

# The Bay Beacon

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**UP COMING**

Thursday, 6 p.m.



The Niceville Public Library will present Family Movie Time. The library will show "Monsters Inc." Info: cityofniceville.org/library.html.

Saturday, 9 a.m.



The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center will celebrate the completion of their new Birds of Prey Complex. The Center will welcome their new feathered friends with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Also, Lisa Miller will present live birds and talk about their life span, habitats and diets. Standard admission rates apply. Info: 835-1824, or eowilsoncenter.org.

Saturday, 10 a.m.



The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County will hold its monthly meeting at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, 115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso. Speaker for the program will be Dale Cox. His presentation will be on the CSS Chattahoochee warship during the time frame of 1863-1864. Visitors are welcome. Info: 678-2023.

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## Soldiers, low interest boost home building

By Del Lessard  
Beacon Staff Writer

Homebuilders have been busier in Niceville recently. They are building less-costly homes, however.

The number of residential building permits issued by the city of Niceville during the first six months of the year is running 56 percent ahead of the same six months of last year.

Single-family home permits last year totaled 85, making 2011 the third year of growth in homebuilding in Niceville since

the market imploded in 2006-2007.

In 2012, a total of 64 single-family residential permits were issued by the Niceville Building Inspector through June 30, with a total value of \$13,420,337. That is up from 41 permits, with a total value of \$9,104,253 issued during the first six months of 2011.

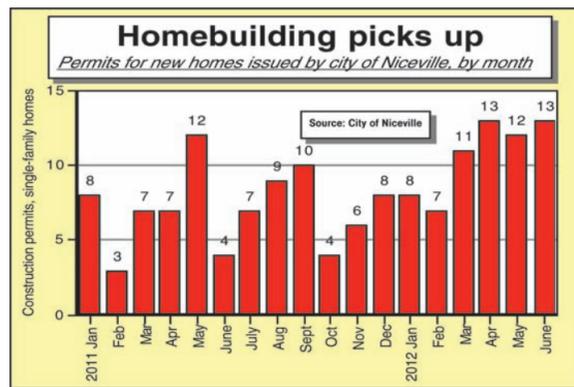
Meanwhile the average construction price for a single-family home continues a decline that began in 2007, according to permit figures. Last year the

average new home was valued at \$219,108, down 13 percent from the previous year.

Between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2012 the average cost of new home construction was \$209,693, down another 5.6 percent from the average cost of \$222,055 during the first six months of 2011. The figures are based on the estimates provided by builders when they apply for permits.

Niceville was one of only

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## Niceville girl totes torch for Olympics



Throngs of well-wishers greet Bailey Reese, of Niceville, as she carries the Olympic torch through the village of Bisham, about 50 miles west of London, Tuesday morning. Bailey, 16, was nominated for the honor because of her work with Hero Hugs, an organization she founded to send "goodie" packages to service members around the world. She carried the two-pound torch about 300 meters.

Photo by Diana Lampe

## Valp. OKs school land zone change

By Del Lessard  
Beacon Staff Writer

Valparaiso city commissioners Monday gave final approval to a pair of ordinances rezoning the former Valparaiso Elementary School property.

By a 4-1 vote, the city commission agreed with the recommendation of the city's planning commission and rezoned the school district's 13.3-acre property to Public Institutional (PI) with no subcategories. Permitted uses under PI zoning include public educational facilities, public buildings and grounds, parks, playgrounds, libraries, museums, art galleries, auditoriums, gymnasiums, sports complexes, swimming pools or civic centers.

Last year, the city commission had rezoned the property from Commercial to Public Institutional, Elementary School (PI/ES), a then-newly created zoning district limiting the property's use to an elementary school. The restrictive subcategory, Elementary School, was added last year in hopes of attracting a charter school company.

However, the school board, which closed the former Valparaiso Elementary School in May 2011 due to falling enrollment, objected to the restrictive

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## College directors hear gloomy economic forecast

By Mike Griffith  
Beacon Correspondent

America's baseball season may be in full swing, but there was no joy in Niceville as the Northwest Florida State College Foundation board of directors began their July 3 meeting.

A gloomy forecast of the

American economy was presented by foundation investment adviser Ray McGovern, of the McGovern Group of Merrill Lynch, who told board members that "the U.S. economy is firmly entrenched in muddling along," with little hope of improvement in the near future.

The nation's economic performance will affect the value and earnings of the foundation's \$31 million investment portfolio, which funds many college scholarships, some artistic endeavors, and certain other college functions. Merrill Lynch manages the endowment.

"The risks are significant for the second half of this year," McGovern said, because the nation is approaching what he called a "fiscal cliff" as of Jan. 1. At that time, many of America's financial chickens will simultaneously come home to roost.

Among these, said McGovern,

will be the scheduled expiration of the Bush tax cuts, which, if not extended, would reduce consumers' spending ability and make it harder for businesses to expand or hire. The current payroll tax holiday is also scheduled to expire, increasing taxes further for many working Americans. At

the same time, he said, unemployment benefits will expire for many jobless people, leaving them with "zero income."

Also, said McGovern, a national health care surtax will take effect on people with

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## Feathered guest visits local home

By Mike Griffith  
Beacon Correspondent

Niceville police are used to getting calls about local wildlife intruding into people's yards and homes, including such things as opossums, raccoons and even bears and alligators. The call they received Monday afternoon, July 9, however, was the first of its kind. Rocky Bayou resident Shaughn Moriarty called to report that a wild baby emu had appeared in his back yard, then followed him into his house.

"I was working in the yard when I heard a chirping sound," Moriarty told the Beacon.

"When I looked up, I saw a big gray bird walking out of the woods, toward me," Moriarty said he recognized the bird as a baby emu—a large flightless bird, which closely resembles its

larger cousin, the ostrich. Moriarty realized that the bird was a baby, and probably a lost pet or livestock belonging to someone nearby.

"The bird approached me, so I walked into my garage, and it followed me. Then I led it into the house where I could keep it safe until police arrived."

Moriarty phoned Niceville police, who came to help keep an eye on the bird while they contacted Dr. Jenny Fortune, a Niceville veterinarian who specializes in the care and rehabilitation of wild animals.

While waiting for Fortune to arrive, the police had plenty of help emu-sitting. Several neighbors came over to see Moriarty's unusual house guest, including 8-year-old neighbor Amanda Feist, who quickly discovered

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Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

Amanda Feist, 8, makes friends with "Beaker," an emu that followed her neighbor, Shaughn Moriarty, into his Rocky Bayou home. The bird was retrieved by a local veterinarian, who will keep it until a home can be found for it.

## County to divert Bluewater sewage

By Del Lessard  
Beacon Staff Writer

Before the end of the year Okaloosa County will bury five miles of 16-inch sewer main along Rocky Bayou Drive, Forest Drive and College Boulevard.

The \$2 million pipe-laying project will be completed to the area of Palm Boulevard and College Boulevard by the end of 2012. It will eventually be used to reroute sewage from unincorporated areas east of Rocky Bayou, including Bluewater Bay, Seminole and the surrounding area, to the regional wastewater treatment plant on Highway 85 North, Niceville. Eventually, plans call for the sewage to be piped instead to a county treatment plant in Fort Walton Beach.

The county was planning the \$2 million force main project even before it decided to bypass the regional sewer treatment plant on Highway 85 in northern Niceville and divert its share of sewage about 10 miles further

south and west to its modern Arbiene Pritchett wastewater treatment plant in Fort Walton Beach, according to Jeff Littrell, head of the county's water and sewer department.

A boring company is now on site along College Boulevard, east of Highway 285, drilling underneath roads and streams along the path of the new force main. Some of the greenish-blue force main pipe can be seen along the road near where College turns into Forest Drive.

Littrell said installation of the new sewer force main through the Rocky Bayou area of Niceville will allow the county to eventually abandon its aging, 14-inch sewer main that now routes Bluewater Bay's sewage along Highway 20 from the Rocky Bayou bridge to Palm Boulevard, then north to College Boulevard, thence to the regional treatment plant in Niceville.

When sewage begins flowing

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# Lightning sparks \$300,000 fire at Niceville home

## Three firefighters hurt battling blaze

By Del Lessard and Mike Griffith  
Beacon Staff Writers

Lightning sparked a fire Friday morning that caused \$300,000 damage to a Niceville home and injured three firefighters, none seriously.

Firefighters were on scene a couple of minutes after receiving the call at 8 a.m. at 111 Dolphin Point Road where smoke and fire was showing from the roof of a two-story home, said Niceville Fire Chief Tommy Mayville. The fire was under control by 8:33 a.m., he said.

Three fire crews were inside the burning house fighting flames, Mayville said, when a

ceiling on the first floor collapsed injuring three of the firefighters. The three firemen were treated on scene for their injuries, he said, including East Niceville Assistant Fire Chief Dave Birch, Tony Lohrman, the assistant chief at Niceville's fire department, and Joshua Mayville, a firefighter at the North Bay Fire Department and the son of the Niceville fire chief.

Mayville said the fire started when lightning struck a metal chimney cap and ignited a fire in the attic area. He estimated the fire, smoke, heat and water damage to the house and contents at \$300,000.

The home is owned by

Tommy and Emily Brown. Mrs. Brown was the only one at home at the time the lightning hit the home, Mayville said.

Nineteen firefighters responded to the blaze from Niceville, East Niceville, North Bay, Eglin Air Force Base and Valparaiso fire departments.

After the fire, Emily Brown told the Beacon that when the lightning struck, "The TV and all the lights went off, so I went to the garage to check the circuit breakers. When I entered the garage, I saw flames coming from the ceiling." She said she quickly removed the family car from the garage, although with some difficulty as the power outage made it more difficult to open the garage door.

Tommy Brown, who arrived home while firefighters were fighting the blaze, said, "I am very grateful to the firefighters, who were willing to put their own lives at risk to enter our burning home and bring out our filing cabinet with all our personal papers and records, as well as our computer and our family photos."

He said he was especially grateful that firefighters were able to save his only picture of his mother.

"I didn't get to grow up with my mother," he said. "In fact, I never met her until I was 16, and that one picture is all I have to remember her by. It could never have been replaced."

Brown said he is also grateful to the neighbors, friends, and even complete strangers who immediately offered all



Beacon photos by Mike Griffith  
Tommy Brown gazes at his burned home. The garage and interior of the home were extensively damaged by the fire, as well as by the collapse of the ceiling and water damage from firefighting efforts and by rain water that poured in through the open roof.

kinds of help to him and his wife. Within a few hours of the fire, he said, "I have already had several people offer us places to stay. The Comfort Inn called me to say they would set aside a room for us if we need it. One man I never saw before walked up to me and put a piece of paper in my shirt pocket, saying 'Here, use this for whatever you need.' When I looked at it, I saw that it was a signed blank check. I gave it back, and told him I couldn't accept a gift like that, but if he calls me back in a couple of days, I'll let him know if I still need any help."

"I'm so grateful," Brown said, "to live in America, and in a community like this, where people are so willing to help one another."



The interior of the house and the garage were severely damaged by fire and water.

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# 3 vie for open city council seat

By Del Lessard  
Beacon Staff Writer

With election signs sprouting on every corner in advance of the Aug. 14 primary race for several county and judicial posts, Niceville city residents might be forgiven if they overlook that Niceville is holding its own special election July 17 to fill a vacancy on the city council.

Three candidates are vying for the unpaid, non-partisan office:

—Judy Boudreaux, 69, of 2423 Duncan Drive.

—Robert Edwards, 41, of 110 22nd St.

—Barry Reed, 47, of 2020 Kildare Circle.

The election's only polling site—the Niceville City Council Chambers, 208 N. Partin Drive—will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 17. If no candidate wins a majority, a runoff election will be scheduled for July 31, said Dan Doucet, Niceville's city clerk and chief election official.

Boudreaux is a Niceville business owner who has lived in Niceville for 32 years. She is married and has three grown children. Boudreaux previously served on the Niceville City Council from 1994 until 2011, when she lost her seat to challenger Heath Rominger.



Judy Boudreaux

daughters, ages 18 and 16. He served in the Army for seven years. He has lived in Niceville for 23 years.

Edwards has taken college classes at Okaloosa-Walton Community College, Central Texas College and Troy State.



Robert Edwards

For the past six years he has been employed as a logistics contractor at Eglin Air Force Base.

Reed is married and has two children, ages 7 and 4. He retired from Hurlburt Field in 2008 after a career in the Air Force and is currently the Director of Emergency

Service Programs at Northwest Florida State College. He has a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor of science in nursing, and is a trained paramedic.



Barry Reed

The special election was called to fill the vacancy created when former city councilman William Thomas abruptly resigned at the end of the city council meeting May 8. The winner of this month's special election will serve the remainder of Thomas' term, which ends July 2015.

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zoning and sued the city. The school district plans to open a science, technology, engineering, math and medical (STEMM) center at the former elementary school, including, next month, a middle school for students with an aptitude for science and math.

School officials previously stated that they would approve rezoning the property to PI without the restrictive subcategory, or the original commercial zoning.

Mayor Bruce Arnold was the sole dissenting vote in Monday's vote to approve PI zoning without subcategories. He said he pre-

ferred that the school property go back to its previous zoning of Commercial.

Ordinance 629 updates the city's land development codes to do away with Public Institutional, Elementary School zoning districts, and adds the new Public Institutional zoning without subcategories.

Companion Ordinance 632 actually rezoned the 13.3-acre school property to PI.

In other business at the July 9 city commission meeting:

—Commissioners approved a motion to try to settle a demand from its former city attorney, Doug Wyckoff, at a maximum of \$5,500. Wyckoff left the position in March saying he had been fired

and was owed \$6,000 under his employment contract. City commissioners said Wyckoff quit.

Valparaiso's current city attorney, Hayward Dykes, told commissioners that Wyckoff had rejected the city's previous offer of \$3,000 to settle the dispute, and that he had countered with an offer of \$5,500. Dykes said that although the city's legal case was strong, meeting Wyckoff's demand was likely cheaper than the legal costs to fight the case in court. He said Wyckoff had up to five years to contest the issue.

"I feel Mr. Wyckoff deserves nothing," the mayor said. Commissioner Kay Hamilton said that although she agreed with the mayor, the city commission

should remove emotion from the case and, from a business perspective, settle and put an end to the dispute. Commissioners voted unanimously to make the \$5,500 settlement offer.

—Dykes also told the commission that a judgment has not yet been handed down in the Bradley lawsuit against the city—which went to trial last month over allegations the commission violated state sunshine laws.

Dykes went on to say that a witness alleges that Mayor Arnold and Commissioner Heyward Strong violated a judge's order not to discuss the case. A July 25 hearing has been scheduled before a judge over the allegation.

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incomes more than \$250,000, leaving them with less money to spend, invest, or hire anyone.

At the same time, the automatic spending cuts mandated by last year's congressional budget compromise will take effect unless a federal budget compromise is reached, leading to reductions in many federal programs. That would probably include the sequestration of much military funding, possibly affecting the economy of Northwest Florida.

Theoretically, said McGovern, Congress still has time to turn the nation away from the financial "cliff," but he said that is unlikely to happen until after the November election. More likely, he said, is that "Congress will kick the can down the road" until after the election and the end of 2012, by which time the consequences of inaction will have already occurred.

Meanwhile, the effects of the approaching financial cliff "impact the economy today," McGovern said, because grow-

ing uncertainty about the future is causing inaction among business leaders, who prefer to conserve what cash they have rather than risk it on attempts to expand their businesses or hire employees.

As a result, said McGovern, "Two to 3 percent economic growth is the best we can expect" for the remainder of the year. Meanwhile, he added, "China has the fastest-growing economy in the world."

The implication of such gloomy news for the college foundation, McGovern said, is that the foundation should maintain a "defensive" investment posture, emphasizing conservative, "quality" investments that may offer relatively small opportunity for growth, but also offer less risk of loss. For example, McGovern said the foundation's current investment portfolio contains more than 30 percent bonds, rather than stocks or other more volatile assets.

NWFSC President Ty Handy also gave the foundation board solemn news at the meeting in Niceville. He said that the college trustees recently approved a 2.5 percent hike in tuition, and an overall 6 percent increase,

including fees, in the cost of obtaining an education at the college. Handy, who had originally asked the trustees for a 5 percent tuition hike, said the higher prices are necessary to cover the operating costs of the college.

According to figures published in the July 4 Bay Beacon, the cost to the student of an education at NWFSC has more than doubled in the past 10 years, with much of that growth occurring since the national economic recession began in 2008. Few, if any, prospective NWFSC students have seen their own incomes double during that time. Many, however, are beneficiaries of scholarships.

Despite the increases, the lion's share of a student's education at NWFSC and the state's other community colleges is still paid by taxpayers.

Not all the news was bad at the July 3 meeting. In other announcements, Handy told the foundation board that the contract with Barnes & Noble to operate the college's new bookstore was nearly completed, and that he expects the store to be open for business by October.

He said the new store, which

replaces a college-operated outlet, will be a departure from the textbook-oriented "fortress mentality" of traditional college bookstores, which he said sometimes seem more anxious to deter students from shoplifting than to attract or please customers.

The new store, said Handy, will be a "community bookstore," appealing not only to students and faculty, but to the community as a whole. In addition to textbooks and study materials, the store will offer a broad range of books and other reading materials, plus assorted convenience store items, as well as a Starbucks coffee shop. Handy said he hopes for the new bookstore to become a hub of activity for the entire local community rather than just a place for students to get their textbooks for upcoming courses.

Handy also said NWFSC's new sports arena is "among the best in the country," and is likely to be the site of state and national events, as well as NWFSC basketball games. One such event, he said, is an upcoming national women's basketball all-star game July 14, which will include some players from NWFSC.

## GUEST

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that the baby bird is very tame and friendly toward people. She petted and talked to the emu, helping to keep it calm and happy.

When Dr. Fortune arrived, she

revealed that the bird belongs to her—sort of. Fortune said she had been given the bird about a month ago by some people who had found it wandering alone, after apparently escaping or being abandoned by its original owner. Fortune said the bird, whom she

calls "Beaker," is now about two months old and weighs about 20 pounds. When full grown, she said, the emu will probably weigh about 80 pounds and be much taller. She said the emu eats a combination of grass, dog food, and specially-formulated emu

chow.

After wrapping the baby bird in a protective blanket, she took it back to her home about a block away, where she plans to continue caring for it until she can find its original owner or arrange a permanent home for it.



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VIP (Children w/ disabilities)	Aug 1, 93-Dec 31, 07
U6	Aug 1, 06-Sep 1, 07*
U8	Aug 1, 04-Jul 31, 06
U10	Aug 1, 02-Jul 31, 04
U12	Aug 1, 00-Jul 31, 02
U14	Aug 1, 98-Jul 31, 00
U19	Aug 1, 93-Jul 31, 98

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# Police Blotter

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

## Arrests

Jackie Coogan Mott III, a business owner, 29, of 23 Ruby Circle, Mary Esther, was arrested by Valparaiso police July 2 on a charge of driving while license suspended or revoked, habitual traffic offender. Mott was also cited for improper display of the license plate.

Alan Kendrick Taylor, 30, of 626 John C. Sims Parkway, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 23 on a violation of probation charge on the original charges of possession of controlled substances, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Herman Louis Beck, a construction worker, 29, of 1419 Hickory St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 27 on a violation of probation charge on the original charge of driving while license suspended, habitual offender.

Laura A. Haley, a car wash attendant, 35, of 207 Deer Ave., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 30 on a violation of probation charge on the original charges of grand theft and uttering a forged check. Haley was also arrested on a charge of failure to appear on the original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked.

A 17-year-old Valparaiso boy was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 29 and taken to

Department of Juvenile Justice detention facility on a juvenile order to take into custody after absconding from supervision.

Matthew Ryan Setterstrom, unemployed, 22, of 300 Yacht Club Drive, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 29 on a misdemeanor charge of violation of probation on the original charge of battery.

Karissa Leone Frank, 33, of 818 Linden Ave., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 30 on a charge of failure to appear on the original misdemeanor charge of driving with an expired license for more than six months.

Ryan Christopher Brown, unemployed, 27, of 1402 29th St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 29 on a violation of probation charge on the original charges of grand theft and uttering forged bills.

Joseph Vincent Collins, 57, of 500 Kelly Mill Road, Valparaiso, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 22 on misdemeanor worthless check charges related to checks for \$30.35 and \$46.97.

Rebekah Reba Martin, unemployed, 41, of 202 Seminole Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by sheriff's deputies June 29 on a misdemeanor violation of probation charge.

## DUI arrests

David Wesley Bush, 31, of 408 Escanaba Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by sheriff's deputies for DUI on Highway 85 North and Duke Field, June 24 at 2:56 a.m.

## Thefts

A Niceville grandfather is out \$2,000 after falling for a scam in which a caller claimed over the phone to be the vic-

tim's grandson and in need of cash after having an automobile accident. The victim told deputies June 27 that he withdrew \$2,000 from his bank and went to a grocery store where he used Western Union to send \$1,900 to his 17-year-old "grandson." The victim received three or four additional calls from the bogus grandson asking for more money after the money order had been sent and received. The victim became suspicious when the "grandson" became rude and demanding.

The victim learned he'd fallen for a scam when he talked to his real grandson's mother, who said she and her son had been traveling together from Birmingham, Ala. to Niceville when the scam took place. The victim's wife and adult daughter also spoke with the caller and believed they were talking to the real grandson.

The victim's real grandson told deputies that his Yahoo email account had been corrupted about three weeks before the incident and that his personal information may have been accessed by unknown person(s).

Investigators learned from Western Union that the \$1,900 money order had been sent to Guatemala.

## Other

A 16-year-old Niceville boy observed in Destin smoking a pipe in his vehicle, was issued a criminal summons by sheriff's deputies June 25 on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

William S. Summitt, an audio-video tech, 26, of 719 Mullet Creek Road, Niceville, was issued a criminal summons by sheriff's deputies, subsequent to a traffic stop for a tag light out, July 5, on charges of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

# Fire Department Reports

## Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls from July 2, 2012 through July 8, 2012.

STREET	SITUATION	DATE	TIME
2 Structure Fire	27 Emergency Medical Calls		
0 Vehicle Fire	3 Vehicle Crash		
0 Other Fire	0 Vehicle Crash with Extrication		
1 Illegal Burn	2 Other Emergency Calls		
1 False Alarms	1 Hazardous Conditions		
S. Cedar Avenue	Medical	07/02/12	10:04
47th Street	Medical	07/02/12	14:31
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	07/02/12	19:47
Redwood Avenue	Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	07/03/12	00:30
John Sims Pkwy.	Life Flight	07/03/12	00:51
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Alarm Activation	07/03/12	09:06
Madison Street	Structure Fire	07/03/12	11:53
N. Partin Drive	Medical	07/03/12	15:58
Fir Avenue	Medical	07/03/12	19:37
Reeves Street	Medical	07/03/12	23:42
S. Cedar Avenue	Medical	07/04/12	00:05
Rita Lane	Medical	07/04/12	07:32
N. Partin Drive	Medical	07/04/12	11:38
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle Crash	07/04/12	12:05
Bay Circle	Medical	07/04/12	15:04
N. Partin Drive	Medical	07/04/12	16:05
Hickory Avenue	Medical	07/04/12	18:43
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Alarm Activation	07/04/12	19:27
Bayshore Drive	Medical	07/04/12	20:19
Reeves Street	Medical	07/04/12	20:40
Twin Cities Blvd.	Medical	07/05/12	10:24
Als Drive	Medical	07/05/12	16:20
Dolphin Point Road	Structure Fire	07/06/12	07:58
N. Partin Drive	Medical	07/06/12	11:15
N. Cedar/Partin Drive	Medical	07/06/12	11:35
N. Partin Drive	Medical	07/06/12	14:30
N. State Road 123	Vehicle Crash	07/06/12	17:12
23rd Street	False Call	07/06/12	20:36
Bayshore Drive	Medical	07/06/12	21:25
N. Partin Drive	Medical	07/06/12	23:02
Niceville Avenue	Illegal Burning	07/07/12	09:58
23rd Street	Medical	07/07/12	14:27
Pine Court	Medical	07/07/12	19:30
E. College Blvd.	Medical	07/07/12	20:36
3rd Street	Medical	07/08/12	00:57
N. Partin Drive	Medical	07/08/12	04:00
Duncan Drive	Medical	07/08/12	22:49

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## North Bay

The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls from July 2, 2012 through July 8, 2012.

Street	Situation	Date	Time
Pinehurst Cove	EMS call	07/02/12	17:01
North White Point Road	EMS call	07/02/12	17:26
North White Point Road	EMS call	07/03/12	08:53
Madison Street	Building fire	07/03/12	11:53
Bay Drive	EMS call	07/03/12	12:50
Hampton Circle	EMS call	07/03/12	12:50
North White Point Road	EMS call	07/03/12	19:45
Merchants Way	EMS call	07/04/12	12:52
White Point Road	Dispatched & canceled	07/04/12	15:48
Highway 20	EMS call	07/05/12	04:44
Merchants Way	EMS call	07/05/12	05:26
Matre Cove	Cooking fire	07/05/12	17:32
E. Highway 20	Dispatched & canceled	07/05/12	18:32
Windward Lane	Rescue, EMS incident	07/05/12	18:57
Pine Street	Rescue, EMS incident	07/05/12	19:50
Dolphin Point Road	Building fire	07/06/12	07:56
Oaklake Lane	Alarm system activation	07/06/12	11:06
North White Point Road	EMS call	07/06/12	16:37
Mossy Cove Court	Dispatched & canceled	07/06/12	18:25
Niceville Avenue	Dispatched & canceled	07/07/12	10:04
East Highway 20	Alarm system activation	07/07/12	10:07
W. Choctawhatchee Drive	EMS call	07/07/12	10:59
North White Point Road	EMS call	07/08/12	15:09
North White Point Road	Medical assist	07/08/12	17:20
Windlake Court	False alarm	07/08/12	20:44
Saint Croix Cove	Medical assist	07/08/12	21:05

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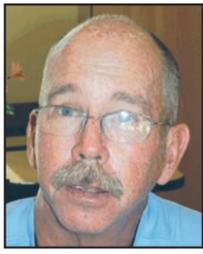
**"I think it should be the consumer's preference."**

Lorinda Hutchison, 46, Crestview, worker's compensation representative



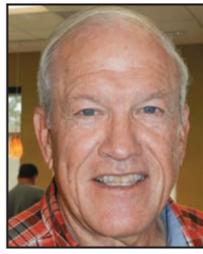
**"They shouldn't outlaw it. When it comes to soda, people should be self-regulating and make their own choices."**

Stephanie Thompson, 43, Bluewater Bay, housewife



**"They're trying to regulate choice."**

Paul Steffler, 58, Niceville, charter boat captain



**"It's OK with me. I don't drink soft drinks anyway. I think a lot of obesity is the result of overindulgence."**

Gerald Gause, 70, Marianna, business owner



**"I don't like it. I like large sodas."**

Chance Huff, 12, Niceville, Ruckel Middle School student



**"I think it's your own choice how to take care of your body."**

Gary Givens, 63, Valparaiso, retired

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Beacon photos by Del Lessard  
New home construction in Niceville during the first half of 2012 is on track to increase for the fourth year in a row.



Price is an attraction for many new home buyers who believe the housing market has hit bottom, said developer Mike Floyd. Above, construction activity at Redwood Villages where single family homes range from \$168,900 to \$245,900.

**HOME**

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four taxing districts in Okaloosa County (out of 19) that posted increased taxable valuations this year, according to preliminary tax rolls provided last month by the Okaloosa County Property Appraiser's office. Two of the other three increasing in taxable value were fire districts in unincorporated Niceville.

Niceville Building Inspector Darcy Chaney said single-family home construction has been steady in several neighborhood developments around the city including Swift Creek Preserve off North Partin Drive, Arrowhead just north of Edge Elementary School, and Hawks

Landing off College Boulevard.

Valparaiso Realty, which developed the now-sold out Swift Creek Preserve development, is busy readying a similar, 31-lot housing development off South Palm Boulevard, Magnolia Woods phase 1, using one of the same builders, Huff Homes, from the Preserve. A second phase with 42 homes is also in the planning stages.

What's driving the increase in building activity?

"We're blessed that the 7th Special Forces is coming into the area," said Roy Sutton, a Realtor with the Wilson Minger Century 21 agency, Niceville, who has been marketing homes in two of the busiest residential developments.

In addition to military home buyers from Eglin, Sutton said, about a third of new-home buyers are taking advantage of historically low interest rates to "move up," as new home prices are often close to the cost of an older home.

Arrowhead prices are in the \$229,900 to \$279,900 range, Sutton said. "We haven't had any in that price range in a while," he said, noting that smaller lot sizes are one of the trade-offs. Many people in the recent past who wanted to live in Niceville instead went to Crestview where land prices are often lower, he said.

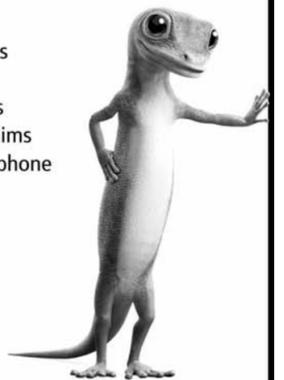
Sutton said lower prices for quality homes were also a drawing point at Swift Creek Preserve, where home prices ranged from \$305,000 to \$385,000, while similar quality homes in Niceville were running in the \$375,000 to \$600,000 category.

Mike Floyd, a Niceville developer currently building homes in 25-lot Redwood Villages, as well as individual lots on Sycamore Avenue, said many people now realize the housing market has hit bottom.

Price, he said, is an attraction for many, and military buyers continue to be a factor. Homes in Redwood Villages range in price from \$168,900 for single-floor models to \$245,900 for two-story, 2,000-square-foot homes.

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**SEWAGE**

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through the 16-inch force main, the county also plans to abandon the old main along Highway 20, plus two sewage pump stations, one near Canal Drive, the other on 37th Street, Littrell said.

Mark Wise, the county's engineering manager for water and sewer, said installation of the 16-inch sewage force main northward on Rocky Bayou

Drive, to Forest Drive and then College Boulevard, will be completed by the end of 2012. The new force main will connect with an existing 14-inch force main near College and Palm boulevards, he said.

Wise said the installation is part of a multi-million, multi-stage sewer project, that will culminate in 2016 when Bluewater Bay's sewage is pumped all the way to Arbienné Pritchett. Additional phases, dates, and estimated costs,

include:  
 —2013, replacement of about 500 feet of force main between the existing Canal Drive lift station and Rocky Bayou Drive, \$200,000. The pipe extends over a canal.  
 —2014, build a new and larger sewage lift station near the county water tower in Merchants Walk, in Bluewater Bay, \$1.2 million. An older, smaller lift station at the same location will be abandoned.  
 —2014, install a 10- to 12-

inch force main from the Lancaster Drive area to the lift station in Merchants Walk, \$300,000.

—2014, build a new sewage lift station on the north side of College Boulevard, somewhere between Highway 285 and Northwest Florida State College, \$1.2 million. After this pump station is completed, sewage can begin flowing from east of Rocky Bayou, along Rocky Bayou Drive, Forest and College, to the regional sewer

treatment plant. The county can also abandon its aging force main along Highway 20 and Palm and close the sewer lift stations at Canal Drive and 37th Street.

—2015-2016, install 10 miles of sewage force main from the regional sewer plant in Niceville, further west and south along College Boulevard to the vicinity of the former Wolverine softball complex in Valparaiso, and then onto Eglin property to the Arbienné Pritchett wastewater treatment plant, \$3.3 mil-

lion. Once this phase is complete, sewage from unincorporated Niceville will be diverted from the regional treatment plant in Niceville and sent to Fort Walton Beach.

The regional sewage plant in Niceville is expected to continue to operate, processing effluent from Niceville and Valparaiso.

Wise said the cost figures for future years are at this point best estimates. The work will be done primarily with in-house county personnel, he said.



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**Marissa Marinan**

team, she was also named to the Peachbelt Conference Presidential Honor Roll as a Silver Scholar. Marissa is working as an intern this summer at NBC, Rockefeller Center, in New York City. She is experiencing both the editorial and production side of NBC Dateline and Rock Center with Brian Williams. Marissa is a 2009 graduate of Niceville High School, and a senior communications major at Flagler College.

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**Louis James Tsunis**, of Niceville, graduated in May with a master's of business administration from the University of West Florida. He is a 2010 graduate of the University of Central Florida and a 2006 graduate of Niceville High School. He is currently employed at Citi as a financial reporting analyst, and resides in Tampa.



**Louis Tsunis**

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**Meagan A. Balding**, a 2010 Niceville High School graduate, has been named to the Dean's



**Meagan Balding**

List at Jacksonville University for the fall and spring semesters, 2011-12. She also received Academic All-Conference Softball for 2011-12. Meagan plays Division I softball at Jacksonville University, where she will be a junior in the fall. She is on an honors academic and softball scholarship, and is majoring in chemistry. Meagan is the daughter of Brenda and Andy Balding, of Niceville.

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**Forrest Taylor Williams**, a 2008 graduate of Niceville High School, graduated magna cum laude from the University of Alabama Honors College, Tuscaloosa, Ala., May 5 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and psychology. Forrest, winner of the University of Alabama

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## Rocky student builds foundation for future

By Tess Hollis  
Beacon Staff Writer

Visiting two service academies and attending Girls State are just a slice of one Rocky Bayou student's summer.

For Christy Allen, 17, of Niceville, all of these activities are just a way for the upcoming senior to serve others and serve the Lord by using her talents.

In June, Christy attended the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State in Tallahassee, a nonpartisan program that teaches young women "responsible citizenship and love for God and country." Christy was one of 300 girls across the state to attend Girls State.

"I learned a lot more about government than I ever learned in school," Christy said.

Participants at Girls State learn how to get involved in the functioning of their state's government in preparation for their future roles as adult citizens. The girls, who have completed their junior year of high school, spend a week of study, working together as self-governing citizens. Gov. Rick Scott and Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam, made appearances at Girls State and shared how they each became involved with politics.

"It was really cool to see people who are involved in the same activities as you and who are as busy as you are," she said with a laugh. "Everyone is like Einstein there. It really humbles you."

To become selected for Girls State, Christy had to go through an interview process



Beacon photo by Tess Hollis

**Christy Allen, center, was one of 300 girls who attended Girls State in Florida. She will be a senior at Rocky Bayou Christian School and lives in Niceville with her father Mike, left, and her mother Gail, right.**

and write an essay before being nominated by the local American Legion Post 221.

The essay to make it to Girls State was certainly not the first one Christy has written this year. She recently won first place in the senior high category (11th and 12th grades) of the Florida American Legion Auxiliary essay contest. The topic was "How can I show my patriotism in my community?"

"I focused my essay on showing appreciation to veterans in our community, and what it is to be a citizen," she

said.

Christy's essay advanced to nationals, but as of press time she had not heard who won.

"I'm really happy I won, but I didn't expect it, I just did it," she said.

Christy's love for politics and government is not something that recently came about—it has been acquired over time.

"I started learning about elections, and my roles in various clubs definitely sparked my interest," she said. Christy will be 18 by election day in November this year, and said she will "definitely" vote.

She also has a profound love for her country.

"I want to have a military

career and fly F-15s," she said. "I always wanted to be a pilot, and I really want to serve my country. It's the right thing to do."

She is currently working on applications to the Coast Guard Academy, New Haven, Conn., and the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Christy recently spent a week at the Air Force Academy's Summer Seminar, which allows high school students to take classes at various service academies.

"It was an eye-opening experience," she said. "I got a feel for what it's like to be a

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## In the Service

**Korie A. Schaeffler**, a 2008 Rocky Bayou Christian graduate, has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force through the ROTC program.

ROTC is an educational program designed to provide college students an opportunity to be Air Force officers after completing military study courses and bachelor's degree requirements at a host college or university. Schaeffler earned a bachelor's degree from Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and is now a pilot trainee. She is the daughter of Scott and Sue Schaeffler, of Fort Walton Beach.

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Air Force Airman 1st Class **Jessica L. Dunlap** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Dunlap is the daughter of Adam Grillone, of Niceville.

She is a 2007 graduate of Niceville High School. She earned an associate degree in 2010 from Tidewater Community College, Chesapeake, Va.

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Info: Dr. Holt, 576-0721, or the library at 279-4863, ext. 1504.

**'Painting with a Twist'**

Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida is bringing "Painting with a Twist" to the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Aug. 9, at 6:30 p.m. A talented artist will lead the class through step-by-step completion of the painting, while the participants enjoy snacks and beverages. Participants are welcome to bring a bottle of wine. Cost: \$35 per person, which includes snacks and materials. Advance registration is required. Registration: Evelyn or Kelly, 244-2825, or mailing or dropping off a check to Catholic Charities, 11 First St., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548. Participants must be at least 17 years old. Proceeds from the event will help fund Catholic Charities' emergency assistance programs.

**Spanish class**

The Spanish language class at the Valparaiso Community Library is accepting registrations for its new session, which will begin Aug. 9, at 3 p.m. The class is limited to 15 people. Registration: 729-5406.

**School supplies needed**

Niceville Sharing & Caring is collecting school supplies for children of families who are not able to purchase necessary back-to-school items. School supplies or monetary donations can be dropped off at 104 Bullock Blvd., Niceville. The office is

open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 9 a.m.-noon, Friday. The drive will end Aug. 3, and supplies will be distributed to the students Aug. 11. Students may register for supplies until Aug. 3. Students must be registered for the 2012-13 school year and have identification on file at Sharing & Caring. Info: 678-8459.

**Boy Scout auction**

Valparaiso Boy Scout Troop 52 annual online auction is ongoing until July 18. Bids are being accepted for a two-night stay at the Ramada, free dinner coupons, gift certificates, jewelry and items from local supporters. Final bids will close at the Troop's spaghetti dinner on July 20 at AMVETS, Valparaiso. Info: troop52.valp.net/auction.htm, or 678-8014.

**Summer story time**

Summer story time will run through July at the Valparaiso Community Library every Monday at 1:30 p.m. The library will hold a story and craft time for ages 5-9. Regular preschool story times will continue Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9:45 a.m., ages 0-5.

**Food for children**

The Okaloosa County School District will participate in the Summer Food Service Program which provides nutritionally balanced meals to children regardless of race, sex, disability, age or national origin during summer vacation. All children 18 and younger are eligible for meals at no charge. Edge Elementary School, Niceville, will provide meals through Aug. 10. Breakfast is from 7-8:30 a.m. and lunch is from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Summer recreation**

Registration is ongoing for summer recreation for kids entering grades 1-5 at Niceville United Methodist Church. The summer recreation program will end Aug. 2. Info: nicevilleumc.org/recreation, or 678-4411, ext. 145.

**Heritage Museum camp**

Registration is ongoing for the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida's "Raiders of the Lost Artifact" summer history camp, Aug. 6-10, from 9 a.m.-noon. Cost: \$60 per Raider for the week, or \$50 per Raider for Museum Family Members. Raiders can also participate for \$15 per day, or \$12 for Museum Family Members. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Info: 678-2615.

**Art display**

Eighteen members of the Local Color Artists Club are displaying their work at the Niceville Public Library through Aug. 26. Art work includes oils, pastels, water colors, acrylics, photography, wood-turned, porcelain and jewelry.

**Senior activities**

The Walton-Okaloosa Council on Aging Senior Program will offer the following for people 60 and older at Seminole Community Center, Cedar Street, 833-9291: July 12, bingo, 10 a.m.; July 17, bingo, 10 a.m. The following programs will be offered at the Valparaiso Community Center, 268 Glenview Ave., 833-9291: July 11, bingo, 9:30 a.m.; July 12, Wii bowling, 9:30 a.m.; July 13, bingo, 9:30 a.m.; July 16, dominoes and socializing, 9:30 a.m.; July 17, bingo, 9:30 a.m.

**Twin Cities Seniors**

Twin Cities Senior Citizens will meet July 12, at 1 p.m., at 268 Grandview Ave., Valparaiso. Entrance will be provided, please bring a covered dish to share. There will be entertainment and bingo. Info: 543-0869.

**Family Movie Time**

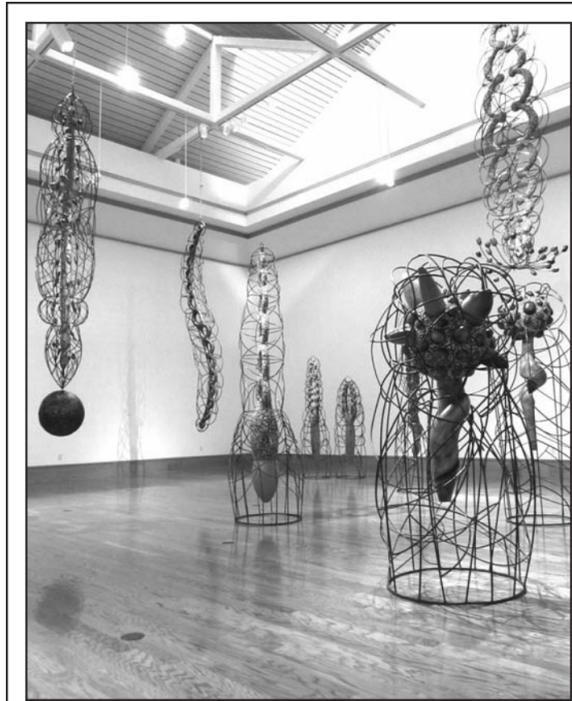
Niceville Public Library will present Family Movie Time on July 12, at 6 p.m. The library will show "Monsters Inc." Info: cityofniceville.org/library.html.

**ADSO art camp**

The Arts and Design Society will offer "Kids' Fine Art Camp," July 16-20. Ages: 6-11 and 9-13. Cost: \$60 per child, \$50 for ADSO members. Pre-registration is required by July 13. Classes will be at the ADSO Art Center, 17 First St., SE, Fort Walton Beach. Info: 244-1271, or artsdesignsociety.org.

**Women's Hall of Fame**

The Okaloosa County Commission on the Status of Women (OCCSW) is taking nominations from the community for the 2012 Women's Hall of Fame. Nominations are due July 13. Nominees must be a woman whose life and works have had significant contributions to the improvement and enhancement of life for all women and citizens of Okaloosa County. Nominees must be living and must be Floridian either by birth or by permanent residency and domicile. Nominee's accomplishments may be in one or more fields of art, agriculture, athletics, business, community services, education, environment, government, health, humanities, law, philanthropy, and/or science. The nomination form and more information can be found at occsw.org/halloffame.htm.



Courtesy photo

**Mattie Kelly hosts exhibits**

The Mattie Kelly Arts Center will host two exhibitions until July 20. The McIlroy Gallery will have Duane Paxson's Ivory Tower series on display. In the Holzhauser Gallery, Salvador Dalí's woodblock prints from Dante's "Divine Comedy" will be on display. The gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closed on weekends and holidays. The galleries are also open 90 minutes prior to Mainstage performances of "The Wiz." Info: mattiekellyartscenter.org, or 729-6044.

or by contacting Gayle Carmichael at 598-3092, or hof@occsww.org. Inductees to the Women's Hall of Fame will be honored Aug. 23, at 7 p.m., at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville.

**Breast cancer poker run**

Brothers Forever Post will host a "Bikers for Boobies" poker run to raise money for breast cancer awareness. The poker run will be July 14, with registration beginning at 9 a.m., and the run at 10 a.m. Last bike in will be no later than 2 p.m. The run will leave from AMVETS Post 78, 910 Valastics Ave., Valparaiso, and end at VFW 7674, Fort Walton Beach. Cost: \$10 per rider, \$5 per passenger. There will be a 50/50 raffle and drawings for big prizes.

**Birds of Prey Complex**

The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center will celebrate the completion of their new Birds of Prey Complex July 14, at 9 a.m. The Center will welcome their new feathered friends to their new home with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Also, Lisa Miller will present live birds and talk about their life span, habitats and diets. Standard admission rates apply. Info: 835-1824, or eowilsoncenter.org.

**Genealogical Society**

The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County will hold their monthly meeting July 14, at 10 a.m., at the Heritage Museum, 115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso. Speaker for the program will be Dale Cox. His presentation will be on the CSS Chattahoochee warship during the time frame of 1863-1864. A Dutch treat lunch will follow at a local restaurant. Visitors are welcome. Info: 678-2023.

**'Night at the Museum'**

The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida is accepting reservations for "Night at the Museum," a guided tour with food and wine tasting. The tour will be July 14, at 7 p.m., at the Museum, 115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso. All proceeds will benefit the collection and exhibits of the Heritage Museum. Cost: \$30, or \$25 for Museum Members. Group packages are also available: 6 for \$168; 8 for \$216; and 10 for \$260. Info and reservations: 678-2615, or heritage-museum.org.

**Paddle trip**

Bring your canoe or kayak and join the Florida Trail Association for a paddle trip on the Chipola River near Marianna July 14, at 9 a.m. Info: 682-6098, 302-528-2858, or choctaw.floridatrail.org.

**Gospel concert**

Libby and Friends Gospel Concert Ministry will present "The Quicks of Smyrna Tennessee," on July 14, at 6 p.m., at Central Baptist Church, 951 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview. The family has been performing for 22 years. A love offering will be received and everyone is invited. Info: LibbyAndFriendsGospelConcerts.com, or 682-5525.

**Family Story Time**

The Niceville Public Library will present Family Story Time on July 14, at 10:30 a.m. The library will read "Pajama-rama." Info: cityofniceville.org/library.html.

**Chess Camp**

In this camp, students will learn how to play or improve their game.

Openings and end games will be practiced and tournaments will be played, July 23-26, Monday-Thursday, from 12:30-4 p.m. Cost: \$72. Ages 9-15. Register and pay by 4 p.m. on July 16 to avoid a \$10 late fee. Info: Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 729-7227, ext. 273.

**Girls basketball camp**

A basketball camp will be held in the Rocky Bayou Christian School gym July 23-27, Monday-Friday, from 8-11:30 a.m. Girls grades 3-7. Cost: \$80. Register and pay by 4 p.m. on July 16 to avoid a \$10 late fee. Info: Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 729-7227, ext. 273.

**Crazy Robotics camp**

This camp will teach students how to build and use Lego Robotics, July 16-20, Monday-Friday, from 12:30-4 p.m. Cost: \$77. Ages 8-16. Info: Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 729-7227, ext. 273.

**Drum Line camp**

This camp is required for Rocky Bayou Christian students in the Marching Knight Pit & Drum Line to instill the fundamentals of percussion instruments. Attendance is by audition only. The camp will be July 23-27, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost \$77. Grades 7-12. Register and pay by 4 p.m. on July 16 to avoid a \$10 late fee. Info: Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 729-7227, ext. 273.

**Color Guard camp**

This camp is for students in the Rocky Bayou Christian School Knights Color Guard to prepare them for the fall marching season. Attendance is by audition only. The camp will be July 23-27, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost \$77. Grades 7-12. Register and pay by 4 p.m. on July 16 to avoid a \$10 late fee. Info: Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 729-7227, ext. 273.

**English PSAT/SAT**

The English PSAT camp is targeted toward 9th and 10th graders, and the English SAT camp is targeted toward 11th and 12th graders, but students may choose the course work that fits their readiness. Both camps will teach English testing strategies. Camps will be July 23-27, Monday-Friday, from 8-11:30 a.m. Cost: \$77. Grades 9-12. Register by 4 p.m. on July 16 to avoid a \$10 late fee. Info: Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 729-7227, ext. 273.

**Math PSAT/SAT**

The Math PSAT camp is targeted toward 9th and 10th graders, and the Math SAT camp is targeted toward 11th and 12th graders, but students may choose the course work that fits their readiness. Both camps will teach math testing strategies. Camps will be July 16-20, Monday-Friday, from 8-11:30 a.m. Grades 9-12. Info: Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 729-7227, ext. 273.

**Boys basketball camp**

A basketball camp will be held in the Rocky Bayou Christian School gym July 16-20, Monday-Friday, from 8-11:30 a.m. Boys grades 3-7. Info: Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 729-7227, ext. 273.

**Varsity basketball camp**

A varsity basketball camp will be held in the Rocky Bayou Christian School gym July 16-20, Monday-Friday, 12:30-4 p.m. Boys grades 8-12. Info: Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 729-7227, ext. 273.

**Beginner Band camp**

Rocky Bayou Christian School will hold a beginner band camp July 16-20, Monday-Friday, 12:30-4 p.m., to introduce children to an enriching, musical experience. Beginning band is for incoming 5th graders and any other student new to the RBSC band, regardless of their grade level. Grades 5-12. Info: Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 729-7227, ext. 273.

**General Jackson program**

The Niceville Library Friends would like to invite the public to meet General Andrew Jackson, as the First Territorial Governor of Florida, July 17, at 10:30 a.m., in the Niceville Community Center. The program is free and open to children 3rd grade and up, as well as adults. Local author, historian and attorney Jim Moore will bring General Jackson to life in this dramatic presentation.

**"The Wiz"**

"The Wiz," a seven-time Tony Award-winning Broadway musical version of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" will come to the Mattie Kelly Arts Center July 18-21, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 for adults, \$20 for youth ages 18 and younger. Info: mattiekellyartscenter.org, or 729-6000.

**Job Fair and Expo**

The Workforce Development Board of Okaloosa and Walton Counties will host the North Okaloosa County Job Fair and Military Community Expo July 18, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Crestview Community Center. There is no cost to attend. Exhibitors at the event will include local employers that will accept resumes, and local military and community partners that will share information about resources, programs and services available on and off base. All jobseekers are encouraged to bring multiple copies of their resume and dress for success. Info: jobsplusestop.com.

**Genealogy class**

The Genealogy History Class at the Valparaiso Community Library will have a special program July 18, at 9:30 a.m., to explore the basics of genetic inheritance. Charlene Grafton, a local writer and geneticist, will present the program to discuss genealogy, genes, genomics and gender. Info: 729-5406.

**Obituary**

**James William Davis (Bill)**

July 30, 1926-July 2, 2012

James William Davis (Bill), 85, a resident of Bluewater Bay, passed on July 2, 2012. He was born on July 30, 1926 to Bill and Ethel Davis, both deceased.

Bill married his sweetheart, Ernestine (Tina), on June 7, 1947. They spent 65 wonderful years together.

Bill is survived by his sister, Jane Class, son Bill Davis III and wife Rita; two daughters Janice Byrd and husband Joe and Tavie Buttl and husband Edd; Seven grandchildren, Brett, Rachael, Blake, Matthew, Lydia, James, and Joseph; two great-grandchildren, Finn and Selah Grace; and a niece, nephew and many friends.

Bill served in the United States Navy during World War II. His business career began in finance in Lake City, Fla. He retired from Ford Motor Credit in 1980 when he and Tina moved to Bluewater Bay.

Bill was affectionately known as "The Mayor" of Windward by friends. He enjoyed bird hunting, fishing, and playing golf. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Niceville.

Twin Cities Funeral Home is handling cremation and there will be a private family service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to either Covenant Hospice, 101 Hart St., Niceville, FL 32578, or Florida Sheriffs Association, 2617 Mattan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308. Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted online at emeraldcoastfuneral-home.com.

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Honors College 2010 Moral Forum Debate Tournament, has been selected to serve as a debate coach for the Impact Alabama SpeakFirst All-Star debate team in Birmingham. Impact's SpeakFirst initiative enriches the academic experience of a select group of gifted students from Birmingham's public high schools through participation in an all-star debate team, while offering recent high-achieving college graduates the opportunity to engage actively in civic and public life by contributing their diverse talents to solve local and state problems and influence public policy. Forrest is the son of Charles and Karen Williams, of Niceville.

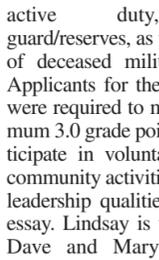


Forrest Williams

Matthew Turnbull, of Niceville, was named to the spring 2012 Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire. He earned High Honors for the academic year. Students named to the Dean's List have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance. Students with a 3.5 to 3.69 average are awarded High Honors.

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Lindsay Foy, of Niceville, received a \$1,500 college scholarship awarded at Hurlburt Field. She received the scholarship as part of the Scholarships for Military Children Program, which is open to qualified sons and daughters of members of the U.S. Armed Services, including active duty, retirees, guard/reserves, as well as children of deceased military personnel. Applicants for the 2012 program were required to maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, participate in voluntary school and community activities, demonstrate leadership qualities and write an essay. Lindsay is the daughter of Dave and Mary Foy. She is enrolled at the University of West Florida. Her school and community activities include: President's List, Delphi Academic Honors, Oracle Academic Honors, GSA Camp Leader and ARGO Reader.



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Regan Dempsey, of Niceville, received a \$1,500 college scholarship awarded at Eglin Air Force Base. She received the scholarship as part of the Scholarships for Military Children Program, which is open to qualified sons and daughters of members of the U.S. Armed Services, including active duty, retirees, guard/reserves, as well as children of deceased military personnel. Applicants for the 2012 program were required to maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, participate in voluntary school and community activities, demonstrate leadership qualities and write an essay. Regan is the daughter of William and Leslie Dempsey. She is enrolled at the University of Florida. Her school and community activities include French Club, Interact Club, Chorus and Kids on Campus.

Group helps smokers kick habit

By Kenneth Books  
Beacon Staff Writer

Addicts are all around us. Chances are good that you know several.

The most prevalent American addiction—and, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the deadliest—is addiction to nicotine. According to the World Health Organization, tobacco kills some 6 million people each year.

Quitting is often difficult and, without a support mechanism, is unsuccessful about 90 percent of the time, according to the CDC. Thus, Nicotine Anonymous (NicA), which is forming a local chapter, can help smokers free themselves from the unhealthy and expensive smoking habit.

"Smoking never affected my health, and I'm very glad for that," said Gwynn, who, with her husband, Andy, is starting the Panhandle Nicotine Anonymous chapter at the First Presbyterian Church in Niceville. "But I couldn't go across the room to answer the phone without my cigarettes."

She found help on Aug. 19, 1998, when she visited an NicA meeting outside of Edmonton, Alberta.

Gwynn, who now lives in Niceville, went home and "I heard a voice in my head that said, 'It's over, Gwynn. I just knew I was free. I burned all my cigarettes and put a standing ash tray outside.'" She said the outside ashtray was placed for friends who want to smoke.

Andy has been smoke-free since June 28, 2009, after a lifetime of heavy smoking.

"I had tried to stop," he said. "I might make it a week or two."

The habit—which reached four packs or 80 cigarettes a day at one time—caused Andy such physical maladies as peripheral artery disease (PAD) and arthritis.

"These were warning signs I received over the years," Andy said. "I ignored them."

Andy's epiphany came one day as he smoked a cigarette, drank a cup of coffee and read the newspaper.

"Something clicked," he said. "I said, 'I can't do this anymore.'" He dropped his half-smoked cigarette into the dregs of his coffee and hasn't smoked since.

Not that it was easy. Luckily, his stepdaughter and her husband quit smoking at about the same time, so they were able to serve as a support group for one another.

Giving up smoking is difficult because it provides a "kick" to the nervous system, in part by



stimulating the adrenal glands, and discharging adrenaline, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The "kick" takes about seven seconds to reach the brain, Gwynn said.

At first glance, it seems illogical that anyone would smoke, considering the well-known health and financial difficulties that can arise. But, Gwynn said, the problem is that most nicotine addicts started smoking when they were teenagers.

In 2007, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, more than 3 million American adolescents reported using a tobacco product in the month prior to the survey. In that same year, it was found that nearly 60 percent of new smokers were under the age of 18 when they first smoked a cigarette. Of smokers under 18, the Institute says, more than 6 million will likely die prematurely from a smoking-related disease.

"There is a reason you were stupid enough to start as a teenager," she said. "The frontal lobes of the brain, which differentiate between right and wrong, between stupidity and wisdom, aren't fully developed until you're about 20. If we started smoking before 20, we were hooked."

"You watch any kid," she said. "If he makes it to 20, he'll never smoke."

After she found the Nicotine Anonymous meeting in Canada, Gwynn wanted to help other addicts kick the habit. So she started running a meeting "without a clue of what to do."

She drove 35 miles one-way each Thursday for a year,

opened a church and "usually no one was there. I'd sit there and read the NicA literature."

Today, NicA is growing as the price of cigarettes and health care rises. Volunteers all over the world run about 740 NicA groups, serving thousands of people.

As in Alcoholics Anonymous, NicA members can lean on one another when they feel a strong desire to smoke. Members can call their sponsors at any time for a calming conversation.

Having the camaraderie and shared circumstances that come from NicA is "really important to the nicotine addict who can't understand why he's had a lung removed and as soon as he's out of the hospital starts smoking again," Gwynn said. "There's no one they can talk to about the crazy struggle. It's psychological and they can't figure out why they're doing something so stupid."

Andy, a retired Army officer, was ushered into the ranks of smokers. During his military service, his rations included cigarettes.

"I smoked from the time I got up in the morning to the end of the day," he said. "I burned holes in everything and did all the things smokers did."

He and Gwynn estimate he's saved roughly \$15,000 in the nearly three years he's been a non-smoker over the cost of cigarettes.

Nicotine Anonymous meets every Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1800 John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Information can be obtained from Gwynn at 725-5191 or from Andy at 897-4721.

"We're kind of like a church," Andy said. "Folks can come in and listen. We don't charge anything. So many people are desperate to quit smoking."

For those with mobility problems, online meetings are scheduled seven days a week through nicotine-anonymous.org.

If Gwynn and Andy seem to be driven, it's because they know first-hand how much giving up the habit can improve one's life.

"If you can't think in terms of physical health," Andy said, "think in terms of finances."

ROCKY

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cadet. There was a lot of yelling, and I'm not used to that."

On July 8 Christy began the same seminar at the Coast Guard Academy, where she will attend classes until July 15.

While her parents, Mike and Gail, have allowed her to make her own choices about school and her future career, Christy grew up in what some would call the perfect environment for one who desires to serve in the United States military and become a pilot. She has two older brothers, both of whom are in college.

Both Mike and Gail are Air Force Academy graduates, and Gail is a retired Air Force

colonel. Mike was a pilot during his Air Force service, and is now a pilot for Delta.

"Even when she was little, she expressed interest in what we did," Gail said. "If I was in the living room doing pushups, she would be right there with me, watching me."

Throughout the years, Mike said his daughter's attitude has impressed him the most.

"You just rarely find that work ethic in a teenager," he said. "She's driven and determined and always has a positive attitude about everything she does."

When she's not mapping out her future, Christy stays busy year-round with various activities including tennis, student government, drama club, academic team, Mu Alpha Theta,

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish club and more. She is also an active member of First United Methodist Church of Niceville and has been on mission trips to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and Guatemala.

How does she balance it all? Time management, hard work and a lot of prayer, she said. But her extra-curricular activities and volunteer efforts are not a chore.

"Serving others just comes naturally to me," she said.

Christy said she attributes her success to God and her family.

"She loves life and she loves the Lord, and that's really important to us," Gail said. "We can't take all the credit—she just has an innate talent, something she was born with."

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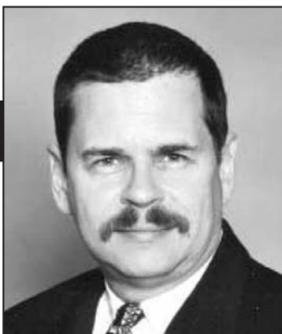
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### 9-10-Year-Old All-Stars take crown

The Niceville Little League Fast Pitch 9-10-Year-Old All-Stars defeated DeFuniak Springs in two games, 11-0 and 12-2, to take the District 1 championship. From left: front, Michaela Brocato, Ava Worthy, Anjeli Beliveau and Paige Riley-Whitaker; middle, Savannah Hill, Carley Kidder, Caitlyn Stringfellow, Katrina Wellema, Hannah Langston, Allison Brown and Izzy Torres; rear, coach David Brown, manager Troy Sjostrom and coach Chris Kidder.



### Local nine win 10-11 title

The 10-11-Year-Old Niceville Valparaiso Little League all-star team won the 10-11 year Florida District 1 championship June 27 in DeFuniak Springs. To win the crown, they defeated Destin, DeFuniak Springs and Destin again in the championship game. From left: front, Brandon Cromwell, Derek Vogel, Evan Griffith, Coley Embry and Connor Walsh; middle, Tristan Keith, Zach Coldsnow, Owen Williams, Chandler Plourd, Harrison Dorsett and Trent Walker; rear, coach Robbie Williams, manager Brian Walsh and coach Berry Drake. Not pictured is Rece Hinds.

## AmeriCorps seeks members

Special to the Beacon

The AmeriCorps program at Northwest Florida State College is seeking new members for its educational and environmental mission.

AmeriCorps is part of the National Service Network and is often referred to as the "Domestic Peace Corps." Its goal is to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to help meet communities' critical education, public safety, environmental and other human needs. Members received a modest taxable living allowance and educational award in exchange for a set number of service hours to the local AmeriCorps mission.

"AmeriCorps is an opportunity to make a big difference in your life and in the lives of those around you," said Laurie Von Kaenel, NWFSC AmeriCorps program director. "It's a chance to apply your skills and ideals toward helping others and meeting critical needs in our community."

Von Kaenel noted that in addition to the living stipend and educational award, full-time members may be eligible for additional benefits such as health care or child care.

The 2012-13 AmeriCorps members will serve 11 elementary schools in Okaloosa County and three elementary schools in Walton County. Members will participate in the school district's Response to Instruction/Intervention Plan to help improve instruction for students with disabilities to the prevention of inappropriate identification of specific learning disabilities.

In addition to focusing on academic mentoring services with seven full-time and eight half-time AmeriCorps members placed in the participating schools, there will be four full-time AmeriCorps members placed with the



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Northwest Florida AmeriCorps from prior service years work with children to plant native shoregrass along Choctaw Bay as part of the Grasses in Classes curriculum. AmeriCorps at NWFSC is now accepting applications for its 2012-13 program.

Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance to work collaboratively with each school implementing environmental education and outreach activities that will include STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) related curriculum such as water collection and conservation, storm water management, water conservation/chemistry, exotic/invasive plant species, as well as native plants and grasses in classes curriculum. Members will work within the partnered schools and with the public to provide hands-on educational opportunities that teach families of school-aged children to care about the environment in which they live.

Member benefits for those selected to serve with AmeriCorps

include:  
—Full-time members: 1,700 hours of service from Aug. 15 to July 31, 2013; a living allowance of \$12,100 taxable gross (\$1,088 monthly taxable gross), health insurance, child care and \$5,550 educational award.

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Interested applicants may visit the program website at [nwfsc.edu/ameriCorps](http://nwfsc.edu/ameriCorps) or contact Laurie Von Kaenel at 729-6037. Applications can be printed off the website or picked up at any of the NWFSC campuses.

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### Golfers support scholarship



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**Obituaries**

**Adelaide Miller Drake**

Award-winning local artist Adelaide Miller Drake left her earthly cares behind on June 28, 2012 in Crestview, Fla., a few hours after her husband Norman S. Drake passed on the same day. Adelaide was the fifth in a line of family artists, including her father Chester Miller of Rochester, N.Y. She first made her name as a pastel portrait artist in the Washington, D.C., area, rendering likenesses of many persons including members of Congress. After moving to Northwest Florida, she became fascinated with stoneware sculptures, specializing in "making faces" as she liked to put it. She

won numerous awards in local art shows and studied at the Okaloosa-Walton Community College (current Northwest Florida State College) under Arnie Hart and others. Working as a student at the college was one her favorite times. She leaves a legacy of great art.



Adelaide Miller Drake

She is survived by her children, son Jerry Drake and his wife Deanne of Idaho, daughter Jane Drake of Niceville, Fla., and son Robert Drake, also of Niceville; sister Elizabeth Barker and her husband Richard of Rochester,

N.Y.; and grandchildren Abigail Murray of Nevada, Tracy Drake of California, and Geoffrey Drake of Florida.

Adelaide loved to paint and sculpt faces, creating wonderful portraits that showed the inside of the subject better than the outside, giving a mirror into her subjects souls.

**Norman S. Drake, Col. USAF (Ret)**

Col. Drake, age 90, passed away in Niceville, Fla. on June 28, 2012, a few hours before his beloved wife, Adelaide Miller Drake. He was born April 22, 1922, in West Webster, N.Y. to William R. and Ada Mae (Brundage) Drake. He was a member of the Parselles Avenue Baptist Church of Rochester, N.Y. He is survived by his sons Jerry

Drake of Haley, Idaho, Robert Drake and daughter Jane both of Niceville, Fla., as well as sister Sybil Miller of Webster, N.Y. He is also survived by grandsons Geoffrey and Tracy Drake and granddaughter Abigail Murray. Also surviving are great-grand children Stefan and Erica Murray.



Norman S. Drake

Col. Drake entered the Army Air Force in September, 1942, and retired from the United States Air Force on June 1, 1979, serving for more than 37 years. He completed a combat tour in the Pacific Theater in World War II with the

549th Night Fighter Squadron, flying as a radar observer in a P-61 Night Fighter from Oahu, Saipan, and Iwo Jima. He continued his career after graduating from the University of Rochester with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, becoming heavily involved in flight test programs at Eglin, Holliman and Edwards Air Force Bases. He participated in development of the SR-71 program and was a member of the Mach 3 + club, flying 3 times the speed of sound. In 1971, he was assigned to Eglin Air Force Base as a Division Chief and Deputy Commander of the Air Force Armament Laboratory, and then Chief of Staff of the Armament Development and Test Center until his retirement. He received four Legion of Merit Medals during his service with the Air Force.

After retirement he was a consultant for several local aerospace corporations, including D.O. Pattison and Associates and the TYBRIN. He finally retired for good in 2002, at the age of 80.

He loved his wife and children, and all of his pet dogs, numbering six at the time of his passing. He was a lover of Notre Dame football and St. Louis Cardinals baseball.

The passing of Norman and Adelaide on the same day was a last miracle of a marriage that lasted 68 years.

Services for both Adelaide and Norman will be held on Saturday, July 14, at Twin Cities Funeral Home in Niceville, Fla., starting with family visitation at 1 p.m. and services beginning at 2 p.m. with interment at Heritage Gardens Cemetery.

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## Knights of Columbus name new members

New members of the Knights of Columbus Assembly 3236, Niceville, were named at St. Ann's, Pensacola June 30. From left: Charles Tobia, Lenny Smales, Mark Adams, Faithful Navigator, Jack Starr and Vince Warshki, past Faithful Navigator.



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## Scouts get to work at Plew

Troop 71 Scouts, leaders, family members and community members participated in Cale Kokenes's Eagle Project, which was completed May 18. Project participants painted lines and panther paws on the outdoor track of Plew Elementary School, Niceville. The track is used for Plew's Mile Club, and includes facts about the length of distance between each paw.



## Duathlon results

The following are the results from Fourth of July 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Valparaiso Duathlon. The 5-kilometer run, 200-meter swim was held at Lincoln Park, and 150 people completed the race. This year, a 5-kilometer walk was incorporated into the race.

OVERALL WINNER		Place	Time
Men's	Clayton Tillery	1	19:31
Women's	Michaela Ashley	8	21:48
MASTERS WINNER		Place	Time
Men's	Sean McSheehy	7	21:29
Women's	Paula Piazza	22	24:50

LADIES WINNERS		Place	Time
<b>14 &amp; UNDER</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Marisa Ashely	20	24:24
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	McKenna Hyma	49	27:14
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Sophia Tucker	87	30:45
<b>15-19</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Sara Steele	33	25:48
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Taylor Reynolds	41	26:31
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Sarah Fraser	42	26:32
<b>20-24</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Sarah Hankla	29	25:28
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Corrie Sober	31	25:33
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jennifer Cook	43	26:35
<b>25-29</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Laura Whitton	25	25:12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Chelsea Cunningham	76	30:05
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Sara Harris	84	30:21
<b>30-34</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Amy Stoyles	77	30:06
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Cynthia Laurendi	90	31:17
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Joia Dooley	103	32:59
<b>35-39</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Tara Morley	60	28:40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kera Holguin	74	29:55
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Michaela Tillery	80	30:12
<b>40-44</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Tammi Cox	82	30:15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kellie Grassie	111	33:39
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Kathy Otis	120	35:31
<b>45-49</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Angie Lewis	32	25:46
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kelly Wild	35	25:55
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Karen Meadows	38	26:12
<b>50-59</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Wendy Euwing	46	26:51
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Joy Kelly	47	26:53
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Janet Place	91	31:46
<b>60-69</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Linda Holloway	119	35:29
<b>70 &amp; Over</b>			
No competitors			

MEN'S WINNERS		Place	Time
<b>14 &amp; under</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Carson Oldnettle	15	23:36
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Miguel Gonzalez	19	24:21
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	David Rivera	37	26:09
<b>15-19</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Caden Ewing	4	20:17
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Sean White	6	20:36
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ty Chastain	27	25:20
<b>20-24</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Matthew Bevil	3	20:16
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Christopher Bennett	30	25:30
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Kennedy Milsson	40	26:21
<b>25-29</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	David Brock	67	29:13
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	John Nemeck	70	29:38
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Josh Storey	85	30:23
<b>30-34</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	T. Justin Bronder	5	20:32
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Tim Spaulding	10	22:12
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Daniel Whitton	18	24:05
<b>35-39</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Nathan Tarver	2	19:41
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Mike Nunley	12	22:14
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Nathaniel Bowers	36	25:57
<b>40-44</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jason Barker	11	22:13
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Michael Small	14	22:36
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Neil Nipper	21	24:46
<b>45-49</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Rob Crist	9	22:01
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Michael Cox	28	25:23
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	J.C. Baltz	34	25:50
<b>50-54</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jim Meadows	13	22:27
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Brian McMahan	17	24:01
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Carlos Rodriguez	51	27:45
<b>55-59</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Greg Bilby	16	23:48
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	John January	54	28:06
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Mark Manship	150	48:18
<b>60-69</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Rob Holloway	23	25:10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Mark Nilsson	26	25:16
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Al Greenup	118	35:28
<b>70 &amp; over</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Wayne McSheehy	78	30:07
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ken Wright	106	33:09

WALK WINNERS		Place	Time
<b>LADIES 18 &amp; OLDER</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Carole Joliff	1	50:54
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Inge	2	50:55
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	April Wesby	3	51:32



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