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Jets to fly higher to cut noise

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

In an attempt to reduce jet noise, Eglin Air Force Base officials announced new flight rules for aircraft using the base.

Among other things, the rules require planes to fly higher when over "congested" areas.

Col. Donald Johnson, com-

mander of the 96 Operations Group at Eglin, said the new rules are intended to enhance the safety of flight operations, and to minimize aircraft noise over neighboring communities such as Valparaiso and Niceville.

The new rules, announced Monday, include:

—The "minimum noise abate-

ment altitude" for most flights over "congested areas" has been increased from 1,000 feet to 1,500 feet, except when within five nautical miles of the airfield while taking off or landing. The minimum for helicopters will be 500 feet.

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Eglin Air Force Base jets will be subject to new flight rules aimed at reducing jet noise over populated areas. Pictured, an Eglin-based F-35 refuels over the Gulf of Mexico May 13.

Air Force photo

Muddy buddies



Children participated in the Kids Fun Run, one of six races held at the second Emerald Coast Mud Run at Northwest Florida State College May 18. Over 3,900 participants ran in the event, comprised of four different 5K races, the one-mile kids run and a five-mile advanced race, all with obstacles. The event, put on by Niceville-based Heart of the Bride Ministries, raised over \$100,000 for the care of orphans around the world. Last year's run, the first, raised about \$48,000 and featured 1,700 participants.

Beacon photo by Daniel Elsesser

Fire truck purchase mulled

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

The North Bay Fire Commission discussed the possible purchase of a new fire truck, or simply overhauling the old one.

During a meeting May 14, the commission also discussed budget plans.

Fire Commissioner Jim Boswell said that although the potential purchase of a new truck has been discussed during a couple of previous commission meetings, the commission is "still in the information-gathering stage," regarding any such decision concerning the aging "Pumper 8."

During a previous fire commission meeting, North Bay Fire Chief Joseph Miller had informed the commission that at least one fire equipment company offers such a truck for about \$487,000.

Commissioner David Scholl said that among options to be considered would be the refurbishment of the existing truck, as well as the option of replacing it if that would be more cost-effective.

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Niceville election season begins

By Daniel Elsesser
Beacon Staff Writer

Qualifying for candidates in the July 16 Niceville municipal election will open at noon, Tuesday, May 28, and close at noon Friday, May 31.

The Niceville City Council seats occupied by Dan Henkel (Group 2) and Sal Nodjomian (Group 4) are up for election. Both have stated they intend to run for new four-year terms.

Henkel, a program manager

for a foreign military sales program, was elected in 2008 in a special election to fill a vacancy created by the death of Councilman Terry Tislow. Henkel was re-elected in July 2009.

Nodjomian, executive vice president of Matrix Design Group and former installation commander of Eglin Air Force Base, is filling out the unexpired term of Bill Smith, who resigned from the council last year to run for

Okaloosa County Commission. Nodjomian, who was the only person to file for the vacancy, has served since January.

The seats occupied by council members Bill Schaeztle, Judy

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Bridge traffic declines

By Daniel Elsesser
Beacon Staff Writer

The Mid-Bay Bridge Authority (MBBA) reported a 3.6 percent decrease in toll revenues in April from April 2012, with collections at \$1,277,162, down from \$1,324,396 for the same

month the previous year. The number of vehicles using the bridge decreased about 3.2 percent from April 2012 as well, with 535,467 vehicles using the bridge in April, a decrease from 553,241.

MBBA Executive Director

Jim Vest explained the discrepancy in percentage decreases by noting many of the users paid the cash fee instead of the decreased Sunpass rate, as many out-of-state vacationers were using the bridge in April, the end of spring

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Beacon photo by Daniel Elsesser

Aerial exercise

The Niceville Fire Department, Panama City Fire Department and Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office participated in an exercise with a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter May 15 in Boggy Bayou near the North Light Marina, Niceville. The exercise, paid for by the same grant that allowed the Niceville Fire Department to purchase its fire boat, was conducted to familiarize fire prevention agencies on Federal Emergency Management Agency procedures for water rescues.

Daddy's home!

The Army 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) held an open house May 15 at the unit's base north of Niceville. Public affairs officer Lieut. Col. James Brownlee said the event recognized the fact that the 7th has a larger percentage of its personnel at home than at any time in the past several years. Although the unit has a battalion deployed to Afghanistan, said Brownlee, two other battalions have recently returned from overseas deployments. Pictured, Warrant Officer 1 George Valdez gave his daughter Gabby a grown-up's eye view of visitors day.

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Comments on city seal, new 'Niceville' sign

By Tony Namlick
Niceville

Editor:
I thank the Bay Beacon for making the citizens of Niceville aware of two possible initiatives underway in Niceville. These Beacon articles by Daniel Elsesser appeared in the 15 May Bay Beacon regarding changing the Niceville City Seal and 'Niceville' Sign Proposal for the "Triangle" intersection area of State Road 20 and Highway 85 North.

The following comments are provided regarding the proposed changes.

The current Niceville City Seal which has stood the test of time since 1938, the official date of incorporation, needs no change. If some outside influences want to "convey a deeper sense of community history", then let the date of incorporation appear on the banner as "1938", much like the Valparaiso Seal but without the clumsy long word "INCORPORATED".

Rationale: The date of 1938 is a documented, legal, undisputed date of the City's independence. That's the date legally authorized by the State of Florida to the City of Niceville to provide constitutionally elected officers with granted taxing authority to function as an independent jurisdiction.

Any other date prior to 1938 is romantic history which can be opinionated by just about anyone who has access to the Internet. Besides, July in 1938, for Niceville, is even more significant because of the connection to our Nation's Independence on that same month.

So there, you have my proposal: 1. No change, or; 2. A banner that reads "CITY OF NICEVILLE -- 1938". By the way, the Bayou Scene in our current Seal should remain unchanged -- as a creative copyright owned by Lannie Corbin, our City Manager.

The proposed "Enjoy Niceville" lettering on the sign now under construction at State Road 20 and Highway 85 with cursive rendering, needs to be scrapped entirely. It should read: "Welcome to Niceville" and be constructed of traditional block lettering. It should simply express, welcome to our fine City of Niceville.

Rationale: The entrance to the City should not express or appear as some Madison Avenue jingle: "Enjoy a Coke Today". Besides, traditional block lettering will be easier to replace and maintain after a few years of weathering.

This City is too nice a place for other good ideas to go unheard.



Bluewater Bay panel discusses bid procedures

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

During their regular meeting May 14, members of Bluewater Bay's Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) governing board discussed how best to seek bids for upcoming contracts.

Board member Doug Burgess said he was preparing a draft Request For Quotes (RFQ), along with a cover letter to be sent to landscape designers who might wish to bid on a contract to create a landscaping master plan for Bluewater Bay.

Included in such an RFQ, said Burgess, would be a statement of the scope of work to be done in creating such a plan along with a request for potential contractors to provide a nonbinding estimate of what such a plan would cost the MSBU.

If one or more such quotes are received with a reasonable cost estimate, said Burgess, the MSBU could then follow-up with a more detailed and formal Request For Proposals (RFP), which would spell out in greater detail the exact work to be done to implement such a landscaping plan, and requesting detailed bids and cost estimates from potential contractors.

Burgess told his fellow MSBU board members that he will bring a draft copy of the landscaping plan RFQ to the MSBU's June meeting, where he and fellow board members may discuss it in greater detail. Burgess also said that once the RFQ has been written, its contents will be kept confidential until copies have been sent to all local prospective bidders. In this way, said Burgess, each prospective bidder will have a fair chance to examine the RFQ and write their own response, without any one potential contractor gaining an unfair advantage by seeing or learning the contents of the RFQ before other companies do so.

Burgess also informed his fellow board members that he has drafted a Request for Proposals to renew the MSBU's annual contract for management consultation. Currently, the MSBU's management consultants are Jerry Jernigan and Edna Keefe, whose contract expires on 1 October of this year. During the discussion of the draft management RFP, board member Judy Griffin asked whether language in the draft RFP requiring prospective management consultants to establish an office within the Bluewater Bay community is really necessary. Griffin suggested that such a requirement might needlessly narrow

the range of potential bidders, and might add expense to the final contract.

Burgess, however, said that such a requirement is essential. "I go there about once a week," he said, "as do some officials from Okaloosa County public works, and others who drop in for professional meetings."

Board member Dale Blanchard said that he also pays frequent visits to the management office run by Jernigan and Keefe, which is located in the Bluewater Bay shopping center, just upstairs above the Beef O'Brady's restaurant.

After some further discussion, the MSBU board members agreed that the RFP should include a requirement for the management consultant to maintain an office within Bluewater Bay, and should also include a requirement for such a management consultant to have a Florida community association management license.

When asked, Jernigan said that he and Keefe currently have such a license.

In other business during the meeting, Blanchard asked Okaloosa County Deputy Sheriff Brian Pollock, the community policing officer for Bluewater Bay and surrounding communities, to pay special attention to traffic problems near the traffic circle on Bluewater Boulevard.

Traffic around the traffic circle, especially that which approaches from the South, has become dangerous, largely due to speeding drivers, said Blanchard. "You need to have someone out there to get 'em with a gun," said Blanchard, referring to the handheld radar guns used by Okaloosa deputies to measure the speeds of passing drivers.

Deputy Pollock said that he would do his best to arrange for himself and fellow deputies to pay some extra attention to the traffic circle.

Also during the meeting, local resident Steve Czonstka asked whether anything could be done about dirt and debris left in common areas along Bluewater Boulevard near the site where a residential pool is being constructed at a home in Bluewater's Parkwood neighborhood.

Jernigan replied that although private construction projects are not usually under the jurisdiction of the MSBU, that he would contact the county permitting department to request that the construction site be inspected, and that any excess debris left in common areas be cleaned up as soon as possible.

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BWB commercial project proposed

By Daniel Elsesser
Beacon Staff Writer

Initial plans for a four-building commercial development at the southwest corner of White Point Road and State Road 20, Bluewater Bay, have been submitted to Okaloosa County by a company registered to Chandler Huff of Huff Homes.

The Okaloosa County Planning Department and the North Bay Fire District have received site plans for the planned development, which call for the construction of two 4,000-square-foot medical offices, a 4,200-square-foot restaurant and an 8,505-square-foot fitness center.

Considerable amounts of fill dirt have been deposited on the tract recently.

The development would be constructed on two parcels totaling about 2.5 acres. One plot, which borders both White Point



Okaloosa County has received site plans for a four-building commercial development southwest of the intersection of White Point Road and SR 20.

Beacon photo by Daniel Elsesser

and SR 20, is about 1.5 acres and is owned by Infamous Ink Two LLC, a company of which Huff is the registered agent, according to county and state records.

The other parcel, about an acre, is owned by Two Steps LLC, also registered to Huff, who declined to comment.

The county and fire district

must approve the site plans, which were submitted by Two Steps, and building plans, which have yet to be submitted, before construction can begin.

BRIDGE

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break season.

April marked the third consecutive month that tolls decreased from the same months in 2012, with February seeing a 2.8 percent decrease and March a 0.6 percent fall.

In 2012, the bridge experienced a similar lull in April before seeing spikes in traffic and revenue in May.

Last year the bridge saw a 15 percent increase in toll revenues from the April to May, with the authority collecting \$1,562,143 in

May 2012. The bridge also saw 623,655 vehicles in May of last year, a 12 percent spike from April 2012.

Separately, at the MBBA's meeting May 16 in the Niceville City Council chambers, James Van Steenburg of HDR Engineering reported that construction on Phases 2 and 3 of the Mid-Bay Bridge Connector Road is on schedule. He said the construction of bridges over Turkey and Rocky Creek in Niceville is almost entirely complete, with the only additional work left on the bridges being the grinding and grooving of concrete for the

bridge decks. The company still expects completion by no later than spring of 2014.

At the meeting, Vest also updated the board members on the status of a \$200,000 oil-spill settlement payment expected from BP, saying he assumes "the check's in the mail."

At the MBBA's April meeting, Vest told the board about a final settlement for certain damages suffered in the form of diminished toll-bridge traffic blamed on the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil-rig blowout, for which BP accepted financial responsibility. Vest said he had received no further corre-

spondence from BP, leading him to believe the BP money, to offset toll-revenue losses suffered after 2010, should be received by the authority soon.

The check would bring total BP payments to the bridge authority to more than \$600,000. In prior years the authority received sums from the giant oil company totaling \$407,000 to offset diminished toll revenue suffered in 2010, the year of the spill, when the Emerald Coast summer tourist business collapsed because of publicity about the disaster. No significant amounts of oil ever reached area beaches.

JETS

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—Aircraft taking off northward from runway 01, the runway whose north end is approached over parts of Valparaiso and Niceville, are now required to climb to at least 3,000 feet before making turns that might take them over other populated areas.

—Aircraft taking off to the southeast from runway 01, whose south end points to Choctawhatchee Bay, are required to climb straight ahead at least three nautical miles before turning toward any populated areas.

—Pilots are required to use the minimum throttle settings during takeoffs and landings consistent with safety. In particular, said the colonel, pilots are expected to minimize the use of afterburners—devices which provide a temporary increase in thrust by spraying raw fuel directly into the engine exhaust.

Although afterburners provide extra thrust when pilots need it, such as during emergencies and short-field takeoffs, using the afterburners causes excess fuel consumption and also dramatically increases engine noise. According to the new rules, pilots who do use afterburners during takeoffs are expected to retard the throttle out of afterburner as soon as safety permits, but no later than reaching 300 knots airspeed.

"This is a good news story," Johnson said of his announcement of the new flying rules. "We are working to partner with local communities, and to find a way to balance noise abatement with mission accomplishment. We are also working to be more proactive and to provide more real-time information to the community."

Johnson told reporters that he began a comprehensive review of Egin flight operations last fall. That review, he said, resulted in the new rules announced Monday.

Johnson said the new rules will apply to F-35 aircraft flown by the 33rd Fighter Wing, as well as to all other military aircraft flown by the 96th Test Wing and other units at the base.

Although civilian airliners are not directly subject to 96th Operations Group instructions, they do have to comply with the instructions received from Egin Air Force Base air traffic controllers, who will issue instructions in accordance with Egin's new flying rules, officials said.

During Monday's briefing, reporters asked Egin officials about the recent disbanding of the joint base-community noise committee, which held its last meeting earlier this month. Col. Michael Contratto, vice commander of the 96 Test Wing, who had been a member of the noise committee, said the panel was originally established to meet quarterly for two years, according to agreements between Egin and surrounding civilian communities. When that period expired, he said, the committee's life was extended for another year, during which it met semiannually, with the last meeting held on May 9.

Contratto said that he does not expect to see a formal revival of the official noise committee, but that he hopes to "maintain an open dialogue" with nearby communities, especially with the city of Valparaiso, which is closest to Egin's runways and most severely exposed to aircraft noise.

Contratto also said that he and other base officials are awaiting the release of the next, and hopefully final, version of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), regarding the results of scientific studies of the likely impact of aircraft noise as F-35 flight operations increase during the next few years. An earlier Air Force report caused a storm of controversy and concern when it forecast that parts of the city would be rendered unsuitable for residential life by jet noise from the new F-35 training wing at Egin.

Officials were asked how citi-

zens should go about reporting any excessive aircraft noise over their homes. Egin public affairs representative Lois Walsh replied that the best way to make a noise report to the base is by calling the public affairs office at 882-2779. She said such complaints or reports may also be emailed to the base at publicaffairs@eglin.af.mil.



Col. Donald Johnson

Walsh said that people filing noise complaints can usually expect a return phone call or email within about two days, after base officials have time to investigate the complaint and determine which aircraft flights may have produced any excess noise.

Following Monday's briefing, the Beacon asked Valparaiso officials for reaction to the announcement of the new flying rules.

Valparaiso Mayor Bruce Arnold, who in the past has said Egin needs to do more to reduce F-35 noise, said that he did not really know enough about the new flight rules to comment on them. "I was completely unaware of the new rules until you called me" Arnold told a reporter. "I can't guess the effect they will have on the noise factor until I know more about them."

Valparaiso resident Bob Webb, who has been the city's representative to the noise committee, said

that he was surprised to learn that the new flight rules will apply to F-35 training operations. He said that he had previously been told by base officials that the F-35 training flights would be exempted from the new restrictions.

Webb also expressed some skepticism about how responsive Egin is to noise complaints. Most base responses to noise complaints, he said, reflect a "business as usual" attitude from the base. "Most of their replies say that the noise was caused by 'normal flight operations.' That leaves people feeling as if they're not really getting anywhere."

Webb said that he is also eager to see the final version of the SEIS, and that he is concerned about the long-term effect of noise over Valparaiso, as more F-35s arrive and begin flying.

"We are looking at a new normal," said Webb. "With the F-35 training wing, we will be seeing a noisy airplane, operating in a training mode. The real noise problem will come from training flights in the traffic pattern, repeatedly circling the base."

"I've lived in eastern Valparaiso for about 39 years," said Webb. "And I've never seen so many noise complaints before. Even when such loud aircraft as F-4's and F-15s were flying from the base, it never bothered us."

Despite his skepticism, Webb expressed optimism that noise issues may be resolved. "This is the first time," he said, "that anyone from the base has said they would actually do anything about throttle settings."



Col. Michael Contratto

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Commissioner Stephen Strait said that if the commission ultimately decides to buy a replacement truck, it should not do so until it has received bids from multiple manufacturers.

Scholl also noted that the fire commission's annual budget writing process for fiscal year 2013/14 will take place this summer. He said he is somewhat concerned that property values in the Bluewater

Bay community, and therefore the amount of property tax revenue the fire district is likely to receive from Bluewater Bay, may decline during the coming year due to the recent controversy surrounding the decision by the Bluewater Bay Resort to close the Magnolia section of the resort's golf course.

In other business during the meeting, Assistant Fire Chief Lloyd Losinger briefed commissioners on North Bay Fire Department activity during the month of April 2013. During that month, he said, the North Bay Fire Department respond-

ed to two structure fires and 66 calls for rescues and medical assistance.

They also responded to 25 other emergency calls, the majority of which were "good intent" calls. Losinger explained that the term "good intent" refers to emergency calls which are made to the fire department in good faith, but which later turn out not to be actual emergencies.

For example, said Losinger, a person may smell smoke and report it, but when firefighters arrive, they discover that the smell came from a source other

than an uncontrolled fire, such as a smoky fireplace or even a backyard barbecue.

Losinger said that people are encouraged to report anything they believe might be an emergency, because doing so is better than allowing a real emergency to go unreported while the situation gets worse.

Losinger also noted that of the genuine emergencies to which North Bay firefighters responded in April, as usual the vast majority—52—were for assorted medical emergencies rather than fires. He said that medical emergencies actually

constitute the bulk of emergency situations to which firefighters respond, even though most people think of firefighters as primarily fighting fires.

Both of the actual fires to which North Bay responded during April turned out to be relatively minor, said Losinger. The first, on April 3, occurred when a resident reported the smell of smoke in a local home. When firefighters arrived, they discovered that the smoke was coming from a malfunctioning washing machine.

In the second case, firefighters responded to a lightning

strike on the chimney of a local home. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered that the lightning had damaged the ridge vent and soffit, as well as some electrical wiring within the outside wall of the home.

Medical emergencies during April, said Losinger, included a resident who had fallen at a local nursing home, a case of cardiac arrest, and an accident between a golf cart and another vehicle. The golf cart accident resulted in one person being thrown out of the cart and suffering multiple injuries, none of which were serious.



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Arrests

Nakia Gayle Stubblefield, a sales associate, 28, of 500 Kelly Mill Road Apt. 121, Valparaiso, was arrested by Niceville police May 14 on a charge of possession of marijuana over 20 grams.

An officer stopped a car occupied by someone later identified as Stubblefield for driving without a working tag light. The officer smelled marijuana coming from the car as he approached it.

An officer asked Stubblefield if she had any weapons or narcotics on her. Stubblefield gave the officer a pocket knife. An officer asked her if she "would mind opening her bag," and when she did, the officer found a plastic bag containing 28 grams of marijuana, which field tested positive for the presence of THC. Stubblefield's required court appearance is June 25.

Leonard William Russell Jr., an electrician, 49, of 106 Raintree Blvd., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police May 12 on a charge of possession of marijuana over 20 grams.

An officer stopped a car driven by someone later identified as Russell for driving 51 mph in a 35 mph zone. The officer smelled marijuana coming from the vehicle during the traffic stop.

The officer asked Russell if he had anything on him or in his vehicle that could get him into

trouble, to which Russell allegedly responded, "please don't take me to jail I have some marijuana on me," and said he had an ounce of marijuana on his person.

The officer had Russell exit the car, and found in his pocket a bag containing 30 grams of a substance that later tested positive for the presence of THC.

Russell's required court appearance is scheduled June 25.

Soleil Arden Stanley, 18, of 500 Kelly Mill Road Apt. 163, Valparaiso, was arrested by Niceville police May 12 on a charge of battery domestic violence.

Stanley allegedly chased someone and grabbed the victim's hair after she fell to the ground. He then put the victim in a headlock. The incident arose from an argument over a cell phone.

Stanley's required court appearance is June 4.

Michael Joe Wise, an electrician, 31, of 788 Millard Gainey Road, DeFuniak Springs, was arrested by Niceville police May 11 on a charge of retail theft.

Wise allegedly attempted to steal an RCA converter box from the Walmart at 1300 E. John Sims Parkway, Niceville. He concealed the converter in the front waist band of his pants and attempted to leave through the store's garden center.

Wise said he tried to steal the converter so he could "watch TV."

Wise's required court appearance is May 28.

Amity Marie Thompson, unemployed, 26, of 788 Miller Gainey Road, DeFuniak Springs, was arrested by Niceville police May 11 on an out of county warrant for the original charge of violation of probation.

Donovan Charles Ladner, unemployed, 21, of 400 Kelly Road Apt. 34, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police May 10 on charges of battery, false imprisonment and child abuse.

Ladner allegedly grabbed someone by her arms and pushed her against a wall, causing lacerations to her hand and

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Weight: 215
Age: 27
Date of birth: 04-03-1986
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arm. Ladner allegedly blocked the exit when the victim tried to escape the residence they were in.

The victim carried a child with her when she tried to leave the residence, and Ladner allegedly pried the child from the victim's arms.

Ladner's required court appearance is June 11.

A 16-year-old boy, unemployed, was arrested by Niceville police May 11 on a charge of retail theft.

An employee of the Walmart at 1300 E. John Sims Parkway, Niceville, allegedly witnessed the boy attempt to steal \$87.73 worth of merchandise from the store.

The boy allegedly took hats from the store, removed the tags and concealed them down his pants. The boy then removed the tag from sunglasses and put them in his pocket. The boy then went to the shoe department, removed his boots and put a new pair of boots on. The boy did not attempt to pay for the items.

The boy's required court appearance is June 12.

Justin Richard Burgoin, a cook, 24, of 1303 S. Cedar Ave., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police May 9 on a charge of battery domestic violence.

Burgoin allegedly grabbed someone by the neck and threw her into a couch before striking the victim in the face with a shoe.

Burgoin's required court appearance is May 28.

Eric Anthony Thorpe, a sales associate, 23, of 213 2nd St., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police May 9 on a charge of battery domestic violence.

Thorpe allegedly pushed someone several times. His required court appearance is May 28.

Lenny Maurice Mosley, 52, of 352 Kepner Drive, Fort Walton Beach, was arrested by Niceville police May 10 on charges of resisting an officer without violence and possession of marijuana less than 20 grams.

An officer stopped a car driven by someone later identified as Mosley for driving with an unbelted front seat passenger. When asked, Mosley said he left his driver's license at home and gave the officer a false name and date of birth. He later gave the officer his correct name and told him he thought his license was suspended.

Mosley allegedly said there was marijuana in the vehicle and told the officer he would find it for him. Officers searched the

Fire Department Reports

Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls from 05/13/13 through 05/19/13.

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

STREET	SITUATION	DATE	TIME
Peachtree Way	Medical	05/13/13	0741
22nd Street	Medical	05/13/13	1139
27th Street	Medical	05/13/13	1816
Edgewater Drive	Medical	05/14/13	0008
N. Partin Drive	Medical	05/14/13	0349
Crestview Avenue	Medical	05/14/13	0811
Twin Cities Blvd	Medical	05/14/13	0913
Edgewater Drive	Cancelled	05/14/13	1402
N. Partin Drive	Medical	05/14/13	2101
Lake Court	Cancelled	05/15/13	0138
Campbell Drive	Lifelight	05/15/13	1321
Hudson Circle	Cancelled	05/15/13	1419
N. Partin Drive	Medical	05/15/13	1531
Magnolia Shores Drive	Cancelled	05/15/13	2039
Judith Avenue	Cancelled	05/15/13	2140
N. Partin Drive	Medical	05/16/13	1023
Hudson Circle	Medical	05/16/13	1347
Plumosa Palm Drive	Medical	05/17/13	2108
Mullet Creek Run	Medical	05/17/13	2213
E. College Blvd	Medical	05/18/13	1001
Hudson Circle	Medical	05/18/13	1449
N. Partin Drive	Medical	05/18/13	1608
E. John Sims Pkwy	Medical	05/18/13	1935
E. John Sims Pkwy	Medical	05/19/13	0030
Matthew Street	Medical	05/19/13	2110
Pontevedra Lane	Medical	05/19/13	2301

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North Bay

The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls from May 13, 2013 through May 19, 2013.

STREET	SITUATION	DATE	TIME
Live Oak St	Medical	5/13/13	05:12
Marion Drive	Medical	5/13/13	10:40
N. White Point Rd	Medical	5/13/13	13:26
Parkwood Cir	Medical	5/14/13	08:09
Range Rd	Medical	5/14/13	09:35
Hwy. 20 E	Medical	5/14/13	15:37
Oakwood Way	Sevice call	5/14/13	18:29
Ridgewood Way	Medical	5/14/13	20:55
Westlake Ct	Medical	5/15/13	01:42
S. Windward Cove	Medical	5/15/13	04:59
Windward Way	Public assist	5/15/13	19:53
W. Birkdale Cir	Medical	5/16/13	02:19
N. White Point Rd	Medical	5/16/13	06:48
N. White Point Rd	Medical	5/16/13	15:17
Wright Cir	Public assist	5/16/13	23:52
Merchants Way	Medical	5/17/13	11:53
Hwy. 20 E	Medical	5/17/13	13:01
Cedar St	Medical	5/18/13	20:26
Fairway Lakes Dr	Medical	5/18/13	22:52
Oakmont Cir	Medical	5/19/13	10:19
Hwy. 20 E	Medical	5/19/13	14:01
Hidden Lakes Dr	Dispatched & cancelled	5/19/13	17:15
Winfield St	Cooking fire	5/19/13	22:50
N. White Point Rd	Medical	5/19/13	23:38

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vehicle and found an unlabeled prescription bottle holding a plastic bag containing around one gram of a green leafy substance that later tested positive for the presence of THC.

Mosley's required court appearance is May 28.

Michelle Miyuki Murphy, a hostess, 29, of 329 Ohio Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by Valparaiso police May 11 on a charge of battery domestic violence.

Murphy allegedly touched and bit someone, causing bruising and bite marks to the victim's arms, face, chest and legs.

Murphy's required court appearance is May 28.

Leslie Mitchel Johnson, unemployed, 56, of 172 Edge Ave., Valparaiso, was arrested by Valparaiso police May 8 on charges of burglary to an unoccupied structure and possession of burglary tools.

A Valparaiso resident reported seeing someone emerge from a business near Chicago Avenue,

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Billy Riggs, 44, Fort Walton Beach, bus driver



"The IRS should have more respect for different organizations. The public has a right to know the names of the people responsible for the harassment."

Morgan Muscott, 17, Niceville, Niceville High School student



"An injustice has been done. My concern is that we get to the bottom of it, because no government agency should be allowed to abuse its authority. There needs to be transparency in the IRS."

Denny Tutwiler, 45, Niceville, airline pilot



"I think it's wrong, what they're doing. We need to have less government. The IRS is throwing their weight around, and it's just not right."

Camille Parsons, 47, Freeport, food preparer



"I think it's wrong. They should not be able to focus on any one group."

Ray Kyle, 48, Crestview, engineer



"The IRS has no business interfering with the election process at all."

Helen Sommer, Niceville, retired

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

BLOTTER

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Valparaiso, after a suspected break in. The witness described the person to an officer.

Around five minutes later, the officer found a person, later identified as Johnson, who matched the description given by the witness. The witness positively identified Johnson as the person he had seen at the business.

Johnson was in possession of a small flashlight, a pair of gloves, two bandannas, a pocket knife, a utility knife and a multi-function tool. Police found a crowbar at the crime scene, which the owner of the business said did not belong to the business.

Johnson's required court appearance is June 11.

Brittany Nicole Brahmstedt, a housekeeper, 21, of 323 Washington Ave. Apt. B, Valparaiso, was arrested by Valparaiso police May 8 on a charge of battery domestic violence.

Brahmstedt allegedly struck someone on the back multiple times with a broomstick.

Brahmstedt's required court appearance is May 28.

April Anne Shaw, an accountant, 41, of 112 W. Lake Court, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies May 15 on a charge of domestic violence related battery touch or strike.

Shaw allegedly pushed someone in the neck, and later broke down a door and punched the victim in the face.

Shaw's required court appearance is June 6.

John Anthony Cisneros, an Army private, 26, of 213 22nd St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies May 12 on a charge of battery touch or strike.

A deputy responded to a call and found Cisneros and the alleged victim sitting a car outside the business at 140 Palmetto St., Destin. The victim had a large contusion on her forehead over her left eye, and her left eye was swollen and bruised. The victim's lip and right ear had lacerations.

The victim gave different accounts of what happened but denied being struck by Cisneros. Cisneros denied striking the victim.

A passerby reported observ-

ing the car shaking and seeing Cisneros banging the victim's head against the steering wheel and driver's side window.

Cisneros' required court appearance is June 4.

Rhett Chandler Tunstall, 41, at large, Destin, was arrested by sheriff's deputies May 10 on charge of trespassing a structure or conveyance.

A deputy responded to the business at 4580 E. SR 20, Niceville, in reference to a trespassing call.

The deputy found someone later identified as Tunstall leaning against the wall outside the store. The deputy checked Tunstall's name in a database and found Tunstall had been issued a trespass warning for the convenience store.

Tunstall's required court appearance is scheduled May 28.

Tammy Ann Stroppel, 45, of 304 Reeves St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies May 9 on a charge of two counts possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

A deputy found Stroppel to be in possession of a zolpidem tartrate 10 mg pill and a diazepam 5 mg pill. Stroppel could not provide a prescription for either.

Stroppel's required court appearance is June 12.

Timothy Paul Jones, an engineer, 47, of 153 Aspen St., Freeport, was arrested by Walton County sheriff's deputies May 14 on a charge of probation violation.

DUI arrests

David Manuel Ortiz, 31, of 312 Apple Drive, Crestview, was arrested by Niceville police

for DUI at SR 20 at Bennett Drive, Niceville, May 10 at 10:42 p.m.

Ortiz was also cited for failure to maintain a single lane. His required court appearance is May 28.

Timothy Michael McDonald, a business owner, 30, of 1667 15th St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies for DUI at White Point Road, Niceville, May 10 at 2:20 p.m.

McDonald was also charged with driving while license suspended first offense. His required court appearance is June 9.

Thefts

A Niceville resident reported May 8 someone shattered the window of her car and stole several items from it while it was parked at St. Jude's Episcopal Church at 200 N. Partin Drive, Niceville.

The victim reported her purse, worth \$60, was taken, and said the purse contained \$80 cash, her debit card, her license, her military dependent identification, her wallet, a brush, lip gloss and mints.

Police are awaiting DNA test results on a lighter found at the crime scene that the victim said did not belong to her.

A Niceville resident reported May 9 someone stole his son's iPhone from his son's backpack at Niceville High School.

A Niceville resident of the 300 block of Reeves Street reported May 9 someone stole her tricycle from her residence.

A Niceville resident reported May 13 someone pried open the Coca-Cola machine at the business at 1060 E. John Sims

Parkway, Niceville, and took an unspecified amount of money.

A Valparaiso resident reported May 11 someone stole pieces of his 1959 Cadillac while it was parked at the storage facility at 900 Valastics Ave., Valparaiso.

The complainant reported 11 pieces of chrome molding worth \$2,100 were stolen, as well as four hubcaps worth a total of \$400 and a VIN plate from the front driver's side door.

Criminal Mischief

Niceville police received a call May 14 from someone reporting an unknown person had vandalized his beehives at North Highway 85, Niceville.

A Niceville resident of the 200 block of Davis Drive reported May 9 someone slashed the rear passenger tire on her 1994 Jeep.

Other

Benjamin Hadley Davis, a welder, 25, of 1538 Meadowbrook Court, Niceville, was issued a summons by sheriff's deputies May 9 on a charge of attaching a registration license plate not assigned.

Davis' required court appearance is May 28.

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ELECTION

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Boudreaux and Heath Rominger, as well as by Mayor Randall Wise, are up for election in July 2015.

City Clerk Dan Doucet said no one has yet inquired about filing for candidacy for the positions. If no one files for candidacy before noon May 31, Nodjoman and

Henkel will retain their current positions for the next four years.

Henkel does not believe he'll be unopposed in the election.

"I do intend to run again," Henkel said. "I haven't heard anything yet about anyone else running, but I'm sure there are people out the



Sal Nodjoman

interested in running." Nodjoman said he has enjoyed serving on the council in his brief term and hopes to be able to continue his service.

"I've been able to glean salient issues to the city these past five months," Nodjoman said. "I think this is a great starting

point to prepare me to run for a full term."

If other candidates file for election, the city will continue the election process by preparing absentee ballots June 3. Absentee ballots and instructions to recipients will be sent out June 12 overseas military personnel who are regis-



Dan Henkel

tered voters and requested to receive ballots for the July 16 election.

Council members serve without pay. Elections are held at large.

To file for candidacy, potential candidates must pick up the required documents at the Niceville City Clerk's office.

Among these documents are a qualifying petition, which the candidate must have signed by five electors registered to vote in Niceville. The candidate must also be a registered voter and Niceville resident.

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Summit II celebrates their birthday! Although they may be celebrating their 36th year as Niceville's own hair salon this year, Summit II is guaranteed to shave years off your look with something new and fresh.

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And for many customers, summer means color! For our local blondes, they recommend Redken's line of "Gold Rush" colors to turn winter roots into hues of warmth and shine. An ombre fade into golden locks also screams beach goddess for our regular bombshells. They



Come meet the Summit II In Hair staff. From left: Julie, Susan, Deb, Correna and Ron.

say redheads may want to go deeper, almost burgundy, to give new life and sophistication

to old color. Last but not least, Summit II offers brunettes the opportunity to play up shades of chestnut closer to the cheekbones, to bring out the bronze in their summer glow.

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Summit II is located on the corner of the Highway 85 and John Sims Parkway intersection in Niceville. The address is 101 E. John Sims Parkway. Walk-ins are accepted on a space-available basis. It is open from 9 AM to 6 PM Tuesday - Friday; and 8 AM until 2 PM Saturday and evening appointments on request. For information or an appointment, call 678-1977. They look forward to celebrating summer with you at Summit II.

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NHS alumni serve together in critical care transport



Pictured left, Daniel Cox and Justin Upp, right, in one of the critical care units in Bagram, Afghanistan.

By Angela Yuriko Smith
Beacon Staff Writer

Niceville High School graduates Daniel Cox and Justin Upp are a long way from home.

The two have known of each other for years growing up in Niceville and even played pee wee football together, now both are serving in the Air Force as Critical Care Air Transport (CCATT) doctors.

A few years apart in age, the two left Niceville after graduation to pursue degrees in the medical field before joining the Air Force.

They ran into each other again during a pre deployment training

and connected up with each other in Afghanistan.

Major Cox has been assigned to the CCATT in Bagram, Afghanistan since February and he has had to adjust quickly as he stepped into a leadership role as the head trauma surgeon.

"Most of my focus when I took over as trauma czar was to get the system here ready for more point of injury care and prepare for mass casualty events," said Cox.

"Traditionally, most of what we get here in terms of trauma has received some form of intervention at a forward operating

base."

Major Upp was, up until recently, the attending anesthesiologist on a CCAT in Bagram, Afghanistan.

He flew medical evacuation missions transporting critically wounded and injured troops within Afghanistan, often running into Cox who oversees that unit. His crew also flies the critically wounded to Landstuhl Hospital in Germany.

The two boys that grew up in the same town now have had the chance to form a closer relationship as they worked together thousands of miles from home.

"I would have to assume their friendship has formed a closer bond as do most 'Band of Brother' friendships," said Jeff Upp. "And no doubt their respect for each other's professional competence has grown."

Daniel's father, Don Cox, said both sets of parents are proud of their boys. "As parents, we're proud of them both for serving their country and for providing critical care for our frontline warriors."

Daniel Cox is the son of Don and Penny Cox of Niceville. Justin Upp is the son of Jeff and Ann Upp, also of Niceville.

Remembering those who gave all

By Angela Yuriko Smith
Beacon Staff Writer

All gave some, while some gave all. On the fourth Monday of May every year Americans unite across the nation to honor those who gave all.

Memorial Day honors will begin on Saturday, May 25, as members of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 112, members of the Twin Cities Veteran's Council and Boy Scout Troop 52 place flags on the graves of deceased veterans.

Any community members who wish to volunteer to place flags should meet at 8 a.m. at the DAV building, 920 Hospital Dr. Call 678-5079 for more information.

"Even though they've passed, it's important that we never for-

get," said DAV and VFW member Andy Cole, of Niceville.

Memorial Day honors will continue on Monday, May 27, with a Memorial Day motorcycle ride sponsored by the Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club Chapter Z.

The ride will begin at Badcock Furniture, 597 John Sims Pkwy at 10 a.m. and travel to a memorial service at Niceville City Hall, 208 Partin Dr.

The riders will continue on to the American Legion Post 221, 444 John Sims Pkwy., where food will be available for a donation. To find out more about the ride call Pappa John at 305-9221.

The Twin Cities Veterans Council will sponsor their annual Memorial Day ceremony at Doolittle Memorial Park,

Valparaiso, Monday, May 27 starting at 11 a.m.

Members of the community are invited to join in honoring our deceased veterans.

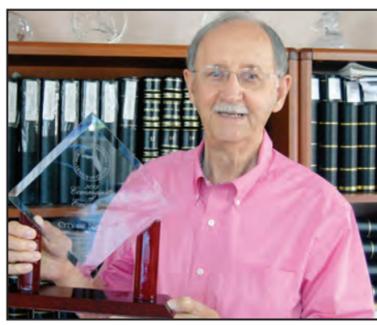
Speakers from Niceville, Valparaiso and Eglin are participating. The AMVETS Post 78 Honor Guard will do a rifle salute and there will be a flag folding demonstration by NHS ROTC cadets. Wreaths will also be presented. Lawn chairs are recommended.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at AMVETS Post 78, 910 Valastics Ave., Valparaiso.

For more information about Memorial Day events, call 678-5079.

In observance of the day, there will be no school Monday for all Okaloosa County students. All federal, county and local government offices will be closed and there will also be no mail deliveries. Banks will also be closed.

Garbage, recyclable and trash will be picked up on their regular schedule throughout the Twin Cities area.



Community of excellence

Niceville Mayor Randall Wise holds an award given to the city of Niceville by the Northwest Florida League of Cities for being the 2013 Community of Excellence in the category of population 10,001-20,000. The award is given to the city that has best implemented a unique and successful economic development project or developed an innovative community development project. The city's submission cited the Turkey Creek nature walk, Children's Park and library. City Clerk Dan Doucet said there are about 60 other cities in Niceville's category.

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Who's News

E-mail items to info@baybeacon.com

Dr. Katie Marcoux graduated from the University of Florida on April 26 with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Public Health and Health Professions at UF in 2010. Katie is a 2006 graduate of Niceville High



Dr. Katie Marcoux

School and a 2008 graduate of Okaloosa Walton Community College. She is the daughter of John and Linda Marcoux of Niceville.

Marissa Marinan and **Arianna Roper**, both from Niceville, were awarded bachelor's of arts degrees from Flagler College in St. Augustine April 20.

Jennifer D. Cieluch, daughter of Al and Kyong Su Cieluch of Magnolia Plantation is a recent recipient of a First Year Diversity Fellowship from the Fish & Richardson Law Firm.



Jennifer D. Cieluch

Jennifer is a 2005 graduate of Niceville High School and a 2009 graduate of

Rice University, Houston with a degree in Biomedical Engineering has just completed her first year at Duke University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina. Jennifer was one of five selected from over 275 candidates nationwide. Each Diversity Fellow receives a \$5000 academic scholarship and a paid summer associate position in an office of their choice and a unique opportunity to be mentored by firm members throughout their law school education. Jennifer will be an associate in the Houston Office this summer.

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Ruckel tennis team on the ball

Ruckel Middle School Tennis Team Girls Win 2013 County Middle School Championships May 8, while the Ruckel Boys team won second place. A total of



Pictured is Dominic Vaccaro, Juan Bosch, Jarrett Gray, Coach Brett Beattie, Brycen Musser, Jordan Zargari and JJ Gray.

ten middle schools participated. Coach Brett Beattie is the Ruckel coach.

Ruckel Middle School Girls Tennis win the Championship with final points of 32. From Ruckel, Andi vonHilseimer, line two, Jacqueline Hruby, line four and Lauren Chaney, line five, were overall champions in their divisions. Anna Freeman, line 3, won overall champion in the consolation bracket in her division.

Ruckel Middle School Boys Tennis win 2nd place with final points of 31. From Ruckel Jordan Zargari, line three, Jarrett Gray, line four, and JJ Gray, line 5, were overall champions in their divisions.



Pictured is Andi vonHilseimer, Hatten Huff, Lauren Chaney, Coach Brett Beattie, Jacqueline Hruby, Anna Freeman and Julia Freeman.

Juan Bosch won overall champion in the consolation bracket in his division.

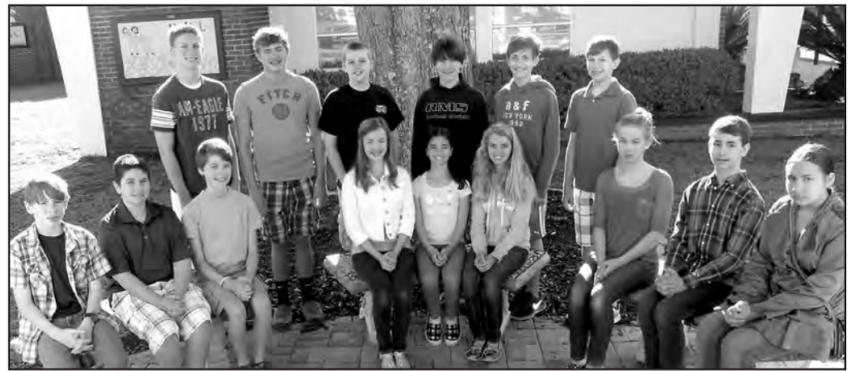
Bluewater Bay Garden Club fetes new officers

The Bluewater Bay Garden Club held their installation of officers at the Rutherford's Restaurant at Regatta Bay. Pictured are Karen Williams as president, Donna Lassiter as first vice president, Tulay Hathorn as second vice president, Duskey Mallory as recording secretary, Marge Free as corresponding secretary and Paula Radke as treasurer.



Daughters of American Colonists installed

Florida State Regent Sue Bratton was on hand to install the new Eucheeanna Chapter board for the Daughters of American Colonists at Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, May 4. The chapter's namesake is the first Scottish settlement in territorial Florida and was named in honor of the Euchee Indians. Pictured is Regent Margaret Nichols, Vice Regent Mary Ellen Ahlstrom, Second Vice Regent Virginia Poffenberger, Chaplain Rita Takeuchi, Recording Secretary Tanya Ditto, Treasurer Susan VanderZeyde, Registrar Scarlett Brock and Dianna Lantz as historian. For information please call Margaret Nichols 897-1278.



Ruckel students recognized by Duke TIP

Nineteen Ruckel seventh grade students recently qualified to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP), a talent search that identifies academically talented seventh graders based on standardized test scores. The recognized students from Ruckel Middle School are, seated from left, Christian Brobeck, Trey Buck, Daniel Bobbitt, Julia Freeman, Eve Glenn, Mandalay Martin, Allison Keen, Nathan Tabor and Kaitlyn Hall. Standing from left, Samuel Stahl, Dylan Hammond, Parker Walsh, John Hencinski, Zachary Verzwylveit and Ryan Murphy. Not pictured, Meredith Freeman.



Falcons hold their own

Pictured from back left, Coach Scholl, Chrislyn Thompson, Cate McGinnis, Brooks Horton, Jaquis Williams, Chris Robbins and Coach Robbins. Front row, Sam Scholl, Jarred Childress, Alec Childress and Hannah MacDonald. The County Tournament Individual Division Semi-finalist was Chris Robbins. The Lewis girls finished sixth for the season while the boys team finished fourth in the county. In the team division tournament, Alec Childress won first place in his consolation division.



Collegiate student wins scholarship

Collegiate High School graduating senior Arden Robertson recently received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated. She is pictured with scholarship committee chairperson, Marijo Strauss and RWOFF President Patricia Perri. Robertson will be attending Texas A & M University in the fall.



Fastpitch Travel team seeded first

The High Intensity 12U Fastpitch Travel Softball Team was seeded number one in the 12 team "One Day in May" Tournament in Enterprise, AL on May 11. The girls captured the championship with a 14-1 victory over Tiger Point Velocity. Pictured from back left, coaches Shelby Truett, Ron Earley and Sonny Childress. Standing, Celeste "CC" Truett, Grace McIntosh, Michaela Cain, Allison "AB" Brown and Sydney Byrd. Kneeling, Jenna Elmer, Ava Worthy, Sarah Earley and Madison Childress with Alyssa Selvey in front.

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Tuesday - Bingo 9:30 a.m.
Thursday - Bingo 10:00 a.m.

Valparaiso Community Center, 268 Glenview Ave. 833-9291
Monday - Closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday - Bingo 9:30a.m.

Wednesday - Monthly birthday party 10:00 a.m.
Thursday - Wii Bowling 9:30 a.m.

Friday - Bingo 9:30a.m.

World's greatest baby shower

The 2013 World's Greatest Baby Shower for Okaloosa and Walton counties will be held on Thursday, May 23 at the Emerald Coast Convention Center, 1250 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach starting at 5:30 p.m.

All pregnant women and new parents, who have had a baby in the last 3 months from Okaloosa and Walton counties are invited. Admission is free. For more information contact Healthy Start at 833-9284.

Republican Club dinner

The Okaloosa County Republican Club will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 23, at American Legion Post 235, 105 S.W. Hollywood Blvd., FWB. Social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

State Representative and State Senate Candidate Matt Gaetz will speak. Open to the public. Dinner is \$12, R.S.V.P. to Jane Dale at 651-5049. For information about the Republican Club call President Marvin Brigman at 609-3341.

Keeping in stitches

The Sand Dunes Chapter of Embroiderers' Guild of America celebrates various forms of hand embroidery. Our first summer stitch-in will be Thursday May 23, 6-8 p.m., at the Niceville Library, 206 North Partin

Drive. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 496-3466.

Dance summer camp

The Niceville High School Eaglettes' Dance Team will be hosting a two-day summer dance camp for girls ages 4-12 on June 13-14 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. A dance showcase will be held on June 14 at 6 p.m. featuring all the dance campers. The registration fee is \$50 for the first child and \$40 for each additional

child performance on May 25 at 2 p.m. at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center in Niceville.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years and under. Seating is general admission and tickets may be purchased at the NFB offices. For more information please contact NFB at 664-7787 or visit us online at nfballet.org.

Blood drives in May

Sunday, May 26 at Christ Our Redeemer Church, 1028 White Point

Blazefest 2013

Apex Broadcasting's 103.1 The Blaze will host a one-day rock concert, "Blazefest 2013," May 25, 11 a.m., at the Mullet Grounds, Niceville. Bands include Sevendust, Saving Abel, Hellyeah, Filter and more. Purchase tickets at blazefeststocks.com, \$27.50 for advance tickets and \$35 the day of the show. Active duty military can purchase tickets for \$20.

Self defense for teen girls

The Niceville Public Library is offering a self-defense program for teen girls ages 13-17 on Wednesday, May 29, at 3 p.m. This is a free program and will be led by instructors from ATA Taekwondo of Niceville. Registration is required to attend. Either stop by the Youth Services department or call 279-4863 x 1514 to register or for more information.

Alzheimer's support group

Alzheimer's Family Services provides monthly support groups for family members or friends coping with a loved one with Alzheimer's disease. A support group will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29 at the Niceville United Methodist Church, Chandler Center, located at 214 S. Partin Drive. The support group is free and limited respite care is available. To make arrangements for respite during the meeting, please contact Alzheimer's Family Services in advance at 866-478-7790

Anniversary celebration

The Courtyard Plaza businesses at Bluewater Bay, 4566 E Hwy 20, have teamed together with the Niceville Chamber of Commerce to host a ten year anniversary celebration to be held on Thursday, May 30, 2013 from 4-7 p.m. There will be face painting, live music, light refreshments and door prizes. This celebration is open to the public. For more information call Gulf Coast Dental at 897-9600.

child per family. Registration forms are due by May 24. Registration forms may be picked up at the NHS Attendance Office or local elementary schools.

Marine touch tanks at Biophilia

Experience a hands-on marine touch tank and learn all about these slimy, sticky, and prickly creatures of the gulf throughout the day from 11-2 p.m., Saturday, May 25 at the Biophilia Center, Freeport.

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Ballet performance

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Wednesday, May 29 at Niceville United Methodist Church, 214 South Partin Drive - 3-8:30 p.m.

Tea Party meeting

The Niceville-Valparaiso Tea Party will meet at Niceville City Hall, 208 Partin, Niceville, on May 27, at 6 p.m. Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Debbie Gano, Founder of Navarre Patriots and co-founder of Floridians Against Common Core Education (FACCE) will be the guest speaker and speak on FACCE.

Garden club open house

May's meeting of the Niceville

Obituary

Timothy Ronald Jennings (Boggy Boy) 1963-2013

Timothy Ronald Jennings passed away at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL on May 10 at the age of 50.

Timothy better known as "Timbo" was born in Valparaiso, FL on April 3, 1963, to Frances and Ronnie Jennings of Niceville, FL.

Tim graduated from Niceville Senior High School in 1981, where he lettered in football; he played all the

sports growing up. His happiest days were spent fishing off his mom's dock; to watch him throw a cast net was a thing of beauty, God must have loved him as a fisherman for his cast net rarely came up empty.

Tim worked with his father, his best friend, as a sub-contractor, taking pride in all his work. He turned his mother's



Timothy Ronald Jennings

house into a thing of beauty after hurricane Ivan destroyed it in 2004. His favorite job was working for ESPN, CBS, and NBC Sports as a camera tech, while he lived in Atlanta, GA. His hobbies were cooking, gardening, and fishing.

All that knew Tim would agree, his smile could light up a room. Many things could be said about his kind and generous heart, never once has anyone heard him complain.

Tim is survived by his four children, Ryan, Rachel, Hunter, and Grace; his parents, Frances Jennings-Beasley, husband Bill and Ronnie Jennings and wife Lill; two sisters; Tami Jennings-

Ofenloch, husband Kevin and Tina Jennings-Kroske, husband John and brother Gregg Jennings who served as his brother's keeper the last three years. Tim was very close to his nephews and his uncle.

Spread your wings my son and fly away, you are free at last, free to breathe without pain- Mom

The family would like to thank all the doctors, especially Dr. John Bray, Sacred Heart Lung Group, all the nurses and staff that took such kind and loving care of Tim, they were all praying for him to get new beginnings. Many thanks to Shands Hospital Lung Transplant Team.



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Lewis Falcons take county championship

The Lewis Boys Track team won the 2013 MSAC Championship on Monday, May 6. Members of the team are Jordan Tinder, Rolando Martinez, Colton Norris, Gave Bohler, Nathan Bohler, Shelton Barksdale, Mike Emigh, Gemar Dutollo, Jacob Hammond, Josh Lathers, Stacey Jones, Javier Reyna, Donald Bowen, Jordan Bland and Tim Albert. This is the tenth County Championship for the Falcons in the last 24 years. The team defeated all other Okaloosa County middle schools with 79 points.

High intensity softball team takes first

The High Intensity 8U Fastpitch Softball took first place May 11 in the Mayhem Tournament in Alabama. Pictured from bottom left, Mattie Bradley, Katie Sjostrom, Kelsey Kedroski, Aylanni Enriquez, Ava Gibson, Cloe Rich and Julia Watts. Middle row, Haleigh Sallee, Julia Shaffer, Trinity Treadway, Chloe Ellis, Grace Langston and Paige Criddle. The coaches pictured are Darren Rich, Troy Sjostrom and Dennis Criddle.



Ruckel's boy and girl golf teams won county championships after an undefeated season. Pictured with Coach Chambers from back left, Meg Horrigan, Madi Messmore, Caroline Craig, Lauren Miller, Nathan Smith, Patrick Poate, Austin Pettibone, Aaron Norris, Taylor Strickler, Kali Kerrigan, Donnie Brechtel and Noah Williams.

Undefeated, Ruckel golf wins county

Ruckel Middle School wins the 2013 Okaloosa County Boys' and Girls' Golf Championships held, May 9 at Eglin Golf course.

The girls team shot a team score 173, the only team to shoot under 200, and were led by low medalist Lauren Miller who shot an even par 36. The three other girls to make the All-Tournament team were Caroline Craig, Meg Horrigan and Madi Messmore.

The boys team shot a team score 156 and were led by low medalist Patrick Poate who shot a three under par 34. The three other boys to make the All-Tournament team were Aaron Norris with second overall, Austin Pettibone and Nathan Smith. Both teams finished undefeated seasons with county championship's.

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