

# The Bay Beacon

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Wednesday, November 6, 2013

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**Thurs., 1:30 p.m.**

The **Valparaiso Community Library** would like to invite families and children to the Early Release Movie, **"Monsters University,"** rated G. Seating is first come, first served, with an 80 person maximum.

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**Mon., 11 a.m.**

The Twin Cities Veterans Council will sponsor the annual **Veterans Day Ceremony in Doolittle Memorial Park** in Valparaiso. This community event features patriotic speakers, raising of the colors by Niceville High School ROTC cadets and presentation of wreaths by the cities of Niceville and Valparaiso, local organizations, Scout groups and students.

Calendar, B-2

## Schools seek cameras on more buses

By **Steve Andrews**  
*Beacon Correspondent*

In an effort to place video cameras in all Okaloosa County School District buses, the school board has approved a donation of \$17,000 from the Young Lawyers Association be spent toward that goal.

At its regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 28, board member Cindy Frakes asked for the

board's approval for the donation to be added to the \$25,000 she has put forth as part of her \$75,000 discretionary fund, which is allotted to each member at the beginning of the school year.

With an estimated 200 buses that transport children to Okaloosa County public schools each day, 84 are without internal cameras. At an estimated cost of

\$1,800 to equip each bus, the total funding needed is just over \$150,000.

"I just think this is important and the parents think this is important," Frakes said. "It's a safety issue, and I want the parents to know that their children are in a safe place when they ride our school buses. We don't want

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Video camera on Okaloosa County school bus in Niceville Monday.

Beacon photo by Angela Yuriko Smith

## Powwow held in Niceville



Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

Friday through Sunday, the 26th annual Thunderbird Intertribal Powwow was held at the Mullet Festival site in Niceville. This year's event included such activities as Native American dance competitions, storytelling, traditional drums and singers, and exhibitions by crafters from all over the U.S.

## Decision on charter nears for Valparaiso

By **Mike Griffith**  
*Beacon Correspondent*

During its next meeting, scheduled for 6 p.m. Nov. 12, the Valparaiso City Commission is expected to vote on the second and final reading of a proposed ordinance to place a referendum before voters to change the city charter.

If the ordinance passes following a public hearing Tuesday, Valparaiso voters would decide March 11 whether to approve several amendments to the current charter, which was originally enacted in 1921. The new charter, the basic document outlining the structure of municipal government, would include the following changes, according to a city summary:

- Change the city administrator from a regular city employee to a "charter officer" of the city, and give him more operating authority at the expense of elected commissioners.
- Eliminate the offices of city tax assessor, tax collector, treasurer, and municipal judge—posts which were provided for in the original charter, but which have not been filled for many years.
- Amend the qualifications for city commissioners.
- Amend the powers and responsibilities of city officers and commissioners.
- Amend the process of city budget adoption.
- Amend how vacancies on the city commission are filled.



Please see **DECISION**, page A-4

## Niceville YMCA to shut its doors Dec. 31

*Beacon staff*

The YMCA of Florida's Emerald Coast will close its money-losing Niceville branch Dec. 31, the organization announced this week.

The building lease in the Palm Plaza shopping center will expire on that date, and "months of ongoing efforts to secure an acceptable alternative location have proven fruitless at this time," according to a YMCA statement.

The YMCA had said it was

looking for another home after being informed by Ruckel Properties, owner of Palm Plaza, that its tradition of renting to the organization at below-market rates could not continue in the current real estate market.

"While the Y remains grateful to Ruckel Properties for generously providing reduced lease rates with short-duration extensions, the Niceville branch consistently operated at a fiscal deficit every year since the doors

opened in 2006," according to the YMCA statement.

The storefront Niceville Y consists chiefly of a gym, a room for exercise classes, and an indoor swimming pool, which closed last summer.

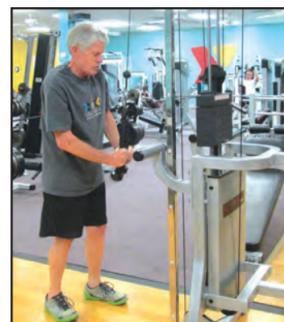
Rudy Wright, president of the Fort Walton Beach-based YMCA of Florida's Emerald Coast, which operates four branches, including Niceville, said Tuesday that membership in the Niceville Y is about 465 households, repre-

senting some 1,100 persons. The high-water mark in membership was achieved in January 2012, he said, with about 670 households.

The organization closed the Niceville Y's pool in July of this year, contributing to the membership decline, which is also due to a normal seasonal fluctuation, Wright said.

Member reaction to the closure news was one of disappointment.

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The Niceville YMCA has "a wonderful atmosphere . . . and it's too bad it's closing," said Les Smith, working out in the Y's gym Monday.

Beacon photo by Angela Yuriko Smith

## Panel sees little change in school calendar for 2014-15

By **Steve Andrews**  
*Beacon Correspondent*

A committee of parents and teachers, charged with task of exploring options with the development of the Okaloosa County School District student calendar, has decided to recommend to the school board that the current year's calendar be rolled forward and kept in place for the 2014-15 school year.

Final approval could be made by the school board at its upcoming Nov. 12 regular meeting. If it

is approved, classes would begin on Monday, Aug. 18, 2014. For the current academic year, classes began Aug. 19. Both dates are two weeks before Labor Day.

Under the proposed calendar for the 2014-15 academic year, classes would end June 4, 2015. For the 2013-14 year, classes will end June 5, 2014.

"Ultimately, the school board has the final say," said Ryan Gore, who oversees the eight-member calendar committee for

Please see **PANEL**, page A-6



## Eagles win district title

The Niceville High School Eagles won the District 1 Class 7A football title against Tate Monday. A loss to Crestview Friday put the three district rivals all at 1-1 records in district play, and sent them to Monday's shootout at Niceville. NHS will host Leon High School Nov. 15 in regional quarterfinals. Pictured, team members kneel in prayer on the field after Monday's win. Story on B-4.

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**DECISION**

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—Delete certain charter articles.

The proposed charter amendments would strengthen the role of the city administrator, making him the "Director of the Department of Public Services." As such, the city administrator would have direct supervision of municipal departments, including building inspection, code enforcement, streets, water, sewage, parks, sanitation, library and broadband services, and this could include "other departments as the city commission may from time to time deem necessary." The city administrator would have the authority to employ and dismiss any employees within the department of public services.

Much of the authority of the city administrator that would be added under the proposed charter is currently held by the mayor or city commissioners,

who supervise the city's operational departments directly.

Supporters of the charter amendment, including Valparaiso Mayor Bruce Arnold, have said the proposed changes would help to streamline and modernize city government.

Opponents have said the changes would move Valparaiso away from its current form of government, in which each elected commissioner exercises executive authority over one or more departments. Instead, it would move city government closer to a "city manager" form, in which a manager hired by the city commission exercises most executive authority, reporting to the elected commission, which would set policy. The latter, for example, is the model in neighboring Niceville.

This is not the first time Valparaiso has considered amending or replacing its charter. In 1996, the city commission, at the urging of Mayor Arnold, appointed a charter review committee of volunteer citizens who studied the 1921 charter, and then recommended a new one. Although the proposed new charter was presented to the city commission during a meeting in December

1997, it was never placed on a referendum ballot, after the mayor and commissioners did not agree among themselves to do so.

On Oct. 28, the Bay Beacon emailed a series of questions to Mayor Arnold, to each of the current city commissioners, and to one former commissioner who has spoken out on the issue, asking for their views about the new proposed charter amendments. Three responded.

Through Valparaiso City Clerk T a m m y J o h n s o n, A r n o l d declined to answer questions for this article.

Retired city commissioner Thomas G. Miller was more vocal in his response, saying during a phone conversation that the proposed charter amendments would "make the city administrator a de facto city manager."

Miller said the amendments would empower the city administrator to hire and fire department heads, something that until now only the city commis-

sion had the authority to do.

Miller has said previously that he opposes the charter amendments, because he prefers to keep such authority in the hands of elected, rather than appointed, city officials, who are more likely to be responsive to input from city residents.

The most extensive response came from Commissioner Joe Morgan, who has expressed skepticism about the charter amendments during recent city commission meetings. A summary of Morgan's answers to the questions is as follows:

Question: What is different about this current effort, and why should it succeed where the other failed?

Morgan: "It isn't much different, it shouldn't."

Question: What is the "big picture"—that is, what problems is this new charter supposed to solve?

Morgan: "That is a good question and one that was asked in several meetings, and I believe one that was not adequately answered."

Morgan also wrote, "Regardless of the 'problem', the change in form as proposed—did not necessarily truly address the issue, or only shifted the potential problem

elsewhere, or usually upon closer examination — it really was not 'broke' in the first place."

Question: Why not leave things the way they are?

Morgan: "Given the option of the proposed charter, the wholesale reorganization of the way we operate and function — I think we should leave it alone (our current charter in place)."

Question: Who drafted the currently-proposed new charter, when, under whose direction?

Morgan: "The mayor, city administrator, and our city attorney..."

Under the direction of the same—with direction to proceed with efforts by majority vote of the commission.

Question: What kind of citizen input if any did they get, what was it, when, and from whom?

Morgan: "There were a series of meetings held. In not one did a citizen support the changes in form of government proposed in the proposed char-

ter. In almost every case there was at least one objection. When there was agreement on changes, it generally centered on some of the antiquated verbiage of the current charter—none of which truthfully affects negatively the way we operate."

"The biggest proposed changes I can see in the current proposed charter," Morgan wrote, "is the city moving from a strong mayor and strong commission form of government to a strong city administrator who will run things day to day."

The Beacon also asked whether Valparaiso can afford to pay a strong city administrator, who presumably would have to be paid more to retain because more management skills and effort will be needed for the job?

"No," wrote Morgan, "I believe we would be hard pressed to do so."

The Beacon also asked whether city commissioners would still be elected by city-wide vote as they are now, or only by voters residing in their ward?

"To be clear," replied Morgan, "both the current and existing charter allow for the establishment of wards, however with a council form of government it could be a very probable option."



Bruce Arnold



Joe Morgan



Thomas Miller

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*What do you think about sports team names like "Washington Redskins?"*

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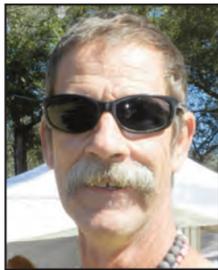
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Terrell Auquoe, 51, Lakeland, FL, self-employed



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Billy Whitefox, 60, Panama City, disabled veteran



"I don't have a problem with it. I don't see what the big deal is. It's getting ridiculous – like saying we can't pray in school, or taking God out of the Pledge of Allegiance."

Steve Traynor, 52, Fort Walton Beach, supervisor



"It's okay sometimes; sometimes not. It depends on how they use it – whether it's done respectfully or not."

Timbra Alford, 13, Saint George, Georgia, student



"As long as it's done respectfully, I have no problem with it. It's only a problem if it's done in a clownish or mocking way."

Redhawk McGahee, 51, St. George, Georgia, utility operator and Vice President of Cherokee Tribe



"I agree with the majority of the Native American community, that finds Indian names and mascots problematic. Most of such names and mascots have racist origins. They represent native people as replicas or artifacts."

Dr. Arica Coleman, 52, Newark, Delaware Professor of African/American and Native/American Studies; University of Delaware

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

# Publix sign request clears hurdle

By Virginia Schreitmuller  
*Beacon Correspondent*

The Niceville Planning and Zoning Commission will recommend the city council approve Publix Super Markets' request for exception to the city sign ordinance, in effect allowing two more signs on the building, for a total of three. The recommendation to increase the total sign square footage came after hearing from a store representative during a public meeting held Monday.

Thomas Sign and Awning, Clearwater, submitted the request for exception to the planning commission on behalf of the Lakeland-based grocery chain. It would allow two "pharmacy" signs in addition to the main "Publix" sign to be attached to the building.

"The ordinance restricts the square foot of sign area to a

maximum of 60 percent of the building's frontage," said Frankie Revell from the Niceville city building department. Based on the ordinance, the store's total sign area would be limited to 144.66 square feet; Publix's proposed signage would take the total to 184.41 square feet, she said.

Representing Publix and Thomas Sign, Gregory Davis explained the request for exception is a result of plans to add a drive-up window to the pharmacy in the supermarket under construction at Rocky Bayou Drive and John Sims Parkway.

Tony Namlick, the commission chair, asked if any Publix stores in the immediate area have drive-through pharmacies. Davis said the addition of a drive-through pharmacy is not typical of Publix stores, but a concept the chain has tried to

include in new construction over the past five or six years

"In this location, we are fortunate enough to be the anchor tenant and have the luxury of holding the end unit (of the building)," Davis said. "This allows us to make the addition of a drive-through pharmacy at this location."

With this addition, the store needs to have directional and informational signs to help identify the drive-through location and traffic flow. The signs would retain the style and coloring of Publix's trademark signs, he added.

The location and height of the signs were of concern to David and Angela Smith. The Smiths, whose home is near the Publix site, asked Davis for clarification on the signs' impact to their homes.

"We are concerned about the

lighting and if we are going to see it from our yard. We just don't want bright lights shining in our backyard," Mr. Smith said. The wording of the proposal, he added, gave them and other residents near the site the mistaken impression that the store wanted bigger signs, not more signs.

Davis said the two signs on the front of the structure would face the roadway, and the third sign on the side would face west, and none would be elevated from the structure.

Following Davis' remarks, the commission voted unanimously to recommend the city council approve the request for exception. The city council will hold a public hearing on the proposal Nov. 12, at 7 p.m.

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YMCA

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"We're not happy," said Les Smith, of Niceville, one of about a dozen people exercising in the Niceville Y late Monday afternoon.

Phil Hooper, of Bluewater Bay, a longtime booster of the Niceville

branch, said, "It's been a part of my life for the last seven to eight years. I hate like the dickens to see it close."

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completed a review of its operating budget, "we have been simultaneously assessing the realistic viability and solvency of branches that have been operating at a loss every year they have been open."

"We are now in the first stages of implementing our strategic plan of restructuring and divesting from underperforming branches and programs, while reinventing and investing in those with potential," Wright said.

"The Y is in the process of revamping outdated but once well intended policies that have been blindly accepted as common practice without realistically assessing the consequence of an unsustainable fiscal drain," on the YMCA of the Emerald Coast, according to the statement.

Founded in 1962, the Emerald Coast YMCA owns and operates the main YMCA in Fort Walton Beach and branches in Niceville,

Destin and Crestview. It also operates before- and after-school day-care in six schools.

The Y said that it would offer its "loyal Niceville membership base . . . an option of discounted membership rates at our other branches.

On Monday, in response to a query, Wright said that Niceville members would receive prorated refunds on their prepaid memberships, if they request them.

PANEL

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the school district. "As a committee we just explore options and make a recommendation to the board."

The committee met last week in Niceville.

Gore, the district's program director for information systems, facilitates all of the calendar committee meetings. He also provides the possible options, making sure that all of the statutory requirements are met. He will present the recommendation to the school board and answer any questions that may come up.

With long-standing debates on whether to start the school year earlier, Gore said the committee did not find that feasible at this time. The district has been told by the state that it can't start classes any earlier than two weeks before Labor Day unless it meets certain school-grade requirements, which has yet to be approved.

Even if they are granted that flexibility to move to an earlier start date, the committee may well steer against it, Gore indicated.

"Typically, even when we have that flexibility, what we've heard from various stakeholders is that they like a consistent calendar," Gore said. "The downside

of going to an early start like that is, that at any point that you happen to lose that flexibility, you would have to revert back to the late start. Then you have calendars with start dates bouncing back and forth, which can get frustrating for parents, community members, daycares and things like that."

The current and proposed calendars give students a week off at Thanksgiving, and the first semester ends in mid January, rather than before the Christmas break. Elementary and middle schools have early-release days once a month, and high schools will have a late start once a month.

CAMERA

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to wait for something to happen and then say we should do this or should have done that."

The cameras, three per bus, record images of the occupants of the bus in which the gear is installed. The images are not vis-

ble to the occupants, but may be viewed later by school district officials if circumstances warrant.

Frakes said it will probably take two years to get the remaining buses equipped.

"I don't think we will be able to do all of this right now, so it will probably be a piecemeal thing where we take a little money that

we can get and do it a little at a time: she said. "We may have to do some the next year and maybe even some the next year after that."

The school district is also exploring the possibility of adding a GPS-based system, which would include a GPS-camera combo. Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry

Ashley has pledged his support and has offered to donate funds from forfeitures collect by the sheriff's office.

No decision has been made by the board as to which system they will install, but Superintendent of Schools Mary Beth Jackson said safety is her top priority and feels the GPS-based system is likely

their best option.

"Those cameras would give us the ability to track, through GPS, where those buses are at all times, but it will also tell us when the tires need to be rotated, when the oil needs to be changed and what kind of driving habits the driver has," Jackson explained. "It would give us a tremendous amount of

information. Sometimes we have things happen on a bus that the bus driver can't see, and we like to be fair to children. This is a way for us to make sure that we are treating situations fairly."

Jackson said Ashley is putting together a proposal and will submit it to the board after projected costs have been determined.



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## U.S. Open hopes bring international tennis players to BWB

An international mix of players will battle for one of the coveted semifinals and finals slots on Nov. 9 and 10 during the USTA Men's \$10,000 Futures Pro Circuit Tournament at the Bluewater Bay Tennis Center on Nov. 1-10.

In its fifth year, Niceville will again be a proving ground for college students, teens and international tennis players seeking to earn enough ATP points for world ranking and eligibility to advance from Futures and Challenger Matches to the pinnacle of tennis play, ATP level and annual Grand Slam tournaments - Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open - courts offering the most ranking points, loads of prize money and ample publicity.

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from Pro Circuit competitions like Niceville's. During the 2012 season, Floridian, Christian Harrison, then 18, played on the Pro Circuit. Partnering with his brother Ryan to compete at the 2012 U.S. Open - the pair remarkably defeated fourth-seeded Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski of Poland to advance to the Men's Doubles Quarterfinals. Christian's world rank skyrocketed from 1,025 to 175.

"We had always talked about playing at the U.S. Open together when we were little so it was really cool to see that dream come to reality in New York," said Ryan Harrison, 21, who was defeated this year in the U.S. Open opening-round against Rafael Nadal. "The crowds at the U.S. Open are some of the best in the world

and the support we received during our matches was awesome."

It is an expensive journey attained by few. The prize money does not typically cover airfare, hotels, meals and gear. "I don't know if I would have been able to cover my expenses if I hadn't gotten my first sponsors back then in Nike and Babolat," said Ryan Harrison.

This tourney will award \$1,300 to the winner of the Men's Main Final Singles on Sunday, November 10. The champion receives 18 ATP points. In contrast, a Grand Slam like the U.S. Open awards 2,000 points and \$2,600,000 dollars to the victor.

Off the courts, Niceville and Bluewater Bay families stood up to support many of the player's support needs. Families opened their homes and condos.



Some of the tennis players checking in for the Men's ProCircuit tournament Oct. 31 with USTA officials at the Bluewater Bay Tennis Center. These men will be playing to win a spot in the Main Draw. From left, Damon Gooch, Jordi Arconada, Aron Hiltzik and John Mee who play year round at the Junior Tennis Champion Center in College Park, MD. Seated is tennis coach Jan Burmeister.

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"I think the Pro Circuit events are great because as a young player you learn a lot and it forces you to play a lot of matches and develop into a better player," said Ryan

Harrison. "It is a stepping-stone and proving ground that every player must go through. There is no other way to improve your ranking than to go out there and battle in the Futures and

Challengers. I am still doing the same thing just at the ATP level. You have to fight for every match because everyone wants to win and get to number one."

## Veterans Day activities, honoring those who serve

The Twin Cities Veterans Council will sponsor the annual Veterans Day Ceremony in Doolittle Memorial Park in Valparaiso on Monday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

This community event will feature patriotic speakers, raising of the colors by Niceville High School ROTC Cadets and presentation of wreaths by the Cities of Niceville and Valparaiso, local organizations, scout groups and students as well as the wreath prepared and presented by Ruckel Middle School students.

Several local organizations this year have special activities planned to honor the area's many military veterans on Monday, Nov. 11 and throughout the week.

The Niceville Exchange Club will hold its 15th annual

"One Nation Under God" Veterans Day Prayer Breakfast Nov. 11, 8 a.m., at the Valparaiso AMVETS Post 78, 910 Valastics Ave., Valparaiso. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased by contacting Paul McShane, 678-8680.

Heritage Gardens Cemetery, 2201 N. Partin Drive Niceville, will be holding a ceremony for Veterans Day beginning at 9 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Monday, Nov. 11, Covenant Hospice staff and volunteers, with the Retired Chief's Group, will hold 25 ceremonies in assisted living facilities and nursing homes throughout Okaloosa and Walton counties.

They will be honoring all veterans in these facilities with a certificate of appreciation and commemorative pin in honor of their service to our country. For more information, please call 729-1800.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, students at Ruckel Middle School will participate in special activities throughout the morning. At 7 a.m., students will be joined at breakfast by guest veterans from throughout the community. At 7:45 a.m. there will be a ceremony in the school gymnasium, including special guest speaker Lt. Col. Dennis H. Levesque, Commander for Group Support Battalion, 7th Special

Forces Group (Airborne). Throughout the rest of the morning, local veterans will be in each classroom at Ruckel, telling students about their military experiences and answering questions.

AmVets Post 78, at 910 Valastics Ave., Valparaiso, will host a prayer breakfast Monday, Nov. 11 at 8 a.m. at the Twin Cities Pavilion. AmVets members will also participate in the Veterans Day ceremony at Doolittle Park at 11 a.m.

There will be free hair cuts to active duty military and retired veterans Monday Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with free drinks and snacks while they last from Rincon Borqua Family Restaurant at Banana Clips Salon, 501 Mary Esther Blvd., Fort Walton Beach.



## Niceville girls entertain with Irish dance

Ruckel students Eve Glenn, front, and Colleen Simpson dance with the Drake School of Irish Dance at the St. Mary's Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 27 in Fort Walton Beach. Both girls live in Niceville.

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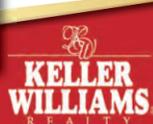
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**Open mic poetry night**  
Join fellow poets Nov. 6 for "Say the Word", an open mic poetry reading at the French Quarter Bar & Grill, 714 Howell Rd., Niceville, at 7 p.m. The event is free of charge and all

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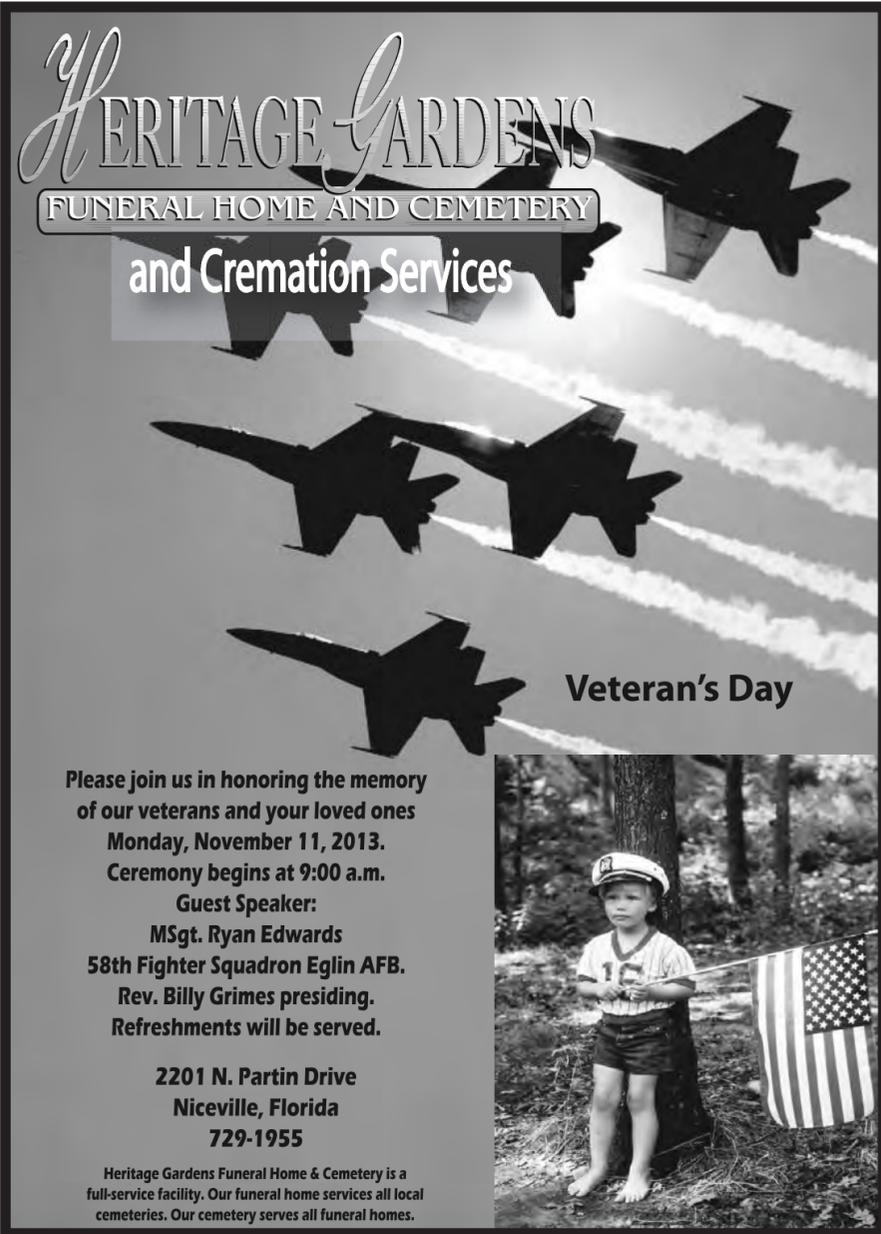
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**Memory march**  
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Participants can sign up at milesofmemories.niceville.kintera.org or pick-up a registration packet at

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**Gospel concert**  
Libby and Friends Gospel Concert Ministry presents The Hendersons of Milton on Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church, 951 South Ferdon Blvd., Crestview. A suggested \$10 donation is requested at the door and a love offering will be received. All invited. For more information visit libbyandfriendsgospelconcerts.com

**Genealogy group meets**  
The Nov. 9 meeting of the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County (GSOC) will be a field trip to Pensacola for an all day seminar by genealogist Megan Smolenyak. Carpools will be formed if needed. For more information call Val Moreland at 243-0352.

**Audubon bird walk**  
There will be a bird walk Saturday, Nov. 9, to Ft. Pickens, Gulf Island National Seashore and will be led by well-known birder, Leonard Fenimore.  
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**Monthly Audubon meeting**  
The Audubon monthly meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 7 and will feature a presentation by Jeff Talbert, biologist and wildlife photographer, on environmental management at one of the Panhandle's most beautiful parks.



**NHS has Teacher of the Week**  
Niceville High School Band Director, Daniel Wooten, was nominated for Teacher of the Week by Sabrina Keesey, one of his students. Sabrina submitted Mr. Wooten to the contest because she recognizes how much he and the other band teachers go above and beyond as teachers.

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There are still a few tickets left for the 2012 Toyota Camry being raffled off in the 2013 NHS Tech-Knowledge-Y "Win a Car Sweepstakes." Tickets are \$25 each, with a limit of 1,000 sold. "Tickets are dwindling," said Joe Fagundes of Capstone Transportation Management, the car's donor. "When they're gone, they are gone."

Beacon photo by Angela Yuriko Smith



## Car raffle raises tech money

Joe Fagundes believes Niceville High School should have more technology, and he is giving away a car to help make that happen.

"I think it's the best school in the county," said Fagundes. "The goal is to contribute any way we can. I want to make sure they have the foundation and tools they need."

Fagundes isn't alone in his desire to see NHS get high tech. Brandon Huff, of Huff Companies, and his brother Chandler started this campaign back when Marcus Chambers was principal, Fagundes said.

Dave Costa of Costa

Enterprises is another strong supporter of the campaign for technology and Greg Pope from Accent Signs contributed the lettering wrap on the car. "A lot of people in the community help do this, believe in this," said Fagundes.

Everyone is invited to enter for a chance to win a 2012 Toyota Camry in the 2013 NHS Tech-Knowledge-Y "Win a Car Sweepstakes." Tickets are \$25 each and no more than 1,000 tickets will be sold.

All of the funds raised will go towards purchasing technology, such as software and tablets, to help students learn

more efficiently.

Tickets can be purchased at home football games and in the front office at the school Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. and at all home football games. The drawing will be at the last home football game on Friday, Nov. 8.

As the final week before the drawing approaches, there only a few hundred tickets left, said Fagundes.

Photos of the Toyota Camry are on the NHS website NicevilleHighSchool.org. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact 833-4270.



## Oktoberfest funds benefit AFOTEC

Mid-Bay Bridge Rotary past president Dave Underwood presented members of the AFOTEC Unit Advisory Council a check for \$500 Wednesday, Oct. 23, for the Council's help in the set up and take down of Rotary tents, tables and other equipment at Mid-Bay's 19th Annual Oktoberfest. Rotary members also had the opportunity to hear the AFOTEC Mission Brief, as well as the Unit Advisory Council's goal and objectives, at one of its meetings.

## Obituary

### William W. (Bill) Kendrick

1931 - 2013

Retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. William W. (Bill) Kendrick, 82, passed away on

Monday, Oct. 28, at the Manor at Bluewater Bay after a 2 year battle with kidney disease.

Bill has lived in the area since 1973. He retired from active duty as the Deputy Accounting and Finance Officer at Eglin in August 1984 with 30 years of service. While in the Air Force, Bill received the Air Force Commendation Medal, AF Organizational Excellence Award, National Defense Service Medal,

Vietnam Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon, Republic for Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Meritorious Service and Good Conduct Medal with two devices.

He attended St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Niceville. He was a loving husband, and "Daddy" to two, four legged "Babies", Sophie Westie and

Wendy "Blue Eyes." He will be greatly missed by all of us. Bill loved swimming and scuba diving, but in later years had to give it up for health reasons.



William W. (Bill) Kendrick

Bill is survived by his wife Judy and cousin Robert Sedman of Brantford, Ontario, Canada.

The family received friends from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at Emerald Coast Funeral Home,

113 Racetrack Road in Fort Walton Beach. A graveside service with full military honors was conducted at 2 p.m. at Barrancas National Cemetery on Monday, Nov. 4.

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Jake Fiske sprinting towards the finish line as he achieves a personal record with a time of 17:11.72.

## NHS runners place second in district

The Niceville High School cross country team dominated the 3A District Meet by placing second for both the girls and boys teams. This meet was held on Saturday, Oct. 26 in Lynn Haven. The team's performance allows them to continue on to compete at the Regional Meet in Lake City. The top seven boys and girls will compete, with one alternate for each team. "The girls ran one of the best team races of the season and the boys have the times to be a top five team in the state, ranked 4th now. A lot of hard work has gone into the season," said Sherman Eller, the assistant coach.

Girls results: 5th Mackenzie Shinnick (19:45.68), 6th Claire Crist (19:46.18), 9th Haley Smith (20:08.46), 15th Annie Serpa (20:58.07), 16th Anna Herrera (21:00.90), 18th Drew Haggerman (21:08.90) and 21st Julia Moreno (21:17.89). Boys results: 1st Thomas Howell (15:40.21), 9th Tristan Hamer (16:35.33), 10th Nick Morken (16:44.44), 12th Caden Ewing (16:54.81), 17th Jake Fiske (17:11.72), 18th Jack Massey (17:16.45) and 21st Kyle Ferris (18:02.94). Personal records for the district meet include: C. Crist, H. Smith, T. Hamer and J.Fiske. Season Best Times include: A. Serpa, D. Haggerman and C. Ewing.

## Eagles win district

By Sarah Clauson  
*Beacon Correspondent*

The Niceville High School Eagles bounced back from a devastating loss last Friday, Nov. 1, to win the District 1 Class 7A title in just one quarter of football on Monday. The loss Friday put the three district opponents all at a 1-1 record in district play, and sent them to a shootout that was played, and won, by Niceville, at Eagles Stadium on Monday night. Nov. 15, the Eagles will host Leon High School in the Regional Quarterfinals, followed by a non district game this Friday, Nov. 8, as they close out their regular season, and celebrate senior night, at home against Jacksonville Bolles. The 2013 Eagle team started the year with such strength and promise and managed to maintain their success despite an onslaught of injury. The team rallied together to fill in the missing pieces of players that one would think they could not afford to lose. The lineup changes, especially at the helm, finally caught up with them against Crestview. The 17-12 loss certainly set them back, but all was

not lost. "The same thing happened in 2005 and we went to the semi-finals," said Head Coach John Hicks. The shootout on Monday started with one quarter between the No. 2 and No. 3 teams, Tate and Crestview respectively, which Tate won 7-6. It secured them a spot in the playoffs, as either district winner or runner up. They faced off against the Eagles, and lost 14-0, eliminating Crestview from the playoffs. The 12 minutes that the Eagles played was a resounding improvement from the game just a few days prior. They played clean, smart football and reminded everyone why they have been number one all season. Still left without their starting quarterback, the Eagles proved that they are still in it to win it. The offense, which struggled in the loss against Crestview, played tight and aggressively against Tate. The offensive line protected quarterback Drew Frederic, and allowed key players like Tyree McCants and Tayjon Culley to power the ball right down the middle. The first touchdown of the quarter came after an impressive drive with run after run until Culley powered



Tayjon Culley breaks through a tackle attempt by Tate and crosses into the end zone for a touchdown with only 3:42 remaining on the clock and a score of 7-0 during the three way shootout Monday, Nov. 4. Eagles won the District 1 Class 7A title in just one quarter of football. Niceville High School will host Leon High School in the Regional Quarterfinals Friday, Nov. 15.

into the end zone. The defense was back to their familiar ways, with intense pressure on the quarterback, quick coverage of the receivers and big tackle play makers. The victory was clinched when Eli Stove picked off a Tate pass and ran it into the end zone to widen the gap to 14-0 with a 1:42 remaining on the clock. The win gave Niceville it's much deserved district title, home field advantage in the first round of the playoffs and the opportunity to redeem itself from the one blemish on the otherwise perfect season. "We had the energy tonight, great determination, Our pride was injured Friday night and we got it back tonight," said Hicks.



## Corvette club overnights in Bluewater Bay

Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta drove 15 corvettes over six hours Friday, Oct. 25, to park their cars, and some of the drivers, at the house of Bluewater Bay resident Mickey Whitmer, the mother of Rod Whitmer, the Corvette club's VP of activities. They were in town for two nights to attend the Vettes at the Village event at The Village of Baytowne Wharf. "I told them 'no hot rodding,'" she said.



Rod with his mother, Mickey Whitmer.



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