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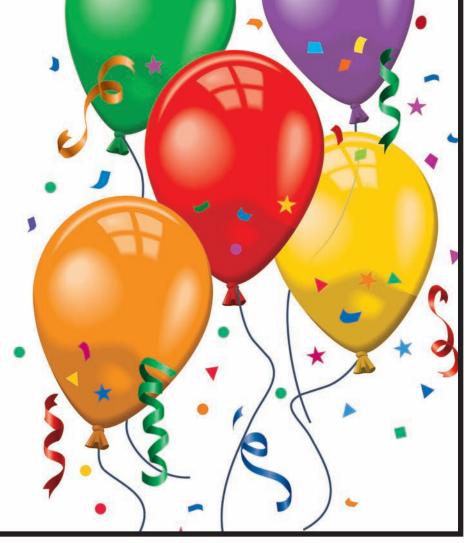
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The Bay Beacon this week is pleased to present a look back at the top stories and photos of 2018, as presented in a week-by-week review of Page 1.

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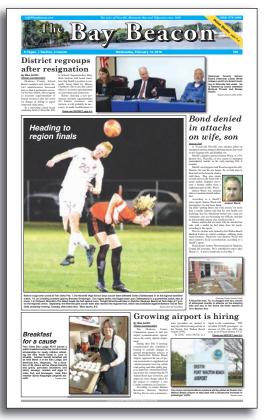
We look forward to continuing to serve you in 2019.

—The staff of the Bay Beacon: Stephen Kent, Sara Kent, Bunni Farnham, Cheryle Valentine, Karon Dey, and Katie Maricle. Correspondents: Mike Griffith, Paula Mims and Cynthia Richardson.















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Extended Booksale

The Friends of the Niceville Library are extending the 1/2 price book sale to January 12. Bookstore is open on Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Linux User Group Meeting

The Northwest Florida Linux User Group (NWFLUG) will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, January 7 from 5:30 p.m. until no later than 7:30 p.m., in Room 400 of the Crosspoint United Methodist Church in Niceville, Florida. Directions and details of the (always free) planned program can be found on the group's website at at https://nwflug.org. All interested persons are invited to join us and bring your laptops. Persons planning to attend are encouraged to notify us via email to tom.browder@gmail.com.

Mac User Group Meeting

The January meeting of the Mac Users Group will be held on Monday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the NWF State College Student Services Center Rooms 308/9 "Quicken -Take Control of Your

Finances" will be presented by Nita Wilkinson.



In preparation for the garden club's flower show, "Kindred Spirits," on April 27, 2019, Flower Show Chairman and floral designer, Carole Martin, will present an overview of the new divisions. Carole will describe the new division, Botanical Arts Horticulture, and also discuss the horticulture,

design, educational, and youth divisions.

The Valparaiso Garden Club will meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday. January 9, at Trinity Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall located at 44

Southview Avenue in Valparaiso. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Audubon Society Program

The Choctawhatchee Audubon Society will host the Thursday evening program on Jan. 10. This program will be Eagles, Hawks and Falcons of Eastern North America by Greg Greer, Naturalist. Greer will illustrate, identify the birds in free flight and during banding operations and present information on the behavior, migration and population dynamics of this extremely interesting group of raptors. The powerpoint presentation will be held in room 308/309 of the Student Services Building 400 at the Northwest Florida State College Niceville campus. Socializing begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact Dave Clausen at (907) 321-3701 for more information. Please visit our website choctawhatcheeaudubon.org and our

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Kinky Boots



Mattie Kelly Arts Center will be performing Kinky Boots, Broadway's huge-hearted, high-heeled hit on Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. With songs by Grammy and Tony winning pop icon Cyndi Lauper, this joyous musical celebration is about the friendships we discover, and the belief that you can change the world when you change your mind. Inspired by true events, Kinky Boots takes you from a gentlemen's shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan. Tickets are the available from center's box office mattiekellyartscenter.org or by calling 850-729-6000.

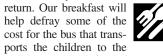
Facebook page at Choctawhatchee Audubon.

Benefit Breakfast

Twin Cities Elks Lodge #2747 is holding a public breakfast Saturday. January 12, 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at 224 Seminole Ave, Valparaiso.

Donation is \$8. We will be serving biscuits n sausage gravy, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and cheese grits.

The Florida Elks sponsor a youth camp in Umatilla, for children 9-13 years old who can attend at no cost. There are numerous activities from swimming to archery and those that attend always want to



camp. For more information on this activity, camp information or information on joining the Twin Cites Elks Lodge, call the lodge Tues.-Fri. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 850-729-3557 or just camp information at 850-217-7388. Elks share and Elks care. **Birdwalk**

On January 12. Choctawhatchee Audubon Society will be having a birdwalk in North Okaloosa County. Join experienced videographer and birder Malcolm Swan in an expedition to find warblers, waders, woodpeckers and

lot in the Oak Creek Shopping Center on John Sims Parkway in Niceville at 7:30 a.m. Wear closed toe shoes and long pants. Contact Malcolm at (210) 343-9082 for additional information. Please visit our website at choctawhatcheeaudubon.org and our Facebook page at Choctawhatchee Audubon.

Seven Money Types Series

In The Seven Money Types workshop series, pastor and author Tommy Brown guides participants through an understanding of the role money types play in the ways they think, feel, and act financially. Each session unleashes confidence in people by giving them the tools and understanding of how they're designed to use money for good and God in the world, while resolving financial tensions. Filled with laughter and aha. moments, participants experience teachings on faith and finances that shatter the walls we often place between God and money.

The workshop will be held every Wednesday for 7 weeks, starting January 16, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. at Generations United Church Sanctuary. Children and student ministries provided.

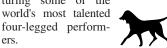
Join anytime. This is free and open to all adults.

Mutts Gone Nuts

Expect the unexpected as canines and comedy collide in this smash hit

performance on January 17 at 7 p.m. at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center. It will leave the audience howling for more.

From shelters to showbiz, these amazing mutts unleash havoc and hilarity in a breathtaking, actionpacked, comedy dog spectacular, featuring some of the



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ers.

The Power of Perseverance

Lonnie Johnson will speak as part of the President's Speaker Series, an initiative that NWF State College implemented this year to bring renowned speakers to our region, on January 18 at 7:30 p.m.

In his talk, The Power of Perseverance, Johnson will discuss his history and how the ever increasing rate of technology evolution impacts the future.

Johnson served in the U.S. Air Force, where he was awarded multiple medals and helped develop components in the stealth bomber program. Later as a NASA Nuclear Engineer, he received multiple achievement awards for his work in spacecraft system design. Johnson is most well known as the inventor of the Super Soaker squirt gun that received multiple industry awards including Outdoor Toy of the Year.

For more information, visit our website at mattiekellyartscenter.org. This is free and open to the public. Shoreline Birdwalk

26. the On January Choctawhatchee Audubon Society will be having a birdwalk along Niceville and Valparaiso shorelines. Join walk leaders Walt

Spence and Lenny Fenimore in a tour of old Niceville and Valparaiso in search of aquatic and upland

winter residents. Meet at the Mattress Depot in the Bayou Shopping Center off John Sims Parkway in Niceville at 7:30 a.m. Contact Walt at (850) 582-7064 or Lenny at (850) 863-2039 for additional information.

Please visit our website at choctawhatcheeaudubon.org and our Facebook page at Choctawhatchee Audubon.

Opera Brunch Benefit

Music Scholarship Fundraiser, Feb. 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Niceville Community Center, tickets \$35 adults and \$20 students. Pensacola Opera performs songs from "Florencia in the Amazon" and more. Delicious brunch by the Corner Café. And raffle. Hosted by the Choctaw Bay Music Club. Buy tickets at Bayou Bookstore, 1118 John Sims Pkwy, Niceville, or Call 850-527-4200.

Honor Choir Concert

The Twin Cities Honor Choir will be hosting its 23rd Annual concert on Thursday, March 28 at Rocky Bayou Baptist Church. The choir was created in 1995 when a grant was given to create the pro-

gram. This year the choir is larger than ever at over 100 fifth grade voices from public elementary schools in and around Niceville and Valparaiso.

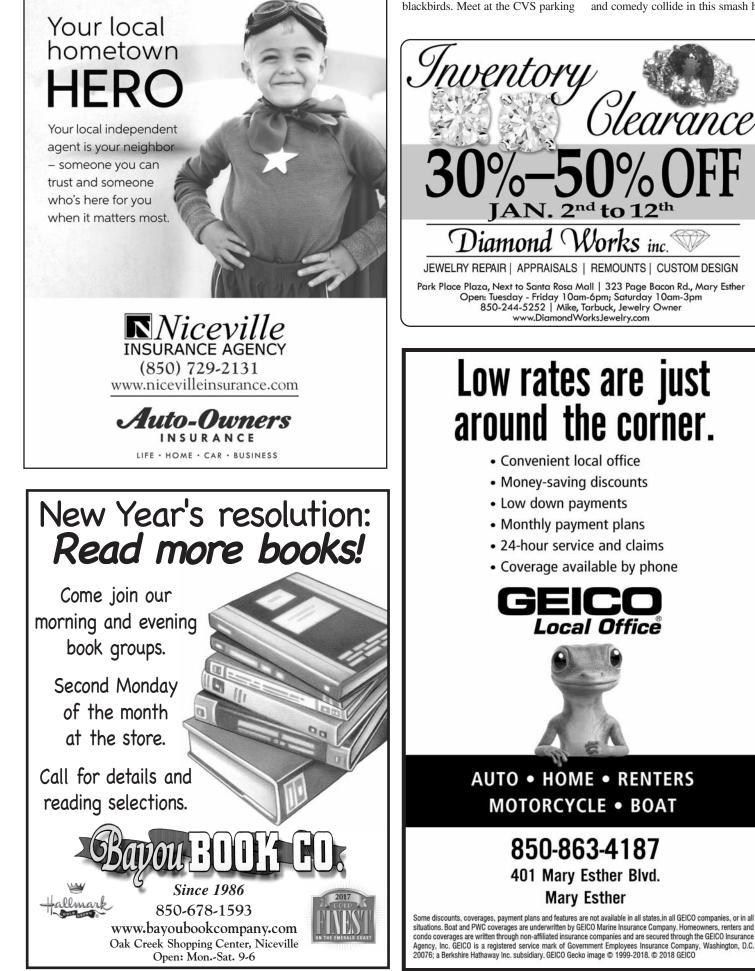


Students will come together from Bluewater, Edge, Plew, and Lewis Elementary schools. This elite choir was formed through a series of auditions where the participating students were selected. Also singing will be choirs from Ruckel and Lewis Middle Schools, and Niceville High School.

Organizers of the event are music specialists Barry Blackburn (Bluewater), Shirley Andrews (Edge), Suzanne Hartzog (Lewis), Katie McGuire Menges (Plew). The concert is free and open to the public, but donations are highly encouraged. All donations will continue to support next year's concert. Mamma Mia

The Niceville High School Theatre Department has announced that the Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus' smash musical Mamma Mia. will be their spring musical production. A hit on Broadway for fourteen years and the subject of a 2008 film, Mamma Mia. and its upbeat and lively score has delighted audiences worldwide.

Our department is committed to excellence in theatre productions and performance arts education, and we are excited to present this crowd pleaser to area audiences." Jackson is set to direct with local artist Cameron Daniels as Music Director, and 2018 NHS alum Marykate Cary as choreographer. NHS' production of Mamma Mia. will be presented with permission from Music Theatre International of New York, and will open April 4 with shows on the 5 and 6 of April as well. For further information on NHS' upcoming theatre productions, contact Ritchie Jackson at richard.jackson@okaloosaschools.c om.





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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 Dec. 11 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office arrested a 16-year-old boy on charges of leaving the scene of a crash involving damage to property, failing to obey a law enforcement officer's order to stop, and driving without a license.

The boy was also charged with violating terms of community control based on earlier charges of possession of marijuana and marijuana distribution. * * *

On Dec. 12 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office arrested Robert James Nelson, Jr., 31, of 1500 27th St., #B6, Niceville, on a charge of battery causing bodily harm. The arrest was made on a warrant stemming from an incident in Niceville on Aug. 17.

On Dec. 12 Niceville police arrested Ernest Lee Powell Jr., 29, of 644 Crestview Ave., Niceville, on charges of driving while license suspended, first offense, possessing a controlled substance without a prescription, and drug equipment possession and/or use.

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An officer stopped an Oldsmobile sedan after noting that Powell, the driver, was not wearing a seatbelt. During the stop, the officer smelled marijuana, and Powell was found to not have a valid driver's license.

Powell admitted to having smoked marijuana earlier in the day, and a subsequent search revealed substances which field tested positive for methamphetamine and cocaine, as well as a substance which was sent to FDLE for identification.

On Dec. 12 Niceville police arrested Nina Seo Cox, 30, of 301 Goldenrod, Niceville, on charges of possessing a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of cocaine, and drug equipment possession and/or use.

Officers responded to a report of a burglary in progress at an address on Ivey Avenue, and upon arrival found Cox inside the front passenger side of a vehicle nearby. Officers saw a digital scale of a type commonly used for weighing narcotics on the front seat. A search found substances which field tested positive for cocaine, fentanyl, and methamphetamine.

On Dec. 13 Niceville police arrested Nicholas Ducati, 40, of 1629 Redwood Ave., Niceville, on charges of shoplifting and marijuana possession not more than 20 grams.

Ducati had taken items from Walmart valued at a total of \$35.92. He was also found in possession of some suspected marijuana which field tested positive for THC.

* * * On Dec. 17 Niceville police arrested

Damien Robert Pybus, 18, of 665 Navy St., Fort Walton Beach, on charges of committing a 3rd degree felony with a weapon, possession of a short-barreled gun, rifle, or machine gun, marijuana distribution,



sole occupant **Damien Robert** of a vehicle Pybus stopped for no

working brake lights. During the stop, police observed a large glass pipe of a type used for smoking marijuana in plain view in the vehicle, and an officer smelled the odor of marijuana.

A search revealed a .22 cal. rifle with a sawed-off barrel and a partially filedoff serial number. Also found were 50 grams of a green leafy substance which field tested positive for THC, and a 25round magazine fitting the rifle. After a Miranda warning, Pybus told police

he had just left a friend's house where he had sold \$100 worth of marijuana.

* * * On Dec. 17 April Lynn Steele, 43, of 304 Reeves St., #G10, Niceville, was booked into the Walton County jail on a charge of violation of probation.

On Dec. 18 Niceville police arrested Shea Edward Adams, 24, of 1778 Thomas St., Niceville, on charges of drug equipment possession and/or use.

Police responded to a report of a suspicious person at the Comfort Suites Hotel. Officers found Adams in the parking lot, and asked him if he had anything illegal in his possession. Adams admitted to having a "rig"-slang for a syringe used to inject narcotics.

A search revealed a marijuana grinder with suspected marijuana particles in it, and a metal spoon with dark residue. The substance in the grinder field tested positive for THC, and the spoon field tested positive for methamphetamine. Adams said his narcotic of choice is methamphetamine. * * *

On Dec. 18 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office arrested Shannah Lee Short, 36, of 1217 Bayshore Dr., Valparaiso, on a charge of petit larceny, first offense. * * *

On Dec. 19 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office arrested Amber Dawn Arntz, 37, of 211 Ellis Ave., Niceville, on a charge of probation violation, felony.

On Dec. 19 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office arrested Zachary Clay Revell, 30, of 208 20th St., Niceville, on a charge of probation violation, misdemeanor. * * *

On Dec. 19 Niceville police arrested Joseph Lee Bohler, 23, of 165 Grandview Ave., Valparaiso, on a charge of DUI.

Police stopped Bohler for driving 49 miles per hour in a 35 mile-per-hour zone, and during the stop Bohler showed numerous signs of intoxication, failed a field sobriety test, and gave a breath sample which measured at 0.1.

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On Dec. 20 Valparaiso police arrested Carlos Jesus Cabrera, 18, of 1469 Live Oak St., Niceville, on charges of unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure and trespassing a structure or conveyance.

Police responded to a report from people who had seen Cabrera going through a van on their neighbor's property. Cabrera told police that he had entered the van but had not taken anything.

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On Dec. 20 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office arrested Corey Logan Chavis, 29, of 39 Willow Ave., Freeport, on an out of county warrant. * * *

On Dec. 20 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office arrested Christopher James Jones, 21, of 430 Roberts Ave., Niceville, on an out of county warrant. * * *

On Dec. 21 Niceville police arrested Robert Alan McKuhen, 28, of 213 Hawthorne Cir., Fort Walton Beach, on charges of possessing a controlled substance without a prescription (heroin/fentanyl), marijuana possession not more than 20 grams, and drug equip-

ment possession and/or use. * * * On Dec. 21 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office arrested Krystal Renee Bailey, 28. of 111 Sasser St., Niceville, on a charge

of probation violation, misdemeanor. * * * On Dec. 21 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office arrested Ryan Christopher Brown, 33, of 1402 29th St., Niceville, on charges of probation violation, misde-

meanor.

On Dec. 21 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office arrested Jeffrey Lee Davis, 36, of 1714 26th St., Niceville, on three counts of failure to appear for a felony offense.

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On Dec. 22 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office arrested Jesse James Barker, 32, of 111 Sasser St., Niceville, on two counts of probation violation, misde-

On Dec. 22 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office arrested Jeffrey Daniel Goodwin, 29. of 593 Hill Ln., Niceville, on a charge of possessing a controlled substance without a prescription.

On Dec. 23 Niceville police arrested Jacob Michael Jensen, 21, a cook, of 300 Kazmira Ct., #D, Niceville, on a charge of marijuana possession not more than 20 grams.

A police officer made a traffic stop after Jensen's vehicle ran a stop sign and nearly collided with the officer's patrol car. The officer found Jensen to be in possession of some suspected marijuana which field tested positive for THC. * * *

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On Dec. 23 John Edward Bowers, 50, of 223 Bayberry Dr., Niceville, was booked into the Walton County jail on a charge of violation of probation, misdemeanor. He was released on bond later that day.

On Dec. 20 Valparaiso police cited Sara Anne Poremba, 28, on a charge of DUI.

An officer observed Poremba driving very slowly, with her vehicle making a grinding sound. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle was missing both tires on the driver's side, and was driving on the rims.

The officer made a traffic stop, during which Poremba showed numerous signs of intoxication, failed a field sobriety test, and provided two breath samples, which measured at 0.188 and 0.191.

Summons

On Dec. 16 Niceville police issued a criminal summons to Mindy Lynn Cleveland, 39, of 205 Florida St., Niceville, on a charge of retail theft shoplifting. Cleveland had been seen taking items valued at \$40.39 from Walmart.

Other

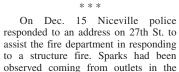
On Dec. 12 Niceville police responded to an address on 27th St. and helped someone get a stuck top off a propane bottle.

On Dec. 13 Valparaiso police received a report from someone who said their dog had died, apparently from poisoning due to ingestion of antifreeze, which apparently occurred while the person had been walking the dog

to Florida Park.

On Dec. 14 Niceville police responded to the Cefco store on College Boulevard, where a slippery substance had been spilled on the road at the intersection of College Boulevard and Highway 85, causing vehicles to lose traction. A Department of Transportation crew was summoned, and used a quick-dry substance to absorb the liquid.

On Dec. 15 Niceville police were summoned to A Proper Wash on John Sims Parkway, where the manager reported that someone had been dumpster diving and had left a mess on the property.



home, apparently due to an electrical

system malfunction. * * * On Dec. 15 Niceville police responded to an address on Valparaiso Boulevard, where someone had found a baggie full of a green leafy substance in a recycling bin.

> On Dec. 15 Niceville police responded to an address on Date Palm Circle, where a resident expressed con-

cern about a neighboring child who kept climbing her fence. The resident was afraid that her dog might harm the child. Police advised the child's babysitter of the issue, along with a request to pass the information on to the parents. * * *

On Dec. 18 Niceville police responded to the Wildwood Apartments regarding a report of someone defecating on the POLICE property. Further investiga-VALPARAISO tion, however, revealed no further evidence of such an incident. * * *

On Dec. 15 Valparaiso police responded to a disturbance at a location on State Road 397. The matter was resolved without an arrest. * * *

On Dec. 16 Niceville police received a report from someone whose mailbox had been hit by a vehicle. * * *

On Dec. 17 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office responded to an address on Ansley Drive regarding some found narcotics. * * *

On Dec. 17 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office responded to an address on Kazmira Court regarding a grand theft. * * *

On Dec. 18 Niceville police responded to the traffic circle near Walmart, where they helped resolve a case of "slight road rage." * * *

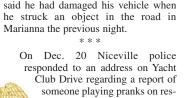
On Dec. 18 Niceville police responded to an address on 48th St. regarding the theft of a black 18-speed Trek mountain bike with red lettering.

On Dec. 18 Valparaiso 😋 police responded to an address on N. State Road 85 regarding a report of someone taking materials from a dumpster at a business, without permission. * * *

On Dec. 18 Niceville police responded to an address on Powell Drive, where someone had taken an outdoor extension cord from a backyard. * * *

On Dec. 18 Niceville police responded to Hollaway Roofing on





idents. * * * On Dec. 20 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office responded to an address on Sasser Street regarding a theft.

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On Dec. 21 Valparaiso police responded to the Matador Club regarding an altercation between two women. No arrest was made. * * *

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On Dec. 21 Niceville police responded to an address on Beverly Drive regarding a report of possible prowlers.

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On Dec. 21 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office responded to an address on White Point Road regarding a grand theft.

On Dec. 22 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office responded to an address on North State Road 85 regarding a narcotics case. * * *

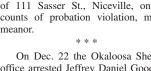
On Dec. 22 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office responded to an address on Brookhaven Way regarding a report of battery.

On Dec. 22 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office responded to an address on East State Road 20 regarding shoplifting.

On Dec. 23 the Okaloosa Sheriff's office responded to an address on Hickory Street regarding a report of battery.











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THE INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER - by Mike Griffith

What would you like to accomplish in 2019?

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"I've accomplished most of my own goals, so now I look forward to helping my children accomplish theirs."

Mike Odom, 49, Crestview, contractor



"Further my education." Kyra Kerrigan, 23, Niceville, LPN



"Get my house fixed from Hurricane Michael." Austin Hackimer, 43, Panama City, medical technician



"Survive, and live another year." Vernon Terry, 68, Rock Hill, SC, retired



"I'd like to lose weight. I was doing pretty well until the holidays." Kathy Casey, 71, Niceville, retired



"Learn to run track." Linell McKissick, 7, Navarre, Holly-Navarre Primary School student

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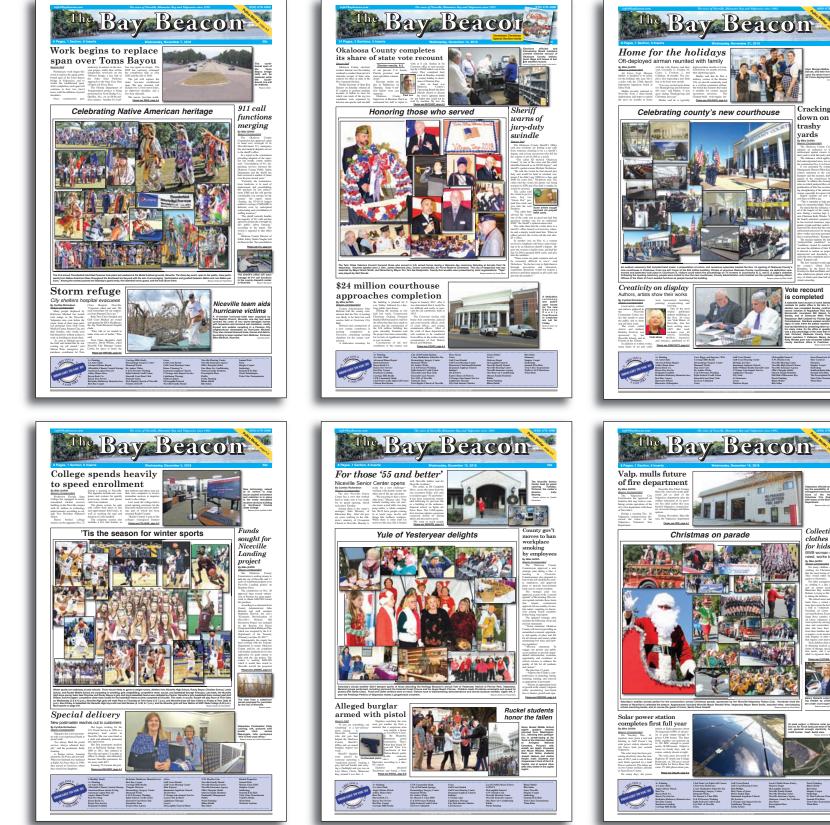
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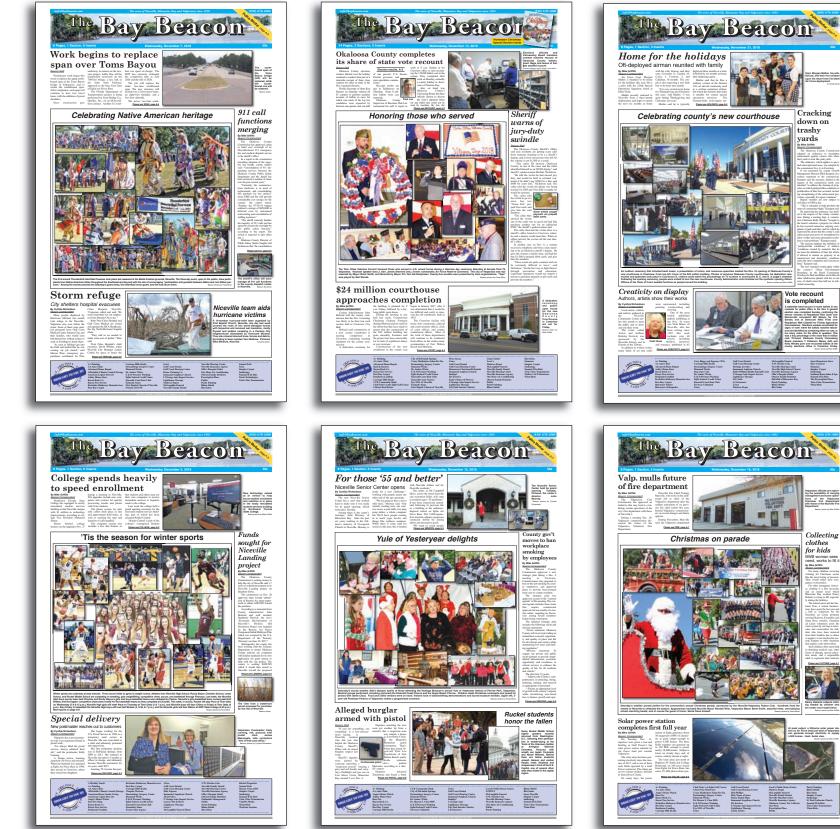




Apartment project announced



A Niceville company said it would build a 305-unit apartment complex in the city's northeast quadrant. The project, by Marin Development Inc., is financed by Transcontinental Realty Investors Inc., Dallas, according to a company statement. Called The Enclave at Deer Moss Creek, the upscale buildings will be situated on the Ruckel tract, a 1,114-acre, largely undeveloped area east of Forest Road. Groundbreaking is set for August, with leasing to begin in 2021, according to the developer. Developer's rendering









Rocky Bayou spelling bee winners



Pictured are the FACCS (Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools) Regional Spelling Bee winners from Rocky Bayou Christian School. Back Row L-R: McKenzie Newsom, Phoebe Riches, Kailey Yang, Calix McCune, Brandon Nosker. Front Row L-R: Briel Coley, Eleanor Gagnon, Ayush Patel, Ava Coffee, William Hanson. Not pictured: Colton Greer.



St. Paul spreads **Christmas cheer**

St. Paul Christian School prepared 65 Christmas baskets to deliver to residents of Belvedere Commons in Ft. Walton Beach.

Mid-Bay Rotary delivers care packages

There are 65 care packages on the way to deployed military members. Each care package contains multiple snack foods, playing cards, etc. Especially significant, each care package contains a hand-written note thanking the deployed service member for their service to our country. Thanks to military, civilian, and family members of the 96th

Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) and to Mid-Bay Rotary Club members and their spouses who helped with the assembly of the care packages. In addition, Mid-Bay Rotary Club presented an \$800 donation to help offset the cost of mailing the care packages. In particular, Mid-Bay thanks American House Senior Living Communities at Bluewater Bay for the use of their wonderful facility for the care package effort and for furnishing a great variety of morning breakfast items. Pictured: Mid-Bay Rotary members and spouses and 96th LRS Military, civilian and spouses assemble care packages. Mid-Bay Rotary spouse Janice Jean with one of her personalized notes that was inserted into a care package.



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