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Thurs., 10 a.m.

An insurance advisor will be at the **Niceville Library**, 206 Partin Dr. N. to explain **Medicare benefits** to current and future recipients with emphasis on the prescription benefits. This is to provide information only. The program is free but seating is limited so please call the library at 279-4863 x 1504 to reserve a seat.

Fri., 11 a.m.

A charity golf tournament will benefit **Greyhound Pets of America Emerald Coast** at the Eglin Golf Course, 1527 Fairway Dr., Niceville. \$55 includes greens fees, cart and lunch. Proceeds will help offset the costs of greyhound adoptions. See calendar for registration info.

Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Learn to make a corner basket at the **Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida**, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. The cost is \$30 or, \$25 for museum members. Materials included. Space is limited, please call to pre-register at 678-2615.

Mon., 5-7 p.m.

The Valparaiso Community Library, 459 Valparaiso Parkway, would like to invite tweens and teens ages 10 and up to their second annual murder mystery. Participants are urged to wear their favorite sci-fi costume and come sleuth the "Murder at Area 51." Fun and prizes will be had. Sign up by calling 729-5406 or emailing eruff@valp.org.

Calendar, B2, B3

Niceville halves garbage pickups

Switch to once a week seen boosting recycling

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

The Niceville City Council has tentatively approved an ordinance that would reduce the frequency of garbage pickups from twice a week to once a week citywide.

The measure, which would

also reduce a typical residential customer's garbage and recycling pickup fees by \$1 a month, is intended to steer more of the city's waste toward recycling rather than landfills.

The proposed ordinance, adopted 4-1 on first reading Oct. 8, would also do away

with the 18-gallon recycling crates, replacing them with large, yellow-top 64- or 96-gallon carts resembling the garbage carts currently in use. The new bins will allow the collection company to pick up

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In a bid to increase recycling, Niceville residents will receive yellow-topped recycling carts like this one, and garbage collection will be cut to once a week.

Mullet Festival to open Friday



The 37th Bogy Bayou Mullet Festival will begin its three-day run Friday at the festival grounds, corner of Highway 85 North and College Boulevard, Niceville.

Music, food, crafts, rides

Beacon Staff Writer

The 37th annual Bogy Bayou Mullet Festival will begin Friday at the Mullet Site, Niceville. The three-day festival will feature music, food, kiddie rides, games, crafts and four tons of fried and smoked fish.

Tens of thousands of people from all over the Southeast are expected.



Vince Gill

The festival, at Highway 85 North and College Boulevard, will open Friday at noon. Country headliners Vince Gill, Justin Moore and Thompson Square will perform, as well as many other acts.

Parking is free and admission at the gate is \$10, or \$15 between 5 p.m. and closing time on Saturday. Children 11 or under are free.

The festival began in 1976, brainchild of chamber of commerce president Francis Spence, as a way to promote the Niceville-Valparaiso area.

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'Christmas Lady' to resume display

By Angela Yuriko Smith
Beacon Staff Writer

Debbie Lewis, better known to many as "The Christmas Lady," will come back to Niceville this year with her long-running Christmas show, "Animation in Motion."

It will be held in the former Food World store, Oak Creek Plaza, E. John Sims Parkway.

The show is scheduled to start Nov. 29, the day after Thanksgiving, earlier than ever.

"It's so exciting to be on the main drag," said Lewis. "This time, because we open early,

it's a little scary. I hope we bring a lot of traffic to the surrounding business."

The free-admission display will run nightly, through Dec. 27, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Until last year, the display had been an annual event since 1994. It includes a gigantic collection of lighted and animated dolls, nutcrackers and a 1,000-piece Christmas village. Model train sets round out the holiday collection.

Many of the pieces Lewis said she hasn't been able to use in the last few years because

they are designed to be in a yard. This year, she plans on trying to bring the "outdoors in" with the new location.

With her husband, Kevin Payne, Lewis, a Niceville real estate agent, has been setting up the show nearly every year since they moved to the area. Originally the shows were set up inside and outside their house, but the presentation drew so many spectators that in 2006 neighbors complained about the extra traffic, and city

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Debbie Lewis, "The Christmas Lady," will use the former Food World building in Niceville to house her massive annual Christmas show. Last year's display had to be canceled due to the difficulties of finding a location in time. This year she plans to open Nov. 29.

Beacon photo by Angela Yuriko Smith

Campbell to serve probation, keep pension

Former Okaloosa County Commissioner James Campbell gives information to a court bailiff after being sentenced to probation, community service and fines in Okaloosa County Circuit Court Monday after pleading no contest to eight charges of making false statements on official financial-disclosure forms.

Beacon photo by Mike Griffith



By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

Former Okaloosa County Commissioner James Campbell on Monday pleaded "no contest" to eight misdemeanor charges against him, in return for which the state of Florida dropped more-serious felony charges of official misconduct lodged against him last fall.

In a hearing in Fort Walton Beach, Circuit Judge William Stone sentenced Campbell, of Niceville, to four years' probation, 400 hours of community service and a \$4,000 fine, as well as payment of some addi-

tional court costs.

The dismissal of the felony charges apparently means that Campbell may keep his state pension, which would have been cut off had he been convicted on any of the felony charges, against which he steadfastly maintained his innocence.

Campbell was arrested in September 2012 on multiple counts of falsifying public documents after allegedly failing to disclose \$12,750 he received for recruiting sponsors of the annual Bogy Bayou Mullet Festival. At the time of his

arrest, Campbell was serving as a county commissioner and as the recreation director for the City of Niceville. As a county commissioner, he also was responsible for overseeing at least two of the entities listed as buying sponsorships: the county-operated Northwest Florida Regional Airport and the county Tourist Development Council.

State records show that he did not list the payments on the annual financial-disclosure forms he was required to file as a public official.

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Top country acts headline Mullet Festival

Vince Gill, Justin Moore, Thompsons and Swons are among performers

The Mullet Festival is perhaps best known for bringing big-name entertainment to Niceville, and this year's lineup is no exception.

Friday's slate of performances will be capped by hit-maker Justin Moore. Songs like "Small Town USA," "If Heaven Wasn't So Far Away," "Backwoods" and "Til

My Last Day" have made him a mainstay on country radio. Moore's third album, "Off the Beaten Path," was just released, adding another hit to his resume with the record's lead single, "Point at You."

Headlining Saturday night is the reigning ACM and CMA top vocal duo Thompson Square, who recently released their second album, "Just Feels Good." Husband and wife Keifer and Shawna Thompson topped the charts with their second single, "Are You Gonna Kiss Me or Not," and also reached No. 1 with "If I Didn't Have You." Now on the charts is their latest single, "Everything I Shouldn't Be Thinking About."

Country Music Hall of Famer Vince Gill will close out the festival on Sunday evening. Among



The husband-wife team Thompson Square will headline Saturday night's show at the Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival.

his catalog of hits are "Go Rest High on that Mountain," "Look at Us," "Threaten Me with Heaven," "Don't Let Our Love Start Slippin' Away," and "I Still Believe in You."

On Gill's new album "Bakersfield," the 20-time Grammy winner teams up with famed steel guitarist Paul Franklin to pay homage to the "Bakersfield

Sound" with the songs of Merle Haggard and Buck Owens.

Also appearing during the Mullet Festival are The Swon Brothers, Blackjack Billy, The Isaacs, Ben Portsmouth & the Taking Care of Elvis Band, Doctor Zarr's Amazing Funk Monster, the Tayo Reed Band and 2011 winner of the Mullet Festival Singing Showdown, Parker Willingham.



Justin Moore will sing Friday.

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The Swon Brothers will perform Friday night.



2013 Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival Entertainment Schedule

Friday, Oct. 18, through Sunday, Oct. 20

Friday (opens noon)

- 5:30 p.m. Big Water
- 6:30 Parker Willingham
- 7:00 Singing Showdown Final Five
- 7:45 Dr. Zarr's Amazing Funk Monster
- 9:00 The Swon Brothers
- 10:30 Justin Moore

Saturday (opens 9 a.m.)

- 10:00 a.m. All Star Twirler (Robin Coley)
- 10:45 Twinkling Twirlers (Amanda Saltsman)
- 11:45 Amplified Performing Arts (Kim Berry)
- 12:45 p.m. Ruckel Cheer Team (Jenny Propps)
- 1:30 Beach Elite Cheer Team (Mandy Snyder)
- 2:00 Dr. Zarr's Am opens at noon
- Friday, illingham
- 4:00 Welcome - Natl. Anthem - Pageant winners
- 4:15 NWFSC Soundsations
- 5:15 Ben Portsmouth Ultimate Elvis
- 6:30 Dr. Zarr's Amazing Funk Monster
- 7:30 Parker Willingham
- 8:00 Ben Portsmouth Ultimate Elvis
- 8:50 Singing Showdown Winner
- 9:15 Blackjack Billy
- 10:45 Thompson Square

Sunday (opens 10 a.m.)

- 1:00 p.m. Local church groups
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- 3:00 The Isaacs
- 4:30 Tayo Reed Explosion
- 6:00 Vince Gill

Times subject to change
Local talent will perform between acts.
Saturday and Sunday: kids stage and clown shows.

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'Boggy Bayou Voice' contestants face off Friday

By Angela Yuriko Smith
Beacon Staff Writer

The headliners of the 37th annual Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival this weekend are country music acts of national stature. But the three-day event also features top-notch home-grown amateurs.

Among them are five vocalists who have won slots on the Mullet Festival stage Friday, beginning at 7 p.m., to compete for the title, "The Voice of Boggy Bayou 2013." The winner will win \$500 and a solo performance the following night.

To be named one of the five finalists in this year's Mullet Festival Singing Showdown, contestants auditioned at the Niceville Community Center Sept. 26 and 28. Each performed a song for a panel of judges which he or she would be ready to perform in the finals at the festival.

Judges looked for visual presentation, vocal quality, preparation, audience appeal and professionalism.

Open only to amateurs who have never received payment for performing, the competition is an excellent beginning for hope-

ful singers. The winner of the 2011 contest, Parker James Willingham, of Niceville, will return this year as a paid musician performing all three days of the festival. He is also selling CDs of his upcoming album, "Soldier On," at the festival.

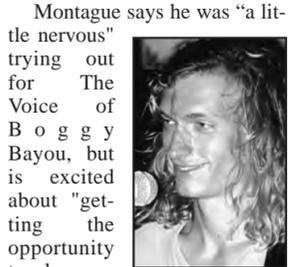
The five finalists of this year's competition are Sarah Davis, John-Thomas Montague, Sarah LaBombard, Jennifer Johnson and Jonathan Shidemantle.

Davis of Niceville, 26, says she has always enjoyed singing and does it for the fun of it.

"Not many people can say that they got to sing on stage at the Mullet Festival," Davis said. "That in itself is enough satisfaction for me."

Montague, 22, of Niceville, discovered his love of music as a young boy, singing in church with his grandmother. At the age of 7, he received his first guitar, and he's been singing

ever since. Montague says he was "a little nervous" trying out for The Voice of Boggy Bayou, but is excited about "getting the opportunity to play... on the same stage as some of country music's greats."



John-Thomas Montague



Sarah R. LaBombard

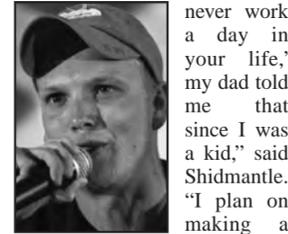
LaBombard, 32, of Shalimar, has participated in other singing competitions, in which she made the semifinals. Her hobbies include karaoke and participating in community theater.

She almost missed the show-down auditions due to laryngitis "I was incredibly raspy still, but I was bound and determined to give it my best try," she said.

Johnson, 17, of Freeport, has performed at charity events and fund-raisers throughout the Emerald Coast. "I entered the Mullet Festival's 'The Voice' to see if I had what it takes to be a true performer," she said.

Shidemantle, 22, is a lance corporal Marine Corps Reserve. He has performed at the Saddle Up Salon in Mobile, Ala., as well as in the Florida Panhandle.

"If you do something you love you'll never work a day in your life," my dad told me that since I was a kid," said Shidemantle. "I plan on making a career of singing."



Jonny Shidemantle

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MULLET

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The event was named after the mullet, a nondescript, versatile fish that schools in warm, coastal marine waters and sometimes in fresh water.

Once a mainstay of the area's fishing industry, mullet are abundant in the Florida Panhandle. Some people say that nowhere do they taste better than here, where the fish is taken from the clean, sandy bottoms of Choctawhatchee Bay.

In addition to tons of fried or smoked mullet, this year's festival has all the ingredients necessary for a fun-filled family day or a night out with friends while catching some of the hottest country acts at a fraction of the usual price.

Be sure to try the festival's shark, gyros, boiled peanuts, and



Carnival rides, country music and a bewildering variety of food will compete for attention at the 37th annual Boggy Bayou Mullet in Niceville. Its three-day will open at noon Friday.

Beacon file photo

cotton candy. With more than 40 food booths to explore there's no chance you'll leave hungry.

If you're not into mullet or the kids are picky eaters, there will also be shrimp, alligator on a stick, crawfish bread, oysters, BBQ, shrimp and hot apple dumplings with ice cream. Beer

is sold Friday and Saturday, but not Sunday. There will be coffee, soda and non-alcoholic frozen drinks every day.

Children can dare to ride the variety of carnival rides or try their hand at a number of games. The Army Rangers will host their reptile show. The clown stage

will also be in full swing.

Check out more than 65 booths of beautiful artwork and handmade crafts for sale. Stop by and meet Judy Shillingburg, the official artist of the 37th Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival poster, at her booth by the main gate.

Finding Your Way Around The Mullet Festival

October 18-20, 2013
(Highway 85 North and College Boulevard, Niceville)

Map labels include: Public Restrooms, Carnival Rides, Food Booths, Commercial Booths, Pony Rides, Moon Walk, Petting Zoo, Arts & Crafts Booths, Army Rangers Reptile Show, Main Stage, Soft Drink Booth, Beverage Booth, Ice Truck, "Titanic" Kids Slide, Arts & Crafts Booths, Arts & Commercial Booths, Ball Field, Public Parking, Handicapped Parking, ATM, Police/Lost & Found, Office, VIP GATE, Buggy Boys Fish Fry, Food Booths.

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DISPLAY

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officials said the display would have to find another venue.

Since then, The Christmas Lady has been bouncing from place to place, finding a new home for her show nearly every year.

Finding an indoor location large enough to accommodate the massive collection is an annual challenge, one she couldn't overcome in 2012 when the show had to be canceled. Being able to set up in the empty Food World building has been the answer to her Christmas wishes.

"Pat (Byrne, of Valparaiso Realty, owner of Oak Creek Plaza) was very nice and gra-

ciuous," said Lewis Thursday.

Lewis is seeking volunteer helpers to unload trailers of decorations and assist with setup. Anyone interested in helping may reach her by text or call at 865-5455 and visit the thenicevillechristmaslady.com for updates.

"It's good being back on my home turf," said Lewis. "I'm really looking forward to this."

Debbie Lewis with part of her Christmas display from a previous year.

Beacon file photos



GOLF

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Linde said the agreement was reached after lengthy discussions among himself, Sunset Beach President Mark Winstel, Bluewater Bay Resort general manager Tom Hanks, and resort Vice President Peter Faerber.

Following the MSBU board meeting, Lindy and Hanks spoke with the Beacon about how their agreement was finally reached. They said an essential

step was for the principal parties to meet with each other face-to-face, with no lawyers present. Linde said that because of the agreement, between 310 and 320 new gold card memberships will be issued. That would represent about \$50,000 a year in revenue at the \$160 rate.

Hanks told the Beacon that while it once might have been possible to reach a similar agreement regarding the Magnolia course, that is no longer an option, because the resort has decided that it can

operate a 27-hole golf club profitably, but not a 36-hole course. However, he added, he is still having informal discussions with "a core group" of Magnolia homeowners, and hopes to achieve an agreement for future use of the former Magnolia course land that will be acceptable to all concerned. He did not say what sort of land use he has in mind.

In a written handout provided to the Beacon later Hanks included the following statements:

"All Community Gold Card monies will be used exclusively for improvements to the Marsh Course."

"Should business considerations necessitate the Resort to close an additional nine holes it would not be the Marsh Course that will be closed."

"We are currently working with the board members of Windward, Oakmont Place, Gleneagles which are the associations that adjoin the Bay Course and offering this same membership and benefits."

CAMPBELL

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Campbell was suspended from his seat on the county commission by Gov. Rick Scott shortly after his arrest. At that time, about two months then remained in his four-year term as a commissioner, for which he had already announced he would not seek reelection.

Campbell's trial had originally been scheduled for Feb. 4 of this year, but it was repeatedly postponed until the results of Monday's hearing canceled it.

Shortly after 9 a.m. Monday, Campbell appeared before Judge Stone, accompanied by

his defense attorney, Don Durell. In accordance with an agreement previously reached between his lawyer and state prosecutors, Campbell pleaded no contest to misdemeanor counts 10 through 17, making false statements under oath. He was adjudicated guilty of those counts by Stone. Felony counts one through nine, which alleged that he had falsified his disclosure forms "with corrupt intent" for the years 2004 through 2011, were dropped by the state in return for his no-contest pleas to the misdemeanor charges.

No direct mention was made during the hearing of Campbell's Florida Retirement System status. Campbell, who

began working for the City of Niceville 38 years ago, had expected to retire shortly after the time he was arrested. Because of his arrest and the charges against him, however, his access to his state pension benefits was frozen pending the outcome of the case. A Florida public official who is beneficiary of a state pension is stripped of that pension if convicted of a felony touching his office.

As a result of the pension freeze, Campbell, now 65, said earlier that he continued working for the City of Niceville in order to have income pending the outcome of his court case. The pension benefits will presumably be restored now that the felony charges have been dropped.

In a statement to the Beacon several months ago, Campbell said that he planned to retire as soon as his court case was resolved. "When they make a decision, I'll be retired on that day," he said at that time. Niceville City Clerk Dan Doucet said Monday that he understood that Campbell would be leaving his city post this week.

Following the hearing, Campbell appeared pleased and relieved as he left the courtroom with his lawyer, his wife, Gail, and his daughter Caryn.

"After 13 long months, it's finally over," he told a reporter.

"I've been working when I was supposed to be retired."

Mrs. Campbell said that she, too, was glad to have the long period of her husband facing a possible felony trial over with.

She defended her husband's innocence as she left the courthouse annex in Fort Walton Beach. "The state wouldn't have dropped the felony charges if they had thought they could prove anything," she said. "They couldn't prove a thing."

In a statement released to the press later in the day, Campbell said the sponsor commissions he had received from the Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival Committee had been inadvertently left off his state disclosure forms because he hadn't received tax documents from the committee listing the payments. Internal Revenue Service form 1099 is supposed to be issued annually by payers to document payments to independent contractors.

In the statement, he added: "What we have now is why I chose to plead no contest to the misdemeanors and not fight it out in court. First, I have been dealing with this for over a year and it has negatively impacted my family and my health. Second, a trial is expensive and would cost most of my savings to fight. Third, if I lost, even on one felony count, I would lose my retirement pay and serve jail time. I couldn't take the chance and I couldn't afford to lose my savings and retirement. So, I will pay the fines, do the community service, (I do that anyway), and move on. Judge me all you want, you haven't walked in my shoes."



James Campbell



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GARBAGE

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recyclables using the automated arms already used to pick up garbage.

The proposal would also extend Waste Management's exclusive franchise, by another five years, to 2022. It is currently scheduled to expire in 2017, having been renewed only last year. If the additional extension is approved, it would mark the fifth time the city council has awarded the franchise, each time for five years, without formally seeking competitive bids.

In return for the labor-saving concessions in recycling collection, the halving of garbage pickups, and the no-bid five-year contract extension, customers will receive the fee reduction.

Lynn Yort, representing Waste Management, the city's waste collection and recycling contractor since 1993, briefed the council during the Oct. 8 meeting on the implications of each of three possible options to modify the city's trash pickup program. Two of the options would reduce trash pickups from twice per week to once per week, and each of those options would produce a slight decrease in trash pickup fees, but not by equal amounts.

Option One, Yort said, would be for the city to reduce the number of trash and recyclables pickups, but without necessarily further extending Waste Management's long-standing exclusive franchise to deal with people and businesses needing waste removal in the city. That option, she said, would reduce

garbage and recycling collection fees by about 47¢ per month per customer.

Option Two, said Yort, would also reduce trash and recyclables collections from twice to once per week, but would include a collection fee reduction of \$1 a month per customer, and would also include an extension of Waste Management's franchise with the city from its current expiration date of Oct. 31, 2017, to Oct. 31, 2022.

The third option, said Yort, would be for the city to do nothing, and stay with its current system, which includes twice-weekly automated garbage pickups and once-weekly manual recycling pickups through Oct. 31, 2017.

In a letter to the city council, Yort wrote:

"The city of Niceville has moved forward toward providing residents options to enhance recycling efforts. This movement provides the foundation for the city to meet the 2020 State of Florida 75% diversion goal. April 1, 2013 a recycling pilot project was begun in 90 homes for 90 days. The recycling capacity for each home was increased from the 18 gallon open bin to a 96 gallon enclosed, wheeled cart. We reduced the number of collection days per household garbage from two times weekly to once weekly. Participation in the pilot increased the amount of recycled materials from an average of 4.43 pounds per household (city average, with 18 gallon bin) to an average of 15.67 pounds per household (pilot area only with the 96 gallon cart)."

"Fifty-six percent of the pilot participants responded to the survey conducted by the city. The survey indicated that 88% of the respondents felt that one time weekly household garbage service was adequate and 92% indicated the level of service should be made city-wide."

"The Council requested we create options to include the use of larger, wheeled, enclosed recycling carts. Over the last several weeks we have worked to craft the requested proposals. It is our hope you will find a proposal that meets and exceeds the needs and expectations of the city of Niceville."

"We propose the two times weekly household garbage service be modified to one-time weekly service. With one-time weekly recycling service in an enclosed, wheeled cart, the additional capacity for recycling will significantly reduce the amount of household garbage, thus reducing the requirement for more than once weekly collection. For residences desiring more capacity than one 96 gallon cart weekly, a second cart will be provided at an additional fee. We will still collect and dispose of 100% of the volume at each residence, and will provide an additional, enclosed cart."

After some discussion, the city council approved the second option, which will reduce collections from twice to once per week, extend Waste Management's franchise to 2022, and reduce collection fees by \$1 a month.

Council member Dan Henkel cast the lone dissenting vote against the proposal, say-

ing that he did not think the city should extend Waste Management's franchise beyond its current expiration date without giving other companies the opportunity to bid on the contract.

The council's approval of the new policy is only preliminary, however, because it marked only the first reading of the proposed ordinance. The ordinance must be approved by the council at two more city council meetings, including public hearings to gather citizen comment, in order to take effect, with the last one set for Dec. 10.

In other business, Sam Houston, representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart Association, encouraged council members to approve a proclamation naming Niceville as a "Purple Heart" city. Council members approved the proclamation unanimously.

Also during the meeting, Niceville Fire Chief Tommy Mayville told the council that the fire department is in the process of repainting city fire hydrants. Most hydrants will be painted red, said Mayville, although some will be painted pink in honor of breast cancer awareness.

Mayville also said that Niceville firefighters are holding meetings with schoolchildren to educate them about how to prevent kitchen fires. He said he expects to reach about 2,000 children in this manner.

Public Works Director Bruce Price said that city workers were working to partially dismantle a beaver dam which the industrious rodents recently constructed near Juniper Avenue. He said the dam had diverted water flow from a pond away from its designed outflow area, causing the water to erode a nearby embankment. No beavers will be harmed by the partial dismantling of their dam, said Price.

Fire Department Reports

Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls from Oct. 7, 2013 through Oct. 13, 2013.



0 Structure Fire
0 Vehicle Fire
0 Other Fire
0 Illegal Burn
0 False Alarms

25 Emergency Medical Calls
5 Vehicle Crash
0 Vehicle Crash with Extrication
3 Other Emergency Calls
0 Hazardous Conditions

STREET	SITUATION	DATE	TIME
Bayou Ln.	Medical	10/7/13	03:48
Cherrywood Ct.	Medical	10/7/13	04:41
20th St.	Medical	10/7/13	12:52
Cook St.	Medical	10/7/13	13:13
27th St.	Cancelled on scene	10/7/13	14:05
W. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle crash	10/7/13	14:47
W. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	10/8/13	07:24
W. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	10/8/13	13:54
E. College Blvd.	Medical	10/8/13	13:56
Biscayne Ln.	Medical	10/8/13	14:24
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	10/9/13	08:48
SR 85 N.	Medical	10/9/13	09:13
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	10/9/13	14:59
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	10/9/13	17:22
Kildare Cir.	Medical	10/9/13	18:16
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle crash	10/9/13	21:46
Elderberry Ln.	Medical	10/10/13	07:35
Crestview Ave.	Medical	10/10/13	07:59
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	10/10/13	08:14
SR 85 N/College Blvd.	Vehicle crash	10/10/13	08:43
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	10/10/13	09:45
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	10/10/13	13:39
Bayshore Dr.	Medical	10/10/13	19:38
SR 85 N.	Medical	10/11/13	08:35
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle crash	10/11/13	08:58
N. Partin Dr.	Alarm activation	10/11/13	14:25
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Service call	10/11/13	15:05
22nd St.	Medical	10/11/13	15:55
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	10/11/13	00:53
Camellia Pl.	Medical	10/12/13	01:55
Reeves St.	Vehicle crash	10/12/13	15:56
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	10/12/13	20:26
Paradise Rd.	Medical	10/13/13	23:03

Weekly Safety Tip: Sweep gutters, roofs and eaves regularly and remove dead branches from around or near chimneys. By keeping the roof and area surrounding your home clear of debris, you reduce your risk of fire during the hot dry season.

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Valparaiso



The Valparaiso Volunteer Fire Department responded to the following calls during the month of September.

Location	Situation	Date	Time
Davenport Ave.	Sick call	9/1/13	08:59
N. Bayshore Dr.	Fall	9/1/13	09:33
Chicago Ave.	Fall	9/1/13	23:43
Cypress Dr.	Structure fire	9/3/13	06:09
Valparaiso Pkwy.	Seizures	9/4/13	10:17
Valparaiso Pkwy.	Service call	9/6/13	15:03
Valastics Ave.	Seizures	9/6/13	21:27
Okalosa Ave.	Service call	9/8/13	17:58
Washington Ave.	Sick call	9/9/13	10:06
Sparkleberry/W. College	Vehicle accident	9/10/13	20:34
N. Bayshore Dr.	Unconscious	9/13/13	18:52
Toms Bayou Bridge	Water rescue	9/14/13	13:51
Wolverine/Detroit	OD/Poison	9/15/13	03:31
Washington Ave.	Fire alarm	9/16/13	22:16
N. Bayshore Dr.	Sick call	9/17/13	12:49
Lincoln Ave.	Unknown problem	9/20/13	09:35
S. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle accident	9/21/13	05:05
Johnson/W. College	Vehicle accident	9/21/13	10:41
Grandview Ave.	Vehicle accident	9/23/13	15:06
Glen Ave.	Assault/Rape	9/24/13	00:28
S. Bayshore Dr.	Assault/Rape	9/24/13	12:56
Azalea Circle	Psych	9/25/13	17:59
Hidden Cove Ct.	Sick call	9/26/13	10:27
Highland Street	Fall	9/26/13	17:19
Brooks Cir.	Breathing problem	9/27/13	17:54
Grandview Ave.	Fall	9/29/13	15:17
Chicago Ave.	Psych	9/30/13	18:36

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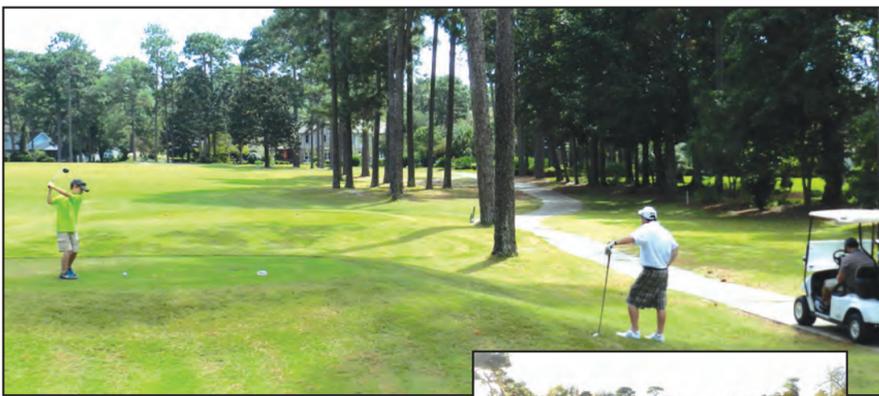
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Beacon Correspondent

Southwind Homeowners Association President Keith Linde announced that an agreement has been reached by the Southwind and Sunset Beach homeowners associations, with Bluewater Bay Resort, which owns and operates the Marsh golf course, one of the resort's three 9-hole golf courses within Bluewater Bay.

Continued operation of the Marsh course had been in some jeopardy recently, as Bluewater Bay Resort has been seeking to reduce its costs of operation. The resort also currently operates the Bay and Lakes courses, thus offering 27 holes of golf in

all. Earlier this year, the resort closed its nine-hole Magnolia golf course, because it said it could no longer afford to operate four nine-hole courses at a profit, and because it had been unable to gain approval from neighboring homeowners in the Magnolia subdivisions of Bluewater Bay to develop part of the Magnolia course for new housing, while converting the remaining golf course area into an "executive" golf course, with shorter fairways. As a result, the Magnolia course is now posted with "No Trespassing" signs and is gradually returning to a natural, weed-ridden state.

Speaking at a meeting of the



Beacon photos by Mike Griffith

Homeowner associations for two neighborhoods bordering the nine-hole Marsh golf course in Bluewater Bay, above, have agreed to pay \$160 a year per home to support continued operation of the course. The pact comes after the course's owner closed and stopped maintaining one of its other courses in the community, the Magnolia course, right, citing lack of funds.



Bluewater Bay Municipal Services Benefit Unit last week, Linde said that according to the new agreement, which was approved by more than 75 percent of the members of the Southwind and Sunset Beach HOA members, each member of the associations will have \$160 a year added to their association dues, with that money to be given to Bluewater Bay Resort in exchange for "Community Gold Card" memberships in the Bluewater Bay golf club.

The gold card memberships will entitle members to play one 18-hole round of golf a month without paying greens or cart fees, and also include other membership privileges such as discounts on food and merchandise sold at the clubhouse.

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Readers respond, food pantry filled

In response to an item in the "Bay Beacon" Sept. 4, members of the 705 Training Squadron at Hurlburt Field collected 3,120 pounds of canned food in five days for Niceville Sharing and Caring. 705 TRS/CC Lt. Col. Tom Means and his team organized a four squadron competition which maximized donations and built esprit de corps while giving back to the community. The big winners of the food drive were Sharing and Caring and the individuals in need they support. Pictured from left, Maj. Dave Johnson, Staff Sgt. Nelson Gutierrez, Capt. Bobby Jarskey, Master Sgt. Nate Sandler, Maj. Chesley Smith, Sharing and Caring volunteer Pat Sapp and Maj. Pat Sanden.

Cardboard boat race results



Bluewater Bay Marina was the setting for the 6th Annual L.J. Schooners Dockside Restaurant and Oyster Bar Cardboard Boat Race on Sunday, Sept. 15 where 14 cardboard boats battled for a spot in the record books of Bluewater Bay Marina. Delany Hughes won first place, Brianna Steele was second place and Ethan Grimes won best design in the juniors division. Cece and Dominic Vaccaro won first place, Aubrey Hinely was second place and Scott Pursell won best design in the adults division. Emma Weeks won the Titanic award.

Women's shelter opens to pets

Shelter House held the official ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, Oct. 7, for the Kind Heart Kennel, an on-site kennel at its confidential emergency shelter that will allow abuse victims to bring their pets with them when leaving a violent home.

With the opening of the Kind Heart Kennel, Shelter House becomes the only center in Northwest Florida and one of only a few in the entire state to provide this service.

Some studies show that close to 50% of abused women stay in relationships because they could not take their pet with them to a shelter, and 68% of battered women report violence toward their pets. The Kind Heart Kennel will house, feed and provide veterinary services for the pets of the more than 400 women, children and men who stay at the shelter annually.

"No one should have to choose between their own safety and the safety of a beloved pet," said Shelter House Executive Director Michelle Sperzel.

"When we were first considering adding a kennel to our shelter, one of our residents was on the phone with her abuser as



The ribbon cutting Monday, Oct. 7, marked the official opening of the Kind Heart Kennel, a shelter for animals of battered women that are seeking shelter themselves. Women who use the facility can now rest assured their pets are safe.

he shot and killed one of her dogs. Statistics are one thing, but seeing that loss first-hand was heartbreaking for all of us. The addition of the Kind Heart Kennel to our shelter removes another barrier."

The Kind Heart Kennel encompasses a heated and cooled dog kennel and dog run in the shelter's backyard, an indoor cat room and pet-friendly bedrooms within the shelter equipped with HEPA filters for residents with pocket pets such as hamsters.

Having all of this on-site allows pet owners to see their

pets whenever they want and provides much needed comfort during a stressful time.

Many organizations and businesses have contributed to this important new resource for our community, including H.E.A.R.T. Animal Rescue of Niceville.

"They were one of the first supporters of the project," said Sperzel. "in with two hands and both feet."

The kennel will also need a steady supply of pet food, food and water bowls, treats, kitty lit-

Please see SHELTER page B-2

Who's News

Rachael Farrell of Niceville, has joined Stetson University's Stetson Hatters volleyball team for the 2013-14



Rachael Farrell

season. Farrell is graduate of The Collegiate High School at Northwest Florida in 2009 and played volleyball at Niceville High School for her entire high school career. She graduated from The Citadel in May, 2013 with a bachelor's degree in Sport Management, one of only 29 women in a graduating class of 460.

Jenny Phelps Propps of Niceville and owner of Niceville Sears Hometown Store, has been elected as chair

of the Sears Hometown Store National Dealer Council for 2014. The council, formed over 20 years ago, consists of 15 members and represents more than 1000 stores. Jenny is the first woman to hold this position.



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Brenda Jordan has Yard of the Month

Niceville Garden Club chose Brenda Jordan's yard, at 802 Magnolia Shores Dr., as Yard of the Month for October. The Niceville Garden Club meets at 6 p.m. every fourth Tuesday of the month at the Niceville Public Library, 206 Partin Dr.

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RMS cheerleaders raise funds for trip

Ruckel Middle School cheerleaders were at Chik-fil-A in Niceville Tuesday, Oct. 1, to raise enough funds to attend the Auburn vs. Mississippi State basketball game next February to perform for the half time show. Pictured, Katelyn Carlson, the Ruckel Ram mascot and Hannah Teel.



Volunteers needed

The 18th Annual "Animation in Motion" Christmas Display is seeking volunteers for the 2013 display. Interested parties please contact Debbie Lewis by call or text to 865-5455. Visit thenicevillechristmaslady.com for more info.

Toiletry drive

Lewis Volleyball Team is hosting a paper goods and toiletry drive for Children In Crisis. There will be a drop off box in the front office of

Lewis School for items such as paper towels, shampoos and cleaning supplies. For more info call Christina Perez at 678-2053 or Kellie Currington at 586-0135.

Medicare explained

An insurance advisor will be at the library on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. Select either the morning or the afternoon session. The purpose is to explain Medicare benefits to current (or future) recipients. To provide information only. The programs are free but seating is limited so please call the library at 279-4863 x 1504 to reserve a seat.

Golf for greyhounds

There will be a charity golf tournament for Greyhound Pets of America Emerald Coast on Friday Oct. 18 at Eglin Golf Green, 1527 Fairway Dr., Niceville, begin-

ning at 11 a.m. with check in and lunch. Shotgun start at 12 p.m. \$55 includes green fees, cart and lunch. Proceeds will help offset the costs of greyhound adoptions. Sign-up with Lois Phillips tonylois2000@yahoo.com.

Shred event

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Karaoke night

Come in and enjoy a fun evening of karaoke with Bill and Rhonda at the

American Legion Post #221, 444 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville, Friday, Oct. 18, from 7-11 p.m.

Tickets on sale

Tickets go on sale Friday, Oct. 18 for two performances of "The Nutcracker" at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center on Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$14 for children 12 and under, and will be available for purchase online at nfballet.org or by calling 664-7787 beginning.

Mullet fest

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Motorcyclists make money for museum

The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida's "Biker's Blast for the Past" motorcycle run on Saturday, Sept. 21, was a huge success despite the rain and raised over \$4,000 which will help the museum continue its mission. Helen Back Again in Niceville hosted the event. Pictured, Museum manager, Gina Marini, right, presents Chris Sehman, owner of Helen Back, with a plaque and tip bell in appreciation for hosting the "Biker's Blast for the Past."



NHS senior shines at art show

Stefanie Prinsloo, a senior at Niceville High School, AP Art Student and the president of the NHS Art Club, won two first places at the Northwest Florida Fair Art Show as well as two honorable mentions on Sunday Oct. 6. Pictured with "Body Image," a visual reminder that models in magazines set unrealistic and unhealthy goals, is one of her first place pieces. After graduating next year Stefanie is planning to study art at the School of Visual Arts in New York.

CALENDAR

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gybayoumulletfestival.info.

Old NHS reunion

The annual reunion of the old Niceville High School is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Niceville Community Center.

Students, teachers, spouses, guests and anyone who attended the school from 1929-1952, even for one day, are invited to attend. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. for a catered dinner at 6 p.m.

Bring memorabilia of your school days and activities if you wish. Reservations are requested. The cost is \$12.50 per person.

Call Louise Lovell at 678-4777 for reservations or further information.

Basket weaving

Learn a new skill, experience an age-old tradition and create something uniquely yours at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Popular instructor, Lou Holt will teach students to make a corner basket on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The cost is \$30 or, \$25 for Museum members. Materials included. Space is limited, please call to pre-register at 678-2615.

Classical guitar benefit

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, "6 strings, 2 hands, 1 Hope," is free, with donations welcome. All proceeds will benefit the Hope Medical Clinic, which is a non-

profit medical clinic providing health care to working, uninsured individuals.

For more info please call the Destin Church of Christ at 837-8050.

Fundraiser to benefit MIA

CrossFit Niceville is hosting a fundraiser benefiting Mammograms In Action, Oct. 19 at 9:30 a.m. MIA is an organization that supplies mammograms to those that may not be able to afford them.

It will be a CrossFit workout "Helen Meets Grace." Donations are accepted at the door in any denomination and all are welcome to participate.

For more information or to donate to the cause, contact Kelley at kelly@nicevillestrength.com or 376-2362.

Sleuths welcomed

The Valparaiso Community Library would like to invite tweens and teens ages 10 and up to their second annual murder mystery event on Oct. 21 from 5-7 p.m. Participants are urged to wear their favorite sci-fi costume and come sleuth the "Murder at Area 51." Fun and prizes will be had. Sign up by calling 729-5406 or emailing cruff@valp.org.

Knit and crochet class

There will be a knitting and crochet class with instructor Carol Burkhard offered at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso, Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 6-8 p.m. Class costs \$20, \$15 for members.

Learn basic stitches and begin a project of your choice. Bring your own yarn and for knitting, size 8 nee-

dles, and crocheting, size "I" circular style needle. Space is limited. Pre-registration required. For more info call 678-2615.

CFC golf tournament

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is hosting a 4-person scramble golf tournament at Eglin Golf Course on Oct. 25 at 8 a.m. Costs \$50 per player, \$200 per team, and includes green fee, cart and lunch.

For more information and to register please contact 2nd Lt. Travis Decker, travis.deckert@eglin.af.mil or Capt. Shane McConnell, shane.mcconnell@eglin.af.mil by Oct. 22.

Garden Club meets

The Niceville Garden Club will have their monthly meeting

in the Niceville Community Center Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.

All welcome, for more info, email ncgcl@cox.net

Give blood

Wednesday, Oct. 23, Twin Cities Hospital, from 9-2 p.m. Donors will receive a T-shirt.

Theatrical comedy

A Neil Simon comedy, "Jake's Women," will be presented Oct. 23-26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sprint Theater of the Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville. Tickets are on sale now for \$15 adults and \$10 for youth ages 18 and younger. Purchase tickets by phone or online from the Box Office at 729-6000 or mattiekellyartscenter.org.

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Eagles Shut Out Navarre, face Vikings Friday

By Sarah Clauson
Beacon Correspondent

The Eagles travelled to Navarre last Friday night to face off against a rising rival, the Raiders, and brought home a 26-0 victory. The game's anticipation was high, thanks to a rocky past with the Raiders that had the Eagles yearning for their first win against the relatively new opponent. The victory came despite some hurdles, starting with an injured Ashton Hooker who was unable to start the game. Junior backup quarterback Jon Secord made his starting debut, and his teammates rallied behind him and did their best to ensure his success and his protection.

The game started at a bit of a stalemate, with both team's defenses doing well at forcing punts. The Eagles gained momen-

tum and made it deep into Raider territory. Navarre's defense worked them back to a fourth and goal from the 15 yard line, but Secord connected with Aaron Willis in the end zone for the first touchdown of the night. The 6-0 lead late in the first quarter was critical for the team's confidence with its new lineup.

The Eagle defense, already known for their strength, took it to a new level against the Raiders causing several turn over on downs and racking up the quarterback sacks. Their success was pivotal in allowing the offense to find a rhythm with Secord at the helm. They found their stride mid-way through the second quarter with an impressive drive that relied heavily on running back Tayjon Culley plowing through the middle. A keeper by Secord,

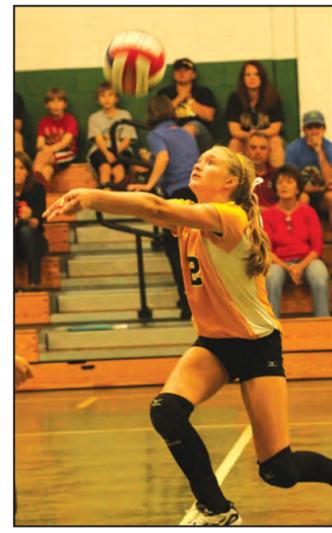


Flanked by Mitchell Matthews and Jon Secord, Brandon Kucera, in for Tayjon Culley, runs with the ball during a hand off. The Eagles proved to be a force the Navarre Raiders were unable to contend with as NHS snuffed out any dreams for victory with a 26-0 win. The next game will be Friday, Oct. 18, against the Vikings in Fort Walton Beach.

one by relief quarterback Tyree McCants, and a carry by Eli Stove, produced consecutive first downs and poised them for a touchdown by Culley to widen the gap.

During the second half, Tyree McCants, in again as quarterback,

made a reverse play to Eli Stove who ran it in for another touchdown. The Eagles scored once more before the game's end, and the defense, for the second week in a row, allowed zero touchdowns.



Ruckel beats Lewis

Ruckel Middle School's co-captain Tabitha Currington kept the ball in play as the Rams faced Lewis School's Falcons at a volleyball game last Monday, Sept. 14. Ruckel won, the scores were 13-25 and 15-25.

Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson



Rocky presents their 2013 queen and king

Rocky Bayou Christian School chose their 2013 king and queen after the Homecoming game Friday, Oct. 11. RBCS played John Paul II, Tallahassee, and won, with a score of 62-6. Pictured, left, are the new king and queen, Stefan Makarova and Claire Gunter. Pictured below, RBCS Homecoming royalty Ethan Parks, Megan Slagle, Morgan Barber, Samantha Holcomb, Will Makarov, Laura Hudson, Joshua Jarrell, Isabella Foreman, Stefan Makarov, Claire Gunter, Tyler Paskell, Alyssa Slagle, Trever Knie, Morgan Milam, Dylan Paskell, Suzanna Sober, Mark Makarov and Meredith Milam.

Photo courtesy Christine Caldwell



Travel team brings home cup

Travel team RAD U11 Gold won the Capital of Dreams Champion's Cup Oct. 5-6, in Montgomery Ala. Pictured from top left, Manager John Cross, Coach Kevin Brink, Aaron Gomez, Theo Cross, Colton Kilpatrick, David Mejia, Cole Allen, Austin Paugh, Ashlyn Fernandez, Devin Vondenstein, Carson Hickok, Daniel Fadida and Zeke Oswald.



Ruckel loses to Pryor, no playoffs this year

Ruckel Middle School band prepares to drum up support for their team during the Ruckel vs. Pryor game Thursday, Oct. 10, played in the Eagles stadium. Ruckel lost to Pryor with a final score of 26-21. This loss takes Ruckel out of the playoffs.

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