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**UP**  
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Wed., 7 p.m.



Free **open mic poetry reading**, "Say the Word," at the **French Quarter Bar & Grill**, 714 Howell Rd., Niceville. Each performer should plan to share about 2-3 pieces.

Sun., 11 a.m. -4 p.m.



**Blood drive** at **Walmart**, Niceville. All donors will receive a \$10 Walmart gift card.

Mon., 5:30 p.m.



Candidates for Okaloosa County Clerk of Court will participate in a **public forum** hosted by Silver Sands Republican Women at **Bluewater Bay's Clubhouse**, Niceville, includes dinner for \$15. Open to the public. 678-2182.

Mon., 6:30 p.m.



The **Mac Users Group** will meet in the Northwest Florida State College Student Services building, Room 132. Free and open to the public, bring Apple devices. 862-3327.

## Eglin limits F-35 noise impact

By **Marcia Anne Sanders**  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

The Air Force said it will make permanent its temporary restrictions on runway use by its F-35 fighter jets at Eglin Air Force Base in an effort to be "a good neighbor" to residents of nearby Valparaiso and Niceville.

On Friday the Air Force issued a decision governing operation of F-35 fighter planes at Eglin Air Force Base. Under the decision, the Air Force will continue to limit use of the

north-south runway that is closest to the two cities.

"The Air Force listened to the community's concerns and worked hard to find a solution that meets mission requirements and also reduces noise impacts," said Kathleen I. Ferguson, Air Force principal deputy assistant secretary for installations, environment and energy.

No new runways will be built, and the Choctaw outlying

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F-35 fighters over the Mid-Bay Bridge. The Air Force Friday said it would continue restrictions on northbound takeoffs from Eglin Air Force Base.

Air Force photo

## A beastly show



Beacon photo by Marcia Anne Sanders

Camp Glee students rehearse for their production of the musical "Beauty and the Beast" at the Sprint Theater of the Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville. The young people, ranging from middle school to college age, practiced for a month to learn dance, singing and acting from college instructors Allison Everitt, Uli Dunbar and Christa Whittaker. The troupe will give two free shows, open to the public, on July 3, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

## Fireworks top list of events for Fourth

By **Marcia Anne Sanders**  
*Beacon Staff Writer*

A full schedule of Independence Day activities, capped by a spectacular fireworks show over Boggy Bayou, are scheduled for Friday.

Athletes will gather at Lincoln Park, Valparaiso, at 6:45 a.m., for the first official event of the day, the 36th Annual Duathlon, sponsored by the city.

Participants may register prior to the duathlon at the Valparaiso Library or City Hall. The duathlon will consist of a combination 5K run and 200-meter swim. Walkers may take part in a separate 5K event.

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The Twin Cities' annual July 4 fireworks display will begin just after dark over Boggy Bayou.

# The campaign that made Niceville a city

## Community celebrates 75th year of incorporation

By **Marcia Anne Sanders**  
*Beacon Staff*

In 1939, the year the film "Gone With the Wind" was released, Niceville's city charter passed the Florida Legislature and Niceville became a city. A year earlier, community members met in the Frywald Theater—not to watch a movie, but to vote on incorporation.



Mimi Thomas

On July 7, 1938, 338 voters, more than two-thirds of the electors residing in the community of about 1,000, met to petition the Legislature to grant it a municipal charter. This year marks the 75th year of the city's incorporation.

To celebrate, the city plans to stage a historical slideshow at the Mullet Festival in October.

Recently, the Beacon talked to possibly the last living signer of the incorporation petition, Evelyn "Mimi" Thomas, 97, who well remembers going to the theater with her husband, Richard, that July day.

Mrs. Thomas was 21 at the time of the Frywald meeting and the mother of a 6-year old daughter, Mellodean.

At that time, you could buy a dozen raw oysters on the half shell for 15 cents and a Ford V8 deluxe coach automobile for \$835. It wasn't until the

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The U.S. Post Office in Niceville which shared the building with the City Cafe around the time of WWII, shortly after the city's incorporation in 1939. This building, at the center of what was then downtown Niceville, now houses the Front Porch Restaurant on Bayshore Drive. To the right was a billiard hall, and further down the street were a barber shop, Brabham's Department Store, Emory Carr's Sporting Goods and Fishing Tackle and Finck's Grocery Store.

Photo provided by George Viera

**FOURTH**

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Starting at 11 a.m. at Lincoln Park, a water slide, bounce house and train rides will be offered to children. The attractions will operated until 6 p.m.

Nearby, on Westview Avenue, the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida will offer a discounted \$1 admission from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be children's activities at the museum, and all guests will receive a free American flag or poster while supplies last.

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Lincoln Park, there will be old-fashioned games organized for kids ages 5-12 with cash prizes. The competitions will include sack races, watermelon seed spitting and watermelon rolling. Free watermelon will be passed out at 3 p.m.

From 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., also at the park, a DJ will play family-friendly music for dancing and relaxing. This will be a good time to claim a spot for later viewing of the fireworks. Spread a blanket and enjoy the music while dining al fresco. Vendors will sell food and beverages.

The fireworks show, scheduled to last 22 minutes, will start just after dark, sometime between 8:30 to 8:45 p.m. The display, fired in the middle of Boggy Bayou from a 4,000-square-foot floating platform built by the city of Niceville, can be viewed from most of the bayou shoreline, but the best vantage points include Lincoln Park and vicinity, and Lions Park in Niceville. Parking will be limited, so motorists should plan for a short walk.

There will be even more fireworks than usual this year, according to Niceville City Manager Lannie Corbin. "We've added 10 percent more to it, so we can expect a bigger show," he said.

Boggy Bayou Fireworks Committee member Sheila Bishop said the extra fireworks will in lieu of the floating sparklers that were used in the past. She said, "It was hard for people to see what was in the water. We asked them to make it a little showier than in years past."

The \$25,000 fireworks show is financed with donations from aluminum can collections,



Workers put the fireworks in place on the city's barge for the Independence Day fireworks show. The city of Niceville has been preparing since the show last year.

Boston butt sales, fireworks T-shirt sales, private and public donations and other fundraising

events.

Also, the cities of Valparaiso and Niceville give residents the option of donating each month through their water bill.

Last year, the cities got about \$6,500 from recycling aluminum cans, Corbin said. Fireworks T-shirt sales and advertising brought in \$12,000, and \$4,800 was collected in donations. Any monies not needed for this year's show are put to work in a trust fund for future displays.

Corbin said, "This area has a lot of military, retired, and folks that work at the base. It's a community that's proud of our country—I think this Fourth of July celebration shows how much we are. It's supported by folks who

want to give and make it happen."

The fireworks display will be produced by Pyro Shows of LaFollette, Tenn., the same pyrotechnic crew that puts on the Fourth of July display in Washington, D.C., on the National Mall.

James Woods, director of administrative operations for Pyro Shows, described some of the effects: "You're going to see brocade crowns which is a gold, glittering rain in a waterfall effect. There will also be gold titanium willows with a strobe like effect."

Additionally, there will be the crackling crossette, individual shells that produce a criss-

cross pattern and pop as they cross in the sky. The popping flower with a silver palm gives a flower effect with a leaning trunk like a palm tree as the shell is falling.

There will be some pattern shells in hearts, smiley faces and cubes as well.

Woods said the 10 percent added to the show will increase its duration by three or four minutes. During the finale, booming eight-inch shells will be fired over a 1,600-foot radius.

Woods added, "The quality of the shells has improved this year. We've seen increase in the quality of the chemicals. We're excited to be part of the Niceville show again."

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**Correction**  
Early voting in Okaloosa County for the 2014 elections are as follows: Aug. 11-23 for the Aug. 26 primary, and Oct. 20-Nov. 1 for the Nov. 4 general election. Incorrect early-voting dates were published June 25.

**2014 CALENDAR**  
E-mail items to [info@baybeacon.com](mailto:info@baybeacon.com)

**Gamers to meet**  
The Valparaiso Community Library invites teens and tweens ages 12-17 to for the Gamers Club on July 15 at 2 p.m.  
Wii and Gamecube games will be played and more. No sign up required.

**"Spamalot" musical**  
The Northwest Florida State College Fine and Performing Arts Division proudly presents Monty Python's "Spamalot," a new musical lovingly ripped off from the motion picture Monty Python and the Holy Grail, with public performances for four nights only from July 16-19 at 7:30 p.m. nightly.  
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**Football camp**  
The Niceville Eagle Football Camp will be July 21-22 for ages 7-12 years from 5-7 p.m. The camp costs \$35.  
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**CITY**

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next year that driver licenses became mandatory.

Mimi's husband drove a hand-cranked Model T truck. There weren't many cars on the road, so the Thomases were more concerned about hitting trees than other motorists.

In those days between the two world wars, Niceville was still wild and young, like Mimi. She was the second-to-youngest of five children. As a youngster, she was a tree climber. "I loved to go in the woods," said Mimi.

She was born in Valparaiso and moved with her family to Ellis Avenue near what is now Lions Park in Niceville when she was 3.

They called her a die-dapper, a diving bird, because she also loved to swim. She even swam across the bayou.

Mimi went hunting and trapping with her husband, bringing back skunk, raccoons, foxes, turkey and wild hogs. The pelts brought in needed cash in those Depression days.

She boiled her daughter's diapers in water she pumped herself and heated on a wood stove.

One week, she asked the grocer, Mr. Walden, to give her some grease and flour on credit to make gravy. Her husband later brought in two otters with which she paid the bill.

She said she didn't cook well, though, and her husband had to teach her to make biscuits and cornbread, recipes she passed on to her children and grandchildren.

Mimi wanted to keep the town name at that time, "Boggy," instead of changing to "Niceville," but she agreed that the town needed to be incorporated.

Mimi describes the town. "It was run down. It was in bad shape."

Fishing was one of the main industries. About 3.5 million pounds of fish were shipped from Niceville annually, but there was no cold storage for them.

Mimi's father was a fisherman. She remembers her husband going out to catch mullet with him and coming back with his hands red and rough.

Community leaders argued for a cold-storage plant for the fishing industry, and federal aid was available for incorporated cities. The addition of tax-funded water and sewer lines, law enforcement and paved streets was important to many. In all, 333 who came to the Frywald Theater meeting petitioned for incorporation.

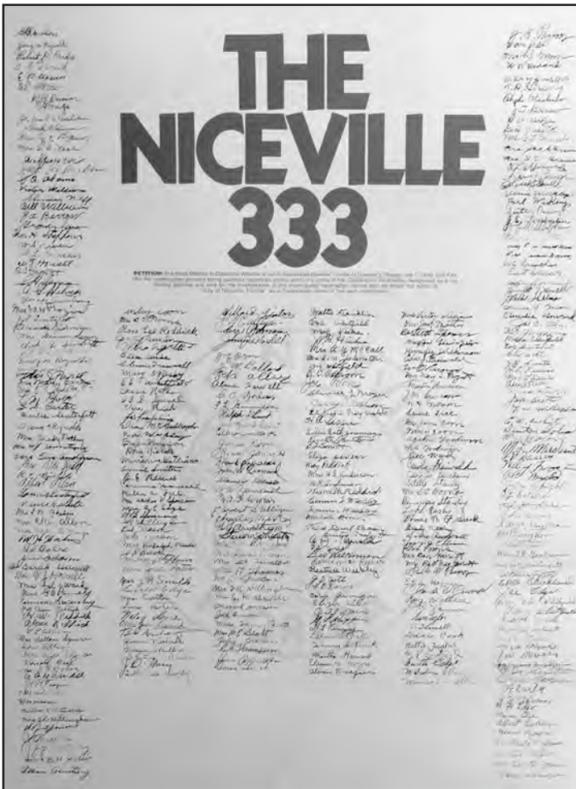
The first mayor, J.M. Reynolds, and the five alderman, C.G. Meigs, Wallace Spence, Herman Anderson, Thomas Powell and G.B. Anchors, had a lot to do.

Other work in town included a hosiery mill and a sawmill. Work on a city jail began in

1939 and Niceville High School was being equipped with steam heat.

Niceville had come a long way in just a year since that meeting at the Frywald.

Mimi later returned to the movie house with a dime to see "Gone With the Wind."



Reproduction of signatures of the Niceville residents who signed the petition to incorporate and name Niceville on July 7, 1938, at the Frywald Theater.



Niceville High School Class of 1938. The first new Niceville High School was completed in 1925 and destroyed by fire in 1926. Another building was completed in 1928, only to be destroyed by a hurricane eight years later. The next building, now Edge Elementary School, was standing in 1938.

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Evelyn "Mimi" Thomas with her husband, Richard, and daughter Mellodean in front of their home around the time of the incorporation meeting in Niceville in 1938.

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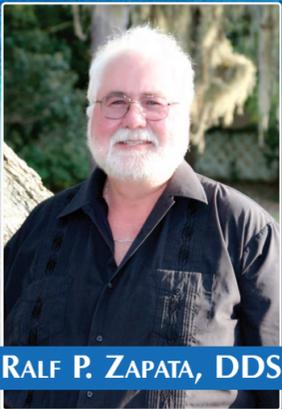


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# Police Blotter

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 June 17, Mark James Tatro, 41, of 157 Winfield St., Villa Tasso, was booked into the Walton County Jail for a moving traffic violation: driving while license suspended, first offense. He was released later that day.

On June 18, Niceville police arrested Laura Jean Hanan, 27, of 1312 Pines Trail, Shalimar, for one count of providing false information to a law enforcement officer and one count of driving while license suspended or revoked, knowingly.

On June 18 a Niceville police officer observed a Jeep with a taillight out. The officer made a traffic stop on the vehicle, and the driver identified herself under a false name.

Niceville police were unable to locate any information on her through state or federal databases, and she was arrested for driving without a license. She was transported to the Niceville Police Department for processing, and while there, admitted that she had given false information. She gave her real name and admitted to having a warrant out of Santa Rosa County, which was the reason for giving a false name.

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On June 19, Niceville police arrested Jorge Ortiz Viera Jr., 36, a food service worker, of 1235 North Pearl St., Crestview, for one count each of domestic battery by strangulation, battery (domestic violence), kidnapping (inflicting bodily harm or terrorizing victim), and cruelty toward a child (abuse of a child without great bodily harm). The arrest was made on an Okaloosa Circuit Court warrant stemming from an incident in Niceville on March 29.

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On June 21, Joanne Christine Johnson, 28, of 989 North Bayshore Dr., Valparaiso, was booked into the Walton County Jail for a municipal ordinance violation.

## Other

On June 3, an Okaloosa County deputy sheriff responded to an address on Sharon Drive in Niceville regarding a report of burglary to a vehicle.

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On June 11 someone came to the Niceville police station to report that a man had been harassing her at her apartment, by repeatedly attempting to contact her despite her telling him that she was not interested.

On June 17 an Okaloosa deputy responded to an address on Montana Avenue in Valparaiso regarding a report of grand theft.

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On June 20 Niceville police responded to Jim n' Nick's restaurant on John Sims Parkway, where a complainant told them that someone had vandalized his car and that several people had made threats against him.

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On June 21 Niceville police responded to an address on Oakmont Place in Bluewater Bay, in reference to a theft. A pool and tennis court maintenance worker told police that someone had cut a three-foot hole in a fence near a tennis court and pool, and made entry to the yard, where they stole two Igloo coolers containing cold drinks. The cooler was valued at \$200, and the drinks were valued at \$200.

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On June 22, Niceville police responded to an address on Marquette Street regarding a burglary. Upon arrival, police discovered that glass had been broken in a sliding door, but that nothing had apparently been taken.

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On June 22, Niceville police responded to the Tom Thumb store on Valparaiso Boulevard, where an employee told them that someone had broken a glass countertop after the employee refused to sell him beer. The subject fled on a skateboard.

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On June 22, Niceville police responded to an address on 30th Street, where a complainant said that he had returned home to find a window broken, and believed someone had tried to break into his home to steal.

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On June 23, Niceville police responded to an address on 22nd Street, where a complainant told police that someone had put a knife through his tire.

# Fire Department Reports

## Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls from June 23, 2014 through June 29, 2014.



0 Structure Fire	24	Emergency Medical Calls
0 Vehicle Fire	1	Vehicle Crash
1 Other Fire	0	Vehicle Crash with Extrication
0 Illegal Burn	2	Other Emergency Calls
0 False Alarms	0	Hazardous Conditions

STREET	SITUATION	DATE	TIME
N. Palm Blvd.	Medical	6/23/14	07:31
Pine Court	Medical	6/23/14	08:50
E. John Sims Pkwy	Vehicle crash	6/23/14	13:30
Als Drive	Service call	6/23/14	15:11
Cherrywood Ct.	Medical	6/24/14	21:04
S. Cedar Ave.	Medical	6/24/14	21:17
29th Street	Medical	6/25/14	15:00
23rd Street	Medical	6/25/14	19:37
Lanman Rd.	Medical	6/26/14	06:54
Edgewater Dr.	Medical	6/26/14	08:39
37th Street	Medical	6/26/14	13:36
Nathay Ave.	Medical	6/26/14	17:45
SR 85 N.	Medical	6/26/14	20:44
W. John Sims Pkwy	Medical	6/27/14	01:13
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	6/27/14	01:46
E. John Sims Pkwy	Medical	6/27/14	01:52
Roberts Dr.	Medical	6/27/14	05:17
Forest Lake Terr.	Medical	6/27/14	08:19
22ND Street	Medical	6/27/14	18:08
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	6/27/14	20:16
E. John Sims Pkwy	Alarm activation	6/27/14	23:14
N. Palm Blvd.	Medical	6/28/14	02:03
Lincolnshire Dr.	Medical	6/28/14	02:38
E. John Sims Pkwy	Medical	6/28/14	11:18
SR 85 N.	Medical	6/28/14	21:49
E. College Blvd.	Grass fire	6/29/14	01:45
Roberts Dr.	Medical	6/29/14	04:16
Poplar Pl.	Medical	6/29/14	21:21

Weekly Safety Tip: Have a safe and happy 4th of July. Enjoy the fireworks demonstration along the shores of Boggy Bayou, but for your safety and the safety of others, please no personal fireworks.

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## North Bay

The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls from June 23, 2014 through June 29, 2014.



Street	Situation	Date	Time
Abaco Cove	Alarm activation	6/23/14	07:18
White Point Rd.	Vehicle accident	6/23/14	12:03
E. Hwy. 20	Dispatched & cancelled	6/23/14	21:52
N. White Point Rd.	Medical	6/24/14	03:54
Antiqua Way	Public assist	6/24/14	10:11
Persimmon St.	Building fire	6/24/14	12:26
Hidden Lakes Dr.	Smoke detector activation	6/25/14	00:25
Merchants Way	Medical assist	6/25/14	09:18
Whitewood Way	Medical	6/25/14	17:05
Cat Mar Rd.	Medical	6/25/14	18:58
Windward	Medical	6/26/14	18:30
Merchants Way	Medical	6/27/14	14:39
Windward Ln.	Medical	6/27/14	19:12
Cat Mar Rd.	Medical	6/28/14	08:45
N. White Point Rd.	Medical	6/28/14	11:07
Mid Bay Bridge	Vehicle accident	6/28/14	16:06
E. Hwy. 20	Medical	6/28/14	19:05
Windlake Dr.	Public assist	6/28/14	22:03
Mid Bay Bridge	Vehicle accident	6/29/14	04:26
Cat Mar Rd.	Dispatched & cancelled	6/29/14	11:35
White Point Rd.	Medical	6/29/14	19:22
Wright Cir.	Medical	6/29/14	20:44

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## Okaloosa seeks fugitives

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



**Wanted As Of: 06/24/2013**  
**Grand Theft/Uttering Forged Check/Forging a Bank Check**  
**Name: Angela Diane Fitzgarrald**  
**Sex: Female Race: Caucasian**  
**Age: 36**  
**DOB: 12/04/1977**  
**Height: 5ft 7in Weight: 170 lbs**  
**Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue**



**Wanted As Of: 06/09/2014**  
**VOP-Cocaine Possession**  
**Name: Dewayne Bargainier**  
**Sex: Male Race: Black**  
**Age: 53**  
**DOB: 09/14/1961**  
**Height: 5ft 9in Weight: 145 lbs**  
**Hair: Black Eyes: Brown**

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**"July 4 is a reminder that it took a lot, in the early days of this country, to put it together, and of how lucky I am to be a citizen of the United States."**

Wayne Jacobs, 53, Bluewater Bay, engineer



**"Freedom."**

Debbie Marquez, 39, Niceville, cook



**"It's a time to celebrate the things we fight for, and a great time to show appreciation for my family and friends, and to recognize that what we have is unique."**

Stuart Everson, 27, Niceville, military



**"It reminds me of the commitment of our veterans, and my father."**

Fred Clark, 75, Bluewater Bay, retired



**"The freedom to pursue whatever we choose."**

Olivia Johnson, 21, Shalimar, occupational therapist



**"Fireworks and parties!"**

Jason Hanrahan, 5, Fort Walton Beach, preschool student

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EGLIN

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field and Duke Field will be used as auxiliary fields. Eglin will remain the chief operating base for its new F-35 training wing.

Use of runway 01/19, the runway whose north end results in takeoffs and landings over Valparaiso and northwest Niceville, will be limited to takeoffs to the south over Choctawhatchee Bay and landings from the north over Valparaiso and Niceville, except for emergencies, "unplanned contingencies" and operations due to weather, according to the official Air Force "record of decision" guiding future aircraft operations at Eglin. Military jet takeoffs as a rule are much noisier than landings.

Previously, the Air Force had stated that its "preferred alternative" for F-35 operations, known as Alternative 1A, had been unlimited use of both runways at Eglin for an estimated 6,440 takeoffs and landings a year. The other runway is oriented approximately northwest to southeast, largely avoiding populated areas.

Valparaiso Planning Commission member Joe Cobb said that unlimited use of the north-south runway would not have been a good alternative for Valparaiso. Cobb said, "It would have dramatically increased the number of properties that were impacted by the noise."

City Commissioner Joe Morgan hailed the Air Force decision as a "win-win solution" achieved through Eglin's "partnership with the City of Valparaiso in support of its continued mission."

Speaking to reporters Friday, Ferguson said, "By choosing the no action alternative instead of the preferred alternative (Alternative 1A), the Air Force is demonstrating our commitment to being a good neighbor."

David Goetsch, Niceville, vice chairman of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, which works for the governor and the Legislature, said the decision "is good news for the local community. It helps to maintain the value of the homes."

According to a January 2014 Air Force study, the number of off-base inhabitants regularly exposed to jet noise greater than 65 decibels under the operations plan endorsed Friday will be 1,797. Most of these people live in Valparaiso, with a minority in northwest Niceville.

By contrast, the number exposed to such noise levels under the now-rejected "preferred alternative" would have been 2,910.

A 2006 study of pre-F-35 air-

craft noise at Eglin estimated that some 2,407 residents were regularly affected by noise exceeding 65 decibels.

Under federal guidelines, frequent noise greater than 65 decibels is deemed incompatible with residential use unless special steps are taken to deaden outside sounds in affected dwellings.

Air Force Col. Christopher J. Niemi, the 33rd Fighter Wing's operations commander, said Friday, "I can tell already there's a lot of emotion attached to this decision."

Niemi said, "We always want as much flexibility as possible in the way that we operate but . . . I don't see this as a big effect for us."

He added: "We prefer to operate off 12/30 (the more isolated runway) as it is. I don't think we'll notice any difference."

Congressman Jeff Miller (R-Dist. 1) called the Air Force decision a "careful balance between meeting mission requirements and mitigating noise impacts on the local community."

Miller added: "The Air Force has considered all of the factors, including public comment, and arrived upon a record of decision that provides a compatible solution for mission and the surrounding communities. I applaud their efforts as well as the input of local leaders and residents throughout this complex and thorough process."

Cobb, who lives close to the north end of Eglin's north-south runway, was cautiously optimistic about the outcome.

"We were looking at some pretty drastic potential actions taken by the Florida EPA and the folks that were in the Joint Land Use Study if we couldn't get some kind of compromise from the Air Force," Cobb said. "It appears its going to work out to the advantage of the citizens of Valparaiso."

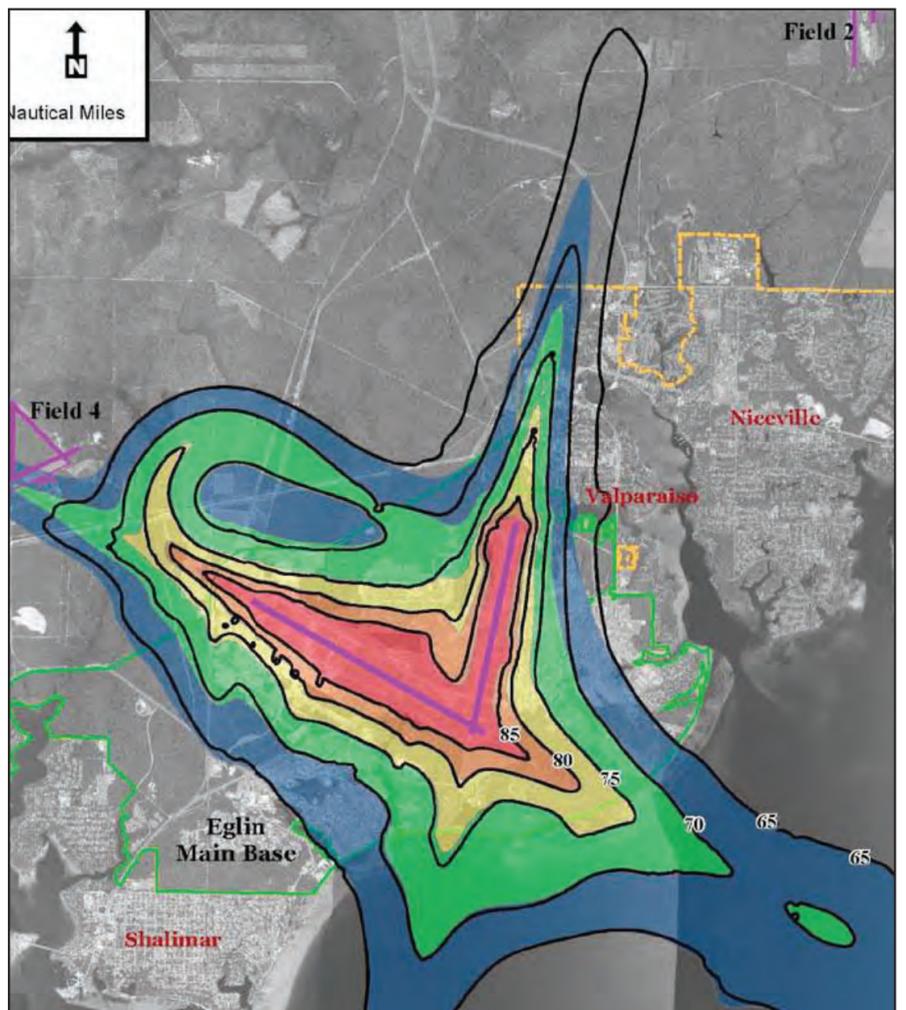
Cobb cautioned, however, that it would "probably take a year" before the full impact of the decision can be felt and evaluated. The decision "is encouraging at this point but not definitive," he said.

Some of this happened before Eglin ever saw a plane. In February 2009, the Air Force released a previous Record of Decision (ROD) resulting in an implementation of an alternative that included 59 F-35 aircraft (down from an initially planned 107), associated construction and limited flight training operations from Eglin. In July 2011, the first F-35 arrived at Eglin's 33rd Fighter Wing.

After an initial draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) was published in September 2010, new noise profiles for the F-35 variants were released and public comment was taken until July of 2013.

Goetsch said he was disappointed that Eglin did not get the total 107 aircraft. However, he sees this as a happy ending.

"That's very good news for the local community and I think for the Air Force, too. There's always been a very tight, positive relationship here and maybe that will allow that relationship to rebuild itself," said Goetsch.



U.S. Air Force  
Colored contours on this graphic show areas of Valparaiso and Niceville in which regular jet noise is expected to be 65 decibels or greater under Eglin Air Force Base flight operating rules affirmed by the Air Force Friday. The outermost contour, including the unfilled outline extending to the top of the map, contains an area that would have been subject to such noise levels had the Air Force ended restrictions on north-bound takeoffs, an option the service ultimately rejected.

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# Rear-end crashes close Mid-Bay Bridge twice

By Marcia Anne Sanders  
Beacon Staff Writer

Two rear-end traffic crashes closed the Mid-Bay Bridge last weekend for about two hours each time. The first was Saturday at 4 p.m., the second a little over 12 hours later at 4:25 a.m., Sunday.

On Saturday, a 34-year-old

Niceville man driving a Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck north crashed into the rear of a Volkswagen Routan minivan that was stopped in traffic before him, according to a report by the Florida Highway Patrol.

The truck driver, who was cited for careless driving, told an investigating officer that he had

looked away from the road for a moment before the crash, according to the report.

The impact knocked the VW into a Nissan Altima sedan in front of it.

The driver of the VW and five passengers, ranging in age from 8 to 38, were taken to Twin Cities Hospital, Niceville. All of them,

from Chattanooga, Tenn., were treated and released the same day.

No one else required hospital treatment.

Total damage to the three vehicles was approximately \$20,000.

The Sunday accident involved two vehicles also traveling north on the Mid-Bay Bridge. A

Volkswagen traveling at a high rate of speed ran into the rear of a Chevrolet SUV that was traveling the speed limit.

The driver of the Volkswagen, a 24-year-old Freeport man, was hospitalized with serious injuries.

The driver of the SUV, a 44-year-old Santa Rosa Beach

woman, and a passenger, a 72-year-old Miramar Beach woman, were taken to hospitals with minor injuries.

The total estimated damage to the two vehicles was \$60,000.

An FHP report stated that charges were "pending" against the Volkswagen's driver in the Sunday crash.



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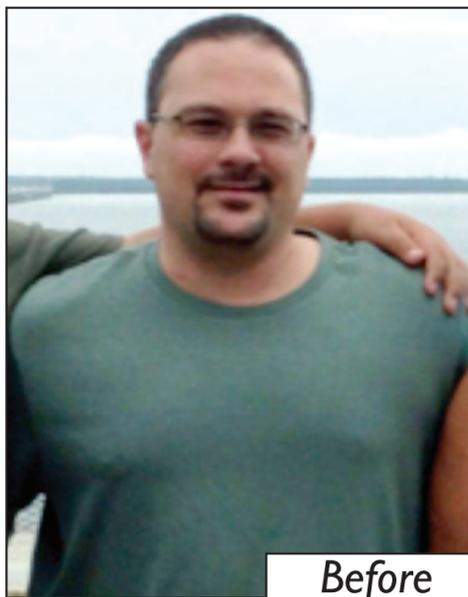
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### Scouts learn new camping skills

Scouts from Troop 157 were recently on a Wilderness Survival campout where they learned four different ways to collect and purify water and four different ways to start a camp fire. Pictured, Ben Evans attempts to make some coals with a bow and spindle. For more information on adventures in Scouting, call Guy Wills at 420-7417.

### Niceville P.D. awards first commendation



The Niceville Police Department awarded their first commendation medal in the history of the department June 20. Pictured, Police Chief David Popwell pins the medal on Officer Waylon Gill. The medal was awarded as a result of Gill's response to a suicide related incident.

#### Beacon Staff

Niceville police officer, Waylon Gill, received the first commendation medal ever awarded by the Niceville Police Department Friday June 20 for an incident that occurred on June 6.

The event that earned him the commendation involved a suicide threat. A woman from Chicago called the department to ask someone to check on a man who was threatening suicide. Officer Gill went to the address and found the man armed with a knife he was threatening to use on himself.

"After assessing the situation, I felt I was able to step back far enough to use the taser," said Gill. "I just felt that it was better to try that before any deadly force."

Gill has been with the Niceville Police Department

seven years and before that he worked 11 years with the Crestview Police Department.

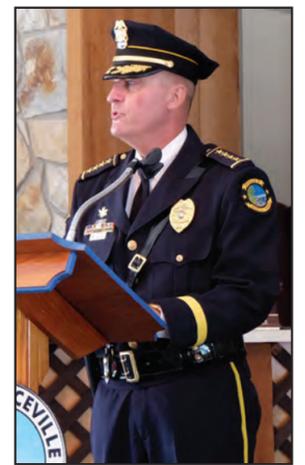
Wearing a badge is a family tradition. Gill has three brothers-in-law in law enforcement and an uncle in the sheriff's office. Gill himself has K-9 unit experience, led shifts and been a road officer.

"He goes above and beyond the call of duty," said Chief David Popwell of the Niceville Police Department. "He just epitomizes what a police officer should be."

Popwell wanted to award this first commendation to highlight some of the more positive aspects of the police department.

"People don't recognize and realize what these officers do every day," said Popwell. "It's every day. The only time they (citizens) have interaction (with

police) is on the worst day of someone's life."



Police Chief David Popwell speaks to those gathered June 20 for the commendation ceremony.

### Niceville Garden Club 'Yard of the Month'

Niceville Garden Club chose Barry Peterson's yard at 150 Harding Road as Yard of the Month for July. The Niceville Garden Club meets at 6 p.m. every fourth Tuesday of the month at the Niceville Public Library, 206 Partin Drive.



### Engagement

#### Henderson-Cox

Hollis and Debra Cox of Pelham, Georgia are happy to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to Timothy Clay Henderson, son of Brian and Della Henderson of Valparaiso.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of Charlotte Faircloth of Donalsonville, Ga. and the late Edward Faircloth and the late Ann and Hollis Cox, Sr.

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**NHS senior wins music scholarship**

Marshall Mosley from the Niceville High School Eagle Pride Band and Niceville High School Wind Ensemble was selected to receive the Fort Walton Beach Community Chorus Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 to towards college. Marshall intends to major in Music Performance and play professionally for an orchestra after he graduates from college.

**Kiwanis gives to children's hospital**

The Kiwanis Club of Niceville-Valparaiso gave \$2,500 to the Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart due to generous donations made to their Children's Miracle Network Fund Drive. Pictured, Kiwanis Club of Niceville-Valparaiso President Stan Claypool presents a check to Marina Holley of Sacred Heart.



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**Open mic poetry night**

Join fellow poets July 2 for "Say the Word," an open mic poetry reading at the French Quarter Bar & Grill, 714 Howell Rd., Niceville, at 7 p.m.

The event is free of charge and all are welcome to take the mic. Each performer should plan to share about 2-3 pieces.

**Free performance**

The Camp Glee creative dramatics program at Northwest Florida State College will present two free performances of "Beauty & the Beast, Jr." on Thursday, July 3 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Sprint Theater of the Mattie Kelly Fine & Performing Arts Center on the Niceville campus.

The mini summer musical is the culmination of a summer intensive workshop for students in 8th grade through college that provides training by college faculty in acting, voice, makeup, dance and staging. Now in its 17th year, the program allows youth the opportunity to train and perform at the state-of-the-art facilities of the college's fine & performing arts complex.

The Camp Glee performance of "Beauty & the Beast, Jr." on July 3 is open to the public and free of charge. Open seating is on a first come basis.

**Fourth festivities**

The First Baptist Church of Niceville will be having a celebration Friday, July 4 at Freedom Field, 622 Bayshore Drive, Niceville, from 5-7:15 p.m.

Bring lawn chairs and enjoy food, fun and fireworks. Public invited.

**Museum special**

The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, will have a reduced \$1 admission July 4 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Museum members and children under 4 are free. All guests will receive a free American flag or poster while supplies last.

For more information, call 678-2615.

**Duathalon and walk**

The City of Valparaiso will host the 36th annual Fourth of July Duathalon and walkon Friday, July 4 at Lincoln Park, Valparaiso.

Participants should assemble around 6:45 a.m. with the race beginning promptly at 7 a.m. Rules and instruction for the duathlon will be given just prior to the race. A few minutes after the runners depart Lincoln Park, the walkers will begin their 5K course. Both runners and walkers will have overall winners, with the duathlon winners divided between first through third place with age-group categories. All winners will receive an award. Each participant will receive a T-shirt and every pre-registered participant will be eligible for a cash drawing. Pre-registration is \$20 for applications received by June 27, \$25 after the 27th.

To register for the 5K duathlon or the 5K walk visit the Valparaiso Community Library or Valparaiso City Hall to obtain an application. Applications are also available on the city website, www.valp.org, and on the duathlon blog found at valplibrary.wordpress.com/.

There will be a blood drive Sunday, July 6 at Walmart, Niceville, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All donors will receive a \$10 Walmart gift card.

The Republican candidates for Okaloosa County Clerk of the Circuit Court, will participate in a public forum hosted by Silver Sands Republican Women Monday, July 7, at 5:30 p.m. at Bluewater Bay's Clubhouse, Niceville, and includes dinner at 6 p.m. for \$15.

Three candidates are seeking the office: Charles Baugh, J.D. Peacock and Dan Spence. They will speak and then answer questions from the audience. Guests are welcome. For dinner reservations or further information please call Libby Hill, 678-2182.

**Mac Users to meet**

The July meeting of the Mac Users Group will be held on Monday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the NWF State College Student Services building in Room 132.

John Leake will talk about some methods for running Windows software on your Mac. Elements covered will be Boot Camp, VM Ware Fusion and Parallels. For a retro flair, he will also talk about methods for running older mac software on your newer Mac using emulators. Elements covered will be various



**Celebrating independence**

The 4th of July is a busy time in the Twin Cities starting at 6:45 a.m. with the annual Duathlon at Lincoln Park and activities for all ages all day long. Stay cool at the The Northwest Florida Heritage Museum with admission discounted to \$1 all day. The fireworks will start over the Bogy Bayou after 8:30 p.m. See story on A-1 for details.

ways to emulate older computers on your new computer.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their Mac devices.

For more information, visit FWBMug.com or contact Jean Dutton at 862-3327 or jeandutton@mac.com.

**Linux Users to meet**

The Northwest Florida Linux User Group (NWFLUG) will meet on Monday, July 7 from 5-7 p.m. in Room 400 of the Niceville United Methodist Church, 214 Partin Drive South, Niceville.

Free and open to the public, laptops encouraged. For more information, visit nwflug.org. Please RSVP to tom.browder@gmail.com.

**Candidate forum**

The Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce, Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and Emerald Coast Association of Realtors are partnering to host a Candidate Forum for the following campaign candidates: Clerk of Court, School Board and County Commission on Tuesday, July 8 from 5-9 p.m. in the Fort Walton Beach Municipal Auditorium, 107 Miracle Strip Parkway, S.W., Fort Walton Beach.

**Alzheimer's support**

Alzheimer's Family Services will hold a support group for family members or friends coping with a loved one with Alzheimer's disease at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9 at the Niceville United Methodist Church, Chandler Center, located at 214 S. Partin Drive.

The support group is free and limited respite care is available.

Tomake arrangements for respite during the meeting, please contact Alzheimer's Family Services in advance at 866-478-7790.

**Library fun**

Baci, a Bichon Frise therapy dog, loves to hear a good book. Children seven or older are invited to read a story to Baci in the Youth Services program room Friday, July 11, at 3 p.m.

This is a first come, first served program. You may bring a book or choose from the library collection.

**Art camp**

The Arts and Design Society is offering its summer "Kids' Art Camp."

Classes begin on Monday, July 14 with clay artistry and will 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 two July sessions of the camp, organized by age groups. Session 3: for ages 6-11 is July 14-18 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Session 4: for ages 6-11 is July 14-18 from 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, 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 arts-designsociety.org.

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### Ram golfers qualify for tourney

Lauren Miller and Caroline Craig, both members of the Ruckel Middle School golf team, qualified for the Southeastern Junior Golf Tour's (SJGT) Tournament of Champions, to be held in December of 2014 in Opelika, Ala.



### Little League team wins championship

The Little League softball team, the Watermelon Smashers, won the NVLL Fast Pitch Softball championships 16-0 May 30 in the 7,8 and 9 year old division. Pictured, Coach Ben Wysack, Manager Chris Kidder, Coach Ryan Ingram, Coach Corey Jackson, Coach Bruce Ammons, Gracie Ammons, Faith Ingram, Haley McDaniel, Saydee Jackson, Olivia Walker, Lorelai Proctor, Macey Kidder, Sabrina Squire, Isabelle Simpson, Lola Wysack and Vivienne Wolfe. Not pictured, Shy Shutt and Hailey Holtery.



### Gold Sox team wins Minor-A championship

The Minor-A "Gold Sox" team won the NVLL Minor-A Baseball Championship game on May 31 over the Minor-A "Blue Bombers" at Rarick Field with a score of 9-8. Pictured front row from left, Lake Marthis, Braden Chapel, Jack Messmore, Connor Groundwater and Grant Elledge. Middle row from left, Ben Semenov, Zach Hrubby, Daniel Theriot, Joe Buglewicz, Rusty Merrifield, Brent Dreggors and Joseph Fagundes. Back row from left, Coach Adam Marthis, Manager Jim Buglewicz and Coach Wally Messmore. Not pictured, Coach Donnie Theriot.

### Golf girl gets third hole in one

Lauren Miller, 13, from Niceville posted her 3rd Hole-in-One on Friday at Rocky Bayou Country Club. Lauren aced hole #4 using her pitching wedge. Lauren is home schooled and plays on the Ruckel Middle School golf team, which won the Okaloosa County Girls Championship. She was low medalist for the tournament for the 3rd straight year.



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