

The Bay Beacon

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Wednesday, April 4, 2012

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**UP
COMING**

Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

The **Valparaiso Community Library** will show the movie, "**We Bought a Zoo.**" Popcorn and drinks will be served, and family and friends are welcome.

Friday, noon

The **Traveling Eagles** youth baseball team will

host its 11th Annual **Golf Tournament** at Bluewater Bay Golf Course. Registration will begin at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry fees are \$350 per team, or \$90 for individuals. Info: TravelingEagles.com, or 685-1641.

Saturday, 9-11 a.m.

The **Twin Cities** will hold two **Easter egg hunts**. Valparaiso will hold its Easter festivities from 9-11 a.m., at Lincoln Park, and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. Niceville's Egg dash will begin at 11 a.m., at the softball complex, but parents are encouraged to have children there at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, 6 a.m.

There will be a Resurrection **Sunrise Service** at Lincoln Park, Valparaiso. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. After the service, **pancakes, sausage and juice** will be provided for everyone by Trinity Presbyterian in their fellowship hall. Rain location will be inside the church.

Calendar, B-3

New law may crimp 'head shops'

Owner of raided store says all products were legal under previous rule

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

A new Florida law adding 90 synthetic drugs to the list of controlled substances may make it difficult for "head shops" to resume business as usual.

Woodstock, 311 Government Ave., a Niceville store that was raided by officers of the Okaloosa County Drug Task Force last week in a sweep of 10 shops countywide, has reopened for business, although

without much of its previous merchandise.

The store's slogan is, "We sell fun."

There were no arrests and no

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A Niceville store has reopened following a sheriff's raid that resulted in no arrests.

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The promise of Easter



A cross garnished with lilies and a shroud marks Holy Week at Valparaiso Assembly of God. The cross can be seen from Valparaiso Parkway. Easter, when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ following his death on the cross, will be observed Sunday

Beacon photo by Tess Hollis

Reaction is mixed on plan to develop part of golf course

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

Reaction was mixed to last week's announcement by Bluewater Bay Resort that it will sell and develop parts of one of its golf courses.

To make room for the planned developments, the nine-hole Magnolia course, around

which the gated-community of Magnolia Plantation was built, would be converted to a shorter-yardage "executive course" aimed at time-strapped golfers. About 20 existing homes along the seventh fairway and three near the ninth hole would lose

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Part of the seventh fairway of Bluewater Bay's Magnolia golf course will be turned into homesites under a plan by the course owner.

Beacon photo by Del Lessard

2 seek seat on Chelco board

By Tess Hollis
Beacon Staff Writer

Two Niceville residents are vying for election to the District 7 seat on the Choctawhatchee

Electric Cooperative (Chelco) Board of Trustees.

James "Jim" Miller and Karl Welhart are running against each other for the district seat that covers parts of

Bluewater Bay and Seminole. Don McKnight, who served in the position for 15 years, is not seeking re-election.

The Chelco Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance of the DeFuniak Springs-based electric cooperative, which includes setting policy for the

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Karl Welhart



Jim Miller

Man seriously hurt in motorcycle crash

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

A Niceville man suffered life-threatening injuries Saturday in a motorcycle crash near Bluewater Bay, according to authorities.

Robert Greene, 24, of Niceville, was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital in

Pensacola after a single-vehicle crash at State Road 20 and the Mid-Bay Bridge connector road March 31 at 9:15 p.m. according to a report by the Florida Highway Patrol.

The FHP report gave the following account:

Greene was on a 2007 Honda

motorcycle traveling westbound on the westbound, inside lane of SR 20 when he entered the intersection at State Road 293, the bridge connector road. A witness told the FHP that Greene did not appear to be speeding and was traveling at a low rate of speed upon entering the intersection.

The witness, who was traveling east on the inside lane of SR 20, said she heard a loud popping noise as the motorcycle passed on her left side, as both vehicles were going through the intersection. The witness found Greene had been thrown onto the median. The witness gave first aid after

calling the accident into law enforcement.

Upon the arrival of an FHP trooper, a man who identified himself as Greene's brother-in-law stated that Greene had just received his motorcycle endorsement and was an inexperienced motorcycle driver.

According to the FHP report, evidence at the scene suggests that for unknown reasons, Greene's motorcycle entered on the eastbound left turn lane while traveling westbound after exiting the intersection. The right side of

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Niceville starts offer of trash-pickup discounts

By Tess Hollis
Staff Writer

Senior citizens in Niceville could soon see a decrease in their garbage collection fees, if they qualify for a discount that will be offered beginning this fall.

On March 13, the Niceville City Council approved the third and final reading of an ordinance that extends its franchise with Waste Management Inc., to continue providing trash collection and disposal throughout the city, under the condition that the company offer a senior citizen discount in return for reduced service.

Residents can now begin

applying for the discount.

The 15-percent discount, the amount of which was determined by Waste Management, will save \$1.53 per month, reducing the cost of residential garbage and recycling pickup from \$10.22 to \$8.69 per month, according to City Clerk Dan Doucet.

Doucet said that 1,500 residents, age 65 and older, currently reside in Niceville, according to the Census Bureau. While he does not know how many of those people will qualify for the discount, he said there were about 350 applicants in Destin,

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'When I was hungry ...'

Members of the Niceville Worship Center were spotted Friday evening, giving away free suppers at the corner of 27th Street and Bailey Drive. They have been performing this ministry in various places for about a year. The church hopes to establish a permanent soup kitchen at the church, 410 North Cedar St. Participating were Associate Pastor Chris Miller, Ann Nester, Karen Miller, Gary Humphrey and Janis Humphrey.

Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

TRASH

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which runs a similar senior discount program.

To qualify for discounted collection rates, residents must reside in their homesteaded property, meaning they cannot rent the property. This guideline will be verified by the Okaloosa County Property Appraiser. There can be no more than two people residing in the household.

In addition, the resident must agree to once-a-week pickup, or half the normal frequency.

"If you have more than two people living in a house, you are going to need more than once-a-week pickup," said Doucet of the reasoning behind the two-person guideline.

Doucet added that if the resident's once-a-week pickup day is a holiday, their trash will be collected on the next scheduled pickup day for that neighborhood. All other scheduled serv-



Beacon photo

Niceville residents age 65 and over may apply for a discount on their garbage-collection fees.

ices, such as recycling and yard waste, will be picked up on the same day as other residential customers.

To apply for the discount, one of the residents in the household must be 65 or older before Nov. 1 of the current year, but they must apply between March 14 and June 15, to receive the discount this year.

"The discount will be effective in November, but people will start to see a difference in their bills by January of next year," said Niceville Utility Billing Director Julie Cole.

According to Doucet, Waste Management set the criteria for the discount.

"If we agreed to renew the franchise, they offered the senior discount," he said. "They set the guidelines with the age. The

City of Niceville is not funding the discount, it's coming out of the collection rate we pay Waste Management."

Applications must be filed at the City of Niceville Utility billing office, and the applicant must sign the form in front of a city notary public. The billing office will provide a listing of qualifying addresses no later than Sept. 1 of each year, to the garbage company.

The discount will take effect on the Nov. 1 billing cycle of each year. After this year, the application period will run from Jan. 1 through April 30, and property owners will be required to re-apply annually to continue eligibility. The age requirement will remain the same each year, and the resident must be 65 by Nov. 1 of the year they are applying for the discount.

The application requires a copy of the applicant's driver's license, identification card issued by the state, or a birth certificate.

CHELCO

From page A-1

organization, establishing the co-op's strategic direction, determining financial policy and approving the co-op's annual budget.

Chelco, which services Okaloosa and Walton counties, as well as portions of western Holmes and eastern Santa Rosa counties, provides power to 45,994 locations.

"While board members are not involved in the day-to-day operations of the electric cooperative, their policy decisions assure that the organization remains strong and continues to safely provide the reliable service that members expect at a competitive price," said Chelco Vice President Aaron Bradshaw.

Each year three seats on the Chelco board are up for election. There are nine trustees, and each trustee serves a three-year term. This year, districts 1, 7, and 9 are up for election. Chelco's District 7 has 3,818 members—each district represents the same number of members. Per Chelco bylaws, trustees do not receive any salary for their services, but receive expenses for any time spent on Chelco business such as meetings, training programs, or con-

ferences.

Miller, who is completing his fourth year as a commissioner of the North Bay Fire District, is no stranger to public service. After serving in the Air Force for 28 years, then as human resources director for Tybrin Corp., he fully retired in 2004.

Now, Miller is a member of the Mid-Bay Rotary Club and volunteers with ShelterBox International, a charity that provides shelter and warmth to families who have lost their homes to natural or man-made disasters.

"Based upon this experience, I was open to further community service," Miller said. "As a Chelco customer, good oversight of this provider is very important to me, and I believe I can be a strong contributor to that oversight."

Welhart is a retired business owner who spent 34 years in the defense and aerospace manufacturing industry, and was a director of the Institute for Senior Professionals at Northwest Florida State College.

"I didn't know much about the position, but I did my research and finding out more about the job and what it entailed peaked my interest,"

Welhart said. "I thought I could do a good job."

Both Welhart and Miller applied for the position in accordance with the Chelco instructions and bylaws, and each was nominated by the nominating committee.

Miller said if he is elected, he will provide informed leadership to the Board of Trustees, and ensure District 7 is properly presented.

"Affordable energy is a challenge for the future," he said. "I intend to ensure our cooperative continues to provide quality service to the community for a reasonable rate of service."

Miller added that his qualifications "center on a diversified management career and a lifelong commitment to serve my country and our community."

If elected, Welhart said he would want to ensure customers have the cheapest electric utility rates possible.

"I would want to make decisions relative to Chelco policy that are prudent and business-like, and make sense," he said "I also want to make sure that people's issues are addressed properly."

Welhart's qualifications include serving his community

as the first non-developer president of the Southwind Homeowners Association, past president of the Council of Bluewater Bay Property Owners and organizing chairman of the Bluewater Bay Municipal Services Benefit Unit.

"I think there's many attributes with the Bluewater Bay Municipal Services job that would be beneficial," Welhart said. "I also have a lot of elected experience on various boards, and that's specifically an area of expertise that represent people in a position of authority."

Each member of Chelco receives a ballot and is able to vote for a trustee in their district, as well as other district seats running for election. The ballots were mailed on March 19, and must be received by April 16, at 5 p.m., at Tipton, Marler, Garner & Chastain, the accounting firm handling the counting of votes. The winners will be announced on April 21 at the annual Chelco meeting.

The following are the 2012 Chelco Trustee candidates: District 1: Van Ness R. Butler III and Patricia "Pat" Carlyle; District 7: James "Jim" Miller and Karl E. Welhart; District 9: Burt E. Cosson (uncontested).



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 Community Life Center - 9:32, 11:02 a.m.
 Fellowship Hall - 9:45 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP:
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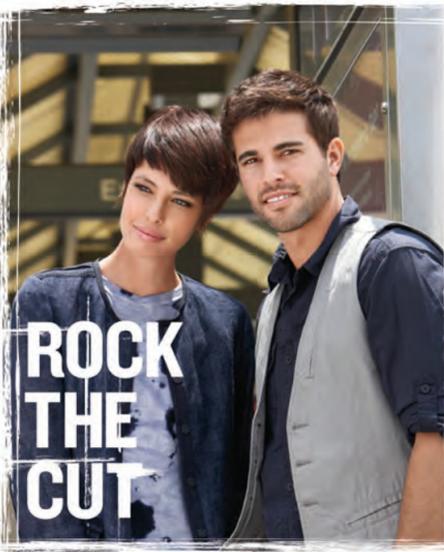
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Niceville

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Juniper Avenue	Medical	03/26/12	11:50
Kelly Road	Medical	03/26/12	12:04
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26th Street	Service Call	03/27/12	13:01
W. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	03/27/12	17:33
Mahogany Court	Medical	03/27/12	22:33
Hudson Circle	Medical	03/28/12	07:36
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Good Intent Call	03/28/12	08:57
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	03/28/12	13:55
SR285 at MM10	Vehicle Crash	03/28/12	15:00
Kelly Road	Medical	03/28/12	16:16
Linden Avenue	Medical	03/28/12	20:07
Kelly Road	Medical	03/28/12	22:58
Azalea Drive	Medical	03/29/12	03:21
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E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle Crash	03/29/12	17:17
Nathey Avenue	Medical	03/30/12	10:41
E. College Blvd.	Medical	03/30/12	10:52
McKinney Street	Medical	03/30/12	13:53
St. Andrews Drive	Medical	03/30/12	14:34
13th Street	Structure Fire	03/30/12	15:19
13th Street	Lightening Strike	03/30/12	15:19
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E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle Crash	03/30/12	16:00
W. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	03/31/12	07:34
Als Drive	Medical	03/31/12	09:55
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle Crash	03/31/12	13:05
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle Crash	03/31/12	20:21
Reeves Street	Good Intent Call	03/31/12	23:55

Weekly Safety Tip: Keep candles at least one-foot away from anything that can burn, and put them out when you leave the room or go to sleep. Never leave lit candles unattended around children. Please look at the Niceville Fire Department web page on Facebook.

North Bay

The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls from March 26, 2012 through April 1, 2012.

Street	Situation	Date	Time
Northridge Road	Medical assist	03/26/12	00:02
East Highway 20	EMS call	03/26/12	01:42
Dominica Way	Medical assist	03/26/12	04:35
East Highway 20	EMS call	03/26/12	11:09
East Highway 20	Motor vehicle accident	03/26/12	13:54
Parkwood Lane	Unintentional transmission	03/26/12	15:04
East Highway 20	EMS call	03/26/12	15:53
Range Road	Dispatched and canceled	03/26/12	23:52
Merchants Way	EMS call	03/27/12	08:58
Range Road	Alarm system activation	03/27/12	13:55
East Highway 20	EMS call	03/27/12	14:42
East Highway 20	Motor vehicle accident	03/27/12	15:28
Whitewood Way	Fire, other	03/28/12	10:10
Oaklake Lane	EMS call	03/28/12	17:53
Highway 20	EMS call	03/29/12	10:52
Merchants Way	EMS call	03/30/12	09:30
North White Point Road	EMS call	03/30/12	11:20
13th Street	Building fire	03/30/12	15:21
Armadillo Trail	Medical assist	03/31/12	04:25
W. Hwy. 20 and Hwy. 29	Motor vehicle accident	03/31/12	21:17
North White Point Road	Medical assist	04/01/12	02:48

Visit northbayfd.org for more information.

Valparaiso Volunteer

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

Street	Situation	Date	Time
Glendale Avenue	Fall	03/12/2012	08:52
Old FL State Road 10	Unconscious	03/4/2012	10:17
Lincoln Avenue	Back Pain	03/4/2012	17:12
S. John Sims Pkwy.	Fire Service Call	03/4/2012	18:08
Lincoln Avenue	Traumatic Injury	03/5/2012	06:05
Edge Avenue	Fall	03/10/2012	09:50
North Bayshore Drive	Breathing Problem	03/10/2012	16:16
Johnson Street	Assault	03/12/2012	20:56
Valparaiso Pkwy.	Breathing Problem	03/13/2012	12:54
Hickory Lane	Breathing Problem	03/14/2012	01:19
Lincoln Avenue	Back Pain	03/17/2012	22:07
Glen Avenue	Overdose/Poisoning	03/18/2012	04:41
St. Charles Avenue	Chest Pain	03/18/2012	10:45
Lincoln Avenue	Sick Call	03/18/2012	12:25
South Bayshore Drive	Sick Call	03/19/2012	04:28
Kelly Way	CVA/Stroke	03/21/2012	18:03
Jasmine Avenue	Fire Service Call	03/22/2012	16:56
Valparaiso Pkwy.	Unconscious	03/25/2012	15:25
Southview Avenue	Fire Alarm	03/26/2012	07:35
Kelly Road	Canceled	03/28/2012	22:58
Washington Avenue	Psychiatric	03/30/2012	09:36
13th Street	Structure Fire	03/30/2012	15:19
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Motor Vehicle Accident	03/30/2012	16:00
Carolina Avenue	Dumpster Fire	03/31/2012	14:52
Okaloosa Avenue	Sick Call	03/31/2012	21:04

Contact the Valparaiso Volunteer Fire Department at 729-5410 if you have questions or concerns.

Shauf allegedly pawned several items he stole from victims and used stolen credit cards to make several fraudulent purchases. Shauf allegedly admitted to the offenses and voluntarily returned several additional items that he stole.

Teresa Marie Ellis, 23, of 46 Range Road, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies March 26 on a charge of battery, domestic violence.

DUI arrests

Amanda Teresa Quinoes, 26, of 1501 N. Partin Drive, Apt. 210,

Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police for DUI on Highway 20 at Armstrong Avenue, March 26 at 12:15 a.m. Quinoes was also cited for unlawful speed, 44 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Thefts

A Niceville resident from the 700 block of Persimmon Way reported that sometime March 23-25 unknown person(s) burglarized his pickup truck and stole his wallet. The wallet contained about \$50 cash, three credit cards, a driver's license and a check made out for \$500.

Police Blotter

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

Arrests

Scott Eason Bacheller, unemployed, 54, with an at-large address, was arrested by Niceville police March 20 on a charge of disorderly intoxication.

Bradley Grimland Wendt, 37, of 1 Stafford Circle, Fort Walton Beach, was arrested by Niceville police March 21 on a charge of violating a domestic violence injunction. at an address in Niceville.

James Edwin Ballard, 51, of 1405 Cat Mar Road, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies March 19 on a charge of resisting an officer without violence.

James Barrington Buchanan, a parking valet, 29, of 1426 Hickory Ave., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies March 18 on a misdemeanor worthless check charge.

Robert Leif A'Lii Aloh Lauderdale, 25, of 1703 15th St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies March 24 on a probation violation, and on a charge of failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Jamie Lynn Sharrow, unemployed, 27, of 410 Monett Ave., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies March 25 on a charge of petit theft. Sharrow was alleged to have hidden two packages of shirts and two packages of socks, valued together at \$32, then left a Fort Walton Beach store, 913 N. Beal Parkway, without paying.

A 16-year-old Niceville boy, a student, was arrested by sheriff's deputies March 24 on a charge of possession of controlled substance without a prescription, a pill containing oxycodone HCl and acetaminophen.

John Edward Blanding II, a

maintenance worker, 42, of 106 Beverly Drive, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies March 20 on a parole violation on original charges of robbery and habitual offender.

A 16-year-old Niceville girl was arrested by sheriff's deputies March 24 on a misdemeanor battery charge that allegedly occurred March 22.

William Joseph Whitmarsh, a cook, 24, of 129 Raintree Blvd., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies March 22 on charges of burglary to a conveyance and fraudulent use of credit cards. Whitmarsh is alleged to have used a stolen credit card, taken from the victim's husband's vehicle in September, to purchase a \$689 bracelet from a jewelry store in Destin Sept. 28.

Christopher Lynn Senzig, unemployed, 35, of 101 Harding Road, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies March 22 on a misdemeanor violation of probation charge.

Stefen Jade Shauf, a restaurant employee, 21, of 1618 Date Palm Drive, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies March 21 on charges of burglary, three counts, petit theft, one count, grand theft, two counts, and giving fraudulent ownership for pawned items, seven counts. Shauf is alleged to have burglarized a vehicle in the 100 block of Red Maple Way sometime Dec. 1-16, and to have burglarized two vehicles in the 4200 block of Calinda Lane, Niceville, Feb. 6-7, and stolen a bicycle from a yard in the 100 block of Red Maple Way, March 2.

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"It's a great time to celebrate the raising of the Lord."

Pat Tusai, 65, Niceville, retired



"It's a time to gather as a family, and go to church. I love Easter—seeing little kids have egg hunts is cute."

Jenna Hohman, 14, Findlay, Ohio, student



"I love Easter. It's the day Jesus came back to life."

Thomas Prestarri, 15, Niceville, Niceville High School student



"It's my second favorite holiday of the year. I like it a lot. You get to go egg hunting."

Scott Reiswig, 10, Freeport, Rocky Bayou Christian School student



"It's a good holiday, and a chance for families to enjoy the spring and outdoors."

Robert Fuller, 36, Niceville, body shop estimator



"Awesome! That means I really like it! Last Easter, I went camping."

Evan Fuller, 6, Niceville, Edge Elementary School student

What should we ask next week? Email your suggested question to: info@baybeacon.com Include "Suggested IP question" in the "subject" field.

LAW

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one was accused of a crime after lawmen, led by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, used search warrants March 26 to raid Woodstock and nine similar businesses in the county. But sheriff's officers asserted that Woodstock and others used "loopholes" in federal and state laws to sell substances marketed as "plant food, screen cleaner, incense, and potpourri" that contain psychoactive substances. The owner of Woodstock said his stores carried only legal substances.

A note on the front door Monday stated that Woodstock was open for business, but did not have any "herbal incense" for sale.

Inside the small building the walls and shelves are decorated with several photos, signs, posters and products reminiscent of the 1960s. Merchandise included glass and metal containers for smoking, or to burn incense. A single customer came in while a reporter was present, but didn't find what he was looking for. He was told the police had taken those items.

A sign on the wall states: "We sell novelty items and col-



A law enforcement officer searches Woodstock, 311 Government Ave., Niceville, during a raid March 26 that resulted in no accusations of criminal wrongdoing.

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

lector items. Not meant for human consumption. Must be 18+ to purchase. If ingested contact your physician immediately."

Patrick Anderson, who owns Woodstock and six other stores, said that he had lab results proving that the products seized by lawmen complied with Florida law. He valued the inventory seized by lawmen who raided his Niceville store at \$80,000.

As of Tuesday, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office had not released contents of the search warrants used in last week's raid.

Anderson said he was aware that a new law was signed by Gov. Rick Scott March 23, three days before the raid that temporarily shut his store. The statute, passed by the Legislature earlier this year, adds about 90 additional chemi-

cals to the 50 that were already "Schedule 1" controlled substances.

Anderson said he would be in compliance with the new state law when he reopened, but added that some of the older products he sold might have had difficulty passing muster under the new statute.

The law, formerly House Bill 1175, lists 142 chemicals controlled under Schedule 1, which defines a substance as having "a high potential for abuse and has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States and in its use under medical supervision does not meet accepted safety standards."

The old, shorter list already included well-known controlled substances such as cannabis (marijuana), lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), opiates, and certain chemical derivatives, as well as mescaline, peyote, psilocybin. The 90 added substances sound like they are right out of a chemistry book. For example, one of the new, controlled substances listed as number 130 in the law is: "HU-211 ((6aS, 10aS)-9-(Hydroxymethyl)-6,6-dimethyl-3-(2-methyloctan-2-yl) - 6a, 7, 10, 10a-tetrahydrobenzo {c} chromen-1-ol)."

Anderson said he owns seven stores, including Haight Ashbury in Destin, one of the other nine shops that were raided March 26. He said he employs 18 people, and that it would be a sad result of the raid and new law if the stores were forced to close.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Michelle Nicholson said that the

sheriff is addressing other entities that sell such substances, including convenience stores and gas stations. The campaign started with the so-called head shops raided last week, she said, but letters from Sheriff Larry Ashley are also going out to other businesses warning that deputies will be enforcing the law at all locations.

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Lightning bolt affects six homes, starts fire

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

A lightning bolt Friday afternoon hit six Niceville homes, starting a fire in one that resulted in \$75,000 damage, but no injuries.

The alarm came in at 3:21 p.m., March 30, and firefighters were on scene at 4012 13th Street eight minutes later with smoke and flames coming from the attic area of the home, said Niceville Fire Chief Tommy Mayville.

Firefighters quickly knocked down the flames. The home, owned by Jimmy Parrish, Niceville, and occupied by Stefan Vaughn, suffered about \$75,000 damage, Mayville said.

As firefighters were working

the fire, Mayville said other 13th Street residents came forward and said their homes had also been struck by the lightning bolt. The lightning primarily affected small appliances in the other five homes, he said. Five pine trees,

including two on adjacent Persimmon Way, were split by the bolt, Mayville said.

Firefighters from Niceville, North Bay, Eglin and East Niceville fire departments responded to the blaze, Mayville

said, while firefighters from Valparaiso assisted with a traffic accident in Niceville that occurred simultaneously, while a crew from the Ocean-City Wright fire department was called to staff the Niceville station.



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Twin Cities prepare for Easter festivities

By Tess Hollis

Beacon Staff Writer

Twin Cities children and youth looking to participate in Easter festivities have two egg hunts to look forward to this year.

The City of Valparaiso will host its Easter festivities from 9 to 11 a.m., on Saturday, followed by Niceville's annual Egg Dash at 11 a.m.

Valparaiso's Easter egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m., at Lincoln Park. Children will be split up into three age categories—4 and under; ages 5-8; and ages 9-12.

James Valandingham, Valparaiso's public works director, said an area, that will be roped off for the three age groups. He added that the 10 a.m. start will allow parents to park and bring their children to the egg hunt area.

Plastic eggs will be scattered throughout the grass, containing candy and trinkets. There will also be a "Golden Egg" in each area—if a child finds the egg, he or she will



Valparaiso and Niceville will each hold Easter egg hunts on Saturday, April 7. Valparaiso's festivities will begin at 9 a.m., and Niceville's Egg Dash will start at 11 a.m.

win a basket filled with Easter goodies.

In addition to the egg hunt, Valandingham said there will be kids' games, a bean bag

toss, and train rides on the city's lawnmower-engine train.

Following Valparaiso's Easter egg hunt, youngsters can head over to Niceville for

the 25th Annual Egg Dash at the softball complex on North Partin Drive.

The dash will begin at 11 a.m., but parents are encour-

aged to have their children at the starting line by 10:30 a.m.

Children will be broken up into four age groups—2 and under; 3- and 4-year-olds; 5-

and 6-year-olds; and 7- and 8-year-olds. Lynn Waltz, coordinator of the Egg Dash, said toddlers must be able to walk, and parents are only allowed on the 2 and under field.

Waltz said the field will be split up according to age groups.

"The whole grassed area will be covered with plastic eggs, and there will be about 2,500 eggs on each field," Waltz said, adding that she anticipates about 750 participants.

Each egg will contain candy or a toy, and there will be other prizes on the field including eggs with a special paper stating that the child has won a prize. The paper will be exchanged for a prize at the end of the hunt.

"It's a great time," Waltz said. "It takes us about an hour and a half to set up the fields, and the kids wipe them out in a minute. The infant fields usually last the longest, but the kids have a good time and everybody gets something."

Beacon photo by Del Lessard

Plew Elementary announces 'Evening of the Arts' contest winners

Plew Elementary School's eighth annual Evening of the Arts will be held on Thursday, April 26, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. The evening will feature a live auction, silent auction, classroom art galleries, student gallery store, dinner, dessert and live performances by local musicians. This fundraiser raises money and awareness of the importance of art in classrooms and in people's lives. Ruby Tuesday's will cater dinner and a dessert bar. All proceeds from the event support Plew Elementary School and OVAL art program.

The 2021 Evening of the Arts T-shirt contest winners were: Roman Prestarri (fourth grade), Sierra Moore (fifth grade), Riley Gibson (third grade), Jillian Sewell (second grade), Dominic Prestarri (third through fifth grade overall), Luke Norris (kindergarten through second grade overall), Autumn Sobel (first grade) and Austin Bax (kindergarten). Prizes were furnished by Chick-fil-A, one of the sponsors of the event. Dominic and Luke's designs will be displayed on this year's event T-shirt.



Courtesy photo

The Plew Elementary winners of this year's Evening of the Arts T-shirt contest. From left: front, Dominic Prestarri, Luke Norris, Autumn Sobel and Austin Bax. Back, Roman Prestarri, Sierra Moore, Riley Gibson, Jillian Sewell.

April blood drives

The following are the April blood drives for Niceville and Eglin Air Force Base. The drives are sponsored by Northwest Florida Blood Services.

Wednesday, April 4:

—Eglin Bldg. 351, 203 West D Ave., 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

—Hurlburt Medical Group, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 9:

—Northwest Florida State

College, Niceville, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday April 10:

—Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11:

—Duke Field, by the shopette, noon-4 p.m.

—First Baptist Church of Niceville, 622 Bayshore Drive, 5-8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18:

—Eglin 96 FSS, 404 Wicker Road, Bldg. 810, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

—Eglin 96th LRS, 108 East Eglin Blvd., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday, April 19:

—Eglin Hospital, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, April 20:

—Twin Cities Hospital, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday, April 22:

—Christ Our Redeemer Church, 1028 White Point Road, Niceville, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.—in honor of Patti Warsheski

Monday, April 30:

—Eglin Naval EOD, 100 McCarthy Ave., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



Courtesy photo

RBCS junior wins first place for needlework

Jessica Sandlin is pictured wearing her first place Marie Antoinette style dress that she entered in this year's Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (FACCS) fine arts competition. This is the third dress she has entered, and the third, first place she has won for her needlework. A junior at Rocky Bayou Christian School, Jessica hopes to attend the Savannah College of Arts and Design (SCAD) when she graduates next year. Jessica has the ambition to become a famous fashion designer.

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In the Service

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Michelle L. Parmelee**, a 1998 graduate of Freeport Senior High School, Freeport, is currently deployed.

Parmelee, along with fellow Sailors and Marines, assigned to the amphibious transport dock USS New Orleans (LPD 18), started a "Crews into Shape" fitness program.

The 12th annual challenge, sponsored by the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center (NMCPHC), is a four-week long event held every March in conjunction with National Nutrition Month.

The New Orleans' Crews into Shape team is made up of 10 Sailors. Points are awarded to each member who engages in at least 30 minutes of moderate activity, 20 minutes of vigorous aerobic exercise or muscle-

strengthening exercise that work all major muscle groups. Points are also awarded for group exercise activity with their team and teams who eat two cups of fruit and three cups of vegetables per day.

This year's challenge includes 730 Department of Defense personnel broken into 130 teams. Once the challenge concludes, points are tallied up and put into an overall database where teams from across the DoD can see where they rank with one another. Crews into Shape has been organizing and emphasizing this team-based healthy lifestyle since 2001.

New Orleans and embarked Marines assigned to the 11th Marine MEU are deployed as part of the Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group, supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

Parmelee joined the Navy in October 2001.



Exchange Club Student of the Month

Wayne Hopper, president of the Niceville Exchange Club, presented the March Student of the Month certificate to Katie Thurwanger, a senior at Collegiate High School. Katie will compete with the other Student of the Month honorees to represent the Niceville Club at the Florida District Exchange Clubs' Convention in June at the Sirata Beach Resort in St Petersburg.

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Who's News

Nathan Klamerus, of Niceville, was recently presented with the Eagle Scout award. His scouting journey started with Tiger Cubs in 2001, and has brought Nathan through many challenges as he learned to be a strong leader in Troop 52. His Eagle Scout project was for the City of Niceville, build-



Nathan Klamerus

ing a deck and benches in the softball complex. While earning more than 55 merit badges, Nathan has held numerous leadership positions and became a mentor to all scouts in the troop.

Weddings

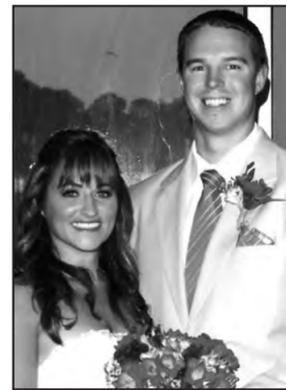
McNew-Westermann

Jennifer Leigh McNew and Dennis Randall Westermann were married March 3, 2012, at Rutherford's 465 Regatta Bay, Destin. Lawrence Weinzetl performed the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Larry and Coline McNew of

Niceville. Matron of Honor was Lorene Adams of Panama City. Bridesmaids were Anne Huntington, Kelly Longley and the groom's sister April Westermann. Philip Sully of Dallas, Texas was the best man. Groomsmen were Dan Mossman, Mat Stuber and the brother of the bride, Jeff McNew. Leilani Huntington was the flower girl. Special guests were the bride's grandmother Dorothy Scholl of Newport News, Va., and the groom's grandparents Walter

and Christine Rhoades of Bolton, Mass. A reception was held at Rutherford's 465, with the band "Scraps" providing the music. The bride is a defense analyst for PACOM, and the groom is a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Coast Guard. The newlyweds honeymooned at Whistler Blackcomb Resort, Canada, and will reside in Waipahu, Hawaii.

Jennifer McNew and Dennis Westermann.



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 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Footwashing And Service of Shadows
 9 p.m. Prayer Vigil begins
GOOD FRIDAY - April 6th
 12 noon Prayer Vigil Ends
 12 noon Good Friday Service
 1 p.m. Stations Of The Cross
EASTER SUNDAY - April 8th
 5:30 A.M. Easter Vigil Sunrise Service
 9:00 A.M. Traditional Spirit-filled Holy Communion (with Children's Sunday School)
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 Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY, April 6
 7:00pm Tenebrae Service-Seven Last Words - Sealing of the Tomb

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
 6:00am Lutheran Sunrise Service
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 Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

Good Friday - April 6th
 Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
 Passion of Our Lord & Veneration of Cross at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER Sunday - April 8th
 Mass of the Resurrection of Our Lord at 7:30 a.m. & at 10:30 a.m.

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NHS Jazz Band dinner

Tickets are on sale now for the NHS Jazz Band dinner and silent auction. The event will be April 14, at 6 p.m., at the Community Life Center at Niceville UMC. The cost is \$35 per plate, or \$325 for a premier reserved table for eight. Menu, by Chef Meghan Gordon, includes chicken sans marin, roasted potatoes, a salad, vegetable medley, a roll and orange dream or chocolate cake. No special requests, please. For tickets contact Carol Sarnosky at csarnosky@yahoo.com.

OCCSW nominations

The Okaloosa County Commission on the Status of Women is taking nominations from the community for the 2012 Women's Wall of Honor. The nominations are due April 15. For the nomination form and more information, visit occsww.org/wallofhonor.htm. The form, a short paragraph (100 words or less) about the woman you wish to honor, her photo and a \$100 donation to the OCCSW should be submitted to the Okaloosa County Commission Status of Women, PO Box 681, Niceville, FL, 32588, or pay with PayPal. Info: Shirley Pigott, 651-3905.

Horse camp registration

The Okaloosa County 4H Horse Advisory Committee is accepting registration until April 20, for a "Horsy Meet and Greet" at Camp Timpochee. The clinic is designed for kids who want to learn more about horses, but don't have a horse. This is a hands-on introduction to horses, their care, grooming and what it takes to own or lease a horse. The clinic will be May 5, from 9 a.m.-noon. The event is open to children ages 8-12, for \$25 (\$15/subsequent child in same family). Participants will need a helmet and shoes/boots with a heel, no sneakers. Info: Susan Simmers, 4hhorseadvisory@gmail.com. Space is limited to the first 15 applicants.

Niceville Market Day

Niceville Community Guild is accepting reservations to rent a space at its Community Market Day, April 28, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at City Hall. Market Day is an outdoor event open to yard sales, garage sales, home businesses, food vendors, produce stands and nonprofit fundraisers. Info, or to rent a space: Nicevillechristmas@cox.net. Cost: \$15 to rent a space.

EOD conference

Registration is ongoing for the NDIA Global Explosive Ordnance Conference and Exhibition that will be held on May 2-3, at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. For more information, or to register, visit ndia.org/meetings/2950, or contact Laura Yuska at lyuska@ndia.org, or 703-247-2596.

Scholarship applications

The Emerald Coast Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) will award \$9,000 in scholarships: one, \$2,000 scholarship; two, \$1,500 scholarships; and four, \$1,000 scholarships in May 2012. AFCEA is also accepting nominations for science teachers, with a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship to use in support of the teacher's school's science program. The deadline for submissions is May 4. Info: emerald-coastafceachapter.org, or glenda.robinson2@eglin.af.mil.



Book discussion group meets on Thursday

The Constant Reader Book Discussion Group will meet at 10:30 a.m., at the Valparaiso Community Library on April 5, with an open house for those interested in joining the reading program. The book for discussion will be "The New Yorkers," written by Cathleen Schine. Each book discussion will be informal, with Jill White serving as moderator. Info: 729-5406.

Indoor soccer registration

Niceville UMC is accepting registration until April 4, for Upward Indoor Soccer for grades K4-4. Info: nicevilleumc.org/recreation, or 678-4411, ext. 145.

Senior activities

The following senior activities will be held at the Valparaiso Senior Center, 268 Glenview Ave. April 4, trivia, 9:30 a.m.; April 5, Wii bowling, 9:30 a.m.; April 6, bingo, 9:30 a.m.; April 9, dominoes and socializing, 9:30 a.m.; April 10, bingo, 9:30 a.m. Info: 833-9291.

Holy Week 2012

St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 200 N. Partin Drive, Niceville, will hold its 2012 Holy Week. On April 4, the Stations of the Cross will take place at 6 p.m. On April 5, a Maundy Thursday service with foot washing and stripping of the altar will be held at 6 p.m. On April 6, a Good Friday Liturgy will be held at noon, with Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. On April 7, the Easter Vigil will begin at 7 p.m., with a candlelight service. On April 8, Easter services will be held at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with an Easter egg hunt for children in between services.

'We Bought a Zoo'

The Valparaiso Community Library will show the movie "We Bought a Zoo," on April 5, at 1:30 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be served, and family and friends are welcome.

Service awards ceremony

The Niceville/Valparaiso Rotary Club will recognize local public servants at its annual Vocational Service Award ceremony, April 5, at noon. Lunch will be served from noon-12:30 p.m. Each department head/supervisor will be asked to say a few words about its recipient before the awards presentation. The ceremony will be held at the Northwest Florida State College new Student Services Center.

Audubon monthly meeting

The Choctawhatchee Audubon Society will hold its monthly meeting on April 5, room 132 of the new Student Services Center at Northwest Florida State College. Cameron Jaggard, of the Pew Environmental Group, will discuss the threat of surface long-line fishing, and will present information on alternative fishing methods. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the program will start at 7 p.m. Info: Walt Spence, 582-7064.

Entrepreneur Fair

Northwest Florida State College will hold its first Student Entrepreneur Fair on April 20, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The event will give NWFSC students an opportunity to share their business ideas, and compete for a cash prize. Those who wish to participate should register by April 6. To register, contact the Costa Leadership Institute at NWFSC at 729-6880, or leadership@nwfsc.edu. There is no registration fee. Students may enter as individuals or as a team of no more than four students. For additional information and entry requirements, visit the Costa Leadership Institute website at nwfsc.edu/LI. The fair will be held in the Student Services Center, Room 132.

Golf tournament

The Traveling Eagles youth base-

ball team will host its 11th Annual Golf Tournament on April 6, at Bluewater Bay Golf Course.

Registration will begin at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry fees are \$350 per team, or \$90 for individuals. The fee will include a cart, green fees, food and prizes. Info: TravelingEagles.com, or 685-1641.

Boy Scout garage sale

Boy Scout Troop 52, of Valparaiso, will hold an indoor garage sale on April 6, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., and April 7, from 7 a.m.-3 p.m., at the AMVETS Post 78 on Valastics Avenue. The troop will be collecting donations to add to the event, and will pick them up as needed. Info: 678-8014.

Dune, lakes presentation

The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center will present Sarah Kalinoski of the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance on April 7, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sarah works with the CBA as water quality monitoring coordinator. She also manages the invasive removal program on the coastal dune lakes of South Walton. She will be speaking about these rare and local lakes. Standard admission rates apply. Info: 835-1824, or ewilsoncenter.org. E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center is located at 4956 Highway 20 East, Freeport.

Exchange Club 5K

The Niceville Chapter of the National Exchange Club will hold its 13th Annual Northwest Florida Track Club Grand Prix 5K run/walk and kids fun run for the Prevention of Child Abuse on April 7, at the Niceville Community Center. The 5K race will begin at 8 a.m., and the kids fun run at 9:15 a.m. Cost for the run is \$23, and the kids fun run is \$6. To register contact Dorothy Miller at 678-4984. All proceeds benefit the Children's Advocacy Center.

Easter egg hunts

The Twin Cities will hold two Easter egg hunts on April 7. Valparaiso will host its Easter festivities from 9-11 a.m., at Lincoln Park. The Easter egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. Children ages 0-12 can participate, and there is no cost. Niceville will begin its 25th annual Egg Dash at 11 a.m., but parents are encouraged

to have their children at the start line by 10:30 a.m. Children ages 0-8 can participate, and there is no cost. The Egg Dash will be held at the Niceville softball complex on North Partin Drive.

Sunrise services

There will be a Resurrection Sunrise Service, April 8, at 6 a.m., at Lincoln Park, Valparaiso. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. After the service, pancakes, sausage and juice will be provided for everyone by Trinity Presbyterian in their fellowship hall, 44 Southview Ave. Rain location will be inside the church.

Rocky Bayou Baptist Church will also hold a Sunrise Service on April 8, at 6 a.m., at Camp Timpochee.

VFW meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Niceville-Valparaiso Kent Purcell VFW post 10090 will be on April 9, at 7 p.m., at the DAV Hall, 920 Hospital Drive, Niceville. Info: post10090@flvfw.org. New members are welcome.

Square dancing

Grab a partner and head on over for an introduction to Square Dancing. There will be a free open house on April 9 and 16, at 6 p.m., at the Community Life Center, Niceville United Methodist Church. Classes will begin on April 26. Have fun, meet new friends, and enjoy the mental and physical health benefits of square dancing. Info: 678-4515.

RMS Chorus performance

The Ruckel Middle School Chorus will perform at its fourth annual "Sweet Sounds" choral event, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door in the Ruckel Gymnasium lobby.

Mystery book group

The Mystery Lovers book discussion group at the Valparaiso Community Library will meet on April 12, at 10:30 a.m. The library is encouraging new readers from around Okaloosa County and visitors to the area to join the discussion, with Jill White moderating. "The Secret History" by Donna Tartt will be the featured book. Info: 729-5406. Reading the book is not mandatory for first-time visitors.

DAR meeting

The Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet April 12, at 10 a.m., at St. Simons on the Sound Episcopal Church, Fort Walton Beach. The Chapter will be celebrating its 45th anniversary. State Recording Secretary Cheryl Field will be in attendance for the installation of officers, and a potluck will follow. Open to all women who are lineally descended from a Revolutionary War Patriot. Info: 796-0783.

Fort Walton Beach Aglow

The Fort Walton Beach Aglow will be April 12, at Marina Bay Resort, 80 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. The speaker will be Janice Morrisette from Mobile, Ala. Coffee and fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting will start at 10 a.m. Info: Barbara Williams, 678-1335, or fwbaglow@yahoo.com.

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RBCS principal of Special Services appointed to board

Toby Ann K. Williams, Principal of Special Services at Rocky Bayou Christian School, has been appointed as a board member for the McKay Coalition of McKay Scholarship Schools.

The McKay Scholarship was established in 2000, and is designed to help students with disabilities to choose another public school or eligible private school to accommodate their academic, social and environmental needs.

Williams began at RBCS in 1988 and has taught kindergarten through high school. In 1998, she became Principal of Special Services at RBCS.



Toby Ann Williams

Williams is a graduate of NWFSC with an associate arts degree in business administration and received her bachelor of arts in primary education/elementary education from the University of West Florida.

In 2008, she earned a masters of education, special education, from Grand Canyon University. Williams has received specialized training through the Southeastern Center for Cognitive Enrichment, the Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes, Center of Autism and Related Disabilities.

Additionally, she is a member of the Learning Disabilities Association and Learning and the Brain. In 2010, Williams attained licensure as an Educational Therapist through the National Institute for Learning Development (NILD). NILD is internationally recognized for their dedication to training educators to work with children and adults with learning difficulties.

According to a statement from RBCS, Williams' heart and passion is for all God's children to overcome struggles that may prevent them from succeeding in life, fulfilling God's perfect plan and to be life-long independent learners.

RBCS has been serving students on the McKay Scholarship since 2000, and is currently serving more than 180 McKay students. RBCS students are placed in the least restricted environment in all three tracks, two honors/AP, K-3 through 12th and/or a full Special Services K-3 through 12th, including a post transitional program after graduation. In 2009, 73 percent of RBCS' Special Services' graduates earned college scholarships. RBCS is the only K-12 college preparatory Christian school in the U.S. with a full Special Services program.

Parents seeking information may visit floridaschoolchoice.org, or contact RBCS Admissions at 678-7358.

Local schools win first in Knowledge Masters

Two local school teams recently competed in the junior varsity Florida Knowledge Master Open (KMO), and each won first place in their division.

Ruckel Middle School's Academic Team placed first in the sixth grade competition. The team scored 761 points out of a possible 1,000, and answered 93 out of 100 questions correctly, with 16 of those answered on second chances.

"This is a really good score considering points are awarded according to how fast they answer the question correctly," said the team's coach Vicki Washington.

Washington said there were 281 schools from across the globe competing in the tournament, and Ruckel placed 29th.

"I feel that this is an awesome opportunity for our students to use and stretch their minds," she said.

The following students participated: Austin Jacobs, Geoffrey Hall, Drake Ward, Mandy Martin, Aidan Ferrell, Meredith Freeman, Julia Freeman, Jake Vernon, Chris Halprin, Jimmie Montgomery and John Hencinski.

Plew Elementary School's Academic Team also placed first in the KMO fifth grade competition. Coach Michael Scrivner said the win makes three in a row for the 2011-2012 season. The team also placed 10th in the world.

Plew's team members



Courtesy photo

The following students at Plew Elementary competed in the spring Knowledge Master Open: Adam Mistretta, Angus Atkins, Arianna Wittic, Campbell Taylor, Chase Penton, Delaney Hughes, Derek Vogel, Gilliah Bode, Jason Stukbauer, Joshua Rile, Katie Lightfoot, Kylee Jodgen, Matthew Murphey, Rania Smeltz, Ryan Alford, Sarah Markwardt, Sierra Moore, Stephen Dubben, William Murray, Xavier Graham and McKenna McJunkin.

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The KMO is a computer-based, semiannual worldwide academic competition in which teams of students from many

schools earn points by answering multiple-choice questions quickly and accurately. The questions include 15 subject areas: American history, world history, government, recent events, economics and law, geography, literature, English, math, physical science, biology, earth science, health and psychology, fine arts and trivia.

There are five levels of competition. Fifth and sixth grade contests are held in January and March, and consist of 100 questions. Middle school, junior high

and high school contests are held in December and April, and consist of 200 questions.

All questions are multiple-choice and are worth a maximum of 10 points. Each question is displayed on screen, with five choices and a one-minute timer. Five points are awarded for a correct answer on the first try, with a bonus based on response time. If time expires or an incorrect answer is given, the team is given another minute to respond. Only two points are awarded for correct "second chance" answers.

Former deputy receives recognition

Former Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Deputy Ruben Hendrix, 95, got a visit from Sheriff Larry Ashley and other agency staff as part of a recognition ceremony at Superior Residences of Niceville, where Hendrix now resides. Hendrix is also a former Fort Walton Beach Constable. Ashley presented Hendrix with a certificate for his combined 10 years of service while at the Sheriff's Office, as well as a badge with retirement identification. Hendrix served from 1957 to 1964, and from June 1972 to 1974.



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Members of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office recognized former Deputy Ruben Hendrix recently at Superior Residences, Niceville. From left: Former OCSO Deputy Howard Williams, OCSO's Stan Griggs, Capt. Ted Pecot, Maj. Greg Gaddis and Sheriff Larry Ashley. Center, Ruben Hendrix.



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Niceville Gamma Epsilon Chapter crowns Queen

Gamma Epsilon Masters Chapter of Beta Sigma, Niceville, elected Angela Budden their 2012-2013 Valentine Queen at its annual Valentine Dinner at the Lighthouse restaurant in Destin. Angela was crowned by last year's Queen, Helen Martin.

Obituary

Reade Bolling Jolliff Sr.

Reade Bolling Jolliff Sr., of Niceville, Florida died Thursday, March 29, 2012 at home following a brief illness.

He was born in Portsmouth, Virginia, June 23, 1924, to James Taylor Jolliff and Anna Goode Jolliff. Reade attended North Carolina State University where he played Guard for the Wolfpack football team. His education was interrupted by World War II when he enlisted in the Army



Reade Bolling Jolliff Sr.

two days after Pearl Harbor and served in Company A 334th Infantry in Northern France, Ardennes and Rhineland. Upon discharge from the Army, he completed his education at North Carolina State graduating with a degree in Textile Engineering.

Reade worked his entire career with Burlington Industries in North Carolina. Upon his retirement he traveled with his wife,

Cornelia, to developing countries as a textile consultant.

His various hobbies and interests included extensive work with Boy Scouts of America, Gideons International and fishing with family and friends.

Reade was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Cornelia; his son, Thomas; his brothers, James Jr. and Jesse. He is survived by his son, Reade B. Jolliff Jr., and daughter-in-law Carole of Niceville. Sister-in-law, Lulu Jolliff of Kenly, N.C. Granddaughter, Leigh Jorgenson (Jeremy) of Council Bluffs, Iowa, grandson, Matthew Jolliff (Erin) of Rainbow City, Ala., grandson, Nathan Jolliff (Lynn) of Gulf Breeze, Fla., and eight great grandchildren. Jackie Adams, his devoted caregiver.

He attended First Presbyterian of Niceville, and especially enjoyed the men's weekly fellowship breakfast at the Front Porch.

Reade's life was truly dedicated to God, country and family.

Graveside service with full military honors will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 4, at Gaston Memorial Park, Gastonia, N.C., and officiated by Ken Bogle. Arrangements handled by McLean's Funeral Home, Gastonia, N.C.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Cramerton Presbyterian Church, 151 Eighth Avenue, Cramerton, N.C.



Local woman donates quilt to Yellow Ribbon fund

Carol Stearns, owner of Decorating Den Interiors, designed and made this "Yellow Ribbon Quilt." The quilt was donated to the Yellow Ribbon Fund in Washington, D.C., and was auctioned at its annual event in 2011, raising \$600 for the charity. The Yellow Ribbon Fund, which assists injured service members and their families, was established by James Bugg, Sr. CEO of Decorating Den Interiors, a national company. Carol owns the local franchise that covers Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties.

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Senior Center lunch menu

The following is the Valparaiso Senior Center lunch menu for April 4 through April 10. Please call the center at 833-9291, or come by, 268 Glenview Ave., to make a lunch reservation. The cost is a voluntary donation, and lunch is served on weekdays at 11 a.m.

Wednesday
Turkey, ham, Northern beans, mixed greens, cornbread, pineapple tidbits, milk, margarine.

Thursday
Smothered chicken, corn, green

beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit, milk, margarine.

Friday
Hamburger patty, tater tot casserole, LTO, hamburger bun, peach cobbler, milk, ketchup, mustard.

Monday
Creole steak, whipped potatoes, broccoli and carrots, Texas bread, fresh fruit, milk, margarine.

Tuesday
Turkey breast, corn, spring vegetables, wheat bread, spiced apple rings, milk, margarine.



Gamma Epsilon presents Laureate Ritual

Gamma Epsilon Master's Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Niceville, presented the Laureate Ritual to Marge Ballon (center) by Doris Olig, president. She was assisted by JoAnn Jones, Helen Martin and Dianne Wilbur at the home of Margaret Holley.

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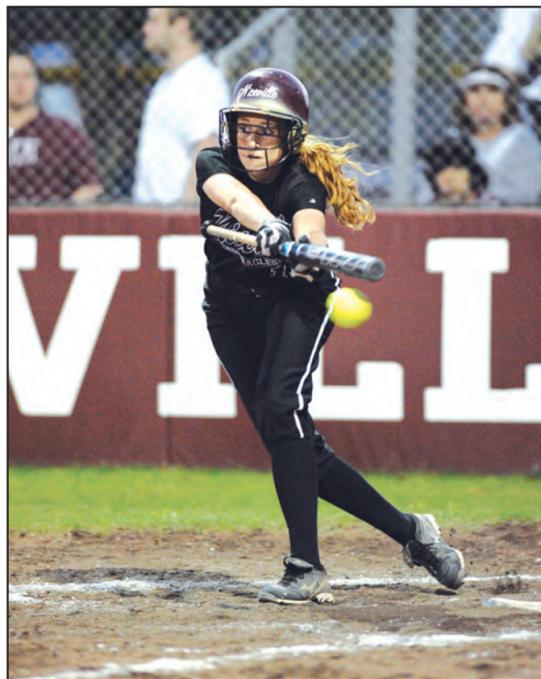
BEACONSPORTS



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Eagles come from behind to win

Niceville High School junior Tyler Kinard takes a running lead against Clarksville, Tenn., Thursday. The Eagles came from behind with five runs in the sixth inning to win the non-conference game, 8-7.



Niceville tops Tate, 10-0 Friday

Niceville High School sophomore Audrey Diekmann lays down a bunt Friday against Tate. The Eagles won the softball game handily, 10-0.

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NHS golf champs get their rings

Members of the Niceville High School Class 2A state champion women's golf team received their championship rings during Friday's softball game between Niceville and Tate. From left: Baily Rimes, Antonia Poate, Kaylee Bloor, Rachel Butterfield, Rebekah Pruet and Ivey Kelly. Each ring bore the athlete's name with the inscription, Niceville Class 2A 2011.



Local racers win 180-mile event

The Emerald Coast Night Crawlers, a group of six local men, participated in the Sunset-2-Sunrise Relay March 30-31. The 180-mile race began at Lakes Regional Park in Fort Myers and ended at Indian Riverside Park in Jensen Beach on the Atlantic coast. The course is broken into 36 legs of varying distances, with each Night Crawler running a total of 30 miles over six legs. The team finished first in its division. From left: Dan Schenke, Scott Guilbeault, Todd Harris, Steve Pearce (Team Captain), Christopher Caravello and Aaron Thompson.

Pick your Poison Regatta at Bluewater Bay Marina

The Pick Your Poison Regatta is scheduled for April 14, racing from the Bluewater Bay Marina in Choctawhatchee Bay. The regatta will be governed by the current 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including U.S. Sailing prescriptions. All entrants should have a valid PHRF or X-PHRF certificate. Boats without a valid certificate will be assigned the lowest GYA or national rating for that boat minus 6 seconds. The schedule: 10:30-11 a.m.,

registration; 11 a.m., skippers meeting; noon, start (approximately).

The entry fee is \$25 (\$5 credit to U.S. Sailing Members or members of a GYA club). Classes are spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruiser. At least three boats are required to establish a fleet.

For more information, call Denis Duhaime at 855-3285 (Cell) or e-mail dduhaime@gmail.com.

Briefs

Rocky lifters

Adam Downing placed first in the 183-pound weight class with a 290 bench press and a 270-pound clean & jerk at the Friday, March 23, district weightlifting meet among Baker, Rocky Bayou Christian, Northview, Jay, West Florida, Gulf Breeze and Pensacola Catholic high schools.

Josh Stubblefield took third place in the heavyweight division

with a 330-pound bench press and a 265-pound clean & jerk.

Downing and Stubblefield were scheduled to compete in the class 1A Sectional Qualifier on Monday, April 2, at Arnold High School. The first place lifter in each class at the qualifier will move on to the state championship meet. No information on that meet was available at press time.

Ruckel, St. Mary split

Thursday, at Fort Walton Beach Golf Club, the Ruckel girls golf team was defeated by St. Mary, 140 to 172. Ruckel was led by Carmen Little (42)

and Lexi Grandgenett (42).

The Ruckel boys won, 128 to 132. Ruckel was led by Patrick Poate (28) and a host of boys at 33.

Eagle gridders UCF-bound

Coming off an impressive performance at the VTO Sports/Rivals.com Elite 100 combine the week before, Niceville High School offensive lineman Nick Haynes and his teammate, quarterback and place kicker Andrew Mitchell, received word from Head Coach George O'Leary that the University of Central Florida (UCF) plans to offer each a full

athletic scholarship. Not previously on UCF's radar, running back Denzel Applewhite's (2012 Okaloosa County Weightlifting Champion, 169 Division) is now one of UCF's top prospects for 2013 following his visit. "Coach (O'Leary) has not had the opportunity to review my film," Applewhite said, "and they are still considering what position is a best fit for me at the next level." Blake Parker Niceville junior defensive back, visited the UCF last week during the University's "Junior Day." When asked about UCF, he responded, "it was awesome."

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