

# The Bay Beacon

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Wed., 10:30 a.m.



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Thurs., 6:30 p.m.



Sand Dunes Chapter of Embroiderers' Guild of America will meet in room 400 at the First United Methodist Church of Niceville. Free and open to all. 496-3466.

Mon., 6 p.m.

The Niceville-Valparaiso Tea Party will meet at Niceville City Hall for a District 4 County Commissioner Forum.

Tues., 9 a.m.-noon



There will be a blood drive at Walmart, Niceville.

## Bridge toll hike eyed

By Marcia Anne Sanders  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Mid-Bay Bridge Authority is taking steps to help it determine how much it will raise bridge and highway tolls Oct. 1, 2015.

Previously the bridge toll was forecast to rise by \$1, but now authority officials say they must wait for the results of traffic forecasts to be produced in the spring of 2015 before setting an amount.

The ratio of actual bridge revenue to estimated revenue has been 82 percent for the last two months, meaning the bridge collected a bit more than

four-fifths of what the authority estimated it would get when it sold construction bonds to investors in 2011. The fiscal year-to-date ratio for the bridge is somewhat higher at 87 percent, according to figures issued last week.

Additionally, the Mid-Bay Bridge Connector, a new MBBA-owned highway around Niceville that opened in January 2014, had an even lower actual-to-estimated revenue ratio, at 75 percent in June. That means the highway has been collecting only about three-quarters of expected levels, although some out-of-state

tourists may not be aware of the link yet.

MBBA Assistant Executive Director Rolin Saylor said it may take longer than expected to attract traffic to the connector. "The convenience of the connector was going to increase usage on the bridge," he said. "They may have been a little optimistic on that."

On the bright side, traffic on the 3.5-mile toll bridge itself, the authority's cash cow, has been higher for the most part in 2014 than in 2013, with a year-over-year increase in vehicles of

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## Cyber city



Siler Peterson, 9, Dylan Boes, 9, Jett Brister, 10, and Riley Rowe, 10, students in a Northwest Florida State College Kids on Campus summer class called "What's Inside" created a mini-city from the innards of computers, cell phones, laptops and DVD players. Teacher Holly Troxell helped them take apart electronic devices and find other uses for them.

Beacon photo by Marcia Anne Sanders

## Bluewater tax district seeks bids on landscape

By Marcia Anne Sanders  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Bluewater Bay Municipal Services Benefit Unit Board has put out a request for bids for landscape maintenance and may choose the contractor at its next meeting Aug. 19.

Although the board has allocated \$214,000 for the contract, board member Judy Griffin, who is the landscape maintenance chairman, anticipates the bids will be less.

"We've changed the contract to maximize our dollars," Griffin said. She explained that fewer areas will be overseeded with ryegrass in the new contract, reducing the maintenance cost through the winter. Application of fertilizer to increase growth on the main grassy areas will be increased, she added.

"It's going to be a little different this year, we're trying to focus on areas that are most visible," Griffin said. "I want those areas to really shine."

Griffin said those main areas include the main entrances on Bluewater Boulevard and Bay Drive.

Last year's contract was for \$139,806, but it was a nine-month pact. The new one will be for 12 months. Griffin said it will include an additional application of mulch and seasonal color because of the increased time period it covers. Additionally some items like pine straw and flower enhancements which were in

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Beacon photo by Marcia Anne Sanders  
Entrance to Bay Drive in Bluewater Bay, one of the areas that will receive the most frequent landscaping treatment under a contract for the fiscal year to begin Oct. 1.

# Valp. adopts anti-corruption policies

By Mike Griffith  
Beacon Correspondent

The Valparaiso City Commission has approved a new policy for preventing fraud or corruption within city government.

In a meeting July 14, the commission also agreed to settle an

ongoing legal malpractice lawsuit against former city attorney Doug Wyckoff, and watched proudly as fellow Commissioner H.H. Strong received a "Home Rule Hero" award from the Florida League of Cities.

The new policy to prevent

fraud and corruption marks the first time the city has had a formal, written policy on that subject, said Mayor Bruce Arnold. The new policy defines fraud as "an intentional deception, misappropriation of resources, or the manipulation of data to the

advantage or disadvantage of a person or entity." Examples of fraud mentioned in the policy include:

- Falsification of expenses and invoices.
- Theft of cash or fixed assets, alteration or falsification of

records.

—Failure to account for monies collected.

—Knowingly providing false information on job applications and requests for payment and/or funding.

Corruption is defined as "the

offering, giving, soliciting, or accepting of inducement or reward that may improperly influence the action of a person or entity." Examples of corruption mentioned in the new policy include, but are not limited to,

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## Fire district wrestles with financial issues

By Rich Byrd  
Beacon Correspondent

Continued focus on accurate financial reporting and control of operational costs, especially employee health care expenditures, were significant topics of discussion at the July 14 meeting of the East Niceville Fire District (ENFD) board.

Forecast increases in medical insurance costs in future fiscal years has garnered the attention of the ENFD commissioners for the past several months. Continued education efforts on the impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as

Obamacare, have been pursued to ensure an effective course of action is taken to maximize this benefit.

To assist with effort, a health insurance presentation by Barton, Fenstermaker, Tondello and Associates highlighted the board meeting.

Commissioner Tricia Brunson led the health insurance discussion by stating that it was important to ensure actions were taken in the best interest of the ENFD, by educating board members and firefighters on health care coverage options based on the impact of the ACA. She indicated this

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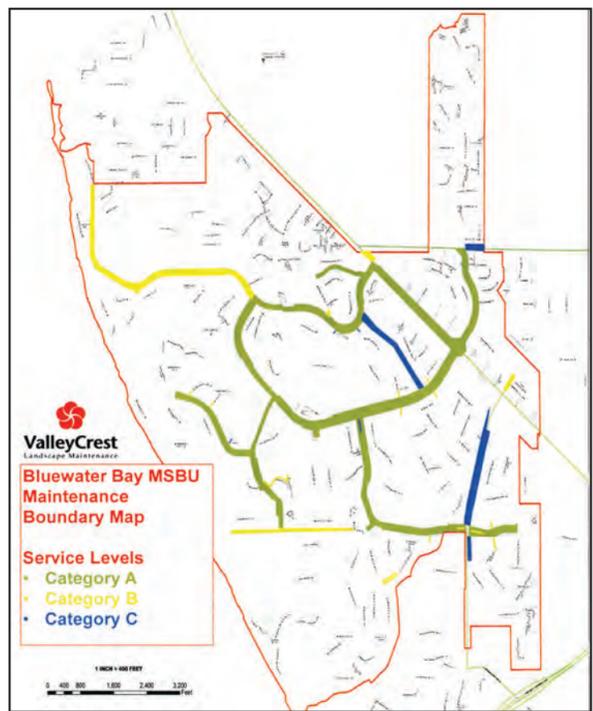
## Smoke scare at Valparaiso Post Office

Valparaiso and Eglin Air Force Base firefighters responded to a report of smoke and electrical odor at the Valparaiso Post Office Sunday at 12:50 p.m. Here, an Eglin firefighter climbs to the roof to investigate. No damage was reported. Valparaiso Fire Chief Mark Norris said he thought a light fixture had overheated.

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Bluewater Bay MSBU  
A new maintenance map issued to bidders for the Bluewater Bay Municipal Services Benefit Unit's next landscape contract. The A, B and C areas indicate different service levels expected. "A" areas in green would be mowed and edged 40 times a year, with lower service levels for the yellow and blue areas.

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**BLUEWATER**

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the \$74,984.00 common area enhancements portion of the budget last year will be included in the landscape contract this year.

The landscape contract makes up a majority of the MSBU's \$365,136 budget for 2014-2015, which the board reviewed during a meeting July 15 and made changes. The board had to reduce its budget by 3 percent because the county allows a discount for early tax payments for which the budget approved at a previous meeting did not allow.

Board member Jonathan Tallman, finance director, did the adjustments, reducing the budget for website maintenance, landscape irrigation, some common area enhancements and reserve allocations all by small amounts.

Griffin suggested putting out a request for proposals for a landscape architect to develop the master plan budgeted for by the 5 percent increase in MSBU fees passed at the previous meeting. Griffin said she would work on the scope of the proposal and the board could review it before the next meeting for approval at the meeting and then invite landscape designers to its Sept. 16 meeting.

In other business at the July 15 meeting, a resident brought a concern about a swampy pond area which she said is clogged and stagnant near Woodlands Drive and Southwind Drive. She said she has spoken to Bluewater Bay Resort and has been told the area is not a part of the resort. She has contacted the county and been told the same thing for the county. She also contacted the Department of Health and they also said it is not under their jurisdiction.

MSBU board member Debbie Stretch said the taxing district takes care of common areas and not ponds. She suggested the resident go with a group of other concerned neighbors to the resort and bring their issues up with it.

Board member Felix Beukenkamp asked if the board will be considering hiring a lawyer. Griffin said in the past consulting fees have been used on an hourly basis with attorney Mike Chesser of Chesser and Barr of Shalimar. There was discussion that there would not be enough work to justify use of an attorney on retainer so the hourly work contingency would be best to continue. Chair Steve Hall said he thought it was a "reasonable" thing to do but a possible request for proposal was tabled.

Stretch reported the Okaloosa County Parks and Recreation Board recommended the county improve the park at Woodlands. She asked citizens to contact

Okaloosa County Commissioner Kelly Windes to support the addition of playground equipment to the park. Stretch said the county commission will make the decision when it votes on its parks budget.

Stretch mentioned that there are temporary roadside signs all over the MSBU area which are not allowed on the right-of-way with the exception of real estate signs for open houses on the weekend. Many of these are yard sale signs, so Stretch suggested that in order that people could have yard sales, the whole community could have a monthly yard sale together. She said she would gather input on this possibility. After the meeting, Stretch said comments may be given to her via the MSBU's website bluewaterbay.org/MSBU or via the Bluewater Bay Community News page on Facebook.

Griffin reported that some turkey oaks will be taken out in the center median on Bluewater Boulevard with the goal of having fewer, but healthier trees. Griffin also said she is pursuing Bluewater Bay becoming a Wildlife Federation Community.

Beukenkamp had contacted two companies to do an electronic and printed version of a base map of the MSBU area. Gustin Cothern and Tucker Inc. of Niceville turned in a bid for \$4,300 and Coastal Land Surveying of Shalimar offered \$2,800. A previous bid of \$3,600 from Bradford R. Davis of Santa Rosa Beach was also received. A notice will be added to the MSBU website requesting more bids for this project.

In discussion of sidewalk expansion, Tallman explained that one option might be to contract with the county to use prisoner labor instead of waiting for the county to do the work.

Tallman also got information about how to put a referendum on the ballot in order that MSBU residents could vote on it. The board had discussed raising the MSBU fee if needed once the master plan has been created.

Griffin said, "My fear is we would agree to do the referendum and then not have time to get buy-in." The board decided to take no action at this time.

Stretch asked if homes by the marina on Mossy Cove, Skipjack, Blue Heron and half of Ward Cove streets, which are not in the MSBU, could be added since they use roads within the MSBU. She said the process would be to send a letter to amend the ordinance that's in place to the county commissioners for them to give to the county's attorney to investigate. The board considered the idea but no motion was made.

**BRIDGE**

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14.6 percent in the last three months. That is one reason why Saylor said the MBBA is not concerned about the revenue shortfalls.

Money for bond payments comes from bridge and connector revenue. The MBBA borrowed additional money for initial interest costs, however. After September

2015, interest payments will no longer come from this capitalized debt. The planned toll increase should go into effect the following month.

The bridge opened in 1993 with a \$2 cash toll, which increased in October 2004 to \$2.50. It was increased again in 2010 to the current \$3. SunPass tolls are \$1 less.

Connector tolls are half those of the bridge.

**VALP**

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bribery, conspiracy, and extortion. The policy states that the public, city employees and officers have a duty to report concerns they may have, or any information provided to them about possible fraudulent or corrupt activity within the city government. Such information may be reported anonymously, and all such messages will be forwarded to the chief of police.

Concerns about fraud or corruption may also be reported to the city clerk, city administrator, city department heads, an employee's immediate supervisor, or the mayor.

The policy also forbids retaliation or retribution against any city employee or officer who reports suspected fraudulent or corrupt activities.

The new policy also includes internal controls for handling of city funds and managing human resources. For example, the signature of both the city clerk and a member of the city commission is required on all checks issued by the city, excluding payroll checks.

Purchase orders must have supporting data attached to them prior to processing, and no one person may complete a requisition/payment transaction or personnel/payroll transaction from beginning to end without appropriate monitoring or oversight. Payroll submission and preparation activities are conducted by the



Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

**Valparaiso City Commissioner H.H. Strong received a "Home Rule Hero" award from the Florida League of Cities, presented by league representative Megan Sirjane-Samples on July 14. He was recognized for his work helping the league press the Florida Legislature for greater autonomy for localities.**

city administrative department, and then disbursements are processed by the city clerk or deputy to ensure accuracy.

Also during the meeting, the commission agreed to an out-of-court settlement of its ongoing lawsuit against former city attorney Doug Wyckoff. Current city attorney Hayward Dykes recommended that the commission accept a recent settlement offer from Wyckoff, and commissioners readily agreed to the proposal. The monetary amount of the settlement was not disclosed during the meeting, but Dykes said that the amount will be made public when

the agreement is finalized.

The city commission also approved a new "speakers form" which it will ask citizens to fill out prior to formally addressing meetings of the city commission. People planning to address commission meetings are asked to obtain such a form from the city clerk, and submit it by 9 a.m. on Wednesday of the week prior to the commission meeting at which the person wishes to speak. Most Valparaiso city commission meetings are held on Monday evenings.

In response to questions from the Beacon, Mayor Arnold

explained that the new form is not mandatory, and its citizens will still have the opportunity to speak during city commission meetings, even if they do not fill out such a form, but will be encouraged to do so in advance of city commission meetings in order to inform the city commission of what subject the citizen wishes to talk about, and what questions the citizen wants to pose to commissioners. This, said the mayor, will allow city commissioners to research the citizen's concern in advance of the meeting, and thus enable themselves to present answers or solutions to whatever problems a citizen may want to discuss.

In other business during the meeting, City Administrator Carl Scott said that work to repair the roof of City Hall was expected to begin last week and to be completed within one or two weeks. Cost of the roof repairs is expected to be \$58,998, according to City Clerk Tammy Johnson.

A highlight of the meeting occurred when City Commissioner H.H. Strong received a "Home Rule Hero" award from the Florida League of Cities, presented by League of Cities Legislative Advocate Megan Sirjane-Samples. The award, said Samples, was given to Strong in recognition of his work helping the League of Cities lobby the Florida Legislature in favor of greater autonomy for local, county and city governments.

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presentation was a step in the right direction.

David Barton, of Barton, Fenstermaker, stated that his team has received thorough training related to the ACA and is a licensed certified health care reform specialist. However, he said, maintaining currency with the ACA was a challenge given that there have been 39 changes by 30 executive orders since its inception. Barton said that the ACA was a "very good tax bill,

but a mediocre health insurance bill."

The commission agreed to provide the firm with a copy of the current insurance plan with Trustmark/Starmark in order to obtain information on alternative plans.

In other business, ongoing concerns regarding the accuracy of the fire district budget were raised by Commissioner Ed Dunbar. Dunbar indicated that for the past four to five months the board has addressed the inaccuracies of the monthly budget report that "reflect expenditures in excess of the

annual budget."

Dunbar said this level of reporting was inappropriate and required immediate action. Alternatives to correct this disconnect included the "accurate alignment of expenditures or to amend the annual budget."

Additionally, Dunbar said that the annual budget column of the monthly report had incorrect budget numbers for eight line items. He reminded members that the budget was amended on Feb. 10 and those are the budget figures that should be reflected.

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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 July 2, Niceville police arrested Christina Marie Coletti, 18, of 1245 Rhonda Dr., Niceville, for one count of possession of "Schedule IV Alprazolam" controlled substance.

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On July 5, Niceville police arrested John Ryan Stokes, 38, a painter, of 158 New Hampshire Lane, Freeport, on a Walton County warrant for fraud, insufficient funds check. Stokes is alleged to have written a series of worthless checks to a Kelley's Supervalu store in Walton County.

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On July 10, Niceville police arrested Brandon Michael Grim, 26, a lawn care worker, 310 St. Andrews Drive, Niceville, for one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, after he threatened some people with a knife.

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On July 12 Rebekah Elizabeth Bridge, 24, of 104 Ridge Lane, Niceville, was booked into the Walton County Jail for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. She was released later that day.

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On July 13, Niceville police arrested Jonathan Lee Yates, also known as Jonathon L. Gwynn, 28, of 30 Newcastle Court,

Niceville, for one count each of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, obstruction without violence, possession of drug paraphernalia, and falsely identifying himself to a law enforcement officer.

The arrest was made on an Okaloosa Circuit Court warrant stemming from an incident on May 20, in which a Niceville police officer approached Yates' parked truck after receiving a phone call complaining of a reckless driver whose vehicle description matched that of the truck. While speaking with the officer, Yates gave a false name and failed to produce a driver's license, saying he had left it at home. He then fled the scene on foot.

An inspection of the vehicle yielded four syringes, a glass "bong" containing liquid, and a cut straw. The liquid tested positive for methamphetamine. The plate on the vehicle did not match its registration.

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On July 13, Niceville police arrested Timothy John Regan, 42, of 28 Virginia Court, Niceville, for one count of grand larceny.

The arrest was made on an Okaloosa Circuit Court warrant stemming from an incident on June 3 in which a man allegedly entered a shop in Niceville, reached across a display case, took an engagement ring valued at \$3,995 and left without attempting to pay. The shopkeeper later redeemed the ring from a pawn shop in Walton County where it had been pawned for \$300, and he identified Regan as the thief from a six-person photograph lineup.

## Other

On July 2, Niceville police responded to an address on Biltmore Way, where a complainant stated that someone had egged his house and a friend's vehicle. Officers also discovered a window screen that had been bent and apparently removed from a window on the victim's home.

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On July 3, Niceville police responded to an address on Weedon Island Drive where a complainant stated that someone had bashed in his mailbox.

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On July 3, Niceville police responded to an address on Jefferson Street, where a complainant stated that someone had broken into a home and stolen a humidifier.

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On July 5, Niceville police responded to an address on Bailey Drive, where a witness said he/she had heard a window break, and saw three males attempting to get into an apartment. The witness gave police a description of the three males and the case remains under investigation.

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On July 5, Niceville police responded to the Tom Thumb store on Palm Boulevard, where the caller said she had been given counterfeit bills by another person.

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On July 5, Niceville police responded to an address on Button Bush Way regarding a report of a stolen prescription.

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On July 6, Niceville police responded to an address on Reeves Street regarding some missing medication and a driver's license, possibly stolen from a vehicle.

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On July 6 an Okaloosa deputy

sheriff responded to an address on Parkwood Drive in Niceville regarding a report of a stolen cell phone.

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On July 7, Niceville police received a complaint that someone had obtained account information on the complainant's credit card.

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On July 7, Niceville police responded to an address on Bayshore Drive, where a complainant said that his wife's vehicle had been "keyed," or scratched.

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On July 7, an Okaloosa deputy sheriff responded to an address in Niceville, where an 83-year-old woman stated that an unknown male had phoned her, claiming to be her grandson. The caller claimed to have been involved in a car accident, was in jail, and needed \$1,300 bond money.

The victim said the male caller's voice sounded like that of her grandson, so she went to a nearby grocery store and transferred the money via Western Union to the Dominican Republic, where the caller said he was located, even though she believed her grandson was supposed to be in Orlando.

Upon returning home, the victim again spoke with the male, informing him the money had been sent. The male then added that the other driver in the supposed accident had been pregnant and lost her baby, and that he was now being charged with the vehicular homicide and needed an additional \$1,200. The victim then went to another nearby store and sent the additional \$1,200.

After the second transfer, she attempted to call her grandson's cell phone but received no answer. She then called her grandson's father, who confirmed that the grandson had been home all night, had not been involved in an accident, and had not phoned his grandmother.

The deputy advised the victim that due to the circumstances and the jurisdictional authority of the incident, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office would be unable to provide further investigation into the incident. The deputy provided the victim with phone numbers to all the credit bureaus and to the Federal Trade Commission.

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On July 8, Niceville police responded to an address on 30th St., where a complainant said he had seen someone stealing scrap metal. The complainant said the suspect left in an SUV. Police checked the area, but did not locate the suspect, and no scrap metal appeared to be missing.

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On July 8, Niceville police received a report from someone who said that a scam artist had managed to get some money from them over the phone and by email.

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On July 8, Niceville police responded to a disturbance in which someone had attempted to steal his parents' vehicle and at one point threatened them with a knife. The parents declined to press charges.

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On July 8, Niceville police responded to an address on Nathey Avenue, where a television and some games had been taken from a house.

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On July 8, Niceville police responded to an address on Kelly Road, where some tires had been stolen from someone's yard.

# Fire Department Reports

## Niceville

The Niceville Fire Department responded to the following calls from July 14, 2014 through July 20, 2014.



0 Structure Fire	17 Emergency Medical Calls
1 Vehicle Fire	0 Vehicle Crash
0 Other Fire	0 Vehicle Crash with Extrication
0 Illegal Burn	6 Other Emergency Calls
0 False Alarms	0 Hazardous Conditions

STREET	SITUATION	DATE	TIME
Surf Lane	Medical	7/14/14	00:12
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	7/14/14	01:27
Niceville Ave.	Medical	7/14/14	17:20
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	7/15/14	08:17
McKinney St.	Medical	7/15/14	15:09
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	7/15/14	18:28
S.R. 285	Vehicle fire	7/16/14	02:28
Twin Cities Blvd.	Service call	7/16/14	13:00
Alan A. Dale Dr.	Alarm activation	7/16/14	17:16
27th Street	Cancelled en route	7/17/14	01:07
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	7/17/14	10:28
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Medical	7/17/14	11:05
Everglade Dr.	Cancelled en route	7/17/14	18:14
Everglade Dr.	Medical	7/17/14	18:34
Pine Ave.	Medical	7/17/14	19:39
Reeves St.	Medical	7/17/14	20:38
S. Cedar Ave.	Medical	7/18/14	10:39
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	7/18/14	21:25
N. Partin Dr.	Medical	7/19/14	03:25
Als Dr.	Medical	7/19/14	12:30
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Alarm activation	7/20/14	06:10
E. John Sims Pkwy.	Alarm activation	7/20/14	07:35
Pine Ave.	Medical	7/20/14	20:56
Edgewater Dr.	Medical	7/20/14	23:39

Weekly Safety Tip: Dispose of old newspapers, magazines and rags properly. If possible, have them recycled. Do not store them near gasoline, cleaning fluid or kerosene. Keep all flammable materials in a cool, vented place away from your main living areas.

The Niceville Fire Department has a Facebook page, check it out!



## North Bay

The North Bay Fire Department responded to the following calls from July 14, 2014 through July 20, 2014.

Street	Situation	Date	Time
Rosewood Way	Medical	7/14/14	10:29
N. White Point Rd.	Dispatched & cancelled	7/14/14	14:43
Brookhaven Way	Medical	7/14/14	20:14
E. Hwy. 20	Detector activation	7/15/14	11:16
Merchants Way	Medical	7/15/14	12:52
Windlake Dr.	Public assist	7/15/14	21:49
S. Dominica Cir.	Dispatched & cancelled	7/16/14	01:13
Evans Rd.	Medical alarm activation	7/16/14	09:20
N. St. Andrews	Assist invalid	7/16/14	17:41
N. White Point Rd.	Medical	7/16/14	22:17
St. Croix Cove	Medical assist	7/17/14	00:59
Pine St.	Medical assist	7/17/14	04:09
Napa Way	Medical	7/17/14	07:33
N. White Point Rd.	Medical	7/17/14	09:47
Pine St.	Assist invalid	07/18/14	04:13
Glenwood Ct.	Dispatched & cancelled	7/18/14	12:31
E. Rosewood Way	Medical	7/18/14	15:44
White Point Rd.	Dispatched & cancelled	7/18/14	17:09
White Point Rd.	Dispatched & cancelled	7/19/14	13:18
White Point Rd.	Medical assist	7/19/14	20:03
Putter Dr.	Public assist	7/19/14	21:05
Wren Way	Dispatched & cancelled	7/20/14	03:18
Live Oak St.	Medical	7/20/14	10:42
White Point Rd.	No incident found	7/20/14	13:48
N. White Point Rd.	Medical	7/20/14	17:48
Windlake Dr.	Assist invalid	7/20/14	22:13

Visit northbayfd.org for more information.

# Okaloosa seeks fugitives

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

Wanted as of: 06/25/2014  
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Name: Matthew James Gagnor  
Sex: Male  
Race: Caucasian  
DOB: 05/20/1982  
Height: 5ft 11in  
Weight: 175 lbs  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Blue

Wanted as of: 06/19/2014  
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Name: Jennifer Marie Benzie  
Sex: Female  
Race: Caucasian  
DOB: 07/15/1985  
Height: 5ft 7in  
Weight: 110 lbs  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Green

This information is from reports by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. A reward is offered by Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers, 863-8477, or 1-888-654-8477. Information can also be provided anonymously by texting "TIP214 plus the message" to CRIMES (274637)

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On July 9, Niceville police responded to Tisa's Friendly Inn on John Sims Parkway, where a complainant said that his wallet had been taken a couple of nights earlier.

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On July 9, Valparaiso police found a wallet in the parking lot

of the Tom Thumb store on John Sims Parkway. Attempts to locate the owner of the wallet were unsuccessful.

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On July 10, Valparaiso police received a call from Eglin Air Force Base Security Forces, saying the base had received a 911

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Should the United States continue to release child illegal immigrants throughout the US, or immediately return them to their home countries?

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**"Vet them very well before sending them home. Those actually fleeing gang and drug violence should be allowed to stay, but those here for economic reasons should be sent home."**

Robert Richardson, 58, Niceville, cyber security analyst



**"They should not be brought here, because it exposes them to dangerous conditions."**

April Townley, 33, Destin, nurse



**"I have mixed feelings. Can you imagine yourself in a place like Guatemala, and have a child with no hope and no future, with drug lords taking over your country? On the other hand, the influx of immigrants will hurt the US economically in the long run."**

Terry Wade, 53, Shalimar, electrical engineer



**"They need to go home."**

Jason Knox, 42, Baker, commercial diver



**"Keep them."**

Carlos Guevara, 33, Fort Walton Beach, construction



**"Send them home. That's where their country is. That's where their culture is."**

Toni Larence, 36, Niceville, cocktail server

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

**BLOTTER**

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 hangup call. Valparaiso police located the person who had made the call, who said that all was well, but that he had accidentally hit the SOS button on his phone while the phone was in his pocket.  
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 On July 10, Valparaiso police contacted an individual at Lincoln Park, who said that he was planning to spend the night in the park because his brother had kicked him out of the apartment they had shared. After discussing the matter with police, the person decided to spend the night elsewhere.  
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 On July 10, Valparaiso police received a report that someone's boat trailer tag had been lost or stolen.  
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 On July 10, Valparaiso police responded to an address on Chicago Avenue, where a complainant reported that several tubes of ointment had been taken from his home.  
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 On July 10, Valparaiso police responded to an address on South Nordberg Avenue to assist the Fire Department in responding to a small oven fire. Firefighters extinguished the fire without incident.  
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 On July 10, Niceville police

responded to Plew Elementary School, where some profane graffiti had been written and some trash and cigarette butts had been scattered.  
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 On July 10, Niceville police received a report that a lawn ornament pelican, valued at \$30, had been stolen from someone's yard.  
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 On July 10, Niceville police responded to Sweeney Hauling & Land Clearing on Palmetto Avenue, where someone had cut a hole through a fence and taken some hydraulic cylinders and other equipment.  
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 On July 11, Valparaiso police responded to lift station 14 on Kelly Mill Road, where a public works employee had found what he suspected to be drug paraphernalia.  
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 On July 11, Niceville police responded to an address on Reeves Street, where someone had apparently broken a window, entered a home, and stolen prescription medication.  
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 On July 12, Valparaiso police were notified by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office that the office had received a 911 hangup call but had heard screaming before the line was disconnected. Valparaiso and Niceville police attempted to find the address from which the call had come,

but the address did not match any in either city.  
 \*\*\*  
 On July 12, Valparaiso police observed a black and white dog at Florida Park. Police captured the dog, just as the owner arrived and said that the dog had gotten loose from his wife while walking.  
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 On July 12, Valparaiso police responded to an address regarding a dispute. The dispute was settled by the involved parties shortly after police arrived.  
 \*\*\*  
 On July 12, Niceville police responded to an address on Elderberry Lane, where a complainant reported the theft of a vehicle tag.  
 \*\*\*  
 On July 12, Niceville police responded to the Walmart Supercenter regarding the theft of a rifle scope.  
 \*\*\*  
 On July 13, Valparaiso police received a call from Okaloosa County Emergency Services regarding a 911 open line call, in which the dispatcher could hear a female laughing in the background. Valparaiso police made contact with the female, who advised that the call was an accident. When asked where she was, she said she didn't know and hung up on the officer.  
 On the second call back, the officer advised her that he needed to know where she was so

police could do a welfare check. The caller then gave an address on Jasmine Avenue. Further investigation revealed that a child had dialed 911 on the phone. The parents told the child not to do it again unless it's an emergency.  
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 On July 13, Valparaiso police had a vehicle towed from Domino's on John Sims Parkway, at Domino's request, for illegal parking.  
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 On July 13, Valparaiso police responded to a minor two-vehicle accident at the corner of Cadillac and Government. There were no injuries.  
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 On July 13, Niceville police responded to an address on Duke Drive, where a complainant said that a neighbor's mailbox had been knocked down by juveniles in a small white jeep. The complainant said the subjects may have hit the mailbox with a bat.  
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 On July 14, Valparaiso police responded to an address on Chicago Avenue regarding a theft. The victim reported that \$75 had been removed from a dresser in her bedroom sometime the previous day while she was out of the residence.  
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 On July 14, Niceville police responded to an address on Alpine Place where a complainant reported that his mailbox had been knocked over.

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# DISTRICT

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Commissioners agreed to continue re-categorization efforts to correct errors. Commissioner Tricia Brunson will work to ensure that the current budget and that future reports reflect the amended ENFD budget.

In preparation for upcoming transition to fiscal year 2014-15, Fire Chief Michael Wright presented the board with his preliminary budget forecast calculations. Wright

said his estimates were based on essential requirements and that he reduced expenses as much as possible without compromising operations.

Wright provided board members with a detailed analysis of all personnel costs and a line item budget that reflected proposed targets. Wright stated that utilization of the "current millage rate of 2.37 mills made the budget tight."

Wright suggested that the commission consider raising the tax rate to 2.45 mills for budget planning purposes.

After some discussion, Dunbar proposed that a preliminary maximum millage of 2.5 mills be adopted, a 5.5 percent increase over the current rate.

The commission voted unanimously to adopt a maximum rate of 2.5 mills for planning purposes. The preliminary rate can be reduced, but not increased, before final adoption in September.

Additional discussion on this subject will be held during the August board meeting after members have had time to thoroughly review the draft budget.



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Medical-insurance consultant David Barton addresses the East Niceville Fire District board July 14.

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## Day at the derby

It was a day at the derby at Niceville Assembly of God Church July 12 when youth and adults gathered to compete at their annual Pinewood Derby event. Pictured left, Emma Morgan, 3, the preschool first place winner of the workmanship award with her sparkle themed car. At left, Dylan Boes, 9, was the first place winner in the 9 to 11-year old division for workmanship with his "ComBoe skateboard" car. Group pictured at center, the first place winners for speed; Jacqui Kagan, 3, Gabriella Bobonis-Savoie, 7, Isabel Martinez, 9, Kaitlyn Morgan, 6, Katie Kagan, Bryan Luke and Tyler Humpert, 13.



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### Chamber members rock charity luncheon

The Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce presented the first ever Rockin' Chamber Luncheon on Tuesday, July 15 at One 20 A Modern Bistro, Niceville. Chamber members, dressed as famous music personalities, raised almost \$1,500 in tips for local charities. Among those who participated, Alan Wood, Jenni Brunson, Tracy Wood, Mandy Campbell, Mary Ann Troiano, Patsy Bland, Domenica Farmer, Duane Gallagher and Jonathan Tallman.



Transformations participant Tina Kemper has set a goal to go to college to become a photographer in the next five years. The Transformations class is an 18-month course offered by Niceville United Methodist Church for people who need help navigating the journey of life. Participants get help setting goals, preparing for jobs and managing their finances.

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### Transformations course changing lives

By Marcia Anne Sanders  
Beacon Staff Writer

Tina Kemper was moved around from her abusive mother's house, to her father's and then to group homes and psych wards since she was 12. She's been a recovering heroin addict since 2009. She says she never really learned the rules of how to get along successfully in society.

"We're not dumb people, but

we don't get education like this," she explains.

At 43, she's getting a second chance to get that education at the Transformations course at Niceville United Methodist Church. The "we" she speaks of are her fellow participants in the 18-month course who have become part of her support system.

The course actually consists of three separate classes with a

mentoring aspect as well. During the first part of the course, known as Getting Ahead, students are developing their goals for the future.

Transformations instructor Kim Colpitt said they do a lot of things just to get to that point. "In the class we cover a lot of different things. We call them investigators because that's what they're doing. We don't actually

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### Engagement

#### Tardif-Cassella

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Tardif of Niceville announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Katrina Tardif, to Michael David Cassella, son of Ernest J. Cassella of Bellingham, Wash. and Laurienne Cassella of West Linn, Ore.

Susan is a 2001 graduate of Niceville High School. She

graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design in 2005 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Sequential Art. Having started her professional career as a freelance cartoonist she went on to work for Dark Horse Comics and Laika Entertainment and is currently the Production Manager for Co-Creative, a design & marketing arm of Portland State University.

Mike graduated from West Linn High School in 1999. After pursuing a Creative Writing degree with Linfield College, Mike transferred to Portland State University where he graduated in 2006 with a Bachelors of Science and double degrees in English and Communications.



Susan Katrina Tardif and Michael David Cassella

Currently, Mike is a Project Manager for MasterPlans, a company specializing in small business consulting and visa application assistance.

The couple are planning an August 2014 wedding in Portland, Ore.



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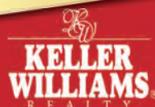


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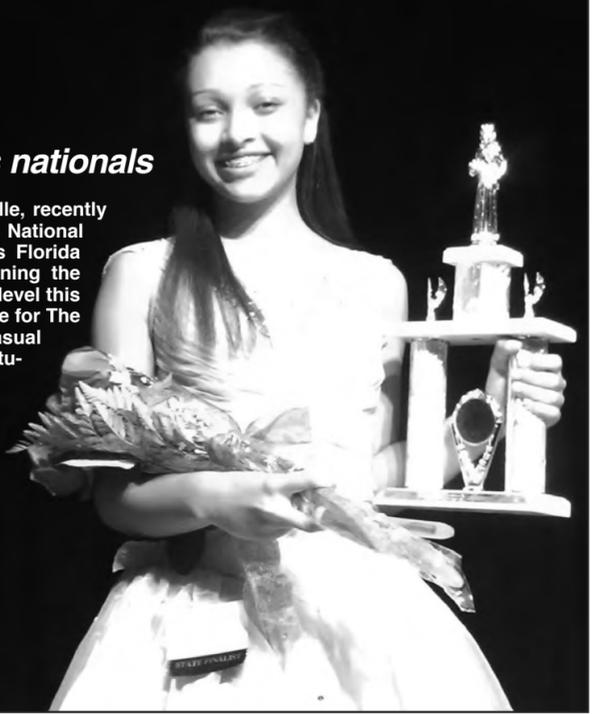


### Bike show benefits veterans

The Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets chapter of Niceville had a motorcycle show June 28 to benefit the Veterans Helping Veterans program. Judging was on style, originality and crowd enthusiasm. Pictured, from left, People's Choice winner Jamie Sandoval, 2nd place winner Don Fetner and 1st place winner Kelly Durgen.

### Ruckel girl makes nationals

Yolanda Stallworth, 13, Niceville, recently won third runner up at the National American Miss Northern Miss Florida Pre-Teen in Jacksonville, earning the right to compete at a national level this fall. Yolanda also won 1st place for The Spirit Award and 4th in Casual Wear Modeling. Yolanda is a student at Ruckel Middle School.



### Obituary

#### Barbara Ann Ginsburg

6/27/33 - 7/13/14

Selfless, thoughtful, funny, loyal. These are some of the adjectives that describe Barbara Ginsburg. Barbara Ann Ginsburg of Niceville passed away on July 14 peacefully in the arms of her loved ones.

Barbara Gresen was a NY girl born and raised in Queens. She graduated from Forest Hills High

School and went on to Bucknell University in Pennsylvania where she would graduate and become a Speech Therapist in the NYC school system. She met and later married Herbert Ginsburg and they would raise three children together in suburban New Jersey. In 1977 the family relocated to South Florida.

Barbara and Herb would relocate to Niceville in 1998 to be closer to their Grandchildren. She loved the area and had many friends and fun times, and watched her grandchildren grow up, graduate high school and enter and graduate college. She was a very proud Nana to Matthew and Amanda and also Chelsea in New

Jersey. Barbara's last weeks were spent in the care of Covenant Hospice. Per her wishes she will be cremated at National Cremation in Milton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to Covenant Hospice.

Barbara is pre-deceased by Herbert in 2011 and survived by her loving daughter Melissa who was also her best friend, along with her son-in-law Michael, her sons Adam and Peter and Grandchildren Matthew, Amanda and Chelsea.

She will be greatly missed and loved forever.

We will always love her to the Moon and Back!!!!

### Charity collects school supplies

Niceville Sharing & Caring is collecting school supplies for children of families who are not able to purchase necessary back-to-school items. School supplies and donations can be dropped off at 104 Bullock Blvd., Niceville. The drive will end July 31. Pictured, Claire Jones of Bluewater Bay donates with sons Andrew and Jack, right. For more information call 678-8459.



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**Blood drive**

There will be a blood drive Wednesday, July 23 at First Baptist Church of Niceville, 622 Bayshore Drive, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

There will also be a blood drive at Walmart, Niceville, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donors from either drive will receive a beach towel.

**Puppet show**

The Niceville Library will be hosting the Curious Moon Puppet Show on Wednesday, July 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the Niceville Community Center. All ages are welcome to this free program.

**Animal adventures**

The Department of Environmental Protection's Henderson Beach State Park will host the Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge staff and their animal ambassadors Thursday, July 24 from 11:30 a.m.-noon. Event weather permitting. Program included in the park admission fee. Contact 837-7550.

**Adventure Club ride**

There will be an Adventure Club bicycle ride July 24 at 4 p.m. in Niceville in the Bluewater Bay Resort Subdivision. Meet at the parking area of the golf course club house. Supper at a nearby restaurant. For more information, please contact Bob and Audrey at 897-3624.

**Stitchers to meet**

The Sand Dunes Chapter of Embroiderers' Guild of America will have a night stitch-in on July 24 from 6:30-9 p.m. in room 400 at the First United Methodist Church of Niceville.

Visitors are welcome, free program. For more information call 496-3466.

**Candidate forum**

The Okaloosa County Republican Club will host a political candidate's forum during their monthly meeting on Thursday July 24 at the American Legion Post 235, 105 S.W. Hollywood Blvd., Fort Walton Beach. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. Price for dinner is \$15 and includes drinks and gratuity. All welcome.

For more information about the Republican Club or to make dinner reservations call Club President Don Adams at 586-1325.

**Library program**

The Niceville Library will discuss the Young Adult book "Reconstruction Amelia" by Kimberly McCreight Thursday,

July 24 at 2 p.m. Free program for ages 14+. Limited number of books available so please call 279-4863 x1507 or email us at ncvlibrary@okaloosa.lib.fl.us to reserve a seat.

**Movie day**

The Valparaiso Community Library invites families to their free Family Movie Day on July 24. They will be showing "Rio," rated G at 1:30 p.m. and "Rio 2," rated G at 3:30 p.m. Popcorn will be served. For more information, call 729-5406.

**Adventure Club rides**

There will be an Adventure Club bicycle ride July 26 at 8:30 a.m. in the older section of Fort Walton Beach. Meet in the parking area under the Brooks Bridge. Lunch after the ride at a nearby restaurant. For more information, contact Bruce and Pat at 974-9591.

There will be another bicycle ride in the Gulf Breeze area over the Garcon Point Bridge. Meet at the gravel parking lot on the north side of Hwy. 98, just east of the road that leads to the bridge. This road is called Avalon Blvd. and Hwy. 281. The gravel parking lot is just west of Mike's Garden Center. There is a small fee for biking over the bridge. Lunch after the ride at a nearby restaurant. For more information, call Ken at 255-1040.

**Archery tournament**

There will be a 3-D archery tournament July 26 at 10 a.m. for the Choctaw Bowmen Archery Range behind the Mullet Festival Grounds on Hwy. 85. For more information visit

choctawbowmen.com.

**Tea Party to meet**

The Niceville-Valparaiso Tea Party will meet at Niceville City Hall on Monday, July 28 at 6 p.m. There will be a District 4 County Commissioner Forum with the candidates running for this position. Please come with questions.

**Blood drive**

There will be a blood drive Tuesday, July 29 at Walmart, Niceville, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**Adventure Club ride**

There will be an Adventure Club bicycle ride July 29 at 8:30 a.m. in the Navarre Beach/Pensacola Beach area. Meet at Opal Beach at the Soundside pavilion area. This is about 7 miles west of Sailors Grille on Nav. Beach and 7 miles east of the Portofino Condo complex on Pensacola Beach. Bring a picnic lunch/snack for after the ride. For more information call Ken at 255-1040.

**Book discussion**

The Niceville Library invites readers on Wednesday, July 30 at 10:30 a.m. to visit and discuss "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd.

Free program, there are multiple copies available for check out. Call Lora at 279-4863 x 1504.

**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 30 at the Niceville United Methodist Church, Chandler Center, located at 214 S. Partin Drive.

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teach in this first phase. We come together and we facilitate. The students have taken over. A lot of times they are teaching us and each other."

Kemper's short term goal is to get her new cleaning business off the ground, but her long-term goal is to get her GED, go to college and become a professional photographer.

During the second phase of the course, she will meet and work with a mentor biweekly to implement the plan while taking a course the other weeks on how to manage finances. This course, called Financial Peace, is one the church has done since 2011 so it knows it can really help people turn around their finances. Over 200 people have attended the course at the church, paying off over \$310,000 in debt and saving over \$200,000.

According to Joe Shearer, a Transformations instructor and volunteer at the church, mentors are an important part of the process. "Mentors will also act as a potential source for building

the student's Social/Bridging Capital by providing sources for developing networks." That means they will help participants look for job opportunities and financial help with things like going back to college.

In the final part of the Transformations course, Jobs for Life, the mentors will be in the classes with the Transformation participants.

Gerry Harbaugh, another NUMC volunteer working on the course, said students have to participate fully to get the most out of the classes. "The intent is we're hoping that people want to help them make decisions, not enable them, but help bounce off what are prudent things to do and help them understand that faith in God and themselves can help them break some patterns that may have pushed them into where they are right now."

NUMC Transformations volunteers are still looking for mentors and people in the community to help with their mission.



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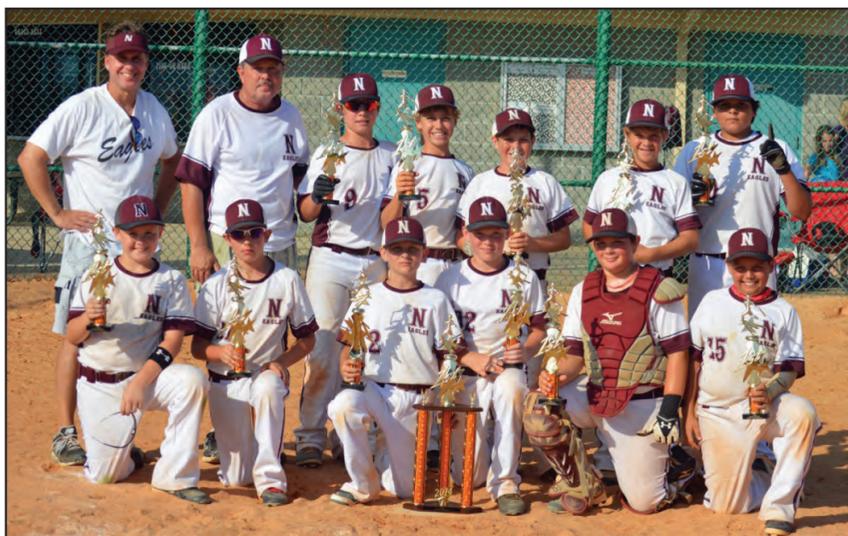
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# BEACONSPORTS



## Traveling Eagles Summer Slam Fest champs

The Niceville 11U Traveling Eagles won the Summer Slam Fest tournament held in Destin. Niceville went 1-1 in pool play on Saturday and 3 - 0 on Sunday to claim the tournament championship. This is the Niceville 11U Eagles' 4th tournament championship of the year. Pictured from top row left, Coach Jason Marquardt, Manager David Garner, Cole Babich, Jay Marquardt, Trey Wainwright, Nathan Tiller and Sam Carrell. Bottom row from left, Trevor Mee, Kaden Geisler, Brady Koger, Keagan Norman, Hayden Hubbard and Brenley Laird.



## NVLL 10-11 advance to state

The 2014 Niceville-Valparaiso Little League baseball 10-11 All Stars, became the Little League Section 1 champions when they won the July tournament in Niceville. NVLL 10-11 All Stars will play in the Florida State Little League Tournament July 18-20 in Bradenton. Pictured from left, top row, Coach Jason Marquardt, Manager Jim Loftis and Coach Wes Koger. Second row from left, Jay Marquardt, Kaden Geisler, TW Key, Brennan Russell, Aidan Dark and Luke Loftis. Bottom row from left, Dominic Mahoney, Brady Koger, Aidan McCarthy, Jaxon Topel, Brenley Laird and Trevor Mee.



## High Intensity wins championship

The High Intensity 10U- 03 traveling team won the Swing into Spring tournament in Enterprise, Ala. Pictured first row, team members Haylee Hayes, Riley Gibson, Makenzee Ely, Morgan Childress and Rachel Hester. Pictured second row, Ella Randall, Miranda Treadway, Brooke Leshner, Coach Laine Ely, Kaylee McIver and Melaina Bryant.



## All-Stars 11-12 new district champions

The Niceville-Valparaiso Little League 11-12 All-Star baseball team won the District Championship July 3 with a 17-7 victory over the Destin All-Stars. Pictured, team members Dillon Byrd, Sam E. Carrell, Joseph T. Cary, Collin J. Fuller, Seth E. Goodwin, Colton Hammond, T.J. Hart, Bryce Ingram, Logan Lafitte, Jason E. Magnuson Jr., Blake Skinner and Mason Swanick.

### Simple & Heart Healthy Meals for 1 or 2

Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> | 11:30 a.m.

Deanna Howard-Gonzalez, MBA, RD, LD, CDE  
Twin Cities Hospital Wellness Center | 2190 Highway 85 North, Niceville

Unhealthy nutrition choices are easy to make when you are only feeding a household of one or two people. Join us for a cooking demonstration by our licensed and registered dietician, Deanna Howard-Gonzalez, MBA, RD, LD, CDE, and learn simple recipes to get the healthy back in your diet!

### Cholesterol: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> | 11:30 a.m.

Kelly Light, RN, BSN  
Twin Cities Hospital Wellness Center | 2190 Highway 85 North, Niceville

Cholesterol results can be confusing. Kelly Light, RN, BSN, will discuss what the different cholesterol results mean, the effects of elevated cholesterol levels, and what you can do to help lower them and maintain healthy levels in the future.

### Free Vein Screening: Symptoms and Treatment of Venous Disease

Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> | 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Ginger Manos, MD  
Fort Walton Beach Medical Center Outpatient Waiting Area  
1000 Mar Walt Drive, Fort Walton Beach

Does leg pain slow you down? If you are one of the many people for whom even a short walk can be painful, the problem may be your veins. Join Dr. Manos for a free vein screening and learn about the benefits of vein treatment.

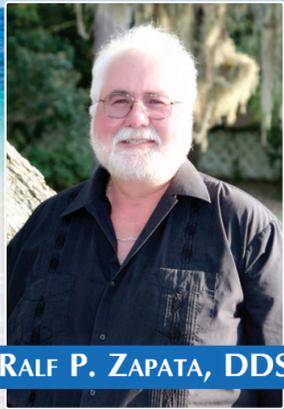
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