

# The Bay Beacon

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Wednesday, August 8, 2012

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**UP  
COMING**

**Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon**

**Ruckel Middle School Readiness Day** for all upcoming sixth graders will be Aug. 9 in the cafeteria. Students can come at any point during this period.

**Thursday, 11 a.m.**

**Henderson Beach State Park** will host a half-hour wildlife presentation. The **Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge** will present its rehabilitated wildlife. Event is free to the public with paid park entrance fee. Weather permitting. Info: 837-7550.

**Saturday, 6 p.m.**

**Libby and Friends Gospel Concert** Ministry will present in concert **Forgive Trio** of Lawrenceburg, Ind., at Central Baptist Church, 951 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview. A love offering will be received. Info: LibbyAndFriendsGospelConcerts.com, or Libby White, 496-7106.

**Sunday**

Sunday is the deadline for tickets to the **Democratic Women's Club** of Okaloosa County Aug. 16 **annual dinner**. Florida Senator Nan Rich will be the Keynote Speaker. "Celebrating Women's Equality and Suffrage" is the theme of the dinner, to be held at the Holiday Inn Resort on Santa Rosa Boulevard on Okaloosa Island, with cocktails at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$60 and may be purchased by calling 897-2894 or 864-3148. Seating is limited.

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## County sees no change in millage

By Mike Griffith  
*Beacon Correspondent*

The Okaloosa County Commission tentatively agreed last week to leave the county's property tax millage rate at its current level of 3.2899, but to increase the advertising budget of the scandal-ridden Tourist Development Council by more than \$2 million.

The commission acted July 31, during one of several budget workshops being held this summer, leading up to final public budget hearings scheduled for September, just before the county's final budget and millage rates for Fiscal Year 2013 take effect on Oct. 1. During the workshop meeting, the commissioners discussed

the possibility of raising the millage rate, but quickly dropped that idea in favor of keeping the current rate.

A millage rate of 3.2899 means that Okaloosa property owners pay just under \$3.29 in property tax for every \$1,000 of appraised taxable value of their property, after homestead exemptions and other discounts.

For example, the owner of a home appraised at \$200,000 taxable value would pay \$657.98 in county property tax, in addition to other property taxes for the Okaloosa School District, local fire districts and other property taxing entities. The county millage rate has remained steady since 2010, after declining for several years

from a peak of 5.5 in 1993/94. Property tax revenue has declined steadily since 2007, the last year before the national recession started the decline in property values.

In addition to regular property tax, Okaloosa County also charges a tax of 0.18 mills to

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## 88 students enroll in science school



At the new STEMM Center in Valparaiso Friday, Crestview math teacher Linda Parker, Fort Walton Beach science teacher Cyndi Stone and district math specialist Debbie Davis traded ideas and techniques for using technology in their classrooms.

Beacon photo by Del Lessard

## STEMM Academy ribbon-cutting set for today

By Del Lessard  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

Eighty-eight sixth graders—22 more than expected—will become the inaugural class of the STEMM Academy when the county science school opens its doors in Valparaiso for the first time Aug. 20.

Enrollment is expected to triple in three years.

Meanwhile, to celebrate Okaloosa County's only school dedicated to the study of science, technology, engineering, math and medicine (STEMM), dignitaries, including Florida

Sen. Don Gaetz, are scheduled to celebrate with a ribbon-cutting ceremony this morning, Aug. 8, at 9 a.m. at the center, 379 Edge Ave.

Located in the former Valparaiso Elementary School, the STEMM Center, a public magnet school aimed at drawing students from throughout the county, includes three components. They are: a training center for teachers to learn how better to bring STEMM subjects to their regular classrooms, a one-day elementary school program called Engineers for America,

and its centerpiece, the magnet-school STEMM Academy for middle school children with an aptitude for science and math.

Originally the academy was targeted to begin with 66 students—three classes of 22 sixth graders, adding a higher grade level each of the following two years. But demand was strong enough that the school now plans to open with four classes of 22, the maximum number of students per classroom under state rules, according to Rick Soria, director of the STEMM Center.

For a time there was even a waiting list, Soria said, but as opening day neared there were some transfers and other changes as military families got orders, he said. That will allow the school district to reinvent other students to apply, he said.

Soria said the STEMM Academy is expected to have an enrollment of 264 middle school students in two more years, with 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes of 88 students each. One grade will be added in each of the next two years. An enrollment of

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## Valparaiso discusses secrecy lawsuit in private

By Mike Griffith  
*Beacon Correspondent*

In the wake of a recent criticism by a Florida judge that it had violated state law by discussing public business in secret, the Valparaiso City Commission held another closed-door meeting Thursday.

The stated purpose of Thursday's "executive session" was to discuss with Valparaiso City Attorney Hayward Dykes how to respond to a recent court ruling, in which Circuit Judge Thomas Remington stated that the city had previously violated Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law by making decisions in secret.

Thursday's meeting was the latest in a series of costly disputes concerning the U.S. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Florida Sunshine Law. The controversies began in 2008, when the city commission decided to sue the Air Force under the Freedom of Information Act, to force the release of studies on the possible impact of flying F-35 fighter planes from Eglin Air Force Base over Valparaiso. The commission at that time was concerned about environmental data that may have shown that the noise from F-35s could be a hazard to Valparaiso residents.

The decision to sue the Air Force was and remains controversial. In 2009 Valparaiso resident Anthony S. Bradley filed his own lawsuit, this time against the city, accusing city commissioners and then-city

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## Drug suspect blows whistle on meth lab

By Del Lessard  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

A traffic stop by Niceville police led to the discovery and dismantling of a clandestine methamphetamine lab in the city and the arrest of five suspects charged with trafficking methamphetamine.

Arrested by sheriff's deputies

Aug. 1, all five suspects were charged with one count of trafficking methamphetamine, 14 grams or more, according to Okaloosa County Sheriff's reports. They were:

—Holly Katherine McDaniel, 28, of 312 22nd St., Niceville. McDaniel was also charged with two counts of possession of a

controlled substance without a prescription, methamphetamine and Alprazolam.

—Jeremy Shane Fish, 29, of 8376 Tavira St., Navarre.

—Melissa Lynn Glowa, 25, of 121 Beverly Drive, Niceville.

—Sandra Lynn Hoenig, 22, of 16 11th St., Shalimar, who also listed a booking address of 107-B

Kelly Road, Fort Walton Beach.

—Jose Francisco Dominguez, 30, of 4465 Parkwood Square, Niceville.

Sheriff's arrest reports gave the following account:

Niceville police made a traffic stop for an expired vehicle tag Aug. 1 on McDaniel in the area of 22nd Street. She was subse-

quently arrested for possession of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, Alprazolam, also known as Xanax.

McDaniel allegedly told police she knew the location of several active meth labs, including one at her home on 22nd Street.

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## Tuesday election to settle most races

By Del Lessard  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

By the end of the day Tuesday, Aug. 14, primary election day, most Okaloosa County elective races this year will have been decided, nearly three months before the general election.

On Aug. 14, Okaloosa County registered voters will elect at least five countywide officials to four-year terms: sheriff, tax collector, superintendent of schools, and two county commissioners. All the candidates in these five races are Republicans, resulting in a universal primary open to all reg-

istered voters, regardless of party affiliation.

In addition, all registered Okaloosa voters will cast ballots in the non-partisan District 4 School Board race. If one of the three contenders wins a majority, the winner will be elected. If not the two top vote-getters in the school board contest will face off on the Nov. 6 general election.

The only county-level race certain to be decided in the general election Nov. 6 is the District 1 County Commission contest, which drew one Republican, incumbent Wayne Harris, and

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Local roadsides should become much less crowded after next Tuesday's primary election, when most county-level races will be decided. Pictured, a thicket at state roads 85 and 190, Valparaiso.

Beacon photo by Del Lessard

ELECTION

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one Democrat, Ronald L.F. Connor. Neither is opposed for his party's nomination, and so neither will appear on the primary ballot.

In addition, four county-level contests were decided when only one candidate filed for the post. County officers elected unopposed when no challengers qualified are: Clerk of Court Don Howard; Property Appraiser Pete

Smith; Supervisor of Elections Paul Lux; and District 2 School Board Member Dewey Destin. All but Destin are incumbents. Destin succeeds School Board Member Chuck Kelley, who did not run for a third term.



A. Sheridan Lowrey II



Steven Menchel

Also open to all registered voters in Okaloosa County Tuesday, as well as other voters in Florida's First Judicial Circuit, are two non-partisan First Judicial District positions—the Group 15 circuit court judge and the public defender.

Through Saturday, Aug. 11, voters have the option of casting ballots at any of four Okaloosa County early-voting sites that have been open since Aug. 4. Locally, an early voting site is Niceville City Hall, North Partin Drive.

The local races to be decided in the primary are:

- Okaloosa County Sheriff (Universal Primary Contest): —Larry Ashley, R. (incumbent). —A. Sheridan Lowrey II, R. —Steven Menchel, R. —Tony R. Taylor, R. Okaloosa County Tax Collector (Universal Primary



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Contest): —Ben Anderson, R. (incumbent). —Bill Roberts, R. Okaloosa Superintendent of Schools (Universal Primary Contest): —Mary Beth Jackson, R. —Alexis C. Tibbetts, R. (incumbent). Okaloosa County Commissioner District 3 (Universal Primary Contest): —Clint Aden, R. —Nathan Boyles, R. —Dennis A. Reeves, R. —Bill Smith, R.



Alexis C. Tibbetts



Clint Aden

—James Owens, R. (incumbent). All registered Okaloosa voters can also cast ballots in the non-partisan race school board contest. If one of the three candidates wins a majority of votes, they will be declared winner. If no candidate receives a majority, the top two vote-getters will vie for the seat on the Nov. 6 general election.



Nathan Boyles



Dennis A. Reeves

Okaloosa County District 4 School Board Member, (non-partisan). —Rob English. —Cathy Thigpen (incumbent). —J.B. Whitten. All voters in the 1st Judicial Circuit (Okaloosa, Walton, Santa Rosa

and Escambia counties), may cast ballots in the non-partisan Group 15 Circuit Judgeship that serves primarily in Okaloosa County.

Group 15 Circuit Judge

—Terry Ketchel (incumbent).

—Thomas Murphy.

Also during the Aug. 14 primary, registered Republicans registered Democrats will select their party's nominee for the U.S. Senate race. Democrats will choose between incumbent Bill Nelson and Glenn A. Burkett. Republicans on the ballot are: George LeMieux, Deon Long, Connie Mack, Mike McCalister, Marielena Stuart and Dave Weldon. Although their names remain on the ballot, LeMieux has withdrawn and Long was disqualified, according to Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections Paul Lux. The winning Democrat and winning Republican will face each other in the general election Nov. 6.



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Registered Republican voters in Okaloosa County may cast ballots for the party offices of State Committeeman and State Committeewoman. Republican voters in Precinct 40, South Bluewater, will elect three precinct committeeman. Four candidates seek the three

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## STUDENTS

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264 would leave the facility well short of the 400 students it had when it was ordered to close as an elementary school two years ago.

Because of the low enrollment compared with conventional schools, the four teachers required multiple certifications, Soria said. The sixth graders will be on a block schedule, with three classes of over 100 minutes every day, he said. The longer classes will allow more intensity and rigor, he said.

Students will either bring their own lunches or be served prepared meals from a vending machine in the cafeteria that recalls the popular automats of 1950s.

Of the 88 students expected to start at the STEM Academy later this month, 27 are from Niceville and three from Valparaiso. In addition, Crestview is sending 28 students, Fort Walton Beach 19, Destin 6, Shalimar and Mary Esther 2 each, and Navarre 1.

"We are not providing transportation from home to the school," Soria said. Instead the

school district has tentatively established three "hubs" where school buses will pick up students and bring them to the school. It's up to parents to transport their students to and from the hub, or else directly to and from the school, he said.

The three tentative locations include a Niceville parking lot at the corner of Palm Boulevard and Partin Drive, adjacent to Ruckel Middle School, as well as pickups at Ocean City Elementary School in Fort Walton Beach and the Shoal River Bowling lanes on Highway 85 just south of Crestview. Soria said those hubs may change depending on usage.

Soria hired four teachers out of over a hundred applicants. One of the criticisms aimed at opening a STEM Academy for academically inclined students was that the academy would "rob" talented science and math students from other schools in the school dis-



Rick Soria

trict, he said. But the four teachers hired included a teacher from south Florida, one each from Walton and Escambia counties and another new to teaching, according to Soria.

Teachers will start working Aug. 13 to prepare their classrooms a week before incoming students.

Each academy student will take science, math, language arts and social studies, he said, plus two electives. Electives include physical education and a course on the scientific method and how to do science projects. As part of the language arts class, Soria said, students will also learn computer skills on Microsoft's Word, PowerPoint presentation and Excel spreadsheet software, all skills that students will need for science projects, he said.

The site of the academy was that of Valparaiso Elementary School until May 2011, when it was ordered closed by the Okaloosa County School Board, citing falling enrollment. The closure sparked opposition from some parents who lamented the loss of a neighborhood school. The Valparaiso City Commission responded by backing a privately

operated charter elementary school for the site. The school district then announced it would reopen the site as the STEM center, not a charter school, with an student body a fraction of the size of the former Valparaiso Elementary. Little or nothing has been heard about the charter-school proposal since then.

Teachers have already begun using the STEM Center for training. On Friday for example Linda Parker, a math teacher from Crestview High, Cyndi Stone, a science and math teacher from Fort Walton Beach High, and Debbie Davis, the school district's math specialist, were trading ideas and techniques for using wireless calculators in the classrooms. Parker has already used the devices to teach her senior math students at Crestview, while Stone is hoping for a grant to get the same at her school.

Scores of volunteers, including a large number from aerospace giant Boeing Corp., this summer have donated their time and effort to spruce up the school with paint, assemble new furniture and set up various scientific and engineering tools at the STEM Center.

## MILLAGE

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residents of unincorporated parts of the county to pay for parks and recreation. That millage rate, said commissioners at the July 31 workshop, will also remain the same in FY 2013, meaning that the hypothetical property owner mentioned above would pay an additional \$36 for parks and recreation.

While the county commis-

sion still has the authority to reduce the tentative millage rates set at the July 31 workshop, none of the commissioners suggested doing so during the meeting.

Also during the workshop, commissioners continued to hear briefings from county department heads, concerning their budget proposals and financial management of their departments.

One such briefing came from

Vicky Stever, director of the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative, who proposed a FY 2013 budget of \$588,600 for the cooperative, down from the FY 2012 level of \$402,099.

Stever told the commission that while she understands the need to cut spending in the current economic recession, she also wanted to make clear the importance of library services to county residents, especially to people who need access to

books, information, and computers for such tasks as job searches and furthering their education, but who do not have home computers of their own.

Among recent cost cutting measures, Stever said, has been the elimination of the county's "Bookmobile" program that used to bring books to rural areas. To replace the bookmobile, she said, the library cooper-

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ative now has a vending machine at the Baker Block Museum that dispenses books to Baker area residents who cannot get to a regular library, and Stever said she hopes to place more such machines in other rural areas such as Laurel Hill, and perhaps even in Bluewater Bay, which is several miles from the nearest public library, in Niceville.

Other department budgets discussed during the workshop included Purchasing, Human Resources, Veterans Services,

Risk Management, County Administration and the operating budget of the County Commission itself. All the departments reported plans for budget cuts in the coming year, with two exceptions:

The Purchasing Department plans a budget of \$348,264 in FY 2013, up from the current budget of \$348,113. The increase, said purchasing director Richard Brannon, is because of the purchase of new computer systems to switch most county payments from checks to electronic payments, which he said will save the county money in the long run.

Also, the county's Tourist

Development Council plans to spend \$8,455,000 to promote Okaloosa County as a vacation destination in FY 2013, a considerable jump from its FY 2012 budget of \$6,305,000. In addition, said interim TDC executive director Greg Donovan, the TDC plans to spend \$9,940,473 on beach re-nourishment, down from the FY 2012 level of \$10,675,000, and to spend \$9,521,625 on the Okaloosa county Convention Center, also slightly down from the FY 2012 level of \$9,635,450.

Donovan said the reason for the big hike in spending to promote tourism is because of

increased revenue from the "bed taxes" charged to people who stay in hotels along the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. It is those bed taxes, not county property taxes, which fund the TDC.

This year so far, Donovan said, record numbers of visitors have come to Okaloosa County, after several years of low tourism resulting from hurricanes, the BP oil spill of 2010, and the national recession. With unprecedented amounts of bad tax revenue coming in this year, said Donovan, this is the time to spend it to promote the county, which faces stiff competition from other beachfront commu-

nities throughout the nation, such as Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the beaches of South Florida, and beaches in other regions throughout the country such as Cape Cod and the Hamptons along the shore of Long Island.

The money will be well spent, Donovan said, because the added tourism will boost the local economy, more than paying back the money spent to attract tourists.

Donovan is temporary chief of the TDC. Its previous director, Mark Bellinger, was found dead earlier this year, apparently of a drug overdose, after being accused of large-scale

theft and misuse of TDC funds.

One more public budget workshop and two final budget hearings are scheduled from now through September for the county budget. Times and places will be:

The last workshop is scheduled for 6 p.m. Aug 9 at the water and sewer building in Fort Walton Beach.

Final public hearings on the proposed FY 2013 budget will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 6 in Crestview, and at 6 p.m. Sept. 18 in Fort Walton.

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**SECRECY**

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attorney Doug Wyckoff of violating Florida's Sunshine Law by deciding to sue the Air Force through secret discussions rather than during a public meeting.

Bradley alleged that on Sept. 22, 2008, Wyckoff phoned or met with commissioners one by one, polling them to get approval for the city's FOIA suit against the Air Force. He also alleged that a 2009 public meeting on a second city lawsuit against the Air Force was held without sufficient public notice.

Controversy surrounding the two lawsuits may have been a factor in the replacement of two city commission members in a city election held earlier this year, with new commissioners Kay Hamilton and Joe Morgan having made campaign promises to end the city's long and costly legal battles, which then included a dispute with the Okaloosa School District as well as the suits with Bradley and the Air Force.

Following the election of Hamilton and Morgan, the city commission terminated Wyckoff as city attorney and replaced him

with Hayward Dykes, who picked up the task of representing the city, with help from Fred Aschauer, another attorney who had been contracted to assist with the Bradley suit and to present the city's case in court.

The city's FOIA suit against the Air Force ended in a settlement. The commission attempted to settle Bradley's suit but failed. That case went to court, where Judge Remington ruled July 27 that Wyckoff and the city commission had indeed violated the Sunshine Law by making their 2008 decision "in the dark," and without sufficient public notice. Remington ordered the city to pay Bradley's legal fees and costs.

Those costs, not yet disclosed by Bradley, are in addition to \$185,000 spent by the city so far on the Bradley suit. In addition, the city spent a total of about \$268,535 on its legal battles with the Air Force, less \$60,000 received from the Air Force as part of the settlement agreement, for a net cost of \$208,535.

Matters were further complicated for the city when Aschauer informed the city that he and his law firm have decided to with-

draw from the Bradley case, and will therefore not participate in any appeal attempts by the city.

After learning of Remington's ruling, the city commission scheduled a closed session for last Thursday, to discuss how to proceed. When the city's plans for a closed session were announced, the Bay Beacon sent a letter July 31 to the city requesting that the meeting be held publicly.

In its letter, the Beacon acknowledged that city officials may legally meet privately with their city attorney, under the protection of attorney-client privilege, but only to discuss "pending" litigation. Since Remington had issued a final judgment in the Bradley case, the Beacon contended that Thursday's meeting would be about a completed, rather than pending case, and should therefore be open to the public.

On Aug. 1, City Attorney Dykes sent a reply, in which he said that the city is still involved in pending litigation because the options to be discussed Thursday would include whether to appeal Remington's ruling to a higher court, and cited previous case law



**Police officers stood by as Valparaiso officials locked the door to the city commission chamber and posted a notice of a closed session Thursday.**

Photo special to the Beacon

stating that a case under appeal may still be treated as "pending" litigation.

After a brief, public opening of Thursday's meeting, the city commission chamber was closed to all but Mayor Bruce Arnold, commission members, Dykes, and a court recorder, while a confidential discussion took place. Records of that meeting were recorded, however, and must be made public after the case is finally resolved.

Following the closed session, the commission reopened the meeting, and heard a public brief-

ing from Dykes, reviewing various options. The commission then voted to approve several suggestions from Dykes, including:

—Dykes will obtain a transcript of the Bradley trial and study it to see whether an appeal is advisable. Dykes said the city has until Aug. 27 to file an appeal if the commission decides to do so, and that he plans to hold another closed meeting with the city commission before then to discuss his research and recommendations.

—The city appointed Dykes "attorney of record" in the

Bradley case.

—The city commission authorized Dykes to negotiate with Aschauer for a possible reduction of Aschauer's legal fees to the city, and to do similar negotiations with Wyckoff.

Morgan asked about the city's legal options regarding Wyckoff. "Wyckoff led us down this path," Morgan said. "That's why we were elected." Morgan said he would be willing to consider a suit against Wyckoff if necessary, but would also be comfortable with a previous offer of \$5,500 from the city to Wyckoff to pay for his previous services as city attorney, if that would "keep him on the hook," and thus required to keep confidential his earlier legal dealings with the city.

Dykes replied that "There is no guarantee" of the results of any suit against Wyckoff, and reminded the commission that they have recently been "looking to get out of litigation."

No date or time was set Thursday for the next closed session. However, the city commission has a regular public meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Aug. 13 in the city commission chamber at 459 Valparaiso Parkway.

**METH**

**From page A-1**  
McDaniel then gave written permission to law enforcement officers to search her home, 312 22nd St., and gave police a key.

When police went to the residence, accompanied by McDaniel, they found Fish and Glowa in the living room, and Dominguez and Hoenig exiting a bedroom.

Law enforcement also detected a strong chemical odor emanating from the garage and the residence. The occupants were detained and evacuated from the residence for their safety, and investigators from the Okaloosa County Multi-Agency Drug Task Force were called to the scene.

Inside the home officers found "precursor" materials commonly used to manufacture methamphet-

amine, including Coleman fuel, ammonium nitrate, sodium hydroxide, table salt and coffee filters in a large plastic container in the kitchen. Drug Task Force members also discovered additional precursor chemicals, including sulfuric acid, lithium and ephedrine. They found four clear plastic drink bottles containing solid waste products generated by "one-pot cooks", finished product

(methamphetamine), and spoons, syringes and glass pipes commonly used to consume methamphetamine. More than 200 grams of methamphetamine in solution was collected from two of the "one-pot cook" containers.

Law enforcement spent several hours dismantling the lab and removing hazardous chemicals from the home, which was collected and removed for proper dispos-

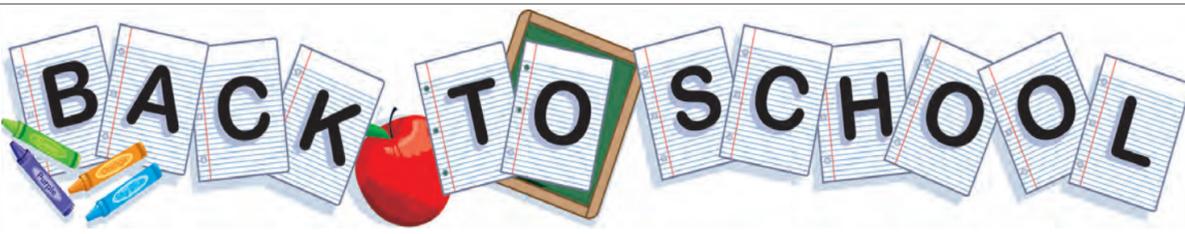
al by a hazardous materials contractor.

Clandestine meth labs routinely put hazardous manufacturing waste in trash receptacles, throw it on roadsides, dump it on the ground or flush it down toilets, putting the community at risk, according to a statement from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office.

The Okaloosa County Multi-Agency Drug Task Force is com-

prised of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, the Niceville Police Department and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

As of Monday afternoon, Hoenig was free on \$25,000 bail while Glowa, Fish and Dominguez were still being held at the Okaloosa County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail, and McDaniel was still in custody in lieu of \$35,000 bail.



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## Fire Department Reports

### Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls from July 30, 2012 through August 5, 2012.

- 0 Structure Fire
- 0 Vehicle Fire
- 0 Other Fire
- 0 Illegal Burn
- 0 False Alarms
- 14 Emergency Medical Calls
- 3 Vehicle Crash
- 0 Vehicle Crash with Extrication
- 3 Other Emergency Calls
- 2 Hazardous Conditions

STREET	SITUATION	DATE	TIME
SR 285 mm#2	Vehicle crash	07/30/12	0109
E. John Sims Parkway	Medical	07/30/12	0842
N. Partin Drive	Medical	07/30/12	1826
E. John Sims Parkway	Medical	07/31/12	2016
S. Palm Boulevard	Medical	07/31/12	2105
22nd Street	Hazardous Material	07/31/12	0235
Sean Lane	Medical	07/31/12	0558
26th Street	Medical	08/01/12	1229
SR 85 N.	Medical	08/01/12	1254
Everglade Drive	Service call	08/02/12	1422
Boxer	Medical	08/02/12	1708
W. John Sims Parkway	Medical	08/02/12	0242
Powell Drive	Power line down	08/03/12	1654
SR 85 N.	Vehicle crash	08/03/12	1704
Range Road 300	Vehicle crash	08/03/12	1926
N. Partin Drive	Medical	08/04/12	0532
26th Street	Medical	08/04/12	1259
Powell Drive	Medical	08/04/12	2107
Echo Creek Cove	Canceled	08/05/12	1119
3rd Street	Canceled	08/05/12	1307
Pontevedra Lane	Medical	08/05/12	1728
E. John Sims Parkway	Medical	08/05/12	1736

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### Valparaiso Volunteer

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

Location	Situation/Type	Date	Time
North Bayshore Dr	Animal Bite	7/1/2012	1954
Kelly Mill Road	Traumatic Injury	7/2/2012	0537
Government Ave.	Diabetic	7/2/2012	0912
Washington Ave.	Back Pain	7/3/2012	1415
Carolina Ave	Headache	7/5/2012	1158
Dolphin Point Road	Structure Fire	6/2012	0756
Chicago Ave	Hemorrhage	7/7/2012	0142
North John Sims Pkwy	Unconscious	7/8/2012	0822
Jasmine Ave	Unconscious	7/10/2012	1531
North Bayshore Dr	Overdose/Poisoning	7/10/2012	1842
Washington Ave.	Sick Call	7/10/2012	2127
Edge Ave	Assault	7/11/2012	0305
Andrew Dr	CVA/Stroke	7/11/2012	0807
Tom's Bayou Bridge	Motor Vehicle Accident	7/12/2012	1442
Valparaiso Pkwy	Hemorrhage	7/13/2012	1250
Hidden Cove Court	Heart Problem	7/14/2012	0005
Hickory Lane	CVA/Stroke	14/2012	2238
Johnson St.	Overdose/Poisoning	7/15/2012	0514
Akron Ave	Fall	7/16/2012	1819
Glen Ave	Chest Pain	7/18/2012	0701
Hidden Cove Way	Traumatic Injury	7/20/2012	1237
South John Sims Pkwy	Psychiatric	7/23/2012	0941
Chicago Ave	Abdominal Pain	7/24/2012	0406
Glen Ave	Power Line Down	7/26/2012	1433
Eastview Ave	Overdose/Poisoning	7/27/2012	2134
Jasmine Ave	Seizures	7/28/2012	1056
Lincoln Ave	Breathing Problem	7/28/2012	1336
Valastics Ave	Sick Call	7/28/2012	1703
Valparaiso Pkwy	Heat/Cold Exposure	7/29/2012	1436
South John Sims Pkwy	Unconscious	7/30/2012	1126

## 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

Michael Paul Hagan, 27, of 1493 Pine St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 23 on a violation of probation charge on the original offense of criminal mischief.

Marlena Danielle Bussey, a waitress, 24, of 21 Evans St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 22 on a violation of probation charge on the original offense of retail theft.

Keeton Tennille Cobb, a construction finisher, 35, of 720 Powell Drive, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 20 on a violation of probation charge on the original offense of driving while license suspended or revoked.

Lashonda Omeka Gilliam, a fast food clerk, 28, of 23 Bayview Cove, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 16 on a charge of affray. On May 4 Gilliam and three other women were allegedly involved in a physical fight in a parking lot in Fort Walton Beach.

Latasha Shonte Coleman, a nursing home tech, 33, of 2908 Douglas Ave., Crestview, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 22 on a petit theft charge. Coleman is alleged to have stolen \$18 in coins from an elderly woman in a Niceville skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility, 1500 N. White Point Road.

Linda Karen Thomas, 39, of 817 Spencer Place, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 24 on a violation

of probation charge on the original offense of grand theft.

Matthew Ryan Setterstrom, 22, of 300 Yacht Club Drive, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 24 on a charge of burglary. Setterstrom allegedly admitted to burglarizing a vehicle on Lost Horse Circle, Niceville, June 16 and stealing a cell phone from the vehicle.

Heather Michaelle Riedel, 29, of 284 Montana Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 25 on a contempt of court charge.

Kayla Marie Rushford Arroyo, 21, of 507 23rd St., Lot A., Niceville and Jacob Daniel Lynch, unemployed, 21, of the same address were arrested by Niceville police July 27 each charged with child neglect without great harm.

Steven Ray Butler, a tree climber, 36, of 1711 Pine Ave., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police July 29 on a charge of felony battery, domestic battery by strangulation, which allegedly occurred April 16.

Abubakar Cristobal, unemployed, 18, of 1247 Whitewood Way, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police, subsequent to a traffic stop for speeding in which Cristobal was a passenger, July 26, on charges of possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

John Michael Kennedy, 47, of 590 Hill Lane, #4, Niceville, was arrested by Valparaiso police, subsequent to a traffic stop for an inoperable tag light, July 19, on a charge of knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked. Kennedy was also cited for improper or unsafe equipment.

Joseph Vincent Silvestri, 75, of 322 Okaloosa Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by Valparaiso police July 30 on a charge of driving while license suspended or revoked.

William Peter Bagley, 49, listed as homeless in this area with a permanent address of 827 Glen Moore Circle, Melbourne, was arrested by Niceville police July 30 on a charge of domestic violence battery.

### DUI arrests

Ian Eloy Freudenreich, a fast food employee, 20, of 52 Wren Drive, DeFuniak Springs, was arrested by Niceville police for DUI ("spice") on State Road 20, east of Juniper Avenue, July 25, at 5:02 p.m. Freudenreich was also cited for obstructing the flow of traffic. Freudenreich allegedly admitted smoking spice three hours before a witness called 911 to report him slumped over the steering wheel. Police observed spice, rolling papers and a lighter in plain view inside the vehicle.

### Thefts

On July 20, unknown person(s) stole two spools of copper, valued together at \$270, from an unattended Gulf Power truck while the driver was inside eating at a Niceville fast-food restaurant, 1022 E. John Sims Parkway. The victim said the spools were mounted on a rack and padlocked. The rack had been bent.

A Niceville resident reported that she saw someone she knew stop his Cadillac next to her pickup truck July 28, then open the door to her truck. When the woman yelled at the man, she said he drove off. The woman went to check her vehicle and

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### Fire Department Report North Bay

The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls from July 30, 2012 through August 5, 2012.

Street	Situation	Date	Time
Turnberry Cove	EMS call	07/30/12	1516
N. White Point Road	Detector activation	07/30/12	1631
E. Highway 20 & Lancaster	Vehicle accident	07/30/12	1832
Fairway Lakes Drive	EMS call	07/31/12	0611
Parkwood Court	Service call	07/31/12	1005
Emerald Bay Drive	Dispatched & canceled	07/31/12	1219
Windward Lane	EMS call	08/01/12	0929
Hagen Court	EMS call	08/02/12	0651
E. Highway 20	Vehicle accident	08/03/12	1149
Merchants Way	EMS call	08/04/12	0547
Greenwood Cove	Dispatched & canceled	08/04/12	1048
Highway 20 & Range Rd.	Vehicle accident	08/04/12	1102
Highway 20 East	EMS call	08/04/12	1140
White Point Road	Medical assist	08/04/12	1821
Meadow Woods Lane	Medical assist	08/05/12	0507

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### BLOTTER

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found the man had been in her purse and stolen a bottle containing three prescription medications and four over-the-counter medicines, valued in total at \$217. The woman filed a complaint after she made multiple unsuccessful attempts to contact the suspect.

A Niceville resident reported that when he returned July 4 to clean the boat he had left overnight in the 1000 block of Regatta Drive he discovered a muddy footprint on the boat. The man subsequently discovered that unknown persons had come aboard sometime overnight July 3-4 and stole three rod and reel combos valued together at \$1,947.

A Niceville boy reported that while he was cutting grass at a home in the 100 block of Mason Street unknown persons stole his BMX bike from the front yard. The bike was missing a back tire before the theft.

A Valparaiso resident from the 100 block of Safe Harbor Cove reported that sometime July 21 unknown persons stole fishing gear valued at \$550, as

well as the boat registration and a fishing license from his 25-foot boat while it was located at the end of his dock.

The lock and hasps on three golf cart storage units at the Rocky Bayou Country Club, 600 Golf Course Drive, were pried off sometime July 25-28. Two carts were apparently taken out of the units and driven on the golf course, then returned. One cart owner estimated \$300 damage to the cart from scratching on a rear quarter panel and stated that a \$50 cooler was missing from the returned cart. A bag of golf balls also missing was later found on the other cart that had been removed, driven and returned. Maintenance personnel had reported unknown individual(s) had driven a cart or ATV around the 13th, 17th and 18th holes sometime after dark July 25 to daylight July 28 and that eight tee markers had been stolen off one of the holes.

Unknown person(s) reportedly entered an unlocked vehicle parked in front of a residence in the 1900 block of Benton Avenue, Niceville, sometime July 27-30 and stole the face plate off a Panasonic car radio.

### Criminal Mischief

Sometime July 27-July 30 unknown person(s) damaged a sponsor's sign at Twin Oaks Sports Complex, 601 N. Highway 85. Damage was estimated at between \$200 and \$1,000.

A Niceville man reported July 29 that someone damaged his vehicle when they threw rocks and sand all over his vehicle in the 300 block of

Madison Street.

A Niceville resident from the 1300 block of Als Drive reported July 30 that someone had cut two tires on one vehicle and two tires on a second vehicle.

Sometime July 24-25 an unknown person kicked in a locked bathroom door at Echo Park in Valparaiso causing an estimated \$200 damage to the door jamb.

## Ketchel rebuts opponent's claims

By Mike Griffith  
Beacon Correspondent

Circuit Judge Terry Ketchel has responded to statements made about him by Thomas Murphy, who is challenging Ketchel for his seat in the open primary election to be held Aug. 14.

Ketchel and Murphy had debated each other in a candidate forum held July 11 at the Holiday Inn on Okaloosa Island. (See The Bay Beacon, July 18, page A-3.)

After the formal portion of the event, Murphy said in an interview that Ketchel had mismanaged his court's docket, allowing too many cases to be delayed. "It's the worst in Okaloosa County," Murphy had said. Murphy also

said that Ketchel spoke too much from the bench.

By the end of the Murphy interview, Ketchel had left the event, and the Beacon was unable to get his immediate response.

In a phone call after the article appeared, Ketchel said there is "no basis" for Murphy's comments.

The claim about the docket, the judge said, "is absolutely false. The United Family Court was created for the purpose of making the docket more efficient, and has been used nationwide as a model for other courts."

As for the claim about talking too much from the bench, Ketchel said, "Mr. Murphy has never been in my courtroom—ever."

## 1975 Niceville slaying mystery is solved

By Del Lessard  
Beacon Staff Writer

A fresh look at a 37-year-old Niceville murder case, coupled with scientific methods developed in recent years, have led a persistent gumshoe to the now-deceased killer, causing the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office to close the long-dormant case as solved, according to the sheriff's office.



Catherine Ainsworth

Catherine Ainsworth, 37, was sexually assaulted and strangled on Aug. 30, 1975, in her Hopper Street apartment in Niceville, according to the sheriff's office.

Two years ago, Sheriff's Office Investigator Travis Robinson starting delving into the Ainsworth case. In March 2010, he submitted evidence to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement crime lab, including an orange rug on which the victim's body was found.

In April 2011, state tests turned up DNA from human cells found on the rug. The DNA profile was entered into a national law enforcement database, but without result.

Undaunted, Robinson came across the name of a man who seemed to be of special interest to investigators back in 1975, that of Staff Sgt. William P. Rouse, 27, who was assigned to Eglin Air Force Base. Rouse, a neighbor of Ainsworth, had given conflicting stories to investigators who questioned him after the slaying. He



Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Sheriff's Investigator Travis Robinson shows two hats provided by the suspect's family that yielded the DNA evidence necessary to solve the 1975 murder of Catherine Ainsworth, Niceville.

was never charged.

Robinson traced Rouse to Sloatsburg, N.Y., where the investigator learned that the airman had died in 2006.

Family members of the dead airman sent Robinson two of Rouse's hats, which the investigator submitted to the FDLE crime lab. Tests revealed that the DNA found on the rug under the victim's body in 1975 matched that of Rouse, according to the sheriff's office.

On July 27, 2012, Robinson was able to provide long-awaited closure to the Ainsworth family.

"It's a good feeling to be able to close a 37-year-old local murder, not just for the investigator, but for the remaining family members of the victim," said Robinson.

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Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 14. Although there are



**James Owens**

52 precincts in Okaloosa County, several polling places in the Twin Cities area have changed or been combined. Local polling places are:  
—First Baptist Church of Valparaiso, 444 Valparaiso Parkway, Valparaiso, for voters in Precinct 15, Valparaiso.



**Rob English**

**More on school board contest, B-3.**

—Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1200 Valparaiso Blvd., Niceville, for voters in Precinct 25, North Central Niceville, Precinct 43, South Central Niceville, and Precinct 36, South Niceville.  
—Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church, 1028 White Point Road, Niceville, for voters in Precinct 26, Seminole, and Precinct 40, South Bluewater.  
—St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 200 N. Partin Drive, Niceville for voters in Precinct 14, West Niceville.  
—First Presbyterian Church, 1800 John Sims Parkway, Niceville for voters in Precinct 33, Rocky Bayou.  
—North Bay Baptist Church, 4580 Range Road, Niceville, for voters in Precinct 46, North Bluewater Bay.



**Cathy Thigpen**



**J.B. Whitten**

Voters may still vote early at any of four early-voting sites through Saturday, Aug. 11. Early-voting hours are:  
—Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
—Wednesday and Saturday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Registration books in Okaloosa County closed July 16 with a total of 123,539 registered voters, according to the Supervisor of Elections, including 72,645 Republicans, 26,647 Democrats and 24,247 other party or non-party affiliation. As far as turnout? "I think we'll be lucky to get 28 to 32 percent," said Lux. Similar August primaries have seen turnouts in the high 20s to low 30s, he said. "It all depends on the candidates and the issues," he said.

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## Who's News

To celebrate his 96th birthday well-known illustrator Marlin Griffin, who resides in Bluewater Bay, will have a showing of some of his world travel and fantasy illustrations Friday, Aug. 17, from 2-4 p.m., at Sandy & Ray Realty in



**Marlin Griffin**  
Merchants Walk, Bluewater Bay, across from Bank of America and a few doors from the Post Office.

Come by and wish Marlin a happy birthday and review his latest nature illustrations in "Bucky's Adventures," a children's book about this area. There is no cost to attend.

## Auditions set

The Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale will hold auditions for the 2012-2013 season on Wednesday, Aug. 15, beginning at 6 p.m. in Tyler Recital Hall on the Niceville campus of Northwest Florida State College in the Mattie Kelly Arts Center. The Chorale, under the direction of music professor Lois Van Dam, is a select choral group, which performs with the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra as well as in independent concerts. This season's repertoire includes work by Brahms, Beethoven, Debussy, Sweelinck, and others. To arrange an audition time and receive audition music, email Chorale administrator Phyllis Lake at . For more information, contact music director Lois Van Dam at or 729-6009.

## New postmaster is a familiar face

By Del Lessard  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

Kelly Lanning is the new postmaster at the Niceville Post Office.

Lanning, 49, is no stranger to the area, or the job. Most recently the postmaster for DeFuniak Springs, she's been the temporary officer-in-charge at the Niceville post office at 90 N. Palm Blvd. since July 7, 2011.

Niceville's former postmaster, Francina Banks, took over in Niceville in February 2010, but spent her last 11 months on assignment at other stations, according to postal authorities.



**Kelly Lanning**

Although she's been back in Niceville for a year now, Lanning said it was "In someone else's chair." When the U.S. Postal Service advertised the opening for a permanent postmaster, she applied last month. She became the official postmaster for Niceville June 30.

"It's just like coming home," she said.

Lanning began her postal career when she was hired as a temporary worker at the Niceville post office in 1998.

"I've done every single job," she said, "cut the grass, sort the mail, work on the window." She also worked in Niceville as a temporary supervisor from 2000 to 2005 before taking an assignment as a full-time supervisor in Panama City Beach. For the past four years, Lanning was presi-

dent of the 85-member National Association of Postal Supervisors in Northwest Florida.

Lanning was out recently, driving a Niceville postal route with one of her carriers to judge the efficiency of recent route realignments. The adjustments in line of travel were needed, she said, to meet postal standards for delivery.

With all the changes being made by the USPS to cope with huge budget shortfalls, Lanning said there have been a lot of postal job openings as older workers retire or post offices shuffled.

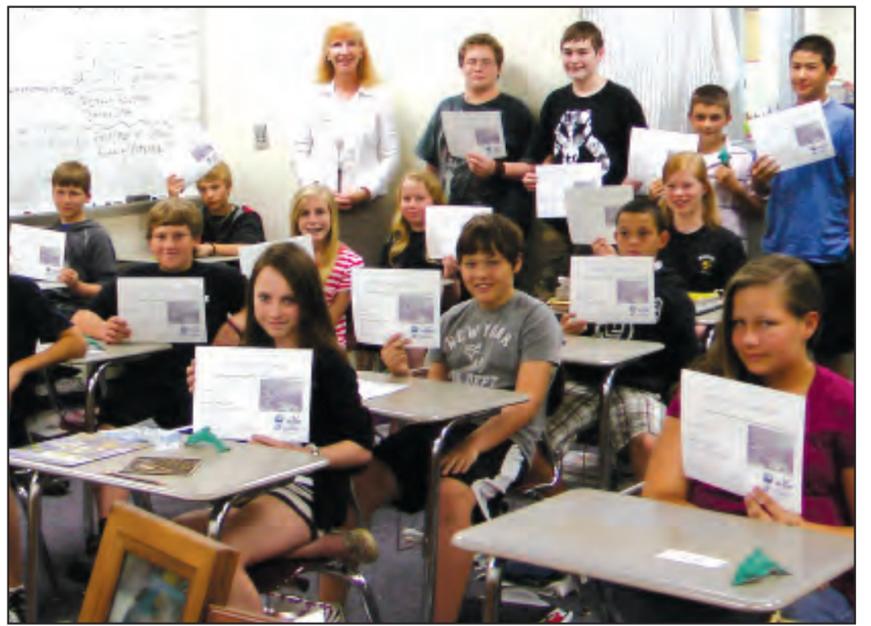
The Niceville post office currently has 11 city and 13 rural routes, including two routes in Valparaiso, that until last year were based out of the Valparaiso post office.

Lanning said the post office at Eglin Air Force Base also received a new postmaster, Brandy Hilliard, formerly the postmaster at Ponce de Leon. Hilliard now supervises the Valparaiso customer service outlet.

"Some of my old customers came up and hugged me," Lanning said about her return to Niceville. "That's the kind of postmaster I am," she said, "I'm very approachable."

Lanning said she's interested in increasing community contact beyond the limited times when customers come into the post office or call about a postal problem. For example, she'd like a way to warn local postal patrons about potential problems, such as a recent computer virus attached to emails purporting to come

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Carol Szklarski's Ruckel Middle School advanced science class named the newest reef in the Gulf of Mexico the "Aquatic Life Ecosystem." Desiree Manard, second from right, front row, created the name.

## Ruckel class names most recent Gulf of Mexico artificial reef

The Aquatic Life Ecosystem (ALE) reef was recently constructed in Gulf waters, underwritten by money provided through a Fish and Wildlife Conservation commission competitive grant and 5 percent matching funds from Okaloosa County Tourist Development Council.

The ALE reef was named through a competition open

to all middle schools in Okaloosa County. An Advanced Science class at Ruckel Middle School won the competition. A commemorative plaque will be fixed to one of the reef modules acknowledging the class.

The ALE reef is in the county's Large Area Artificial Reef Site A, approximately 22 miles

southeast of Destin Pass in about 120 feet of water. The reef system will be composed of 36 separate reef modules. Four modules will be deployed in the center of the reef complex and the remainder will be deployed in four arms radiating from the center of the reef complex. Each arm will have four sets of two reef modules each separated by approximately 400 feet.

## HERE'S TO YOUR Health

### 2012 Free Community Seminar Series

#### Is That Really You?

Thursday, August 16, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Twin Cities Hospital Wellness Center

Ashley Bailey, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department, will share her expertise on preventing identity theft and the increasing frequency of this crime.

#### Quit Your Belly-Aching!

Tuesday, August 21, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Twin Cities Hospital Wellness Center

Twin Cities Hospital's Diane Reeder, RN & Heather Sneed, RN, will discuss gallbladders and why they attack.

#### Achoo! Oh no, it's Flu Season

Tuesday, September 11, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Twin Cities Hospital Wellness Center

Flu season is approaching rapidly. You better be prepared! Join us to learn tips and tactics for a flu-free season when Wendy Borcyk, RN, BSN, MPH, discusses the flu vaccination and tips for a quick recovery.

#### Screenings A Year Will Make Your MD Cheer!

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## Arabian Nights in Niceville

Northwest Florida State College Kids on Campus theater students presented a musical version of "Aladdin" recently. From left: Nicole Terry, playing the proprietor, James Baird, playing Aladdin, Kevin Reece, playing Abu, and Jaimi McCrackin, playing Jasmine.

## DAR seeks entries in essay contest



The Daughters of the American Revolution have announced the topics for the 2012-2013 American History Essay Contest and the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest.

The title of the American History Essay Contest, which is open to students in fifth through eighth grades, is "Forgotten Patriots Who Supported the American Struggle for Independence".

The title of the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest, which is open to high school students, is "How Did the Faith and Courage of Christopher Columbus Give to Mankind a New World?"

Information about the contests will be sent to schools in September. Any students interested in beginning research can contact Amanda Harris, the local DAR American History chairperson, at 651-3888 or by email at ajaharris@cox.net.

## Engagements



James Patrick Pendarvis and Holly Ann Robinson.

### Robinson-Pendarvis

Master Sgt. and Mrs. A. Gordon Robinson (USAF Retired) of Niceville, Fla., are very pleased and proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Ann Robinson, to James Patrick Pendarvis.

Both the bride-to-be and the prospective groom are employed by Publix Supermarkets. Holly, a second-year student at Northwest Florida State College, is an assistant manager at the Santa Rosa Beach Publix, while James, a graduate of Florida State University, is a manager in Watercolor.

The double-ring ceremony will take place in October 2012 at the Niceville United Methodist Church with Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Cecil R. Richardson (USAF Retired) officiating. The reception will take place at the Eglin Bayview Club. The couple will honeymoon in the Caribbean.

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from the Postal Service. She also mentioned how a local homeowners association recently helped identify a suspect allegedly stealing mail.

A resident of Crestview, Lanning says her new job gives her an opportunity to be closer to her family. She said she now has an occasional lunch with her husband, Chuck, a retired Air Force member who works at Eglin Air Force Base. Also, three of her four daughters are taking classes at Northwest Florida State College.

Lanning said she can be reached at the Niceville post office by phone at 678-2021.



## Cramming the van for kids

Sharing & Caring, Niceville, recently held a "Cram the Van" school supplies drive at the Niceville Walmart. More than 2,000 school supplies were donated, as was about \$200 cash. Supplies will be donated Aug. 11 to area school children in need. For their participation, Sharing & Caring presented a plaque to Walmart. From left: Gloria Price, Tasha Striblin and Be Hinely.

Beacon photo by Kenneth Books

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## 2012

### CALENDAR



## Artists display talents at Niceville Library

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

Beacon photo by Tess Hollis

## Welcome To First Baptist Church of Niceville

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### Food donations needed

Sharing & Caring, Niceville, is asking for donations due to a shortage of food. Items needed include, but are not limited to: canned meats, pork and beans, cereal, canned pasta, corn, drinks (juice), side dishes (Hamburger Helper), toilet paper and toothpaste, or any items which cannot be purchased with food stamps. Donations can be dropped of Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., or Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. Info: 678-8459.

### Nicotine Anonymous

If you desire to stop using nicotine, or stay stopped, join Nicotine Anonymous on Thursdays at 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 1800 John Sims Parkway. Info: 897-4721.

### Floral Design Studies

The Valparaiso Garden Club is now accepting registrations for Advanced Floral Design Studies classes for anyone interested in learning about floral design. Classes will be held at the Valparaiso Community Library on the first Saturday of each month, September-March, excluding December, from 9-11:30 a.m. Cost of six classes: \$60. Call 897-4011, or email jnjkam@gmail.com for registration forms, or pick one up at the Valparaiso Community Library. No experience necessary. Info: marieharrison@valp.net.

### Yard Sale Spectacular

The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida is accepting donations for their annual Yard Sale Spectacular, Aug. 25, from 7 a.m.-noon. Donations (no clothes) will be accepted during regular museum hours, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Outside spaces are available for sellers; \$10 for a 10-foot-by-10-foot space. Info: 678-2615.

### Oktoberfest seeks artists

The 18th Annual Oktoberfest and Crafts Festival at Winn-Dixie Plaza in Bluewater Bay is looking for artists and craftsmen interested in selling their work. The festival, sponsored by the Mid-Bay Rotary Club, will be Sept. 28, from 5-10 p.m., and Sept. 29, from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Cost for both days: \$75. Info: Bert, 897-3190.

### 'Have a Heart' run/walk

Registration is ongoing for the

Okaloosa County "Have a Heart" 5K run/walk, Sept. 1, at the 911 Emergency Operations Center. The course will loop around the Northwest Florida State College Campus, Niceville. Early registration through Aug. 20 is \$15, and late registration, Aug. 21-Sept. 1 is \$20. T-shirts will be presented to the first 200 entries. Info: Ken Wolfe, kwolfe@co.okaloosa.fl.us, or newftc.com/racecalendar.

All proceeds benefit the American Heart Association.

### Rotary golf tourney

Reservations are being taken for the Niceville-Valparaiso Rotary Club Golf Tournament Oct. 11, at 1 p.m., Rocky Bayou Country Club. The golf tournament will fund scholarships for local students. The goal this year is \$10,000. Corporate sponsor: \$350, four player and hole sign. Individual player: \$90. Hole sign only, \$100. Info: Jimmie Boisjolie, 699-0045, jimgirl@cox.net, or nicevalrotary@yahoo.com.

### Wildlife presentation

Henderson Beach State Park will host a wildlife presentation on Aug. 9, from 11-11:30 a.m. The Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge will present their rehabilitated wildlife. Event is free to the public with paid park entrance fee. Weather permitting. Info: 837-7550.

### Ruckel Readiness Day

Ruckel Middle School Readiness Day for all upcoming 6th graders will be Aug. 9, from 9 a.m.-noon, in the cafeteria. Students can come at any point during this period.

### Destin Middle 'Readiness Day'

Destin Middle School will hold its "Readiness Day" Aug. 10, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase school T-shirts and agenda books, deposit money into school lunch accounts, drop off medication, sign up for volleyball and cross country, pick up bus schedules and much more. Parents can

also enjoy hot dogs, chips and a drink for \$3.

### Gospel concert

Libby and Friends Gospel Concert Ministry will present in concert Forgive Trio of Lawrenceburg, Ind., Aug. 11, at 6 p.m., Central Baptist Church, 951 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview. Group members Cloyd and Debbie Barker have devoted 40 years of their lives to traveling throughout the country, singing gospel music. A love offering will be received; everyone is invited. Info: LibbyAndFriendsGospelConcerts.com, or Libby White, 496-7106.

### DYW Scholarship Program

The Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program will be held at Niceville High School Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. Eleven girls from across the county will compete for college scholarships in a program that will feature performing talents, participation in a fitness routine and speaking to the audience. Cost: \$5.

### Juniper Creek paddle trip

Bring your canoe or kayak and join the Florida Trail Association for a paddle trip on Juniper Creek in Santa Rosa County Aug. 11, at 10 a.m. Info: 858-6448, or 816-916-5765, or Choctaw.floridatrail.org.

### 3v3 soccer tournament

Registration is ongoing for the FC Dallas Emerald Coast Traveling Soccer Club's 3v3 soccer tournament, Aug. 11, at Twin Oaks soccer complex. The tournament is open to male and female teams, U6-adult. Parents or coaches can organize and coach 3v3 teams, and each team can have up to 6 players. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of four games. Medals will be awarded to players on the top three teams in each division. The top four teams in each division are qualified to play in all the 3v3 Live Regional Championship Tournaments. Registration fee: \$170 per team. Info and registration: Travis, 602-492-3919, or 3v3live.com.

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# Schools candidates field questions

By Mike Griffith  
Beacon Correspondent

The Silver Sands Republican Women, Federated held a candidate forum Monday evening for Republican candidates for the District 4 seat on the Okaloosa School Board. Incumbent school board member Cathy Thigpen took part, as did challenger Rob English.

The third candidate for the District 4 seat is J.B. Whitten, but Whitten was not invited to participate because the rules governing the Silver Sands Republican Women forbid it from inviting non-Republicans to address their meetings. Whitten is registered as an Independent.

The school board election itself is nonpartisan, and candidates' parties are not listed on the ballot. All registered voters may cast ballots.

If one of the three contenders wins a majority Aug. 14, the winner will be elected. If not the two top vote-getters in the school board contest will face off on the Nov. 6 general election.

Most of the Monday forum consisted of questions asked of both candidates, followed by replies from each. The Bay Beacon also e-mailed those questions to Whitten.

Questions answered by all three candidates follow, with answers in alphabetical order:

**Question:** How much money do you plan to spend on your campaign, and what organizations or individuals are your primary donors?

**English:** "Mostly mine," replied English regarding the source of his funding. "My campaign is being done with my own money, except for some small donations from a couple of friends."

**Thigpen:** "Most of my campaign money has come from the man in the blue shirt over there," Thigpen said, indicating her husband, a local physician. "I have also raised some money from people in the medical field, and from teachers, principals and friends." Thigpen said she dislikes asking people for money, but "Campaigning is expensive; you need to access the media, through brochures, ads, and operating a website. But, I want to provide information to the voters."

**Whitten:** "Currently, I have collected a modest \$4,575 in my grass roots campaign; \$2,450 of which is a personal loan from myself. I have been endorsed by Personhood FL ProLife PAC with

no money attached to the endorsement. I have been endorsed by the Okaloosa County Educational Support Personnel Association; again, with no money attached to the endorsement. I have been endorsed by the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors, whose PAC sent me a check for \$250, and I have been endorsed by the Okaloosa County Education Association, whose Tiger Committee sent me a check for \$500. I have received \$500 from two other school committees. Other donations have been received primarily from school district personnel in sums of \$10, \$20, or \$50 contributions."



J.B. Whitten

**What prior associations, if any, do you have with the Okaloosa County Education Association (OCEA), and what qualifies you to be a knowledgeable but impartial negotiator on behalf of Okaloosa students, parents and taxpayers when seeking contract agreements with the teachers union?**

**English:** "My wife was a teacher at Bob Sikes school, and felt pressured to join the union. As a conservative Christian, my political views don't always match those of the union, or with the candidates they endorse," English said. He added, however, that the Okaloosa School District "must honor the contract it has signed" with respect to teacher seniority or "step" raises, which have been an item of contention between the school district and the OCEA since such raises were not granted earlier this year.

**Thigpen:** Thigpen said she was an OCEA member for four years as a teacher, before becoming a school board member. But, she said, "I've been upfront—I voted against the step raises. No one should be rewarded simply for showing up. It would not be prudent for the school district."

**Whitten:** "I have no prior association with OCEA before

my interview in front of their TIGER Committee and speech to the union members. The union endorsed me based on the recommendation of their TIGER Committee. Not having served on a school board before, I believe that the negotiations with the unions take place between them and the district. I believe the school board only gets involved after as the approval authority."

"I am a fiscal conservative and will protect the monies of our county citizens. I do; however, believe that the district should have complied with the written contract that was in place at the beginning of this year and honored the step increases. When they didn't, I believe that the school board should have supported the school personnel. I believe the statement made by my incumbent opponent that the union made unreasonable demands because they expected to get paid what was in their contract is ludicrous and the Superintendent saying that everything should be all right because everyone received their step increase (the number only), but not the money attached to it is a real slap in the face to all school personnel."

"If the district budget can no longer support step increases on an annual basis, it should be negotiated at the end of this three-year contract, not during the last year of it."

**What is the best way to improve science, technology, mathematics and medicine (STEMM) education in Okaloosa County?**

**English:** "I don't agree with building a STEMM center," said English. "We closed a 400-student school, then spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to reopen it for 80 students. I have experience in the military and aerospace fields, and when I teach students, I have them do hands-on experiments and projects related to their academic lessons. For example, one of my classes built an unmanned aerial vehicle, then used it to locate an expended howitzer shell we obtained from the Navy EOD school, in a realistic scenario." That kind of approach is cheaper than building a STEMM center for a few elite students, English said, and can be made available to all science students, not just a few. "Thomas Edison probably couldn't have made the cut for the STEMM center," English said, "but he went on to do great things in sci-

ence."

**Thigpen:** "I voted for the STEMM center," Thigpen said. "With so many scientific and technical resources in our backyard, it would have been foolish not to." The STEMM center, she said, is not just a school for selected students, but is also a science education training center for teachers, "who can use what they have learned to teach all our children." She said the STEMM center is supported by scientists and engineers from the Air Force and several local military contractors such as Boeing, and other scientific organizations including the Biophilia Center. The 88 students at the center, she said. "Come from all over the county," and their experiences at the STEMM center "will help them to get great jobs doing what excites them."

**Whitten:** "I do not support Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math being placed in one elite school for 88 students; especially, when we just closed this school within the last two years because it wasn't financially efficient to keep it open for fewer than 400 students. Although, there is initial funding and partnerships to get this school up and running, I believe that in the future it will be a financial strain for such a small population. It is more prudent to spend money on STEM throughout the whole district. All schools need this kind of emphasis because the U.S. has fallen so far behind other countries in these areas."

**What do you think about later start times for high school students, to better accommodate the body rhythms of teenagers?**

**English:** "I've seen the research," English said about studies supporting later start times for high school students, but before trying to implement a change, he said, "We need to get all the stakeholders to agree, and we must determine whether the system can accommodate it. So, we are stuck right now. I was in special operations in the Air Force, so I know how to adapt."

**Thigpen:** "I believe in the research," Thigpen said, "but adaptability triumphs. As I told Dr. (Lynn) Keefe (a local advocate for later start times) none of

the local school committees support later start times."

**Whitten:** "I understand, believe, and empathize with those who say that later start times would benefit our high school students; however, my experience as a teacher has led me to believe that if you give high school students a later start time in the morning that they merely add that on to their stay up time the night before and therefore it is a wash. Having said that, I am still amenable to surveying students, parents, and school personnel to determine if this is a viable option."

**What sort of sex education should be provided to public middle and high school students?**

**English:** "I'm a conservative Christian," English said. "I'd like to see sex education done at home. There are many online courses that families can use to help educate their children. We can touch on the subject in school biology courses, but this is about my child, and yours, and should be done more at home and less at school."

**Thigpen:** "I agree," said Thigpen. "Our present anatomy and physiology courses already deal with the physical differences between men and women. Kids also hear a lot on the street, and teachers must be equipped to answer the questions their student will ask them, and to inform them about the 'What ifs'—such as facts about diseases and other consequences." However, Thigpen added, teachers should answer such questions from students in private rather than in classrooms in front of other students.

**Whitten:** "I believe that sexual reproduction as taught in Biology should be within the realm of the school. I also believe that an overview of human sexual reproduction may be appropriate in high school in the appropriate

life and health classes. I am opposed to the specific teaching of how to use condoms, birth control, etc., in the class setting. I believe that this is a function of the family and that the school should not intrude in this arena. I especially oppose giving away condoms at school, like some states do at middle school level."

**What should public schools teach students about evolution versus intelligent design?**

**English:** "In the Introduction to Space course I taught to college students, I emphasized critical thinking. I taught both evolution and intelligent design theories. I brought in a representative from NASA who was a supporter of intelligent design and who outlined some of the problems with the "big bang" theory, and I also showed the film by Ben Stein about evolution verses intelligent design."

**Thigpen:** "Everyone has different answers," Thigpen said. "I believe I was created by a supreme being, whether by evolution or otherwise. Research shows everything. Classes should promote an open dialogue, in which students can discuss what they have been taught by their parents and friends."

**Whitten:** "Although it is important and appropriate to teach evolution in our schools, I also believe that it is appropriate to present the concept of creationism, which in its present iteration is entitled intelligent design. There should be no pressure to have student accept either, but merely having them both presented and let the students make up their own minds." \*\*\*

Additional information about each candidate is available on each of their websites: Rob-English.com, cathythigpen.com, and jbwhtitten.mynetworksolutions.com.



Rob English



Cathy Thigpen



## Researching colonists

Daughters of the American Colonists Organizing Region Margaret Nichols, Niceville, left, and Florida State Regent Sue Bratton, Tallahassee, recently visited the National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Daughters of the American Colonists is a volunteer non-profit organization that promotes interest in the history and deeds of the American colonists prior to 1776. It also promotes love of the U.S. and its flag and institutions. Women who are interested in membership may call Margaret Nichols, 897-1278.



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## Obituary

### Apryle Michelle Taylor

Retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Apryle Michelle Taylor, 44, of El Segundo, Calif., and long-time resident of Niceville, Fla., passed away comfortably in her home on July 28, 2012.

Born Aug. 9, 1967 and raised in Lancaster, Pa., Apryle is the daughter of Charles Cook May of Robertsdale, Pa. and Linda Lee May of Lancaster. After graduating from McCaskey High School in 1985, she enlisted in the Air Force as an airman basic. Rising in rank to staff ser-

geant, Apryle served in various personnel, protocol and enlisted aide positions at RAF Upper Heyford England, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., Langley Air Force Base, Va., and Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

Apryle separated active duty in 1998 to attend Wright State University, where she received a B.A. degree in political science and a commission from Air Force ROTC Detachment 643.

Her assignments as an officer included service in operational, research and development, and contingency contracting positions at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Kadena Air Base Japan, and Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. She also deployed to several locations throughout the Middle East, most notably Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, and Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Throughout her distinguished 21-year career, into her retirement, and until her passing Apryle remained a proud member of the Air Force contracting community.

During the course of Apryle's five-year battle with brain cancer, she was a constant

source of strength and confidence, and was truly an inspiration to everyone around her. In addition to being a brilliant Air Force officer, Apryle was a loving wife and mother and a dear friend. She is survived by her parents, husband, Air Force Lt. Col. Jason T. Taylor, son Austin and daughter Julia of El Segundo; sisters, Shana May and Charlene Weitzel of Lancaster, and brother, Charles May Jr. of Robertsdale.

Apryle will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C., with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Apryle's name to the Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org.



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Niceville, US Air Force



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Valparaiso, corrections



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Danielle Laurenza, 21  
Niceville, food service



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**Fall baseball signups open**

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The fall season is planned to begin Aug. 29 and is expected to run through Oct. 31, with at least 15 planned practice and workout dates, which are expected to be on Wednesdays and Sundays. The number of signups, and evaluation of managers will determine the number of teams and age groups, and any possible tournaments.

The Fee for the Fall Academy will be \$150 for the 15 planned practice and workout dates.

Players will receive a T-shirt and hat and instruction. Managers will determine if there is a sufficient number of qualified players, and if there is interest to play tournaments. Players selected to play would pay for the tournaments separately.

For all age groups, there will be a city fee of \$10 for players who live in the Niceville and Valparaiso city limits and \$20 for all other players. Eglin AFB and Bluewater

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**'Have a Heart' 5K set Sept. 1**

Ocala County employees are organizing the "Have a Heart" 5K Run Walk on Sept. 1, at the 911 Emergency Operations Center. The course will loop around the Northwest Florida State College campus. Early registration through Aug. 20 is \$15 and late registration Aug. 21-Sept. 1 is

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**NHS season grid ticket sales**

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Members of the Flying Needles Quilt Guild unveiled the 2012 Member's Blocks, Tulips Around the Cabin. This quilt is 94 inches square, features blocks of a log cabin variation with tulip appliqué made by members who desired to participate. This quilt will be second prize in the guild's biannual raffle drawing held in December. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.



The Tulips Around the Cabin quilt will be one of two raffled by the Flying Needles Quilt Guild.

tote bags, smaller zippered cosmetic/school supply bags and Christmas stockings, given to shelters throughout the area for distribution to children. Guild members made more than 900 Christmas stockings for children in 2011 and are dedicated to charity sewing every month.

All funds raised are used to support supply costs for charitable items the Guild make and donate to local organizations, including National Quilts of Valor Organization, which is dedicated to the distribution of red/white/blue quilt to wounded warriors in the service of our country. Additional charitable items made by our 100-plus members are quilts, drawstring

The 2012 Opportunity Quilt first prize is the Amazon Star quilt, a complex 104-inch square paper foundation-pieced pattern by well-known designer Judy Niemeyer. The quilts will be displayed at local quilt shops

throughout the year, and more information is available at flyingneedlesquiltguild.org. Call Sandra Congleton, 862-8588, for more information.

The Guild meets every second Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Niceville Church of Christ, across the street from Niceville High School. The Guild offers a gathering of new and experienced quilters and sewers who enjoy their craft and share their knowledge through workshops. Visitors and quilters are always welcomed.



## Baking for the needy

Hailey Moriarty, 9, left, and her friend, Olivia Warsheski, 13, braved the 90 degree heat July 28 for four hours to raise money for Sharing & Caring to purchase school supplies in front of Hailey's Ruckel Drive home. This is the second consecutive year Hailey has donated all profits from her sale to Sharing & Caring. The girls sold banana bread, blueberry muffins and brownies, as well as lemonade and water, raising \$104.26 (an increase of 107 percent from last year).

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