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Wed., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Blood drive at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville. All donors receive a T-shirt.

Thurs., 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.



Teen Movie Day at the Valparaiso Community Library with a showing of "Vampire Academy," rated PG-13, and "Robocop," rated PG-13. Snacks will be served. Under 12 must be supervised. 729-5406.

Fri., 1:30 p.m.



Read to Baci, a reading program for children 7 and older involving a Bichon Frise therapy dog, will be at the Niceville Public Library. 279-4863 ext. 1514.

Sat., 6 p.m.



Libby and Friends Gospel Concert Ministry presents The Workmen Quartet of Gulf Breeze at the Central Baptist Church, 951 South Ferdon Blvd., Crestview. \$10 donation requested at the door. 496-7106.

Area schools score high on FCAT

By Marcia Anne Sanders
Beacon Staff Writer

The 2014 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test scores are out from the Florida Department of Education. The scores are used to determine state-awarded school grades, which in turn play a large role in teacher bonuses. Okaloosa County students did well overall, with gains in most areas.

"Our scores are starting to rise again," Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum

and Instruction Marcus Chambers said, "and we have a strong plan in place as we move forward."

Sixty-eight percent of 3rd to 10th grade students in the county passed the reading portion of the test, an increase of one percent over last year. In the state, 58 percent of students in grades 3-10 were performing at or above Achievement Level 3 (Passing) on FCAT 2.0 Reading, also up one percent from last year.

Sixty-six percent of 3rd to 8th

grade students passed the mathematics portion in the county, an increase of 2 percent. Another 63 percent of 8th graders passed science in the county, which was a 2 percent decrease from last year.

Chambers commented on the scores, "I think as a district, we are pleased with the scores this year. In many grade levels, we are in the top ten in the state."

As in the past, Collegiate High School at Northwest Florida State College was a top

performer. It tied with two other schools for the highest percentage of students passing the 10th grade reading section of the FCAT this year at 99 percent.

Niceville High School was next highest in Okaloosa County in 10th grade reading, coming in 22nd with 78 percent of students passing.

Baker High School performed at the next highest level in the county, ranking 27th with 73 percent passing in reading. Choctawhatchee followed in

33rd place with 67 percent passing and Fort Walton Beach High School was at 35th with 65 percent passing the 10th grade reading test. Crestview High School was 40th with 60 percent of students passing.

The average in the state for 10th graders in reading was 55 percent passing. Only Laurel Hill, Choice High School and Technical Center and Okaloosa Academy in the county were below that average.

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Niceville High graduates 458



Niceville High School Class of 2014 graduates celebrate after the school's 47th commencement ceremony Thursday. The 458 grads were offered more than \$11 million in college scholarships.

Beacon photo by Dave Shelikoff

Very go-round

Mixed reviews for 1st traffic circle

By Marcia Anne Sanders
Beacon Staff Writer

The first time you do anything, it can be difficult to know what's required. The first traffic circle on a major road in Niceville was completed earlier this year on Rocky Bayou Drive, adjoining the Publix shopping center and First Presbyterian Church of Niceville.

Reviews have been mixed. Niceville resident Carol Rose said of motorists using the new roundabout, "I have had people blow their horns, especially those approaching from Rocky Bayou Drive. Some seem to believe they have the right of way, perhaps because they are on the 'main' road. Others completely stop, unsure what to do if anyone else is

approaching or already in the circle."

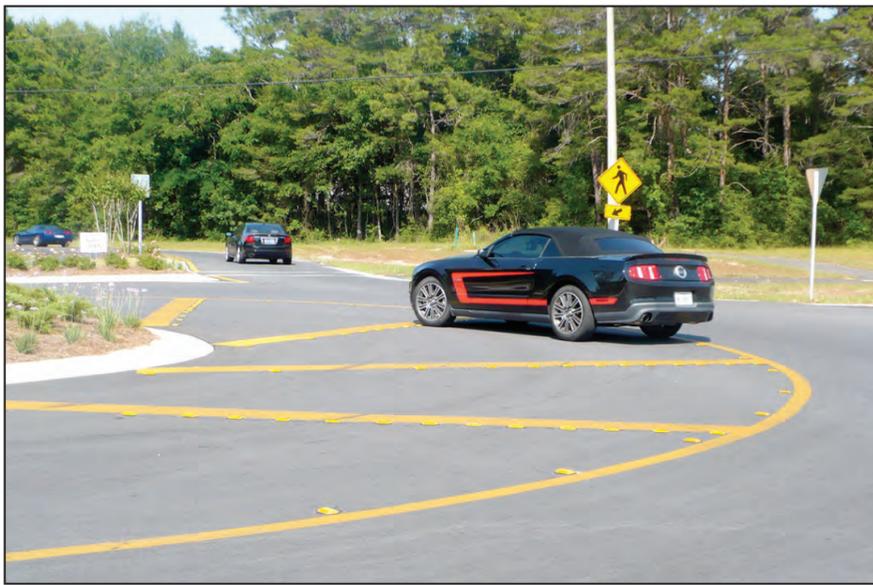
Rose did say, however, that she thinks the traffic flow has been better since the circle went in.

Lt. Joe Whitfield of the Niceville Police Department explained how to correctly navigate the circle. "When you approach that traffic circle, it's like a yield area. If it is clear, you don't have to come to a complete stop. You can enter the traffic circle. If there's a vehicle in the roundabout, you have to yield to that vehicle."

Whitfield added that people should use their blinkers if they are making turns out of the circle.

"If you were eastbound (coming from John Sims Parkway) and

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A car cuts across the circular safety zone around the new traffic circle on Rocky Bayou Drive in between the Publix shopping center and First Presbyterian Church of Niceville.

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Honoring the fallen

The Field of Valor honoring fallen U.S. service members in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001, opened Saturday at the Mullet Festival grounds, Niceville. The display, sponsored by the Niceville Exchange Club, is made of 347 flags and will remain open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. throughout the week. Here, "Taps" is played during the opening ceremony.

Beacon photo by Dave Shelikoff



Blowing smoke in Valp. City plans to test sewer system

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

Where there is smoke, there is usually fire—but not always.

If you see white smoke in Valparaiso today or tomorrow coming from man-holes, storm drains, or perhaps even within your own home, it may not mean that there is a fire, but that the city is probing its sewer system.

During a meeting of the Valparaiso City Commission on Monday, city Public Works Director James Valandingham briefed

commissioners on the tests scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of this week. He explained that to test the city's sewer system for leaks, city

workers will pump in non-toxic, white, "theatrical" smoke—similar to the harmless white smoke trailed from jet planes by aerial demonstration teams such as the Air Force Thunderbirds.

City workers will then be able to detect any leaks in the sewage system by observing where

smoke escapes. Because homes and businesses are also connected to the

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Airport's USO Freedom Lounge prepares to mark its 4th year

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By David O. Miller
Niceville

Many people appear unaware we have a USO facility in our local community. Thanks to the generosity of Okaloosa County leaders, we have a USO facility located inside Northwest Florida Regional Airport. For more than 70 years, United Service Organizations (USO) has been a bridge between the American people and our men and women serving in our Nation's military armed services all around the world.

Our local USO "Freedom Lounge" facility was dedicated on June 22, 2010, almost four years ago. Our USO provides goods and services to our nation's military men and women and their families who live in or visit our local community. USO is a non-profit organization

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The USO "Freedom Lounge" at Northwest Florida Regional Airport was dedicated on June 22, 2010.

and other needed donations.

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SMOKE

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city sewage system, there is a possibility that if there is a leak in the sewage plumbing of a building, some of the white smoke may appear. Citizens who see such smoke should contact the city public works department at 729-5407, or call the main city hall office at 729-5402.

Valparaiso Fire Chief Mark Norris said that the non-toxic smoke to be used in the sewer test is unlike the smoke that usually occurs in a house fire. Smoke from a house fire, he said, is usually dark, and has a strong, unpleasant odor. Smoke from an electrical fire may be somewhat lighter in color, but will still be darker than the smoke used in the sewer test, and smoke from electrical fires is often accompanied by the "electric" smell of ozone.

The smoke to be used in the sewer test is much lighter in color, and has little or no odor. Norris added, however, that any homeowner who detects smoke within their home, and suspects that it may be coming from a real fire, is encouraged to dial 911 to summon firefighters.

Norris and Valandingham said that during the sewer test, both of their departments will be in constant contact with the Okaloosa County 911 dispatch center to coordinate responses, and to ensure that fires, if any, are properly responded to, while any homeowner who finds smoke from the test inside their home is provided assistance in having any leaks in their sewer system repaired.

It was also announced during Monday's city commission meeting that Valparaiso's Twin Cities Park will be closed on July 3 and July 5 to allow loading and unloading of the barge used to launch fireworks over Boggy Bayou during the annual



Beacon photo by Marcia Anne Sanders

Valparaiso city workers will inject harmless smoke into the sanitary sewer system this week to test it for leaks.

Valparaiso-Niceville Independence Day fireworks display on July 4.

The city will close the boat launch ramp at Lincoln Park on July 4, to make room for other holiday activities at that park, including the early morning July 4 "biathlon" running and swimming race, picnics and children's games later in the day, and the large crowd expected at Lincoln Park to view the fireworks display that evening.

In other business during Monday's city commission meeting, city commissioners approved a request for a variance to city zoning to allow Donnie and Lu Morris, of 245 S. Bayshore Dr., to add parking across the street from their

home, nearer the water.

In their request for a variance, the Morrisses said that their property is on a curve of Bayshore Drive that limits visibility and poses hazardous conditions to through traffic. Parking of extra vehicles on the street at that location, they said, would create a safety issue. They further stated that additional parking is needed for their own vehicles and those of guests who may visit their home.

They said the paving blocks used to make the new parking area will "provide an aesthetically pleasing patio to entertain guests as they enjoy the Toms Bayou."

During the commission meeting, some of the Morrisses'

neighbors addressed the commission, opposing the variance, saying that it would set a bad precedent which might allow other property owners to pave over too much of their own property, and that the paving might have a bad effect on storm water drainage and on the aesthetics of the local environment.

Other neighbors, however, spoke in defense of the Morrisses, saying that it would be better to provide a paved parking area than to have people park on the grass, and that they did not think the paving plan would create an eyesore or cause any other problems.

Following the discussion, the commission approved the Morrisses' request, with the understanding that the new parking area will comply with city regulations for paved surfaces.

The city commission also approved a previously-rejected request to expand a dock belonging to Mike Bennes, on Highland Street along the shore of Toms Bayou. The request had previously been rejected by the commission because of concerns that the dock expansion might interfere with boat traffic or with neighbor's ability to access their own docks along the bayou.

Bennes, however, recently provided the city with a survey report and other information showing that his proposed dock expansion would create no such harm. After some discussion, the commission unanimously approved Bennes' request to expand his dock.

In other business, the commission heard from Valparaiso resident Obie O'Brien, who asked how long it would be before the city reopens a 700-foot section of North Bayshore Drive along Toms Bayou north of John Sims Parkway.

O'Brien said the unpaved road has been closed while the city makes landscaping improvements to help control storm water runoff, but that the closure makes it more difficult for local residents to gain access to their property.

City Commissioner Joe Morgan told O'Brien that there have been difficulties in making the stormwater improvements, such as the necessity to repair a stormwater retention dam and get some sod to properly take root near Bayshore Drive. He said the road would be open as soon as possible, but that the city's first priority is to control storm water runoff in order to protect the quality of water in Toms Bayou. He said he expects to be able to provide more specific information to O'Brien by the end of this week regarding how much longer the road will be closed.

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The traffic circle on Rocky Bayou Drive between Publix and the First Presbyterian Church of Niceville is busy with thousands of vehicles daily.

GO-ROUND

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you were going to turn into the Presbyterian Church, you should use your right blinker turn signal," he said. "It is not required but they should use the blinker for safety reasons. Going West toward John Sims and turning into Publix, you should use the right blinker."

Niceville Public Works Director Bruce Price said, "We've never had them in Niceville before. It's like anything else, people have got to get accustomed to them."

Price said, "I've received some complaints and I've observed some complaints about people not properly entering and exiting the circle."

He added, "When you enter the circle itself there's a median and there's also a marked safety zone. The idea is for people to take that circular path."

The city approved the design for the 20 m.p.h. circle submitted by Gustin, Cothorn & Tucker on behalf of Publix developer Valparaiso Realty, but Price said

he thinks there might need to be some additional modifications. He said he has noticed larger center medians areas in roundabouts in Destin and elsewhere. He also has looked into larger raised delineators to be placed on the ground around the safety zone that make noise when you go over them.

Others have spoken to City Councilman Daniel Henkel about the new traffic feature. "Yes, I did have some people who were questioning whether or not it was adequate for their safety," Henkel said. "They were concerned for people coming from John Sims to the Ruckel airport that it was almost a straight shot there and they thought there might be more problems."

Henkel brought these concerns to the Public Works Department.

The Niceville Police Department has also received complaints. Whitfield said, "The traffic on Rocky Bayou is cutting across instead of going through the safety zone. What some people are doing is they're just cutting straight through. That's the bulk of our complaints."

Price said that Valparaiso Realty, the developer who had the circle designed and installed on the public roadway, has put in raised pavement markers to help define the areas where cars are supposed to drive.

"But people are still not observing that," said Price. He said the center median of the circle is not very large and people are cutting through the marked pavement and not following the path.

It's a busy road. A Niceville police device counted 3,443 vehicles going back and forth on Rocky Bayou Drive on April 11 between 8 a.m. and 4:50 p.m., not even including the evening rush hour traffic.

The speed limit in the traffic circle and its environs is 20 m.p.h. Elsewhere on Rocky Bayou Drive, to the east, the city reduced the speed limit from 30 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h.

On May 11, nearly two-thirds of the drivers exceeded the 25 m.p.h. limit, although only about 7 percent were clocked at over 34 m.p.h., according to a count conducted by a police device.

A spokesperson from Valparaiso Realty said speeding is a problem on Rocky Bayou Drive and he had been contacted about it even five or six years ago.

Of the traffic circle, the developer said, "It was a way of providing full access to everyone. It's a great way of slowing traffic down and giving equal access to the road."

Price is also concerned about the new traffic circle at the Revell Drive service road on the east side of the Walmart and says he will talk to Valparaiso Realty about it before it becomes fully functional and is connected by the service road to the Publix parking lot.

First Presbyterian Church Deacon David Hull, who is in charge of the church's building and grounds, said he has not heard of any problems on Sundays from people leaving the church. "I think it eases egress from the church and possibly eases ingress as well." He added, "As people get used to it, I'm talking about the general public, I think it'll just be better and better."

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Police Blotter

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

Arrests

On May 27, Thomas Jared Taylor, 30, of 1854 Edge Ave., Niceville, was booked into the Walton County jail for simple assault with intent/threat to do violence. He was released later that day.

On May 27, Mary Catherine Harpster, 50, of 364 Madison Ave., Valparaiso, was booked into the Walton County jail for DUI. She was released later that day.

On June 1, Adam Blake Stephens, 33, of 204 Joseph Ave., Niceville, was booked into the Walton County jail for a misdemeanor probation violation.

On June 1, Valparaiso police arrested Ryan Kristoffer Peralta, 30, of 112 Air Force St., Fort Walton Beach, for one count each of possession of a controlled sub-

stance, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The arrest stemmed from an incident on May 16, when a Valparaiso officer driving through the parking lot of the Tom Thumb store on John Sims Parkway saw a convertible parked next to a gas pump with Peralta trying to get gas. As the officer drove by, he observed a female hunched over in the passenger seat and not moving. Upon further investigation, the officer found that the female was healthy, and she departed on foot.

However, the officer discovered that Peralta had an active Okaloosa County warrant for his arrest. After turning him over to a sheriff's deputy, the Valparaiso officer began an inventory of the vehicle so that it could be towed away from the gas pumps.

The officer located two small cigars filled with a green leafy

Okaloosa seeks fugitives

This information is from reports by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office.



Wanted As Of: 02/03/2014
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Name: Ted Reagan Driscoll
Sex: Male
Race: Caucasian
Age: 50 DOB: 07/13/1964
Height: 6ft 4in
Weight: 210 lbs
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown



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Name: Michael Christopher Feior
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Race: Caucasian
Age: 40 DOB:08/02/1974
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 200 lbs
Hair: Black
Eyes: Green

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substance which field tested positive for THC. The officer also located a black case, which Peralta had said housed his electronic cigarette.

When the officer examined the case to confirm its contents for inventory purposes, he found one used insulin syringe, a digital scale with suspected marijuana residue on it, a 50 gram weight for testing the accuracy of the scale, a clear plastic tray, the blade from a shaving razor, and a cloth pouch—items commonly used in preparing and ingesting illegal narcotics.

The pouch contained two small glass vials containing a clear liquid, which field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Other

On May 21, the Walton County Sheriff's office received a report of fraud from a Choctaw Beach resident. The victim stated that he had checked his bank account and noticed a charge on his credit card from the Home Shopping Network for \$155, despite having made no such purchase himself.

The purchase was traced to a resident of Cincinnati, and the case was referred to the Cincinnati Police Department. The bank took care of the false credit charge, and

issued the victim a new credit card.

On May 28, the Okaloosa Sheriff's Office responded to a reported residential burglary and theft of a firearm at an address on Live Oak St. in Niceville.

On May 28 Niceville police responded to an address on Als Drive, where someone had allegedly thrown a mug of beer at a mailman.

On May 29, Niceville police responded to an address on Kazmira Court regarding a report that two men had been seen in the parking lot with a gun and that shots had been heard. Two suspects were reported driving a sedan toward Old Bethel Road in Crestview, but were not found by Niceville, Crestview, or Okaloosa County officers.

On May 31, Niceville police responded to Elks boat and RV storage on Kelly Road, where a complainant reported that someone driving a vehicle had "spun out" with a vehicle in the gravel parking lot of the business, striking a cable pedestal box and knocking it over.

At 12:09 a.m., May 31, Niceville police responded to Tisa's bar on John Sims Parkway regarding a disturbance.

Fire Department Reports

Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls from June 2, 2014 through June 8, 2014.

0 Structure Fire	18	Emergency Medical Calls
0 Vehicle Fire	4	Vehicle Crash
0 Other Fire	0	Vehicle Crash with Extrication
0 Illegal Burn	5	Other Emergency Calls
0 False Alarms	0	Hazardous Conditions



STREET	SITUATION	DATE	TIME
Duncan/Roberts Dr.	Vehicle crash	6/2/14	14:06
S.R. 85 N.	Vehicle crash	6/2/14	17:02
Sterling River Way	Medical	6/2/14	20:15
Regatta Dr.	Medical	6/2/14	20:46
N. Palm Blvd.	Bomb scare	6/2/14	21:04
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Alarm activation	6/3/14	01:36
Hill Lane	Medical	6/3/14	04:10
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	6/3/14	16:13
37th Street	Medical	6/3/14	18:48
2nd Street	Medical	6/3/14	21:24
Ellis Ave.	Medical	6/4/14	13:09
Yacht Club Dr.	Alarm activation	6/4/14	13:54
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Alarm activation	6/4/14	14:10
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	6/4/14	17:23
Coral Dr.	Medical	6/5/14	07:32
Mulry Dr.	Medical	6/5/14	09:35
S. Palm Blvd.	Medical	6/5/14	10:49
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle crash	6/5/14	13:21
26th Street	Medical	6/6/14	06:56
McKinley St.	Medical	6/6/14	13:21
W. John Sims Pkwy.	Vehicle crash	6/6/14	20:30
Baysshore Dr.	Medical	6/7/14	03:35
Hickory Ave.	Medical	6/7/14	01:08
Royal Palm Dr.	Medical	6/8/14	05:36
Kicullen Dr.	Medical	6/8/14	08:01
Nathey Ave.	Medical	6/8/14	11:24
Bartonwood Ct.	Service call	6/8/14	22:12

Weekly Safety Tip: Most fireworks burn injuries involve children. These burns are usually to the hands and eyes causing vision impairment and disfiguring scars. Sparklers are the biggest danger to children. A tip temperature at the end of the sparkler reaches 1800 degrees Fahrenheit and can easily cause a burn.

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North Bay



The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls from June 2, 2014 through June 8, 2014.

Street	Situation	Date	Time
Ridgewood Way	Rescue	6/2/14	02:16
Napa Way	Medical	6/2/14	10:29
Canterbury Cv.	Medical	6/2/14	11:35
Windward Ln.	Medical	6/2/14	18:49
Palm Blvd.	Bomb scare	6/2/14	21:08
Windward Ln.	Medical	6/2/14	22:37
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Electrical	6/3/14	01:40
Hidden Lakes Dr.	Good intent	6/3/14	09:51
White Point Rd.	Medical	6/3/14	10:32
White Point Rd.	Medical	6/3/14	16:09
N. White Point Rd.	Medical assist	6/3/14	07:41
Pine St.	Dispatched & cancelled	6/4/14	09:29
Pine St.	Medical assist	6/4/14	10:30
Pine St.	Medical	6/4/14	18:01
Martiniere Cv.	Water problem	6/4/14	23:00
N. White Point Rd.	Medical assist	6/5/14	00:28
Oakmont Pl.	Medical	6/6/14	06:33
Olde Post Rd.	Medical	6/6/14	11:07
Myrtlewood Ln.	Medical	6/6/14	12:28
Cat Mar Rd.	Dispatched & cancelled	6/6/14	16:57
Merchants Way	Medical	6/7/14	06:44
Danbury Ct.	Dispatched & cancelled	6/7/14	17:16
N. Turnberry Cv.	Medical assist	6/7/14	18:48
Crystal Beach/Destin	Cover assignment	6/8/14	00:44
E. Highway 20	Vehicle accident	6/8/14	16:44

Visit northbayfd.org for more information.

Decorating Den Interiors announces interior design showcase website

Carol Stearns, owner of Decorating Den Interiors of Fort Walton Beach, announced the availability of a new website showcasing award-winning room makeovers from her company's 30th annual International Dream Room Competition.

"The website, www.decoratingden.com/dream-room-showcase, features the top three makeovers in 12 categories as judged by an esteemed panel of international home furnishings journalists," explains Stearns. "Visitors to the site can get great inspiration for their own homes."



Carol Stearns

"These makeovers were done by Decorating Den Interiors design professionals throughout the U.S. and Canada, and are real projects for real clients with real budgets," she said. "The showcase categories are: Living rooms, family rooms, dining rooms, bedrooms, kitchens, children's rooms, bathrooms, home offices, window treatments, outdoor spaces, commercial spaces, and miscellaneous."

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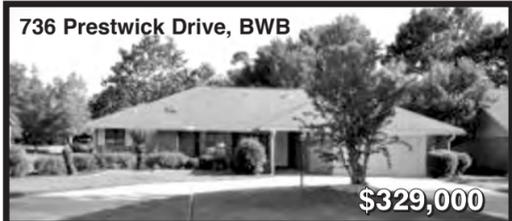
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THE INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER — by Mike Griffith

What do you think about the release of US Army Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl in exchange for five terrorist leaders?

Location: Oak Creek shopping center, Niceville



"I'm not really for releasing the terrorists, but I think the news media is judging Bergdahl before all the facts are known."

Lois Coleman, 71, Niceville, homemaker



"If the government made the decision to release, they must have decided the pros outweigh the cons. I have faith in the decision that was made."

Breezjon Rayes, 21, Shalimar, military



"I don't have all the facts, so I don't know if he's a hero or a traitor. I do thank him for his service, though."

Joe Rucky, 52, Bradenton, roofer



"I was friends with some of the guys who died looking for him. They shouldn't have released anyone to get him back. He walked off his post, and knew what he was doing."

Bryanna Blodgett, 29, Crestview, medical assistant



"I'm glad to have him back, but at what cost?"

Al Phillips, 67, Crestview, retired military



"I think it's criminal to negotiate with terrorists."

Darsi Ewing, 54, Niceville, quality assurance specialist

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FCAT

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Eighth graders in the county performed well in mathematics with no schools falling below the state average of 47 percent passing. Ruckel Middle School and Lewis School students tested the best in the county and were 10th and 13th in the state respectively. Eighty-eight percent of Ruckel students passed and 85 percent

of Lewis students passed.

As for writing, both 8th and 10th grade students show improvement, with eighth graders moving from 35th in the state to 18th and 10th grade going from 21st in the state to 11th.

This is the last administration of the FCAT 2.0 Reading and Mathematics assessments as well as Florida Writes, with the exception of the FCAT 2.0

Reading Retake, which will continue to be administered for graduation purposes. FCAT 2.0 Science also will continue to be administered next school year.

Next year, Florida will be transitioning to the Florida Standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. The American Institutes for Research will be developing new assessments that will replace the current FCAT 2.0 in writing,

reading and mathematics in 2014-15 for students in grades 3 through high school, according to Chambers.

Chambers said he is "eager" to get examples of the new types of assessment questions, which are supposed to be released to the district sometime this month. Chambers said although teachers will be out on vacation, principals and some lead teachers will be able to examine the

questions.

This spring, the state made changes to the standards based on public input last fall. The standards were originally based on the Common Core standards developed by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) but there had been a public outcry against them.

Ocala County Superintendent of Schools Mary Beth Jackson said of the change, "We had to start talking to our teachers about the instructional shifts while making sure that NGSS (Next Generation Sunshine State Standards) were still being addressed." As a testing transition year, schools and districts will not get graded in 2014-15 although the public will be able to see the scores.

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Students replant shoreline grasses

By Marcia Anne Sanders
Beacon Staff Writer

Third and fifth graders at 18 elementary schools throughout Okaloosa and Walton counties have spent the last year working on combating pollution and erosion while growing a habitat for animals along the bayou.

It's the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance's (CBA) Grasses in Classes program. About 2,000 students in third and fifth grades have planted close to 2,500 shoreline grasses at sites in the two counties.

"Really you're helping to improve the entire watershed," said CBA Education Coordinator Brittany Tate. "It's a living shoreline project—what you're building instead of a seawall," added Tate.

The students have grown

these grasses at the schools since they planted them in October. They have added water, checked its salinity, and during the cold weather months, covered the grasses to keep them from freezing.

"I learned that the grasses stop pollution. It's a home for the animals," said Bluewater



Elementary School fifth grader Hunter Bedner.

Teresa Miller, science teacher at Bluewater Elementary School, said the students are learning that what they do at home affects the bay.

"It links what they do in the classroom to the local community. They're taking what they learn in the book and just applying it to a real world application."

Bluewater Elementary

School fifth grader Will Marcantonio said, "Spariana Alterniflora (the variety of grass the students grew) prevent erosion with their roots."

The grasses help slow erosion and also provide a critical, intertidal habitat for small animals like blue crabs and hermit crabs.

"It really lets them know how important the little things are in the ecosystem. It teaches them not to take the little things for granted," said Miller.

As part of the yearlong program, each month AmeriCorps volunteers presented a hands-on science lesson about the grasses and the Choctawhatchee Bay watershed. Miller said students also learned about animal and plant adaptation, the water cycle and graphing and data collection.

Each school paid \$2,500 for the educational team from AmeriCorps while the CBA provided \$162,000 in 2013-14 for supplies and other costs through

grants and donations.

The program concludes with the end-of-the-year field trip to one of CBA's restoration sites, where the students plant the grasses along the shoreline. "All year long they've been looking forward to this field trip," said Miller.

Bluewater students planted their grasses at Florida Park in Valparaiso on April 8 and 9. Besides planting the sea grasses, the students also went through educational stations run by the AmeriCorps volunteers to learn about water quality, salinity, animal adaptations, oyster reefs and the oyster life cycle.

"It was fun because we got to do a whole bunch of different stations and learn," said Hunter.

The CBA program gives students hands-on experiences in science that are practical and applicable to everyday life so while they are learning, they are also helping improve their local watershed.



Beacon photos by Marcia Anne Sanders

The Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance's Grasses in Classes program had 18 elementary schools in Okaloosa and Walton counties grow beach grasses in their classrooms since October. The students recently took field trips to plant the grasses along shorelines to help slow erosion and provide animal habitats. Pictured from left, Bluewater Elementary School 5th graders Trevor Mee, Abby Vitt and Marleigh Moore at the Florida Park, Valparaiso.



Beacon photos by Marcia Anne Sanders

Memorial garden dedicated at Plew Elementary

A memorial garden was dedicated at Plew Elementary School May 29 to memorialize members of the Plew Elementary family that have passed on. Two of the honored were Don Dearman, principal of Plew from 1975 to 1995, and Emily Voigt, a first grade teacher at Plew who died during the 2013-2014 school year. Her family attended the dedication. Pictured in the garden from left, Rachael, Glenn, Addie, Robin and Gerrod Voigt. About 25 teachers, administrators, parents and family attended. Emily Voigt's 1st grade class, pictured above, sang at the dedication.



Summer fun keeps kids busy during holidays

Beacon Staff

Now that school is officially finished in the Twin Cities, many parents and guardians are looking for something to keep the kids busy this summer.

Here's the second installment of a list of upcoming summer camps, programs and activities. The first installment was published in the June 4 issue of the Beacon.



Fine Arts

Theatre camp

The Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation and the Emerald Coast Theatre Company will hold Kamp Kellywamba at Destin Middle School June 9-13 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for students entering 1st-8th grade with a pirate theme. Students will learn art, drama, dance, magic and juggling for a fee of \$125. Registration limited to the first 48

Part 2 of a series

students.

In addition, there will be theater camp at Destin Elementary School from July 14-19 for students entering 3rd-8th grade from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday. Students will produce "The Wizard of Oz." A ticketed public performance of the play will be performed on July 19. Cost \$150. For more information; mattiekellyartsfoundation.org.

Drama kids

Drama Kids presents Mystery Playhouse Camp for ages 11-14 and runs from July 22-25. Campers learn acting basics through theater games, improvisation, and plays all centered around a mystery theme. They will

explore all aspects of theater from acting and directing to set design and more as they work together to write, direct and perform in their own original mystery plays. This full day camp is from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with a show for friends and family at 3:30 p.m. July 25. Drama Kids Camp will be held at Rosemont Baptist Church. Cost for the camp is \$150. To register

call 737-0413 or visit dramakid-snwf.com. Drama Kids presents KinderKids Adventure Land Camp for ages 4-7 and runs from June 30-July 3. Campers will stretch their creative muscles as they re-enact some of their favorite stories. KinderKids helps kids gain confidence and build friendships through theater games, improvisation and plays. This half

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day camp is from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. with a show for friends and family at 11:30 on July 3. Drama Kids Camp will be held a Rosemont Baptist Church. cost for the camp is \$70. To register call 737-0413 or visit dramakidsnwf.com.

ADSO

The Arts and Design Society offers 'Kids' Art Camp.' Classes at the ADSO Art Center, 17 First Street, SE, Fort Walton Beach beginning with the ancient skills of clay artistry and feature a different medium each day including drawing, painting and other media. Each week ends with an art show and reception for the families during the second half of Friday's class. There are four sessions of the camp, organized by age groups.

Session 1: ages 6-8, June 23-27, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Session 2: ages 9-13, June 23-27, 1-3 p.m.

Session 3: ages 6-11, July 14-18, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Session 4: Ages 6-11, July 14-18, 1-3 p.m.

The cost for each of the week-long sessions is \$60 per child (\$50 for the children of ADSO members). Pre-registration is required by Friday, June 20 for June sessions and Friday, July 11 for July sessions. Classes will be at the ADSO Art Center, 17 First Street, SE, Fort Walton Beach. For further information or to register, call 244-1271, or visit artsdesignsociety.org.



Beacon photo by Angela Yuriko Smith

There's plenty to do in the area for kids of all ages from spending lazy hours going with the flow at Turkey Creek Park to learning new skills in one of the many available camps.

Sports

Eagle football

Niceville Eagle Football Camp at Niceville High School will be July 21-22 for ages 7-12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Preregistration is required, cost is \$35. For more information call 833-4263 or 833-4114 x1362

Volleyball

Rocky Bayou Christian School, Niceville, will have a volleyball camp June 30 to July 3 for girls in grades 4-8 from 8-11:30 a.m. Costs \$80.

Register by June 23 at 4 p.m. to avoid a \$10 late fee.

For more information, call the Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 279-3700.

Cheer

Rocky Bayou Christian School, Niceville, will have a cheerleading camp July 8-10 for girls in grades K5-

6th from 8-11:30 a.m. Costs \$60.

Register by June 30 at 4 p.m. to avoid a \$10 late fee.

For more information, call the Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 279-3700.

Soccer

Rocky Bayou Christian School, Niceville, will have a soccer camp July 14-17 for grades 4 from 10 a.m.-noon. Costs \$50.

Register by July 7 at 4 p.m. to avoid a \$10 late fee.

Rocky Bayou Christian School will have another soccer camp July 28-31 for grades 5-8 from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Costs \$80.

Register by July 21 at 4 p.m. to avoid a \$10 late fee.

For more information, call the Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 279-3700.

Basketball

Rocky Bayou Christian School, Niceville, will have a basketball camp July 21-24 for grades 3-7 from 8-11:30 a.m.. Costs \$80.

Register by July 14 at 4 p.m. to avoid a \$10 late fee.

For more information, call the Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 279-3700.

Tennis

Bluewater Bay Tennis Center, 777 Bay Drive, Bluewater Bay, will host an ongoing summer camp for children and teens ages 5-17 to discover or enhance their tennis skills. There will be 10 sessions, half-day, daily and weekly options, June 9-Aug. 15. For registration and information contact Gary Bertoldo at 897-8010.

Camp programs

Summer recreation

Registration is ongoing for summer recreation for kids entering grades 1-5 at Niceville United Methodist Church. Program runs from June 23 to July 21. Info: nicevilleumc.org/recreation or call 678-4411, ext. 145.

Kinder Knights

The Kinder Knights Educational Program is Rocky Bayou Christian School's summer academic-enrichment program for preschoolers. Each week, there is educational instruction and other activities, as well as a weekly field trip to the Niceville Library and Children's Park. From now until Aug. 1, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Ages 3-5. Registration: \$30. Full day weekly: \$120, half day weekly: \$72 Info: Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 279-3700.

Camp Victory

Camp Victory, Samson, Ala., is a Christian summer camp for boys

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Traveling baseball team wins

The Mustangs 11-U Travel Baseball Team are the 2014 Cinco De Mayo Slugfest 11-U Champions. Pictured, Aidan McCarthy, Dominic Mahoney, Matthew Willard, Griffin Usher, Adam Hall, Aidan Dark, Travis Fossum, Luke Loftis, Ethan Burke, J.C. Watkins, Coach Scott McCarthy, Manager Jim Loftis and Coach Andy Watkins. Not pictured, Coach Clint Willard.



Head Start kids move on

Head Start, Niceville, transitioned 12 children from pre-kindergarten to kindergarten in a recent ceremony at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Niceville. Pictured with his family, Jeremiah Sutherland, one of the students to transition.



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and girls aged from grades 3-12 located in Samson, Ala. with camp weeks open from June 9-July 28.

Weeks are filling fast and have variable availability and costs \$225. Visit campvictoryal.org or call 334-7948 for more information.

YMCA day camps

Crestview, Destin, and Ft Walton YMCAs are enrolling for YMCA day camps with week long sessions starting June 9 and ending the week of Aug. 15.

Day camps include, breakfast and lunch provided by Okaloosa County School District, two field trips a week to places such as the Gulfarium, Henderson Beach, Roller Skating and Gulf Breeze Zoo, Abakadoodle art lesson once a week and 30 minutes of reading time daily.

Camp hours are 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Fees vary between YMCA locations. To reach the Destin Aquatics Center, call 837-8440. To reach the Fort Walton Family YMCA, call 863-9622. To reach the Crestview Family YMCA, call 689-2999.



Two Twin Cities schools win 100 chicken sandwiches



Teachers and staff of Ruckel Middle School and Lewis School were the winners of 50 chicken sandwiches each when Chik-fil-A had a contest "Who Would You Give 50 Sandwiches To?" Abby Beckham, pictured left in a striped shirt with her sister Hannah, entered Lewis into the contest and Joanne D'Orazio, pictured right with her husband Yogi, entered Ruckel.



Band Camps

Jazz band

Rocky Bayou Christian School is having a camp for students in grades 8-12 interested in playing jazz music. Open to intermediate and advanced students.

Students will learn to play styles in the blues, swing, ballads and rock styles as well as learn to improvise and create their own jazz riffs.

From July 7-11, Monday

through Friday from 12:30-4 p.m. Costs \$80.

Register and pay by July 21 at 4 p.m. to avoid a \$10 late fee. For more information, call the Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 279-3700.

Beginner Band

Rocky Bayou Christian School is having a beginner band camp July 14-18, Monday-Friday, 12:30-3:30 p.m., to introduce children to an enriching, musical

experience. Beginning band is for incoming 5th and 6th graders. Cost: \$80. Grades 5-12.

Register and pay by July 7 at 4 p.m. to avoid a \$10 late fee. For more information, call the Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 279-3700.

Marching Rookies

Rocky Bayou Christian School is having a camp for first-time members to the Marching Knights Band at Rocky Bayou Christian

School, who will be introduced to the basic fundamentals of marching. July 21-25, Monday through Friday, from 9-11:30 a.m.-. Grades 8-12. Cost: \$40.

Register and pay by July 14 at 4 p.m. to avoid a \$10 late fee. For more information, call the Rocky Bayou Summer Program Office, 279-3700.

Drum camp

Rocky Bayou Christian School is having a camp for Rocky Bayou

Christian students in the Marching Knight Pit & Drum Line to instill the fundamentals of percussion instruments.

Attendance is by director approval only. July 21-25, Monday-Friday, from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Cost \$80.

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WHERE: Both camps are at the Morgan Sports Complex in Destin, FL

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Over \$2 million in scholarships for Rocky Bayou graduates

Rocky Bayou Christian Academy is pleased to announce its 2014 Graduate Scholarship Awards totaling \$2,033,694 that were presented at the commencement at Niceville Assembly of God on Friday, May 30.

In alphabetical order, the students receiving scholarship awards are as follows:

Sarah Augustin - Northwest Florida State College

Hannah Barber - Baptist College of Florida

Logan Bearer - Northwest Florida State College

Trace Borrero - University of West Florida; Florida Medallion Scholar; University of Mobile, \$36,000

Josh Bryant - University of West Florida

Daniel Croston - United States Armed Forces

Mackenzie Davis - Northwest Florida State College; Florida Medallion Scholar; Barclay College, \$52,000

Bryan Davis - Rocky Bayou Christian School Post Transition Program

Dylan DeMarra - Baptist College of Florida; Florida Medallion Scholar; Payton Denbow - Northwest Florida State College, Cheer Scholarship, \$6,500

Levi Derry - Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Football Scholarship, \$8,000

Michelle Earls - Baptist College of Florida; Florida Medallion Scholar; Barclay College, \$52,000

Pixie Fluhrer - Northwest Florida State College, Cheer Scholarship, \$6,500, Other Scholarships, \$12,300

Izabella Foreman - Northwest Florida State College/University of West Florida, Argo Advantage Scholarship, \$6,000; Florida

Medallion Scholar; Birmingham Southern College, \$20,000

Claire Gunter - Troy University, Academic Scholarship \$25,600; Florida Medallion Scholar, pending test scores; Mid-Atlantic Christian University, \$20,000; Southeastern University, \$18,000

Thomas Hannay - Northwest Florida State College

Kelly Hanning - Florida State University, Living and Learning Community Scholarship, Pending; Florida Academic Scholar; Stetson University, \$98,000; Kings College, \$60,000

Josh Hoskins - United States Armed Forces

Josh Jarrell - Northwest Florida State College; Spring Hill College, \$113,000; St. Leo College, \$12,000; Monmouth College, \$112,000; Adrian College, \$46,000

Andy Keipert - University of West Florida; Florida Medallion Scholar; University of Mobile, \$28,000

Noah Kerstein - Florida Polytechnic University, Academic Full Tuition Scholarship \$18,200; Florida Academic Scholar; James H. McLaughlin, Jr. Engineering Scholarship, \$500

Kat Koster - Northwest Florida State College; Florida Medallion Scholar

Seong Yee "Iris" Lee - Korean University

Yeon Ju "Ashley" Lee - Korean University

Haoxuan Li - University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Connor Lynch - Samford University, Dean's Scholarship, \$37,000; Northwest Florida State College, Science Fair Winner Full Tuition Scholarship, \$24,000; Lipscomb University, \$50,000; Charleston Southern University,



Rocky Bayou Christian School graduated 55 seniors who were awarded a total of \$2,033,694 in scholarships.

\$56,000; Eglin Officers Spouses Club Scholarship, \$1,000

Stefan Makarov - Northwest Florida State College, Science Fair Winner Full Tuition Scholarship, \$24,000; Florida Medallion Scholar, test scores pending; Covenant College, \$23,000

Zach Mandreger - University of West Florida

Chris Matthews - Welch College, \$2,000

Kristin Maxwell - Northwest Florida State College

Nathan McCullough - Northwest Florida State College

Nina Nelson - Judson College, Academic Scholarship, \$20,000

Chang "Vincent" Pan - Illinois Institute of Technology, Academic Scholarship, \$100,000

Tyler Paskell - Texas A&M, Academic Scholarship \$70,800; Florida Academic Scholar, University of West Florida, \$20,000, Mercer University, \$88,000, Barclay College, \$44,000

Michael Pate - Seminole State College

Matt Pippins - Army National Guard/Northwest Florida State College

Jason Rogers - Gardner Webb University, Academic and Golf Scholarships \$80,000

Dayna Sasser - Northwest Florida

State College Nursing School

Alyssa Slagle - Lee University, \$30,000; Florida Medallion Scholar, test scores pending; Charleston Southern University, \$48,000; Anderson University, \$44,000; Carson Newman University, \$53,424; Barclay College, \$44,000

Amber Smith - Clearwater Christian Scholarship, Volleyball Signee, \$101,740

Suksan Suepukdee - Northwest Florida State College

Dave Tan - University of Connecticut

Kayla Thompson - Tallahassee Community College

Benjamin Vigil - Lee University,

Academic Scholarship, \$24,920

Rebecca Whaley - Baptist College of Florida, Academic Scholarship, \$26,860

Sydney Whitaker - Gulf Coast State College

Brian Wilson - VoTech School for Photography

Kyle Wilson - Northwest Florida State College

Lauren Wright - Northwest Florida State College

Geon Ho Yoo - Korean University

So Hee Yoo - Korean University

Christian Yun - University of Florida

John Zhang - University of Oregon

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Blood drive

There will be a blood drive Wednesday, June 11 at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All donors will receive a t-shirt.

Teen movie day

The Valparaiso Community Library invites teens to the June Teen Movie Day on June 12 with a

showing of "Vampire Academy," rated PG-13, at 1:30 p.m. and "Robocop," rated PG-13 at 3:30 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be served. Attendees under 12 must be supervised. For more information call 729-5406.

Read to Baci

Children age seven or older are invited to read a story to Baci, a Bichon Frise therapy dog, in the Youth Services program room Friday, June 13, at 1:30 p.m. This is a first come, first served program. Bring a book or choose from the library collection.

Gospel concert

Libby and Friends Gospel Concert Ministry presents The Workmen Quartet of Gulf Breeze, on June 14, at 6 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church, 951 South Ferdon Blvd., Crestview. A suggested \$10

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Rush weaving

Learn to weave rushes, a plant that grows abundantly in the area and an important staple used by early settlers, on June 17 from 5-8 p.m. at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso.

The class costs \$55 or \$50 for museum members, all materials included. Space is limited, pre-registration required. For more information, call 678-2615.

Dance performance

Internationally acclaimed dance champions seen on the hit series "Dancing with the Stars" will perform at "Dancing with Desire" on stage at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center in Niceville

Thursday, June 19 at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$50 for general admission, and \$100 for VIP, which includes preferred seating, access to the stars at the cast post party and more. Active Duty military and senior citizens are offered a reduced rate of \$35 for a balcony seat. For additional event details, visit dancingwithdesire.com or call 864-4242.

Hip hop experience

Emerald Experience presents Christian hip-hop artist Canton "CJ" Jones on Friday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville.

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