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Thurs., 9 a.m.



The **Bluewater Bay Garden Club** will meet at the **Bluewater Bay Clubhouse** on Bluewater Boulevard for a meeting and social time. Guests are welcome. 897-5560.

Sat., 2 p.m.



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Sat., 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Sigma Omicron Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will host a health symposium called "**Pink Goes Red**" to educate the public about wellness at the **Northwest Florida State College**, Student Center, Niceville.

Mon., 12 p.m.



The **Exchange Club of Niceville** is having a celebration of freedom at Niceville City Hall, next to the Children's Park. The **Pledge of Allegiance** will be said together as a simple gesture of patriotism and remembrance of the sacrifices made in the defense of our country. 225-0412.

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\$10M courthouse overhaul eyed

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

The Okaloosa County Commission discussed options for renovating the Crestview courthouse, replacing the former Shalimar courthouse annex, and expanding the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office headquarters in Shalimar.

During a meeting in Crestview Feb. 4, the commission chose

between options for expansion and renovation of the aging county courthouse in Crestview.

County Facility Maintenance Director Donald Turner told commissioners that the Crestview courthouse was built in 1953, and the Shalimar Courthouse Annex was built in 1974. Both buildings predated the Americans with Disabilities Act and cannot be easily fixed to comply with the

law short of making major modifications or replacing the buildings altogether, officials said.

In the case of the Crestview courthouse, said Turner, the facility lacks adequate holding cells for prisoners undergoing trial, and lacks secure means for moving prisoners to and from courtrooms without coming in contact with

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Renovation of the Crestview courthouse could cost as much as \$10 million.

Valentines



Beacon photo by Angela Yuriko Smith

Love was in the air at First Baptist Church, Niceville, as fathers and their daughters gathered for an early Valentine's Day banquet Feb. 7. Pictured, Sean Bradley and his daughter Clara commemorate the night with a portrait taken before being seated.

Problems plague \$6 million sewage plant upgrade

Roof woes also at issue

By Rich Byrd
Beacon Correspondent

Continuing construction challenges were the primary topics of the Niceville-Valparaiso Regional Sewer Board (NVRSB), which convened Feb. 5 in Niceville.

Spirited discussion regarding progress of the Sewer Plant Upgrade Project consumed the majority of the meeting.

Glenn Stephens, representative of Polyengineering Inc., the board's contract engineer, stated there were still problems with the filtration system clogging. There was a concern regarding a recommendation by a previous project manager for Siemens, the company that is overseeing the \$6 million plant upgrade, who advocated use of 6 millimeter screens for plant filtration rather than finer 3 millimeter screens.

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Okaloosa schools food service now in the black

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

The Okaloosa County School Board heard a briefing on improvements to school food services, discussed recovery from the ice storm that struck the district in early February, and discussed some actions that may be taken by the Florida Legislature in its upcoming session.

During a meeting in Fort Walton Beach Feb. 6, Tony Buscemi, of Sodexo School Services, the private contractor that has taken over food service from an operation run by the school district itself, briefed board members on a review of the program, which he said included studies at Florosa and Riverside elementary schools, Pryor Middle School, and Choctawhatchee High School. He said the school system's food program has gone from running a deficit in 2009 to having a \$1.2 million surplus as of June 2013. He also said the school district won a best practices award from the USDA in 2012.

In addition, said Buscemi, the school district is upgrading its equipment and facilities. One new initiative, he said, is having a professional chef visit district high schools, doing "display cooking," as a

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Becoming a foster parent

Learn more in an intro session Feb. 18

By Angela Yuriko Smith
Beacon Staff Writer

For anyone who has considered becoming a foster parent but never knew where to start, an introductory class will be taught Feb. 18 at Niceville United Methodist Church. The orientation is aimed at helping prospective foster parents decide whether they want to proceed with the process of certification.

The 90-minute session "gives a brief overview of what being a foster parent entails, so they can make an informed decision if this is the right path to follow for them and their family," said Brenda Robinson, a foster parent recruiter for FamiliesFirst Network, a Pensacola-based private agency that operates foster-care services in four counties, including Okaloosa and Walton, on behalf of the state of Florida.

"There's no commitment, no signup," said Tyler Fuller, a foster parent who is also a youth minister at Niceville United Methodist Church. "This is just to see how it works. From there you go to

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what's called a PRIDE class."

Approval to provide foster care is usually granted after successful completion of the PRIDE class, which spans several weeks, said Fuller. The class consists of 30 hours of training for a state foster care license. PRIDE is an acronym for Parent Resources for Information Development and Education.



Tyler and his wife, Leslie Fuller, of Niceville have been foster parents for just over a year now. Their two biological daughters share their home with two boys, brothers, whom the Fullers are fostering.

"We feel called to it," said Fuller. "It's like something that God has specifically called us to do, so that's satisfying. Our kids are growing as they learn to be sisters."

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There will be a Foster and Adoptive Parent Orientation Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Niceville United Methodist Church. Pictured, Tyler and Leslie Fuller of Niceville have been foster parents for a year.

Courtesy photo



New bridge takes shape

A new bridge over Swift Creek, Niceville, will be part of a service road that will link the new Publix shopping center with the Walmart shopping center. When completed later this year, the road, paralleling John Sims Parkway, will allow motorists to drive from Rocky Bayou Drive to Oak Creek Plaza without using John Sims.

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Love always, your daughter Sandra Fazio and husband Dave of Austin, Texas; daughter Tammy Johnson and husband Andy of Valparaiso, Florida; daughter Connie Krebsbach and husband Al of Niceville, Florida; granddaughter Saskia Fazio-McPhail and husband Matt of San Antonio, Texas; grandson Jacob Fazio and wife Lauren of Austin, Texas; granddaughter Andrea Johnson of Orlando, Florida; granddaughter Malori Johnson of Tallahassee, Florida; grandson Tanner Krebsbach and granddaughter Ella Krebsbach of Niceville, Florida; and great-grandson Landen Fazio of Austin, Texas.

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the public or with court officials. It also lacks secure means for judges to get to and from their offices, parking, and courtrooms.

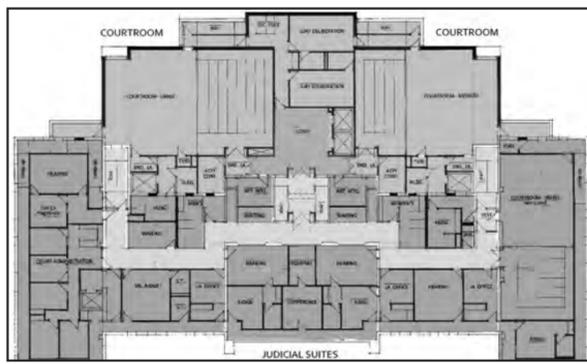
Regarding the Crestview courthouse, commissioners considered three conceptual plans for renovation. Option One, whose implementation was estimated to cost somewhere between \$5 million and \$8 million, was rejected by commissioners as inadequate.

After some discussion, commissioners directed Turner and other county staff to continue exploring Option Two, which is estimated to cost somewhere between \$7 million and \$10 million and add about 15,500 square feet to the courthouse.

They also directed county staff consider a third option, which would add 24,000 square feet to the existing courthouse, including a fourth floor and two new courtrooms. Option Three is estimated to cost between \$8 million and \$12 million.

The existing Crestview courthouse, said Turner, has about 44,000 square feet of floor space in its current configuration.

Commissioners also discussed



Okaloosa County
A favored option for expansion and remodeling of the 1953 Okaloosa County Courthouse in Crestview contains this plan for the second floor. Expansion area is in light shading at top. Darker area at bottom would be remodeled.

some conceptual ideas for designing a new building to replace the former Shalimar courthouse annex, which is used as office space by various county agencies. South county court functions, which account for the lion's share of judicial business in Okaloosa County, were moved in 2011 to a new \$27 million, 86,000-square-foot annex in Fort Walton Beach.

Commissioners did not approve a specific design or cost figures for the replacement structure, but discussed various con-

cepts preliminary to an actual design. They also approved an \$8,000 project to conduct an asbestos survey of the buildings at the former Shalimar annex, prior to demolishing and replacing them.

Commissioners also approved \$150,000 to expedite remodeling of certain spaces at the sheriff's Shalimar campus, and \$10,000 to provide temporary offices for the Guardian ad Litem program in Shalimar.

In other business, commission-

ers heard a briefing from local attorney Mike Chesser, who discussed the possibility of using tax increment financing to fund building a highway bypass around Crestview from State Road 85 south of the city, around the west side, to north of Crestview. Chesser said it would be necessary for the county to raise enough money from its own taxes, either in the form of property taxes, gasoline taxes, or other taxes, to provide a local match to attract enough state or federal grant money to complete such a project.

Also at the meeting, the commission approved public event requests for a pair of foot races in the Niceville area.

Without discussion, commissioners approved a public event permit for the Bluewater Bay Duathlon, to be held Feb. 22 from 5:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., along Bluewater Boulevard, John Sims Parkway, and around the EOD Memorial. The event will be sponsored by the Emerald Coast Triathlon Club.

The commissioners also approved a public event permit for the "Run to Play Kids Helping Kids One Mile Run," to be held on April 25, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Niceville.

FOSTER

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In the four-county area that FamiliesFirst oversees—Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton—there are 227 licensed foster homes, said Robinson. Though it varies from case to case, children can be in a single foster home from a few weeks to up to a year.

"Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) does their very best to find blood relatives to place children once they are in sheltered care," said Robinson. "If no family is available or meets the criteria to care for the child, he/she will be placed in a licensed foster home."

Fuller advises foster parents to have an open mind and stay flexible. Children entering the program are most often pulled in to the foster program unexpectedly due to domestic crisis.

The Fullers received a call for their first child, an infant, at 2 a.m. one morning. By 3:30 a.m. they were caring for a 4-month-old, said Fuller.

"You have to be flexible, on

your toes and ready," said Fuller.

Of Florida's 4 million children, about 7,600 are in foster care at any given time, having been removed from their homes by state authority for various reasons, according to the DCF. They include newborns, toddlers, grammar-school-aged students and teens. They come from many different backgrounds, and speak various languages. Some have many siblings, some have special needs.

While being a rewarding experience, there are difficulties as well. Foster parents deal with children from different cultures and upbringings, said Fuller.

"Be careful of your expectations," advised Fuller. "Some of the kids you get may be struggling in school. As a foster parent, you have a real chance to help." One of the most difficult issues for both foster parents and the children that need fostering is uncertainty, said Fuller.

"As long as the kids are in care you never really know what their future is," said Fuller. "It's hard for us and it's hard for them."

FamiliesFirst Network will

Fostering requirements

Beacon Staff

Thinking of becoming a foster parent?

Here are some requirements, according to FamiliesFirst Network, a Pensacola-based child-welfare agency that oversees foster families in Okaloosa, Walton, Santa Rosa and Escambia counties.

Foster parents must:

- Be at least 21 years old.
- Have sufficient income to support the household without relying on the board payment as supplemental income.
- Complete Caretaker Background Screening (Abuse Registry), local criminal checks Florida Department of Law Enforcement Criminal Check (FDLE) Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprints

host a foster care orientation for those interested in learning more on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Niceville United Methodist Church, Room 956,

for anyone living in the home 18 years of age and older.

—Provide references.

—Complete 30 hours of Foster Parent Pre-service Training (PRIDE) prior to license.

—Pass home inspection by health and fire authorities.

—Complete an in-depth family assessment to include self-study questionnaires and other licensing requirements.

Foster parent(s) may be single or married. If married and living together, both parents must participate in parenting.

Daycare can be provided if both parents work.

Foster parents receive a daily stipend that varies by the child's age, from \$14.14 for infants to \$23.67 for children aged 15-17.

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PROBLEMS

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The metal screens are installed upstream of filters. Officials indicated that too much solid material is getting through the screens, resulting in clogged filters.

A new project manager for Siemens, Brandon Hudson, conducted additional research by observing plant operations at Neptune Beach, which has a similar filtration system. Hudson said that Neptune was using 3 millimeter screens and had no clogging issues.

As a result, Siemens is now



Filters are clogging (far left) at the Niceville-Valparaiso regional wastewater treatment plant, a problem blamed on too-coarse screens installed during a current improvement project. Near left, a clean filter.

Niceville-Valparaiso Regional Sewer Board

recommending a switch to the 3 millimeter screens. Stephens stated that he and the NVRSB plant manager, Rick Helms, will meet with Siemens soon to address this issue.

At the request of board member Lannie Corbin, Niceville city manager, Stephens procured a cost estimate for the 3 millimeter conversion, which was estimated to be \$550,000 to \$600,000.

Of particular concern was the impact of this issue on the budget. The contract was awarded for \$6 million. As of Feb. 2, the project was on track with available funding of \$1.2 million. However, it is premature to determine what impact this screen issue could have on the budget.

Heath Rominger, sewer board member, asked if this oversight could be considered "a performance liability"?

Member Patrick Strong stated this issue would be discussed further with the contractor. Given the urgency to resolve this concern, an additional meeting was scheduled for Feb. 13 at 3 p.m. to continue discussing project options.

A secondary topic was the status of a reroofing project. The sewer plant's roof has experienced multiple issues that warranted a repair project. A contract was awarded for \$82,700 to remove and replace the old roof.

Significant discussion focused on the identification of the need to replace "lightweight" concrete on the lower portions of the roof and its associated costs. This concern was not identified during the initial assessment of the project.

Valparaiso Mayor Bruce Arnold, a board member, expressed concern that the contractor had overlooked this issue resulting in an unexpected cost increase of \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Stephens stated that they anticipated using the existing lightweight concrete that was in place, but unfortunately it "crumbled and was not usable." He stated this was not an issue that was identifiable until the work began.

Corbin stated that had the lightweight concrete concern been identified upfront, the associated cost to replace it

would have been included in the initial bid, resulting in having to pay for it anyway. This sentiment was echoed by other board members. The project is still being worked, but has experienced several delays due to inclement weather the area has experienced.

In other business, Arnold presented a proposal to board members regarding the generation of a new contract that would clarify specific duties that would be executed by the contract engineer. He stated that the existing contract is 30 years old and may not contain the level of detail and duties required.

Board members were open to the idea. Corbin referenced the current Valparaiso contract with Polyengineering that could be used as a baseline if this action were approved.

Arnold stated he would ensure a copy of the contract was forwarded to other board members. This action remained an open discussion item. Strong asked members to think about the need to update the contract and it would be read-dressed at the next meeting.

Eglin test to close key roads

Sections of the two state highways linking north and south Okaloosa County are scheduled to close for 90 minutes the morning of Feb. 14 due to an Eglin Air Force Base test mission, according to Eglin officials.

Highway 85 between Niceville and Crestview, Highway 285 between Niceville and Mossy Head, and adjacent roadways including Eglin reservation roads, will be closed from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for safety reasons.

In addition, Duke Field will be evacuated for the test.

The Army 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) cantonment will remain open, but access from the east at Highway 85 will be stopped during the test.

A backup mission date is scheduled for Feb. 15 with closures and evacuations at the same times if needed, according to an Eglin statement.

Fire Department Reports

Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls from Feb.3, 2014 through Feb.9, 2014.



Street	Situation	Date	Time
0 Structure Fire	31	Emergency Medical Calls	
0 Vehicle Fire	2	Vehicle Crash	
0 Other Fire	0	Vehicle Crash with Extrication	
0 Illegal Burn	0	Other Emergency Calls	
2 False Alarms	1	Hazardous Conditions	
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	2/3/14	01:11
Dolphin Point Rd.	Medical	2/3/14	11:26
Alan A. Dale	Fuel leak	2/3/14	15:32
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	2/3/14	20:43
3rd Street	Medical	2/3/14	22:29
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	2/3/14	22:42
Hudson Cir.	Alarm activation	2/3/14	23:10
Cedar Ave.	Medical	2/4/14	07:40
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	2/4/14	14:20
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	2/4/14	14:29
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	2/4/14	15:38
E. College Blvd.	Medical	2/4/14	15:56
Forest Lake Terr.	Medical	2/5/14	03:11
Ivy Ave.	Medical	2/5/14	05:36
Marquette St.	Medical	2/5/14	09:12
Als Dr.	Medical	2/5/14	10:15
Cedar Ave.	Medical	2/5/14	10:49
Matthew Dr.	False alarm	2/5/14	17:03
Date Palm Dr.	Medical	2/5/14	19:10
Edgewater Dr.	Medical	2/5/14	22:54
Bay Breeze Cove	Medical	2/6/14	09:56
Hudson Cir.	Medical	2/6/14	10:15
Redwood/John Sims	Vehicle crash	2/6/14	14:09
N. Hwy. 85	Medical	2/6/14	14:52
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	2/6/14	16:39
Willow Ln.	Medical	2/6/14	18:37
22nd Street	Medical	2/6/14	21:23
Reeves St.	Medical	2/6/14	22:10
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	2/7/14	11:03
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	2/7/14	16:33
Boyd Cir.	Medical	2/7/14	18:19
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	2/8/14	06:44
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	2/8/14	07:21
Als Dr.	Medical	2/9/14	07:21
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle crash	2/9/14	09:27
Lanman Rd.	Medical	2/9/14	22:19

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The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls from Feb.3, 2014 through Feb.9, 2014.



Street	Situation	Date	Time
Hickory St.	Medical	2/3/14	12:19
N. White Point Rd.	Medical	2/3/14	15:22
Hwy. 20 E.	Medical assist	2/4/14	08:56
Merchants Way	Medical	2/4/14	12:33
N. White Point Rd.	Medical assist	2/4/14	17:29
N. White Point Rd.	Medical assist	2/4/14	22:30
N. White Point Rd.	Medical assist	2/5/14	00:01
N. White Point Rd.	Medical	2/5/14	01:06
Hwy. 20 E.	Dispatched & cancelled	2/5/14	11:44
Old Post Rd.	Public assist	2/5/14	16:06
Hampton Cir.	Public assist	2/6/14	10:00
Choctawhatchee Dr.	Medical	2/6/14	11:59
Windward Ln.	Dispatched & cancelled	2/7/14	07:40
Parkwood Ct.	Medical assist	2/7/14	13:13
N. White Point Rd.	Medical assist	2/7/14	14:10
Lake Dr.	Smoke detector activation	2/7/14	21:59
Mediterranean Cir.	Medical assist	2/8/14	05:39
Range Rd.	Vehicle accident	2/8/14	09:23
N. White Point Rd.	Medical	2/8/14	20:13
Meadow Woods Ln.	Medical assist	2/9/14	02:49
N. White Point Rd.	Medical	2/9/14	16:59
Lost Horse Cir.	Medical	2/9/14	17:59
Treasure Cove	Medical	2/9/14	18:46

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- Homestead Exemption
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Our office makes every effort to insure that property owners are made aware of all exemptions for which they may qualify. Again, as stated above, in order to receive the exemptions this year, **applications must be filed in our office by the March 3, 2014 statutory deadline.**



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What is your favorite Winter Olympic sport?

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"Without a doubt, snowboarding, and especially Shaun White – he's phenomenal."

Joe Stevens, 58, Niceville, social worker



"Hockey – I like contact sports."

Tracey Williams, 66, Niceville, retired engineer



"Figure skating. I just think it looks cool."

Alexis VanNimwegen, 13, Niceville, Ruckel Middle School student



"Ice dancing. It's just beautiful to me – the way it's synchronized."

Donna Fontaine, 60, Bluewater Bay, manager



"Luge – because it's fast, and it's team-oriented."

Doug Stark, 67, Niceville, retired



"Ice hockey."

Jack Morgan, Niceville, retired

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SCHOOLS

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way of introducing students to healthy and palatable food preparation, as well as awakening interest in food services careers.

He said that emphasis is being placed on using less processed food and more fresh foods in school cafeterias. He said the district is looking for local sources for fresh produce.

In addition, said Buscemi, the district is conducting online surveys among students, asking such questions as, "What did you think of lunch today?" and asking students to check such answers as "Loved it," "Okay," or "Didn't like it."

He also said that the school district will be holding a "Future Chefs" competition in March for elementary school students, who will compete to see who can make the best sandwiches.

School board members praised Buscemi's efforts. "We could never get a handle on food services until we brought you on board," said board member Cindy Frakes.

Board member Melissa Thrush thanked Buscemi for "your willingness to increase communication with parents and others."

In other business during the meeting, Schools Superintendent Mary Beth Jackson told board members that she does not think the district will have to make up any of the school days lost to the ice storm earlier this month, during which schools were closed for three days while icy roads made it too dangerous to transport children to and from school.

Taxpayers and students are promised 180 days of public schooling a year, or the hourly equivalent.

Jackson also said that during the coming legislative session, Gov. Rick Scott is expected to introduce a budget of more than \$18 billion for public education in Florida, which Jackson said is "more than ever before."

School board member Cindy Frakes briefed fellow board members on some bills pending before the state legislature. One of these, she said, is to modify "zero tolerance" policies, to prevent students from being overly disciplined for such triv-

ial offenses as nibbling a pop tart into the shape of a gun. Frakes also said that the legislature may move toward bringing textbook selection back to local school boards, rather than having textbooks chosen at the state or federal level. Frakes described this as a "push back" from people concerned about whether the "Common Core Curriculum" is likely to impose federal or state requirements on local school districts.

Frakes said that although many teachers appear to like the common core curriculum, many parents are concerned about it, especially over the curriculum's new approach to teaching children mathematics. She said some parents have complained that the new teaching approach makes it difficult for parents to help their children with their math homework.

Melissa Thrush said that some students have also been frustrated by being presented with multiple options for solving the same math problem.

S. Grant Williams, owner of Niceville Hearing Center, was nominated as "The Best of 2012, and again for 2013, Hearing Healthcare Professionals" by The Hearing Review publication. The Hearing Review publishers established the "Best Of The Best" program to recognize those hearing instrument specialist, audiologists, ear, nose & throat medical doctors and others who exemplify quality hearing health care. This program highlights outstanding individuals, practices, facilities and companies that "go above and beyond" the call of duty to serve the needs of people with hearing impairment.

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Schools benefit from Publix opening

Twin Cities elementary schools were given \$500 each, or a total of \$4,000, by Publix Super Markets to mark the Lakeland-based grocer's opening of a store in Niceville Feb. 5.

Air Force announces exercises in bay, Gulf

Residents may experience noise when the an Eglin Air Force Base unit, the 96th Operations Group, conducts boat operations in Choctawhatchee Bay and the Gulf of Mexico Feb. 13 and again Feb. 18-21, according to an Eglin spokeswoman.

The operations are part of the 53rd Wing's Weapon System Evaluation Program, or WSEP.

In the morning, fighter aircraft will release munitions between about 8 a.m. and noon, about 20 nautical miles out in the Gulf.

In the afternoon from about 1 to 5 p.m. some 30 boats will be used by A-10 and F-15 warplanes as visual targets. No weapons or ammunition will be involved in the boat testing.

The boats will go between the Mid-Bay Bridge and the Highway 331 Bridge, and five to 20 miles south of Destin in the Gulf of Mexico.

Boat operators will be dressed in military uniforms and white costumes. They will carry fake rubber rifles, painted in bright colors, which will be hidden when going to and from the mission area, including passing under bridges and through harbors. Some boats will carry mock deck guns and fake rocket launchers.

The test will be conducted within a cordoned range safety corridor. Notices to mariners will be issued prior to the missions, and flyers will be handed out at marinas, according to an Eglin statement.



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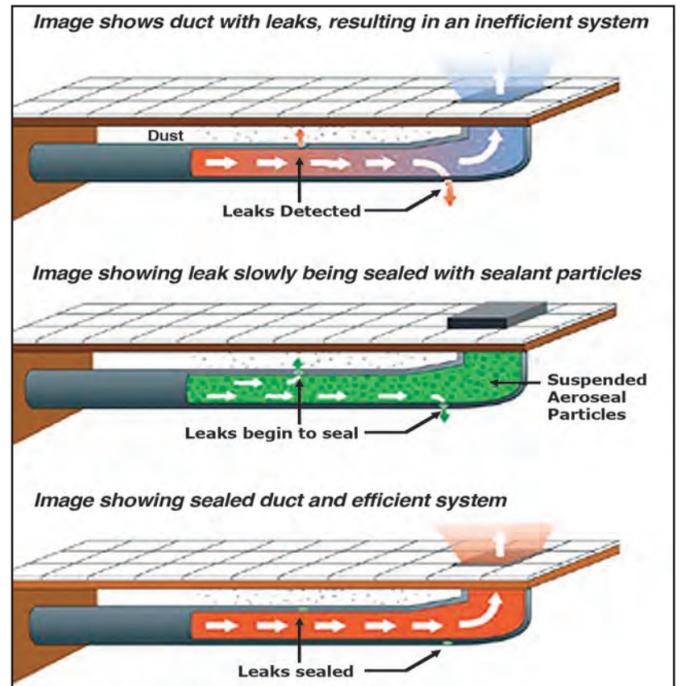
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Weddings

Donaldson-Geisler

Sarah Campbell Donaldson and Kenneth Edward Geisler were married on last Oct. 13 at the Biltmore Forest Country Club in Asheville, N.C. Attendants for the bride were Margaret Campbell and Whitney Donaldson. Best man for the groom was Kaden Geisler, and the other groomsmen were Frank Geisler Jr.

The bride is the daughter of Shelly Campbell Williams (deceased) and Kenny and Patty Donaldson of Niceville and a 2001 graduate of Niceville High School.

She earned her Bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education from Florida State University in 2005. She is a teacher at Emerald Coast Middle School.

The groom is the son of Diana



Kenneth and Sarah Geisler

and Ed Gilbert of Niceville and Frank and Kassie Geisler of Leesburg and a 2002 graduate of Niceville High School.

He earned his Bachelor degrees in Project Management at NWFSC in 2007 and Construction Engineering Technology from the University of West Florida in 2009. He is employed by Southern Wine and Spirits.

They currently reside in Santa Rosa Beach.

Rocky competes in Junior Classical League regionals

Rocky Bayou Christian School's Junior Classical League members competed in the Junior Classical League Regional Forum on Saturday, Jan. 25, at Gulf Breeze High School. Individual winners for the academic testing were:

For the senior class, Mackenzie Davis, won fifth in Advanced Greek Derivatives and Isabella Foreman, won fifth in Heptathlon.

For the junior class, Clayton Jago, won fifth in Latin Vocabulary II.

For the sophomores class, Seth Kerstein, won fourth in Latin Derivatives II.

For the freshmen class, Charis Allen, won third in both the Pentathlon and Latin

Derivatives I, Amber Grete, won fifth in Vocabulary II and Ariel Schesniak won third in Latin Grammar I.

Middle school student Alicyn Grete, won second in Latin Grammar I and first in Pentathlon.

Individual winners in the Creative Contests were: Alicyn Grete won fifth in Models and sophomore Sarah Stovall, won first in Illustrated Booklet.

In the Olympics, while the RBCS team won second place overall, individual winners were: MacKenzie Davis won third and Alicyn Grete won fifth in the 100 Meter Race; Alicyn Grete won fourth in the Mile Run, females division; Kayla Thompson won third and



Rocky Bayou Christian School's Junior Classical League competed in the regional forum Jan. 25. Pictured from left bottom row, Sarah Stovall and Alicyn Grete. Middle row from left, Ian Kampert, Michelle Earls, Charis Allen, Mackenzie Davis, Izabella Foreman and Kayla Thompson. Back row from left, Julie Mosley, Seth Kerstein, Clayton Jago and Trever Knie.

Mackenzie Davis won second in the Friscus Throw, female division; Ian Kampert won fourth and Clayton Jago won third in the Friscus Throw, male division.

Michelle Earls, Clayton Jago, Ian Kampert, Trever Knie, and

Mackenzie Davis won third in the Human Chariot Race; McKenzie Davis won first and Kayla Thompson won fifth for Standing Broad Jump, female division and Clayton Jago won fifth for Standing Broad Jump,

Please see ROCKY, page B-3

Who's News

Gretchen Erickson of Niceville earned the Girl Scout Volunteer Years of Service Pin which recognizes adult members for the years of active volunteer service at five-year intervals. Erickson has committed 45 years of service to Girl Scouts as a girl and adult member.



Gretchen Erickson

She was honored at an Adult Volunteers Awards Ceremony Feb. 1 which recognized individuals for their service to the Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle.

Please see WHO'S, page B-3



Learn history over lunch

Ann Denson Tucker, local artist and Chairwomen for the Muscogee Nation of Florida, will be the presenter for a free lunch time lecture, "History of Muscogee Creek People," Friday, Feb. 14 at 12 p.m. Space is limited so please call to reserve a seat at 678-2615.



Scout builds benches, earns Eagle rank

Troop 546 held an Eagle Court-of-Honor for their most recent Eagle Scout, Chance Riley. Chance lead the construction and installation of campfire benches at the Christ our Redeemer Catholic Church in Bluewater Bay. Pictured, first row from left, Mike Klinger, Conner Nelson and Drew Knebl. Second row from left, Scoutmaster Steve Pearce, Brayton Miles, Gavin Tolbert, Hudson Pearce, Chance Riley, Weston Smith and Mike Lynch.

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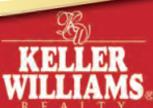
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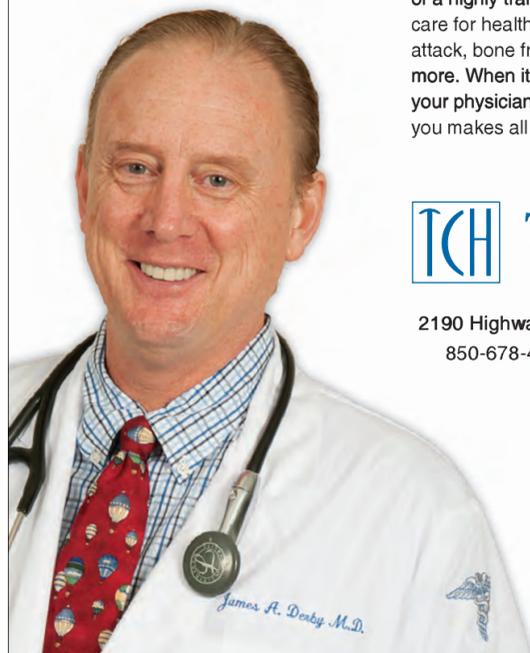
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Chamber breakfast

The Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce will hold its Second Wednesday Breakfast on Feb. 12 at 7:30 a.m. at the Niceville Community Center.

Garden club meets

The Bluewater Bay Garden Club will meet on Feb. 13 at the Bluewater Bay Clubhouse on Bluewater Boulevard at 9 a.m. for social time, meeting starting at 9:30.

Our guest speakers will be Melissa LaMatty, a St Andrew's Park Services Specialist, and Dylan Shoemaker, a St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve Manager.

DAR meets

Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the First Presbyterian Church, 134 Beal Parkway S.W., Fort Walton Beach at 10 a.m., Feb. 13.

Program will be Florida's 500th Anniversary by Della Scott Ireton, NW Florida State College Assistant Director of Archaeology.

DAR is open to all women who are lineally descended from a Revolutionary War Patriot. 796-0783

Parrot Heads meet

The Emerald Coast Parrot Head Club will meet Feb. 14 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Harry T's, Destin. For more info, visit epcparrotheads.org.

Tribute concert

The Emerald Coast Concert Association will bring Peter, Paul and Mary "Alive" to the stage at the Emerald Coast

Convention Center on Okaloosa Island Friday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and available at Artful Things in Niceville.

Lunch time lecture

There will be a free lunch time lecture, "History of Muscogee Creek People," Friday, Feb. 14 at 12 p.m., presented by Ann Denson Tucker, local artist and Chairwomen of the Muscogee Nation of Florida.

Bring a sandwich and take your lunch break at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida for "History Sandwiched-In," an informal lunchtime education program.

Choctaw potluck

The Choctaw Beach Community Center will have its monthly potluck dinner on Feb. 14, at 6 p.m. The community center is located at 126 Water Oak Street in Choctaw Beach.

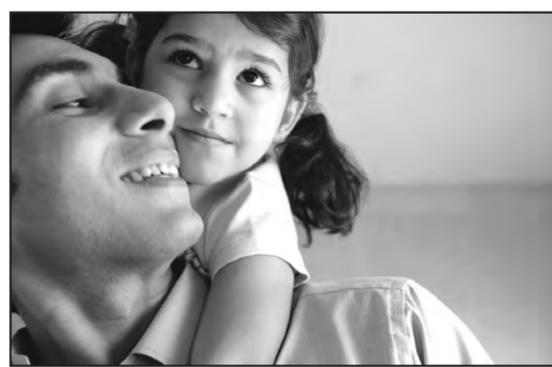
Victorian Valentine tea

Celebrate Valentine's Day in a unique and fun way this year at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, Saturday, Feb. 15 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Cost is \$15, or \$12 for museum members. Space is limited, reservations are required. Call 678-2615 to reserve.

Breakfast fundraiser

"Kids Anointed to Succeed" (KATS), the youth group at All God's Children and the Living Word Worship Center, 40 S. John Sims Parkway, Valparaiso, will host a Sweetheart Breakfast on Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person. This



Dance for daughters and dads

The First Presbyterian Church, 1800 E. John Sims Parkway, Niceville, will be transformed into a Valentine's themed wonderland Feb 15 with music provided by Moonlight Music Company of Niceville.

is a fundraiser for scholarship funds. Tax deductible donations also accepted. For more info contact Vanessa McClain at 803-3818.

Daddy and daughter dance

First Presbyterian Church, 1800 E. John Sims Parkway, Niceville, invites fathers and daughters of the community to the second annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, Feb. 15 with dads and girls six and under from 4-6 p.m. and dads and girls aged seven and up from 6-8 p.m.

Family tickets are available for \$20 and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the ongoing care and support of Cavaillon orphanage in Haiti. Please call 678-2521 to purchase tickets. This is a non-denominational, community event.

Boot camp for girls

Distinguished Young Women of Okaloosa County will host a "Boot Camp" Saturday, Feb. 15 from 2-4

p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Niceville Assembly of God, 108 Highway 85 North, Niceville.

Cost of the workshop is \$35 per girl and includes a t-shirt from the event, a free ticket to the DYW Scholarship Program for Okaloosa County in July 2014, and a social time with homemade snacks.

To register for the DYW Boot Camp please contact Carole Byrd at 205-886-5552 or caroledyrd911@yahoo.com.

Needle art exhibit

The Sand Dunes Chapter of Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA) will have a showing of members' needlework projects, "Needle Arts in the Atrium III" at the Meridian at Westwood Retirement Resort, 1001 Marwalt Drive, across from the Fort Walton Beach Medical Center on

Saturday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 16 from 1-4 p.m. with refreshments Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Admission is free.

Health fair

The Sigma Omicron Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will host a health symposium called "Pink Goes Red" Feb. 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Northwest Florida State College, Student Center, Niceville.

Free guitar recital

Classical guitarist Stephen Robinson will appear Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in a free recital at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, in the Tyler Recital Hall.

Seating is limited, donations will be accepted at the door for this free recital, which is sponsored by the college's Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts Division.

Musical brunch

Rossini's opera "Cinderella" will be the subject of Choctaw Bay Music Club's 12th annual opera brunch on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 12 p.m. in the Niceville Community Center, 204 N. Partin Drive.

The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for students and must be purchased by Feb. 16.

Brunch tickets are available at Bayou Books in Niceville. For information or tickets you may call Gloria DeBerry, 642-0756 or Karen LeGrand, 664-6569 or send an e-mail to ChoctawBayMusic@cox.net. Please reserve by Feb. 16.

NWFSC open house

Northwest Florida State College (NWF State College) will host a Community Open House on the college's main campus in Niceville from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on President's Day, Monday, Feb. 17.

It is recommended the public enter the event at one of three locations- the main lobby of the Student Services

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ROCKY

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male division. MacKenzie Davis, Isabelle Foreman, Trever Knie, Clayton Jago, Ian Kampert and Charis Allen won second in the Tug of War. JCL sponsor, Julie Mosley, says that she is very proud of her small-school group for earning these places amongst much larger schools in this "total points" competition.



Collegiate has four Merit semifinalists

Four students from Collegiate High School were among the approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 59th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These seniors will continue in the competition for some 8,000 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$35 million that will be offered next spring. Students qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the PSAT during their junior year of high school. Pictured from left, Roger Ballard, Alex Hencinski, Luis Melecio-Zambrano and Evan Adler.

WHO'S

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Benjamin (Benji) Vigil, a senior at Rocky Bayou Christian School, was selected as the Niceville Exchange Club's student for "Accepting the Challenge of Excellence" (ACE) for January.



Benjamin Vigil

Niceville nurse gets Patriot Award

Twin Cities Hospital Chief Nursing officer, Shaun Lampron, RN, BSN, was presented the Patriot Award by Captain Angela Sanders of 45th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Macdill Air Force Base, Tampa and Mr. Terry Dawkins, Employer Support of Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Volunteer. The ESGR Patriot Award is nominated by military reservists who recognize employers with outstanding support of military duties. Lampron lives in Niceville with her family.



CALENDAR

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Center, the Activities Center or the Mattie Kelly Arts Center to pick up an event schedule and register for door prizes.

Act of patriotism

The Exchange Club of Niceville invites everyone to join up noon, Feb. 17 at Niceville City Hall, next to the Children's Park, in a celebration of freedom. Please come out to say the Pledge of Allegiance together as a simple gesture of patriotism and remembrance of the sacrifices made in the defense of our country. For more info, Paul McShane 225-0412.

Foster families needed

Families First Network hosts Foster Care Orientation for those interested in learning more about foster care Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Niceville United Methodist Church, room 956, upstairs in com-

munity life center. For info contact Tyler Fuller at 678-4411 or TFuller@nicevilleumc.org.

Chamber after hours

Join the Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce and Sterling House Bluewater Bay, Tuesday Feb. 18 from 5- 6:30 p.m., for Business After Hours. Sterling House, 1551 Merchants Way, Niceville, will sponsor a Mardi Gras After Hours, with food, beverages, networking and door prizes. Contact the Chamber, 678-2323, for more information.

Classical commentary

Dr. Robert Larson, retired humanities professor, will present "Models, Metaphors and Music" at the community classical music study series, "Better Listening," Feb. 18, with comments on classic music and related CD selections from 7-9 p.m. at the Unitarian Church Fellowship Hall, 1295 Bayshore Drive, Valparaiso. All sessions are free and open to the public. No reservations required.



Bluewater students give gifts of pajamas

Second grade students at Bluewater Elementary School in Niceville purchased Christmas pajamas for all of the youngsters at Children in Crisis. The students' mothers wrapped the gifts and Missie Sykes, a second grade teacher at Bluewater, agreed to coordinate the holiday project.



Women's Golf help fund food bank

The Eglin Women's Golf Association was pleased to donate \$300 to Niceville's Sharing and Caring. The check was from proceeds of the annual ladies Invitational Golf Tournament. Pictured from left, Martha Istorico, Ina Reimann, Susan Magerman, Jamie Hill and Amanda Millington.

Obituary

John R. Lanning Jr.

John R. Lanning Jr. died early Saturday morning. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He leaves behind his wife Sandra Lanning, daughter Suetta Hill, son Lawrence Lanning, granddaughter SeAndria Duckworth, grandson Steven Hill, grandson Shayne Hill, great-grandson Ethan Backs, great-grandson Stephan Hill, great-granddaughter Sophia Hill, great-granddaughter Sara



John R. Lanning Jr.

Hill and great-granddaughter Mina Hill, all of Niceville. He is also survived by his brother Dan Lanning of Hollywood, Calif.

John Lanning was a retired Master Sgt. of the U.S. Air Force with 23 years of duty. In that time he served our country in the Vietnam Conflict. He was proudest of his time served with the 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing and the Air Force Orientation Group in Dayton, Ohio.

While in Vietnam, John was in contact with Agent Orange which lead to the cancer that he eventually succumbed to. There will be no services for him. He wanted just a small private family gathering. He had no insurance, so instead of flowers, please send any donations to Sue Lanning at the Eglin Federal Credit Union to help cover funeral expenses. It will take anywhere from 6 to 12 months for Veterans Administration to switch over her death benefits.

He will be remembered!



Ruckel band director selected as All-County conductor

Ruckel Middle School Band Director Eddie Steadman was selected to be the Guest Clinician and Conductor for the 2014 Santa Rosa All-County Honor Band Jan. 24.

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BEACONSPORTS



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Four NHS athletes sign scholarships

Four football players for Niceville High School signed college scholarships Feb. 5 at a National Signing Day Event held in the school auditorium. Pictured, standing from left, are the coaches John Hicks, Jimmy Norrell, Adron Robinson and Aaron Daniel. Sitting, Mitchell Mathews signed with Fairmont State University, Marqui Daniel signed with Eastern Kentucky University, Tyre McCants signed with University of South Florida and Connor McJunkin signed with University of the Cumberland.



Eagles play twice Friday for one win, one loss

Niceville High School varsity baseball played two games back to back Friday with a loss to Crestview High School with a score of 4-2 followed by a win over Fort Walton Beach High School with a score of 4-2. The game against Fort Walton Beach had been rescheduled due to a previous cancellation. Pictured, Trevon Eubanks pitches against Crestview during the first game of the night. The Eagles will play against Providence Christian High School in Alabama March 1.

Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson

Eagles wrestling spring season

Spring wrestling at Niceville High School starts March 4 and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday evening at the NHS wrestling room.

Wrestlers from 5th-12th grade will practice and compete in folk-style, free-style and Greco roman wrestling.

Tournaments will be held every Thursday night from 6:30-8 p.m. with weigh ins at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$50 for members or \$10 a tournament.

Wrestling practice will be taught by USA wrestling coaches and competition in all three styles will be held. Sign up will be at the first practice or tournament. Practices and tournaments will run through May.



Morrie Geselter

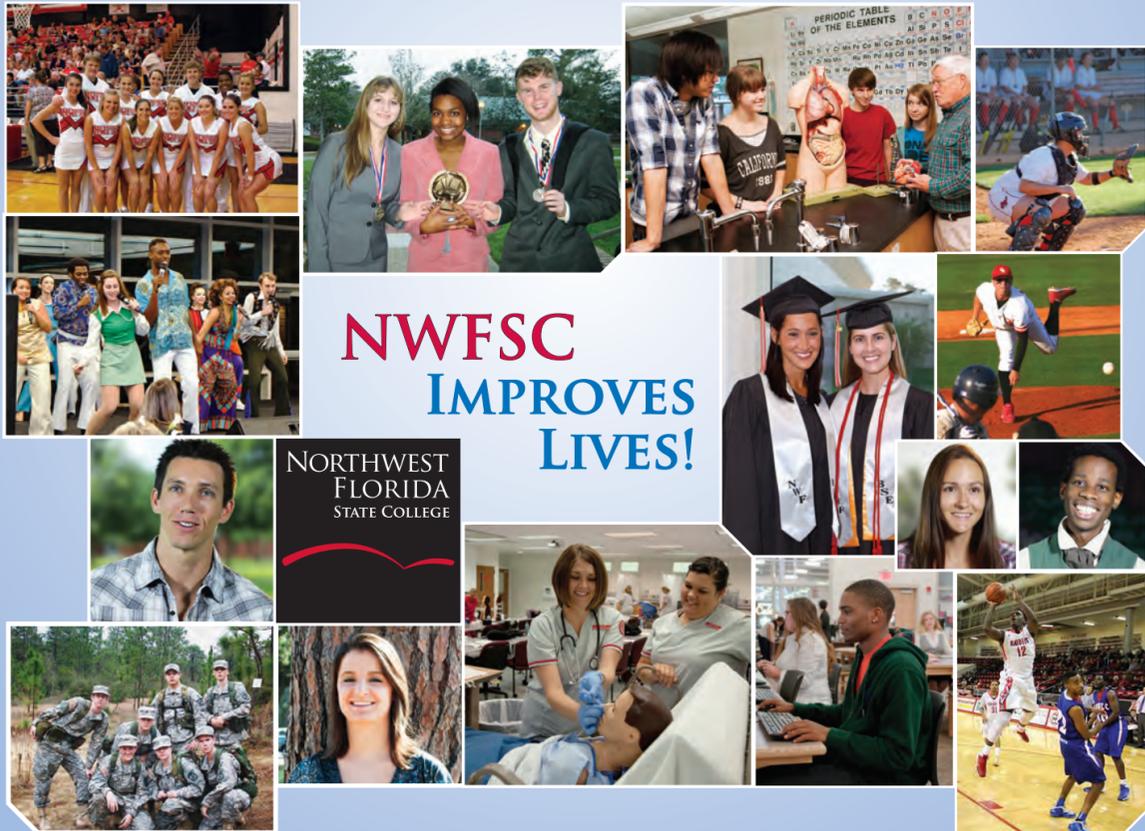
There will also be a tournament for younger wrestlers from five years to 8th grade in the Niceville High School gym March 1 beginning at 7 a.m. with weigh in and the tournament beginning at 9 a.m.

For more information contact Coach Morrie Geselter at 279-4640 or email grappler1435@cox.net.

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