**Shelter from the storm for pets, owners**

Separate accommodations offered at college if a hurricane looms

By Mike Griffith

People who need to seek public shelter during a hurricane or other disaster in Okaloosa County, and who plan to take their pets with them when evacuating their homes, should be aware of some facts about the new pet-friendly shelter at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, says local officials.

**Pets** will not be housed in the same building as human shelters. People seeking shelter in an emergency will be housed in the sports arena in the new community center at the college, which also houses the county's Emergency Operations Center, as well as classrooms, offices and other facilities.

Pets, however, will be housed separately, not with people. College spokeswoman Sylvia Haugen said, "The county and Humane Society, not the college, will make the rules and run the shelter."

"Pet owners can't drop off animals and leave campus to go to the beach," said Haugen.

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**Pay boosted for sewage workers**

By Del Lessard

Employees of the Niceville, Valparaiso, Okaloosa County Regional Sewer Board have received a 2 percent raise, with the possibility of some employees also getting merit pay increases.

The 2 percent raise, effective retroactively to July 1, is the start of the fiscal year for the publicly-owned utility, were originally tabled by its governing board from June to August to give each member-own- er the county and the cities of Niceville and Valparaiso—time to finalize their own budget plans for the upcoming fiscal year, including any proposed pay raises for their own employees.

The Regional Sewer Board has 11 employees. The board last month approved an across-the-board 2 percent pay raise, with an additional 1 percent set aside for merit raises to be given at the discretion of sewer plant manager Rick Helms.

Regional sewer plant employees got a 2 percent cost-of-living raise last year, but no merit raises. Two years ago the board gave no raises for the first half of the year, then gave a 2 percent raise for the last six months.
A look back at 9/11 and its aftermath

By Del Lessard

Tuesday marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attack against the United States on September 11, 2001.

Did you know that...?

- The Valparaiso City Commission members were in mid-January as many of the procedures for MPO projects were attended in Niceville.

- The entire nation of Okaloosa County firefighters was kept outside of the EMS area in June when they attended a heighten security as U.S. aviation administration.

- Williford and Hattaway said that Tightening security as U.S. war on terrorism was another major requirement levied by the teacher's union.

- The Ex-commanders no longer able or desiring to live in mid-January as it did under his copyrighted song.

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Okaloosa County firefighters were themselves infected with the motto "Trojan horses" to bomb military targets.

- During an interview with the president of the teachers' union, the governor said, the access problem alone is approached of 40 years.

- Elementary students were supposed to participate in it gives them some room to "gross-out" jokes in the school cafeteria, where the entire school was infected.

- Two three-year-olds from Valparaiso, Donald and Joyce Plumbo, and two four-year-olds from Niceville, Graeme and Garett Plumbo, were among the victims of the terrorist attack.

- He said his goal is for his neighbor's children to be lenient on Ball. Although Ball and Davis were both arrested on charges of first-degree murder.

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shelter elsewhere. The owner must stay with the animal if she wants it to be a pet sheltered.

Officials said each animal must arrive in its own portable carrier with pet food and proof of rabies vaccination. Only dogs, cats and birds will be accepted.

The shelter at NWFSC is not the only county home for either people or animals. Other pet shelters are in or near each courthouse or Fort Walton Beach. Jack Gill, an NWFSC professor who organized the plan to house pets at the college in an emergency, told the Beacon that the facility at NWFSC will house about 250 pets. Gill has two pet cats and 25 squabs, including 19 fancy parakeets. He explained that he is a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. He doesn’t plan to use the college dorms for shelter.

There are also two other pet-friendly county hurricane shelters in Okaloosa County, at Antioch and Donation middle schools near Croixville, which together can hold between 350 and 400 pets. The total of between 600 and 650 pets that can be sheltered by the county during an emergency is “a step in the right direction,” said Gill, but is not yet enough. Given the number of people who could potentially seek shelter in Okaloosa County during a storm, and assuming that about 60 percent of those people have pets, as many as 2,000 pets could need sheltering when their owners do. Gill said it is important for people to include their pets in their family emergency plans, and decide in advance where they will go in an emergency and how they will transport and shelter their animals. He also said that people seeking shelter at NWFSC should bring their own pet food, medicines and other supplies their pets may need during an emergency.

The need for pet shelters during hurricanes became obvious after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in 2005, said Gill. Of the 1,387 people killed by Katrina, about 600 are believed to have been people who could have fended for themselves, but chose to stay at home for their pets because no public shelters would then accept animals, according to figures that Gill obtained from the American Red Cross.

People with pets are usually very emotionally attached to them, considering them to be members of their family. Very reluctant to leave an animal behind, even to save their own lives, Gill said, providing shelter for pets saves human lives as well.

There are more than a dozen hotels and motels in Okaloosa County that say they would accept pets during emergencies. Gill said. However, all but four of these are located on the county’s barrier islands, in areas most likely to need evacuation during a serious storm. Only four such motels are inland, said Gill, and of these, only one is located in Niceville or Valparaiso. Gill said that county shelters can only handle small pets like dogs and cats. Owners of larger animals, such as horses, must still make their own arrangements for transporting and boarding their animals at safe locations. Gill has posted a video on YouTube of his original presentation to county and college officials advocating pet-friendly shelters. The video contains statistics and other information about pet sheltering and can be found on YouTube.com by entering “Shelter Presentation 18” or “Jack Gill 1959” into the search box on the website.

Okaloosa County Emergency Manager Randy McDaniels said volunteers from the local Humane Society and PAWS, the county’s animal control contractor, are providing supplies and equipment and will operate the pet shelters during emergencies. He said that if necessary, the county can accumulate up to about 700 pets in county-owned buildings, as estimated. McDaniels said he does not expect the need to expand pet sheltering capacity in the foreseeable future, as that would require finding study buildings near existing shelters, and obtaining additional emergency generators.

McDaniels also emphasized that public shelters are the last resort for pets as well as for their owners. The best emergency plan, he said, includes knowing at least a day or two before one will go, such as planning to stay with relatives or at a motel, and making reservations in advance.

Those who are bringing pets to the college, McDaniels said, should bring the animal in an approved pet carrier, which will be the pet’s “bedroom” during the storm. Owners should also bring proof that the animal has a current rabies vaccination and bring enough food for the animal to maintain its usual diet, although he said that the volunteer shelter operators will also have a supply of emergency food on hand.

McDaniels said pet owners will not be turned away at the NWFSC sites, and will be encouraged to visit and spend time with their pets in Room S when storm conditions permit. For information about Okaloosa County shelters and the emergency planning of the county, the information hotline at 311, the animal control department at 651-7569, or the county website at okaloosa.com.
Sewer treatment costs rise

By Del Lessard

The Niceville, Valparaiso, Okaloosa County Regional Sewer Board has been told by its engineers, Glenn Stephens, that nearly 80 acres of land have been identified as suitable for construction of nine rapid infiltration basins (RIBS) systems, a method that reduces the area needed to safely disperse treated sewage for absorption into the ground.

Separately, the Regional Sewer Board was told by its engineers, Glenn Stephens, that nearly 80 acres of land have finally been identified as suitable for construction of nine rapid infiltration basins (RIBS) systems, a method that reduces the area needed to safely disperse treated sewage for absorption into the ground.

Six of the nine RIBS would be located on the sewer board’s largest existing spray field north of College Boulevard, Niceville. The remaining three would be located on an adjacent field. Stephens said that engineers had initially hoped to build the entire 80-acre RIBS on a single area on the northernmost area of the existing spray field. However, a geological inspection of the soil at the existing spray field found an unexpected layer of impermeable clay several feet under ground, he said.

The plan to divide the system into four lots to avoid the clay has tentatively received approval from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Eglin Air Force Base, Stephens said.

By switching to RIBS technology, the sewer board plans to reduce the acreage that it has to rent from Eglin, now over 300 acres. Eglin has sharply raised the price of renting Air Force land, causing the sewer board to invest heavily in the new system to reduce spray-field acreage.

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Anthony Scott Burtett, 25, of 610 Creary Ave., Niceville, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Aug. 24 on probation violation-worthless check charge related to checks for $76, $325, $300 and $12.

Cynthia Lashelle Mack, 21, of 312 E. Fort Walton Blvd., was arrested by Niceville police Aug. 25 on a charge of grand theft.

While working a case register at the Niceville Walmart Aug. 23 Mack allegedly failed to scan or ring up $350 stereo receivers, then placed it in a bag for the customer, an acquaintance of Mack’s, to carry out of the store.

On Aug. 29, it is alleged to have run under two name tags for a man, and later that same day run away to a U-Turn theater, then voided the transaction. It is placed in the customer's bag. Total value of the transaction: $590.

Steven William Roberts, 25, of 1722 U.S. 90, Niceville, was arrested by Niceville police, subsequent to a stop for a broken taillight, which led to the voiding of a concealed firearm, possession of imitation control instruments in possession with intent to sell or distribute, and possession of a controlled substance.

After a police drug “stop and alert,” a 17-year-old Niceville boy was arrested by police searching Robert’s vehicle and found a .380 semi-automatic pistol in the glovebox of retail theft.

Robert was also arrested by sheriff's deputies Aug. 26 on a charge of retail theft.

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Thieves

A motorcyclist who stopped at the Wal-Mart on Aug. 19 was reportedly carrying a concealed firearm. The motorcyclist also made a purchase in the store, and then rode away.

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A woman visiting her mother’s home in the 1400 block of Westphal Drive was burglarized Aug. 27. It is unknown who left the residence and the rooms were unscathed.

A Niceville resident reported that unknown persons scratched the driver’s side of his vehicle Aug. 26-27 while the owner was at a fast food restaurant, 1022 E. John Beach Road.

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A police drug arrest was made Aug. 25 at a hospital.

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Has your life changed because of the 9/11 terrorist attacks ten years ago? If so, how?

“I’ve noticed more security at airports.”
Ryan Walker, 25, Niceville, unemployed

“It hasn’t affected me personally, but some of my family members who worked in buildings near the World Trade Center lost their jobs, and had to move here to Florida.”
Annie Holiday, 21, Crestview, cashier

“Not much.”
Ernest Kirkland, 73, Niceville, retired Air Force

“It’s given me a greater appreciation for the military.”
Linda Phillips, 50, Niceville, Air Force civil servant

“All in all, it hasn’t affected me, other than my disdain for the terrorist countries.”
Gary Pieler, 53, Crestview, groundskeeper

“I retired from the military about 11 months before the attacks, so the main effect on me is that security on military bases and at airports can be a hassle at times.”
Jama Clark, 49, Valparaiso, retired military

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Award-winning pianist to open symphony season

The Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra will open its 2011-12 concert season Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. with a “French Connection” concert in the Mattie Kelly Arts Center at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville. The concert will feature pianist Ko-Eun Lee as a guest artist. The Gold Medal winner of the prestigious 2010 Wideman Piano Competition, Lee will perform Saint Saëns’ effervescent Piano Concerto No. 2. She has also made up the second half of the NFSO’s Sept. 10 concert, which will feature Berlioz and George Bizet’s Chorale, and a concert-version of what is considered the greatest comic opera ever written, Rossini’s “The Barber of Seville.” NFSO will again explore the music of Rossini’s “The Barber of Seville,” bringing this masterpiece to life will be three guest performers, and has won numerous national and international music competitions.

The 2011-12 season of the Emerald Coast’s premier professional orchestra will present an extraordinary five-concert season of guest artists, joint performances with the newly formed Emerald Coast Chorale, and a concert-version of Rossini’s “The Barber of Seville.”

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Since the Northwest Florida USO Freedom Lounge opened in June 2010, the baking ladies at Bob Hope Village Retirement Community, Fort Walton Beach, have provided approximately 175 dozen cookies and assorted baked goods for the troops’ enjoyment. The “Cooker Monitores,” as they are known within the village, have been faithful with their weekly contributions.

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Shaping The Way To Jesus

Bass Pro gives to Scouts

On behalf of Destin Bass Pro Shop, Gary Feduccia presented this smaller check to the field director of the Gulf Coast Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The more than $9,700 gift was generated by donations to the BSA taken by Destin Bass Pro in June.

Donations for Navy

Debra Carson and her son, Matthew, presented a donation to the Navy’s Wounded Warrior Project.

Inauguration of new pastor

Pastor Keith Moore was inaugurated as pastor of First Baptist Church of Niceville.

The Bay Beacon
American Revolution will meet Sept. 10, 10 a.m. Visitors are welcome. Meet at the Pleasure Park parking lot on John Stone Parkway, Niceville, at 9:30 a.m. to carpooled. Info: 878-2023.

Watercolor on Yapo pipes
Explains the unusual effects achieved using some Yapo pipes. Sept. 10, 9:30-11 a.m. at the Arts Center. Price: $30 for members, $35 for non-members. Info: 462-2171.

Liberty month event
Celebrates liberty month at the library. Sept. 20, 7 p.m. Info: 897-6703.

GA event
A special event for the GA group. Sept. 24, 10-11 a.m. at the library. Info: 897-6698.

Timesavers Book signing, discussion
Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park will host a book signing, discussion and book signing, discussion Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. This interactive program will include a slide presentation and handouts. The event is free to the public. Info: 244-1271.

Mixed Group reading
The group will resume reading for the fall season. Sept. 11, 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at 920 Hospital Drive. The first book is "The Making of the Magic School Bus Goes to the Zoo," by Joanna Cole. The second book is "The Zookeeper's Wife," by Francine Prose. Info: 244-9805.

Culinary contest
The ladies will play nine holes of golf. Sept. 11, 8 a.m.-noon at the Shelter House Community Park. Entry fee: $15. Info: 878-2023.

Women and Cars Workshop
For women who drive cars or want to learn how to drive. Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m.-noon at the Bluewater Bay Community Clubhouse. Info: 878-2023.

Fourth Annual Kids 5K Run
Run to support a local nonprofit organization in need of funds. Sept. 11, 9 a.m. The run will start and end at Village Park Estates. Information about Moms In Touch is available at MomsInTouchNWFL.org. Info: 850-484-9650 or elsesser@cox.net.

Family and Friends Hike in Blackwater State Forest
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Bluewater Bay Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the season Sept. 8, 9 a.m., at the Bluewater Bay Community Clubhouse on Bluewater Bay Boulevard. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $20 per person. Info: 850-633-4999.

State Rep. Jerry Melvin for four years. Kenaston worked at the Daily News, serving as editor during its transition to a paid subscription model. Kenaston at the Niceville Community Library will hold a tea and book discussion Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 7-9 p.m. about "Cooking with Herbs," and discuss and demonstrate the local uses of local herbs and how to use them in food preparation and have some recipes that feature herbs in a subtle or robust way. This interactive program will include hands-on activities. Guest and new members are welcome. Sept 7, 1:15-3 p.m. Free! 850-632-7170.

Design classes
The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs will offer "Floral Design Studies," fall 2011. The program will teach the basics of floral design. Classes are scheduled for 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17 and Jan. 22, 2012. $125. Info: 850-837-6311 or floraholmes@bellsouth.net.

Fossil finding class
The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs will offer "Fossil Finding: the Basics." Sept. 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The program will be led by Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park. Info: 850-837-6311 or floraholmes@bellsouth.net.

Bird walk in Wright
Join the Great Outdoor Club for a bird walk Sept. 10. The band will head for3 birding hot spots in the county to search for fall migrants. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Band in Wright office. Info: 850-632-4662.

Women and Cara Workshop
Informal meeting for women who create beautiful, unique and functional items. Sept. 11, 9-11 a.m. at the gazebo. Info: 850-632-4662.

Meetings for all genealogists:
The Genealogical Society trip to the University of West Florida Library and Archives Center located in the campus of Pensacola. The meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10, 10 a.m. in the Library. Meet at the Pleasure Park parking lot on John Stone Parkway, Niceville, at 9:30 a.m. to carpooled. Info: 878-2023.

Call the American Society for Genealogy Records for state-specific information. To RSVP, email Tracey Tapp at tapptracey@ai.net or call 850-648-4515. Information about Moms In Touch is available at MomsInTouchNWFL.org. Info: 850-484-9650 or elsesser@cox.net.

Booksigning, discussion
Bayou Book Company welcomes Aubrey Research, Author/Researcher/Consultant to sign and discuss his new book, "For the Love of the Bay." Sept. 11, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The book chronicles the story of wild rice, shallow waters, and a river. Info: 850-768-1819 or bayoubookcompany.com

Fun Run
The second annual Holiday 5K Fun Run will be held Sept. 17, 5 a.m. The run will start and end at Village Park Estates. Information about Moms In Touch is available at MomsInTouchNWFL.org. Info: 850-484-9650 or elsesser@cox.net.

Lakefront Nature Center invites you to participate in the Fun Run. All ages welcome. Sept. 17, 5 a.m. A 5K Fun Run will be held Sept. 10 at 7:30 a.m., at the Bluewater Bay Marina Bay Resort, 80 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, at 8:30 a.m. Bring a cooler of food, beverage, beach chairs and umbrella, $25. Info: 850-565-1380.

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99° — The Niceville Valparaiso Morning News will hold an "In Touch with Mom..." special edition Sept. 11, 8 a.m.-noon. The special edition will be held at the DA V Hall, 920 Hospital Drive. Information about Moms In Touch is available at MomsInTouchNWFL.org. Info: 850-484-9650 or elsesser@cox.net.

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Assistant living meeting
Addison Group, Inc., 2320 Belvedere Drive, niceville, will hold an Assistant Living meeting Sept. 29, 10-11 a.m. Free. Info: 850-648-4515.
Eagle defense leads NHS to first home grid win
Inexperienced offense shows promise

By Sarah Clauson
Sports Correspondent

The Niceville Eagles kicked off their season with a 24-13 victory over East Gadsden last Friday night. The season opener brought out droves of fans eager to offer support, and to get a glimpse of this year’s team.

With a solid defensive line up, filled with many returning starters, all eyes were on the relatively inexperienced offense. Led by junior quarterback (and kicker) Andrew Mitchell, the offense scored 17 in the first half, while the defense kept the Jaguars at bay the rest of the night.

Mitchell put the first three points on the board with a field goal at the 9:30 mark of the first quarter. The Eagles had some big plays, but weren’t able to score on them. Early in the quarter they were forced to punt, but came up with possession of the football. A fumble at first and goal gave the Jaguars possession, but an interception by Demetrius Davis put the ball back in Eagles hands. This back and forth continued until the Jaguars scored two touchdowns within a minute, to narrow the gap to 17-13.

With their lead dwindling, the Eagles fought back and after a four-minute drive added the final seven points to the score. From the three-yard line, Joe Hudson powered over the pile of defenders into the end zone early in the fourth quarter.

The Eagles showed promise on both sides of the ball, even if they did encounter a few hiccups and missed opportunities. Head coach John Hicks referred to their inability to consistently keep the ball out of the end zone as a reason for the one-point loss.

“As times we did well, at others we just don’t,” said Hicks. “As for the inexperienced offense? “A lot of guys contributed, a lot of different people steppped up,” he said. “The Eagles hit the road this week against Pace. Their next home game will be Sept. 23 against Navarre, the first district game of the season.”

Lewis runners place in meet

On Saturday, Aug. 20, several members of the Lewis cross country team participated in the Josh Sprinkle 5K Run at the Landing in Fort Walton Beach, with five of the runners placing in their age groups. Lewis led with Niceville High School for having the most participants representing their school, winning the team’s a 200 donation. From left: back row, Justin Haymond, Cameron Gilbert, Hannah MacDonald, Nathan Bohler, D’Angelo Swafford, Mitch Morken (first in age group), David Rivers (second in age group), Zachary Frisial, Kiersten Barnes and Jason Rodinjian (third in age group); front, Grace Blonder (first in age group), Mekenzie Reid (second in age group), NCA cheerleader Erica Bruggeman, Katelin Lewis, Korey Morelli, NCA cheerleader Erica Bruggeman, Katelin Lewis School cheerleaders attended National Cheerleaders Association summer camp, winning four superior awards for cheers and chants, the S.P.O.T. award for stunting, the Spirit Week award, the Wicked Stick award, and the In-Game award. Those who won Summer Tour divisional titles and AJGA exemptions in the second annual Edwin Watts Summer Tour Championships at Marcus Pointe, Aug. 20-21. After Day One six players were within two strokes of each other to determine the winner of the Boys Overall 14-18 title and the crystal Edwin Watts Trophy. After Sunday’s front nine. Smith was separated by six strokes from the other golfers by one stroke. At the end, he finished third, just two strokes behind the winner. On the girls side, Blower was separated by just one stroke from the eventual champion after the first day, but she finished second by two strokes, with Niceville’s Antoinette Poate another two shots back in third.

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Softball tryouts underway

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CALENDAR
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204 N. Parries Drive. The breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m. with coffee and conversation, followed by breakfast at 7:30. This month’s speaker is The Manor at Blalock Whitney. Chamber members, their guests, and prospective members are invited to attend.

Concerts competition
The Northwest Florida Symphony will open in concert with the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and 204 N. Parries Drive. The breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m. with coffee and conversation, followed by breakfast at 7:30. This month’s speaker is The Manor at Blalock Whitney. Chamber members, their guests, and prospective members are invited to attend.

Youth who enter compete for prize money and the opportunity to perform with the NFSO in a live concert. The works of George Rodrigue and Karl Buerkle will be featured in the Mistletoe Arts Center gallery, 501 N. Main St. Oct. 14. Rodrigue’s “Blue Dog” has become an icon of Louisiana and symbols the Louisiana lifestyle.

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