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HOMETOWN PEOPLE...HOMETOWN NEWS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER. - HEBREWS 13:8

Memorial Monument to Honor Deputy Oliver

On Wednesday, November 22, at 7 a.m., the Nassau County Sheriff's Office held a historic Memorial Reveal Celebration in honor of NCSO Deputy Eric Oliver. The celebration took place at the GATE Convenience Store #1214, located at 463779 SR 200 in Yulee, where a monument was unveiled in honor of Deputy Oliver on the one year anniversary of his death.

Law enforcement officers and fire/ rescue personnel from several agencies, as well as community leaders and local residents gathered for the dedication ceremony to honor Eric and his family. The memorial was unveiled by NCSO's "C" Team, which Deputy Oliver was assigned to when he passed away.

Deputy Oliver was assisting a U.S. Border Patrol Agent at the time he was struck and killed by a vehicle while pursuing a criminal suspect on foot across State Road 200 in Yulee on November 22, 2016. GATE graciously allowed the memorial monument to be placed on their property, which is where the initial foot chase began and is directly in front of where Deputy Oliver was killed.

"Deputy Oliver died doing what he



community," said Sheriff Bill Leeper. "He will never be forgotten by our agency, by those who worked with him, by his family, by his friends and now, all those who pass this way will remember him as well."

After the ceremony, Chick-fil-A restaurant in Yulee, donated a portion of their sales that morning to the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) organization to assist families of those law enforcement officers who are killed



Callahan Christmas Parade Saturday

The Annual Callahan Christmas Parade will be held this Saturday, December 2 at 11 a.m. The parade will feature floats from businesses, the Shriners, bands and of course Santa Claus. The parade is sponsored by the Greater Nassau County Chamber of Commerce. The theme of the parade this year is 'A Florida Christmas!' Following the parade, a arts and crafts fair will be held and will also include food vendors in the Wells Fargo parking lot from 9 a.m. -2 p.m. Photos with Santa will also be available to be taken with your own camera! It's the 44th Annual Christmas Parade and it never fails to entertain the young and the old alike! Come out and enjoy the fun and excitement!

WN Theatre Department Growing

Jamzee Davis

The WNHS theatre department has recently formed a troupe with the International Thespian Society (ITS). They had three short weeks to prepare for the ITS districts, which was held in St. Augustine on November 18. It was an all-day event. Our Troupe (5268) participated in Pantomine, Monologues, Solo Musicals, and Duet Acts. There are many other categories such as Group Musical numbers, Set/Design, Costumes, which we will participate in as we build our program. Seniors are also able to compete for scholarships.

Troupe 5268 worked extremely hard before and after school preparing for districts and it paid off. All students received a rating of either Superior (highest) and/or Excellent (2nd highest). We have five students who qualified to compete in State, which will be held in March in Tampa. Troupe 5268 is looking for business partners and donations from our community to help support these children who are proudly representing our community. Contact WNHS or Mr. McKinney for more details.

Mr. Joshua McKinney, who is new to Nassau County, has proven to be a dedicated teacher who goes above and beyond by offering classes and rehearsals before and after school.



Some of the extra classes include voice, dance, improv, character development, etc. McKinney has seen the talent and desire these students encompass. He says these kids are not only talented, but eager and committed to do whatever it takes to build this form of art within our small town. Troupe 5268 is proud to be the first Troupe to represent Nassau County. We'd love to see this community stand behind our Theatre and provide support to keep it going.

Please come to our last two Improv shows for this semester on Tuesdays, December 12 and 19 and Dearly Departed on December 14, 15, and 16 to get a taste of what these kids have to offer. Call West Nassau High School at 879-3461 for more details about the

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Letters to the Editor

Driving Courtesy!

Dear Editor,

Friends, I have a theory about bright lights on an automobile. They should not be allowed. I mean they have a very good purpose but the people who use them have no clue what they are for except their own benefit. When I go to work in the early morning, it is dark and everyone has on their headlights, which is normal. There are some people who use their bright lights and that's okay, as long as they are used properly. When another automobile comes from the opposite direction, you are supposed to dim your lights, but some people don't. If you flash your lights at them, they flash back and still keep them on bright. Maybe they don't have dim lights? Especially the new lights on cars, they can blind the oncoming driver even when they are dimmed.

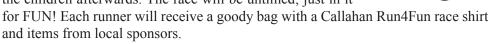
Also, the vehicles that have four lights are worse. The bottom lights are not the dim lights, but another set of headlights. Now you have four bright lights shining in your eyes. I feel like I have to run off the side of the road to keep from having a head-on collision. If you are behind another car and you have your bright lights on, you are blinding the person in the car in front of you...once in the rear view mirror and the again in the side mirror. Remember please be courteous while driving; use the rules of the road, and don't use your bright lights unless you are on the road by yourself or know when to dim them.

> JoAnn Sorrells Callahan

CES Run4Fun Event December 9

Callahan Elementary will hold their 7th Annual Run4Fun Community run Saturday, December 9 at the school beginning at 8:45 a.m.

The event is a time to bring families together to unite for a morning of fitness and fun! The course starts at Callahan Elementary and runs throughout Callahan and travels close to the school, high school and surrounding community. Awards will be given out and there will be fun activities for the children afterwards. The race will be untimed; just in it



Registration fees are: \$20 (ages 13-Adult); \$10 (ages 5-12). You may register the day of the event or you may register at: www.runsignup.com. All proceeds go to the Run/Walk Club of the school!

In the Kitchen... Easy Creamy Corn Casserole

1/2 cup butter, melted

2 eggs, beaten

1 (8.5 oz.) package dry corn bread mix

1 (15 oz.) can whole kernel corn, drained

1 (14.75 oz.) can creamed corn

1 cup sour cream

Preheat oven to 350°, and lightly grease a 9x9 inch baking dish. In a medium bowl, combine butter, eggs, corn bread mix, whole and creamed corn and sour cream. Spoon mixture into prepared dish. Bake for 45 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the top is





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Bryceville Library Holiday Celebration!

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New Year's

Holiday Celebration at the Bryceville Branch Library in the Community Center Thursday, December 7 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join us for a Special evening celebrating the Holidays with exciting stories with Santa and Frosty the Snowman. Have fun making Holiday Crafts and enjoy refreshments provided by the Friends of the Bryceville Library. This is a free, family program. For more information contact Michelle Forde 904-530-6506.

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

This week I am treading on a subject that always seems to ruffle some feathers, but oh well, I've never been known to be politically correct so why start now. Today as I was reading some articles on www.brietbart.com I came across a story concerning gaytivity. This is a term I had never heard of so I had to explore a little deeper. To my utter disgust and surprise it was about displaying gay nativity scenes. Excuse me but this is going way too far by the gay community! If that's the lifestyle one chooses to live then so be it, but don't you dare disgrace the Holy and Sacred birth of Jesus Christ with your social and personal choices. God chose Mary to be the maternal and earthly mother of our Savior, Joseph was chosen by God to be the earthly father, period! To display something of this sort is way beyond my tolerance, however there are many that are accepting it, embracing it and making a mockery on Twitter about it. Of course you have to take into account the people that are doing this. The story on Brietbart was written by Charles Nash, he titled the story "Twitter users celebrated a Christmas nativity scene featuring two gay Josephs last week." One of the tweets was posted by Cameron Esposito, host of Queery Podcast (need I say more?) on Friday. Esposito posted, "Our neighbor's two Joseph nativity is up & I'm beaming." A picture was also posted showing two models of Joseph dressed in pink surrounding baby Jesus. This post received over 20,000 likes and receiving praise from hundreds of accounts. Some of the responses were: "Jesus, Marty & Joseph! I love this!" "Man the birth of

Jesus was DEFINITELY a miracle now." "The Bible says that Jesus had two dads. I see nothing wrong with this."

While another post showed a picture of a nativity scene featuring two Mary's. These types of things totally disgust me on many levels. It is pure blasphemy!

I believe in the Bible and the account written in Mathew 1:18-25; "18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.'

The first part of this column is...Just My Opinion! The second part is God's word!





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Better Tell the Truth

Pastor Steve Wolgamott, Live Oak Baptist Church

Not many kids ride bikes anymore, but when they did, one of the most awful things you could have happen was to have someone jam a stick through your spokes while you were riding. The stick would jam up against the wheel struts and lock on the spokes and the front wheel would stop dead. You and the back of the bike would raise up and you would sail out over the handle bars and slam to the ground. It was very painful and very embarrassing.

I can pretty much guarantee you are now thinking, "Just what are you getting at preacher?" What I'm getting at really has nothing to do with bicycles or spokes but everything with personal character and life. Let me ask you a question, "Are you a liar?" That's awfully personal isn't it? Everyone will probably say of course not. Sadly, in saying that you've lied again. We all lie. Some do it professionally and probably don't even realize it. Parents lie to their kids. Spouses lie to each other. Police lie to criminals and vice versa. Preachers (who should really know better) lie. Everyone lies, some just more than others.

Truth, dear friends is truth. It is static. It does not change. We need to, we must constantly be aware of what is coming out of our mouths. We need to think before we speak. We must weigh the consequences of our speech, is it true or is it shaded with falsehood?

I am sure you know that there is no such thing as a fib, a white lie, a little lie, a black lie, a half-truth, or a "for your own good." The afore mentioned are all lies and they are all and affront to God (who, by the way cannot lie). Now you knew this was coming...The Bible says in Matt 5:37, "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." In other words, don't shade the truth. The Bible also says in Matt 12:34-35, "... how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." A person is going to speak what's in his or her heart. Let Christ change your heart so that you can strive to always speak the truth.

Now, here's the stick in the spokes, Matt. 12:36-37, "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

So, tell the truth, even if you are a car salesman, a lawyer, a doctor, a parent or even a preacher and maybe you won't get that stick in the spokes!

CHURCH NEWS

Hilliard Pentecostal Full Gospel Church will hold a Revival beginning Sunday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. with Rev. Ike Mohler as the guest speaker. Weekly services will be held at 7 p.m. The church is located beside the Hilliard Post Office



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Christmas in the Country this Sunday

Dawn S. West

If you have never attended the Christmas in the Country hosted by Ephesus Baptist Church, you have certainly missed a treat. The members take such pride and care in putting on such a spectacular event. The setting, of course, is in the country at the church in Hilliard. The location is perfect and completely sets the mood for a simple yet beautiful Christmas.

There is a live nativity scene (that takes your breath away). You truly feel as if you have stepped back in time. There is a little village set up with all types of cottages around to visit, each with a special something inside. The actual sanctuary of the church is decorated beautifully and is such a serene and special place to visit. As if you haven't seen enough from there, they also provide a sampling of food in their fellowship hall. There will be chili, Brunswick stew and all kinds of hors d'oeuvres and desserts.



It's definitely a place that the entire family would enjoy and certainly puts you in the mood for Christmas!

Country in the Christmas will be held this Sunday night, December 3 at 6 p.m. at Ephesus Baptist Church. The event is only held one night, so you need to take advantage and go experience it for yourself! The location of the church is 48143 Ephesus Road, off of Middle Road in Hilliard. For more information call the church office at 845-3426. Make sure to attend...you'll be thankul you did!

Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met last Monday night for their final meeting of November with two council members absent, Councilwoman Janet Shaw and Council President Ken Bass. Many of the agenda items were tabled as they didn't have a full council. The council did approve Ordinance 2017-O06 on first reading which concerned amending Chapter 13 of the town code to include subsection C to add Industrial water & sewer rates. Additions were made to the language of the ordinance and will be revised before the next reading. The council approved the amended version on first reading.

Commissioner of Zoning David Mellecker advised the council that he and the Zoning Board recommended Ryan Haugh to be appointed to the Zoning Board to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Buford Howard. The council approved the recommendation.

Councilman Marty Fontes advised the council of an emergency repair that needs to be done on lift station #1 behind the Super Test at the corner of US 1 and Martin Luther King, Jr. Road. The town has received only one bid in the amount of \$19,200 for the repair. Fontes requested approval as there is no time to wait to for other bids. Waiting could cause even more trouble. The council approved the request.

The renewal of the rental contract with Nassau County and the fire station was discussed. "I think we should go ahead and continue the contract as is," said Councilman Marty Fontes. "We have been getting along well with the county and think we should just approve it and move on."

The council approved the request.

The next and final meeting of the council for 2017 will be Monday, December 4 at 7 p.m. The council had already voted to have only one meeting for the month December.



Come get a start on your Christmas shopping and enjoy food, fun and fellowship!

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Written by Thomas A. Blair, Enrolled Agent

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November 15, students Hilliard Elementary participated in their first ever Little Flash Fun Run. The run was to raise funds for new playground equipment and AR store items. Each student reached out to





family members and the community for pledges for their laps ran. Most students ran the maximum of 35 laps! Thanks to the parents and donors, the school far surpassed their goal of \$8,000! Way to go Little Flashes!

Human Nutrition Course at FSCJ Nassau

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) will offer a Human Nutrition class at the Betty P. Cook Nassau Center during the Spring Term. Students will acquire the basic principles of nutrition and develop skills in applying the Dietary Reference Intakes to all age groups.

This course emphasizes nutrition for disease prevention and key food nutrients and phytochemicals that are determinants of health and disease. Weight control and nutrition throughout the lifespan are also included. The class will meet from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays during the Spring Term beginning January 8, 2018.

The FSCJ Betty P. Cook Nassau Center is located at 76346 William Burgess Blvd, Yulee. View the Spring course schedule at fscj.edu/schedules. The class number is 1217.









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Westside Journal Visits Kentucky!



Claude and Paula Arpen of Brycevile and Gary and Barbara Wheeler of Callahan, traveled to northern Kentucky for a fall vacation! The highlight of their trip was visiting and seeing the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. These two biblical exhibits gave

them a chance to explore both scientific and biblical answers to creation and the flood. The exhibits were amazing and inspiring and should be included on everyone's travel bucket list! Lucky for us...they took along a copy of the Westside Journal!

Westside Journal Visits Washington, D.C.!

School Board Member Jonathan Petree and his family recently took a trip to Washington, D.C. and made sure to take along a copy of the Westside Journal! While there they spent some time Congressman John Rutherford in his office at the Capital Building. The congressman graciously took the opportunity to educate our children on the House of Representatives and the Senate. They also visited



Arlington National Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam War Memorial. We had a family member, Williams 'Billy' Flynn, that was killed in action in the Vietnam War, so we did a 'rubbing' of his name off of The Wall. They also visited Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, and well as, touring the other monuments the Jefferson Memorial, WW2 Memorial, and Washington Monument.

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CMS Students Participate in Water Tower Competition

American Water Works Association (AWWA) of Florida, Region II annually hosts a school Water Tower Competition. Students

are required to engineer and build a water tower with specific size and height requirements. The models are judged based on cost efficiency, hydraulic efficiency, structural efficiency and design ingenuity. Students are asked to create and construct a water tower using recycled materials. The tower must fill and drain quickly without tipping

and appearance is also a judging factor. The objective of the competition is to develop awareness of the importance rewarding opportunities available in the water profession. This objective is met by having students develop an idea into a functioning water tower, just

like water professionals would do on the job.

Callahan Middle School (CMS) students have participated in this competition for the past seven years. This year 35 students entered in groups up to four. Students from seven different counties participated in the 2016-17 Water Tower competition. entered seven water

1st place, and Madison Mims winning 3rd place in the Middle School Division



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Allie Claire Mizell, Reporter

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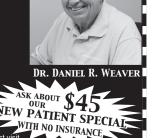
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Brian Christopher Rue, 37, 37417 Libby Road, Hilliard: Camden County Warant Falire to Appear Occupational Tax

Tuesday, November 14

Sandra Boone Goodwin, 63, 2780 Jane Lane, Hilliard: Contempt of Court Joshua Samuel Ingros, 29, 37123 Marshall Lane, Hilliard: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Leroy Shane Lee, 36, 241888 CR 121, Hilliard: Driving While License Suspended with Knowledge

Ranie Shaw Rewis, 46, 241888 CR 121, Hilliard: Carrying a Concealed Firearm Wednesday, November 15

William Howard Davison, 32, 12539 CR 121, Bryceville: Failure to Appear Possession of Cocaine; Possession of less than 20 grams of Cannabis; Possession of Controlled Substance

Therese Mary Roe, 60, 37063 W. Fifth Street, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Felony Battery

Wednesday, November 22

Michael Leroy Bailey, 61, 54251 Jeannie Road, Callahan: Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon; Criminal Mischief

Christopher Dale Alexander, 48, 450775 Old Dixie Highway, Callahan: Missouri Warrant Dangerous Drugs Possession of Controlled Substance

Saturday, November 25

Dana Rochelle Cline, 40, 45061 Oak Trail, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Sunday, November 26

Justin Aaron Redding, 34, 452366 Old Dixie Highway, Callahan: Failure to Appear Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Driving While License Suspended/

Dustin Hoke Lee, 30, 54124 Dixon Trail, Callahan: Loitering and Prowling; Disorderly Intoxication

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EDSEL HIGGINBOTHAM



Marvin Higginbotham, 83, of Callahan, passed away peacefully at his home on November 26. Edsel was a life-long resident

of Callahan. He graduated from Callahan High School in 1952, attended the University of Florida, and then enlisted in the United States Armv.

Edsel had a prosperous real estate career, Higginbotham Realty, in Duval and Nassau counties. He developed many tracts of land throughout Nassau and Duval counties including Ratliff Road and Church Road in Callahan, Meadowfield Bluff in Yulee, and Old Plank Road in Duval County. He was a member of the Greater Jacksonville Morocco Shrine Club and the Callahan Masonic Lodge. He was a life-long member of First Baptist Church of Callahan. Edsel was also a lifetime member of the Crawford Hunting Club where he was known as 'Landman' by club members.

Edsel married the love of his life Mildred Parker in 1959. Edsel and Mildred would have been married 58 loving years in December. He was an avid outdoorsman and a lover of the land, especially "overseeing" his property. Edsel also enjoyed spending time in his other homes on the St. John's River, Lofton Creek, and St. Augustine Beach. He was preceded in death by his parents Farres and Helen Higginbotham; and in-laws Willie and Lula Mae Parker; as well as several close family members.

He is survived by his wife Mildred: his daughter Sandra (Mike) Giles; four beautiful granddaughters Blair (Mike) Harris, Brooke (Austin) Carr, Katie Giles and Haylie (Zack) Whittenburg; and Edsel's greatest iov was found as a great-grandfather to four great-grandsons Lawson, Parker, Grady and Tucker; his siblings Shirley (Punk) Perret, Jimmy (Carol) Higginbotham, Patricia Conner and Janet Conner.

Visitation was held Tuesday, November 28 at First Baptist Church of Callahan.

BITUARIES

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 29 at the First Baptist Church of Callahan. Interment followed in Keen Cemetery, Callahan.

Pallbearers were Scott Perret, Gerald Perret, Johnny Perret, Jeff Godbee, Scott Barrett, Jimmy Magill, John Keen and Wesley Peacock. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Spencer, Donnie Kirkland, Buddy Conner, Dan Conner and William Cook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Edsel's memory can be made to First Baptist Church of Callahan's Mission Fund.

Condolences may be expressed at www. nassaufh.com.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 879-1770.

DEMERY L. LLOYD, SR.



Demery Laverne Lloyd, Sr., 91, of Folkston, passed away November 27 at his residence surrounded by his family. He was born in Manor, Georgia

to Pearl Nix and Wonnie Lloyd on March 17, 1926. He was raised by his grandmother Nora Lloyd. He served in the U.S. Navy and received an honorable discharge on May 7, 1946. Demery's home was Folkston except for 25 years in Jacksonville where he retired from UPS in 1989 as a Diesel Mechanic. He was a member of Camp Pinckney Baptist Church. He loved God and his family. He had no enemies and loved everyone. He loved to hunt and fish and work on lawn mowers. He had many friends especially at the Okefenokee Restaurant where he ate six days a week. He coached a women's softball team for nine years and was a professional umpire for 20 years. He was a lifetime member of the VFW. He will be missed

by family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years Mary Frances Lloyd; a daughter JoAnn Lewis; a brother W.L. Lloyd; and a sister Estelle Woolard.

He is survived by four children Demery (Lura) Lloyd, Jr. of Folkston, Nancy (Joe) Spencer of Longmont, Colorado, Jane (Howard) Taylor of Folkston and Paul (Beth) Lloyd of Callahan; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters-inlaw Pearl Batton and Mary Helen (Will) Davis; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, November 29 from 6-8 p.m. at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston. Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 30 at 2 p.m. at Camp Pinckney Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Homeland Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston, 912-496-7388.

"If you want to see me again, you know where I have gone and you know how to get there."- Demery Lloyd, Sr.

GEORGE A. MACARAGES

George A. Macarages, 71, of Hilliard, passed away Monday, November 27 at his residence. Mr. Macarages was born October 30, 1946 in Madison, Florida to George L. and Myrtis Macarages. Mr. Macarages proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, retiring after 28 years of service as Sargent Major. He was the youngest Sargent Major in the state of Florida.

After his military retirement, Mr. Macarages began his own business Mac's Computer Repair. He also worked with the Nassau County Sheriff's Department.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Jeraldine Macarages of Hilliard; two daughters Teresa (Charlie) Courson of Blackshear, Georgia and April (Frank) Cipriano of Chesterfield, Michigan; five grandchildren Taylor Bagley, Travis Courson, Matthew Wiggins, Mark Wiggins, Maranda Wiggins; a great-granddaughter Daisy Wiggins, all of Blackshear; two brothers Leon and Tony Macarages; and a sister Linda Faye Taylor.

The family will receive friend at 10 a.m. prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 30 in the Chapel of Callahan Funeral Home. Interment with Military Honors will be held in Jacksonville National Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. (Lane 1).

Condolences may be expressed at www. callahanfh.com.

Arrangements were by Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

Lois Thompson Roberson



Lois Thompson Roberson, 90, went home to be with her Lord on November 21 after a lengthy illness. She was born on September 11, 1927 in St.

George, Georgia to Fred and Lettie (Stokes) Thompson.

Lois was always faithful to serve her Lord in whatever church she attended. Buford Grove Baptist Church in Hilliard is where she was introduced to Jesus Christ. After marrying and moving to Jacksonville, she and her husband Jack, and then children, served at Franklin Street Baptist Church. Later when a job transfer sent the family to south Florida, they became members of Taft Street Baptist Church.

Following retirement they moved to Callahan where she and Jack joined River Road Baptist Church, where they are still members. Lois was always an active member where ever she attended and served

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In her early retirement, she and Jack would visit the shut-ins and sick. Lois would take (with permission) the flowers left from the Sunday service and redo them into smaller arrangements to share when visiting. She enjoyed singing in the choir. She served as a 'choir angel' along with several other ladies, while at River Road Baptist. Brother Gene Stroble, the Choir Director at the time, called them such for their diligence in caring for the choir robes. arranging music folders each week, and guiding new choir members as they joined.

Lois loved being a mother. She was active in the schools her children attended. When her oldest son Johnny attended J. Allen Axon School in Jacksonville and was on the Safety Patrol, she was right there helping in any way she could. She even traveled with the group to Washington, D.C. She was a self-taught seamstress and was always willing to help with costumes for plays. Lois was a devoted wife, mother, sister and friend. She leaves the heritage of a Godly woman for her children and future generations to follow. She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her husband of 70 years, Jack. Their love and commitment to each other is a shining example of a Godly marriage for all who follow after them.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter Barbara and son-in-law Richard Mansfield; son-in-law Albert Esposito; her sisters Millie Sikes and Jewell Rowe; and her brothers Junior Thompson, Lamar Thompson, Dewitt Thompson and Robert Thompson.

She is survived by her husband, the love of her life, Jack Pershing Roberson (99) of Callahan; sons John P. (Charlene) Roberson of Franklin, North Carolina and Lee L. (Tammy) Roberson of Monroe, North Carolina; a daughter Susan R.

In Loving Memory of my Husband EDSEL HUTCHINSON

November 24, 1932 - September 8, 2008

Happy Birthday in Heaven, Honey. I love and miss you every day.

Love,

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Esposito of Callahan; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; a sister Alice (Lemon) Crawford; and a brother Sherman Lee Thompson.

The family received friends Friday, November 24 at Callahan Funeral Home. A funeral service was held Saturday, November 25 also at the funeral home. Burial was held Monday, November 27 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Callahan Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Rose Rozbora

Rose Rozbora, 98, of Callahan, passed away peacefully on November 18. She was born September 2, 1919 in Plavecky Stvrtok, Czechoslovakia to Tomas and Orsula Ort-Mertl. She arrived in America through Ellis Island in May, 1938 and was naturalized in 1943. Rose was predeceased by her parents; two brothers Stephan and Josef Ort-Mertl; her husband Steve Rozbora; and a greatgrandchild Alexander Rozbora.

She is survived by her son George (Nancy) Rozbora of Callahan; three grandchildren Victoria (Trev) Scudder, Anton (Jeanie) Rozbora and Steven (Kristen) Rozbora; five great-grandchildren Jack Scudder, Josephine and Jacob Rozbora and Katherine and Derek Rozbora; along with many nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be expressed at www. callahanfh.com.

Thought of the week...

In dark circumstances, God's light is still shining in our hearts.

JEFFERSON 'J.L.' VINING, SR.



Jefferson Lee 'J.L.' Vining, Sr., passed away Thursday, November 23, following a lengthy illness. He was born May 20, 1930 in Pearson,

Georgia to the late Owen Vining and May Eula Ryner Vining. He retired from the Duval County School System after many years of service. He was a member of the Callahan Church of God. He is preceded in death by his wife Sarah Vining; a son Randy Vining; two grandchildren Melissa R. Lee and Dennis L. Vining; three sisters Laverne Spivey, Thelma Overstreet and Gertrude Kirby; three brothers Owen Vining, Jr, Buddy Vining and Bill Vining.

He is survived by his children J.L. Vining, Jr., Brenda Hosick, Johnny Vining and Marty Vining; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; two brothers Jimmy Vining and Eston Vining; and three sisters Mary Reliford, Virginia Stone and Beth Bennett.

The family will receive friends Thursday, November 30 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston from 6-8 p.m. Graveside funeral services will be held Friday, December 1 at 1 p.m. in Jones Cemetery in Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston, 912-496-7388.

LOREN K. 'KENNY' WHIDDON

Loren K. 'Kenny' Whiddon, 62, of Bryceville, passed away November 26. Kenny was born May 29, 1955 in Jacksonville to Loren and Shirley Roundtree

He is survived by his ex-wife and best friend Beverly Thompson Whiddon; daughters Summer Whiddon and Melinda (Joe) Whiddon Lutz; step-father Elwin Roundtree; sister Vickie Gasselbracht; step-sisters Cathy Whiddon Waters, Donna Whiddon Harden and Rhonda Whiddon Shavely; brothers Kevin Whiddon and Glen (Stephanie) Whiddon; step-brothers Ronald Green, Joey Roundtree and Richard Whiddon; as well as several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, November 28 in the Chapel of Callahan Funeral Home. Interment followed in Jones

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2017 Outstanding 4-H Members

Each year the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair recognizes two outstanding 4-H youth from each county in the area. These youth must have been in 4-H for at least three years, be over the age of 14 and have met several project requirements. This year Nassau County was proud to nominate Kody Barger and AJ Carter as our outstanding 4-H members.

Kody has been an active member of the Nassau County 4-H program for 9 years. Kody is extremely involved in 4-H at both the club and county-level. He has been a counselor at several day camps,



the recreation leader and secretary for County Council, and now President of a new 4-H club that he helped create. He is always willing to lend a hand at any event and is always ready to put on service projects. Throughout his entire 4-H career Kody has shown animals at the Northeast Florida Fair and completed multiple project books. He is undoubtedly a great leader and role model for the younger members of the 4-H program. In addition to his work with 4-H, Kody is active in FFA and Relay for Life, he lays flags at the National Cemetery for Memorial Day, coordinates recycling for the Northeast Florida Fair, and the list

goes on. He has also participated in events at Ark of Nassau (which serves adults with disabilities) and community pet adoption events. Kody has already been recognized as the Nassau County 4-Her of the Year for 2016-2017 and he hasn't slowed down one bit.

AJ Carter is an active member of both the Barnyard N Beyond 4-H Club and the Nassau County 4-H Council. She has held the role of Vice President for Barnyard N Beyond for several years. AJ is known for her extremely helpful nature. She is always willing to lend a hand and goes out of her way to help others – both youth and adults within our organization. She has regularly shown animals at the Northeast Florida Fair including chickens, dairy cows and market hogs. She has also participated in numerous

service projects with the county. AJ is an entrepreneur in Nassau County and raises and sells her own chickens. Outside of 4-H, she is involved with barrel racing and loves to water ski and go hiking and camping.



Kody and AJ were presented with plaques for their success at the Jacksonville Fair. Congratulations!

CMS Students Visit Driftwood



Seventh grade students from Callahan Middle School embarked on a field trip to Jekyll Island, Georgia recently. Their expeditions were guided by Driftwood Education Center. The group enjoyed Boneyard Beach, where the students learned about beach erosion and saltmarsh; Great Dunes, where the students learned about seining, barrier island ecology, and tides; and the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, where the students learned about the types of sea turtles that nest in Georgia and Florida and the dangers sea turtles old and young encounter. The students and teachers had a great day learning in an outdoor classroom and look forward to making this a tradition. Thank you to the wonderful guides at Driftwood!





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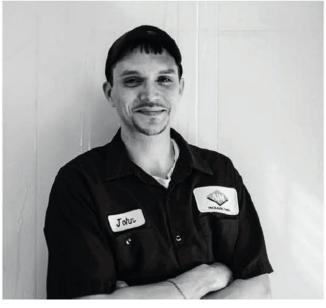
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