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COMING**

Thursday, 7 p.m.

Check out Niceville High School's **drama production** "A Showcase of Talent in Three Acts" at the **Niceville High School auditorium**. Tickets are \$5.

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Bring the family and celebrate the holidays with a **movie night** featuring "A Charlie Brown Christmas" at the **Children's Park**, Niceville.

Friday, 7:30 p.m.



Listen to a **holiday jazz performance**, "A Peter White Christmas," at the **Mattie Kelly Arts Center**, Niceville. Tickets are \$40 and \$80.

Sunday, 3 and 6:30 p.m.



Catch the Niceville High School Chorus at its **holiday concert**, "A Wreath of Carols," at **St. Paul Lutheran Church**, Niceville. Tickets are \$10.

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.



Support the Ruckel Ram Band at its free **winter concert** at the **Niceville High School auditorium**.

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Panel mulls 2013-14 schools calendar

By Daniel Elsesser
Beacon Staff Writer

A parent-teacher committee will discuss the Okaloosa County School District's 2013-14 student calendar at a public meeting Dec. 12 in Niceville. As proposed, the tentative calendar assumes that classes will begin Aug. 19,

two weeks before Labor Day.

The meeting, which will be held in the training room of the school district's complex at 202-B Highway 85 North, will focus on the development of specific dates for the beginning and ending of classes, holidays, and grading periods.

According to Florida law, the state can designate the earliest start date a school district is allowed if that district does not meet certain academic standards.

The Okaloosa district has not met those standards in the past two school years, and the state has ruled that Okaloosa schools

are allowed to open no earlier than two weeks before Labor Day.

Ryan Gore, Okaloosa County School District informational systems director, said the state has not yet informed the district whether it has met the academic standards that would allow an

opening in early August, as was the practice until two years ago.

Gore said the committee will go into the calendar meetings assuming that the standards have not been met and that the state will be determining the earliest

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Host of Christmas past



The Northwest Florida State College Madrigal Singers, in Victorian garb, were among the performers at the annual Yule of Yesterday festival held Saturday at Perrine Park, "Old Valparaiso." The daylong event, sponsored by the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, offered a glimpse of what Christmas was like during the 19th century, especially during the Civil War. It included a museum open house, demonstrations of Civil War camp life by the Walton Guard, assorted craft booths, a Victorian Tea, and of course, a visit from Santa Claus. It ended with a Christmas tree lighting in Perrine Park.

Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

Ex-boss of Eglin wins seat on council

By Daniel Elsesser
Beacon Staff Writer

Sal M. Nodjomian, former 96th Air Base Wing commander at Eglin Air Force Base, will fill the Group 2 Niceville City Council seat formerly held by Bill Smith, who resigned to run an unsuccessful campaign for county commission.

Nodjomian, who retired in July with the rank of colonel after 23 years in the service, was the only one to qualify for the ballot in a special election to fill the seven months remaining in Smith's term. As a result, the election, which would have been held Jan. 22, was canceled. He will take office Jan. 22.

The regular election will be held in July. Nodjomian must qualify for that ballot as well, should he run for a full four-year term.



Sal Nodjomian

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Valp. OKs more legal proceedings in 2 cases as it agrees to pay costs of losing a 3rd one

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

The Valparaiso City Commission decided Monday to settle a dispute over lawyer's fees in a long-running lawsuit, at a further cost to taxpayers of \$182,291.

The commission voted to continue another lawsuit by appeal, and to possibly initiate a third suit.

It also decided to give \$100 Christmas bonuses to all city employees, discussed possible alternative forms of city gov-

ernment, and planned for the retirement of Valparaiso Police Chief Joe Hart, who may be rehired shortly after retiring.

During Monday's meeting, commissioners voted to accept a settlement agreement with Valparaiso resident Anthony

Bradley and his attorney.

The settlement, which ends a case that began in 2008, will cost city taxpayers \$182,291 by paying Bradley's lawyer fees. The city also spent many thousands of dollars on its own lawyers in the suit.

Earlier this year, a court ruled in favor of the lawsuit brought against Valparaiso by Bradley, who contended that city officials had violated Florida's Sunshine Law back in

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Expect more odors from sewage plant as work progresses

By Daniel Elsesser
Beacon Staff Writer

Rick Helms, manager of the Niceville Valparaiso Regional Wastewater plant, said that recent stronger odors from the plant on Highway 85 North, Niceville, are the result of modifications being made to one of the plant's three sewage "trains."

He said the additional odors are expected to continue until mid-2013, or possibly longer.

Helms said that working with only two trains, or treatment streams, means that the increased volume must be processed over a longer period. The modification also forces the plant to aerate waste in one chamber instead of two, resulting in less aeration and stronger odors.

"What you have is the same amount of wastewater being processed in two trains instead of three," Helms said at a regional sewer board meeting in

Niceville Dec. 5. "Basically, there's more volume of wastewater in less space."

Helms said this train is the first to be modified but all three need modification. Once work is finished on the current train, the second will be shut down while the other two handle the entire plant's flow, and the same will be done when the third is modified.

According to Helms, the modifications will enable the trains to remove more nitrogen and phosphorus from the sewage, reducing the need for sprayfields on Eglin land. The Air Force has told the sewer board that it will start charging market rates for the continued use of U.S. land for the sprayfields.

Helms said the entire project will cost \$5 million.

Helms said the full complement of three trains should be back in action in six to nine months, and therefore the



Workers make modifications to a sewage "train" at the Niceville Valparaiso Regional Wastewater plant Dec. 6. The \$5 million project, which will take six to nine months, will enable the trains to remove more nitrogen and phosphorus from sewage. Meantime, however, pushing more sewage through the plant's other two trains has temporarily increased odors, officials say.

Beacon photo by Daniel Elsesser

stronger odors should subside at that time.

In other business Dec. 5, the sewer board approved a change to its operational agreement,

establishing billing procedure when a city or county flow meter breaks. The meters are

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3% pay hike for East Niceville firefighters

By Daniel Elsesser
Beacon Staff Writer

The East Niceville Fire District Commission Monday approved a 3 percent pay raise for its 10 firefighters.

The motion passed 3-1, with Tricia Brunson, serving in her first meeting, voting against because she felt the raise should be higher. Chairman Mike Marcolongo abstained.

Chief Michael Wright recommended the 3 percent raise based on the \$11,049 of its budget the district had not earmarked. The district has the money available because Treasurer Ed Dunbar budgeted for the current fiscal year

assuming the district would have \$150,000 to work with, but it currently has \$161,049.

Wright said the pay increase, which goes into effect Jan. 1, would cost the district approximately \$10,500, including payroll taxes, pension costs, and other payroll overhead, for the nine months remaining in the fiscal year.

The plan to use the unassigned money to increase firefighter pay originated after Dunbar conducted a survey that he said shows East Niceville firefighters as underpaid compared with other area fire districts and departments.

Dunbar received pay figures from the North Bay, Crestview, Freeport, South Walton and Midway fire agencies. Those figures indicate East Niceville as having the lowest starting pay.

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Ed Dunbar

THE INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER —by Mike Griffith



If America goes over the "fiscal cliff," how will it affect you?

Location: Yule of Yesteryear



"Hopefully, by seeing Congress go to work, together."

John Glisson, 69, Niceville, retired airline pilot



"I might be laid off. I expect to see local military units cut back significantly on their operations. Both research and training will be cut back. It doesn't bode well for us in this area."

David Sandlin, 56, Valparaiso, military contractor



"I'm not sure about me personally, but it will harm the country as a whole."

Linda Webster, 55, Shalimar, administrative assistant



"I love shopping, and won't be able to do as much. It could also hurt my school. A-plus schools need money."

Elise Figueroa, 11, Niceville, Bluewater Elementary School student



"I'm not sure how I'll be affected. I'm hoping taxes don't increase, because I'm on a fixed income."

Denise Cornella, 59, Niceville, retired Air Force



"Like everyone else, my taxes will go up, and everything will be more expensive. I hope they can reach a bipartisan agreement."

Robert Richardson, 56, Niceville, Eglin contractor

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PAY HIKE

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Dunbar's research lists the annual starting pay for East Niceville firefighters at \$26,000. The starting pay from other districts indicated in Dunbar's findings ranged from Crestview Fire

Department's \$26,923 to the South Walton Fire Department's \$42,565.

Dunbar said low pay has made it difficult for East Niceville to retain firefighters, as last year the district saw one firefighter move to the Eglin Fire Department, two to South Walton and one to a

department in Colorado.

Dunbar said the average salary of the six rank-and-file East Niceville firefighters is 84 percent of the mean annual salary for firefighters in Okaloosa County, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The pay hike also applies to the fire

chief and three other officers.

At the commission's meeting in November, Dunbar said that while saving the extra money could provide security for the district in the future, he believes attending to the financial well-being of the district's firefighters is a priority.

"Some want to let it roll, and keep that extra money around in case we need it for something else," Dunbar said. "But I think that if we can give our guys a pay raise without raising anyone's taxes, we should."

Dunbar said the firefighters received a 3 percent pay raise

last year, but since the cost of living rose 3.2 percent, it did not result in an actual pay raise.

Dunbar said the cost of living has risen 1.7 percent this year, meaning a 3 percent increase would give the six firefighters a 1.3 percent actual pay raise.



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allowable start date.

Gore expects the designation from the state to come down sometime this month, and thus the discussions may change to reflect a different start date when the committee meets again Jan. 14.

The Okaloosa County School Board will have the final say, after receiving the committee's recommendation.

To be allowed to determine its own start date, a school district must be designated "high performing" by the state. A district containing a school with an F rating is not considered high performing.

Tentative calendar 2013-14

Okaloosa County schools

Classes start.....	Aug. 19, 2013
Labor Day holiday.....	Mon., Sept. 2
End 1st grading pd.....	Fri., Oct. 18
Student holiday.....	Mon., Oct. 21
Veterans Day hol.....	Mon., Nov. 11
Thanksgiving break.....	Nov. 25-29
Winter break.....	Dec., 20-Jan. 3
End 2nd grading pd.....	Thur., Jan. 16
Student holiday.....	Fri., Jan. 17
M.L. King holiday.....	Mon., Jan. 20
End 3rd grading pd.....	Thur., Mar. 20
Student holiday.....	Fri., Mar. 21
Spring break.....	Mar. 24-28
Memorial Day hol.....	Mon., May 26
Last day classes.....	Thur., June 5

All dates subject to change and approval by school board.

Because of a failing designation received by the now closed Emerald Coast Youth Academy, the Okaloosa district did not receive a high performing designation for the 2011-2012 school year and was required to start no earlier than two weeks before Labor Day

If the Okaloosa County School District does not receive a high performing designation this year, the earliest Okaloosa schools will be able to start is Monday, Aug. 19, 2013, two weeks before Labor Day Sept. 2.

Gore said the committee is made up of 10 members, including five from the Okaloosa Education Association, the union that represents teachers.

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New street named for school

Plew Panther Way is unveiled in ceremony

By Anna Kavanaugh
Beacon Staff Writer

The new street next to Plew Elementary School, between Wise and Pine avenues, Niceville, was officially named Plew Panther Way in a ceremony Monday.

Plew Principal Carolyn McAllister made brief remarks at the event, which was also attended by Mayor Randall Wise and Melissa Thrush, District 5 Okaloosa County School Board member. The Plew fifth grade chorus performed.

"We are happy to name the street because it means so much to you," Wise told the youngsters.

Plew Elementary was named in honor of James. E. Plew, a real estate developer who conveyed the land that is now Eglin Air Force Base. Three of Plew's great-grandchildren, Steve Ruckel, Marion Ruckel Skalicky and Judy Byrne Riley, also attended the ceremony.

The street sign was unveiled by Rolland Matthews, a student at Plew Elementary, which features a panther as mascot.

According to Wise there had been no plans to name the street, which was built in 2011 by Ruckel Properties to enhance development prospects of four acres of its adjacent commercial land, until the city received a request from the school district.

The still-vacant land north of the school, fronting John Sims Parkway, may eventually be the site of a strip mall, McAllister said.

To facilitate construction of the road, in December 2008 the school board agreed to swap some school land for some Ruckel Properties land in a transaction that also included a \$44,092 payment by the company, Thrush said.

McAllister said that after the nameless street was completed,

Plew Elementary School student Rolland Matthews unveils the Plew Panther Way sign at a street-naming ceremony Monday on the new road just north of the school. Below, Plew Elementary's fifth grade chorus performs at the event.

Beacon photos by Anna Kavanaugh



she found herself frustrated when drafting a new traffic pattern notice describing where parents should deliver their children.

"I kept calling it 'no name' street," she said.

Thrush wrote Nov. 1 to Niceville City Manager Lannie Corbin, also present at the ceremony, requesting the street be named after Plew Elementary.

"Naming the street 'Plew Panther Way' would greatly enhance the community spirit and support of Plew Elementary," Thrush stated in the letter.

No other names were suggested. The school requested the name and the council thought it was a good idea, Wise said.

What is now Plew Panther

Way was completed in July 2011, Niceville Director of Public Works Bruce Price said.

Incidentally, the name of connecting Wise Avenue has no connection with the mayor or his family, Wise said.

The city has no plans to name the short street that connects Plew Panther Way to John Sims Parkway at the light in front of Walmart, officials said.

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used to determine how much sewage is sent to the treatment plant by its three users: Niceville, Valparaiso and Okaloosa County. Each entity is billed according to usage, and the cost is eventually borne by the individual households and businesses that make up its customer base.

The change states if any flow meter is out of service at any time during a one-month billing cycle, the readings from all flow meters will be ignored, and each entity using the facility will be billed based on the percentage of total plant flow it used in the preceding 12 months.

The need for this type of language in the operational agreement became evident when a flow meter broke in August. The board members realized billing based on each entity's plant use for the previous month was not effective, as the area received 21 inches of rain in the month, causing plant flow for all entities

to be higher than normal.

On Oct. 3, the board temporarily adopted language similar to the new agreement to establish billing for August. The new language in the operational agreement will take effect in the next billing period, if necessary.

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EX-BOSS

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"Right now, holding public office provides so many great opportunities," Nodjomian said. "There are so many opportunities to shape the smart growth for the area. I think everyone can agree that the economy has bottomed out, and we've turned a corner. It's great to be involved in the process of

development."

According to City Clerk Dan Doucet, Nodjomian will be sworn in Jan. 22. He said the first meeting Nodjomian will participate in will be the one scheduled for Feb. 12.

Nodjomian, who is executive vice president of Matrix Design Group consulting firm, said a city government's priority should be to ensure its citizens receive necessary services.

"The most important thing a

city council can do is provide people with the services they cannot provide on their own," Nodjomian said. "It should provide those services at the least amount of cost."

Nodjomian, 46, lives on



Bill Smith

Black Bear Circle with his wife, Carla, and two sons, Niceville High School students Adam, a senior, and Jason, a freshman.

Doucet said Nodjomian's was the only name entered between Dec. 4-6, the required time to apply for candidacy for the council seat.

The seat was left vacant after Smith stepped down to run for District 3 County Commissioner. Smith lost in a four-way race Aug. 14. Doucet

said a charter required the city to fill Smith's seat within 90 days of Smith's resignation, which took effect Nov. 20.

Nodjomian will finish out Smith's term ending July 16, date of the next regular municipal election. Nodjomian said he plans to run for a four-year term at that time.

"I hope to take this opportunity to understand local government," Nodjomian said. "I hope to enjoy the opportunity of

getting to know my fellow council members this term and run for a full term next year."

The seats held by Nodjomian and by Dan Henkel will be up for election at that time.

The city's staggered elections have the seats occupied by Mayor Randall Wise and council members Judy Boudreaux and Heath Rominger up for election in 2015.

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2008, in the process of deciding that the city would sue the Air Force to obtain documents related to the stationing of F-35 fighter planes at Eglin Air Force Base.

The city's suit against the Air Force was eventually settled. Nevertheless, Bradley's suit against the city, filed in 2009, actually went to trial, where Circuit Judge Thomas Remington ruled in July of this year that the city in 2008 violated the Sunshine Law by deciding to sue the Air Force through secret discussions rather than in a public meeting.

The judge also ruled that the city had failed to give adequate notice of a public meeting in 2009, when the city commission authorized a second lawsuit against the Air Force over the service's plans to station F-35 fighter planes at Eglin Air Force Base. The city commission was concerned about the possible impact on city residents by noise and potential safety issues from flying the powerful new fighter planes over the city—an issue that continues to this day, as city residents are still encouraged by municipal officials to

report noise complaints arising from F-35 flights over Valparaiso and neighboring communities.

In November, the commission had voted to agree to a settlement proposal by Bradley's lawyer, Michael Chesser, and gave their final approval to the settlement agreement Monday.

In an unrelated case, the commission Monday voted 3 to 1 to appeal a Nov. 20 judgment against the city by Judge Remington, in a lawsuit by Valparaiso resident Keith R. Roberts. Roberts had sought title to a small parcel of land abutting his property, and also abutting Toms Bayou, that had been platted as part of "Bayshore Drive" in a survey dated July 12, 1919. The city claimed it had an easement on that property, although the City of Valparaiso was not incorporated until May 6, 1921.

Remington ruled that the city had not proved its original intent to dedicate the disputed proper-

ty to public use, and had abandoned the property. He granted title to Roberts.

During Monday's meeting, Valparaiso City Attorney Hayward Dykes told commissioners that he and Bruce Bowman, a fellow attorney in Dykes' firm, think an appeal of Remington's ruling in the Roberts case could be successful.

After some discussion, the commission voted 3-1 to go ahead with an appeal, with Commissioner Kay Hamilton absent and Commissioner Joe Morgan casting the lone dissenting vote. Commissioners Diane Kelley, H.H. Strong and Mayor Bruce Arnold voted for the appeal.

Morgan said he thinks the Roberts case is "not worth fighting" over any further. Strong, however, said the final outcome of the case will "affect the whole plat," including other waterfront land throughout the city, and is therefore worth appealing.

The commission also voted, unanimously, to approve an employment contract with the law firm of St. Dennis and Davey, P.A., as legal counsel for claims against former City Attorney Doug Wyckoff, as well as against attorneys Chris H.

Bentley, Frederick L. Aschauer, Jr., and the law firms of Friedman and Fumero, LLP, and Rose Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP, as a result of their previous representation of the city in litigation against Bradley.

According to the employment agreement, the Dennis & Davey firm will not receive any pay from the city unless they succeed in recovering money from the city's former attorneys. If they succeed, the new attorneys will be paid between 15 and 40 percent of whatever money they recover, depending on the amount and other factors.

Although he finally voted in favor of the employment of the new attorneys, Commissioner Morgan initially expressed reluctance to do so. "I was elected, in part, to reduce litigation," he said, adding that the prospect of more litigation gave him a "bad taste." He was persuaded to go ahead, however, after hearing Dykes say that the attempt to recover money from the former lawyers has "no monetary

downside" for the city, and that he and the attorneys to be hired "feel comfortable moving forward."

Also, Mayor Arnold urged Morgan to "consider the cost to the city" from the failed legal efforts of Wyckoff and the others. "The city can't recover all we lost, but we may be able to recover some."

Commissioner Strong said such an attempt is "the only hope for recovering anything."

Arnold added that he does not expect an actual trial in this case. "I expect more negotiation than litigation," he said.

In other business during Monday's meeting, the commission approved giving all city employees a Christmas bonus of \$100 each. The city will also pay the federal income and FICA taxes on the bonuses, allowing each employee to actually take home \$100. The cost to the city will be \$7,900.

The commission also briefly discussed alternative forms of city government. Mayor Arnold favors changing from the current city commission structure, in which individual commissioners have executive authority over particular city departments. He said that it is difficult to find citizens willing volunteer for such time consuming but unpaid

work, and suggested another form of city government, such as a city manager system, would better serve the citizens of Valparaiso and would be better suited to modern times. "We need to get the professionals involved," he said. Some commissioners disagreed, however.

"Bruce and I are 180 degrees apart on this," said Strong. "What we have works fine." In addition he said, "We have other priorities above reorganizing the city."

No action was taken on changing the city government, and Arnold suggested discussing the matter again at another commission meeting when all commissioners are present.

Commissioners also discussed the pending retirement of Police Chief Joe Hart, who will officially retire Jan. 31, 2013, in accordance with the state pension system's "DROP Program." The city will then appoint an interim chief, while publicly advertising the position to all qualified candidates. Hart, however, will also have the option of becoming a candidate for his former job, and if hired, would continue to draw his retirement benefits as well as whatever new salary is agreed to if he is rehired.



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Arrests

Heather Lea Painter, an exotic dancer, 39, of 626 W. John Sims Parkway #118, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Dec. 1. on a charge of simple battery, domestic violence. Painter's required court appearance is scheduled Jan. 29, 2013.

Ronald Eric Hoback, a cashier, 31, of 1305 Cedar Ave., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Nov. 29 on charges of simple battery and aggravated battery on a pregnant victim. Hoback's required court appearance is scheduled Jan. 15, 2013.

Angel Ann Browning, unemployed, 31, of 1305 Cedar Ave., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Nov. 29 on a charge of battery touch or strike. Browning's required court appearance is scheduled Jan. 29.

Christopher Johnson Jr., unemployed, 21, of 105 Dyer St., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Nov. 28 on a charge of battery, domestic violence. Johnson's required court appearance is scheduled Jan. 29.

Jodeci Lee Rios, 20, of 1411 29th St., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police Nov. 28 on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. Rios' required court appearance is scheduled Jan. 29.

A 17-year-old Niceville boy, a student, was arrested by Niceville police Nov. 29 on charges of possession of marijuana less than 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Allegedly, the boy ran from a Niceville officer when approached behind the business at 1051 E. John Sims Parkway but stopped after being ordered by an officer at Taser point.

After telling the arresting officer he was "smoking crack," an officer collected a clear water bottle the boy had been holding and found it contained a small amount of water, an aluminum foil filter and a residual amount of burning marijuana. The boy's required court appearance is scheduled Jan. 16.

Allegedly, the arresting officer asked the boy what he was doing behind the business at 1051 E. John Sims Parkway. After the boy said he had "weed" in his front pocket, the officer searched him and found a clear plastic bag containing a green leafy substance which later tested positive for THC. The boy's required court appearance is scheduled Jan. 16.

Michael Richard Watkins, a U.S. Army employee, 24, of 324 Hillcrest Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Dec. 4 on charges of resisting an officer by fleeing and eluding and participating in an unlawful race.

Allegedly, the arresting officer observed Watkins and another driver racing on motorcycles on Beal Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. After the arresting officer activated his lights, Watkins continued driving as the other driver stopped. Watkins allegedly ran three or four red lights while weaving through traffic to elude the officer. Watkins' required court appearance is scheduled Jan. 29, 2013.

Patrick Alfred Anderson, unemployed, of 615 Birkdale Circle, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Dec. 3 on a charge of battery touch or strike. Anderson's required court appearance is scheduled Dec. 26.

Benny Furman Harvard, 41, of 346 Edgewood Road, DeFuniak Springs, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Dec. 3 on charges of battery touch or strike, felony battery domestic violence by strangulation and aggravated battery on a pregnant victim. Harvard's required court appearance is scheduled Jan. 29, 2013.

Norman Terrence Zaldivar, 49, of 98 Nathey St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Nov. 30 on charges of resisting an officer with violence and disorderly conduct breach of peace.

Allegedly, Zaldivar yelled profanities and lay on the floor of a Chevron gas station in Destin. Zaldivar allegedly yelled at the arresting officer to "take [him] to jail" and attempted to enter a sheriff's deputy's car. The arresting officer ordered Zaldivar to the ground at Taser point after Zaldivar took an aggressive stance and threatened the officer with clenched fists. Zaldivar's required court appearance is scheduled Jan. 29, 2013.

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Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls from December 3, 2012 through December 9, 2012.

0 Structure Fire	18 Emergency Medical Calls
0 Vehicle Fire	1 Vehicle Crash
0 Other Fire	0 Vehicle Crash with Extrication
0 Illegal Burn	5 Other Emergency Calls
0 False Alarms	0 Hazardous Conditions

STREET	SITUATION	DATE	TIME
Roberts Drive.....	Medical	12/3/12	06:51
E. John Sims Pkwy.....	Medical	12/4/12	05:53
Roberts Drive.....	Service Call	12/5/12	05:12
28 th Street.....	Medical	12/5/12	16:20
Tamara Cove.....	Medical	12/5/12	23:06
McKinney Street.....	Medical	12/6/12	02:14
E. John Sims Pkwy.....	Medical	12/7/12	03:49
Peachtree Way.....	Medical	12/7/12	05:46
N. Partin Drive.....	Medical	12/7/12	10:58
23 rd Street.....	Medical	12/7/12	15:08
Roberts Drive.....	Service Call	12/7/12	23:44
Grand Oak Drive.....	Medical	12/8/12	01:24
McKinney Street.....	Cancelled	12/8/12	08:35
SR 85 N/SR 123.....	Vehicle Crash	12/8/12	09:08
Boyd Circle.....	Medical	12/8/12	13:23
Friar Tuck Drive.....	Medical	12/8/12	19:45
Roberts Drive.....	Service Call	12/8/12	20:23
Reeves Street.....	Medical	12/8/12	22:44
Kelly Road.....	Medical	12/7/12	23:05
Coldwater Creek Cove.....	Medical	12/9/12	11:15
Alan A Dale Drive.....	Medical	12/9/12	11:39
Roberts Drive.....	Service Call	12/9/12	16:51
Azalea Drive.....	Medical	12/9/12	19:08
Kelly Road.....	Medical	12/9/12	19:31

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North Bay

The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls from December 3, 2012 through December 9, 2012.

Street	Situation	Date	Time
W. Birkdale Circle.....	Medical	12/3/12	02:50
Bay Drive.....	Dispatched & cancelled	12/3/12	08:04
N. White Point Rd.....	EMS call	12/3/12	10:55
Olde Post Road.....	Medical	12/4/12	01:04
Berringer Drive.....	EMS call	12/4/12	01:23
Saint John Cove.....	Dispatched & cancelled	12/4/12	10:32
Highway 20 East.....	Dispatched & cancelled	12/4/12	15:34
Newcastle Court.....	Medical	12/4/12	17:14
Glen Eagles Dr.....	Public assist	12/5/12	14:00
N. White Point Rd.....	Medical	12/5/12	16:26
Pine Street.....	Medical	12/5/12	18:53
N. White Point Rd.....	Medical	12/7/12	13:56
County Line Rd/E Hwy. 20.....	Vehicle accident	12/7/12	14:13
East Hwy. 20.....	Dispatched & cancelled	12/7/12	21:09
25th Street.....	Dispatched & cancelled	12/8/12	08:42
W. Choctawhatchee Dr.....	Medical	12/8/12	23:03

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account, once on July 13 and twice on Aug. 21.

DUI arrests

Jeremy Reed Nessler, a U.S. Army employee, 26, of 4585 8th Special Forces Lane, Crestview, was arrested by Niceville police for DUI at S.R. 85 South at Niceville Avenue, Niceville, Nov. 30 at 3:46 a.m. Nessler's required court appearance is scheduled Dec. 18.

Thefts

A Niceville resident from the 300 block of Reeves Street reported someone stole Lortab pills and \$327 cash from her home Dec. 3.

A Shalimar resident from the 200 block of Country Club Road reported an unknown person stole a golf club from his car in the Walmart parking lot Dec. 2.

A Valparaiso resident from the 400 block of Andrew Drive reported Dec. 1 someone made three unauthorized transfers for a total of \$240 from his bank

Other

A Niceville resident from the 1500 block of 27th Street reported Dec. 3 someone kicked his truck, leaving a dent on the driver's side door.

A Niceville resident from the 700 block of Kumquat Avenue reported Dec. 3 someone vandalized her fence.

A Valparaiso resident reported a black dog resembling a Rottweiler bit her son on the hand while he was riding his skateboard on Edge Avenue at Nordberg Avenue Nov. 30.

Trespassing charge dropped

The State Attorney's office dropped a trespassing charge against Jose Obsequio Jimenez, 165 Charles Drive, Valparaiso, on Nov. 6. Jimenez was charged by Valparaiso police Oct. 13.

Okaloosa seeks fugitives

This information is from reports by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office.



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Niceville quintet college bound

Five Niceville High School athletes signed letters of intent for colleges Dec. 5. From left: rear, Devan Hines, softball, University of West Alabama; Kayla Carr, volleyball, Daytona State College; Kaylan Davis, softball, Western Kentucky University; front, Kelsey Roberts, volleyball, Lake Sumter Community College; and Kayla Bloor, golf, Florida State University.



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Still cheering

University of South Florida seniors Rachael Stalnaker and Luke Sager go back a long way. She has cheered for him since Ruckel Middle School, then Niceville High and for four years at USF. Here, they blow off steam after the University of Pittsburgh beat USF 20-17, Dec. 1. Luke, son of Sam and Beth Sager of Niceville, is a defensive starter for USF. Rachael is the daughter of Marc Stalnaker and Christine Haley of Niceville.



Ruckel runners fifth in state

The Ruckel Middle School boys cross country team finished fifth out of 26 teams at the state championship race Nov. 3 at Lakeland. The team was led by Calvin Blackford, the 2012 Okaloosa County champion. From left: Andy Holtery, Calvin Blackford, James Underwood, Trevette Kuester, coach Rebecca, Hunter Brake, Carter Cooper and Dillon Buckley.



Terminators take tourney

The CRI Terminators won PAL's U10 soccer tournament Nov. 15. From left: front, Joe Buglewicz, Ryan Finfera, Rhys Waltz, Brennan Waller and Marcus Linton; second row, Charlie Labee, Ryan Paulson, Garrett McClay, Ethan Holt, Teertho Bhattacharya, Kobus VanSteenburg and Ben Steele; third row, coaches T.C. Waltz, Rachele Waltz, Elijah Schneidewind and Chuck Labee

COUNTY

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According to an email message from Boyles following the meeting, "LETf funds arise from certain activities of local law enforcement such as the seizure of assets utilized in illicit activities. Florida Law provides for limited use of such funds. The funds cannot be utilized to fund reoccurring law

enforcement expenditures though the funds can be used to pay for certain vital functions such as school resource officers." Boyles said during the meeting that he would prefer to see LETf funds used to support school resource officers, although resource officers were not part of the OCSO proposal.

—The commission unanimously voted to reappoint Amunds as chairman and Parisot as vice chairman. Windes made the motion to keep both men in their current positions, saying that

this will provide continuity of leadership when Administrator Curry retires in 2013. The commission also authorized issuing a request for proposals from "headhunter" firms to assist the commission in choosing a successor for Curry, preferably by May 2013, in time for the new administrator to participate in the county budget process for fiscal year 2013-14, which will begin Oct. 1, 2013.

—Commissioners authorized Airports Director Greg Donovan to move forward with agreements for building a control tower at

Destin Airport. The cost is estimated at \$4 million, with \$2 million coming from FAA funding, \$1 million from a DOT grant and \$1 million from passenger fees at the Northwest Florida Regional Airport outside Valparaiso.

Commissioners also approved plans for the county's new airport police department to seek state accreditation and to establish a 10-member reserve officer program to augment the full-time 10-member airport force.

—Windes presented a proposal to create the position of "independent internal auditor" for the county. Windes said such an independent auditor would report directly to the commission and conduct audits of various county agencies and functions as directed by the commissioners.

County Clerk of Courts Don Howard addressed the commission on Windes' proposal, saying, "I'm not opposed to more scrutiny" of county finances, but adding that under the Florida Constitution, the clerk of court is an elected, constitutional officer having the responsibility for audit-

ing county finances independently of the county commission.

After some discussion, commissioners agreed to form a working committee to further evaluate Windes' proposal. The committee, consisting of Howard, County Attorney John Dowd, county human resources director Kay Godwin, and Angela Balent, a partner in the Warren-Averett accounting firm, which currently performs some accounting and auditing services for the county, are to report their findings in January.



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County hires new agency to promote beaches

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

The Okaloosa County Commission approved a new contract with the New Orleans based Peter Mayer advertising agency, which will represent the Okaloosa Tourist Development Council in promoting the Emerald Coast as a tourist destination.

Meeting in Crestview Dec. 4, TDC executive director Dan O'Byrne introduced Mark Mayer, president of the ad agency, who said that his company has been in business for over 45 years, employs about 200 people, and has considerable experience promoting tourist destinations and attractions.

Clients of his agency, said Mayer, include the National WWII Museum in New Orleans. Mayer said one of the objectives of his agency's new ad campaign will be to encourage more tourism during the "shoulder" seasons of spring and fall, when local tourism

has traditionally slacked off.

County Commissioner Wayne Harris told Mayer that he was impressed by the agency's recent presentation to the county selection committee that chose Mayer's firm. "Cream rises to the top," Harris said.

O'Byrne told the Beacon Monday that the Mayer agency was one of about 18 ad agencies who responded to a request for proposals issued by the county last summer. A selection committee of TDC members and county officials narrowed that group to three companies who were invited to give formal presentations to the committee, which chose Mayer, subject to final approval by the county commission, which was given last week.

O'Byrne and Okaloosa County Purchasing Director Richard Brannon both told the Beacon Monday that the Mayer agency will actually take over two contracts; one being the advertising



Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

Okaloosa County Public Works Director John Hofstad holds a symbolic \$450,000 check from BP at a county commission meeting in Crestview Dec. 4. It represents the sum the county expects to get from a grant for fisheries studies funded by the British oil giant following its 2011 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, which scared many tourists away from area beaches. In other business, the commission hired a new ad firm to promote area tourism.

for the TDC, formerly done by the Zimmerman ad agency based in Tallahassee, and advertising for the county-owned Emerald Coast Conference Center, formerly done by the Lewis agency of Mobile, Ala.

Both Zimmerman and Lewis were among those who responded to this summer's RFP, O'Byrne said, but were not among those asked to give presentations during the final selection process. Mayer will now handle both the TDC and the conference center.

In other business during the meeting:

—County Administrator Jim Curry said he expects to see a settlement in the BP oil-spill civil case slated for federal court in February. County Public Works Director John Hofstad displayed a symbolic check from BP for \$450,000, an amount he expects the county to receive from the big oil company as a grant to the Gulf Coast Seafood and Tourism Fund,

to do a study of local populations of red snapper, grouper, and other food fish, in order to better establish sustainable bag limits for fishing. The grant is not connected to the pending federal lawsuit.

—Commissioners voted 3-2 to authorize only three of eight disbursements from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund requested by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. Commissioners Kelly Windes and Harris voted against the motion, while commissioners Nathan Boyles, Dave Parisot and Don Amunds voted in favor of limiting the disbursements to three, including support for the Alaqua Animal Refuge, the Mental Health Association, and a county-city law enforcement task force. The commissioners did not support funding requested by the OCSO for the Baker Band Boosters, Choctaw Basketball, the Trauma Intervention Program of

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Boy Scout constructs Rocky Bayou a pavilion

By Anna Kavanaugh
Beacon Staff Writer

Brad Berryman, a Life Scout of Eglin Troop 508 and Niceville High School junior, completed his Eagle Scout service project Dec. 3; a pavilion for Niceville's Rocky Bayou Christian School.

A former RBCS student, Brad first proposed his project idea more than two years ago to build a covered pavilion for the school to be used as a place for students to eat.

"I remembered there wasn't a designated spot to eat lunch," Brad said. "If it rained we would sit inside in our classrooms and eat."



Beacon photo by Anna Kavanaugh
Brad Berryman, an Eglin Troop 508 Boy Scout, finished the Rocky Bayou Christian School Pavilion Dec. 3.

Brad spent almost every Saturday the past few months building the pavilion funded by Rocky Bayou Christian School. Each time Brad, with the help of his father, Alan Berryman, Boy Scouts and friends, would spend more than six hours working on the project.

Brad first discussed his idea with RBCS Superintendent Dr. Michael Mosley. To Brad's surprise he also had a similar idea in his mind, but no one had approached him yet.

Brad moved to Niceville in 2004 when his father, now retired

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Mid-Bay Rotary rings bell

Lori Ogles of Villa Tasso stopped to donate to the Salvation Army while Mid-Bay Rotary Club member Jeffrey Rink rang the bell last weekend at Winn Dixie, Bluewater Bay.

Engagements



Jessica Popwell and David Skelly

Popwell-Skelly

Niceville Police Chief David Popwell and his wife, Sallie, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynn Popwell to First Lieutenant David Michael Skelly, son of Michael and Elizabeth Skelly of Sterling, Va.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Florida State University and is currently applying to graduate programs.

The prospective groom is a graduate of The United States Air Force Academy and is a helicopter pilot. Their first assignment will be at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.

The wedding is planned for July 20, 2013, at The United States Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Sydney Sullivan Jr. and Angelica Maldonado

Maldonado-Sullivan Jr.

Rene and Irene Maldonado of Niceville would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Angelica Marie Maldonado to Sydney Scotty Sullivan Jr., son of Sydney Sullivan and Crystal Holmes of Washington, D.C. The wedding will take place Friday, Jan. 11, 2013, at the Bay House, Destin.

Doolittle Raiders exhibit planned at NWFSC



NWFSC athletes with Lt. Col. Richard Cole of Doolittle Raiders crew No. 1 in 2011 when Cole visited the Raiders Arena (shown in background), where the exhibit will be housed in the arena lobby.

What's in a nickname? Plenty, if you know the history behind the Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC) school mascot—"Raiders."

It began more than 70 years ago with a secrecy shrouded mission at an isolated airfield at Eglin Field, now Eglin Air Force Base. It would culminate

when a band of daring fliers dubbed the "Doolittle's Raiders" soared off the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Hornet and bombed the Empire of Japan for the first time in World War II – a daring reply to the Japanese surprise attack at Pearl Harbor.

The leader of the Raiders was Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle,

who led the squadron of B-25s on the historic air raid, a feat for which he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

To heighten knowledge of the legacy and heritage behind the Raiders mascot name and to bring the story of these American heroes to students for decades to come, the college plans to open a permanent

exhibit in the lobby of the college's Raiders Athletic Arena on the Niceville campus to honor the Doolittle Raiders. The museum-quality display will feature the story of the historic raid and the college's collection of Raiders memorabilia.

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NWFSC poster contest

Northwest Florida State College is accepting poster design entries for its 50th Anniversary celebration poster design contest. The deadline for submission is April 1, 2013.

The contest offers an \$800 honorarium to the top winner. Contest rules and entry forms are posted on www.nwfsc.edu/50. The contest is open to students, alumni, the general public and employees. The artistic medium used is open with no restrictions. Submission of digital art, watercolor, oil, illustration, photography, etc. are all acceptable, however all entries must be formatted in a vertical, poster format suitable for print reproduction.

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ADSO Christmas Art Market

The Arts and Design Society's Christmas Art Market will run until Dec. 17, at the art center, 17 First St. SE, Fort Walton Beach. There will be an assortment of crafts made by members including jewelry, paintings, pottery, photographs and note cards. Crafts are all under \$200. The gallery's hours are Tuesday-Friday, noon-4 p.m., and Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Contact 244-1271.

Salvation Army fundraiser

The Mid-Bay Bridge Rotary Club will ring the Salvation Army's bell to collect donations for the organization Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., until Dec. 22, at the Winn-Dixie, 4512 Highway 20, Niceville.

'Cirque Chinois'

Direct from Beijing, the National Circus of the People's Republic of China presents "Cirque Chinois" Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center's mainstage, 100 College Blvd., Niceville. The circus will feature acts, such

as the Great Teeterboard, Grand Flying Trapeze, Group Contortion, and more. Tickets are \$35 each or receive a discount of \$5 off per ticket for groups of 10 or more. Group sales are made by phone or in-person only. Purchase tickets at the box office, 729-6000 or www.mattiekellyartscenter.org.

Library Christmas party

The Friends of the Niceville Public Library and staff will host a patron appreciation party Dec. 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the library, 206 Partin Drive N, Niceville. There will be finger foods, goodies and punch.

DAR meeting

Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Dec. 13, 10 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 134 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. The guest speaker will be Deputy Sheriff Henry from the Sheriff's Explorer Youth Group. The group is open to all women who are lineally descended from a Revolutionary War Patriot. Contact 796-0783.

Collegiate info sessions

NWFSC Collegiate High School will host an information session Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m., room 132 of the Student Services Center, Niceville. The sessions include an overview of the school's program, application process and testimonials from current students, as well as the opportunity to meet school personnel and ask questions. The priority application period to apply to the school runs Feb. 1-28.

NHS talent showcase

The Niceville High School Drama Department will present its winter production "A Showcase of Talent in Three Acts" Dec. 13-15, 7 p.m., at the Niceville High School auditorium. The production will feature two acts showcasing a select group of acting ensembles, as well as musical solos. The third act will be the comedic play "Anna and August" by Don Zolidis. Tickets are \$5 at the door and may also be purchased prior to the performance through the Niceville High School Drama Director, Charlie Williams, at 217-8101.

Children's Park movie night

The Niceville Children's Park will host a free holiday movie night Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Children's Park. They will be showing "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and serving hot chocolate and popcorn. Bring chairs and a blanket and



'Cirque Chinois' to perform at NWFSC

The National Circus of the People's Republic of China presents "Cirque Chinois" Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center's mainstage, 100 College Blvd., Niceville.

enjoy the holiday classic with the family. Contact Jane Edge at 642.7457.

Holiday jazz

Peter White, a jazz guitarist, along with Kirk Whalym and Mindi Abair, will perform "A Peter White Christmas" Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center mainstage, 100 College Blvd., Niceville. There will be an arrangement of holiday jazz favorites performed. Tickets are \$40 and reserved seating close to the stage are \$80. Contact 729-6000 or www.mattiekellyartscenter.org to purchase tickets.



Christmas crafts workshop

The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center presents "Santa's Workshop: Nature Inspired Crafts" with Abakadoodle, Dec. 15, 11 a.m., 4956 Highway 20 East, Freeport. Children can make pine cone trees. Standard admission prices. Contact 835-1824.

Rocky Bayou concert

The Rocky Bayou Christian School Band and Chamber Choir will perform its Christmas concert Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m., at the Rocky Bayou Baptist Church, 2401 Partin Drive N, Niceville.

'Les Misérables' auditions

Northwest Florida State College will host open auditions for its 2013

summer musical "Les Misérables" Dec. 15, 10 a.m., on the mainstage of the Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and call backs will be at 2 p.m. Auditions are for lead adult roles and ensemble cast and auditions for two critical children's roles will be early next year.

Those auditioning should prepare "On my Own" (female) and "Bring Him Home" (male) with two additional selections for call-backs to be announced. All leads will be placed into a college vocal class starting in January. Rehearsals will begin in late April. Tickets will be on sale starting Feb. 1, 2013. For information on auditions, contact the college at 729-5382.

John Denver tribute

The Emerald Coast Concert Association presents a tribute to John Denver with "Rocky Mountain High" Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium. Ted Vigil stars and pays homage both physically and musically to Denver. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. and \$10 for children 18 and under in advance or at the door. Purchase tickets at 362-9356 or www.emerald-coastconcerts.com/ticket_sales.htm.

Niceville High holiday concert

The Niceville High School Chorus will host its holiday con-

cert, "A Wreath of Carols," Dec. 16, 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1407 E. John Sims Parkway, Niceville. The chorus includes the Select Women, Bel Canto, Kantorai, The Camerata, Opus One and the Niceville Singers.



Tickets are \$10 and are available at these Niceville locations: Sweet Cakes, Bayou Books, Southern Agenda, Mullins Auto and So Stinkin' Cute or president@nicevillechorus.com. A \$1 from each ticket sold will be donated to the Fischer House in support of the Wounded Warrior Mission.

Donate blood

Northwest Florida Blood Services will host blood drives on Dec. 17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Twin Cities Hospital, Niceville, Dec. 21, noon-6 p.m., and Dec. 26, noon-6 p.m., at the Walmart, Niceville. Walmart donors will receive a gift card. Snacks and drinks will be provided to donors. Contact Lynda Krupka 862-4216 or Lynda.Krupka@oneblood.org.

Schola Cantorum concert

The Northwest Florida State College Schola Cantorum will perform a free public concert of seasonal music, "The Very Best Time of Year" Dec. 18, 7 p.m., at St.

Paul Lutheran Church, Niceville. The diverse group is comprised of talented vocalists from throughout the two county area who present music from across the ages. Much of the music is unaccompanied by instruments. The group is directed by John Leatherwood, emeritus fine arts faculty member and symphony conductor at the college. Donations will be accepted.

Ruckel Ram Band concert

The Ruckel Middle School Ram Band will perform its free Winter Concert Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m., at the Niceville High School auditorium.

Lewis concerts

The Lewis School Band will hold its Winter Concert Dec. 18, 6-9 p.m., in the Taylor Haugen Gym, at the school. The Lewis School Chorus will hold its "Sounds of the Season" concert Dec. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Lewis cafeteria, 281 Mississippi Ave., Valparaiso. Contact 833-4130.

Pavilion Angel Tree

Twin Cities Pavilion's Angel Tree is full of angels (residents) and ready to be adopted. All gift baskets must be delivered to the Pavilion by the end-of-day Dec. 19. The residents' Christmas party will also take place Dec. 21, 2 p.m., at 1053 John Sims Parkway and Juniper Road. Sponsors are welcome to attend. Contact Jeanne Barr at 833-9212 for more information.

Christmas bird count

The Choctawhatchee Audubon Society engages in the national effort to help determine the health and general distribution of all bird species in North America.

The Christmas Bird Count will take place Dec. 20 over 24 hours. The results will help manage bird populations and identify environmental problems, such as pesticide misuse and groundwater contamination. Contact Jamie Hill to be a spotter or recorder at 323-2001.

'The Nutcracker'

Join the Bluewater Bay Ballet Conservatory and Destin School of Music and Dance for its presentation of "The Nutcracker" Dec. 21 and 22, 2 p.m., at South Walton Beach High School auditorium, 645 Greenway Trail, off Highway 331, Santa Rosa Beach.

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Miller received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle. His training included classroom study, practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Miller is a 2012 graduate of Niceville High School and the son of son of Claire I. and Richard Miller of Niceville.

Kelly 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 studies.

Kelly is a 2008 graduate of Niceville High School and earned an associate degree in 2011 from Northwest Florida State College, Niceville. He is the son of John and Ursula Kelly of Andros Way, Niceville.

Marine Corps Pfc. **Troy L. McGlinchey** earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

For 13 weeks, McGlinchey stayed committed during some of the world's most demanding entry-level military training in order to be transformed from civilian to Marine instilled with pride, discipline and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Training subjects included close-order drill, marksmanship with an M-16A4 rifle, physical fitness, martial arts, swimming, military history, customs and courtesies.

One week prior to graduation, McGlinchey endured The Crucible, a 54-hour final test of recruits' minds and bodies. Upon completion, recruits are presented the Marine Corps emblem and called Marines for the first time.

McGlinchey is a 2012 graduate of Sebring High School and the son of Troy L. McGlinchey of Freeport.



John C. Kelly



Corey N. Meek

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 studies.

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

Meek is a 2011 graduate of Niceville High School and the son of Patrick and Debra Meek of Chicago Avenue, Valparaiso.

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Obituary

Virginia Lee Thorpe
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Virginia Lee Thorpe passed away Dec. 2, 2012, due to continued health issues.

Virginia was born July 8, 1956, in Arlington,



Virginia Lee Thorpe

Va. and moved to Niceville in 2005.

She is survived by three children: Eric, 23, Marcus, 18, Anna Rose, 14, and two grandchildren: Eric Jr., 2, and Kason, 7 months, and five siblings: Helen Roberts and Mary Thorpe of Niceville, Dotty Smith and Elvan Thorpe of Manassas, Va., and Robert Thorpe of Luray, Va.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, 10 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church, Marler Chapel, Niceville.

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Who's News

Casey Renee Luzius of Niceville, a sophomore at Florida State University, was recognized as a member of the Sigma Alpha Lambda, a national leadership and honors organization at Florida State University. She is a 2011 Niceville High School graduate.



Casey Luzius

James McLaughlin, a Rocky Bayou Christian Academy science teacher, received the Gulf Coast Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association ACCEL grant.



James McLaughlin

McLaughlin requested a vacuum pump and accessories in his grant proposal for his classes and was honored for demonstrating creativity and innovation in teaching science.

Brian Alldredge, a Rocky Bayou Christian Academy science teacher, received the Gulf Coast Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association ACCEL grant.

Allredge requested a Celestron NexStar 8 SE telescope bundle for his grant proposal for his classes. He was honored for demonstrating creativity and innovation in teaching science



Brian Alldredge

The **Twin Cities Woman's Club** raised more than \$2,100 toward its community fund Nov. 13 at its Dessert Bunco fundraiser. Each year the club distributes the money raised to local charities and the Twin Cities Woman's Club Memorial Scholarship Fund at Northwest Florida State College.

RAIDERS

The exhibit, now in the planning stages, is scheduled to open April 17, 2013, as part of the kick-off for the college's year-long 50th anniversary celebration.

The college was established by the Florida Legislature in April 1963 and first opened doors to students at Okaloosa-Walton Junior College in August 1964. Surviving Raiders crew members are scheduled to visit the exhibit opening and anniversary kick-off assembly as part of the 71st annual Raiders Reunion being held the same weekend in Fort Walton Beach.

"The permanent exhibit is especially important to the college because the proud Raiders name was selected as our mascot by students during our first year of operation to honor the brave airmen who trained at Eglin and our current and future students should know this history," said NWFSC president Dr. Ty Handy, who initiated the idea of creating a Doolittle Raiders exhibit at the college.

The college is accepting tax-deductible donations from individuals or corporations to help underwrite the cost of the exhibit. Information can be found at www.nwfsc.edu/50 or contact the NWFSC Foundation at 729-5357 or email foundation@nwfsc.edu.

Brad Berryman, upper left, and volunteers working on the pavilion.



PAVILION

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Air Force, transferred to Eglin Air Force Base. He resides in Swift Creek with his father and mother, Staci. The youngest of three children, Brad has juggled many commitments during this project, including playing for Niceville High Band.
"It's such an awesome project for a young man," John Hoskins, RBCS Chaplin and project overseer, said. "He bit off a big piece, but he did it and I'm impressed."
Brad did such a good job the school would like to build a duplicate pavilion for the elementary students Hoskins said.



Brad Berryman

There are many steps required to obtain the lifetime title of Eagle Scout. One of the most extensive requirements is the community service project. The Scout must plan, organize, lead and manage in order to receive a medal and badge for his accomplishments.
"The whole point is to show leadership," Brad said.
The first stage of the project began with an outlining of the proposal. Brad was given a budget from RBCS of \$7,000 to complete the project and spent roughly \$5,600.
"We funded a majority of it," Hoskins said. "He had to go and negotiate and we paid the price he negotiated."
Brad contacted Hodges Bros Lumber, Inc., in Fort Walton Beach, to obtain the wood for the project. He worked closely with Baker Metal Works and Supply Inc. that supplied the metal and also gave him the plans of how to build the structure.
"It was a long process, Brad said. "From my initial write-up and having my proposal sent back a couple times because of safety issues."
Brad's proposal took more than a year to be finalized. He had to refine and reword many details before he could start building.
The City of Niceville came to scope out the project and labeled the structure a "pole barn," Brad said. Since it wasn't considered a building, it didn't have to be inspected. He also didn't need to obtain any building permits, Brad added.
The only major requirement was that the structure had to be able to withstand winds up to 135 mph and it has the wind capacity to stand up to 142 mph, Brad stated. The structure should fit 80-100 people tightly under it, Brad added.
RBCS plans to build a concrete slab under the pavilion over its Christmas break Hoskins said. The school also intends to use the pavilion for special events, lunches and to hold outdoor classes.
"Although this was my project, it wouldn't have happened without the much needed help from everyone who donated their time, money, and effort to see this project completed," Brad said. "These include, but are not limited to the following: my father, Eglin Troop 508, Baker Metal Works, Hodges Bros. Lumber, Lowe's in Fort Walton Beach, Guy Wills and above all, Rocky Bayou Christian School."

Garden club gives \$200 to Sharing and Caring

The Niceville Garden Club donated \$200 to Niceville's Sharing and Caring Nov. 28 from the club's silent auction funds held Nov. 27 at the Niceville Public Library. From left: Renee Gollehon of the Niceville Garden Club, Jewel Kearley and on behalf of Sharing and Caring accepting the check Lorraine Jones





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The radial approach has certain inherent advantages:

- Dual blood supply which limits the potential for limb threatening ischemia
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Dr. Joseph Pedone and Dr. Michael Yandel have completed training in RADIAL ARTERY ACCESS FOR CARDIAC CATHETERIZATIONS AND ANGIOPLASTY (CARDIAC STENTS); and are experiencing good outcomes, and increased patient satisfaction.

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