

The Bay Beacon

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Wednesday, October 9, 2013

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COMING

Thurs., 9:30 a.m.

The **Bluewater Bay Garden Club** will meet at the Clubhouse on Bluewater Bay Boulevard. The speaker will be **Karen Williams**, a master gardener who will give a program on "Plants for Fall and Winter Color" All welcome. 897-5560.

Sat., 12 p.m.

The **2013 Public Square Rosary Crusade** will be praying for the nation in front of Twin Cities Pavilion, 1053 E. John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, and in front of Christ Our Redeemer

Church, White Point Road, Niceville. The event will last about 45 minutes. Participants welcome to bring lawn chairs.

Sat. 7:30 a.m.

There will be an **Audubon field trip** to Little Creek Woods in Northern Walton County hosted by owner Bob Reid. See many upland and migratory species on this beautiful, well-managed tract which Reid has been restoring to its original state. Bring water, insect repellent, outdoor attire, sack lunch and a lawn chair, as there will be an evening bonfire for those who can stay. Meet at the former Niceville Food World on John Sims Pkwy. 678-1926.

Tues., 6:30 p.m.

Jonathan Gunger shares his new novel, "3/4," at the **Niceville Community Center**, 204 Partin Drive N. Books will be available for purchase and signing at this event. For further information or to reserve a seat call the Niceville Public Library at 279-4863 x 1504. This program is hosted by the Friends of the Niceville Public Library.

Calendar, B2, B3.

Okaloosa eyes millions in BP money

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

Eying a multimillion-dollar bonanza in oil-spill compensation, the Okaloosa County Restore Act Committee met Thursday in Niceville to discuss a mission statement and goals.

The ORAC is an 11-member group of volunteer community leaders from governmental and

private organizations throughout Okaloosa County, selected by the Okaloosa County Commission to advise the commission on how to use expected millions of dollars allocated to the county to mitigate effects of the 2010 BP oil spill, which was blamed for big losses by the tourist industry.

Much of the discussion during last Thursday's meeting was led

by Sal Nodjomian of the Matrix Design Group, an engineering company working for the county.

Nodjomian said that the money expected from an ongoing lawsuit against BP will be divided into several "pots," of which "Pot 1" will be funds placed under the direct control of county governments in counties affected by the spill, according to the Restore

Act, a federal law enacted to govern the allocation of such funds.

Other "pots," said Nodjomian, include:

—Pot 2: Money to be controlled by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

—Pot 3: Money controlled by the Gulf Coast Consortium — an organization of representatives from the 23 Gulf Coast Florida

counties affected by the spill.

—Pots 4 and 5: Money set aside for research and monitoring programs.

Nodjomian said the total amount of money expected from the BP civil trial under way in federal court in New Orleans could range anywhere between

Please see BP MONEY, page A-6

Rallying Ruckel



Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson

The Ruckel Middle School cheerleaders raise spirits during the Ruckel vs. Davidson game Thursday, Oct. 3, played in the Eagles stadium. Ruckel lost to Davidson, 28-21. This Thursday, Oct. 10, the Rams will face Pryor in a pivotal game that will decide which team makes the playoffs. Game will be at the Niceville High School stadium and starts at 6:30 p.m. See Sports on page A-5.

BWB cell tower decision on hold

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

The Okaloosa County Commission has agreed to delay a decision about a proposed communications tower in Bluewater Bay.

Commissioners unanimously agreed Oct. 1 to grant a 90-day continuance on a public hearing to discuss whether to approve a proposal to erect a 317-foot communications tower near the Bay

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Prepping for Mullet Fest

The 37th annual Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival, to be held in Niceville Oct. 18-20, is shaping up to be one of the best ever, according to organizers. "The site is in really good shape and we expect a large crowd," said Lavon Mason.

Most DoD employees go back to work

Furloughs end after Congress restores paychecks

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced Saturday he was recalling most of the Defense Department civilians who were placed on furlough as a result of the partial government shutdown which began Oct. 1.

Most of the 350,000 Defense Department civilians placed on

emergency furlough were asked to return to work beginning this week, Hagel said.

The furloughs had hit the Okaloosa County economy, as thousands of employees at Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field were told to stay home beginning Oct. 1 because a

Congressional budget impasse had resulted in sharp funding cut-backs governmentwide. Active-duty military members were not directly affected by the partial shutdown.

Late last week, Congress passed a stopgap bill to restore much of the money to the

Defense Department.

"Immediately after President Obama signed the Pay Our Military Act into law, I directed DOD's acting general counsel to determine whether we could reduce the number of civilian personnel furloughed due to the shutdown," Hagel said.

The Defense Department, he said, consulted closely with the Department of Justice, which expressed its view that the law does not permit a blanket recall of all civilians.

However, he said, government lawyers "concluded that the law does allow the Department of Defense to eliminate furloughs for employees whose responsibilities contribute to the morale,

well-being, capabilities and readiness of service members," Hagel said.

"Consequently, I am now directing the military departments and other DOD components to move expeditiously to identify all employees whose activities fall under these categories," he said.

Hagel noted he expects the mil-

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More tourists sought during Christmas holidays

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

The Okaloosa County Commission has approved a plan by the county Tourist Development Department to spend \$203,725 of bed-tax revenue for an advertising campaign to encourage more tourism along the Emerald Coast during the Thanksgiving through New Year's holiday season.

Meantime, the head of the tourism department is quitting after little more than a year on the job.

According to county tourist development director Dan

O'Byrne and representatives of the Peter Mayer advertising agency, the campaign will place ads and other information in magazines, radio broadcasts, and online sites, promoting Okaloosa County beaches as a desirable vacation spot for the holidays.

During a meeting in Crestview Oct. 1, county commission Chairman Don Amunds asked whether the advertising campaign's proposed slogan, "A Very Emerald Christmas," might be perceived as offensive to people who do not celebrate the Christian holiday. OTHER

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Storm Karen vs. beavers

Foreman John Schiefelbin of the Okaloosa County Road Department surveys water flow along a tributary that crosses beneath Nutmeg Avenue, Niceville. His crew was on hand Oct. 2 to remove a beaver dam that was blocking a culvert to prevent possible flooding ahead of Tropical Storm Karen's expected landfall over the weekend. The storm fizzled, but the area received about two inches of rain nevertheless.

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TOWER

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 Drive swimming pool in Bluewater Bay.

Many residents in Bluewater Bay, especially those who live near the proposed tower site, are opposed to erecting the new structure, saying that it would harm the aesthetics of the Bluewater Bay community, pose potential safety hazards, and possibly affect local property values.

Bluewater Bay resident Paul Wargo addressed the commission meeting, showing a three-dimensional map of the proposed tower site, which he said would be bad for his neighborhood.

Attorney Lauralee Westine, representing Houston-based Crown Castle, which plans to build the tower, also addressed the commission, saying she was not yet prepared for a full hearing on the issue. Crown Castle, which calls itself the nation's biggest independent operator of communications towers, also operates a tower off Nelson Point Road, which would be replaced by the proposed Bluewater Bay structure.



Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

Bluewater Bay resident Paul Wargo, who opposes a proposed 317-foot communications tower off Bay Drive, showed county commissioners a three-dimensional map of its possible impact on his neighborhood.

Wargo, a resident of Lido Circle whose home is within 500 feet of the proposed tower site,

told commissioners that Bluewater Bay is "a community with so much pride" that phone wires are buried underground to avoid letting utility poles interfere with the natural appearance of the area. It also has nature walks, bicycle trails and other features designed to enhance its natural setting. The tower, if built, would be in full view of any potential buyer who might ever come to

view his home. Spoiling the appearance of Bluewater Bay with a large, unsightly communications tower, said Wargo, "is just not right."

Neville Edenborough, president of the Magnolia Forest II homeowners association, said he opposed the 90-day continuance, preferring that the county commission reject the tower proposal immediately. Allowing the delay,

said Edenborough, could allow the tower company to come back later and claim that an emergency then existed for installing communications gear for public safety agencies, thus putting pressure on the commission to make a hasty decision to approve the tower. The tower handles county emergency radio communications for the mid- and south Okaloosa County area.

After a brief discussion, commissioners agreed to table the matter for 90 days, to allow time for all interested parties to study the issue further, and prepare to present their points of view to the commission. The continuance will also allow time for Westine and Crown Castle to pursue alternatives to building the tower in Bluewater Bay.

Following the hearing, Westine told the Bay Beacon that her goals are either to help Crown Castle renegotiate a lease with the family that owns the land on which the existing communications tower stands, off Nelson Point Road, or to arrange to build a new tower on a site somewhere within Rocky Bayou Gannon State Park.

If the land lease for the existing tower can be renewed, said Westine, a new tower will not be necessary. If that fails and it is necessary to build a new tower, she said, a state park site would avoid opposition from Bluewater residents, and could provide revenue to the park.

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TOURISTS

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commissioners, however, said they did not think that would really be a problem.

The motion to approve the ad campaign passed 4-1, with Commissioner Dave Parisot dissenting.

Parisot said he did not think the campaign had been prepared with enough lead time, and that there are not enough large public events scheduled along the Emerald Coast during the traditionally slow Christmas season to attract large numbers of tourists.

Commissioners also discussed how to find a successor for O'Byrne, who recently announced that he plans to resign as tourist development director.

Commissioner Wayne Harris suggested that the county hire an executive "headhunting" agency



Okaloosa County officials are betting a planned \$200,000 ad campaign will lure more tourists to area beaches during the slower Thanksgiving-Christmas season.

Beacon photo



Dan O'Byrne

to help find a replacement.

Parisot suggested that rather than a national executive search, the county should try to find someone locally, since knowledge of the local area will be essential to running the tourist department.

Amunds said that a new tourism director should be chosen as rapidly as possible, in order to help prepare for the upcoming holiday season. He suggested contacting the previous top 10 candidates who sent resumes prior to O'Byrne's hiring last year. After a brief discussion,

commissioners agreed to discuss the issue further Oct. 15.

O'Byrne told the Beacon that he decided to leave his Okaloosa County job because he had never completely managed to relocate his family from their home in Jacksonville, a task which he said proved to be more difficult than he had expected when he took the Okaloosa County position in August 2012.

O'Byrne said he intends to move back to Jacksonville, where he will decide what his next career move will be. He said he was pleased with his work in

Okaloosa County, where he said he had reorganized the tourism department, established new financial management procedures, and worked to restore the department's credibility in the wake of a scandal involving its previous director, Mark Bellinger.

Bellinger was accused of stealing and squandering hundreds of thousands of tax dollars under the noses of county officials before being discovered in late April 2012. His body was found shortly thereafter in Alabama, a suicide.

Sewer plant upgrade on track

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

Projects to upgrade the regional wastewater treatment plant shared by Niceville and Valparaiso are progressing on schedule, according to officials of the board that runs the plant on Highway 85 North, Niceville.

Treatment plant manager Rick Helms has told the board that the upgrades were running smoothly, following some difficulties with the installation process of upgrades required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), needed to reduce the amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus in the water discharged into spray fields after being treated at the plant.

Following a meeting Oct. 2, sewer board member and Niceville city councilman Heath Rominger told the Beacon that some of the previous difficulties with the upgrade process were due to the fact that the sewer treatment plant actually has three channels, or "trains," through which wastewater passes as it is being treated. Installing the required upgrades requires one train at a time to be shut down for modification, leaving the remaining two trains to continue processing wastewater. He said that earlier problems with this process have been corrected, and things are now running smoothly.

During a meeting Sept. 4, Helms had said that operating the treatment plant with only two trains operating at a time had caused the cloudiness or "turbidity" of the water to sometimes exceed the amounts allowed by FDEP. However, said Helms, engineers from Siemens Systems, the company that had designed the upgrades, were able to make modifications to the system, which largely eliminated the turbidity problem.

Rominger said that there

have been no significant problems with the wastewater treatment plant during the past month. Currently, he said, the plant "works as advertised." He said that the first "train" has now been renovated, and that the remaining two trains will be shut down, modified, and restarted between now and the end of March 2014. After that, he said, the whole plant should be up and running normally. He said the cost of the treatment plant upgrades is close to \$6.5 million. The work will allow the plant to reduce the use of costly sprayfields on Eglin Air Force Base land.

Despite the required upgrades and associated problems, said Rominger, the regional sewer plant is still something of a bargain for Niceville and Valparaiso. He said the sewer plant had originally been used by the two cities, as well as by Okaloosa County, but that the cities are in the process of buying out and taking over the county's portion of the treatment plant, since the county's wastewater is now being treated at a county owned plant elsewhere, allowing the entire capacity of the older plant to be shared by the two cities.

Rominger said that this means that Niceville, for example, has enough waste water

treatment capacity to handle wastewater from expected residential and commercial developments within Niceville into the foreseeable future. He said the cost of upgrading the plant to meet current FDEP standards

is much less than it would have cost if the city had been forced to either build a new plant or build a significant expansion of the existing plant in order to meet expected future wastewater treatment needs.

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THE INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER —by Mike Griffith



Who is to blame for the partial shutdown of the federal government?

Location: Niceville Walmart, except for Sen. Nelson



"The whole government. We citizens pay them too much money, and they spend it on frivolities."

Elena Cleavelin, 19, Niceville, CNA



"I think both sides are to blame. They don't have their stuff together. When it comes to Obamacare, we should have whatever our elected officials have — no more, no less."

Hazel Regot, 68, St. Charles, Missouri, retired



"The people in Congress. They need to stop acting like toddlers and figure it out. They are still getting paid, so they're okay."

Frances Stackpole, 44, Niceville, personal trainer



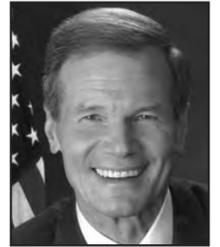
"President Obama."

Billy Conway, 49, Niceville, avionics engineer



"The Democratic Party. They would not negotiate with the Republicans."

Alicia Carbaugh, 46, Niceville, government worker



"I want to apologize for the partisan gridlock caused by a few extremists in Congress who have managed to shut down much of our government, because they don't like the new healthcare law."

U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (Florida), in a statement posted on his official website. Similar statements were recorded on each of the senator's telephone numbers in Washington, D.C., and Tallahassee. No one answered the phones.

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DOD

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itary departments to be able to "significantly reduce—but not eliminate—civilian furloughs under this process."

The defense secretary said the department has tried to "exempt as many DOD civilian personnel as possible" from furloughs, and will continue to try to bring all civilian employees back to work as soon as possible.

"This has been a very disruptive year for our people — including active duty, National Guard and reserve personnel, and DOD civilians and contractors," he said.

"I strongly support efforts in Congress to enact legislation to retroactively compensate all furloughed employees," Hagel said.

Fire Department Reports

Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls from Sept. 30, 2013 through Oct. 6, 2013.

| | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 0 Structure Fire | 18 Emergency Medical Calls |
| 0 Vehicle Fire | 2 Vehicle Crash |
| 0 Other Fire | 0 Vehicle Crash with Extrication |
| 0 Illegal Burn | 4 Other Emergency Calls |
| 0 False Alarms | 0 Hazardous Conditions |



| STREET | SITUATION | DATE | TIME |
|--------------------|------------------|---------|-------|
| 22nd Street | Medical | 9/30/13 | 00:14 |
| 22nd Street | Medical | 9/30/13 | 02:02 |
| 22nd Street | Medical | 9/30/13 | 04:49 |
| 27th Street | Medical | 9/30/13 | 06:19 |
| N. Partin Dr. | Medical | 9/30/13 | 14:53 |
| Balsam Dr. | Medical | 9/30/13 | 15:06 |
| N. Partin Dr. | Medical | 10/2/13 | 03:52 |
| N. Partin Dr. | Medical | 10/2/13 | 04:57 |
| Powell Dr. | Medical | 10/2/13 | 09:38 |
| N. Partin Dr. | Medical | 10/2/13 | 11:03 |
| S. Cedar Ave. | Medical | 10/2/13 | 16:46 |
| S.R. 123 | Cancelled | 10/2/13 | 17:47 |
| Linden Ave. | Vehicle crash | 10/3/13 | 09:21 |
| E. John Sims Pkwy. | Good intent | 10/3/13 | 14:42 |
| S. Cedar Ave. | Medical | 10/3/13 | 19:17 |
| E. John Sims Pkwy. | Medical | 10/4/13 | 08:40 |
| N. Partin Dr. | Medical | 10/4/13 | 13:21 |
| S. Cedar Ave. | Vehicle crash | 10/4/13 | 17:41 |
| 29th Street | Medical | 10/4/13 | 04:40 |
| Rattan Palm Dr. | Medical | 10/5/13 | 11:17 |
| S.R. 85 N. | Medical | 10/5/13 | 23:09 |
| 3rd Street | Alarm activation | 10/6/13 | 13:11 |
| Valparaiso Blvd. | Alarm activation | 10/6/13 | 20:53 |
| Gum Creek Cove | Medical | 10/6/13 | 21:10 |

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East Niceville

The East Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls during the month of September, 2013.

| Location | Situation | Date | Time |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Maple Ave. | EMS call | 9/1/13 | 09:41 PM |
| Reeves St. | Mobile property fire | 9/2/13 | 06:49 PM |
| Kelly Rd. | Arcing | 9/2/13 | 11:26 PM |
| Cypress Rd. | Building fire | 9/3/13 | 06:20 AM |
| Howard St. | Dispatched & cancelled | 9/5/13 | 07:13 PM |
| Stoney Creek | Building fire | 9/7/13 | 09:42 PM |
| Quince Ave. | EMS call | 9/11/13 | 12:07 AM |
| E. John Sims Pkwy. | Vehicle accident | 9/11/13 | 07:07 AM |
| Stephen Dr. | EMS call | 9/11/13 | 09:12 PM |
| S. Palm Blvd. | Service call | 9/12/13 | 11:11 AM |
| 23rd Street | EMS call | 9/13/13 | 08:47 AM |
| Thomas St. | EMS call | 9/14/13 | 09:11 AM |
| Harding Rd. | EMS call | 9/14/13 | 09:42 AM |
| Maple Ave. | EMS call | 9/14/13 | 05:10 PM |
| E. John Sims Pkwy. | Overheated motor | 9/14/13 | 08:07 PM |
| S. Palm Blvd. | Dispatched & cancelled | 9/17/13 | 10:02 AM |
| N. Mid Bay Bridge | Dispatched & cancelled | 9/17/13 | 04:59 PM |
| S. R. 285 | EMS call | 9/17/13 | 06:57 PM |
| 18th Street | EMS call | 9/18/13 | 11:17 AM |
| 23rd Street | Dispatched & cancelled | 9/18/13 | 09:51 PM |
| Bond Cir. | EMS call | 9/19/13 | 02:36 PM |
| 19th Street | Smoke detector activation | 9/22/13 | 11:01 AM |
| Sycamore Ave. | EMS call | 9/23/13 | 09:40 AM |
| Lake Way Dr. | EMS call | 9/25/13 | 10:20 AM |
| 23rd Street | EMS call | 9/25/13 | 01:39 AM |
| Balsam Dr. | EMS call | 9/27/13 | 05:45 PM |
| Garden Ln. | Cooking Fire | 9/27/13 | 08:59 PM |
| Terri Cove | EMS call | 9/28/13 | 12:20 PM |
| Parkview Dr. | Smoke/Odor removal | 9/29/13 | 11:16 AM |
| Edgewater Dr. | EMS call | 9/30/13 | 07:16 PM |
| Edrehi Ave. | EMS call | 9/30/13 | 10:07 PM |

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North Bay

The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls from September 30, 2013 through October 6, 2013.

| Street | Situation | Date | Time |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-------|
| Range Rd. | Dispatched & cancelled | 9/30/13 | 05:48 |
| Parkwood Dr. | Medical | 9/30/13 | 09:10 |
| E. Rosewood Way | Public assist | 10/1/13 | 10:42 |
| White Point Rd. | EMS call | 10/1/13 | 19:06 |
| Cat Mar Rd. | Medical | 10/1/13 | 22:21 |
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| Parkwood Cir. | Medical | 10/3/13 | 10:16 |
| E. Hwy. 20 | Dispatched & cancelled | 10/3/13 | 11:02 |
| Merchants Way | Medical | 10/3/13 | 14:22 |
| W. Parkwood Ln. | Medical alarm activation | 10/3/13 | 20:31 |
| Otterlake Cove | Medical | 10/4/13 | 01:08 |
| Pine Street | Medical | 10/4/13 | 05:10 |
| E. Hwy. 20 | Medical | 10/4/13 | 14:07 |
| N. Lakeshore Dr. | Smoke detector activation | 10/4/13 | 18:37 |
| N. White Point Rd. | Medical | 10/4/13 | 21:19 |
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Rams lose to Davidson, to face Pryor Thursday

Sam Stahl runs the ball during the Ruckel vs. Davidson game Thursday, Oct. 3, played in the Eagles stadium. Ruckel lost to Davidson with a final score of 28-21. This Thursday, Oct. 10, the Rams face Pryor. The winning team in that game determines whether or not Ruckel will make the playoffs.

Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson



Eagles win first district game, poised to face Raiders Friday

By Sarah Clauson
Beacon Correspondent

The Eagles travelled to Tate High School in Cantonment last Friday to face their first district opponent in their most important game of the season, and what would turn out to be their toughest. You wouldn't know it, with a final score of 28-6, but the Eagles still managed to dominate, even with a slow start.

The first half was slower, and produced a lot less points than the 2013 Eagles are used to. Even with an impressive turnover by the defense in the first possession of the game, the Eagles offense didn't hit the gate running like they have in previous games. They scored one touchdown, by Tayjon Culley, and allowed just one field goal, sending them into halftime with a 7-3 lead.

The margin was just too small for the powerhouse Eagles, so they hit the field in the third quarter and got back to work. An explosive drive by the hurry up and go offense, with first down after first down, poised the Eagles for a score. Ashton Hooker delivered one of his now familiar, but nonetheless impressive, quarterback keepers all the way into the end zone. The drive set a new tone for the game, and the Niceville offense scored twice more before the game's end.

The star of the game was the Eagle defense. Tate's offense had some talent and athleticism, but the Niceville defense managed to stop them in their tracks. Even on first and goal from the fourth yard line, the Eagle defense protected their end zone, and did not allow one touch down all night. Head Coach John Hicks was pleased with the re-focused second half.

"I thought we did a great job offensively setting the tone in the third quarter, we really ran the ball and got more physical, and we made a few pass plays to stretch the lead," said Hicks. As for the defense?

"The defense did about all you can ask of them," Hicks said. He went on to credit the defensive



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Tayjon Culley digs in as he maneuvers through the opposition during a key carry in the first possession of the second half. The Eagles triumphed in their first district game with a final score of 28-6 and move on to face the Navarre Raiders Friday, Oct. 11.

NHS swim teams take first place

Niceville High School's swim teams competed Thursday, Oct. 3, against Fort Walton Beach and Mosley High Schools at Frank Brown Park in Panama City Beach.

Both the men's and women's team captured first place with many strong swims. The women's relay teams placed first in all three relays and the men's team took top honors in two of the three relays. The women also dominated the pool in individual events with Niceville swimmers taking first place in seven out of eight events.

The 200 Medley women's relay teams won first place with a time of 1:58.80, while the men's 200 medley relay team won first place with a time of 1:46.31.

The NHS dive team also competed on Tuesday, Oct. 1 against Fort Walton Beach and Mosley. Delaney Clark was fifth for the women and Jake Hughes led the men's team in third with Chase Watkins fourth and Isaiah Boyd in fifth.

The swim and dive team will be competing in the Panama City Beach Invitational Oct 11-12.

Women's top performers:

- 200 Free:** Sydney Dawson (1), Jane Parke (3)
- 200IM:** Kalanne Krause (1), Donajii Brindley (2), Christine Robertson (3), Megan Griffith (4)
- 50 Free:** Caitlin Myers (1), Tatum Hackler (2), Rachel Gold (4)
- 100 Butterfly:** Donajii Brindley (1), Megan Griffith (4)
- 100 Free:** Caitlin Myers (1), Meggie McCormick (5)
- 500 Free:** Tatum Hackler (1), Christine Robertson (3), Rachel Gold (5)
- 100 Back:** Sydney Dawson (1), Kalanne Krause (3)
- 100 Breaststroke:** Jane Parke (2), Alexa Olsen (4)

Men's top performers:

- 200 Free:** Chaz Brechler (2), Judson Robertson (3)
- 200 IM:** Mathew Markwardt (2), Kellen Broaderick (3), Brandon Velasquez (5)
- 50 Free:** Teddy Vaughan (2)
- 100 Butterfly:** Teddy Vaughan (1), Kellen Broaderick (5)
- 100 Free:** Alex Fager (4), Garrett Olds (5)
- 500 Free:** Chaz Brechler (1), Cody McWilliams (5)
- 100 Back:** Judson Robertson (2), Chase Turner (3), Benson Kuiria (4)
- 100 Breaststroke:** Mathew Markwardt (1), Brandon Velasquez (3)



Photo courtesy of Louann Brechler

Pictured above, the 200 Medley relay team won first place with a time of 1:58.80. From left, Donajii Brindley, Jane Parke, Sydney Dawson and Caitlin Myers. Below, the 200 medley relay team won first place with a time of 1:46.31. From left, Mathew Markwardt, Judson Robertson, Chaz Brechler and Teddy Vaughan.



Front row from left, Kelsie Walker, Jessica Chavis, Mary Claire Cockrum, Lena Owen, Gabrielle Sorgnit, Kristen Anderson, Dani Weyer and Katrina Sherwin. Back row from left, Coach Patrick O'Neil, Julie Duchock, Brooke Gaskell, Kyree Taylor, Kara Gregoire, Brooke Sneller, Elisa Elsesser, Kaleigh Miller and Bethany Price.

Girls traveling team takes crown

The FC Dallas Emerald Coast 96 Girls Red (U17) shut out four games to take the championship at the 2013 FloraBama Showcase in Orange Beach, Ala., Sept. 21-22.

Goals were scored by Dani Weyer, Kyree Taylor, Kelsie Walker, Jessica Chavis, Kaleigh Miller and Mandi Balciunas thanks to solid ball possession and movement by forward and

midfield players Katrina Sherwin, Kristen Anderson, Brooke Sneller, Mary Claire Cockrum, Bethany Price and Gabrielle Sorgnit.

A strong defense comprised of Kara Gregoire, Julie Duchock, Mandi Balciunas, Brooke Gaskell and goalkeepers Elisa Elsesser and Lena Owen ensured no goals were scored against the team all weekend.

coaching staff, headed by Coach Rod Taylor. The victory gave the Eagles a 6-0 overall record, and a 1-0 district standing, and further solidified them as a frontrunner, not only in the panhandle, but now in the state. Their journey continues this Friday, Oct. 11 in Navarre against the Raiders at 7:30 p.m.

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BP MONEY

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\$4.5 billion and \$17.6 billion.

Okaloosa County's share of the locally-controlled "Pot 1" money, he said, will be somewhere between \$30 million and \$120 million, depending on the results of the ongoing lawsuit. He said he and the ORAC are currently working to develop a model for evaluating ideas for projects within Okaloosa County.

Little BP oil ended up on the beaches of Okaloosa County, but nationwide publicity concerning the spill in the Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana scared away thousands of tourists from the Emerald Coast during the 2010 summer season, according to tourism industry officials.

Based on results of a recent survey he helped to conduct, Nodjomian listed a ranking of activities allowed by the Restore Act for mitigating effects of the oil spill include, in order of preference:

- Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy or ecological resources.
- Restoration and protection of natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches and coastal wetlands.
- Workforce development and job

creation

—Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources.

—Promotion of tourism, including recreational fishing.

—Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.

—Planning assistance.

—Promotion of consumption of seafood from the Gulf Coast region.

—Implementation of federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plans.

—Improvements to state parks.

During Thursday's meeting, the ORAC members discussed how to create a "roadmap" for handling the Restore Act funds. Using key words and concepts written on large yellow cards provided by Nodjomian, the members brainstormed various ideas and priorities that could be used to create both a mission statement and a clear set of goals for the ORAC. Among the concepts discussed during the meeting were:

- Creating an efficient and effective submittal process for projects to be funded with Restore funds.
- Transparency, to keep the public informed of the ORAC and its activities.

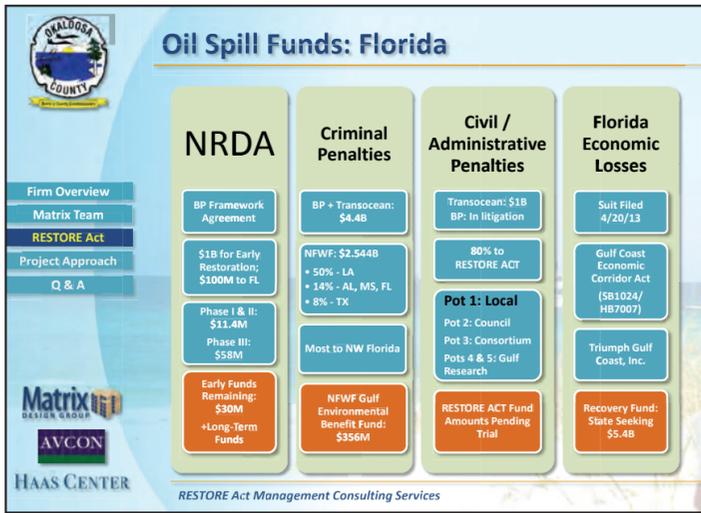


Chart presented by consultant to Okaloosa County Commission detailing possible monies to flow from oil giant BP to governments of areas affected by 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

- Developing a multi-year implementation plan.
- Identifying priorities.
- Development and management of an ORAC website.
- Nodjomian said that he and his company will work to develop a systematic, mathematically-based method for meas-

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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."



You may want to call before visiting your loved one residing at Superior Residences—they may be on an outing! Calendars are full with activities and trips. The beach and Turkey Creek Park are just a couple of the favorites.

Superior Residences is a standard assisted living community with extended Limited Nursing Services along with Extended Congregate Care licensure. They offer three different programs: regular residential stays, respite stays and day stays. "Our community features specialized apart-

ments 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.

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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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Girl Scouts get groovy while donating pajamas

Approximately 65 Twin Cities Girl Scouts and potential Girl Scouts showed off their moves on Saturday Sept. 21, at a Back to School Disco. The girls learned the Hustle and enjoyed disco lights, sequins and lame. As a service project, the Girl Scouts donated new pajamas to the Families First Network. Interested girls may contact the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle at 800-624-3951 or Kari Sturim, Twin Cities Girl Scouts at TwinCitiesSDAManager@gmail.com.



Twin Cities ER director goes pink

The original goal of \$1,500 was quickly reached for the Twin Cities Hospital's breast cancer awareness fundraising campaign. As further incentive to boost donations, E.R. Director Danny Cain, R.N., offered to dye his hair pink if a new, \$2,000 goal, was accomplished. The final amount raised came in at \$2,400, and Cain spent his week in the pink. Story on B4.



'This is the 60s' at 50th anniversary gala

On Saturday, Oct. 12 travel back in time when the national touring concert experience "This is the 60s" hits the stage at 7:30 p.m. at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville.

The event is part of the college's year-long 50th anniversary celebration. The college was established in 1963 and first opened its doors as Okaloosa-Walton Junior College in 1964.

Billed as a baby boomer's dream come true, "This is the 60s" offers a flashback to the glory days of love beads, incense, peace signs and some of the best music in rock history.

To the younger audience, it's the ultimate introduction to the roots of rock 'n' roll and an intimate look at the birth of the peace movement and other

important activist causes that continue to resonate today.

Performed live, with no pre-recorded samples, the two-hour-plus concert experience features the skill and versatility of seven seasoned national performers with note-for-note recreations of the classic songs of Dion, Del Shannon, Cilla Black, The Yardbirds, The Kinks, The Beatles, The Monkees, The Turtles, The Mamas & The Papas, The Fifth Dimension, Simon & Garfunkel, The Beach Boys, The Lemon Pipers, Cream, Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Three Dog Night, Jefferson Airplane, The Rolling Stones and many more.

The Oct. 12 event to celebrate the college's 50th Anniversary offers two ticket options; a \$50 ticket that includes a 50th

Anniversary Gala Reception from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Art Galleries prior to the show plus VIP reserved seating for the 7:30 p.m. show, or show-only tickets for \$35 each.

Purchase the \$50 Gala tickets by phone or in-person from the box office at 729-6000 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Advance "show only" tickets for \$35 are available for purchase online at mattiekellyartscenter.org or by phone or in-person from the box office.

At-the-door show tickets will also be on sale for \$35 from 6-7:30 p.m. the night of the show if available. There is a \$5 per ticket discount for groups of 10 or more and a season package discount. Discounts are only available by phone or in-person from the box office.

Who's News

Huntingdon College senior **Michelle Gonzalez** of Niceville, was crowned Homecoming Queen during the annual festivities at W. James Samford Jr. Stadium Saturday, Sept. 28. Gonzalez was elected by the student body from among three attendants who were selected by their peers to represent the senior class.



Michelle Gonzalez

Rubet of San Antonio, Texas.

Pam Weeks, Realtor at Keller Williams Realty Emerald Coast, has secured the real

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JPEG images are due by midnight, Nov. 1, for the exhibition, which runs from Jan. 21 through March 14 of next year.

Entry fee is \$30 for ADSO members, \$35 for non-members, with a limit of three entries.

Juror for the event is Don Andrews, of Fairhope, Ala., a nationally known watercolor artist and workshop instructor and graduate of the Ringling School of Art. For further information and entry form, visit artsdesignsociety.org or call 244-1271.

Another competition open to all artists is sponsored by Musical Echoes Flute Festival, Inc., as they have recently announced the start of their annual poster competition.

Submit your design by Jan. 11, 2014 for a chance to win \$200.

Each year Musical Echoes selects a totem for the theme of the annual Native American Flute Festival, scheduled for April 25-27, 2014, at the Fort Walton Beach Landing, Fort Walton Beach.

This year the totem is the Hummingbird to represents peace, love and joy. Hummingbirds symbolize devotion, permanence and eternity.

To fully express our focus on the Native American Flute, the flute must be the primary feature on the poster with the Hummingbird present as well.

The winning design will receive \$200 and be displayed during the festival as well as featured on promotional items for this year's event. The contest ends on January 11, 2014.

Musical Echoes is the largest Native American Flute Festival in America and provides free family fun including award winning musical performances and traditional Native American dance.

For more info contact Gail Meyer at 833-9595 or at gmeyer@fwb.org, or visit musicaechoes.org.



Firemen, families feed at Friends' fish fry

The Friends of the Library annual Fish Fry was busy Thursday, Oct. 3, as residents lined up to get a generous helping of fresh fried fish, grits, hushpuppies and the like. Pictured from left, Niceville Firefighters Randy Lara, J.R. Curry and Kevin Houston stop in for a bite.

Beacon photo by Angela Yuriko Smith

NHS track team travels to Titusville

The boys' and girls' Niceville High School cross country team traveled to Titusville on Saturday, Sept. 28 for the 14th FLRunners.com Invitational.

There were 218 schools scheduled to compete at this two day meet.

The girls' placed 6th out of 32 teams in the Invitational Race while the boys' placed 12th out of 24 in the Race of Champions.

Boy's results: 2nd Nick Morken (15:16.60), 73rd Tripp Davis (16:53.40), 80th Tristan

Hamer (16:56.60), 107th Jack Massey (17:08.60), 119th Caden Ewing (17:21.10), 150th Jake Fiske (17:40.50), 162nd Kyle Ferris (17:47.20), 165th Elijah Scheidewind (17:51.20) and 199th David Bobbitt (18:27.00).

Girl's results: 10th Mackenzie Shinnick (19:45.30), 63rd Haley Smith (21:12.60), 69th Anna Herrera (21:19.90), 78th Annie Serpa (21:29.00), 82nd Nicole Escoffier (21:36.10), 88th Julia Moreno (21:42.70), 118th Drew Haggerman (22:11.50), 124th

Diana LaFollette (22:15.50) and 144th Catherine Crump (22:32.30).

Personal achievements: Personal Record- N. Morken, T. Davis, T. Hamer, M. Shinnick, C. Crump.

New Season Best Time- A. Herrera.

Nick Morken, right, races across the finish line in the 14th FLRunners.com Invitational in Titusville on Saturday, Sept. 28. Morken placed second with a time of 15:16.60.



Commander adds coin to time capsule

Brigadier General David Harris, Commander of the 96th Test Wing at Eglin, recently toured the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida and presented museum manager Gina Marini, the 2013 Honorary Commander of the 96th Maintenance Group, an EAFB Challenge Coin to be placed in the Okaloosa County Time Capsule for the next 100 years. The time capsule is issued by the state in celebration of Viva Florida 500 and will be sealed during an official ceremony at the Museum's annual Yule of Yesteryear Christmas Festival on Dec. 14 at 1 p.m.

Photo courtesy of Dorothee Bennett



Personal Enrichment Classes at NWFSC

Registration for the Fall PRIME Time series of personal enrichment classes offered by Northwest Florida State College began September 11 at all seven NWFSC locations in Niceville, Fort Walton Beach, Eglin, Hurlburt, Crestview, DeFuniak Springs and South Walton.

The PRIME Time schedule of classes and information is available on the college website at nwfs.edu/schedule and at community locations such as libraries and chambers of commerce, or by calling the NWF State College Continuing Education Department at 729-6084.

All PRIME Time courses are non-credit and designed for personal enrichment with no grades

or tests given. Open to adults of any age, PRIME Time classes started in September, and will continue through October and November. Class fees range from \$5 to \$75. Courses focus



on computers, health, foods, fitness, politics, arts, gardening and more.

Dozens of courses are offered on the NWFSC Niceville campus. Seven courses are offered through the South Walton Center, including a new offering, "American Women in World

War II," as well as art and computer courses.

In addition to drawing, acrylic and other art classes, a variety of courses will be offered at the college's location in DeFuniak Springs. New courses this year include "Making Sense of Stocks: Stocks and Other Investments for Beginners," "Introduction to Computers" and "Social Media for Beginners and the Curious."

Registration continues until classes start or are filled. PRIME Time participants receive the benefits of regular NWF State College students, including use of the library, access to special events and free parking. For more information, call 729-6084 or 729-6085.



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Kids were happy ever after at fairy tale fete

There were treats with no tricks for children attending the Fairytale Luncheon Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Niceville Community Center. Kids were encouraged to show up in costume to play games and pose for photos with their favorite fairy tale characters. Pictured, Ella, left, Sophia and Joey Allard pick up their final goodies before heading home. The funds were being raised for the community Christmas program.

CALENDAR

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Bob Hope rummage sale

All are invited to the Annual Bob Hope Village Indoor Rummage Sale on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Bob Hope Village Commons Building, 30 Holly Ave, Shalimar.

The Bob Hope Village Gift Shop will also be open and is filled with unique, handmade items perfect for holiday gifts. Refreshments will be available for purchase as well.

Public vendors' applications will be accepted for a \$20 table rental fee with a limited amount of spaces available.

For more information, please contact Bobbi Jo at 651-2635.

Rosary Crusade

The 2013 Public Square Rosary Crusade will be praying for the nation on Saturday, Oct. 12, at pre-

cisely 12 p.m. in front of Twin Cities Pavilion, 1053 John Sims Pkwy, Niceville. The event will last about 45 minutes, participants welcome to bring lawn chairs. For more info, call 835-2323.

There will also be a group praying for our nation in front of Christ Our Redeemer Church, White Point Rd., Niceville, at the same times. Please contact Brigita Krasauskas at 897-2070 for that rally's info.

Audubon field trip

There will be an Audubon field trip Oct. 12 to Little Creek Woods in Northern Walton County hosted by owner Bob Reid. See many upland and migratory species on this beautiful, well-managed tract which Bob has been restoring to its original state. Bring water, insect repellent, outdoor attire, sack lunch and a lawn chair, as there will be an evening bonfire for those who can stay. Meet at the Niceville Food World on SR 20 at 7:30 a.m. Call

Bob at 678-1926 for more info.

Star gazing

Henderson Beach State Park will host a star gazing program Oct. 12 from 4-10 p.m. Volunteers from the Northwest Florida Astronomy Association will set up several telescopes for public viewing and answer questions about the night sky. Prior to sunset, telescopes will be equipped for safe viewing of the sun. All ages are invited. The park will close at sunset so please arrive prior to sunset. Call park for sunset time. Event weather permitting.

Regular park admission fees apply. \$6 per vehicle, limit 2-8 people per vehicle. \$4 single occupant vehicle.

Book signing

Please join Jonathan Gungor as he shares his new novel "34/4." The program will be at the Niceville Community Center, 204 Partin Drive N. on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 pm.

Books will be available for purchase and signing at this event.

For further information or to reserve a seat call the Niceville Public Library at 279-4863 x 1504. This program is hosted by the Friends of the Niceville Public Library.

Medicare explained

The Niceville Library is pleased to announce that Eric Riggenbach, a local long time insurance advisor, will be at the Niceville Library, 206 Partin Dr. N. on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. and on Thursday, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. with morning or the afternoon sessions to explain Medicare benefits to current and future recipients with emphasis on the prescription benefits. This is to provide information only.

The programs are free but seating is limited so please call the library at 279-4863 x 1504 to reserve or for more info. or visit cityofniceville.org/library.html.

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Appointments are not necessary, but parents must attend with their child or sign a consent form available at BluewaterOrthopedics.com.

Raffle tickets

PAL Soccer League is selling \$1 raffle tickets until Nov. 1, for a chance to win either a 2014 Chevy Traverse or a 2014 Chevy Malibu. Free soccer ball with the purchase of 10 tickets. Winner will be announced in January. Proceeds benefit the PAL Soccer League. For more info, contact Howard Hill at 678-2182.

Get scared

Visit "Nightmare on the Old Spanish Trail" and the Baker corn maze on weekends from now until Oct. 31. Hours and prices vary, for more information visit gumcreeken-entertainment.com or call 803-2367.

Fine arts show

The 30th Northwest Florida Tri-County Fair Fine Arts Show, sponsored by the Arts and Design Society and the Northwest Florida Fair Board, is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 7-11, 5-10 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 12, noon-10 p.m. with an opening reception Sunday, Oct. 6, from 2-4 p.m. Free admission.

The Show is located at C.H. Bull Rigdon Fairgrounds and Recreation Complex (formerly The Northwest Florida Fairgrounds), 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd (Rt. 189), Fort Walton Beach. For more info call 582-1329.

Seniors meet

Twin Cities Senior Citizens Club will meet Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. at 268 Glenview Ave., Valparaiso. Entree provided, please bring a covered dish to share. Games, good food, fun and fellowship. For more info call 543-0869.

Florida history

There will be an ongoing lecture series on Florida history, every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Valparaiso Community Library, 459 Valparaiso Pkwy., Valparaiso, as part of the Viva Okaloosa events, until Dec. 1. Event is free and all are welcome. For more info call 729-5406.

Band aid

The Eagle Pride Band is selling fresh Indian River citrus now through Oct. 22. Navel oranges, grapefruit, and tangelos may be ordered from any band member or online with a credit card.

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Holiday gift orders are shipped directly from the growers to your out of town friends and family. Local orders, including online local orders, will be shipped to the school on Saturday, Dec. 14 and delivered to your door by a band student. Proceeds benefit the NHS Eagle Pride Band. For more info call 897-5609.

Free sports clinics

Every Saturday from now through Nov. 16, the staff at Bluewater Orthopedics, 1950 Bluewater Blvd., Niceville, offers a free Sports Injury Clinic to area student athletes from 9-11 a.m.



Buy the Bayou annual auction

There will be a Coastal Bank and Trust Buy the Bayou Auction and Wine Tasting event presented by the Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce Friday, Oct. 11, at Northwest Florida State College at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25, and include food, beverages, silent auction, live auction and dessert auction. Contact the Chamber, 678-2323, for more information or to reserve. See calendar for complete details.

Golf tourney

The 41st annual Doolittle Scholarship Open golf tournament will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Eglin Golf Course, Niceville. Both Eglin's Eagle and Falcon courses will be used with tee times set for 8 a.m.

The tournament is open to the public and cost is \$50 for active duty military, \$75 for Eglin Golf Course members and \$100 for all others. Includes green fee and cart, range balls, lunch, refreshments on the course, and an awards party. Registration forms are available at eglin.afaflorida.org.

For more info call Ron Johnson, 651-0534, or Bret Berryhill, 882-5548.

Garden club meets

The Bluewater Bay Garden Club will have a general meeting on Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Clubhouse on Bluewater Bay Blvd. at 9:30 a.m. The speaker will be Karen Williams, a master gardener who will give us a program on "Plants for Fall and Winter Color" All welcome. For more info, please call, Karen Williams, at 897-5560.

Aglow meeting

The October speaker for Fort Walton Beach Aglow will be Prophetess Janet German, on Thursday, Oct. 10, at Marina Bay Resort, 80 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Coffee and Fellowship

at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10 a.m. For more information contact Robin Williamson at 862-4867.

Fundraising auction

There will be a Coastal Bank and Trust Buy the Bayou Auction and Wine Tasting event presented by the Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce Friday, Oct. 11, at Northwest Florida State College at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$25, Includes food, beverages, silent auction, live auction and dessert auction. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit three local organizations: Friends of the Niceville Library, Sharing & Caring of Niceville and the Taylor Haugen Foundation. Contact the Chamber, 678-2323, for more information or to reserve.

Artist reception

A reception celebrating the work of Bluewater Bay artist Marla Armstrong will be held at the UWF Emerald Coast Library on Friday, Oct. 11, from 5-7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Over 80 paintings, ceramics and sculpture by Marla Armstrong are currently on display in the library which is located on the UWF/NWFSC Joint Campus, 1170 Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, in Building 8.

Parrot Heads meet

Emerald Coast Parrot Head Club will have its monthly meeting Friday, Oct. 11, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Harry T's on Destin Harbor.

NWFSC gala

"This is the 60s" will be performed in conjunction with the NWFSC 50th Anniversary Gala at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, Saturday Oct. 12. Tickets are on sale for \$35-50 at the box office. For more info visit mattiekellyartscenter.org

Fall festival

The Fall Festival of Laurel Hill will be Saturday, Oct. 12, at Gene Clary Park on New Ebenezer Road in Laurel Hill from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

With a wide variety of arts and craft vendors, delicious food of all types, and all-day professional entertainment, there's fun for the whole family, all for a good cause, the Safe Haven Horse Rescue Center, a service provider of therapy horses for the "Battles to Saddles" Wounded Warrior program.

For more info about the Fall Festival of Laurel Hill, call 658-8417.

Grow your vegetables

Come to Emerald Coast Nursery, 1405 Palm Blvd. on Oct. 12 from 10-11:30 a.m. and plant a winter salad garden in a container to take home with you. This activity is a youth gardening project sponsored by Niceville and Valparaiso Garden Clubs. Cost of the activity is \$15 per child. Limited scholarships available. Register and pay at the nursery to assure your space. For more info call 678-2842 or email marieharrison@valp.net.

Genealogy Society meets

The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County will meet on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 10 a.m. at the Heritage Museum, 115 Westview Ave., Valparaiso.

Jim Young will present a program that demonstrates how to improve vintage photo graphs, using computer programs designed for this purpose.

Following the meeting, a Dutch Treat lunch will be enjoyed by those interested, at a local restaurant. We welcome visitors. For more info, call 678-2023.

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Doctor plays guitar to benefit clinic

Jonathan Newberry will perform a classical guitar concert on Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Destin Church of Christ – located at 150 Beach Dr. in Destin.

The concert event is entitled “6 strings, 2 hands, 1 Hope” and is free to all public, though donations will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit the Hope Medical Clinic, which is a non-profit medical clinic providing health care to working, uninsured individuals in the local community. Currently the clinic has provided services for 1100+ patients in the Okaloosa and Walton county area, and has distributed over 1 million dollars in prescription medications for those in need. See hopemed-clinic.org for additional information about the Hope Medical Clinic and its operations.

Jonathan is a pathologist and Major in the USAF, sta-



Jonathan Newberry will be performing in a full length classical guitar for donations to benefit Hope Medical Clinic in Destin, a local non-profit medical clinic for working uninsured individuals Saturday, Oct. 19.



Jonathan Newberry

tioned in Eglin Hospital’s 96th medical group. Additionally, he is also a classically-trained guitarist and enthusiast, and has participated in several classical guitar master classes, most notably those conducted at Montana State University by Christopher Parkening.

This concert will include two 25-30 minute performances separated by a brief intermission with refreshments. Musical selections

will cover a broad range of genres and styles, including classical, contemporary, popular, folk, jazz and sacred. Jonathan will also provide commentary about the music being performed and about the classical guitar in general.

For any other additional questions or for more information about this event, please contact the Destin Church of Christ at 837-8050.



Eight members of the Twin Cities Hospital staff shaved their heads as promised if a goal of \$1,500 were raised to support breast cancer awareness. Pictured, front row from left, Danny Cain, Tom Woodcock, Chris Missler and Ronnie Long. Back row, from left, Danny Coleman, Michael Hatfield, Eric Wittman and Jay Brosnan.

Hospital employees raise awareness, lose hair

Twin Cities Hospital recently raised over \$2,400 for the fight against breast cancer in just a few short weeks.

During the month of September, employees of their Emergency Room collected donations for t-shirts and candy bars.

If they met their goal, the male employees of the ER agreed to shave their heads to help raise awareness.

When the original goal of \$1,500 was quickly surpassed, E.R. Director Danny Cain, R.N., volunteered to dye his hair pink for the cause and increase the overall goal to \$2,000.

With the help of A Shear Twist in Niceville, Cain sported pink hair for nearly a week leading up to the big event on Monday, Sept. 30.

Eight members of the Twin Cities Hospital staff shaved their

heads during the event at the hospital.

With many cancer survivors in attendance, the staff from Leon’s Barber Shop had some assistance providing the haircuts.

With this fun event, Twin Cities Hospital was able to raise awareness and contribute a large donation in support of the American Cancer Society and Breast Cancer Awareness.



BWB Sailing Club wins regatta

The Bay Challenge Regatta was held Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Fort Walton Beach Yacht Club. The Bluewater Bay Sailing Club won the regatta and will be the host club next year. Pictured, boats “Stickman” helmed by Zachary Van Vost, “Untamed” helmed by Mark Hunter and “Avocet” helmed by Bat Ballasch wait at the starting line. “Compromise” helmed by Terren Miedrauer is the boat in the distance. This regatta has been held since 1985.

In the Service

Air Force Airman Myranda R. Cole graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Cole is the daughter of Winda and John Sidor of Niceville.

She is a 2012 graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School.



Myranda R. Cole



Kiwanis donates funds for computers to museum

Kiwanis Club of Niceville Valparaiso representative Bill Landsberg presented \$1,000 to Gina Marini, Manager of the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Tuesday, Oct. 1. The donation will be used to replace obsolete computers at the Museum and “Keep History Alive!”.

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