garden Club meeting**

The Bluewater Bay Garden Club will present "Water Gardening" at its Nov. 10 meeting. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Bluewater Bay Clubhouse and will feature Niceville resident and Master Gardener John Palm, who built his own pond and helped with building the Butterfly House pond in Navarre. He will be assisted by Master Gardener, Jenny Gillis who participated in the creation of the pond in her yard. The importance of the balance and maintenance of fish, plants and nutrients in the pond ecostructure will be discussed and samples of pond plants may be shown.

**'Junie B. Jones' coming**

The Mattie Kelly Arts Center will present "Junie B. Jones" as the next installment of the Children's Series Nov. 10. All shows appear at either 9:45 or 11:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted and each runs about an hour. Tickets are \$6 each. Limited space may be available for the general public following group sales to schools. Instructional guides available for teachers. For information or group reservations call Delores



**Pioneer Day Saturday**

Pioneer Day, a family oriented event, is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park in Niceville. This free event (donations gladly accepted) is sponsored by Friends of Emerald Coast State Parks in partnership with the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida. Food will be available for donations. Info: 833-9144.

Merrill, Mattie Kelly Arts Center, 729-6065 or merrilld@nwfsc.edu.

**College info session**

Northwest Florida State College will host an information session Nov. 10 in Niceville at 6 p.m. and will cover "The Basics"—everything a prospective student needs to know about college admissions, enrollment, financial aid, academic program options, and more.

The session will include additional break-out sessions to provide information about the college's five bachelor's degree programs.

**'Fish Story' at museum**

The second showing of the documentary, "Niceville: A Fish Story," will be shown at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

The film, created by Stray Dog Productions, reflects on the history of Niceville and Valparaiso during the 1920s, the mullet fishing industry, its struggles through the years and the beginnings of the world's largest air force base. Popcorn will be served and drinks will be available. Space is limited, doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. Museum Members are free.

**Exchange Club celebrates**

The Niceville Exchange Club will celebrate its 25th anniversary Nov. 12 at the Back Porch, Destin. All members, former members, guests and friends of Exchange are invited. Social hour will start at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7. For reservations or more information, please contact Dorothy Miller at 678-4984 or ddotmiller@aol.com.

**SET**

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ing guest speaker Brig Gen. John P. Horner, commander of the 93d Air Ground Operations Wing, Moody AFB, Ga.

—Also on Thursday, Lewis School students will hold Veterans Day ceremonies in the gym. The 1 p.m. event is open to the public.

—Catholic Charities will

hold a "Complimentary Veterans Barbecue," Thursday, Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Catholic Charities office, 11 First St., Fort Walton Beach.

—On Friday, Veterans Day, AmVets Post 78, at 910 Valastics Ave., Valparaiso, will host a prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. Guest speakers will be U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller (R; Chumukla) and retired Lt. Col. Samuel Lombardo, a veteran of WW II.

AmVets members will also par-

ticipate in the Veterans Day ceremony at Doolittle Park at 11 a.m.

—Heritage Gardens Cemetery in Niceville plans a Veterans Day service starting at 9 a.m. The service will include the playing of "Taps" and a 21-gun salute, followed by refreshments. Guest speaker will be Col. Colin Miller, commander of the 46th Test Wing at Eglin.

—The local chapter of the Air Force Academy Association of

Graduates will hold a luncheon on Veterans Day for AOG members, veterans, friends and families. The luncheon will be held at the Compass Rose restaurant in Valparaiso. Guest speakers will include Col. Andrew Toth, commander of the 33rd Fighter Wing at Eglin, as well as a representative of the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). For information or to RSVP, call 279-7008 or john.bernhart@ml.com.

**ARTISTS**

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"My only message is to encourage people to think about their own situations, or those of their friends and family members," Dietrick said. "I'm not offering any solutions. I'm just trying to document these times."

Dietrick said she has spent much of her time as an art student and as an artist in foreign countries, including Germany and parts of the Middle East, and her travels have given her a broader view of life and art than she might have had otherwise. She said that this perspective has probably influenced her view of the current economic situation in America, but could not say exactly how her travels have influenced any specific works.

Another influence on her work, she said, has been the birth of her daughter Sophia. Having a



"Nuthouse" is among the works by Lou Haney on display at Northwest Florida State College through Dec. 2.

Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

baby, Dietrick said, has heightened her nesting instinct, and her awareness of the importance of a secure home to most people's sense of personal well-being.

Also at the NWFSC art galleries viewers can see pictures by Lou Haney, who seeks to convey a similar theme of home life distorted.

Haney's pictures show the viewer that too much of a good thing can be a bad thing.

Her work includes images of

food, but painted so big and in such bright, garish colors that the food items, which would otherwise be attractive, become a little unnerving, much like huge painted faces on Mardi Gras floats or sinister clowns in some horror movies. Other images are of ordinary objects found in many homes, but shown in an overdone way.

Haney stated, "My work focuses on desire and repulsion. I want to attract the viewer physi-

cally with shiny and delicious subject matter, but repel when the viewer starts to analyze the work. In a perfect world, the viewer reaction should be that the physical confronts the rational."

"These paintings are questioning taste, both literal and cultural. Where is the line between sweet and saccharin or high culture and kitsch? The work is concerned with scale. What happens when you take something that is pleasant at a small scale and enlarge it so it confronts you physically?"

"I am thrilled to have a show in Niceville," said Haney, who offered praise for the director of NWFSC's art galleries. "K.C. Williams is a fantastic gallery director, and she has been a joy to work with."

The exhibits, admission to which is free, end Dec. 2. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., weekdays, except holidays.

**WHO'S**

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She attends Troy University in pursuit of a business degree.

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The Florida Democratic Party, meeting in Orlando for its state convention, posthumously rec-



Rae Williams

ognized the late Rae Williams, Niceville, with a special tribute for her many years of dedicated service to the Democratic Party. Judy Byrne Riley, Niceville, accepted the award on behalf of her mother.

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Jean Floyd of Niceville Keller Williams Realty recently graduated from the Florida Realtors Leadership Academy, Orlando. She was one of 21 Realtors from Florida selected for the academy, which conducts courses in leadership, management and real estate.

Floyd is currently serving as the 2011 President of the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors.

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The Emerald Coast Chapter of the American Society for Training & Development (ASTD) was recognized for its submission to the ASTD "Sharing Our Success" (SOS) program. The national SOS program identifies best practices among local ASTD chapters and uses them as models for other chapters.

In developing the program, Julie Ray, of the Emerald Coast

Chapter, worked with the ASTD Pensacola Chapter to provide learning development opportunities to members and the community. In the process, speakers were shared between the chapters, resulting in expanded opportunities for professionals to enhance their development.

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### Soccer challenge winners

The Northwest Florida Regional-level competition for the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge was held recently at St. Mary's school in Fort Walton Beach. With K of C District Deputy Joe Purka are the first- and second-place winners in their individual age categories. From left, Kayla Griffin, Shalimar; Michael Roberts, Navarre; Tiffany Simmons, Mary Esther; Christopher Mills, Milton; Caleb Heitman, Pensacola; Purka; Kylie Huhn, Panama City; Drew Knebl, Niceville; Geoffrey Hall, Niceville; Valentina Elliott, Milton; and Zoe Hull, Pensacola. All but Mills and Elliott won first place honors. In the state competition in Kissimmee in late October, Griffin came in second and Hall third in their age and gender categories.



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# Eagle ladies take state golf championship

## 14th straight trip to states resulted in team's first win

By Kenneth Books  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Niceville High School ladies golf team won the Class 2A state championship in a Nov. 1-2 tournament at Howey in the Hills Mission Inn, south of Ocala.

The golfers put together a 10-stroke lead after the first day, and won the championship by four strokes, according to coach Mitch Inness. Finishing second was Jensen Beach.

"We had a comfortable lead coming into the second round," Inness said. "We probably played a little more hesitant than we would have, trying to protect our lead."

The team was led by senior Rebekah Pruet and junior Rachel Butterfield, each of whom finished with scores of 163 for the 36 holes. Junior Kayla Bloor finished with 166 and senior Ivey Kelly and sophomore Antonia Poate tied with 167.

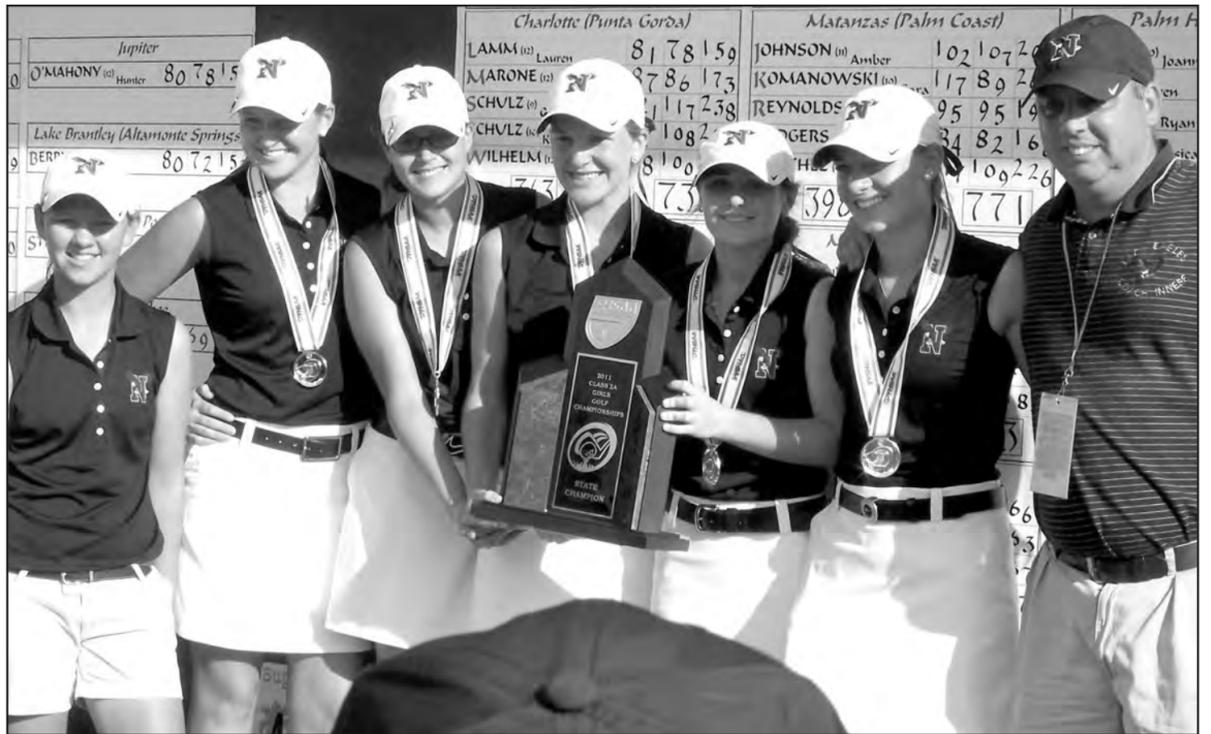
None of the Eagle golfers finished in the top 20, but the team members' ability to stay close to one another resulted in the best team score.

Inness, who has coached ladies golf at Niceville for 10 years, said this was the first of his teams to win the state championship.

"I've been fortunate enough to coach several very good teams," he said. "They finished second twice and third a couple of times, but this was the first team to take the next level."

Not only was it the first NHS ladies golf team to win all the marbles, Inness said, "This is first time since 1965 that Northwest Florida has won the state championship."

That's no fault of Niceville's. This was the team's 14th straight trip to the state tournament, which Inness said was the longest streak in Florida.



The state champion Niceville High School ladies golf team, from left, Bailey Rimes, Kayla Bloor, Rachel Butterfield, Rebekah Pruet, Ivey Kelly and Antonia Poate, with coach Mitch Inness.

### Sports Briefs

E-mail items to info@baybeacon.com.

**Rocky swimmers compete in regional tournament**  
Several Rocky Bayou Christian School swimmers finished well in Saturday's 3A tournament.

They were:  
Suzi Sober, Prelims—50 freestyle, 26:73, 11th; 100 freestyle, 59:19, 11th; Finals—50 freestyle 27:02, 11th; 100 freestyle, 59:19, 11th.  
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**18U, 16U Eagles win**  
The 18U Eagles captured the championship the last weekend in October as part of the ASP Louisville Slugger Fall Wood Bat

Classic. The 18U Eagles finished the tournament with five wins and no losses, outscoring their opponents 32 to 9 in the five wins. The 18U Eagles also won the ASP High School Fall Series on Oct. 15, going 4 and 0 to capture the title.

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# Eagles top Crestview, win District 2-6A title



Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson  
Niceville's Steven Mayo sacks the Crestview quarterback for a loss.

**By Sarah Clauson**  
*Beacon Correspondent*  
The Eagles' regular season came to an exciting close Friday night with a huge win over district rival Crestview High School. The 20-10 victory gave the Eagles the District 2-6A title, their eighth since 2003.

Niceville gained an early, but small lead after a first-quarter field goal by Andrew Mitchell. The two teams continued to battle it out, and held each other off until Mitchell connected with Devin Vazquez for a touchdown just seconds before halftime and a 10-0 lead.

The Eagles' dominance carried into the second half when Mitchell handed the ball off to Shi Kim Coward, who ran it in for touchdown with 8:20 left in the third. The Bulldogs finally put some points on the board with a

field goal late in the third, and then narrowed their deficit in the fourth quarter with a touchdown to bring the score to 17-10.

Niceville answered with a field goal midway through the fourth quarter to bring its lead to the final 20-10.

As Niceville football coach John Hicks put it, "We played well on both sides of the ball. We made very few mistakes and that's what good football teams do."

"We're getting better," Hicks said. "It's just hard to show you're getting better when you're playing people like Auburn and Central."

And as for the district title, it may be familiar territory, but it isn't taken for granted.

"It's not easy to do it. When you've got that bull's eye on you every week it's hard to do," said Hicks.

The young team, which had few returning starters on offense from 2010, has used new players, including freshman running back Shi Kim Coward, who played a key part in many of the season's wins.

"It feels great," Coward said. "I

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think I accomplished all of my goals, and I'm going to keep working hard and try to get to state."

The Eagles will enjoy a week off before continuing into post-season action.



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## Rocky girls to Regional

Rocky Bayou Christian School cross country runners Tara Ryan, front, and Anna Anderson compete in Saturday's District 1 Class 1A meet in Pace. The girls' team finished fourth, earning a spot in the Region 1A tournament, while the boys finished sixth and will not advance. Anderson finished 22nd, while Ryan finished 28th. Morgan Boston paced the Rocky girls, finishing 15th, while Nathan Riess led the boys and finished 18th. Niceville High School will send both the boys and girls teams to the Region 3A tournament.



## Bulls finish with 5 titles

The 2011 11U Bulls completed a successful season that included five championships, four runners up and a berth in the United States Specialty Sports Association Elite 32 World Series. The North Florida Bulls will hold their Spring tryouts Nov. 12 and 13 with additional dates to be announced.

## White-Wilson Pediatrics welcomes Dr. Richard Reno to our Niceville Clinic



White-Wilson Medical Center is pleased to welcome Dr. Richard Reno as the newest member of our Pediatric team. Dr. Reno received his medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences at Bethesda, Maryland and completed his Pediatric Residency Program at Keesler Medical Center at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi. Dr. Reno will be joining Dr. Kyle Simmers and Dr. Lalitha Vadlamani-Simmers at the Niceville Clinic beginning Tuesday, November 1st.

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