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Thurs., 4 p.m.
An **Adventure Club** bicycle ride will be leaving from the golf course club house at **Bluewater Bay Resort's** parking area, 1940 Bluewater Bay Blvd., with participants joining for a meal after the ride at a local restaurant. Call Jim Bayes at 897-6756 for more info.

Sat., 10 a.m.
Strictly Weavers of the Emerald Coast will be meeting at the **Twin Cities Hospital Wellness Center**, Niceville, to weave Kente jackets. Free and open to the public. For more info please call the Alice at 934-4403.

Sat., 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Charles Williams will be signing copies of his book, "In Close Proximity" at **Bayou Books**, 1118 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville. For more information please call 678-1593.

Sun., 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
There is an opportunity to **give blood** at **Christ Our Redeemer Church**, 1028 White Point Rd., Niceville. Receive a free cholesterol and blood pressure screening with donation. For more info visit oneblood.org.

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Overpass a final link in highway

Girders set to be placed this week

By Daniel Elsesser
Beacon Staff Writer

Workers were scheduled to place girders for the Mid-Bay Bridge Connector span over State Road 285 late today and early Thursday, laying the framework for the last of five overpasses to be constructed

for the new highway, set to open in early 2014.

State Road 285 was scheduled to be closed from College Boulevard to Interstate 10 from 11 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, to 5 a.m. Thursday morning to

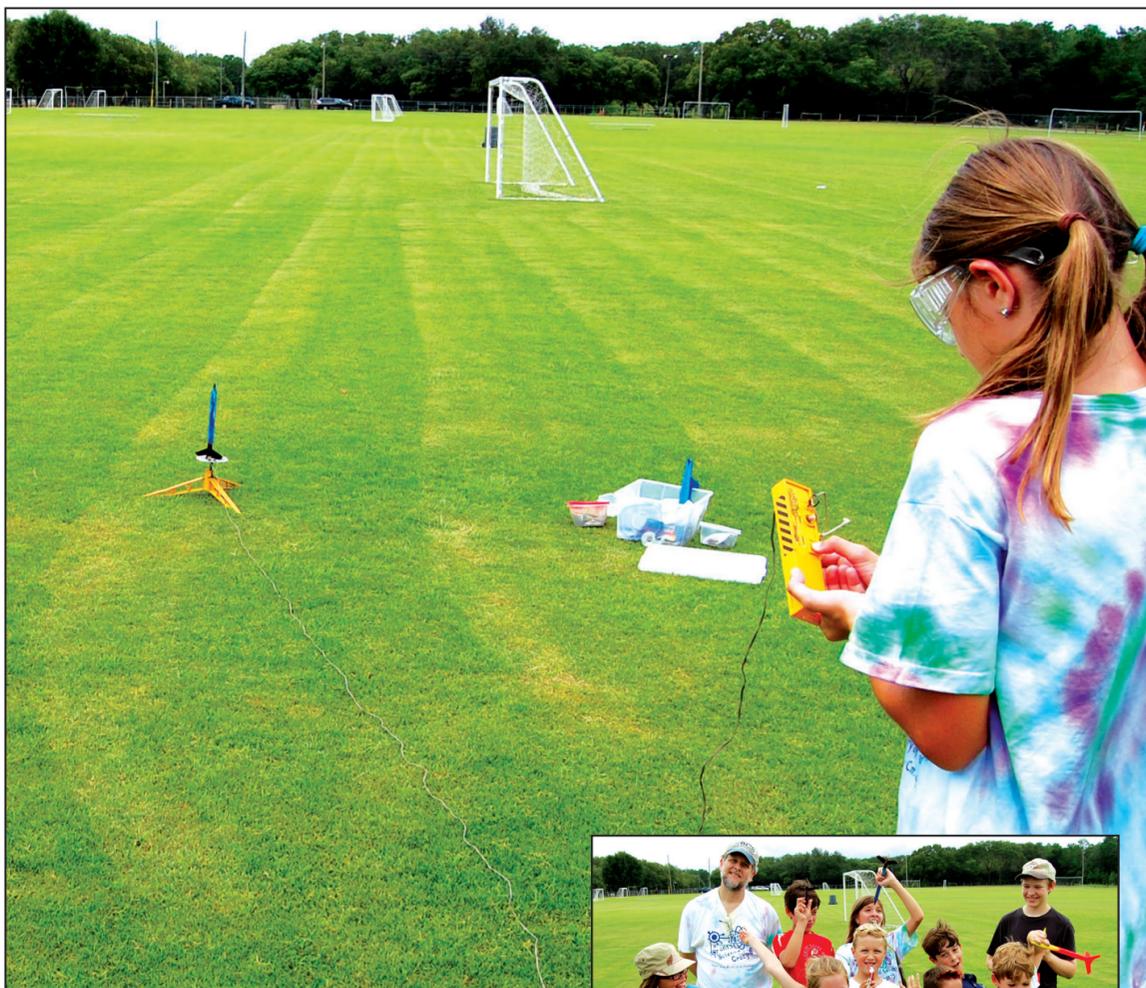
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Girders for the Mid-Bay Bridge Connector span over State Road 285 were ready for placement Monday. The 186-foot steel beams were scheduled to be lifted into place between 11 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, and 5 a.m. Thursday, during which time SR 285 will be closed from College Boulevard to Interstate 10.

Beacon photo by Daniel Elsesser

Rocket science



Beacon photos by Daniel Elsesser
Autumn Ryan, 10, prepares to launch a rocket she made as part of **Rocky Bayou Christian School's** week-long **Crazy Rocket Camp**. The camp's nine participants (right, with supervisor **Ray Allen**) launched their model missiles July 19 at the **Twin Oaks Park**, Niceville.



5% raises eyed for teachers

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

The Okaloosa County School Board met July 16 to discuss the proposed school district budget for fiscal year 2013-14.

Increases in teacher compensation, including raises averaging 5 percent, were held responsible for the lion's share of a 3.5-percent increase in general-fund spending.

During the meeting, at which no formal action was taken, board members pored over phone-book-thick budget books, as school district chief financial officer Rita Scallan and human resources director Mike Foxworthy discussed budget figures for various departments.

Some of the school district's department heads also spoke, explaining the projected amounts tentatively budgeted for their departments.

Among the highlights of the workshop meeting, Scallan said that she expects the school district to have a total general fund budget for all departments of \$24,487,818, or \$864,012 (3.5 percent) higher than that for fiscal year 2012-13.

The budget year began July 1, but the school board typically doesn't finalize its numbers until a month or two after that time.

Scallan said that the bulk of the increase will come from increases in personnel costs due to teacher raises and increases in pension funding.

She said there will also be increases in the costs of Social

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Air Force responds to mayor on F-35 noise

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

The Air Force responded last week to statements made by Valparaiso Mayor Bruce Arnold during a July 9 public hearing regarding present and future training flights of F-35 fighter planes at Eglin Air Force Base.

During the hearing, Mayor Arnold said that if the Air Force chooses option 1-A, one of several options in a recent Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), and the option which would route more flights over the city of Valparaiso, then hundreds of homes in a large area of the city would become "incom-

patible for residential use" because of jet noise.

Mike Spaits, a spokesman for Eglin Air Force Base, had offered a different viewpoint during the July 9 hearing, saying that words such as "incompatible" in the SEIS merely served as a "recommendation" that communities adjacent to the base, such as



Bruce Arnold

Valparaiso, do future zoning of high noise exposure areas near the base in such a way as to encourage nonresidential uses of property, such as industry or agriculture, but that such language does not mean that anyone will be forced to abandon or tear down their homes, or to make expensive renovations if they

choose not to.

On Monday, July 15, Larry Chavers, Chief of Environmental Analysis at Eglin Air Force Base, responded to a series of questions from the Bay Beacon, based on Mayor Arnold's statement, as follows:

Question: Which version of the likely impact of F-35

noise over Valparaiso is correct?

Answer: The version that Eglin portrays in the discussions below is correct. Please realize that there have been noise issues in Valparaiso for years even prior to the F-35s arriving.

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Niceville hits low in voter turnout

By Daniel Elsesser
Beacon Staff Writer

Turnout for Niceville's July 16 regular city council election was the lowest it has been in at least two decades, as about 3.5 percent of the city's registered voters cast ballots, reelecting incumbent Dan Henkel over challenger Armand Izzo.

Henkel retained his Group 4 seat in a July 16 election, topping Izzo 246 votes to 96.

Sal Nodjomian was unopposed in his run for the Group 2 seat, the only other seat up for election this year.

The 342 total votes cast from a pool of 9,663 registered voters represented 3.5 percent voter turnout, lower than the 10 percent that was expected by City Clerk Dan Doucet.

Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections Paul Lux said there were a few circumstances that may have led to the low turnout.

"When you hold summer elections, you typically have a lot of people out of town," Lux said. "Or elections just might not be in people's minds."

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Niceville City Councilmen **Dan Henkel** (center) and **Sal Nodjomian** are sworn in by Mayor **Randall Wise** for the next city council term after the announcement of the city election results July 16 at 7:15 p.m. in the Niceville City Council chambers.

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OVERPASS

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accommodate the work. The overpass above SR 285 is among the last of 10 spans—and the final highway overpass—to go up for the 11-mile controlled-access connector. There are five bridges over water, and five highway overpasses. Over SR 285, four 186-foot steel girders will be placed, delivered by truck from Tampa, where they were fabricated. James VanSteenburg, a representative of HDR Engineering, said that the connector is expected to be complete by Jan. 10, about a month earlier than scheduled. When it opens, the \$137 million expressway east and north of Niceville will run from State Road 85 North to the Mid-Bay Bridge, with interchanges at state roads 85, 285 and 20, Range Road and Lakeshore Drive, the last three of which are already open. There will be a grade-level

exit and entrance at the north end of Forest Road, where it meets College Boulevard. Upon opening its full length, the connector will levy tolls one-half of those of the bridge itself, or \$1 for Sunpass users and \$1.50 for full fare (two axles). The connector tolls are expected to rise by 50 cents in about two years. Connector tolls will be collected or recorded by an automated toll gantry in the northeast quadrant of the road between the Range Road and SR 285 interchanges, southeast of the planned extension from Forest Road. The plaza will use a Sunpass system. License tags of vehicles without a Sunpass transponder will be recorded by cameras and the owners will receive invoices. A license-plate study conducted by URS Corp. in March 2010 indicated that two-thirds of bridge users pay with a Sunpass, and that of the cash payers, 60 percent have Florida license plates. The study reported 25 of cash payers came from eight

nearby states (Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Kentucky and Arkansas). Separately at a Mid-Bay Bridge Authority meeting July 18, the board approved HDR's agreement for engineering consulting services for a second year under the current contract. The board has the option to renew the engineering firm's contract each year for the following three years as well. HDR is the prime contractor managing the bridge connector construction project. Also at the meeting, MBBA Executive Director Jim Vest reported revenue in June had increased 1.8 percent over the same month last year. Vest has attributed jumps such as these to increased tourist interest in the Destin area following a five-year slump. Darlane Landsberger, homeowner's association manager for Chardonay Estates, also spoke at the meeting, reporting that a vegetation barrier planted by the MBBA to abate noise from the

connector is growing well, but the residents of Chardonay Estates and White Point Village are still looking into alternative methods of noise abatement. The bridge authority has rejected the neighborhoods' request for sound walls. Landsberger said residents of the two neighborhoods, both near the connector road, are hoping to have a wall made of "echo stone" constructed between the connector and their houses. Landsberger said echo stone is an insulated artificial material that looks like stone and is acoustically modified to abate noise. Landsberger said she and the homeowners are working on a proposal to send to the MBBA regarding payment for the wall, which she estimated would cost \$200,000. HDR Engineering conducted a study, acknowledged by the Florida Department of Transportation March 18, which concluded that construction of a noise abatement wall would not be feasible.

NOISE

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Q: Will people be "forced" to remediate or destroy their homes, or not? A. We are unaware of any requirement that will force the people of Valparaiso to remediate or destroy their homes. The Air Force has used the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) program to promote compatible land development in areas subject to aircraft noise and accident potential. Eglin published a 1977 AICUZ Study and a 2006 AICUZ Study to work with local communities to continue to incorporate AICUZ recommended zoning policies and guidelines into the comprehensive plans of Okaloosa County and the cities of Valparaiso and Niceville. Overlay Maps of the AICUZ noise contours, Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones and the Air Force Land Use Compatibility Guidelines were provided to aid local communities to evaluate existing and future land use proposals within their areas. The terms "incompatible," and "compatible," are terms used within the Air Force's Land Use Compatibility Guidelines. If you closely examine the AICUZ studies along with



Air Force photo

A draft environmental statement says the Air Force prefers to resume routinely flying trainer F-35s from Eglin's north-south runway, which would bring the planes, and their engine noise, over Valparaiso and northwest Niceville.

the BRAC SEIS, you will quickly see that 97% of the homes in 75 dB DNL contours or greater in the SEIS are already "incompatible" with the accident potential zones identified in both AICUZ studies. Even in Alternatives 2A or 2E (alternatives with no F-35 flights at Eglin), these homes will still be "incompatible" with the existing missions on Eglin. As a general proposition, no one has the authority to tell his or her neighbor what use to make of his property. For that reason, the federal government, in general, does not have the power to prohibit its neighbors from using their property in certain ways. The Air Force only makes recommendations based on established Air Force Land Use Compatibility Guidelines.

Concerning Mayor Arnold's statement that his city "will be forced to adopt the aviation safety and noise abatement act of 1979, 14 CFR part 150 into our comprehensive plan, which states all buildings in noise contour lines of the NL 75 DBA or greater cannot be used for residential purposes," we are unaware at this time of any Federal requirement that will force Valparaiso to adopt the aviation safety and noise abatement act of 1979. Eglin through the AICUZ program has encouraged local communities for years to update their comprehensive plans to aid in making land use decisions and adopt land use controls compatible with Eglin AFB missions.

For humans, annoyance is the primary harm that comes from noise. Annoyance is, of course, subjective, but reliable research shows that, in general, increasing numbers of people are annoyed by increasing levels of noise. In fact, some research shows that when the Day-Night Level (DNL) is under 65 decibels, up to 12% of people will be annoyed, but when the level rises to 75, up to 36% of people will be annoyed. See Appendix E of the revised draft SEIS.

Section 163.3175, Florida Statutes requires local communities to communicate certain land use proposals directly to the local military commanders, and to take the military commanders' opinion on those proposals under advisement. Further, without specifying exactly what criteria must be used, the statute also requires the local government to "address compatibility" of those lands near the installation. It does not indicate how that compatibility should be achieved or addressed. In particular, it should be noted that it does not indicate that pre-existing incompatible uses, or those that become incompatible through a change in the military mission, must be immediately rectified. There is no reason to believe the state didn't intend to "grandfather" certain uses, and in fact "grandfathering" is a very common planning tool to prevent the sorts of issues that would otherwise arise.

There is some research that indicates that hearing loss may result from certain types of noise (in particular that which exceeds 80 decibels Day-Night Level (DNL)). For Alternative 1A, the SEIS does document that 7 residential parcels could be impacted with DNL noise levels at 80 decibels DNL or greater.

Q: Why is option 1-A so superior to the other alternatives that the Air Force appears willing to alienate much of the population of Valparaiso, and possibly expose itself to expensive and time-consuming lawsuits, in order to pursue that option rather than any of the others?

A: Please realize that the Preferred Alternative can change between the Draft and the Final SEIS based on many factors, including public input.

The final alternative selection decision will be based on environmental, technical, economic, and other factors, including the Air Force mission. Per 40 CFR 1502.23 "For purposes of complying with [NEPA], the weighing of the merits and drawbacks of the various alternatives need not be displayed in a monetary cost-benefit analysis and should not be when there are important qualitative considerations."

Cost of Noise Mitigation: It is extremely difficult to judge the cost, if any, necessary to mitigate the noise, on-base or off. Based on other similar bed downs of new aircraft at other bases, the aircraft crews and maintainers normally use ear plugs/muffs to reduce their exposure to noise in close proximity to the airfield. In nearby office buildings, military and civilian employees and contractors may simply tolerate the noise, whether they're sitting outside for a smoke break or pausing during a conversation inside the building. Our bioenvironmental personnel will evaluate different types of work environments to determine if there is a health risk. If a health risk is identified, then our community planners will work with our bioenvironmental staff to accommodate the workers. Because the noise that reaches off base has no impacts beyond annoyance (except possibly 7 residential parcels that could be impacted with DNL noise levels at 80 decibels DNL or greater for alternative 1A), it's difficult to know what cost, if any, will be required to mitigate it.

Later last week, Mayor Arnold was sent a copy of the Air Force's response to his statement, and asked if he had any further response of his own. The Mayor replied that he had nothing further to add to what he had already said.

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N. Bay district sees stable millage

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

Nothing was voted upon or decided during a brief budget workshop meeting held Friday, July 19, by the North Bay Fire Commission.

The workshop kicked off the process of setting the independent fire district's millage rate and budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year, which will begin Oct. 1

North Bay Fire Commission Chairman James Boswell said that although no votes were taken during the workshop, the commission seemed to reach a consensus to maintain the current 2.35 millage rate during FY 2014. "We all agreed that we do not want to change the millage rate for the coming year," he said.

The North Bay fire district provides fire protection to communities north and south of State Road 20 east of Rocky Bayou and west of the Okaloosa County line, including such neighborhoods as Lancaster Estates, Bluewater Bay, Seminole, and Chardonay Estates.

Millage rates are the amount of property tax paid by property owners on each \$1,000 of appraised, taxable value of their property, after homestead exemptions and other discounts. For example, at the current millage rate of 2.35, a homeowner in the North Bay Fire District



North Bay Fire District Chairman James Boswell said the governing board doesn't want the property-tax millage rate of 2.35 to change next year.

Beacon photo

whose home is appraised at \$200,000 pays \$470 in property tax to the fire district, in addition to other property taxes to such entities as Okaloosa County and the Okaloosa School District.

Boswell said that the coming year's budget and millage could not be worked out in detail during Friday's workshop, because the fire district is still awaiting final insurance cost figures for the coming fiscal year. He said that any current budget discussions must include a "fudge factor" for expected insurance costs,

at least until the actual figures arrive, which is expected in late August.

Commissioner Lee Wetzell confirmed that the fire commission plans to do its best to hold the current 2.35 millage rate, barring any surprises with insurance or other costs in the coming months. He said that the fire commission has not scheduled another nonvoting workshop on the budget and millage rate, but will discuss the budget and millage during the fire commission's next regularly scheduled public

meeting, set for Aug. 13.

According to the fire district's July 2013 financial statement, its current budget for FY 2013 is \$1,978,189. Insurance costs for FY 2013 included \$5,442 for property insurance, \$5,634 for accident and health insurance, and \$12,647 for vehicle insurance. Although fire commissioners expect those figures to vary slightly, the exact amounts for FY 2014 will not be known until the fire district receives its final insurance cost figures next month.

VOTING

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Lux added that races such as this year's, with only one seat contested by the incumbent and one challenger, usually draw less attention than races where several seats are contested by multiple candidates.

The ballot total includes absentee ballots, which Henkel won 17 to 7.

Ballots were counted electronically using optical scan for the second Niceville election and the first time for a Niceville regular election. By forgoing hand counting, the city staff was able to tabulate results close to an hour earlier than usual, estimated Doucet.

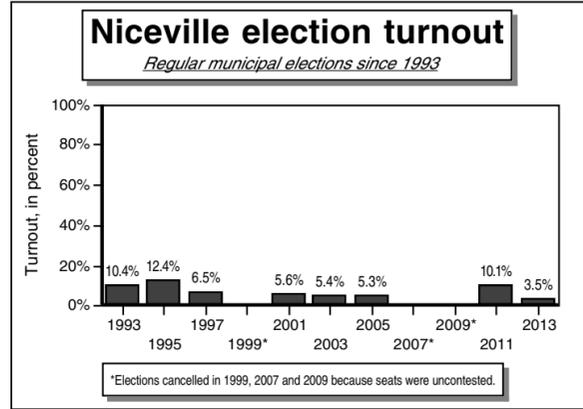
Henkel and Nodjomian were sworn in at 7:15 p.m., 15 minutes after the polls closed.

Henkel said he'll devote part of his next term to maintaining the positive image Niceville has cultivated.

"I'm honored that citizens of this city elected me to serve another term as councilman," Henkel said. "As I enter into this next term, I would be remiss if I didn't thank all who take time, on a daily basis, to make Niceville not only a quality city, but the No. 1 place in the state of Florida to raise a family."

Henkel said he is optimistic about economic growth in Niceville and in the city's ability to handle the challenges that come with that growth.

"Now that the election is over, I want to focus on our city's growth and the challenges that come with it," Henkel said. "The citizens of Niceville are very appreciative of the services we've been able to provide, but as we grow, we will have to expand our infrastructure to keep up with that growth. That means we will have hire more employees and upgrade equipment to meet the demands that will be put on those services provided. The challenge will be to ensure we have the right plan and strategy



in place that helps us achieve a balanced growth. With the U.S. economy struggling, jobs are tough to find. Sequestration and furloughs are now a reality."

Henkel echoed his pre-election sentiments regarding his goal to keep taxes low.

"Some of our citizens are on fixed incomes. As a result, any increase in taxes or fees will have an impact on their standard of living," Henkel said. "To that end, our budgets and tax rates have to be executed smartly. In some areas, the city might have to reduce or cut some of the services our citizens have come to expect in order to meet a critical need in another area that is vital to safety or health and welfare. As I have done in the past, I will continue to look closely at proposed budgets and work to balance desires versus needs before voting to approve any increase in tax rates or fees that aren't absolutely necessary."

Henkel was elected in a 2008 special election to fill the seat previously occupied by the late Terry Tislow. He was reelected in 2009.

Nodjomian named several goals for his first full term

"In my second term, I have several priorities that I would like to advance," Nodjomian said. "One of these priorities is smart growth, which will encourage development that generates jobs and provides well-needed services and

amenities, while staying true to our history and character. Another priority is to foster additional investment and

improvements to community services, such as bike paths and walking trails, and ensuring our public servants have the equipment and tools they need to get their tasks accomplished. A third priority is to advance civic programs, like our new Youth Council, that continue to bring pride to our City and make this the best place to raise a family in the entire Southeast."

Nodjomian gained his current seat by being the only person to file candidacy for a special election in January to fill the seat previously occupied by Bill Smith, who left the council to run, unsuccessfully, for a seat on the Okaloosa County Commission.

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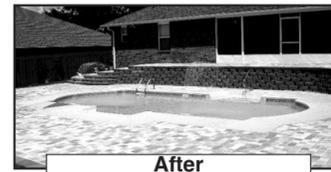
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Niceville's Newspaper

Police Blotter

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

Arrests

Roy Keith Herring Jr., a construction worker, 24, of 39 Center St., Freeport, was arrested by Niceville police July 15 on charges of possession of marijuana less than 20 grams and possession of a controlled substance.

William Paul Foley II, a construction worker, 19, of 702 Doyce Drive, Fort Walton Beach, was arrested by Niceville police July 15 on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 20 grams during the same incident.

Tyler Duran Guinn, a construction worker, 19, of 2807 Red Plum Court, Shalimar, was arrested by Niceville police July 15, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, also during the same incident.

An officer stopped a car driven by someone later identified as Guinn, and also occupied by people later identified as Foley and Herring, because the license plate had been called in related to narcotics use.

The officer smelled burned marijuana coming from the car upon contacting the three occupants.

Herring allegedly admitted narcotics use and produced a bag from his front pocket containing approximately 0.5 grams of a green leafy substance that field tested positive for the presence of THC.

The officer also found Herring to be in possession of a canister that contained part of a pill, which Herring identified as Suboxone. Poison Control confirmed the pill as Suboxone, a Schedule III controlled substance.

Foley also produced a bag containing one gram of a green leafy substance that tested positive for the presence of marijuana.

The officer searched the car and found a scale that was covered in marijuana residue that tested positive for the presence of THC. Guinn admitted ownership of the scale.

The officer also found a multicolored glass smoking pipe with burned marijuana residue. Foley admitted ownership of the pipe.

Guinn's required court appearance is July 30, Foley's required court appearance is Aug. 6 and Herring's required court appearance is Aug. 27.

Juan Carlos Trejo-Bautista, unemployed, 38, of 800 Bay Drive, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police July 10 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

An officer stopped a vehicle driven by someone later identified as Trejo-Bautista for driving 49 mph in a 35 mph zone. The officer found that Trejo-Bautista did not have a valid driver's license and was not on the rental agreement to operate the vehicle. The officer notified an employee of the rental agency, who requested the vehicle be towed.

The vehicle was inventoried, and the officer found a cigarette pack containing three round, white pills later identified by Poison Control as Buprenorphine, a Schedule III controlled substance.

Trejo-Bautista's required court appearance is Aug. 13.

Julian Frank Kalivoda, 28, of 101 Friar Tuck Drive, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police July 8 on a charge of grand theft.

Kalivoda allegedly stole a 22 karat gold wedding band, a 22 karat gold 24-inch Thai Baht chain and a 22 karat gold pendant from someone's residence. The items are worth a total of \$1,200.

Kalivoda's required court appearance is Aug. 13.

John Paul Mathis, a tree service company employee, 39, of 1605 26th St., Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police July 8 on a charge of simple battery.

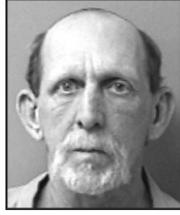
Mathis allegedly pushed someone into the side of a vehicle, punched the victim and

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Eyes: Blue



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Weight: 240
Age: 30
Date of birth: 06-12-1983
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stomped on them multiple times, causing a laceration to the victim's forehead and injury to the victim's left arm.

Mathis' required court appearance is July 30.

Thomas Charles Edge III, a chef, 22, of 200 San Destin Lane Apt. 307, Miramar Beach, was arrested by Niceville police July 11 on a Walton County warrant on the original charge of DUI.

Jennifer Lynn Gatlin, a salon employee, 35, of 1450 30th St. Lot B, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 14 on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 20 grams.

A deputy stopped a vehicle driven by someone later identified as Gatlin for crossing a road's center lane, twice almost hitting a curb. Gatlin was given a field sobriety test and was arrested for DUI.

The deputy asked Gatlin "if she had anything on her or in her vehicle that she should not have." Gatlin said she had mar-

ijuana in her purse. The deputy searched the purse and found a plastic bag containing less than one gram of a substance that later tested positive for the presence of THC.

Gatlin's required court appearance is Aug. 6

Shawna Lynn Bratton, 33, of 1526 25th St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 13 on a charge of battery domestic violence.

Bratton allegedly punched someone while the victim was sleeping. The victim reported he was hit so hard he spit up blood.

Bratton's required court appearance is July 30.

Katie Rene Weekly, unemployed, 19, of 1549 Cat Mar Road, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 13 on a charge of battery domestic violence.

Weekly allegedly attempted to drive away in someone's car, and the owner of the car grabbed the steering wheel through the open driver's side window and told Weekly not to take her vehicle. Weekly accelerated the vehicle, causing the victim to fall to the ground, resulting in a bruise and scrapes on her left arm.

Weekly's required court appearance is Aug. 13.

Ernest Oren Eubanks, a mechanic, 52, of 1041 48th St. Lot F, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 12 on a charge of violation of a domestic violence injunction.

A deputy found Eubanks in the company of someone he was not to be in contact with per a May 22 injunction.

Eubanks' required court appearance is July 30.

Diane Lynn Lacey, 47, of 313 Florida St., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 12 on a Santa Rosa County warrant on the original charge of worthless checks.

Kreskin Donnell Robinson, a landscaper, 20, of 709 Swan Lane, Destin, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 12 on charges of driving while license suspended habitual offender, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and probation violation.

A deputy responded to a Niceville Police Department traffic stop at 210 Government St., Niceville, where a vehicle driven by someone later identified as Robinson had been

Fire Department Reports

Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls from July 15, 2013 through July 21, 2013.

0 Structure Fire	21 Emergency Medical Calls
0 Vehicle Fire	4 Vehicle Crash
0 Other Fire	0 Vehicle Crash with Extrication
0 Illegal Burn	2 Other Emergency Calls
0 False Alarms	0 Hazardous Conditions



Street	Situation	Date	Time
20th Street	Medical	7/15/13	12:10
N. Palm Blvd.	Medical	7/15/13	17:24
S. Cedar St.	Service call	7/16/13	03:14
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	7/16/13	06:25
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle crash	7/16/13	18:09
Kazmira Ct.	Medical	7/17/13	04:39
Tee Street	Medical	7/17/13	08:13
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	7/17/13	10:02
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	7/17/13	11:16
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	7/17/13	13:38
SR 85 N.	Vehicle crash	7/17/13	16:18
W. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	7/17/13	19:01
Als Drive	Medical	7/17/13	21:04
Nathey Ave.	Medical	7/18/13	07:53
Bayshore Dr.	Medical	7/18/13	09:30
23rd Street	Medical	7/18/13	12:35
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Cancelled	7/18/13	15:27
S. Cedar Ave.	Medical	7/18/13	23:39
Valparaiso Blvd.	Medical	7/19/13	06:46
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle crash	7/19/13	12:32
Lanman Rd.	Medical	7/19/13	16:42
Pinecone Cove	Medical	7/19/13	17:40
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	7/19/13	20:45
E. College Blvd.	Vehicle crash	7/20/13	03:50
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	7/20/13	11:30
Ellis Ave.	Medical	7/21/13	03:12
Balsam Dr.	Medical	7/21/13	06:22

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North Bay



The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following call through July 21, 2013.

Street	Situation	Date	Time
Rosewood Way	Assist invalid	7/15/13	07:41
Glenlake Cir.	EMS call	7/15/13	13:16
Choclawhatchee Bay S.	Good intent	7/15/13	16:36
N. White Point Rd.	Medical	7/15/13	23:19
Bermuda Cir.	Medical	7/16/13	06:49
Fairway Lakes Dr.	Medical	7/16/13	21:00
Norwich Cir.	Medical	7/17/13	00:27
Ridgewood Way	Medical	7/18/13	14:17
Hwy 20 E./Bay Dr.	Dispatched & cancelled	7/18/13	14:33
N. White Point Rd.	Medical	7/18/13	14:54
Timpochee Ln.	Vehicle fire	7/18/13	16:41
Springacres Cove	EMS call	7/18/13	17:00
Marina Cove Dr.	Medical	7/18/13	19:45
Parkside Cir.	Medical	7/19/13	13:25
Bluewater Blvd.	Vehicle accident	7/19/13	13:54
Merchants Way	Medical assist	7/19/13	15:13
Merchants Way	Medical assist	7/19/13	15:55
Barrington Ln.	Medical	7/19/13	19:39
St. Thomas Cove	CO detector activation	7/20/13	01:44
Cedar St.	Medical assist	7/20/13	05:47
White Point Rd.	Vehicle accident	7/20/13	15:49
Merchants Way	Medical	7/21/13	08:04
Oakmont Cir.	Medical	7/21/13	17:14
E. Hwy. 20	EMS call	7/21/13	22:10

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stopped because it matched the description of a vehicle seen fleeing an armed robbery a few minutes earlier.

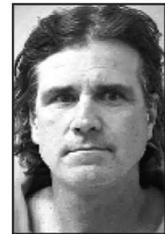
The deputy checked Robinson's driver's license and found he was a habitual traffic offender until May 15, 2018. The deputy also found Robinson to be on probation for cocaine possession with a special condition that he is to remain confined to an approved residence.

Robinson was taken to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office booking facility, where he was searched and found to be in possession of two round, white pills later determined to be Hydromorphone Hydrochloride, a Schedule II drug.

Robinson's required court appearance is Aug. 13.

Mark Hamilton Lupfer, self-employed, 51, of 101 Harding Road Lot D, Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 11 on a Palm Beach County warrant for violation of probation for the original charge of DUI.

William Jay Turner, a business owner, 52, of 214 Wekiva Cove, Destin, was arrested by sheriff's deputies July 11 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.



William J. Turner

Turner was found to be in possession of a bottle containing 22 pills: 13 Oxycodone Hydrochloride 30 mg and seven "M 30" pills, along with a jeweler's bags are common for storage and sale of small amounts of

controlled substances. Turner's required court appearance is Aug. 13.

Angela Gina-Devon Taylor, 27, of 101 Aspen St., Freeport, was arrested by Walton County sheriff's deputies July 15 on a charge of battery causing bodily harm.

Taylor allegedly grabbed someone's arm when they tried to intervene in an argument, causing abrasions, swelling and bruising to the victim's arm.

Robert Jacob Cheatham, a construction worker, 26, of 256 Sycamore Drive, Freeport, was arrested by Walton County sheriff's deputies July 12 on a charge of violation of probation.

Thefts

A Niceville resident of the 200 block of College Boulevard reported July 11 someone stole his \$300 27-inch plasma television and his \$300 laptop computer from his residence.

Niceville police received a call July 13 from someone reporting her purse, containing prescription medications and an unidentified amount of money, had been stolen from her car while it was parked at Lions Park, Niceville.

Niceville police received a call July 14 from someone reporting her purse had been stolen while she was playing pool at the business at 626 W. John Sims Parkway, Niceville. The purse contained \$100, two cell phones and a bank card.

Criminal mischief

A Valparaiso police officer reported the door frame of the door to the men's restroom at Florida Park, Valparaiso, had been damaged, with parts of the door frame in the trash can inside the restroom.

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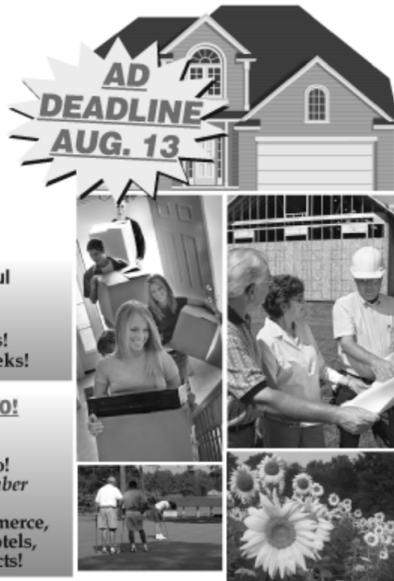
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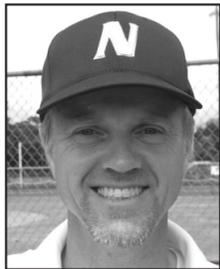
Do children spend less time outdoors now than they used to? Why or why not?

Location: Niceville softball complex



"Kids spend a lot of time with phones and computers and such. Many are too lazy to get off the couch."

Carter Zweig, 15, Tampa, student



"Yes. Kids don't go outside because they have I-Phones and video games to keep them inside, and parents don't encourage them to go outdoors. Have you noticed that Little League organizations are getting smaller and smaller each year?"

David Brown, 45, Niceville, postal worker



"Some are, and some aren't. My granddaughter plays softball year-round."

Linda Kelly, 65, Orange City, hairdresser



"Yes. Electronics keeps kids inside, rather than outside running around."

Mike Carver, 52, Niceville, retail manager



"Not my kids. They play sports year-round. It takes more effort by parents today to keep kids from being lethargic, what with video games and cell phones."

Angela Gibson, 42, Niceville, office manager



"Yes, because with electronics and game systems, there is more desire to stay in. When I was a kid my parents made us go outside. We didn't have all the indoor game systems them that kids do now."

Kim Mansfield, 37, Niceville, nurse

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

5% RAISES

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Security and other benefit programs for teachers.

Foxworthy told the school board that FY 2014 will be the first year of teacher evaluations in accordance with Florida's new "pay for performance" program.

According to the budget document presented by Foxworthy and Scallan, the cost of developing teacher evaluation instruments in support of the program will be \$287,843. The program, according to the document, includes "operation and training of teacher evaluation systems and procedures for administrators and all teachers, peer mentor program development and training, district orientation for new staff, new teacher induction program, teacher professional development and training, maintaining the My Learning Plan online evaluation system, coordination of all changes to evaluation forms for teachers and administrators, obtaining teacher evaluation data and reports, alternative certification, training and evaluations of district peer evaluators, certified staff recruitment, university collaboration, and student interns/practicum student placement."

Foxworthy said he expects difficulty during the coming year to ensure that instruments for teacher evaluation are valid. "Each person needs their own formula," he said, because simply evaluating individual teachers based on the performance of their assigned students "has no validity." He said that teachers

may not be credited for all the students they actually teach, counsel, or help in other ways.

He also said that each of the Okaloosa school district's teachers has different combinations of students, subjects, and other demands placed upon them so that no two teachers can be evaluated exactly the same way in order to produce a fair system.

Also during the workshop, school board members discussed other portions of the budget. Board member Dewey Destin questioned a budget item for the school district to donate \$3,100 to the Okaloosa Economic Development Council.

Board member Cindy Frakes replied that such a contribution makes sense in light of the fact that the EDC recently changed its bylaws to include the Okaloosa schools superintendent as a member of its Board, and that the EDC both supports education in the Okaloosa school district and is also a consumer of the school system's product—graduates who are potential employees of local businesses.

Frakes said that Okaloosa County's economy is like "a three-legged stool," including education, employment, and business development. Thus, she said, giving the \$3,100 to the EDC is "money well spent," because it will help to ensure the school district "a seat at the table" within the EDC.

School board member Melissa Thrush agreed with Frakes, saying that many of the local businesses that participate in the EDC are big supporters of extracurricular programs and other activities within the school

district.

During a discussion of the school district's transportation budget, Thrush questioned whether it is cost-effective to continue routinely allowing families who live east of Rocky Bayou to choose between Destin Middle School and Ruckel Middle School. The school district operates duplicative busing to both schools.

Board member Rodney Walker, however, said that retaining such a choice for middle school families makes sense, and may help to relieve occasional overcrowding at Ruckel.

Another item discussed during the budget workshop was the continuation of an expanded, \$1.1 million school resource officer program throughout the school district—that is, the posting of armed sheriff's deputies in all public schools. Scallan told the board that after Sheriff Larry Ashley added deputies at all schools that didn't already have them in the wake of a mass shooting at a school in Connecticut early this year, he asked the school district to help fund the expanded school resource officer program.

Scallan said that the school district will be able to help fund the program expansion in the coming year, up to about \$500,000, by taking that money out of existing nonrecurring reserves. She warned, however, that the reserves are a nonrecurring source of funds, and that there currently is "no regular source of recurring funds" to continue the school district's support of the expanded resource officer program in later years.

She said that Sheriff Ashley has told her that he is committed to the expanded school resource officer program, which is currently costing the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office about \$2 million per year.

At a meeting Monday, the school board voted 3-1 to pay \$1.1 million for the expanded districtwide resource officer program for the coming year. Thrush dissented, saying that she is willing to maintain deputies in middle and high schools, but does not think it wise to use nonrecurring reserve funds to continue the expansion of the program into elementary schools.

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High FCAT grades for Collegiate

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees discussed the college-sponsored Collegiate High School during their monthly meeting held July 16 at the Niceville campus.

Collegiate High School (CHS) is an advanced charter school sponsored by the college, and for which the NWFS Board of

Trustees also serves as the governing board.

CHS principal Anthony Boyer reported to the trustees that 99 percent of CHS students had received passing grades on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT), well above levels of 66 percent for the Okaloosa School District and 54 percent for students throughout Florida.

The board also approved changes to the CHS student handbook and code of conduct, to include updating the school dress code to forbid "beach style or other attire providing minimal body coverage (e.g. strapless tops, short shorts, bare midriffs or backs, etc.)" and "disrespectful slogans" on clothing, which "are considered distracting and inappropriate to the educational

process and are not permitted."

In a July 22 phone interview, CHS Principal Anthony Boyer said the new rule about disrespectful clothing was made in response to an incident last school year, in which a student wore a T-shirt bearing a four-letter word to school. When confronted by a faculty member, the student challenged the faculty member to show where in the student hand-

book or code of conduct such a T-shirt was forbidden. The student in that case was given a CHS T-shirt to cover the offending shirt, Boyer said, and the new rule was added for the coming school year.

The student handbook and code of conduct also were changed to include a statement that students "may not film/tape instructors without the expressed consent of the instructor."



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"One thing that sets this specialized assisted living community apart from others is that it provides 24 hour care by licensed nurses," said Elizabeth Rambow. Rambow is Superior Residences Senior Solutions Director. "We have highly trained personnel that have experience with caring for those with all forms of memory loss."

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munity features specialized apartments that meet the needs of our residents, along with dining rooms, activity and living rooms, televisions rooms and two secured outdoor patios." The community has 60 suites which can accommodate up to 80 residents.

Superior Residences also hosts several events in the area to help raise awareness for those struggling with memory loss. They will be hosting "Miles for Memories" this November which is a Walk/Run event to raise money for Alzheimer's Family Services, an affiliate of Covenant Hospice, Inc.. Alzheimer's Family Services is the only local Alzheimer's support service in Northwest Florida that is committed to helping local caregivers care for their loved ones with dementia. All the funds raised from the event will stay local to help our area families.

Superior Residences is hosting a Virtual Dementia Tour experience on August 22nd from 10am - 4pm. "The Virtual Dementia Tour is a scientifically proven method designed to increase sensitivity toward those with dementia. The purpose of the Virtual Dementia Tour is to help others better identify with someone who has dementia with their day-to-day struggles. Learning to create a positive environment for those with Dementia can only come from attempting to walk in their shoes, states Second Wind Dreams, founder of the Virtual Dementia Tour Kit. "Through the use of special adap-

tive devices which are utilized in the tour experience, you really experience what it is like to walk in the steps of someone with dementia through trying to complete everyday tasks and routine activities", states Rambow. Please call the community at (850) 897-2244 to make a Virtual Dementia Tour reservation for this unique and enlightening experience.

For more information on upcoming events, or more on Superior Residences of Niceville, visit their website at superioralf.com. If you would like to schedule a lunch and a tour of the community, please contact them by phone at (850) 897-2244, or email them at erambow@superioralf.com. Superior Residences is located on 2300 Partin Dr. in Niceville, FL 32578.

Superior Residences of Niceville is owned and operated by Superior Residences, Incorporated, which manages six other assisted living communities in Florida. Breaking ground this August will be Superior Residences at Bluewater, an independent living community. Stay tuned for an official groundbreaking ceremony for the Bluewater Community in September 2013!

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Laurie, right and Ken Hinrich have made their home in Bluewater Bay after vacationing in the area off and on for a decade. They have been permanent residents since 2010. Ken is the president and CEO of the United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

Hinrichs appreciate local community

By Angela Yuriko Smith
Beacon Staff Writer

Ken Hinrich recently took the reins as president and CEO of the United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

Originally from Baton Rouge, the Ken Hinrich and his wife Laurie discovered the Emerald Coast after being frequent visitors.

"Laurie and I often visited and vacationed here during our ten years, 96-06, in Baton Rouge and we loved the area," said Hinrich "At that time I was with the Baton Rouge United Way and Laurie was Regulatory Director for the Louisiana Nursing Home Association."

From Baton Rouge, they moved on to Connecticut where Hinrich again, worked with the

United Way. In 2010 they retired and settled in Niceville, buying a home in Bluewater Bay.

"Retirement didn't stick," said Hinrich. "We joke that we were laid off from retirement, as Laurie took a job with Home Instead and, through ISP, Institute of Senior Professionals at NWFSC, I served as Interim Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast."

The beaches were a major factor in attracting the Hinrichs to the area. "Laurie and I have friends living here and have many friends and family members who vacation here," said Hinrich. "Another motivation to relocate here is that our children and grandchildren would visit frequently since we were ten minutes from the best beaches and

the clearest waters in the world."

Once moving here, they quickly integrated into their new community becoming involved in their church, Niceville United Methodist, and various clubs.

"We've also enjoyed getting to know our neighbors in Bluewater," said Hinrich.

He said they appreciate the improvements that have been happening in the area in the last few years, particularly the Niceville bypass which he says is a great improvement to the traffic around the airport. He cites many reasons that make the area a desirable one.

"Having been through Katrina and Rita as a disaster responder," said Hinrich "I appreciate the seriousness that Okaloosa County takes in its preparation. I'm a Vietnam vet and having Eglin as a neighbor makes me even prouder to be here."

In their free time, the Hinrichs are definitely taking full advantage of the many activities in the area.

"We've lived where it's hot and where it's cold and we've lived where there are mountains and where there are seashores," Hinrich said. "We've lived where it is very historical, and where history is being made. You can't beat this part of the world."



United Way



Brickell rescues retrievers

Susan Brickell of Niceville fosters rescued golden retrievers in her home. Pictured right, Daisy, one of her recent rescues is preparing to meet her forever family next week. Susan has fostered Daisy for Emerald Coast Golden Retriever Rescue. For more information about the rescue, visit ecgrr.com.

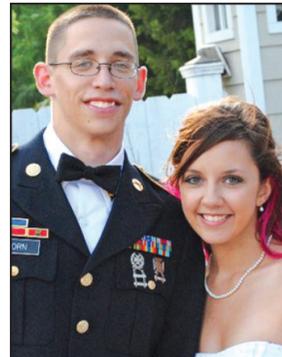
Dedication for Sgt. Born

A dedication ceremony will be held July 25 for Niceville native Sgt. Joshua Born to commemorate his life and service beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Niceville "Triangle."

Born was one of two soldiers killed last February 23 in Afghanistan when an Afghan soldier turned his gun on them outside a U.S. base in Nangarhar Province.

Born was assigned to the 385th Military Police Battalion, 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne), XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Stewart, Ga., and was honored post mortem as a Purple Heart and Bronze Medal Recipient.

The city of Niceville will be placing and dedicating a plaque on a bench in the Y shaped park and fountain area where John Sims Pkwy. veers off to Hwy. 85 N. in Niceville in his honor. Parking for the ceremony will be



Army Sgt. Joshua Born and his wife Megan.

available behind the Taco Bell.

His parents, Craig Born of Niceville and Elizabeth Croft of Fort Walton Beach, will be in attendance.

For more information, please contact City Manager Lannie Corbin at 279-6436.



Beacon photo by Angela Yuriko Smith

Willingham plays for crowd

Parker James Willingham from Niceville recently played to a packed house at the Boathouse Landing in Valparaiso July 13. Pictured right, he shares the stage with Gary Oquendo on harmonica for a song. Willingham was the featured performer at the Blue Wahoo's game in Pensacola July 18 and will be playing at the Mullet Festival this October. Willingham will be back performing at the Boathouse Landing August 10.

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Okaloosa Chamber Singers

Auditions are being held for membership in the Okaloosa Chamber Singers, now celebrating its 16th season.

For more details or to schedule an audition with Dr. Marilyn Overturf, call 682-9651, e-mail marilyn_o@cox.net, or visit the OCS website -okaloosachambersingers.org. Rehearsals begin Aug. 20 in Niceville.

Adult basketball league

Niceville UMC Adult Basketball League is registering from now until August 22 for ages 16 and up.

Games begin September 3 and culminate with a tournament the week of October 22. Registration cost is \$50 until August 15, deadline is August 22. Register in person at the Community Life Center of Niceville United Methodist Church or online at nicevilleumc.org/recreation.

Butterfly lecture

A lecture on "Butterflies and Butterfly Plants" will be presented by Sheila Dunning, IFAS County Extension Office at the Niceville Community Center at 10:30 a.m. on July 24. For more info call the Niceville Library at 279-4863 x1504.

'Les Misérables'

The Northwest Florida State College presents its summer musical "Les Misérables" July 25-27, 7:30 p.m., at the college's Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for youth ages 18 and younger and may be purchased at the box office 729-6000 or mattiekellyartscenter.org. There is a \$2 per ticket box office processing fee.

Youth program

Make and take your own Star Wars finger puppet characters at 2:30 p.m. in the YS program room July 25. This program is offered for children ages 7-12 and registration is required. Please call 279-4863 x1514 or stop by YS to reserve your spot beginning July 1. Space is limited. All supplies will be provided.

Volunteer training

Covenant Hospice is seeking individuals and groups to join its award-winning volunteer team. A training workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 25 at the Covenant Hospice branch office, 220 Eglin Parkway NE., Fort Walton Beach.

To register or to learn more, call Kappy Smith 729-1800.

Youth program

Youth Power Night is Thursday July 25, 7 p.m. at the First United Pentecostal Church of Niceville, 1217 Finck Rd.

For more information please contact Pastor Harley Moyer at 232-6315 or visit NicevillePentecostalChurch.com

Summer stitch in

The Sand Dunes Chapter of Embroiderers' Guild of America next summer stitch-in will be Thursday July 25, from 6:30-9 p.m., at the Niceville United Methodist Church, room 400. Visitors are welcome. For more info, please call 496-3466.

Adventure Club ride

Bike ride in Niceville Thursday, 25, at 4 p.m. in the Bluewater Bay Resort subdivision. Meet at the golf course club house parking area. Supper after the ride at a nearby restaurant. Contact Jim Bayes at 897-6756.

Joshua Born dedication

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Gaetz to visit Twin Cities

Chat one on one with Senator Don Gaetz from 9:30-11:30 a.m., at the First Baptist Church of Valparaiso's Crossroads Center, 444 Valparaiso Pkwy., Building C, Valparaiso. Gaetz, right, will be available again from 2:45-4:45 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1407 John Sims Pkwy. No appointment is necessary but those wishing to meet during a specific time may call toll free 866-450-4DON.

For any additional information, please contact City Manager Lannie Corbin at 279-6436.

Gospel concert

Libby and Friends Gospel Concert Ministry presents Devin McGlamery and Doug Anderson on July 26 at 7 p.m. in the Central Baptist Church, 951 South Ferdon Blvd., Crestview. A \$10 donation is requested at the door. Call the church at 682-5525 for more info or visit libbyandfriends-gospelconcerts.com

NHS Class of 1993

Niceville High School class of 1993 will be celebrating their 20 year reunion the weekend of July 26-28 at the Ramada Inn Resort on Okaloosa Island. For more information contact John McLendon at 210-857-3300

Author signing

Local resident, Charles Williams, will be signing copies of his new thriller, "In Close

Proximity", at Bayou Books, 1118 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, July 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Bayou Books at 678-1593 for more information.

Fundraiser

Please join in celebration of Terry Jackson and family with a Poker tournament to be held at AMVETS Post 78, 910 Valastics Ave., Valparaiso July 27 from 12 until 6 p.m.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Miranda Jackson at 517-7915, Amanda Odom at 830-2253 or Meredith Collins at 598-0932.

Kayaking and canoeing

Kayak trip on Coldwater Creek, Saturday, July 27, at 9:30 a.m. north of Milton, using Adventures Unlimited for rentals and shuttle and parking.

Meet at Adventures Unlimited at 9:30 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch and lots of drinking water. Please reserve with Clarice at 581-4591.

DYW competition

The Distinguished Young Women Okaloosa County competition will be held July 27, 7 p.m., at the Fort Walton Beach City Auditorium. Girls will be judged on their grades, fitness, talent, interview and public speaking. Contact carolebyrd911@yahoo.com.

Weavers welcome

Strictly Weavers of the Emerald Coast will be meeting on Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. in the Twin Cities Hospital Wellness Center, Niceville. Join us for this month's program on weaving Kente Jackets.

For more information, please contact us at strictlyweavers@yahoo.com or call Alice at 934-4403.

Give blood

Sunday, July 28, Christ Our Redeemer Church, 1028 White Point Road from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

HEART benefit brunch

HEART Animal Rescue of Niceville will be pouring mimosas and collecting donations at Hibiscus House and the Backyard of Love, 85 Defuniak St., Santa Rosa Beach, from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sunday, July 28. Music will be performed by Mr. Billy Garrett. For more information, please call 231-2733.

Soccer tryouts

FC Dallas Emerald Coast Travel Soccer will be having supplemental tryouts on July 29-30 for the 2013/2014 Season at Twin Oaks in Niceville.

We are looking for players in the following age groups: Boys U8, U10, U12, U15, U17 and Girls U11, U12, and U13.

Please email gm@fcdallas-ec.com prior to July 29 for specifics.

Adventure ride

Bike ride on Pensacola Beach Tuesday, July 30, at 4:30 p.m. and enjoy the free Bands-on-the-Beach Concert after the ride. Meet in the parking area under the beach ball looking water tower. Bring a folding chair and picnic supper for the concert. Contact Clarice at 581-4591.

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Below our the graduates from the Twin Cities' area:

Associate in Arts Degree
Summa Cum Laude (4.0): Niceville: Jonathan Daniel Allen, Julie Katherine Brooks, Josue Isaac DeJesus, Amber Phillips, Arden Marie Robertson
Magna Cum Laude (3.80-3.99): Niceville: Victoria Raquel Dejesus-Mendoza

Bachelor of Applied Science
Niceville: Victoria Raquel Dejesus-Mendoza.

Bachelor of Science
Niceville: Caitlyn Williams.

Associate in Science
Niceville: Dionne Lashawn Montgomery

Associate in Applied Science
Niceville: Victoria Raquel Dejesus-Mendoza

Associate in Arts Degree
Niceville: Glorianne Chesed Allen, Elizabeth A. Berry, Mary Noel Dickerson, Zachary Joseph Gadzinski, Katrina Marie Jammer, William Nathanael McNair, Alexander Wagner, Rebecca Ann Wheeler, Jamiie Williams; Santa Rosa Beach: Alexandra Margaret-Marie Bakane, Dylan Michael Garofalo, Alexandra Meduffie; **Valparaiso:** Julia Denney, Carrie L. Wicker.
Cum Laude (3.50-3.79):

Bachelor of Applied Science
Niceville: Joseph Harrison Settle III, Frans Georg Wollnik. **Valparaiso:** Hope Marie Griffin.

Bachelor of Science
Niceville: Rachel Elisabeth Fuller
Associate in Science
Niceville: Christine M Campbell, Ana R. Johnston, Cara L. Scarborough, Laura D. Van Epps, Lauren Welton

Valparaiso: Ryan David Frandi
Freeport: Brittany Shalyn Umble
Associate in Applied Science
Niceville: Theresa A. Comeau, T. Roni L. Roberson; **Valparaiso:** Hope Marie Griffin.

Freeport: Susan Renee Nation
Associate in Arts Degree

Niceville: Esther Elizabeth Alldredge, Martha Lucia Allen, Mark Boutwell, Justin Broaderrick, William Easley, Salina Nicole Fountas, Maegan Hughes, Justyn Mccovey Lewis-Washington, Shane Etienne Melancon, Meredith Leigh Roberts, Alexander Russ, Amber Sanders, Madeline Christina Victoria Merts, Neekia Williams, Kyle Allen Reed Witt.
Valparaiso: Terah Leigh Tooma

Freeport: Kara Joy Griffith, Brianna Shay Thames

Applied Technology Diploma

Certificate Highest Honors
Niceville: Christopher Michael Bennett, Amie M. Parker.

Valparaiso: Stephanie Jean Fitzgerald, Ryan David Frandi
Freeport: Grace Wells

Applied Technology Diploma

Certificate Highest Honors
Freeport: William Anderson Harris Jr.;

Certificate High Honors

Niceville: Jeremy James Schultz

Certificate Honors

Niceville: Felicia Jane Martin, Elizabeth Pearson, Sue Ellen Sorlie, Pamela Sue Todd, William Robert Lee Coleman Jr., Jacob Riley Knight, Jason Peterson, Andrew James Washburn.

Valparaiso: Meagan Elizabeth Wardein

Freeport: Jessica J. Givans

Bachelor of Applied Science

Niceville: Edwin D. Feliciano, Cameron Scott Fisher, Cassie Leigh Johnson, Sean Thomas Lyons, John M. Patten.

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Niceville: Kala Elisa Blackmon, Nakara Boliveau, Lisa Michelle Davis, Angela Susan McDowell.

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Associate in Science

Niceville: Stacey Strickler Danser, Ginger Lynne Foster, Elaine R. Gaither, Jay Scott Halcomb, Jamie D. Roberts, Savannah Rio Wamsley.
Freeport: April Ranae Reid

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Niceville: Audrey Lynn Janssen. **Valparaiso:** Ruth Javier-Trott

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Rotary helps Children's Advocacy

Mid-Bay Rotary contributed \$500 to the Children's Advocacy Center in Niceville. The contribution is intended for the Center's annual Christmas party. Pictured from left are Mid-Bay Rotary Secretary Bob Hoffman, CAC Director of Development and Public Relations Jen Floro and Henry Snider, Mid-Bay Rotary president.



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Brittany Morrongiello with OneBlood was on hand to welcome donors in the Niceville Walmart parking lot Saturday, July 13 with the Bloodmobile. The staff were busy all day as residents came in to donate. For more information visit oneblood.org.



Parrot Heads fund animal refuge

The Emerald Coast Parrot Head Club presented a \$1,000 donation to the Alaqua Animal Refuge at the Parrot Head's monthly meeting on Friday, July 12 at Harry T's on Destin harbor. Pictured from left, Alaqua shelter manager Samantha Graves, Parrot Head Club President Hank Bittmann, and Parrot Head Treasurer Jim Luffue. Visit ecparrotheads.org for more club information.

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Helen Blair exhibits art in FWB

Niceville artist Helen Blair, center, has her art exhibited at UWF Emerald Coast Library in Fort Walton Beach from March 17 to Aug 15. Helen has more than 30 years of teaching experience in Europe, New York state, Hawaii and Florida and currently teaches art for the Center for Lifelong Learning at the University of West Florida, Fort Walton Beach Campus, and at Artful Things in Niceville. Pictured at the exhibit with fellow artists, from left, Hanna Joensuu, Helen Blair and Pat Z. Roberts.



Who's News

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is pleased to announce that **Olivier Broutin, DMD, FAGD**, of Niceville, received the association's Fellowship Award during the AGD 2013 Annual Meeting and Exhibits, held from June 27 to 30 in Nashville, Tenn.



Olivier Broutin

As a Fellowship Award recipient, Dr. Broutin joins more than 6,900 active AGD Fellows who have gone above and beyond the basic requirements to care for their patients' oral health.

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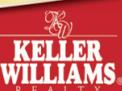
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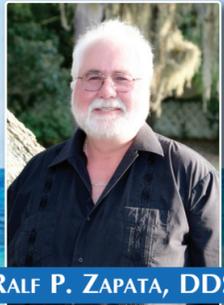


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