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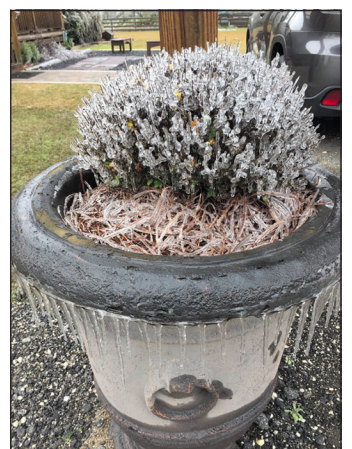
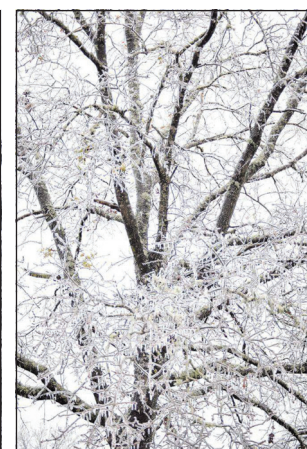
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I WILL THANK THE LORD WITH ALL MY HEART AS I MEET WITH HIS GODLY PEOPLE.  
HOW AMAZING ARE THE DEEDS OF THE LORD! - PSALM 111:1-2

## Winter Storm Leaves Our Area Frozen

As the Winter Storm of 2018 approached, many residents in our area had no idea what to expect, as this doesn't happen in Florida often. Last Wednesday morning, we all woke up to cold and freezing rain and nearly everything covered in ice. Icicles covered the edges of everything, finally giving many the wintery feeling they longed for. While beautiful, this weather

was quite dangerous. Fortunately few accidents and fires were reported, but due to the weight of the ice on trees, many limbs fell, some onto powerlines, leaving many Hilliard residents without power for hours and even days. Thankfully, our linemen were willing and able to work in the hours following the storm to restore power to residents in the frigid weather.



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# A Word From the Publisher

At the beginning of each New Year I take down my old calendar and post events in my new calendar, probably like many of you do. I have become very attached to my calendar as it lists important dates and events in my life. While replacing the old with the new I am reminded of the many things that happened throughout the year. Not only did our children and grandchildren get older but we did too! What a blessed year we had. God showed his faithfulness boldly so many times. He is Always faithful...just sometimes He shoves it right in your face!

When reflecting on the past year and God's faithfulness to me, I question how faithful have I been to Him? He provides for my every need, keeps me safe and healthy, protects my family and loves me unconditionally. I thank Him for the provisions in my life and for giving me the wisdom and courage to do my job. For without Him, I am nothing. I think we all get into a routine (with life in general) of doing the same things at the same time. We have a routine in the morning, at work, on the way home, when we get home, after we eat supper and before we go to bed. Even when we pray! When we talk to God we can talk to Him just like we are talking to a friend. He is a friend like no other. I have learned or am still learning that in my business, there is not a lot of room for routine. It seems about the time I have a schedule set for the day, God changes it. I've learned that many things are on God's timing not mine. I am not the only one that has a plan for

the day.

We (Roger & I) are so blessed to have the honor to own and publish this paper. It's truly a God thing! I'm thankful Roger is supportive of what we do and a great writer too! Jessie and I sit beside each other week after week and God directs our paths for the direction we should go, with the information we have. There is no way I can thank the many people that I see around town, in the store or restaurant, for how much I appreciate you taking time to say hello and telling me how much you enjoy the paper. It's those many comments that make my job worthwhile.

I pray that my witness with our paper can be a blessing to someone each time they read it. Whether it be something we wrote or shared or the recipe! One of the new additions to the paper has been the Bible verse across the front page under our masthead. My parents suggested that we needed to put a verse somewhere in the paper each week. When thinking about it, I said why not the front page? It gives me joy each week to pick one, as it is one more time to reflect on God's faithfulness to me. As this year takes on the 'steamroller' and starts going, maybe we all can take a second to slow down from our routines and let God take control like the old saying: Let Go and Let God! But be careful because He will!

Have a blessed week!

*Dawn S. West*

## Spotlight on Nassau Gardens

Cathy and Andy Fetzek moved to their home on Amelia Island in 2013. The landscaping at that time consisted of natural plants such as Palmettoes, Water Oaks and Live Oaks, except for one Sago Palm that is now located at the center of their home. Andy travels a great deal all over the world and



the boy and girl statues in front of the Sago Palm were brought to their home from France.

The bronze statue of the little girl is surrounded by roses and she is carrying Blue Daze in her wheelbarrow. There is one of a little girl reading a book that they added for their first granddaughter; and another of St. Francis

where they buried a couple of birds that crashed and died. They bought a Brazilian wood sculpture of a jaguar and Andy painted it by hand. Cathy and Andy enjoy finding the perfect plants to place around the sculptures.

Andy built the deck and pavers on their home. It is always a work in progress and they enjoy working on the yard together. They love to think of a garden feeling like a room. Walking on the paths is delightful and they enjoy seeing the seasonal flowers in bloom. There are winding mystical areas on the pathway and they often walk around and enjoy the many comfort zones. Who knows what beautiful area will come next!

"Spotlight on Nassau Gardens" is a monthly recognition program of the UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service featuring the beautiful gardens and plants grown by Nassau County residents. To be considered, send a digital photo with a description of your "Spotlight" along with your name, address and phone number to Bea Walker, email address: [beawalker105@gmail.com](mailto:beawalker105@gmail.com) or call the Extension Office at 904-530-6353.



### In the Kitchen...

- 1 (3 lb.) chuck roast
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- 1 (1 oz.) packet au jus gravy mix

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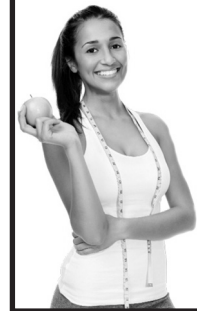


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## Fish Talk

### Ice fishing in northeast Florida, say what?

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Wow, where do I start? It has been absolutely brutal on the water! No, it wasn't literally ice fishing but pretty dog gone close for Florida. We've had the worst winter in years and record low water temps. Reports of fish kills came in from St. Augustine over the weekend. This week isn't going to help with rain in the forecast for nearly every day. What does that do to our fishing? Well, it slows everything down for starters. Second, it's going to move many of our fish species to deeper holes. Don't be discouraged just slow your presentation down dramatically. Use cut baits and live shrimp on the bottom and give those fish a little more time than normal.

I spent the weekend with my buddy Ryan Hall in Southeast Georgia fishing the St. Mary's and Satilla Rivers. Red fish, trout and striper were all acquainting the same water column and both wanted the same presentation. Basically a slow rolling Down South Lure with an occasional twitch. Most of the fish that bit just sat in place until we set the hook. There wasn't much of a fight bringing these fish to the boat. We caught several nice striper, many nearly 5 to 6 lbs. Most of the trout and red fish were 15 to 23 inches long but for the most part, all were legal. That pattern shouldn't change until the water temps rise back into the mid 50's. That may be tough since the following week looks to be cooler as well.

Moving on, the sheepshead bite has been slow but there are a few guys that have put quality fish in the box. This weekend Reel Habit Jigs sponsored the first annual St. Mary's Sheepshead Showdown out of Buccaneers Bait and Tackle. Forty boats entered and only two boats weighted fish. Chris Beasley, Troy Carver and Scott Sullivan took first place representing Nassau County with Tripp Lang and Jay Stein taking second out of Kingsland, Georgia. Way to go fellas! If that doesn't say something about the bite, I don't know what does. The key until we have a little warm up is going to be fresh live baits. The fish are hungry but aren't exactly feeding as aggressively as normal. Focus on slow moving water near structure and drop straight to the bottom.

Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you on the water!

### Callahan Library Book Club

Callahan Library Book Club members are reading books written by Jodi Picoult for the month of January. Pick your favorite to share with the group on Friday, January 26 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the library meeting room! New members always welcome!



### January Card-holder Special!

January is "Sci-Fi Month" at the Callahan Library! Watch episodes of a favorite science fiction movie series in our meeting room theater, and then check out some of the fascinating sci-fi books and DVDs available at the Library. Card-holding patrons will spin for a prize each day in January when they check out a science fiction item (available while supplies last). The Callahan Library is located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15, Callahan, 904-530-6500 (#3), www.nassaureads.com.

## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold their monthly meeting Monday, January 15 at the Pig Barbeque restaurant at 7 p.m. If you are interested in 1861-1865 history, you are invited to attend.

West Nassau Single Senior Citizens will meet for their next luncheon Wed., Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. at The Pig in Callahan. Come and meet new friends. For more information call Marlene at 879-9845.

The Westside Democratic Club will meet Tuesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. at the Mickler St. county building in Callahan. Dinner and a brief business meeting are on the agenda. Open to the public.

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.

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### THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO BE PRESENT AND BE HEARD

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## JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

The liberal world is in a frenzy over the book released by Henry Holt & Company titled Fire and Fury authored by Michael Wolff. The book is based upon the accounts of former Trump strategist Steve Bannon. It paints President Trump as unqualified to be President and hit hard on President Trump's son Donald Jr. and son-in-law Jared Kushner calling them both "treasonous and unpatriotic." However, on Sunday, Steve Bannon began back peddling on his statements that were published in the book. Without attacking the authors account he affirmed his allegiance to President Trump and tried to recant on his conclusion that the 2016 meeting with a Russian by Donald Jr., Jared Kushner and other campaign members was not treasonous and unpatriotic. Bannon went on to say his support for the President was unwavering. Bannon stated, "I remain ready to stand the breach for this President's efforts to make America great again." That just has to hurt those liberal hearts just a little.

My biggest question would be if you love America, then how can you be against President Trump? This man has turned this country around in so many positive ways and has done so in just one year. Business and Financial expert Stuart Varney explained very well why President Trump and the markets have strengthened by the Republicans' passing the tax reform bill. Varney states, "Have you noticed? Since the passage of the tax deal, President Trump has become, if it's possible, even more

confident. He's got a bigger nuke button than rocket man (I love that comment). He's going to start his own 'fake news awards' and Steve Bannon has 'lost his mind.' This is an embolden President. And so is the market. Investors are clearly emboldened by tax cuts. They're pouring money into stocks. The financial news is nothing short of spectacular. Since the election all the major indicators have gone up by roughly one third. How many times have we said: check your 401k and smile. Do it again... You are going to like it. This record shattering rally has added nearly \$7 trillion to the value of America's companies. I've never seen anything like that." He went on to say, "The value of the big five tech companies has zoomed to over \$3 trillion. Apple is on track to be the first trillion dollar company. Now, this picture of confidence is directly opposite to what you're seeing in the media...you'd think America is down in the dumps if you watch and read what the other guys are putting out." Varney went on to say, "sit back and watch financial history unfold, it is going to be a very positive story of an emboldened President and your money's doing!"

WOW, America is actually becoming great again, for all of us! Even the Trump haters are benefitting yet they are either too blind to see it or are too embarrassed to admit it. I see it and I love it! All I can say is, President Trump, please keep on keeping on!

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

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# Did Your Well Run Dry?

Pastor Arlie Johns, Hilliard First Assembly of God



I have heard stories of people in our community where their well has gone out on them. When that happens, it creates all kinds of troubles. Sometimes when the water stops flowing, it might be because the well pump has gone bad, or a pressure switch has stopped working or in a worst-case scenario the well might have run dry or stopped up. When that happens, most likely you will have to dig a new well. I'm certainly no expert on wells, but I do realize that water is necessary to sustain life.

In the Middle East, we see that towns and villages were built around a source of water. Whether the town was built around a well, a spring, or some type of body of water, we know that it takes water to sustain life. Without clean water, you can't survive.

In Genesis 26, we read of a famine that had come on the land. God instructed Isaac not to go into the land of Egypt during the famine, but to go and live in the land of the Philistines. During Isaac's time in the land of the Philistines, the Philistines became envious of Isaac, because the Lord's blessings were upon his life. When they saw Isaac's great wealth and prosperity, the Philistines began to stop up the wells that Isaac's father Abraham had dug, filling them with the earth. The Philistines were in hopes that Isaac would become discouraged and move away.

The Philistines became the enemies of Isaac by stopping up their wells with the earth. We also have an enemy that wants to stop up our spiritual wells. Satan wants to pollute or stop up your spiritual well with the filth of this world (ungodliness). He will do everything he can to get your eyes off of Jesus and on to the things and pleasures of this world. When that happens, your spiritual well will start to run dry. It doesn't happen overnight, but he does it a little at a time. If your spiritual well is starting to run dry, then the only thing you can do is re-dig your well.

Isaac's men had to go and re-dig the wells before they could get the water flowing again. And the only way that we can get the water flowing out of our spiritual well again is to re-dig our well.

The best way to re-dig your well is to first remove the trash and filth of the world from your life. Romans 12:1-2, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Second, you need to draw near to God. James 4:7-8 "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded."

My prayer for you this year is that you will experience more of the power of God in your life than ever before. Don't allow your spiritual well to get stopped up with a life full of the world (ungodliness).

*Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.*

# Author's Latest Book Takes Her Home Again

Author Sue Chamblin Frederick returns home in her latest book *The Front Porch Sisters*. Pinetta, Florida in Madison County is the home of the author's endless memories of growing up on her granddaddy's hog farm on Bellville Road in Pinetta. Sue and her siblings spent many summers throughout the 50s drinking Nehi orange drinks from her granddaddy's general store and eating watermelons from nearby watermelon fields.

Although the story is fiction, the setting is authentic, as well as its characters, every name familiar to anyone who is from Pinetta, Hanson, Cherry Lake, Greenville and the Madison County area.

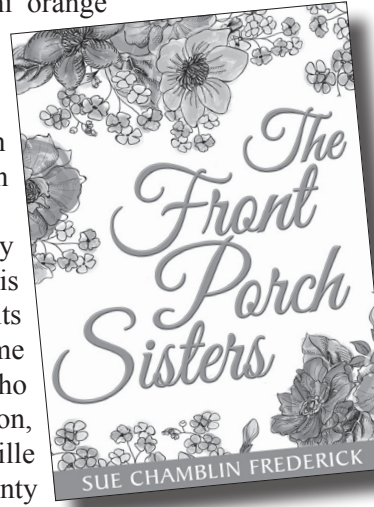
In the story, two spinster sisters refuse to be remembered as the Donnelly sisters who never married. They place a

detour sign at the end of their farm lane at the Bellville road...and wait. Soon, unsuspecting travelers are lured to the Donnelly front porch and the irresistible charm of the spinster sisters. In a twist of fate, the detour sign brings a handsome lawyer, a one-armed black man and his goat, an old woman with dementia and the answers to a long-held mystery.

From the moment the first slice of the Donnelly sisters' famous buttered rum pound cake is cut and served, the folks who live in Pinetta are reminded of the value of friendship and the importance of community.

Sue, a resident of Hilliard, will autograph *The Front Porch Sisters* at The Book Loft on

Centre Street in Fernandina on Monday, January 15 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Visit: [www.suechamblinfrederick.com](http://www.suechamblinfrederick.com) to learn more about Sue.



# Five Generations!



This five-generation picture was taken while celebrating Ms. Mae Scussel's (the great-great-grandmother) 98th birthday. Shown are: children Austyn and Emily Williams, mother Taylor Williams, grandfather Hank Martinez, Jr., great-grandmother Betty Martinez and great-great-grandmother Mae Scussel.

# CHURCH NEWS

Lannie Road Baptist Church monthly Gospel sing will be held Friday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. featuring Eternal Vision joining The Gospel Sounds. Refreshments will follow the sing! The church is located at 5998 Lannie Rd., Jacksonville.

Hilliard Pentecostal Full Gospel Church will have a Yard/Bake Sale and Hot Dog lunch Sat., Jan. 13 at 8 a.m. New Year, new treasures! For more information call (904) 845-8186.

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We are so proud of you and the man you are becoming. We wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence, along with the wisdom to choose your battles carefully. We wish you adventure on your journey and may you always stop to help someone along the way. Listen to your heart and take risks carefully. Remember how much you are loved. We are so proud of you.

**We have taught you to stand up for yourself and now we are so proud that you've decided to stand up for your entire country. You are sooo loved, and we are sooo honored.**

We love you Tyler,  
 Mom, Dad, Big Robby, Dalton, Paige, Lil Rob and Jake



John Scherer

The holidays are behind us now and to many its 'business as usual.' There are many of us scrambling to find the 2018 calendar we put away somewhere to fill in the dates with appointments, chores, birthdays, anniversaries, events and more. The holiday season arrived at just the right time for many, bringing the joy and Hope of Christmas that was celebrated and a look forward to a greater New Year.

But for many among us and across our country, the Christmas Season brought painful memories to the surface of their lives with losses of loved ones, especially in our military and serious concerns for the safety of all our troops stationed away from home, especially for their families. There is no greater gift than the lives and futures of our sons and daughters who serve and have served in our military, especially to loving parents.

To many of our country's Veterans and active duty soldiers, the stars that shine the brightest every day of each year belong to 'America's Gold and Blue Star Mothers' organizations. These non-profit organizations have worked diligently since the aftermath of World War I to the present, being a vital outreach to the families of our military men and women, not only to those that gave their lives for our country but to surviving Veterans and those who serve in all parts of the world today. Both of these organizations had their founding organizational roots established in the month of January. There are many among us that do not know enough about these outstanding organizations, what they do and the support they bring to millions of families over the past 90



## VETERAN'S VOICE The Stars That Shine Brightest for Our Military

years.

American Gold Star Mothers, a non-profit, was organized in 1928 by American mothers who had lost sons or daughters in World War I and holds a Congressional charter. It became a custom that most families of service men and women would hang a banner predominately in their window for each family member serving. Those who had lost their lives in combat were recognized by a 'gold star' and those living were represented by a 'blue star'. Thus, the term 'Gold Star Mothers' was coined and adopted and continues to this day.

The first Gold Star Mother was Grace Seibold, who lost her pilot son in France in 1918. She started to visit hospitalized Veterans in the Washington, D.C. area and while working through her sorrow, still clinging to the chance that her son's death was incorrect, Grace helped ease the pain of the many servicemen who returned so war ravaged that they might never be capable of returning to a normal life.

Grace became convinced that her and her son's wife's grief was unhealthy and totally self-destructive. She started to not only work with soldiers in the military hospitals but with other mothers whose sons had been lost in the military to lesson their grief and help them regain their lives.

She then organized a group of 25 other mothers and in January 1928, officially organized the Gold Star Mothers, Inc. and it has grown to huge proportions since then in every state.

The rules have changed through the years to include mothers of those lost in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, Iraq and other conflicts, and do not consider the circumstances of death, whether they are missing in action. They have made way for any woman who is a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident, who is a mother, adopted mother or a step mother of a military man or woman at the time of induction. Gold Star Mother's Day is now celebrated on the last Sunday in September.

To learn more of these outstanding organizations please check out their websites if you would like to learn more, join as a Gold or Blue Star member or volunteer.

In January, 1942, Army Capt. George Maines conceived the idea of the Blue Star Mothers, ran a newspaper article in Flint, Michigan

requesting information about sons and daughter of mothers serving in the military and immediately received over 1000 responses! A meeting was held and the organization was formed before February 1, 1942. That year alone chapters formed in 9 states across the country.

The Blue Star Mothers original goals and mission were to 'bring their sons and daughters' home safely during World War II and help insure their benefits upon returning, but the parameters have broadened since then.

Over the years, their goals and services include helping returning military and Veterans to achieve their benefits due them, Veterans hospital volunteerism, children's welfare of military Veterans, working with Veterans and military with not only physical disabilities but PTSD and TBI, civil defense with Homeland Security, assists Veterans organizations and much more.

All mothers, step mothers, grandmothers, legal guardians, adoptive mothers and American citizens living in other countries outside the United States are eligible for membership to any local chapter in every state. Their son or daughter must have survived military service.

The most notable and honored Blue Star mother is Anna Matthees who sent 7 sons in World War II in various branches of the services and they all returned safely.



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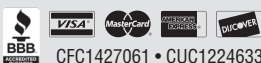
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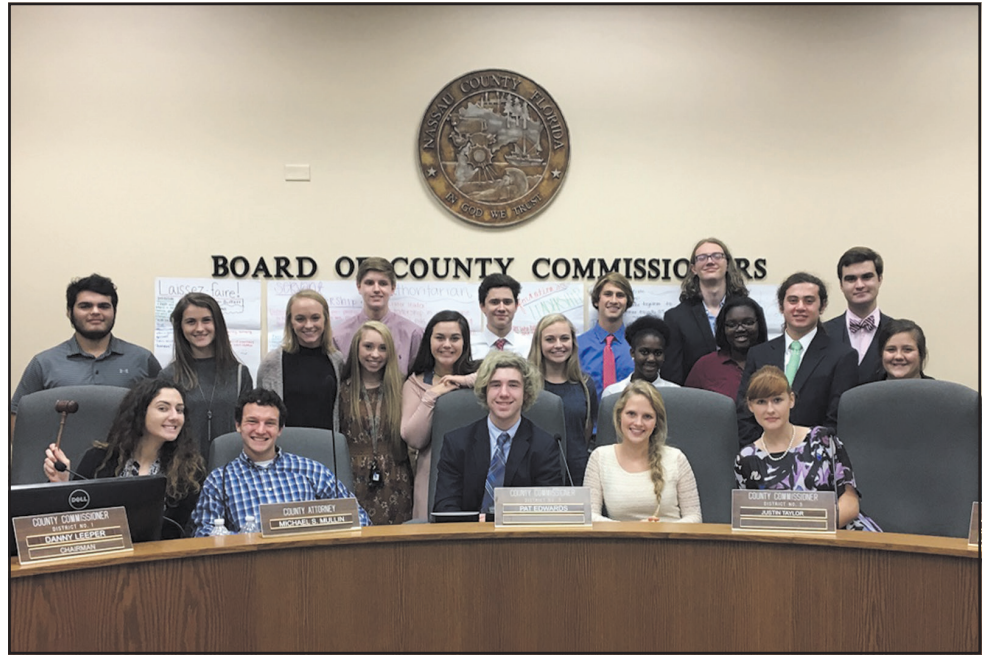
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**It is our honor to recognize our local Armed Service members. We would like to update our 'Pray for our Troops' list, adding those who have recently joined our Armed Services or removing those who no longer serve. Please read over the list. If you need to make a correction, addition or deletion, just give us a call, 879-4180. You may also email changes to news@westsidejournal.net. God Bless our Troops!**



## Youth Leadership News



Gavin Gleason

In December, the Youth Leadership Nassau program met at the Governmental Complex in Yulee to learn about local government. The students were first greeted by the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kathy Burns. Dr. Burns talked about her journey of becoming the Superintendent including her campaign. She also talked about her responsibilities making day-to-day decisions about educational programs, staff, facilities and how to handle the budget and spending.

The students then talked with Lori Wilkinson, Joseph Powers and Corey Poore from the Supervisor of Elections office and learned where the district lines are, the voting locations throughout the county, the types of elections there are in the county, and the requirements for voting in certain elections. Students were also shown a voting machine they

use for elections and got to practice using actual voting equipment.

Next, County Manager Shanea Jones talked to the students about her role in managing the daily operations of the departments under the Board of County Commissioners.

As the day went along the students had a mock campaign and election for a mock school board meeting that was being held later in the day. To conclude the day students voted for the superintendent and board members for the mock school board meeting and held the meeting.

Donna Martin, the Chairman of the Nassau County School Board, explained her role in the meetings and helped the students with their mock meeting.

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# New Beginnings and Milestones

## Kenna Danae Word

Corey and Danelle Word, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Kenna Danae Word. Kenna was born November 13 at 1:06 p.m. at Baptist Hospital in Jacksonville. She weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces and measured 18 ¾ inches.



Paternal grandparents are Howard and Jacklyn Word of Callahan; and Christy Word of Baldwin.

Maternal grandparents are Tresa Blair of Callahan; and Louis and Haydita Quesada of Middleburg.

Proud great-grandparents are Jimmie and Roxann Blackstock of Hilliard; Howard and Kim Word of Callahan; Troy and Kathy Lee of Yulee; and Gary and Nancy Patrick of Jacksonville.

Kenna was welcomed home by her big brother Cohen Lee Word!

## Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley to Celebrate 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

James and Barbara Kelley of Callahan will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary January 13. The Kelleys were married January 13, 1951 in Yuma, Arizona. The couple was married five days before James went on deployment with the US Navy!



After serving four years in the Navy, James later went on to work for the Duval County School Board. He retired after 25 years of service as the Supervisor of Maintenance. Barbara worked for JC Penney for 12 years. She later worked at Mac Papers in Jacksonville where she made numerous lifelong friends and retired after 12 years of service! James and Barbara have since retired and have enjoyed traveling in their RV. They are planning a trip to California to visit family for their special milestone!

They have three children, Michael and Janice Kelley of Jacksonville, Robert and Vickie Kelley of Louisiana and Tommi Jo and Jimmy Harrell of Tennessee. They also have seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren! Congratulations!

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebrations



### CALLAHAN

Greater Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 45031 Historical Lane will host a community breakfast Saturday, January 13 from 9-11 a.m. The cost is \$10 (12 yrs. – 61) and \$7 (62 years and up).

Monday, January 15 at 10 a.m. the church will host a celebration service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 10 a.m. with guest speaker Rev. Dr. James B. Sampson, President of the Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.

Following the service at noon, The Patricia V. Williams Chapter of the Concerned Citizens of Nassau County will begin the parade at the church on US Highway 1 to Ewing Park in Callahan where a picnic will be held at the park.

### HILLIARD

A parade will be held at 9:30 a.m. beginning at the former Hilliard Town Hall on CR 108, travel to US 1 and turn north and travel to Mt. Charity Baptist Church where a celebration service will be held.

## CALENDARS AVAILABLE!



The Westside Journal has some beautiful 2018 Calendars and would like to share them with our readers! If you still need a new calendar, come by our office at 480034 SR 200 (across from Callahan Dollar General) and pick one up, while supplies last.

## Westside Journal Visits North Carolina!

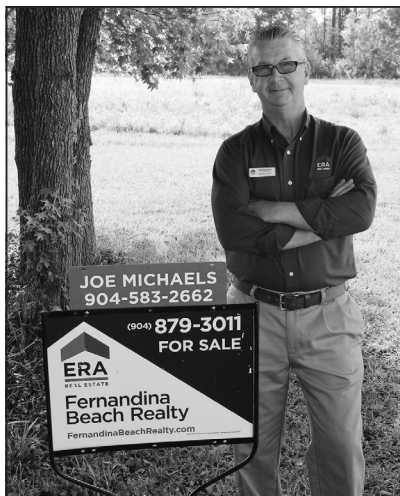


Debbie and Jerry Smith of Hilliard and their family and extended family took a Christmas vacation this year to the mountains! It was our first one together and we had the best time. We all stayed in one cabin! My son planned the entire trip and the people he wanted to go. We could tell how important it was to him that we all went. We plan to do it again in a couple of years! We all went to the Biltmore for our 'special' outing this year and took a family photo with the Westside Journal!

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**Q: I have found this weed all over my shady flower beds and under my trees. What is it? KS**

**A:** Mulberry Weed (Fatoua villosa), is a common weed often found in ornamental pots in green houses, nurseries and shady landscapes. It is extremely happy in moist landscape beds where it can receive good irrigation and fertilizer. It is generally a summer annual but may carry over from season to season if winter temperatures are mild. Mulberry weed was originally from Eastern Asia and has been seen in the south (Louisiana) since the 1950s (Bryson and DeFelice 2009). Mulberry weed has naturalized throughout much of the eastern US and is found from Texas to Florida and north to Michigan and Delaware. Mulberry weed occurs from spring to fall in Florida, primarily growing in moist, shaded areas. Plants flower from early spring through late fall and then die after the first freeze. Hand pulling provides good control, especially if pulled before seeds are produced. Remember, since it is an annual, it has only one way to reproduce – by seed. Two inches of pine bark mulch will help keep weeds down.



**Q: Can you identify this plant for me? JB**

**A:** I love it when identifying a plant comes easy. Your cool season blooming plant is called Bolivian sunset, Seemannia sylvatica, in the family of gloxinia. It is best grown in cold hardiness zones 9a-11 so it is a risky plant to put outdoors in our area. However, I planted several outside in the shade three years ago and late in the fall, it pops back up for me. You might also consider planting it in a pot knowing it will only show up when temperatures drop in the 50 – 60s. The bright red, tubular flowers are easy to

# Garden Talk

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spot. I positively never do anything to it – the perfect plant in my opinion. Bolivian sunset apparently has the potential to grow up to 3 feet tall, but my plants have never grown any taller than 1 foot. I suspect if I fertilized it and paid even the smallest amount of attention to it, it would probably be much larger. Consider it as a potential ground cover but note it really cannot tolerate full sun, especially late afternoon sun; it prefers filtered sun. Bolivian sunset is classified as a tender perennial meaning you may only have a few years of reblooming before it totally disappears.

**Q: Can you eat the little ornamental peppers? CC**

**A:** Ornamental peppers, Capsicum annuum, won't hurt you if you eat them but they often look better than they taste. Ornamental peppers come in a variety of colors from creamy white to yellow to red and purple. If you are looking for a pretty pepper with a sweet taste think about growing 'Pretty N Sweet'. Just like its name implies, this pepper is a sweet, ornamental pepper which grows to about 18 inches tall and well suited for containers. If you are looking for multi-colored peppers you might consider Nu Mex Easter ornamental peppers which has all the colors at one time. This pepper will provide "medium heat." 'Aji Omnicolor' has longer, thinner peppers in multi-colors with heat like cayenne pepper heat. Then there is an extra hot ornamental pepper variety for you to try called 'Prairie Fire'. It will probably take the taste buds right off your tongue! I have a container of multi-colored ornamental peppers at

my front door and they give me tremendous pleasure when they are flowering and fruiting. Ornamental peppers have few disease or insect problems. They produce flowers and fruit from spring through first frost.



**Q: I was given a Christmas cactus as a gift but I don't know how to take care of it. CK**

**A:** No worries, caring for Christmas cactus will be easier than you think. Be sure to use well-drained sandy soil. The kind of soil used for other types of cacti will work perfectly for Christmas cactus. One of the biggest mistakes most people make is over-watering. It is best to water them only once they have become completely dry. You can test the dryness



of the soil by putting your finger in the first few inches. Place a saucer under to the plant to catch any excess water and empty the saucer after a few minutes. You may find they need to be watered only once every few weeks. Water only around the roots and not on the leaves. If the leaves become limp then they desperately need water or there is root decay. It is too cold here in Northeast Florida to plant Christmas cactus outside; they should be left in pots and kept inside especially during cold months. You can move them outside to a screened porch or patio once the temperatures consistently reach the high 50s. Christmas cacti love bright sunny areas but do not let them be exposed to direct sunlight – especially hot, western afternoon sun. Use a good, complete fertilizer specifically formulated for houseplants. Liquid formulation works best. Avoid over fertilization as this will limit the number of buds and flowers. Start fertilizing in the spring but stop in the late summer to encourage blooming in the fall and winter.

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# OBITUARIES

## MARY FRANCES BRADDOCK

Funeral services for Mary Frances Braddock, 97, of Baldwin, will be held Thursday, January 11 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Baldwin with Rev. Chris Drum officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service. The interment will follow in Brandy Branch Cemetery, Bryceville.

Mrs. Braddock was born on June 25, 1920, daughter of the late Lonnie Oliver and the former Irene Saucer. She passed away on January 6 in Macclenny.

In addition to her husband of 80 years, Marvin Braddock; she is survived by her son Butch (Lynda) Braddock; two daughters-in-love Waverly Braddock and Dianna Braddock; seven grandchildren, David (Elizabeth) Braddock, Mark (Glenda) Braddock, Kris (Yvette) Braddock, Brad (Jen) Braddock, Cheri (James) Wheeler, Michelle (Teddy) Maynor and Tracey (Brett) Millar; sixteen great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family and friends.

To sign the guest book visit: [www.prestwoodfuneralhome.com](http://www.prestwoodfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements entrusted to Prestwood Funeral Home, Baldwin.

## JANICE MAE COBB

Janice Mae Cobb, 63, passed away peacefully Sunday, December 17, following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Cobb was a native and lifelong resident of Jacksonville. Janice was preceded in death by her parents, Wesley and Pauline Hutcheson; her husband Lewis Gardner; brothers Jimmy, Dink and Alton Hutcheson; and sisters Tiny and Joyce.

Survivors include her son Cliff (Allison) Hutcheson; two sisters Diane (Levi) Rigdon and Karen Cunningham; one brother David 'Buddy' Hutcheson; two grandchildren Hunter and Haleigh Hutcheson; several nieces and nephews, other loving family and friends.

The family will lay her to rest Saturday, January 13 at 11 a.m. in West View Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida.

Arrangements by Corey-Kerlin Funeral Home, 1426 Rowe Avenue, Jacksonville.

## LAWRENCE B. NEWVINE



Lawrence 'Larry' Benjamin Newvine, 59, of Folkston, passed away January 2 at his home. Larry was born on February 20, 1958 in Potsdam,

New York. He moved to Folkston in 1999 and has called Folkston home since. He was preceded in death by his father Robert Newvine.

Larry was a graduate of Norwood-Norfolk Central High School. He served 32 years in the U.S. Army with six of those years as active duty. During his time in the Army, he received many decorations and awards, including the Army Achievement Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He was a wonderful father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend. Larry was proud of serving his country and had a great love for the United States. He was a member of the American Legion #68 and the VFW of Parishville, New York. He was always willing to stand up for what he believed in and enjoyed the freedoms our country provides, such as riding the roads on his motorcycle.

He is survived by his mother Beverly Newvine of Folkston; his five children Jeremy Newvine of Folkston, Peter (Stacy) Newvine of the U.S. Army currently serving in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Kimberly (Justin) Sochia of Parishville, New York, Sarah (Kyle) Stark of Colton, New York and Nicole (Alex) Butkovich of Kingsland, Georgia; his nine grandchildren Nicholas, Wyatt, Alivia, Aidin, Garrick, Rayah, Oriana, Kaden and Claire; his five brothers Brian (Tammy) Newvine, Paul (Ellie) Newvine, Jim (Joyce) Newvine, John (Theresa) Newvine and Dennis (Vicky) Newvine; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Memorialization was by cremation. Services will be held at Andersonville National Cemetery at a later date.

Messages of condolences may be expressed at [www.nassaufh.com](http://www.nassaufh.com).

Arrangements were made by Nassau Funeral Home.

## JAMES ROBERTS



James Roberts, 89, passed away peacefully January 1 after a brief hospital stay in Jacksonville. He was born on March 13, 1928 in Nassau

County to Ernest Roberts and Christine Inez Jordan.

He attended school in Nassau County. James worked in the pulpwood industry and the Fruit Grove Railroad Company (CSX) for 35 years until he retired in 1993. James enjoyed being involved with his church, New Bethel A.M.E. (Pastor Marva Mitchell), as he served on the deacon board and was a member of the Board of Trustees. He also relished singing in the Men's Chorus. James enjoyed fishing, gardening, traveling, and fellowshiping with neighbors, family and friends. James loved all types of music, animals, and food, especially his sweets. James was loved by many.

James is survived by his children Betty Roberts, Irvin Roberts, Terry (Spencer III) Sylvester, William Roberts, Patrick Roberts, Craig (Gloria) Roberts, Eric Roberts and Tiffany Roberts; siblings Joseph, Maybelle McGriff, Ernestine (Lee Frank) Taylor, Alice McWhite, Eloise Jones and Donnie (Jonnie "Shane") Roberts; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild London; and many cousins, nephews, nieces, family and friends.

James was preceded in death by his parents; wives Mary-Lou Branch Jones and Vera Morgan; son Larry James Roberts; his brothers Raymond and Samuel Roberts; a sister Charlotte Young; and his special nephew Bishop Sherman Roberts.

Special thanks to: Aging True in Home Senior Care of Northeast Florida; Spencer's Florist; Pastor Byron Ramseur, host Pastor at True Believer's Church of God by Faith; Callahan Men's Chorus; the Bethel A.M.E. Family; and Bishop Eddie Lawrence for such a blessed message.

A celebration of life service was held Saturday, January 6 at True Believers Church of God by Faith, 45083 White Road in Callahan.

We are sincerely humbled by the expressions of love and acts of kindness shown to us during this difficult time. Your prayers, calls, visits, flowers, food and cards were all a source of comfort and encouragement to each one of us. May God's greatest blessings be with each of you as you share in our sorrow.

## GENE E. ROBERTSON



Gene Elizabeth Robertson, of Callahan, was born January 26, 1924 in Lansing, Michigan. She was lifted to be with her Lord on December 27 with

family by her side at the Life Care Center in Hilliard, after a lengthy battle with numerous health issues at the age of 93. She went on to join her husband, L.K.; her

parents Harry and Lanor Paine; as well as brothers Theodore "Ted" and William "Bill" Paine.

Gene moved to Florida in 1952, went to work for Eastern Air Lines and retired after 30 years of faithful service in 1982. She was extremely talented and enjoyed doing oil painting, china painting and ceramics. She was active in her church. She will be missed by many.

She is survived by her daughter Karen (Mike) Beaumont; grandsons Rodney (Julie) Hutson and Kirby (Wendy) Hutson; great-grandchildren Chandler Hutson, Kai Hutson, Meri Weller Hutson, Sanders and Bishop Hutson.

A memorial service will be held January 11, 2018 at noon at Spirit of Life Lutheran Church, 2636 New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations in her memory be made to Spirit of Life Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.nassaufh.com](http://www.nassaufh.com).

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

## BOBBY C. RYALS



Bobby C. Ryals, 80, of Callahan, passed away on January 4. He was born on October 14, 1937 in Ludowici,

Georgia to Alan and Desdie Ryals. He worked as a welder for TMT and Crowley before his retirement in 1979. Bobby enjoyed fishing and watching boxing but his greatest enjoyment was his Monday-Friday fellowship with the men at Cecil's Diner in Oceanway and his Saturday and Sunday visits to the Flea Market. He was a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge in Callahan and Shriners. He was a man who had not been sick or hospitalized since 1979 and enjoyed life to its fullest! He was welcomed home by his little companion Misty.

Bobby is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Vivian Voncile Ryals; sons Kenneth L. (Lily) Ryals, Donald E. Ryals and Jeffery S. (Barbara) Ryals; daughter Sheena M. (John D.) Lewis; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and brothers Clayton Ryals, Wilbur Ryals and Hugh Poppell. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers AC Ryals, Herbert Poppell and Earl Ryals; sisters Emma Studstill and Corine Holton.

A viewing was held Monday, January 8 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 9 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jimmy Brannon and Bro. Winston Butler officiating. Interment followed in Mill Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Donny Ray Ryals, Jeffery Scott Ryals, DJ Collins, John Darrell Lewis, Sr., John Darrell Lewis, Jr., Nicholas Williams and Travis. Honorary pallbearers were Ricky Crews and Hardy.

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**IRIS BRADDOCK TANNER**



Iris Crawford Braddock Tanner, 85, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord on January 6. She was born on May 15, 1932 in Hilliard to Tom and Addie Crawford. She was a member of the River Road Baptist Church and worked as a beautician in Hilliard, O'Neil, and Jacksonville. She loved flowers and loved to make arrangements. She loved working in her yard and growing beautiful plants and shrubs, playing with the great-grandchildren and just simply sitting and rocking on her porch.

Iris is survived by her daughters Linda Ryals and Brenda (Danny) Mallard; grandchildren John Watkins, Keela Watkins, Kylee Fox, April Mallard, Jared Mallard and Shannon Fasan; 13 great-grandchildren; and three nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Jimmy Leon Braddock; her parents Tom and Addie Crawford; sisters Clella "Sis" Mixon and Dorothy Durham; brother O.B. Crawford; two nieces and one nephew.

Viewing will be held Wednesday, January 10 from 6-8 p.m. in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 11 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 11 a.m. with Danny Mallard and Pres. Gordan Hand officiating. Interment will follow in the Conner-Green Cemetery in Hilliard.

Pallbearers will be Justin Fasan, Dustin Chancey, AJ Walker, Jimmie Fullard, Jared Mallard, Matt Rouse, Danny Mallard and Hubert Chapman.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations in her memory be made to the Alzheimer's Association by visiting: [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) for more information on how to donate.

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Arrangements are under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 879-1770.

**JUANITA CLEMMONS TEMPLE**



Juanita Clemmons Temple, 83, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on January 8. She was born on July 29, 1934 in Blountstown, Florida to Dewey and Ruby Clemmons. Juanita was an active member of First Baptist Church of Callahan. She enjoyed being in her yard and planting flowers, raising cattle and seeing all of the new baby calves. She enjoyed shopping, baking and cooking but her greatest joy was spending time with her family, she loved her grandchildren dearly.

Juanita is survived by her sons Horace Wayne Temple, Jr. and Eric H. (Erin) Temple; brother D.L. Clemmons, Jr.; brother-in-law R.L. Alford; six grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Horace Wayne Temple, Sr.; her parents D.L. and Ruby Lee Clemmons, Sr.; her sisters Linda Coxwell and Hilda Alford; and brother-in-law S.A. Coxwell.

A viewing will be held Thursday, January 11 at First Baptist Church Callahan from 6-8 p.m. A funeral service will be held Friday, January 12 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Lynn Hyatt officiating. Interment will follow in Jones Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Cody Temple, Chad Temple, Johnathon Alford, Ashley Coxwell, Dillon Coxwell, Sam Coxwell, Eli Coxwell and Keith Wingate.

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**BERNICE ELAINE THOMPSON**

Bernice Elaine Thompson, a life-long resident of Nassau County, passed away suddenly on January 2, 2018, at the age of 62. She was born October 23, 1955 in Kings Ferry to the late John Hardy and Beatrice Thompson. She received some early educational studies at Pine Forest School in Callahan. Due to her physical disabilities, she began to attend the Sunland Training Center in Gainesville, where she received additional training. She also obtained additional training at the ARC in Yulee, where she had dedicated bus drivers, Freddie Mason and Hosea Palmer.

Elaine gave her life to God at an early age at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Kings Ferry, where she attended faithfully until her relocation. At this time she began to attend faithfully Covered Ministries Hour of Power in Kingsland. Her cherished hobbies included making rugs, creating things with her popsicle sticks, watching Victor Newman on the Young and the Restless and most importantly, looking out the window to see who was passing or coming to visit.

On the morning of January 2, the trumpet sounded and the fiery chariot came down Bernice Elaine Thompson stepped into eternity and found her home with the Lord.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brothers Eddie Lee Thompson, James Abraham Thompson and John "Buddy" Hardy Thompson, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory and embrace her legacy her sisters Jereline (Lawrence) Williams, Grace (Charles) Mitchell, Willie Mae (John) Ewing, Katrina (Granderson) Davis, Dorothy Richo, Evelyn Jordan, Edna Brown and Thelma

Albertie; brothers Sammie Lee (Kay) Thompson, Willie (Eva) Thompson, Calvin (Eron) Thompson and George (Elizabeth) Thompson; sisters-in-law Verdell Thompson, Robin Thompson and Thelma Thompson; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and sorrowful friends, including special friends Agnes Reynolds, Agnes Scipio, Janet Bocash, Larry Quick, Altamese Thompson and Vernereal Thompson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 13 at 12 p.m. at Mt Olive Baptist Church, 49167 Mt. Olive Rd., Hilliard (Kings Ferry). Visitation will be held Friday, January 12 from 5-7 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to the hour of service at the church. Interment will follow the service in Mt. Olive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Huff Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

**OLGA L. YOUNGBLOOD**

Olga L. "Sue" Youngblood, of Jacksonville, passed away Wednesday, December 27. She was born July 6, 1944 in Petaluma, California to Francis and Josephine (Saxer) Droesch. She was preceded in death by both parents; a brother Francis "Tubby" Droesch; and husband Dale R. "Chip" Youngblood. Sue lived mostly in northern California until moving to Jacksonville in 1992. Sue retired as the co-owner, with Chip Youghblood, of Aero Transportation in 2005.

She is survived by sons Doug Nunes, Randy Nunes, Joe Nunes and Patrick (Amy) Hemphill; daughter Johanna Hemphill; and many loving grandchildren.

A small family service will be held in the coming weeks at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

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## Ewing Park Tennis Courts to be Resurfaced

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met last Tuesday night, due to the Monday holiday, for their first regular meeting of January. The first order of business was to decide when to do the ethics training for the council and mayor. Everyone agreed to set the training for Monday, February 26 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The next agenda item was approval of quotes for new tires for the tanker for the Fire Department. The tanker is in need of eight (8) new tires. The council approved a bid from Power Tire for \$3200 which also included installing the tires.

The next agenda item concerned adding a Conditional Use clause to Chapter 195-82 of the town code Commercial Town District (CTC) to allow Funeral Homes/Crematoriums. Town Manager and Public Works Director Mike Williams advised the council that the town has been approached by an individual about possibly opening a crematorium in the town limits. "The Commercial Town District is the area along Brandies Avenue," said Williams.

"Callahan Funeral Home was actually grandfathered in because the business was already there," said Councilman Marty Fontes. "This will not change anything for their business except to make it legal in the city (which it is) instead of grandfathered."

"What kind of building does a crematorium need? Is it like industrial?" said Councilwoman Kathy Smith. "I'm just asking because I don't know anything about them."

"They, like funeral homes, have very strict guidelines by the state that must



be followed," said Williams. "I don't know much about them either however that are regulated closely by the state."

The council advised Town Attorney Jeb Branham to prepare the ordinance for the next meeting and first reading on the ordinance.

Williams also advised the council concerning approving the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement. "I have looked over the contract and it is much more favorable for the town," said Williams. "The contract gives an allowance with some leeway for unexpected expenses. The company will also be installing cameras on each traffic light to watch the flow and the amount of traffic. Each

light will also have sensors on them alerting when there is a problem with the signal." The council approved the contract.

Another agenda item covered was approving quotes for the improvement of the tennis courts at Ewing Park. The council approved K & T Seal Coat at a cost of \$3,000. "The cost will include filling in the cracks of all the tennis courts, resurface and paint the courts, and install new nets," said Williams. "This is still a part of the FRDAP Grant Phase III & IV."

Larry Downey, representing the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department updated the council that the department will be applying for more Forestry Service Grants and other grants available for the upcoming year. The department also requested for the council to consider allowing the fire department to have a purchase order for \$3,800-\$4,000 to take with them to Fire Rescue East Convention. The department is in need of 500 feet of hose for the tanker.

"At the convention we will be able to purchase the hose at a much cheaper price than if we ordered it outright. We are asking for your consideration," said Downey.

In around the council table, Mayor Bobby Rau advised the council that he was appointed to the board of the Florida League of Cities Mayors and is looking forward to mentioning Callahan as much as possible.

Councilwoman Kathy Smith advised the council that Lem Turner Road continues to be a dangerous place where it joins US I. "Drivers continually fly up to the intersection at high rates of speed," said Smith. "Can some rumble strips be added prior to the intersection or maybe flashing signs alerting traffic of the intersection ahead?"

"I will contact FDOT about the options and report back what they say," said Williams.

"I am turning in my resignation, effective November 6, 2018, as I will be running for Mayor in the upcoming election," said Councilman Marty Fontes. "It is law that you can't hold two positions within the town. If I win the seat, I can't still hold a council seat."

Town Clerk Stephanie Knagge advised the council that the following seats would be up for election in November: Councilwoman Kathy Smith and Janet Shaw, Mayor Bobby Rau, Town Clerk Stephanie Knagge and Treasurer Donna Kirk. She also advised the council that there will be a joint meeting of the council and the school board on Monday, January 22 at 7 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 16, due to the Monday MLK holiday, at 7 p.m.



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