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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

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IT'S RODEO TIME!

Dawn S. West

We've been enjoying the fair for about a week now and we're down to the last four days! It's hard to believe that the NE Florida Fair has been going for 70 years. I can still hear Mrs. Audrey Thompson's voice over the loud speaker calling out different things, especially children's names. I always prayed it wouldn't be mine! Believe it or not, Mrs. Thompson still works at the fair in the daytime...she loves it!

This Friday and Saturday will be the rodeo. Not only has the fair been around for 70 years but so has the rodeo and Mr. Gernie Geiger is still in charge of it. "Back in the day, the rodeo was actually the biggest part of the fair. Everyone around had farms and those kids loved to rope and ride, his own included,"

said Mr. Gernie. "I only missed two in my lifetime and that was because I was doing another rodeo somewhere else. This year will start a third generation of the rodeo that will include his grandsons."

The Geigers' son, Richard, was big into the rodeo when he was younger. We have shared a couple of pictures from his days in the arena. Richard continues to help with organizing and scheduling rodeos with his parents. Mr. Gernie and Mrs. Harriet began to name the many boys who worked at their ranch through the years. "I think just about all the boys from Hilliard worked for us at one time or another. The boys learned a lot from working there and got a love not only for the farm but also took time to

rope cows and ride the bulls sometimes when they were messing around," added Mr. Gernie. "For many of them, it turned out to be a career. They followed their dreams through. I would like to encourage these kids to come and watch the rodeo and see how talented these riders and ropers are. And they are having fun doing it."

We all agree that young people today are so wrapped up in the cell phones and all the social media that they don't take time to see what is going on in the world around them. Some of these kids that compete in the rodeos are riding horses and bulls that have been all over the nation. Mr. Gernie's grandsons, Jake (26) and Clif (31) Geiger are extremely hard workers around his farm and Jake already has his PBR (Professional Bull Riders) card. The two brothers recently started the East Coast Youth Rodeo Association. Another of Mr. Gernie's grandsons, Conner (11) rode his first bull this year. The young men hold



rodeos the second weekend of each month at the Circle L Arena in Hilliard. You can find out more information on their Facebook page East Coast Youth Rodeo Association. It's just in their blood!

If you get a chance, make sure to try to make it to at least one of the two nights of the rodeo. The rodeo events will include: Chute Dogging; Calf Roping; Team Roping; Girls Barrel Racing; Bull Riding; Jr. Barrels; Break-away Roping and the fun Calf Scramble. The rodeo will be Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. There is separate admission for the rodeo: Adults (ages 13 & up) \$12; children (6-12) \$7.



Dawn S. West

If you don't know where Callahan Speedway is, just look for the huge American Flag! Track owner David Hicken already had a flagpole and American Flag flying at the Callahan Go Kart Speedway but he really wanted a big flag. David, who is full blooded American and very patriotic, was given a bigger than life American Flag. The flag, which measures 30' tall by 60' long (70' long while still), was just mounted last week at the speedway on its 99' high flagpole.

The entire process took over two hours to complete with lots of friends and a 40 ton crane to help get the job done. Getting the flag was the easy part. Planning how big of a pole he needed, how to hang it, and when to do it were all

Now That's a Flag...How Beautiful!

the questions that took time to prepare. Hicken has been slowly working on the pole for quite some time. The pole is 99' tall from the ground however another 11' is in the ground. There is also 15 yards of concrete around the footer of the pole to make sure it was secure. The flag is mounted so that it will rotate 360 degrees when blowing. Hicken also has a way to bring it down with a winch mechanism. "This was a joint effort between many friends to get the job done," said Hicken. "I've always had a lot of pride about America and our flag. It was just another dream of mine that has come true. It's just mesmerizing to just sit here and look at that beautiful flag blowing in the wind."

Hicken, whose father passed away a few years ago, still respects and honors

his father's service. David Hicken, Sr. served in the US Navy, Army Air Corp and the US Air Force. It's not hard to see why the younger Hicken truly admires the memory of his father and love our country.

There is go-kart racing every Saturday night and this Saturday is no different. Saturday the Mini Cups will be continuing their Championship Series with racing beginning at 6 p.m. with the National Anthem and a prayer! What a great time to catch some cool racing and get a great view of their beautiful new flag! Admission is \$10 per person (6 and under are free). The track is located on US Highway 1 north of Callahan directly across from the fairgrounds.

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NCSA Transportation Briefing



The Nassau County School District's Transportation Department employs over 120 drivers, aides, mechanics, and administrative staff. It provides daily transportation to and from school for over 6,200 students and over 160 students with special needs, runs 77 bus and van routes covering over 1.8 million miles annually, and travels another 90,000 miles annually for field trips and special programs.

The National Highway Safety Administration has determined that riding a school bus is seven times safer than riding in a car or truck. Children are 70 times more likely to reach school safely on a school bus than any other means of transportation. In fact, out of all youth fatalities during school travel hours, less than 1% involves a school bus.

School buses are built to rigorous Federal and State safety requirements and undergo meticulous inspections while in service. The Nassau County School District's vehicles that transport students (whether bus, van, or car)

undergo an intensive, 3-4 hour inspection every month. Additionally, all vehicles get at least 2 pre-trip inspections every day. Vehicles with any deficiencies are placed out of service until the problem is fixed.

School bus drivers are highly skilled, professional drivers. They maintain a

Commercial Driver's License with special endorsements just to drive a school bus. They must maintain a clean driving record and pass a medical physical exam annually. Drivers undergo random drug and alcohol testing. They are trained in student behavior management, safety and security procedures, and emergency medical procedures. Approximately, 15% of the School District's bus drivers are certified by the State of Florida to be trainers for school bus drivers. The School District also holds a contract with the State of Florida as certified CDL testing location.

Finally, did you know that riding a school bus helps the environment? One school bus offsets the equivalent of 36 cars. That saves families about 62 billion miles of driving annually and keeps 17 million cars from joining the daily commute. It also saves about 2.6 billion gallons of fuel and reduces CO2 emissions by 56.5 billion pounds. When you want to think green, go with the yellow bus.

Letters to the Editor



Good Deeds!

Dear Editor,

I couldn't help but to share this great story of three young men who really stepped up to the plate and help out when needed.

Three young men took it upon themselves to go to a park in downtown Jacksonville and help the needy. "Because," they said. "There are people in this world that don't have very much!"

Brandon Kline began thinking about how blessed he and his two buddies were and decided to do something out of kindness. All three young men are on the Yulee High School football team. They went and purchased (with their own money) 2 cases of bottled water and 50 cheeseburgers and took these items and passed them out among the less fortunate. So proud of these young men: Brandon Kline, Clayton Walden and Zane McKendree!

Charlie Jean and Ray King
Callahan

Where's Callahan?

Dear Editor,

I am so tired of not being able to see Callahan on the map, any map including weather maps. But yet Ratliff Road shows up as a city on the maps. During the hurricane you could not see Callahan on most of the maps just Ratliff not listed as a road but a city! Weather maps showed Ratliff and this huge area with nothing, then Hilliard and Yulee but no Callahan. When we called to ask where is the city of Callahan because Ratliff is a road the response was sorry we can't help you. Really because I live in the city of Callahan and so do the people on Ratliff Road. If Ratliff wants to be a city then they should get their own post office, schools, stores, etc. and let Callahan get on the map again.

Deborah Jones

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Flooding Issues Plague Callahan

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their final regular meeting of October. The first agenda item was concerning flooding issues on Booth Street in Callahan. Councilwoman Janet Shaw advised the council that she had been contacted by resident Bob Wright about the flooding on Booth Street. Shaw had talked with Town Manager and Public Works Director Mike Williams about the issue. "The problem worsened during Hurricane Irma," said Shaw. "Mike advised me that we (the town) filed with FEMA concerning the problem for financial aid. The fix could be to replace the 6" pipe with a 12" pipe to better handle the drainage. The cost could be around \$20,000."

Bob Wright, the concerned and affected resident, arrived at the meeting later and added his comments about the conditions on the road that affect him and his neighbors. "I moved in my current residence on Booth Street in 2005 and have never had the issues I have now," said Wright. "There were some drainage issues when the new building was built at Callahan Elementary and then when VyStar was built it worsened. Now every time it rains, my yard is covered. My garage has flooded once. Three of my neighbors were flooded inside their homes and are moving. Something has got to be done. For one, the ditches on the CES side of the street aren't cleaned and pulled regularly which causes a problem. We need to get this problem fixed."

"We just had a hurricane and a 150-year flood. All the creeks and rivers were backing up everywhere," responded Councilman Marty Fontes. "There was no place for the water to go!"

"We are currently waiting on FEMA but we are aware of the problem," added Council President Ken Bass. "I will talk to Mike Williams about getting a crew to clean those ditches soon to give you some relief

until we can get the problem solved."

In other business, Resolution 2017-R10 was approved which concerned donating \$250 to the Girl Scouts for the preparation and delivery of Thanksgiving baskets to each of the Nassau County Fire Stations.

Callahan Volunteer Fire Department Captain Larry Downey was on hand to update the council on the recent approval of another 50/50 grant from the Division of Forestry. "I'm glad to report that the CVFD has received another 50/50 grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Division of Forestry," said Downey. "We plan to purchase five more radios with the grant. Through this grant, the town will be responsible for \$7500 of the money, which we budgeted. We (CVFD) have also applied for a Firehouse Subs grant and are also looking at a Homeland Security grant to apply for."

In the around the council table, Councilman Fontes advised that he would like the council to consider implementing an Ordinance for an Industrial Water/Sewer Rate at the next meeting. "As the Crawford Diamond continues to draw more attention to several industries, we (the town) need to prepare for what might come before it happens," said Fontes.

Councilwoman Shaw advised the council that due to time she requested that the town continue with the same Christmas lights around town that they have been using. She plans to start searching for different options after the first of the year. The council agreed.

Next Monday, October 23, there will be a mock meeting with students from the Government Class (Ms. Sandy Geiger advisor) at West Nassau High School. This meeting will be held as a part of Local Government Week. The meeting will be held at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the town council will be Monday, November 6 at 7 p.m.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Perhaps it is just me but I am totally confused on a couple of issues concerning this NFL player's protest. First, I do not understand their stance about "injustice" and "inequality." If one is born or is currently living in America then you are offered the same opportunity as anyone else. You are offered a free education through the public school system. If you did not take advantage of that opportunity it is not the fault of America, it is your own fault and the fault of poor parenting. If you were not given a free ride scholarship to a University or College, it's not America's fault and chances are it's not even your fault, it's called life. It is up to every individual to secure his or her place in life. The trouble with people today is that they want everything handed to them, they want what everyone else has worked for and they want it now. The trouble stems from the fact that they do not want to earn it, they feel as if they are entitled to it. Wake up cupcake; you are not entitled to anything except the freedom to pursue your own destiny through hard work and dedication. Then there is the injustice part, I call bull on this one also. If you are confronted by law enforcement, it is real easy: Step 1 Yes Sir, No Sir. It is really that easy; if you have not done anything wrong then there is no reason to resist. If you have done wrong, well you just got busted; deal with it in a court of law. The notion that law enforcement purposely uses

deadly force upon the black community is totally absurd and is totally proven false through the Crime Statistics Bureau. Statistics show that there are more whites killed by the police than there are blacks. I assume though that facts don't matter anymore.

Secondly, many on the left are stating that it is the NFL players First Amendment right to protest. I agree, however with any right come boundaries and perimeters which must be adhered to. I have a right to carry a concealed weapon; however I must follow certain boundaries and perimeters in order to exercise that right. The owners are fully responsible for allowing this all to happen. They have a right as the employers to say No Political Protests while you are representing my business and on my dime. If you think I'm wrong, try going to your place of employment wearing a strong political statement on your clothing, try forcing your political stance upon your employer's customers and see how long you remain employed. The NFL players are just a bunch of spoiled rotten kids and the owners are the irresponsible parents who have lost control of their kids. Therefore, no NFL in my household! I love America, I love our flag! I will not support anything or anyone who disrespects our wonderful nation and the men and women who have and are currently serving to keep us safe and free.

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

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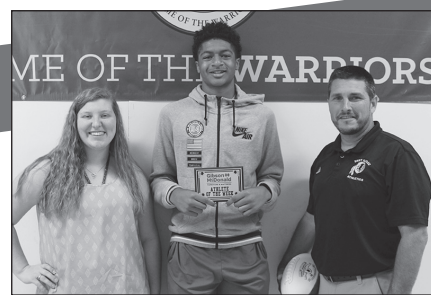
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Finding the Missing Piece

Pastor Ted Heglund, First Alliance Church, Hilliard



Have you ever tried to put together something and it does not come together? It is especially hard when someone else took it apart. Or you think you have it together and, oops, you have two extra parts or the pieces logically appear to be right but it doesn't go together. Events of life often run the same course.

A few weeks ago my sister-in-law asked me to put new handles on an old wheelbarrow. One handle had already broken and someone had taken it apart to do the repairs. I carefully reassembled it but the tire would not fit properly. Thanks to the internet, I discovered I was missing wedges needed between the handles and bucket. Somebody had tossed out the old wedges.

Today, for many people, life seems to have pieces missing. The problem is that what people are looking for is very illusive and seems out of reach. It is like trying to put one's life together and don't even know what piece is missing. I have noticed people desiring and searching in these three areas of life:

- People are lacking purpose of life. This is often reflected in having no ambition, withdrawing, afraid to venture into new things and lack of self-respect.

- People are searching for peace of heart and soul. This lack of peace is reflected in anxiety, worry, unsettled with job, activities or even family and friends.

- People want to experience true love. This is seen when wanting friends but are never close; searching for love in sexual relations outside of marriage; trying to find love in doing things for other people; and even thinking having a child will bring that intimate love.

The problem comes when we begin to search for purpose, peace and love in the wrong place. A person will ignore or not want to believe that the truth and answers are right before them. That truth is found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ! God has provided abundant love; peace for the soul and a purpose to life.

Love by faith in Jesus: *"For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved."* (Romans 10:10 NLT) *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* (Romans 5:8 NIV) *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."* (Matthew 22:37 NIV)

Peace of heart: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."* (John 14:27 NIV) *"Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance."* (Jude 2 NIV)

Purpose of Life: *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* (1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV) *"Do not be afraid," Samuel replied. "You have done all this evil; yet do not turn away from the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart."* (1 Samuel 12:20 NIV)

Friends, to know your purpose in life and find the peace you desire, starts with love. Accepting the love of God to forgive your sin by faith in Jesus Christ will bring peace. Then we can know the purpose of life – to glorify of God. Have you found that missing piece in your life? God created us with a God sized hole in our heart and He is the only way to fill it.



Six Generations!

What a special picture of six generations! Shown are: Caban Wade Carter (baby), Drew Carter (father/son), Abby Carter (grandmother), Cheryl Harris (great-grandmother), Janet Pygott (great-great-grandmother) and Bobbie Jefferson (great-great-great-grandmother). Congratulations!

Callahan Music Students Perform

Callahan resident and music teacher, Ashlee Davis, took several of her Nassau County violin and cello students to the Fernandina Beach Library to play their instruments at a Cummer Amelia art event.



Hayden Bethea, fourth grader at Sonshine Christian Academy and Kaylee Davis, a sixth grade Callahan home school student, played "Rocky Mountain" with their teacher, Ashlee Davis, at a Cummer Amelia event inside the Fernandina Beach Library on Thursday, October 5.

CHURCH NEWS

Bethany Episcopal Church in Hilliard will be selling Pork Sandwich dinners Friday, October 20 from 5-7 p.m. at the church. The cost is \$8 per dinner which includes a salad and drink.

Hilliard Church of God will hold a Revival with Bro. Greg Roberts, Monday, October 23 - Friday, October 27 at 7:30pm. All are welcomed!

Mt. Charity Baptist Church in Hilliard will have an appreciation service for Deacon Johnny Donley, Sr. Sunday, October 22 at 4 p.m. For more information call 845-3863.

Brandy Branch Baptist Church will host XTreme Missions 2017 on Sat., Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the church located at 1906 Brandy Branch Church Place, Bryceville. For boys & girls grades 1-6 & their leaders with lunch included! FREE event! Register by calling 1-800-226-8584.

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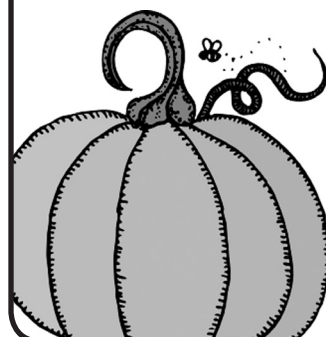
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CES Positive Little Warriors



“Responsibility” was the PBIS word for September

Callahan Elementary is incorporating the district-wide program "Positive Behavior In Schools (PBIS)". Each month the students are introduced to a positive character trait. Teachers read stories and provide real life examples which enable the children to understand the concept. “Responsibility” was the PBIS word for September at Callahan Elementary. Way to go Little Warriors! We are positive you are the BEST!

Fahlgren Achieves Master’s in Special Education

Dr. Fahlgren is the Faculty Director of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Florida State College at Jacksonville as well as a member of the Nassau County School Board representing District IV. She received her Master’s in Special Education Degree from the University of North Florida in August, 2017. “I am passionate about meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities in education as well as in society as a whole,” said Fahlgren.



degree was needed. The University of North Florida developed an Autism specialty track within the Master’s in Special Education that peaked her interest. The topic of Autism and ADHD were the focus of her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy degree and she was excited to continue to build her expertise in this area. “With 1 in 68 children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder according to the CDC, it is important that those who are educating others and making policy decisions that impact this population increase their knowledge and skillsets to ensure that these individuals not only have access to quality education but will benefit from evidenced based practice,” states Fahlgren.

She believes it is important that all members of society are empowered to become active, participating members and systems, processes and structures are put into place that give society members access to the opportunities, rights and privileges afforded to them. As an occupational therapist of more than 25 years, she has had the privilege of working with individuals with disabilities in direct care. However, she felt that to have a greater impact on system changes, processes and environmental structures necessary to increase access and equity for individuals with disabilities furthering her education through the pursuit of the Master’s in Special Education

The focus of her research project for the Master’s Degree was addressing the driving education needs of students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder. Through this process Fahlgren obtained 20 hours of specialized education through Eastern Carolina University. “I look forward to using this new knowledge to positively impact the world around me,” added Fahlgren.



Awareness and Fundraiser Dinner

National Alliance on Mental Illness

The Nassau County Affiliate of NAMI cordially invites you to our 13th annual Community Awareness and Fundraiser Dinner on October 24, 2017 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Fernandina Beach. The entry fee is \$20 and includes dinner and participation in the live & silent auction as well as the 50/50 raffle.

Featured Guest Speaker is Dr. Colleen Bell, a Board Certified Psychiatrist, that has dedicated her career to working with the underserved. She is the current Medical Director of Behavioral Health at the IM Sulzbacher.

Come and Meet our Up and Coming Auctioneer “Bradley Bean”.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to provide support services to Nassau County residents with a mental health diagnosis.



Fun at the Callahan Library! Movie Day!

The Callahan Library has been featuring movies based on a popular book character that just seems to be a magnet for trouble! The final movie will be shown Wednesday, October 25 at 4 p.m. and are a great way to relax after the schools’ early release. The library is located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15, Callahan.

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10 a.m.	Kids’ Area Opens
10 a.m.	Bruce Beville & “Laid Back” Perform
11 a.m.	Veterans Appreciation Program
12 p.m.	Liz Mobley & Randall Smith Perform
12 p.m.	Kids’ Hobo Games
1 p.m.	Yellow Moon Performs
2 p.m.	Car Show Winners Ceremony
2:30 p.m.	Kids’ Costume Contest
2:45 p.m.	“Four Barrel” Performs

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My family and I visited Massachusetts and New Hampshire this summer to spend quality time with my in-laws Dick & Elaine Ford. We decided to have a family fun day at one of our favorite spots, Canobie Lake Park one of the oldest amusement parks in New England and we brought along our latest copy of the Westside Journal with us! The park is located in Salem, New Hampshire, it opened in 1902. Keegan & Aidan's favorite roller coaster is a twisting, upside-down ride called Untamed. Dillan, Patrick & I love the Yankee Cannonball, a wooden roller coaster built and functioning since 1930.



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The University of US, a part of the U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation kicked off its second year of operation in September with Dr. John Baker leading a class of 68 students from all four Nassau County high schools, Home School Programs and a private school. His subject was the development of the U.S. Constitution with heavy emphasis on the Federalist Papers. He discussed what differentiates the U.S. government from other types of government, particularly authoritarian governments like China and the parliamentary governments of the European Union. Dr. Baker also highlighted the importance of the Federalist and anti-Federalist sides of the early constitutional discussions explaining how individuals like Baron de Montesquieu, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson influenced the content and the compromises which made our form of government and our Constitution a reality.



interaction from the students, important principles like the separation of powers and the novel approach of people having the right of citizenship rather than being subjects as in the British Empire.”

At the end of the session, the students were divided into groups of reporters who picked one representative to question James Madison (Dr. Baker) about the Constitution.

In addition to the opportunity to learn about the Constitution, the students who successfully complete the program will earn a Certificate of Graduation and the juniors/seniors will have the opportunity to compete for five \$5,000 scholarships. Next month, Judge Adrian Soud will discuss the Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

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STEVEN WAYNE CLOER



Steven Wayne Cloer, 38, of Callahan, passed away on October 8. Steven was born on October 9, 1978 in Jacksonville to Johnny and Carol Cloer. He was the owner/operator of Steven's Flooring Company. He loved his wife and adored his daughter very much. He was a man of many talents including but not limited to: building and growing things. He loved music, working on projects, his cat, but most of all his family. Steven will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 16 years Paula Lynn Cloer; daughter Autumn Cloer; sister Barbara Trout; brother Joe Cloer; many nieces and nephews; and his special little friend, Fuzzy-Bear the cat. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Tuesday, October 17 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Mickey Dupree officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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Survivors include four grandchildren, Tim (Melissa) Higginbotham, Laura (Jay) Pastor, Michael Medlin, Jr. and Danielle (Ashley) Burch; as well as seven great-grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 21 at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church Hilliard. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard.

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Arrangements are under the direction of Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

the Gaskin Cemetery in Gaskin, Florida. Donations may be made to the Salvation Army to assist with disaster recovery.

Davis-Watkins Funeral Home & Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

A.B. THOMPSON



A.B. Thompson, 97, longtime resident of Jacksonville and Callahan, was called up to heaven October 11 in Harpersville, Alabama. He was born August 9, 1920.

He served his country in the US Army as a Corporal during WWII. Years later he went to work for Seaboard Railroad for nearly 20 years. He was a successful businessman and entrepreneur. Some of his business ventures were Riverview Fuel Oil, AB & B Motors, Callahan Body Shop and AB & B Auto Parts. He always had the help and support of his loving wife Myrtice. He was a longtime active member of Norwood, Bethel Temple and Evangel Temple Assembly of God in Jacksonville. He loved planting his vegetable garden every year, growing and tending his plants and flowers and planting trees. He also loved spending time and joking with family, friends and his loving wife. He loved having visitors and everyone was always welcome at his house. He never met a stranger. He was a great Christian man that loved his Lord. He always set a good example of his beliefs and hard-working ethics for his family to follow.

We take great comfort in knowing that he is with his Lord and Savior and reunited with his loving wife of 74 years. Today they are praising Jesus together and dancing on The Streets of Gold.

He is survived by his daughter Julie Thompson (Bob) Higgins; son Barney (Debby) Thompson of Callahan; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a brother Talmage (T.R.) Thompson. He was preceded in death by his wife Myrtice Thompson; parents Rondeau and Myrtis Thompson; three sisters; and two brothers.

A viewing was held prior to the funeral service Wednesday, October 18 at Evangel Temple Assembly of God in Jacksonville. Interment followed in Jacksonville National Cemetery.

SHERI ELLEN THOMPSON



Sheri Ellen Thompson, 71, unexpectedly went home to be the Lord on Wednesday, October 11. Sheri was born in Jacksonville on August 13,

1946. She lived several years in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and has resided in Hilliard for the past 36 years. She was a Christian and a member of First Baptist Church of Callahan where she loved her Pastor and Sunday School Class. Sheri was predeceased by her husband Denver Ray Thompson; parents Lorraine Elizabeth Hallman and Macklin Estes Hallman, II.

She worked for Pepsi Cola Company in Jacksonville and worked 25 years for the Department of Homeland Security in Jacksonville before retiring in 2006. Her coworkers were her friends. Most importantly Sheri loved Jesus and her family with all of her heart and soul. In 1965, she married her sweetheart and the love of her life, Denver R. Thompson.

She had no children of her own, but she was a great Aunt (Aunt Sheri) to all of her many nieces and nephews, who loved her with all of their hearts. There was nothing that made her happier than spoiling them all and spending time with her family. She loved everyone she met. Over the past several years she suffered with diabetes, but never complained. Sheri was always smiling and was a bright light to her family and will be greatly missed by all, till we see her again in Heaven.

She is survived by her siblings Carol Ann (Larry) Kress, Linda Joyce (Kelly) Jones, Macklin Estes (Liz) Hallman, III, John William (Tina) Hallman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial celebration on Friday, November 3 at 11:30 a.m. at 45176 Petree Road, Callahan, for family and friends wishing to attend.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com. Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

TWILA T. HIGGINBOTHAM

Twila Torbush Higginbotham, 89, of Hilliard, passed away October 9 at Life Care Center of Hilliard.

Mrs. Higginbotham was born in Waycross, Georgia on September 22, 1928 to John Henry Torbush and Edna Darling Murray. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Hilliard. She worked for many years at Hilliard Pharmacy in the floral department. She was loved by her family and many friends. She is predeceased by her children, Twila Scott, David Higginbotham, Jr. and Dianne Medlin.

MICHAEL A. LEDDON



Michael A. 'Big Mike' Leddon, 56, of Hilliard, passed away Sunday, October 8. He was born in Alexandria, Louisiana on March 14, 1961.

He was a resident of Hilliard for the past 20 years. He was a professional truck driver during his working career and enjoyed fishing and was a roller skater in his younger days. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family. Mike was preceded in death by his father Leo Leddon.

He is survived by his mother Margaret Simpler Leddon of Ladson, South Carolina; a brother Leo (Sheryl) Leddon, Jr. of Millry, Alabama; a sister Jewel Denise Leddon of Ladson, South Carolina; and a nephew William (Billy) Wallace, Jr. of Ladson, South Carolina; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

A visitation was held prior to the funeral service held Thursday, October 12 at Davis-Watkins Funeral Home in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Committal services followed at

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"Women of every age should conduct monthly self-exams and depending on your personal risk factors, women should begin annual mammograms between the ages of 40-45," explained Jessie Hiott, Barnabas' physician's

assistant.

In addition, Gerri's Corner is another Barnabas resource for women who are battling cancer by offering a safe, confidential place to receive information, support and patient comfort items at no-cost to the patient. Gerri's Corner, organized in 2006 by Christine Alznauer in honor of her sister, Gerri, who died from the disease. It is located in Barnabas' main office, 1303 Jasmine Street, Fernandina Beach, next to the Barnabas Food Pantry.

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Walk for Hunger 2017

Joel Pace's music students will take part in the 2017 Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 22 to raise funds for our local food pantry, the NCSC! Come join and/or sponsor a student to help us raise money for repairs to the building caused by Hurricane Irma! The food pantry is trying to re-open to full service but requires extensive work to the building!

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West Nassau Beats Fernandina

The West Nassau Warriors hosted the Fernandina Beach Pirates in a homecoming showdown last Friday night at Warrior Field. The Warriors were pumped up for the matchup and came out strong. The defense played hard and kept the Pirates out of the end zone the entire first half. West Nassau started off with a good drive and moved the ball successfully down the field. Quarterback Walker Wright was able to score from 1-yard out. E.J. Smith added the extra point. The Warrior defense held and returned the ball to the offense. Once again a great drive ensued ending with Wright again in the end zone from 18-yards out for another Warrior score. Smith added the extra point. The second quarter the Warrior defense continued to play strong and held their line. Later in the quarter the Warriors moved the ball down the field where Kyler Crosby punched the ball in the end zone from 2-yards out. Smith added the extra point, making the score at the half, Fernandina, 0; West Nassau, 21. Homecoming festivities were held during halftime.

The third quarter the Pirates came out with a vengeance and took control of the ball. The Pirates were allowed into the end zone on an 18-yard pass completion. The extra point attempt was good. The Warriors continued to struggle, fumbling the ball, which turned into another Pirate score. The

extra point attempt was good placing the Pirates closer in the battle. The next Warrior possession was shut down. The Pirates were able to put together another drive and scored on a 13-yard pass. The extra point was good bringing the game to a tie. Fortunately for the Warriors, they put together a drive and were able to call Smith to attempt an 18-yard field goal for the win. Success! Great job E.J. Smith! The final score at the sound of the buzzer was Fernandina, 21; West Nassau, 24.

Top offensive players for the Warriors were: Walker Wright with 7 completions of 11 attempts for 115 yards, 9 carries for 113 yards and 2 touchdowns; Jeremy Gunter had 13 carries for 117 yards; Kyler Crosby had 12 carries for 76 yards, 1 reception for 11 yards, 3 tackles and 3 assists and 1 touchdown; and Wyatt Johnson had 4 receptions for 70 yards. Defensive standouts were: Levi Mumford with 6 tackles and 4 assists; Garrett Anderson with 4 tackles, 4 assists and 1 sack; Jacob Ash with 4 tackles and 3 assists; Jeremy Starling with 3 tackles, 5 assists, 1 sack and 1 tackle for loss; Deebo Coleman with 3 tackles and 3 assists; and Dayne DiMaria with 3 tackles, 2 assists, 1 sack and 1 tackle for loss.

The Warriors will travel to Paxon this Friday night for a 7 p.m. kickoff! Go Warriors!



Pace Students Perform

The West Nassau Historical Society hosted Joel Pace's music students for an "Evening of Discovery" recently. The students and guests enjoyed refreshments, tours of the historic railroad museum, and great music! Thank you to John Hendricks for hosting us!



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