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Celebrating Veterans Day...Meet WWII Veteran Bob Zortea

Dawn S. West

Veterans Day is this Saturday, November 11. It is a day we honor our Veterans for their sacrificial service to our country on our behalf. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful Veterans here in our community. All Veterans are encouraged to attend the annual Hilliard Veterans Appreciation Ceremony and lunch this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Hilliard Town Hall. It's a very special ceremony!

This year, we have chosen a WWII Veteran Mr. Nello Robert 'Bob' Zortea, 96, of Hilliard. Mr. Bob is a wonderful

person and we always have a good time when we are together. He has a wonderful sense of humor and a good memory. I must say he was a little mad with me because I made him think so hard. However, I think it also brought back memories of those days. Enjoy his story!

Mr. Bob was originally from Wisconsin. He first

joined the National Guard when he was 18. He had a friend that joined so he joined also. He enjoyed learning and was moving up the ladder. He recalls, "I received my first stripe and then a little later I got my second stripe (while pointing to his arm)," said Mr. Bob. "Not too long after that, they (National Guard) said I was too young to be there and made me get out!"

In 1940, he joined the US Navy. Shortly after, he was sent to Great Lakes, Illinois for Recruit Training Command (Basic Training). From basic training he was sent with 120 other recruits to Norfolk, Virginia. He did most of his time on the USS Intrepid a massive aircraft carrier. "Once we (recruits) got on the ship they started sending us all over. I was sent to the sail room," continued Mr. Bob. "Sail room," he thought. "I didn't see any sails on

this ship. It was the sewing room."

Come to find out, Mr. Bob's mother was an excellent seamstress in Italy. "She could sew anything. She made suits, dresses, pants, etc. There was nothing too hard for her," said Mr. Bob. "She did work for many prominent people. That's how I ended up in the sewing room."

There were two machines in the room. One was a regular sewing machine, the other a large commercial heavy duty type. He was given a diagram and had to make it from that. "We made tarps of all kinds and sizes, covers for different

pieces of equipment. We also had to make a tent," recalls Mr. Bob.

He began learning and studying electronics. Their tours took them all around the Pacific through all the islands, to China and Japan. They got close to Australia but never went there. They did converse with their Navy but never stopped there. He also became the entertainment guy on



the ship. He was in charge of showing movies to the crew. Each time they would stop at a port, he would go to another ship and swap movies to get new ones for his crew. He remembers getting paid \$30 more a month just to handle that job. He recalls the USS Intrepid getting hit by a torpedo one time. "We lost several of the crew and had to hobble back to Pearl Harbor," continued Mr. Bob. "From there we

were towed to San Francisco where the ship was patched up."

After that, he was transferred to the USS Ranger, another aircraft carrier. Eventually he finished his time on the USS Oneida, which was a troop ship. The mission for this ship was to pick up troops from one location and take them to another. On one of the transports, they took US Army replacements to Okinawa and while there picked up 1,050 Japanese prisoners and transported them back to Pearl Harbor.

After 5 ½ years of service, Mr. Bob got out of the service. He returned to Wisconsin where he worked at a plant that made forms for all types of large objects. In the 50s the family moved to Jacksonville (Dinsmore) where Mr. Bob worked and retired from General Motors, working in the Electric Motor Division where they built traction motors for locomotives.

He has seven children Robert of



Dinsmore, Gary (deceased), Lornell (deceased), Lorraine (deceased), Gail and Jimmy Davis and Inez and Terry Humphries, all of Hilliard. He currently resides in Hilliard with his daughter Inez and her husband Terry and their children. Thank you, Mr. Bob for sharing your story! We appreciate your service to our country!

Local Veterans Events

Appreciation Ceremony Thursday Night

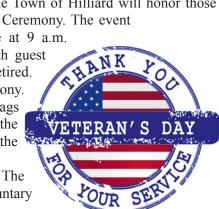
This Thursday, November 9 at 6 p.m. the Annual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony will be held in the West Nassau cafetorium. All Veterans are invited to attend and all will be recognized. The event will be held at 6 p.m. and Veterans are asked to sign in upon arrival. There will be a nice dinner following a brief service by the West Nassau JROTC. The event is sponsored by the American Legion Post 401.

Appreciation Ceremony Saturday Morning

Saturday morning, on Veterans Day, the Town of Hilliard will honor those who served with a Veterans Appreciation Ceremony. The event will begin with coffee and orange juice at 9 a.m.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. with guest speaker Captain Pat Beamer, US Navy Retired. A barbecue lunch will follow the ceremony. All veterans are encouraged to attend. Flags will be presented to the oldest veteran, the youngest veteran and the veteran with the most time served.

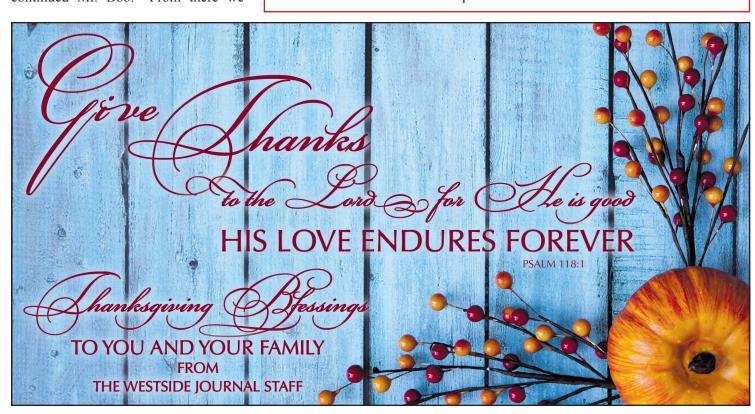
Military memorabilia will be on display. The Bloodmobile will also be onsite for voluntary donations from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



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How wonderful is our Creator? The crisp cool air is so refreshing in the mornings. I am so blessed to have time in my mornings to sit outside and breathe in God's beauty. It's so quiet yet you can hear the soft chirping of the birds and watch them feed from the feeder. The dew rests heavy on the trees and everything seems to be so beautiful. A couple of months ago, we were preparing for a massive hurricane. After the storm you could see the damage everywhere. The trees were battered and bruised. Now they stand firm again with new leaves and strong again preparing for yet another season. What an awesome God we serve! And just as the trees and plants went through the storm and recovered some were lost...much like our lives. We, too, go through many storms and are weathered but because we serve a loving Father who cares for us, He brings us through it. I'm thankful to be able to turn to my God anytime and anywhere for direction, encouragement, strength and so much more! Take time to enjoy God's creation!

On another note, Roger and I slipped away a few weeks ago for a vacation. Yes, it was another cruise! I know you get tired of hearing this but it is by far, the most relaxing vacation for us. This time we traveled to Ft. Lauderdale where we boarded the Harmony of the Seas (Royal Caribbean). It is the newest ship of their fleet and quite a beauty. We were both thrilled by the décor of the ship. The colors were all so beautiful and upgraded. You know we have been on many cruises but this ship was really beautiful.

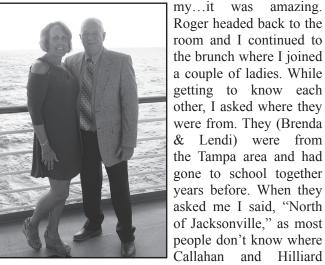
Our original itinerary was changed due to the many hurricanes through the eastern Caribbean. We had booked the cruise early in the year! We were disappointed but not enough to cancel! Our cruise took us to Nassau, Cozumel

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and Costa Maya, Mexico. When we arrived at Nassau, we didn't even get off the ship. First of all, we slept so late, which was really good. One thing about cruising is the sleeping is great! lounged around the ship and explored. This cruise was truly a relaxing experience. We were not rushed or on any time schedule, which was wonderful. In fact, I didn't even take a watch, as I

wear one every day at work. However, we didn't have a clock in our room, so I ended up buying one on the ship to try to keep up with what time of day it was! At Cozumel, we went to a beach at a resort, found a couple of chairs and enjoyed the view. We enjoyed an authentic Mexican buffet for lunch and swam several times in the beautiful waters of the Caribbean. When we arrived at Costa Maya, the skies were black. We hung around the ship to see what the weather had in store and sure enough the bottom fell out. We had our lunch and still had plenty of time to check out the island. It was a cool island, one we had never been to. Very clean and lots of shops, of course!

The next couple of days were cruising as we headed back to Ft. Lauderdale. One of the days we took a Galley Brunch tour. It was so neat to go behind the scenes in the galley and see how some of the foods were prepared. While touring the bakery. they had just brought out hot bread (my favorite)! I think I gained about five pounds just smelling that bread. Oh



getting to know each other, I asked where they were from. They (Brenda & Lendi) were from the Tampa area and had gone to school together years before. When they asked me I said, "North of Jacksonville," as most people don't know where Callahan and Hilliard

are! Brenda quickly asked, "Are you from Hilliard?" I just about fell out of my chair! Why yes ma'am I am. Come to find out, she has a friend that lives in Hilliard. She hasn't seen him in years however she described where he lives as north of Jacksonville. She just thought that had to be Hilliard! What a small world! We had a great brunch together!

Unfortunately, Roger got a little sick nearing the end with a severe head cold. He rested and told me to continue to enjoy but it was hard without my partner. He went to the doctor two times once we got home and finally kicked it. I told him I thought he was so wound up by the time we got on the ship, once we got settled in he let everything go and something jumped on him.

Other than the fact that he wasn't feeling great the last couple of days, we did have another enjoyable vacation. I'm so thankful again to be able to get away and take some much needed time to refresh myself! Jessie did a great job without me and I'm pretty sure no one even knew I was gone! I'm thankful to God for allowing us some special time together!

Have a great week!

Dawn S. West

Letters to the Editor



In Response!

Dear Editor,

I just read LCDR Boylan's comments in last week's 'Letters to the Editor' and I don't think anybody could have said it any better! I think the kneeling is not about an individual wanting to make a statement it's about a child's game called follow the leader. Those that choose to kneel during the National Anthem have that right due to the 2nd Amendment but it's truly sad that they choose to do this while our National Anthem is being played. I truly feel sorry for ALL of them. They are slapping those people in the face that have given them the Freedom to do this. I would be willing to

bet that 90% don't even know why they are kneeling in the first place.

As I said, follow the leader. I sometimes wonder if the USA would have continued to enforce the draft, would we be having this problem today? I know that Jesus tells us that we need to love everybody, but sometime it's a very hard thing to do. I would like to see them kneel in protest in a third world country, I DON'T THINK SO! Heads would roll and those heads would belong to the kneelers.

GOD Bless our Military and GOD Bless America, Please!

> Jasper Miller, US Navy Seabee

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Fish Talk

Check the Weather

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

It's a little early, but the weather forecast for the weekend is looking decent so keep them fingers crossed. I'm sure by Saturday the winds will be gale force out of the northeast and inshore will be white capping. With that said, when the weather permits, there has been nothing but productive reports all week. Fish are feeding aggressively throughout our region. The Intracoastal is firing off just as it should and the fish are moving to deeper holes in creeks.

First up, sheepshead are really starting to school up around structure. Bridge footers, rock piles and docks are the main areas to focus on when targeting them. My favorite method for catching sheepshead is by chumming and if you start a feeding frenzy the bite will increase dramatically. Fiddler crabs are working best at the moment but don't be scared to use store bought clams or oysters. My areas to target include: the Nassau Sound Bridge, St. Marys inlet and the Mayport Jettys.

Next, Trout! They are here and this is the time of year to slay them. Many fish are being caught on suspending lures such as the Mirrolure MR 17, Rapala's Shadow Rap and the Unfair Rip-N-Slash 70. For the plastic guys, use a 1/8th or 3/16 oz. jig head in chartreuse or pink and add a Down South Lure in Chicken of the C. It's a great color for this time of year and it will take the place of any live bait or you can simply use a balsa rig with live shrimp. Trout are being caught all over the region but the bigger fish are coming from the deeper pockets around structure. There's still a few mullet in the river so trout are holding tight to them. Areas to target include: Haulover Creek, Browns Creek and Simpsons Creek.

Moving on, Black drum have staged all over our area. They are holding around deep drop offs along with a variety of other species. Use fresh shrimp on a Carolina rig and focus on the deep pockets where current slows. Mayport has seen the majority of the bigger fish and the St. Marys River is just firing off.

Make sure to check us out every other week right here in the Westside Journal. Also look us up on Facebook at Reel Habit Jigs, where we will be posting weekly catches. Hope you all have a great week and we hope to see you on the water!

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

West Nassau Single Senior Citizens will meet for their next luncheon Wed., Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. at The Pig in Callahan. Come and meet new friends. For more information call Marlene at 879-9845.

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) meets every Wed. at 6-7:30 p.m. at the Hilliard Library. PAL provides hope through education and support to parents and families of addicted loved ones.

St. Michael's Church will host a Holiday Arts & Crafts Show Friday, Nov. 10 in the Parish Hall from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. St. Michael's is located at the corner of 4th & Calhoun Streets in Fernandina. Free admission! Gifts, jewelry, crafts, art & more!

Nassau Mountain Dulcimer Jammers meet every Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the Hilliard Library Conference Room. Beginners are encouraged to come on Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. at the Library.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

A good friend gave me a pamphlet last week and said I should read it. It is called the "Imprimis" and is a monthly publication of Hillsdale College. The October issue was adapted from a speech delivered on September 18, of this year in Washington D.C. at Hillsdale College's Eighth Annual Constitution Day Celebration by Senator Tom Cotton from Arkansas. The subject of his speech is concerning immigration. He began with stating that last year, for the first time in our nation's history, the American people elected as president someone with no high government experience—not a senator, not a congressman, not a governor, not a cabinet secretary, not a general. We did this, he believes, because we have lost faith in both the competence and the intentions of our government of both parties. Government is taking nearly half of every dollar we earn and bosses every aspect of our lives. Our working class has seen its wages stagnate, all the while the four richest counties in America are inside the Washington beltway. The kids of the working class are the ones fighting endless wars and police our streets, only to come under criticism too often from the political elite. Donald Trump understood these things. The multiplying failures and arrogance of our governing class are what created the conditions for his victory. Cotton states, "Immigration was probably the best example of this. Trump deviated on several Republican stances but immigration was the defining issue in which he broke away from the bipartisan conventional wisdom. For years Democrats and many Republicans touted the familiar term 'comprehensive immigration reform' which simply means, amnesty, mass immigration and open borders."

First our Constitution calls for uniform rules for naturalization to ensure that our republic has only "one people" united by a common understanding of citizenship.

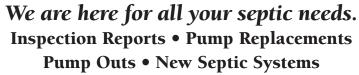
Secondly, the word naturalization implies a process by which foreigners can renounce their former allegiances and become citizens of the United States. However, we have drifted far from what our founding fathers understood about immigration. They set forth the ground works to allow the best of foreigners to immigrate. They accepted only the ones that had something to offer the United States and who wanted to be American. If we allow our current form of immigration to continue it will only cause the destruction of our common thread, our economy and finally our Republic. In order for a nation to thrive and survive there can only be "one people."

The concept of open borders by the liberal minded politicians are based that we need foreigners to come do jobs that Americans won't do such as landscaping, construction, lifeguards, resort works. This is nothing more than a slap to the face of the hard working Americans that fulfill those roles every day. There is no issue that calls for "America first" approach than immigration. The guidepost of our immigration policy should put Americans first-not foreigners and not the group of self-righteous elites in Washington. Citizenship is the most cherished thing our nation can bestow; let us be careful who receives the honor.

Also, please pray for the family members of the ones killed and injured in the horrific attack upon the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas. No elected official, no law enforcement agency nor no law can or will prevent this type of inhumanity. The only way is through God. We, America, have to turn our hearts back toward God in order for our country to turn from its wicked ways. Satan is alive and well in America right now, but praise be to God, I know how the story ends (or should I say begins).

As always...that's just my opinion!





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1 Timothy 4:1, "The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons." (NIV84)

Several times throughout Paul's letters to Timothy, he warns him about the last days. Paul knew that there were those who would come along with false teachings. These individuals would appear to have a better way or a new way that we should try to serve God. But Paul clearly tells us in Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today

and forever." (NIV84)

Paul also warned Timothy and his readers that in the last days people, because of their own evil desires will fall away from God. 2 Timothy 3:1–5 "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-having a form of godliness but denying its power." (NIV84)

If you just take a look around today you can see these things are already happening. My thought today is, "How can we keep from falling away?" Our desire should be like Paul's, "To Stay in the Race". We don't want to give up and give in to the ways of the world. We know that there is a reward for those who love God and choose to serve Him. 2 Timothy 4:7-8, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that dayand not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." (NIV84)

The best way that I know that we can "Stay in the Race" is to take the advice of Hebrews 12:1, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." (NIV84) Paul also told us in 1 Corinthians 9:24–27, "Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not *be disqualified for the prize.* "(NIV84)

Let me close today by encouraging you to "Stay in the Race." The reward of eternal life with Christ will be worth it all.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.





Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first regular meeting of November. The first order of business was the final reading on Ordinance 2017-O05 which concerned adding RV Parks to the town code. The ordinance will actually amend Chapter 195 of the town code to include an addition of RV Parks within the town limits. The owner of the property and proposed park will still have to provide a site plan and meet with the zoning board before it comes before the council for approval.

In other business, the council discussed adding an Industrial water & sewer rate for larger business that uses 1 million gallons of water. If the business uses more than 1 million the rate would be lower. The item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

In around the council discussion, Councilwoman Kathy Smith advised

the council that there continues to be a lot of problems on Pumpkin Court with trash, old vehicles and junk. "I talked with Gary Garver (Code Enforcement Officer) about the problem," said Smith. "He advised me that he has talked with the people, given a warning and a citation, but still nothing happens. What else can we do to make these people clean things up?"

"According to our code, we must first give a warning, then a citation. If they don't comply after that, you can file a lawsuit against them," said Town Attorney Jeb Branham. "I need copies of the citations that were sent and the suit can be filed from that. I just need the council's approval to proceed."

The council agreed to wait until they have the citations and where they were. Then a decision will be made. The next meeting of the council will be Monday, November 20 at 7 p.m.

Pesticide Renewal License

On Tuesday, December 12, Nassau Extension will conduct a class for the Renewal of Pesticide Licenses from 8 a.m. - noon at the Yulee County Building. The class is for individuals who need additional CEU's to renew their pesticide licenses: Fertilizer, Round-Up, Lawn, Limited Lawn (2 CORE & 2 LUF, 2 LCLM, 2 LLO, 2 L&O, 2 O&T).

The class is \$30 per person for registration from now until December 6. Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/renewal-workshop-for-urban-limitedlicenses-tickets-39451874619.

After December 6, the cost will be \$40 and individuals must register directly with County Extension Director Becky Jordi, 904-530-6351.

CHURCH NEWS

The Second Baptist Church of Callahan will celebrate its 59th Anniversary and Pastor Malachi Clowers 4th Anniversary Nov. 8, 9 & 10 (Wed., Thurs., & Fri.) at 7 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. The church is located at 45019 Johnson Rd. Come celebrate with us!

Bryceville First Baptist Church will celebrate their 82nd Homecoming Sun., Nov. 12 featuring Southern Joy for a concert at 10:25 a.m. and speaker Ed Gibson at 11 a.m. Lunch will follow in the Family Life Center after the Worship Service.

St. Michael's Church will host a Holiday Arts & Crafts Show Fri., Nov. 10 in the Parish Hall from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. St. Michael's is located at the corner of 4th & Calhoun Streets in Fernandina Beach. Free admission! Gifts, jewelry, crafts, art, sewn creations





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Trunk or Read held at CIS

Thursday, October 26, Callahan Intermediate School hosted a family fun Trunk-Or-Read event. Students and their families were invited to come back to school to interact with teachers and staff while visiting 16 different trunks. Each trunk was decorated with a book theme and included various reading skill activities. Students played reading games and earned prizes as they went from trunk to trunk. It was a great night full of learning!







Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

The three largest families in the 1850 census of Nassau County are the Higginbothams, Braddocks and Wingates. There were many marriages between these three families. These three families married into many other area pioneer families as Ogilvie, Geiger, Pickett, Sauls, Haddock, Broward, Hurlbert, O'Neil, Turner and Wright. Descendants of these families are still living in the area, so be careful who you talk about!

These families along with the Old St. Augustine families of Sanchez and Solanas and the Minorcan families that came in 1768 are among the oldest families in

Things change, time marches on, but roots in Northeast Florida are very deep and rich with our history.

To learn more, come and join us at the West Nassau Genealogical Society meetings, the second Monday (November 13) of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Callahan Lions Club, located on US Highway 1 north of the fairgrounds. Visitors are always welcome!



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Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first regular meeting of November. The first order of business was a public hearing that concerned the Beer & Wine License Application for the new American Legion Post 401. The commander of the post had to apply for a new license because they are moving to a new location within the town limits. The next order of business was council approval of the Beer & Wine License Application for the Captain Cuyler Walter Hilliard American Legion Post 401, where Hugh Harris is the Post Commander.

The next order of business was Tracey Conner requesting an exemption from the Subdivision Code. Conner owns property at 3931 W. Fifth Street in Hilliard. She requested an exemption from the council concerning the subdivision code. She plans to have the parcel, which contains one commercial lot and two residential lots, to be

separated so that the two residential lots can be sold. The council unanimously approved the request.

An emergency item was added to the agenda concerning tank cleaning in the town. Mayor Cris McConnell advised the council that it was time for the cleaning and inspection of the water tank. The cost, which was brought before the council, is \$4600. "This cleaning is done every five years and the next time should be a little cheaper as with technology things can be done easier," said McConnell.

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis advised the council that she had placed an ad with the Florida Bar Association about a new Town Attorney. She requested to have a meeting December 4 to interview and rank the applicants and December 7 to do the second interview and hopefully announce the new attorney. The council agreed to the dates.

The next meeting for the council will be Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m.



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New Beginnings and Milestones

Mrs. Dot Higginbotham Celebrates 80th Birthday



Mrs. Dot Higginbotham, of Callahan, celebrated her 80th birthday November 9. Dot was born November 9, 1937 in Jacksonville. She has been married to MG 'Grumpy' Higginbotham for 60 years. They began their lives and business, MG Higginbotham Contracting in Jacksonville. They moved to Callahan 12 years ago. They are members of New Life Baptist Church in St. George, Georgia. She will celebrate her special milestone with a party in her honor with family and friends Saturday at their home!

They have four children, Donnie and Gail Reins of Wisconsin, Donna and Joe Moore of Callahan, Brad and Stephanie Higginbotham of Jacksonville and Gerald and Tracey Higginbotham of Palatka. They also have seven grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Happy 1st Birthday Rilynn Cale Bishop

Rilynn Cale Bishop celebrated her first birthday August 12. She had a huge birthday celebration with lots of family and friends joining in the fun! Her proud parents are Wayne and Callie Bishop of Hilliard!

Proud grandparents are Michael and Vickie Franklin of Hilliard; and David and Glenda Bishop of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents are Floyd and Mary Vanzant; and Dewey and Teresa Franklin, all of Hilliard; and Glenn and Margaret Bishop of Callahan.







Happy 1st Birthday Aurora Madison Tuten

Aurora Tuten will celebrate her first birthday November 10. She will celebrate her special day with a family trip to Disney World with her parents and siblings Gabriella, Christian and Tasha joining in the fun! Her proud parents are Jacob Tuten and Neely Oldaker of Callahan!

Proud grandparents are William and Kathy Oldaker of Callahan; and Peggy Tuten of Miami!

Westside Journal Visits Maine!

Shown are: Eva, Amelia, Eden, Abram, Everlee, Ardynn and Elias Hawkes, of Callahan, the children of Andrew and Elizabeth Hawkes, in front of the Lovejoy Covered Bridge in Andover, Maine (Andrew's hometown). Andover is in the beautiful White Mountains of Maine. We recently spent a week in Maine attending the memorial for Andrew's father, David Hawkes, who passed away in July and whose obituary the journal published. Dad always looked forward to reading the Westside Journal from cover to cover and often times would read it several times throughout the week until the new





paper arrived. He enjoyed the fact that there was still a small town paper available to read that would place into print views that did not have to remain politically correct so it did not offend anyone. Included is also a picture of Andrew in front of a famous, funny sign in Maine that depicts distances to actual towns of seemingly foreign names. While in Maine we enjoyed lobster at Two Lights State Park, visited the LL Bean factory store, attended the regionally famous Fryberg Fair, and spent time outdoors enjoying the beautiful foliage and weather.





HMSHS Volleyball County Champions!

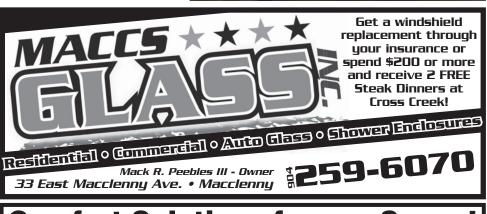


All Hilliard Middle-Senior High School Lady Flashes volleyball teams were Undefeated County Champs this season. "I really couldn't be more proud of the hard work and dedication these girls have shown on and off the court this season. We had 4 players who had never played the game before and they came in and hit the ground running," said Angie Jarrett, A Team Coach. "The veteran players were amazing mentors to the new players and the whole team rallied when needed and showed great sportsmanship at all times. I love their

hearts and their passion for this sport and can't wait to see what the future holds for them. I'd also like to give a shout out to our selfless Assistant Coach Brea Saunders for all of the blood, sweat, and tears she put into this team this season. We couldn't have done it without her."

"I'm very proud of my team. My girls have worked hard this season, having 6:30 a.m. practices, some days and also afternoon practices. On game days, we'd practice at 6:30 a.m. to ensure we'd done everything possible to be ready for our game," said Coach Ashley Reliford. "I started the season with 3 girls having played this game before and through a lot of blood, sweat and determination these girls blossomed into an impressive group. On and off the court they never cease to amaze me. Not only are they great athletes but students as well. I love these girls and can't wait to see what's in store for them."











Youth Leadership Nassau Visits White Oak & Landfill

Taylor Alvaré

Youth Leadership Nassau is a program in our county that encourages sophomores and juniors to strengthen their leadership abilities through touring different aspects of the county one day a month. It provides leadership opportunities through a community project and a chance to meet officials that demonstrate to the students what it truly takes to be a leader.

On Tuesday, October 31, the group consisting of high school students from Fernandina Beach High School, Hilliard Middle/Senior High School, and Yulee High School took a trip to White Oak Conservation and the Camden County Landfill to expand their knowledge on the environment. They were able to tour the conservation and learn about internships at White Oak, and were given ample information on the workings of the landfill in Camden.





This trip opened the eyes of the students to the importance of treating our environment with respect by correctly disposing of our garbage and caring for animal species in need. We hope to see more interest in careers as admirable as these!

Youth Leadership Nassau is connected to the Nassau County 4-H Program. If you would like more information, please contact the 4-H office at (904)-530-6353.





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Rep. Matt Caldwell Visits **Dayspring Senior Living**

Republican Candidate for Florida Agricultural Commissioner Matt Caldwell made a signature "get to work" stop at Dayspring Senior Living Hilliard Saturday. Caldwell is a current member of the Florida House of Representatives and currently is Chairman of the Government Accountability Committee

with oversight responsibility agriculture and water.

"Today is the one year anniversary for this facility. This facility was designed and built with the middle class working families in mind and it is an honor to have Representative Caldwell bring his



"get to work" campaign to our door step and get to know what ALF employees do each day caring for Florida's seniors," said Dayspring Senior Living Executive Director Douglas D. Adkins. "Florida's aging population is a growing part of our social fabric and how we care for our seniors will define our community and state. Today was important step towards helping raise awareness among leaders

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that seek to lead state agriculture policy and how it can improve the health of our seniors. I am confident Matt Caldwell will be that leader."

"It was a pleasure to spend the afternoon in Nassau County while conducting a work day at the Dayspring Assisted Senior Living Facility, which is at the cutting edge of the industry. As a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, their focus on healthy nutrition through local farm products is particularly important. A firsthand understanding of this critical industry and the services provided for Florida's elderly will help me lead and affect change in Tallahassee on day one," said Rep. Caldwell.

Dayspring Senior Living is a 32 bed state licensed assisted living facility with a limited nursing services license. The facility is located on a 36acre campus 5 miles north of Hilliard. For more information visit: www. dayspringseniorliving.org or call 845-1940.











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Monday, October 30

Devon E. Popham, 47, 17153 Whistler Spring Lane, Hilliard: Clay County Warrant Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended or Revoked

Michael Albert Arrington, 27, 28028 Yellow Rose Drive, Hilliard: Failure to Appear No Motor Vehicle Registration

Friday, November 3

Laura Deanna McGauley, 29, 13357 CR 121, Bryceville: Duval County Warrant No Valid Identification; Possession of Cocaine

Toy Wins State Title

Most recently crowned Miss Warrior, Brooke Toy, won the state title of Miss Florida Collegiate America last Saturday. Representing the state of Florida, Brooke will move on to nationals to compete in the Miss Collegiate America Pageant in Arkansas in June of 2018. Not only did she take home the state title, but she also won overall in all categories including: Best Interview, Best Casual and Best Formal Wear.

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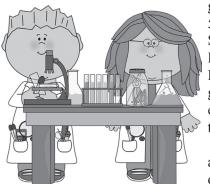
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CMS to Hold Science Family Night

Stars, Stories & Science Family Night at Callahan Middle School will be held Thursday, November 16 from 6-8 p.m. Join us early for dinner! Pre-order a meal from 'Chicken House' for \$ 6 each. Meals include chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes,



green beans and sweet tea. Dinner will be from 5-6 p.m. This is an AVID fundraiser. Come see Science Fair projects displayed by all grades, a Planet Walk created by the 8th grade students; Rube Goldberg machines created by the 7th grade students; hands on science activities, an escape room and star gazing with high powered telescopes.

The Science Fair winners will be revealed and awarded at 6:15 p.m. Book Fair will also be open in the Media Center!

Fun at the Library! **Identity Theft Program**



Whether you have been a victim of identity theft or would like to protect yourself from this all-too-common occurrence, you will find beneficial information at the Callahan Library's upcoming program "Identity Theft: What to Do to Protect Yourself & Recover" to be held Tuesday, November 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The program, presented by Detective Wayne Herrington of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, will explore strategies and answer questions about this important contemporary topic. The Callahan Library is located at 450077 SR 200, Ste. #15, (904) 530-6500 (#3).

Bookish Snowmen

Give an old paperback new life as a festive snowman! Bring your favorite pair of scissors and learn how to create a decorative piece from Library-provided materials on Thursday, November 16, from 10:30am-12:00pm at the Callahan Library, 450077 SR 200, Ste. #15, Callahan, (904) 530-6500 (#3).



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How to Know if the Knock on Your Door is Actually Someone from the IRS IRS Tax Tip 2017-67

Written by Thomas A. Blair, Enrolled Agent

Every Halloween, children knock on doors pretending they are everything from superheroes to movie stars. Scammers, on the other hand, don't leave their impersonations to one day. They can happen any time of the year.

People can avoid taking the bait and falling victim to a scam by knowing how and when the IRS does contact a taxpayer in person. This can help someone determine whether an individual is truly an IRS employee.

Here are 12 things to know about in-person contacts from the IRS.

- The IRS initiates most contacts through regular mail delivered by the United States • There are special circumstances when the IRS will come to a home or business. This includes:
- When a taxpayer has an overdue tax bill
- When the IRS needs to secure a delinquent tax return or a delinquent employment tax payment
- To tour a business as part of an audit
- As part of a criminal investigation • Revenue officers are IRS employees who work cases that involve an amount owed by a taxpayer or a delinquent tax return. Generally, home or business visits are unannounced. • IRS revenue officers carry two forms of official identification. Both forms of ID have serial
- numbers. Taxpayers can ask to see both IDs. • The IRS can assign certain cases to private debt collectors. The IRS does this only after giving
- written notice to the taxpayer and any appointed representative. Private collection agencies will never visit a taxpayer at their home or business.
- The IRS will not ask that a taxpayer makes a payment to anyone other than the U.S. Department
- IRS employees conducting audits may call taxpayers to set up appointments, but not without having first notified them by mail. Therefore, by the time the IRS visits a taxpayer at home, the taxpayer would be well aware of the audit.
- IRS criminal investigators may visit a taxpayer's home or business unannounced while conducting an investigation. However, these are federal law enforcement agents and they will not demand any sort of payment.

Taxpayers who believe they were visited by someone impersonating the IRS can visit IRS.gov for information about how to report it.

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OBITUARIES

HARRY HOYLE CREWS, SR.



Harry Hoyle Crews, Sr., of Jacksonville, formerly of Axson, Georgia, went home to be with the Lord June 30. He was born in Lake City to Joseph

M. Crews and Renthia M. Padgett. Hoyle was an avid fisherman and former truck driver. He had a love of animals, children and those close to him. His biggest title in life was father and grandfather. Sometimes in life we have regrets and moments of great sorrow yet we have those moments that defy who we are. Hoyle did life his way.

He is survived by three children Hoyle Crews, Jr., Stephen Crews Weste and Angel Marshall; his grandchildren John, Destyne, Jacob, Justin, Benjamin, Kaylee, Alex and Bobby; his siblings Betty Jo (Frank) Wilkerson of Callahan, Jack Crews, Sr., Mallary 'JD' (Susan) Crews and Joey Crews; a stepson Alex; Monte C. Weste the mother of his children; and his dog Sambo. He was preceded in death by his son Samuel H. Crews; a brother Ellis G. Crews; sister-in-law Peggy Crews; father Joseph M. Crews; and mother Renthia Margarite Padgett Stencil.

A memorial service to celebrate Hoyle's life will be held Saturday, November 11 at 11 a.m. at Victory Celebration Church, 3220 New Berlin Road, Jacksonville.

EMERY LESLEY GRIFFIS

Emery Lesley Griffis, 84, of Hilliard, passed away November 4. He was born September 2, 1933 in Starke to the late Sidney Franklin Griffis and Katie Bell Chase Griffis. He proudly served his country in the US Army.

Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by his wife Ora Lee Tomberlin Griffis; five brothers Purvis Griffis, Kling Griffis, Jr. Griffis, Millard Griffis and Gary Griffis; five sisters Margaret Batten, Alice Reviency, Opal Griffis, Gloria Triest and Jackie Ellington.

He is survived by his daughter Kathy Griffis; his four sons Franklin Hobbs, James Hobbs, Hank Hobbs and Teddi Hobbs; a brother C.B. Griffis; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Monday, November 6 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 7 in the chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Burial followed in Pigeon Creek Cemetery with Military Honors.

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com.

Arrangements were under the direction of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston, 912-496-7388.

ETHEL VIRGINIA LAROCHE



Ethel 'Virginia' Inman LaRoche, 81, of Hilliard passed away October 31. Virginia was born on November 1, 1935 in Manor, Georgia to William

and Virginia Inman. Virginia was a loving wife and mother. Praising and playing her keyboard for the Lord was her passion. She attended Live Oak Baptist Church of Callahan. She was preceded in death her husband Elbert S. 'Pete' LaRoche; and her eldest son Elbert D. 'Dennis' LaRoche.

Survivors include her daughter Connie (Tim) Pittman of Jacksonville: her son Frank (Donna) LaRoche of Hilliard; three grandchildren Mitchell Cody Pittman, Racheal Elizabeth Pittman and Jennifer Alexis LaRoche, both of Jacksonville; great-grandson Bradley Pittman; brother David (Dorothy) Inman; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 5 at Live Oak Baptist Church Callahan officiated by Pastor Steve Wolgamott. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery.

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Arrangements under the direction of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

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Great Start for Take Stock Students

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After a tremendously successful 2016-17 school year that saw 26 Take Stock in Children of Nassau (TSICN) graduating seniors earning their high school diplomas and direct their attention toward college life, the TSICN staff immediately began working on a comprehensive plan to duplicate the widely successful

2017 results. We began by welcoming 34 new student inductees to the program and focused our full resources and attention to making the 2017-18 school year even better than the

previous year. For this to happen, our TSICN staff quickly recognized the need to get off to a fast start. And we did.

Prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year, we added a College Readiness Coordinator (Sherry Eck) and a Success Coach for west Nassau County (Johnnie Green) to provide our students with even greater support throughout the year. The new addition to the TSICN team have allowed for a wider range of service options (i.e., choices) to be offered to our new students and their parents. TSICN also welcomed 20 new volunteer mentors to the program to focus and guide our students toward college while in high school. The results have been immediately noticeable in the attitudes of many of our students. Their faces clearly show excitement and enthusiasm when they are discussing their college futures.

Recently, we kicked-off the school year with a grade-level recommitment meeting with our students and their parents. Our TSICN staff also conducted a detailed information sharing session to review requirements of the program and other pertinent information. The staff also hosted a FAFSA workshop for senior

students enrolled in the program. Ms. Jackson and Ms. Washington assisted our students and their parents with the FAFSA application process. Students and staff also completed their first college visit for the 2017 school year touring Santa Fe Community College, the University of Florida and the Veterinary program

> at the Santa Fe Zoo. In late September, students participated in the first SAT Prep Session led by retired from teachers Nassau County.

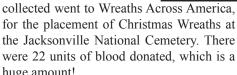
In the near future, our students and their mentors will be participating in the New Student Retreat, Callahan Christmas Parade and Mentor Appreciation events. Members of the TSICN Board and staff will also be in attendance.

At TSICN, we are proud of the fact that since 1995 our program has awarded over 550 scholarships to assist deserving students, or more than 700 families, achieve their goal of reaching college. TSICN is a scholarship mentoring program based on the idea that with high expectations, mentorship, an opportunity to attend college by way of scholarship, children living in poverty can succeed.

"Getting off to a great start is critical to program effectiveness and continue to show Take Stock's dedication to serving the students in our communities who aspire to achieve their dreams through postsecondary education," said Dr. Andrea Cummings, Executive Director of Take Stock in Children Nassau. "Our program staff works hard throughout the year to make sure our students stay on track from high school to college and into a competitive career."

Wreaths Across America Fundraiser Successful

Other than AWESOME Airshow that took place in Jacksonville, another great event took place Saturday, November 4 in Hilliard. The Blank Check Society of America, Nassau County Chapter and VFW Post 10095 in Hilliard held their Annual Cook-Off/Blood **BBO** Drive. Also taking place on this day was the Annual Wine/Art Auction, Yard Sale and Raffle Drawing. All proceeds that were



huge amount!





Since May 2017, the Blank Check Society raised \$6070. Nassau Chapter President Mike Mekara stressed that their goals were exceeded due to the generous

support from the community and the hard work from the Chapter Members and VFW. Heartfelt thanks are given to Callahan Barbecue for his continued support.

Many thanks went out to the 11 BBQ Contestants, and congratulations to the place went to Guy Crawford; Second place to Cowboy Watson; and Third place went to Joe Hobbs. Further thanks are extended to our three judges, a Retired Army Veteran Mark E. Adams Sr., Fireman Jason Wall from the

Callahan Volunteer Fire Department and One Blood RN Ms. Bobby. Ms. Tammy Barnett was asked to be a fourth judge to break a three-way tie.

All in all, this was a great day for the community and our veterans.





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Flashes Roll Past Eagles

Holden McMillen

It is one of the most emotional times in every football season! Cheerleaders, band members and football players lined up with their family members and announced over the speakers on their future plans outside of high school. This can only mean one thing: Senior Night for the Hilliard Flashes as they look to send this year's seniors out with a victory against the North Florida Educational Institute Eagles one last time under the Friday night lights.

Once the ceremony concluded, the main event was about to begin. The Flashes opened the game with the ball and with prime field position. And just like a spark and gasoline igniting a wildfire, the Flashes ignited the fiery hometown crowd with a 76-yard drive punched in by Tywuan Lee from 18 yards out. With a successful 2-point conversion, the Flashes opened the game with an early 8-0 lead. The run did not stop there. After forcing a defensive stop, the Flashes continued their march down the field with a 72-yard drive capped off with a 15-yard touchdown run by Cole Johns. With the extra point blocked, the Flashes extended the lead to 14-0. On the ensuing possession, the Flashes kept on rolling with Nathan Dowie's 78 yard pass to Zach Vroman. The Flashes were able to capitalize two plays later with another Lee touchdown. With the extra point no good. The Flashes continued to roll heading into the second quarter. The Flashes offense continued to build momentum with a 68-yard drive capped off with a 16-yard touchdown pass from Dowie to Jacob Crews. The extra point attempt was no good. The Flashes defense got involved when junior safety Cade Johns reeled in an interception.

However, the Flashes were unable to capitalize. In addition, the Eagles were able to get on the board with an 8-yard touchdown run capping off a 72-yard drive. The 2-point conversion was good. However, the Flashes offense was able to regain the momentum with a 64-yard drive capped off with a 2-yard touchdown run by Dowie on a quarterback sneak. With the extra point no good, the Flashes extended the lead to 32-8 heading into halftime.

The tide turned heading into the third quarter. The Eagles opened the second half with the ball, looking to regain the momentum surrendered in the first half. The Eagles were able to do that with a 65-yard drive capped off with a 6-yard touchdown pass and a successful 2-point conversion. Following, both teams traded possessions and came up empty. The Flashes defense was able to rob the Eagles with two more interceptions by Johns and Lee. The Flashes headed into the fourth quarter looking to regain momentum. They were able to regain it on a 64-yard drive capped off with a 2-yard touchdown run by Dowie. With a successful extra point, the Flashes extended the lead to 39-14. However, the Eagles would answer back with a 68-yard touchdown pass. The Flashes answered right back with a 69-yard drive capped off with a 2-yard touchdown run by Lee. With a successful extra point, the Flashes extended the lead to 46-20. With a defensive stand, the Flashes conclude the season with a 46-20 victory over the North Florida Educational Institute Eagles at Flashes Field on senior night.

The Flashes conclude the 2017 season with a 3-5 record. Thank you for supporting your hometown team!

NCSO Citizens Academy Graduates

Sheriff Bill Leeper has announced the graduation of the 6th Law Enforcement Citizens Academy at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office. NCSO's Citizen Law Enforcement Academy is an educational and informative program that allows Nassau citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that face law enforcement in our community. The program provides insight into the philosophy and operations of the Sheriff's Office. The program also helps citizens better understand police

work in their community, and develops stronger ties between our community and the Sheriff's Office.

The 9-week program gives adults a behind the scenes look at Sheriff's Office operations through hands-on participation and expert speakers. It's conducted in a classroom setting, as well as "in-the-field" utilizing instructors from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines.

The Citizen's Academy is designed to provide members of the community with the opportunity to gain specific knowledge about the workings of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and a general insight into the field of law enforcement. The program is informational only and does not train or promote citizens to act in a law enforcement capacity.

Classes include a tour of NCSO's facilities and virtually every aspect of a deputy's job including patrol operations, traffic enforcement, hostage



Shown Standing (I to r) are: Mike Burling, Jeffery Pyatte, Joe Rehm, Raymond Richardson and Sheriff Bill Leeper; seated (I tor r) are: Jo Brumund and Gaynell Murff.

negotiations, vice & narcotics, crime scene investigations, corrections and 9-1-1 communications dispatch. Students also watch a K-9 demonstration and visit the Firearms Range to take part in weapons safety training. Participants learn what takes place behind the badge at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office.

The Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy is free of charge and is held on consecutive Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. and one Saturday morning from 8 a.m. until noon at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office.

Class size is limited and all applicants will be screened through a routine criminal background check prior to their acceptance into the program.

The 7th Citizen Academy class will be starting in early 2018. For further information, contact the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Human Resources Department or Larry Boatwright (Volunteer Coordinator) at (904) 548-4027 or lboatwright@nassauso.com.



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