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Thursday, January 18, 2018

falling temperatures!

BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT. - ISAIAH 40:31

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebrated Locally

"...whatever you do

you have to keep

moving forward"



This past Monday we celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. His life and legacy as a Baptist minister, Nobel Laureate and a civil rights activist still rings loud today. MLK, Jr. dedicated his short time on earth working feverishly for social justice, opportunity for all Americans irrespective of color or creed. King was an exceptional man that was passionate about people. He was one of the greatest speakers of all time as he delivered his dream across America. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968 at the age of 39 by James Earl Ray.

King's speeches and quotes still resonate throughout our land. While his most famous speech may very well be the "I have a Dream" speech, there are so many more that also carried a peaceful and demanding call for all to follow. His mission was strictly about equality, his vision was for every man,



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woman and child to have an equal chance at the American dream. Many who have followed and lived his dream

have proven they can make a difference in this world. His words of encouragement are just as profound today as they were back then.

Bernice King, the daughter

of MLK, Jr. tweeted Monday: "Today. We commemorate my father's 89th birthday. Beyond sharing #MLK quotes, I pray that our global community, from educators to politicians to artists to law enforcement, will truly hear his voice, follow his teachings and demonstrate his love for humanity."

One famous quote is one that should embolden us all, "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

In Hilliard, the Concerned Citizens of Hilliard organized a parade in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Lead by the Nassau County Sheriff's Department and the West Nassau High School JROTC, vehicles with large banners, vehicles pulling



decorated trailers and dozens of citizens walking paraded through Hilliard. The parade ended at Mt. Charity Baptist

Church where the participants enjoyed a service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

In Callahan, a Celebration Service was held at the Greater Mt.

Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church with guest speaker Rev. Dr. James B. Sampson prior to the parade. The Patricia V. Williams Chapter of the Concerned Citizens of Nassau County organized a parade that began at the church and ended at Ewing Park in Callahan. The parade was joined by

the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department and dozens of citizens walking. There were several vehicles and also motorcycle riders finishing out the parade! The cool weather didn't dampen the spirits of parade participants! The large group all joined together at Ewing Park where they enjoyed lunch together.













Hilliard Hires New Attorney

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first regular meeting of January 2018. Mayor Cris McConnell postponed the January 4th meeting due to the freezing weather and power outages and rescheduled it for

January 11. The first order of business was changed around a little to allow the council to approve the contract of the new attorney. Following, the council and mayor were proud to introduce the new Hilliard Town Attorney, Mrs. Reba Pearce.

The organization of offices was the next New Town Attorney, Mrs. Reba Pearce agenda item. Councilman

Jack Bailey made a motion to keep the Council President (John Beasley) and Council Pro Tem (Kenny Sims) to remain the same. The council approved the motion.

The organization of offices was discussed. Mayor McConnell advised the council that Councilman Lee Pickett was at home sick with flu symptoms. He discussed with Pickett on the phone about the departments. Pickett relayed that he would prefer to stay Fire Commissioner but would be okay with what the council decided. McConnell recommended that Councilman Jared Wollitz take the Fire Department, as

he is a professional Firefighter with Jacksonville Fire Rescue; Councilman Pickett take the Street Department because he is familiar with large equipment and construction; and Councilman Kenny Sims take the Recreation Department.

> Councilman Beasley spoke up and requested to take the Recreation Department back over as he once did.

> The organization offices was shuffled around to include: Council President John Beasley, Recreation Department Commissioner; Councilman and Council Tem Kenny Sims, Water & Sewer Department Commissioner; Councilman

Wollitz, Fire Department Commissioner; Councilman Lee Pickett, Department Commissioner; and Councilman Jack Bailey, Airpark Commissioner.

In other business, Resolution 2018-01 was approved which concerned town closed holidays for employees. The resolution includes 11 holidays.

Resolution 2018-02 was also approved which concerned the Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk that was held Monday in Hilliard.

The next regular meeting of the council will be Thursday, January 18 at 7 p.m.

Ratliff Road Update from Commissioner Taylor

Commissioner Justin Taylor, District 5

I wanted to share some information regarding the recent tragic accidents that have taken place at the intersection of Ratliff Road and US Highway 1. As you may know, US 1 is not a county road but a state road. I asked County staff to reach out to FDOT for assistance. In addition, I reached out to Representative Cord Byrd's office who also spoke with FDOT regarding the intersection.

According to FDOT, they are scheduled for a signal rebuild and the addition of street lighting. The new signal will include a flashing yellow arrow. The location is also being reviewed under the Department's Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE)

I'm hopeful this will make the intersection safer for traffic and help prevent future tragedies.

Hot Breakfast at MCCI

Start your day right with a hot breakfast every Tuesday morning at the MCCI (across from CES, Callahan) activity room. Bring a friend and enjoy breakfast. Look forward to socializing, touring the facility and making new friends. The breakfast is free from 8:30-9:30 a.m. every Tuesday! Come on over and join us!

MCCI Senior Corner Activities January 15 - 19 **Monday** <u>Wednesday</u> **Thursday Friday** <u>Tuesday</u> FREE Breakfast Club Coffee Talk Craft Day Craft Day Coffee Talk 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. Diabetic Workshop Lunch & Learn **Healing Hearts** Silver Sneakers Paint on Canvas 10 a.m. 10 a.m. 11 a.m. 11 a.m. 9:30 a.m. **New Members Bunko Party** Silver Sneakers Fun & Games Closed 10:30 a.m. 2 p.m. 1 p.m. @ noon 1 p.m.

Happy 66th Birthday Rebecca Thomas

January 23

We believe in angels, superheroes, miracles and blessings because we find all of these in you! We love you Mama! Happy Birthday! Sherry and Billy



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

EVENTS AROUND

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) meet every Wednesday at 6-7:30 p.m. at the Hilliard Library Conference Room. Free educational support group for parents and families of addicted loved ones.

FREE Dinsmore Bluegrass Jam Sessions are held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Dinsmore Historical Museum, 7330 Civic Club Dr., Jacksonville, behind Dinsmore Elementary. Everyone is welcome, pickers and listeners! For more information call 514-1514.

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Relay For Life Kick Off Event!

Wanda Nichols

As the Event Lead Chairperson for the Relay for Life of West Nassau County, I would like to discuss the Relay and what it actually does. Relay for Life is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society which is a 501c non-profit organization. Our relay is for Hilliard, Bryceville and Callahan. Anyone can participate no matter where you are from. It is open to

the public.
Since the Relay for Life is a fundraiser, many people ask what happens with the money that is

with the money that is raised. Well, the American Cancer Society is a large umbrella and under that umbrella there are

multiple areas where the money is used. The money is utilized for transportation to and from doctor appointments, counseling services for the patients and caregivers, navigator services and research among others. Relay for Life funds are used for all types of cancer.

The Relay is a life-changing event for many people. It gives our residents a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and fight back against the disease. Our Relay event will be held Friday, April 6 beginning at 6 p.m. and end Saturday, April 7 at noon at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds in Callahan. There will be many events and fundraisers that will take place prior to the actual relay.

The Kick Off Party for our Relay will be this Saturday, January 20 at the Callahan Train Depot from 10 a.m. –

3p.m. The Mardi Gras themed party will be a great time to meet and greet other teams! There will be a crock pot-pot luck lunch with proceeds going to the Relay. Also, there will be all kinds of information to sign up your team, register a

survivor and more!

We are asking for survivor stories to be read at the Relay. Teams and sponsors can register at the American Cancer Society website at: www.relayforlife. org/westnassaucountyfl. If you would like more information on the Relay for Life of West Nassau or to submit your survivor story, email: wandanich@juno. com or call (904) 294-2088. Check out our Facebook page at: Relay for Life of West Nassau County.

PLANT CLINIC

On Monday, January 22 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Rebecca Jordi, Extension Director/Horticulture Agent will conduct a Plant Clinic. All residents are invited to bring plant samples showing landscape problems to the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. Problems will be identified and solutions offered for correction. There is no fee for this service. For information call 904-530-6353.

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Did he say it, or did he not? I am referring to the buzz that President Trump used the term '----- countries' while referencing Haiti and some countries in Africa during a bi-partisan meeting concerning immigration. This has sent the liberal press, and liberals in general, into a wild feeding frenzy. President Trump denies the claim as do most people that were in attendance. The only person shouting this claim is none other than Liberal Democrat Minority Whip Dick Durbin (IL). This is not the first time Durbin has come from a meeting with false statements as to the content of discussion. I feel as if he did not use the term and if he had I would have preferred different words to describe the countries.

The jest of this is President Trump would have been correct in the description of these countries. They are in deplorable condition with most being self-induced. Haiti perhaps could be in better shape than it is if the Clintons had not stolen the millions and millions of relief dollars sent for rebuilding the country after the massive earth quakes (that's a whole different story, but you need to research it to see for yourself what ruthless people the Clintons are). Haiti, also has the most gold of any Caribbean country, however Bill Clinton's brother has swindled the rights to all of the gold! Things that make you go, huh!

Back to the immigration matter, President Trump is right on mark with his desires for immigration reform. He is once again standing by his campaign promises on immigration and putting Americans first. My idea of immigration reform would be simply: 1) No DACA citizenship. 2) No Chain Migration. 3) No Immigration Lottery. 4) No Anchor Babies. 5) No Sanctuary Funding. 6) Enforce our Laws. 7) Mandatory Voter ID. 8) Build The Wall.

As President Trump stated, "We're always talking about dreamers from other countries. I want the children of the United States to have dreams also." Being as the liberal left is so offended with statements that the President did not say, let me close with a post that Lorraine Marie shared, "I think its adorable people are offended by Trump saying -----. I'm offended by people wearing vagina hats. I'm offended by men going into women's bathrooms. I'm offended by people who disrespect our flag. I'm offended by illegal aliens getting my tax money. I'm offended by how corrupt our politicians are. I'm offended by how ignorant Hollywood is. I'm offended by racist groups like BLM and the KKK. I'm offended by our Universities that are run by socialist fascists. I'm offended that Hillary Clinton has gotten away with being a cheat, liar, corrupt felon. I'm just getting started, but you get the idea..."

Making America great again is in full stride and I personally thank President Donald Trump!

Of course as always...that's just my opinion!



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Where Are You Going This Year?

Pastor Ted Heglund, First Alliance Church, Hilliard



When you start out on a trip you have a destination. You look to find the right highway for the shortest or fastest or most scenic route. There is also preparation, which must take place for the journey.

There are other key elements to consider if you are to reach your destination. As you are driving, one important element in order to reach your destination is that your eyes need to be focused on the road ahead and cannot be glued to the rearview mirror. If always focused on the rear view, it is a dangerous way to travel. You will not see obstacles or where to drive on the road

ahead of you. Yet, that is what many people, including Christians, do. They always live in the past!

As you are now heading down the road of 2018, you need to think of your destination as well. Where are you heading this year? In God's Word we read "...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13b–14 NIV. There are two key thoughts in these verses: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.

Normally, when someone uses the word "forget" it carries the context of never again remembering the event. This type of "forget" is what God does when you and I put our faith in Jesus Christ and He forgives our sin. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." Hebrews 8:12 NIV

The "forgetting what is behind" carries the context of not letting the things of the past hinder or stop you from living and serving the Lord. This reminds me of a man who moved from upper New York to Florida. He never sold his house but still maintained it for when they "visited" up north. In his work nothing ever really pleased him because Florida folks did not think the way he wanted them to think and act. "In New York we always did..." Someone told me, "His body is in Florida, but he has never moved to Florida." (He eventually went back north.)

Are you like this man? Do you need to let go - forget - the pains and hurts, the blessings and joys of the past and start anew? Just as when driving, you glance in the rearview mirror, you learn from the past mistakes and failures. You rejoice in the blessing and success of the past. The Psalmist said, "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago," Psalm 77:11 NIV.

But do not just stand on and depend on the happenings of the past; be moving in to a new fresh relationship with God.

You are to be straining toward the goal. What is your goal for 2018? You can have many important things you can strain towards. The apostle Paul gives you and I a base line for which we are to strain toward: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God," 1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV.

Then the Word of God gives some more goals to strain towards. "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." Romans 12:18 NIV "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 NIV

So where are you going in 2018? Are you going to commit to straining toward a life that puts Christ first or one that will live in the past? "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him..." Psalm 37:5a NIV "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5–6 NIV



Callahan Little League

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We are accepting volunteer applications now for managers and coaches. Visit us on Facebook: Callahan Little League

Couple Answers the Call to Missions

Justin and Hannah Wofford have recently answered the call to fulltime missions. Justin is a native of Callahan, graduating from West Nassau High School in 2004. Hannah is from Palatka, where she attended Palatka High School. They were married in Palatka in 2009.

Since getting married they have taken many shortterm mission trips overseas to Haiti, Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Thailand. In February 2017, they became

full-time missionaries with Go To Nations, a mission's organization based in Jacksonville. In September, they spent 3 months in Thailand where they completed an internship with Go To Nations. Now that they have returned, they will be working fulltime in the Go To Nations World Headquarters office on the Southside.

Justin is the Assistant Director of Short-Term Missions and Hannah is the Administrative Assistant of



Short-Term Missions. In their roles they will help mobilize the American Church to the nations. They work with church groups and individuals who are interested in missions. Go To Nations is an interdenominational parachurch organization. If you are interested in working with Go To Nations you can visit their website at www.gotonations. org or contact the couple at: justin. wofford@gotonations.org or hannah. wofford@gotonations.org.

4-H Seeking Volunteers

Every year Nassau County 4-H conducts numerous embryology programs throughout the county reaching over 1,000 youth. The embryology program allows students to witness chicks hatching in their classrooms while instilling life skills in youth, such as responsibility and science literacy. Due to the increase in classrooms requesting this vital program, we need your help!



Volunteers would help during the school day for a few hours and teach classrooms about the hatching and incubation process as well as chick care and other topics. Previous experience is not required!

We will hold a training session on Monday, January 22 at 11:30 a.m. at the Yulee Extension Office. If you are interested in donating some time to helping this wonderful program, please call Kelsey Irvine at 904-530-6353 to learn more.

HURCH NEWS

Bethany Episcopal Church in Hilliard will be selling Spaghetti dinners Friday, January 19 from 5-7 p.m. at the church. The cost is \$8 per dinner which includes a salad and drink.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Women's Appreciation Service Saturday, January 20th 6 p.m.

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Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Tuesday night, due to the Monday holiday, for their final regular meeting of January. The actual meeting was very brief as there wasn't too much business to discuss. The council approved a Purchase Order for up to \$4,000 for the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department. The members plan to purchase some much needed hose for their tanker. They plan to purchase the hose at a discounted price at the Fire Rescue East Convention coming up this weekend in Daytona Beach.

In other business, Ordinance 2018-O01 was approved on first reading which concerned amending the current ordinance to change the land development regulations for Funeral Homes & Crematoriums within the Commercial Town District to a Conditional Use. The second reading will be held at the February 20 meeting of the council

During the 'Around the Council Table' portion of the meeting, Mayor Bobby Rau advised the council that he has been reading about this session of the legislature and there is an assault on home rule. Home rule is an article or amendment to the state constitution that grants cities, municipalities, and/or counties the ability to pass laws to govern themselves as they see fit (so long as they obey the state and federal constitutions). "They are trying to take our rights away as a municipality," said Rau. "I suggest each of you contact your representatives concerning this matter."

Town Attorney Jeb Branham added, "I agree with the Mayor. There are more rules and regulations coming up than I have ever seen in my time representing municipalities."

Councilman Marty Fontes asked, "For the past couple of years, we have canceled the first meeting of July due to the July 4th holiday. Do we want to do it this year?" The council approved canceling the July 2 meeting.

Councilwoman Janet Shaw asked the councils opinion for the saying on the town

sign. Right now I got a quote for: Welcome to Callahan, Home of the Warriors. The council approved.

"Just a reminder that we have a joint meeting with the Nassau County School Board Monday, January 22 at 7 p.m.," said Town Clerk Stephanie Knagge. "I also want you all (council members) to be thinking about hiring a Deputy Clerk. My position is elected. If I'm not elected this term or don't run, there is nobody to take over this position. I'm just asking you all to think about it. This job is much more than I thought it was however I have learned and tried to get the office and records back up to what they should be. I had no idea what was involved in this position as to why I suggest we get someone in here so I could train them if I wasn't here or Town Manager Mike Williams is not here or retires. This is only a part time position and a lot to keep up with."

"Don't say that. You're not part-time!" abruptly said Councilman David Mellecker. "You're and elected official!"

"You're right. I am elected however, so are you! But you don't have to answer to the Elections Board, File Commission, Public Records requests, etc. I do!" answered Knagge.

Council President Ken Bass quickly shut the discussion down and recommended that the council think about the things that were said. They will be discussed at the next meeting.

"I wasn't trying to point fingers, get money for myself or even help for that matter," added Knagge. "I just care about my town. I know when I came in here to work I didn't know anything and there was no one to show me. After five years and numerous classes, I'm getting there and have gotten many things up to date. I'm just saying, if I'm not here and Mike (Williams) was to retire, there is no one again that knows how to do any of work involved. It needs to be discussed at some point."

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, February 5 at 7 p.m.

BES Participates in Competition





Bryceville Elementary School's Lego Robotics Team recently participated in their first competition. The event was held at the Edward Waters College in Jacksonville. The team had a few problems at first but with the help of other teams, they got their robotics working great! The object of the event, after all, is team work and they passed with flying colors! They all had a great time!

Come Support Your Local Youth Emergency Team

In September, 4-H and Nassau County Emergency Management launched a new, innovative program: Youth Emergency Team (YET). There are 18 youths from ages 10-17 who have dedicated over 40 hours of their time to learning skills necessary to volunteer during emergencies. Skills include hands-only CPR, search and rescue, first aid and even animal sheltering.

The YETies will be graduating Saturday, January 20 at 6 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center located in Yulee.

The public is welcome to attend and support your new local youth heroes. The YETies will deliver valuable PSAs about preparation and three have volunteered to give personal reflective speeches.

Please attend the event and support these youth as they have worked very hard to learn how to help YOU when disasters strike. No RSVP necessary!

If you are interested in learning more about fun, hands-on learning opportunities available to your children or the youth you work with, contact Nassau County 4-H at 904-530-6353.

Games at the Callahan Library

Get Your Game On at the Callahan Library has a NEW TIME! Beginning Friday, January 19, board-gaming will begin at 3 p.m. Get Your Game On is a relaxing and fun way to start your weekend with your friends at the Callahan Library by playing games, doing puzzles and more! Available most Fridays when the Library is open.

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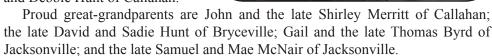
New Beginnings and Milestones

Greyson Fames McNair

Jimmy and Devin McNair, of Callahan, are pleased to announce the birth of their son Greyson James McNair. Greyson was born August 23 at 8:26 a.m. at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville. He weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Mike and Karen McNair of Jacksonville.

Maternal grandparents are Lee and Debbie Hunt of Callahan.



Greyson was welcomed home by his big brother Gavin!



Ms. Surrency and Mr. Rollings Announce Engagement



Keith (son of the bride-elect) and Abigail (daughter of the groom-elect) are very excited to announce the engagement of their parents, Elizabeth Surrency and Andrew Rollings.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Riley and Sherry Surrency of Bryceville.

Andrew is the son of Lee and Kay Rollings of Jacksonville.

The very happy couple have not set a date as of yet, but Elizabeth and Andrew along with their children and the rest of

their family are looking forward to having a beautiful wedding soon.



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Mr. and Mrs. Fack Lewis Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Jack and Barbara Lewis, of Hilliard, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 9. They were married January 9, 1968 in Kingsland, Georgia. Jack worked for years and retired from American General Life Insurance Company in 1998. Barbara retired from teaching with the Nassau County School Board in 1997. Barbara enjoys scrapbooking, crafting and sewing in her spare time. She is constantly reading Christian literature and serves as her church's librarian.



Jack spends most of his time working around their property and reading the Bible. They are both active members of Ephesus Baptist Church and enjoy participating

in church activities.

They commemorated their 50th Anniversary by going on an 11-day cruise in November that included visiting six countries (Columbia, Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, Belize & Mexico) as well as cruising through locks in the Panama Canal. On Saturday, January 13, the couple gathered with loved ones to celebrate their five decades of devotion to one another. The couple credits their long union to keeping Jesus Christ first and foremost in their marriage. Congratulations!

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That's a Big Snake

Recently, Mercer, of Callahan. received a call from Florida Fish & Wildlife. Frank is registered with them as a wildlife trapper. He received the call in the early morning hours about a resident in Fernandina Beach who needed help. It seemed the resident had gotten up early in the morning to let their Chihuahua out to go to

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the bathroom. The resident went back in the bedroom, laid down and fell asleep. Unknowingly, they left the door open. The Chihuahua made its way back to the bedroom however the homeowner was awakened by a loud noise. They investigated enough to know it wasn't a person but an animal. Quickly, they ran back to their room, closed the door and put towels under the door and called Florida Fish & Wildlife, who in turn called Frank.

When Frank arrived, he called the homeowner to let them know he was there. They told him they thought the animal of some kind was in the kitchen. During his search, Frank located a 6 ½ ft. Diamondback Rattlesnake with 10 rattles and 1 button. He

killed the snake and removed it from the house.

"This was an old snake that had been roaming around that area for a while," said Frank. "The people were lucky that it didn't get the dog. Once it was in the home it was disoriented and started trying to find the way out. I'm glad I got it before it got them!"

WN's Crosby to Play in Blue-Grey Game Monday



Kyler Crosby and his family would like to thank the West Nassau Football Program, West Nassau Booster Club and all who contributed towards Kyler's expenses for his upcoming trip to

Dallas to play in the East vs. West Blue-Grey All American football game. They

wish to give a very special thanks to Florida Infrastructure for their generous contribution which helped to cover a large portion of Kyler's expenses.

Kyler, along with family and friends, will travel to Dallas this Friday January 19. He will play on the East team and will have practices on Saturday and Sunday to prep for the game. The game will be held Monday, January 22 at 6 p.m. in AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys. The game will air on the Impact Football Network and ESPN. The teams are coached by former NFL players and Kyler is excited to meet his coaches and teammates. He is very proud and honored to have been selected to represent Nassau County.

Recruiters from all across the country will attend this game. Kyler

currently has multiple scholarship offers but has not accepted or committed to any college at this time. He will return back home to Callahan on Tuesday, January 23. Kyler is looking forward to enjoying this great opportunity and playing to the best of his ability

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Railroad Days Festival Coming in April

Mark your calendar! The West Nassau Historical Society has selected Saturday, April 21 for their signature fundraising Railroad Day Festival. The all-volunteer nonprofit's 13th Annual celebration is an all-day event held in and around the historic 1881 Callahan Train Depot and adjoining 1856 Florida Railroad bed. This year's celebration will include an exhibit of aviation history in Nassau County. Important dates and sites of significance in local air transportation will be on display inside the museum of local history section of the 137-year old wooden train station. The group will also celebrate the 30th anniversary of the late Victorian-style building's renovation. Since the date falls on Earth Day weekend, the group will also celebrate the fabled "Hobos" and their greenfriendly Recycle and Re-Use skills they used while riding the rails. Unlike years past, there will be no parade through downtown Callahan. The group in honor of politician David Yulee will host an old-fashioned campaign stump where local candidates can briefly speak about their aspirations.

The arts/crafts vendors and food vendors will be open all day and the kids' area will include a bouncy slide, climbing wall and Hobo Games. Local live entertainment will perform on the main depot stage. Callahan Cruisers, along with Cochrane's Collision Center next door to the depot, will host a classic car show. Antique engines, tractors and trains will be exhibited outside the depot while model train layouts will be on display inside the Depot Annex. This is an outdoor event so please bring your lawn chairs.

The West Nassau Historical Society is a non-profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to the preservation of Nassau County's rich and diverse history and entrusted with the upkeep of the historic Callahan Train Depot. Donations to the 501c3 organization are tax deductible in accordance to current IRS rules. Sponsors and volunteers are needed to help make this year's festival a success. For additional information on the 2018 Railroad Day Festival visit www.wnhsfl. org or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, sponsor, member, or donor call festival co-chairs John Hendricks or Emily Baumgartner at 904-879-3406.



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Q: How can you tell when citrus fruit is ripe? CT

A: I often get this question so I am repeating my answer from previous years. It is difficult to give



vou a specific time to know when your fruit is ripe because it differs per species and even per area. For instance, grapefruit ripens between November and March whereas many oranges ripen between October and January. Citrus fruit will not ripen after it is picked like apples or pears because citrus has no carbohydrate reserve so don't pick it too early. The best way to know when your citrus is ready to eat is to try one fruit at a time until the taste suits you. Often, the fruit will taste better once we have cold temperatures as the sugar in the flesh will be released. Most citrus fruit will change color from green to orange or yellow. One important exception to the color change is Emerald Green satsuma, the green rind doesn't change to an orange color but the flesh inside is ripe. Wrinkled or loose rinds around citrus in most instances, indicates the fruit has been left too long on the tree. The harvest dates of the most common citrus grown in Northeast Florida are: Satsumas ripen from October-December; Ruby red grapefruit ripens November-May; lemons ripen July-December: kumquats ripen November-April; Navel & Hamlin oranges ripen October-January; and Valencia oranges March-June. Although we have several

Garden Talk

Rebecca Jordi, UF/IFAS Nassau County Horticultural Extension Agent is a University of Florida faculty member. Mail questions to: Garden Talk, c/o Rebecca Jordi, Nassau County Extension, 543350 US Hwy. 1, Callahan, FL 32011 or email rljordi@ufl.edu

homeowners growing Valencia, it is risky because the flowers are forming during normal chilly temperatures and if freezes occur before the fruit is ripe then the fruit is often lost until the next

Q: Do I need to aerate my St. Augustine grass lawn every year? SH

A: The University of Florida currently doesn't have a lot to say about aeration on St. Augustine grass lawns as this type of warm-season grass generally doesn't require aeration if properly maintained. Proper maintenance is using 15-0-15 in small increments spring and fall. Never scalp or cut any of the grass blades too short. Removing too much of the grass blade directly affects the growth of the roots and reduces the nutrients available to the plant. Watering ½ inch to ¾ in at each irrigation works best for grass in full sun. Grass grown in less than 6-8 hours of sun receive less water and less fertilizer. At this point in time, we would not recommend aerating the grass unless there is some indication the soil below the grass is compacted. If the lawn grass needs renovation then aeration would be a good compliment to this process. The general rule for advising aeration is if the upper few inches of the soil is compacted and/or it is combined with different layers of soil textures. The process basically removes core sections of the soil completely. This should be done in the spring when the grass will have a chance to recover and rather than the fall as your landscape company suggested. Of course, if you live close to the coast and we have a mild winter then a fall renovation and aeration might be beneficial. The real problem with compacted soil is the inability of water and nutrients to penetrate the top surface of the soil to the root area. This diminishes what the roots can receive and can contribute to fertilizer run-off into retention ponds. According to the University of Florida's research, aerification does not remove excessive thatch and should complement, not substitute, for vertical mowing.

Q: Can I plant sod right now? SL

A: After these extremely cold recommendation temperatures, my

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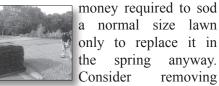
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would be to wait until later in the early spring when the plant will have time to put down roots. It will not make new roots when the temperatures are in the low 30's and high 20's. If you decide to sod it anyway, you may see all the grass blades turn brown if we get any other freezing temperatures. I would hate for you to invest the amount of



all the weeds right now and over-seed the area with annual rye. We do not recommend putting down perennial rye as it will later become a weed pest for you. Annual rye will give you the pretty green carpet you want and prevent erosion until you can put down sod in the spring. Early March should do it for you. Be sure to have your soil tested to be sure you make the appropriate St. Augustine grass cultivar selection and how smart of you to contact your local Extension office for sound advice!

Names, Addresses and all information appearing in the Police Reports are taken from the Sheriff's Department files and do not necessarily indicate guilt, only that arrests were made or charges were filed.

Friday, January 5

Coy Bryant McGee, 20, 37212 Pine Tree Drive #904, Callahan: Bradford County Warrant Driving While License Suspended/Revoked; Drug Possession/Use Tuesday, January 9

Thomas Brent Cockrell, 31, 43295 Ratliff Road, Callahan: Violation of Probation **Grand Theft**

Angie Meagan McKinney, 24, 45139 Arline Road, Callahan: Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Thursday, January 11

Christian Nicole Kurlin, 36, 64227 Hazel Jones Road, Callahan: Baker County Warrant Grand Theft 5K less than 10K; Possession Forged Altered Instrument

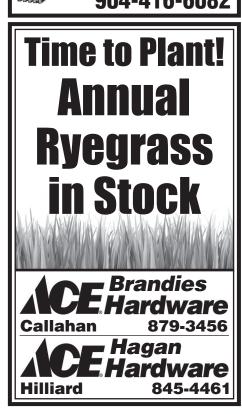






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LINDY EDWARD JAMES



Lindy Edward James, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away peacefully the morning of January 12 at his residence following a lengthy illness.

Lindy lived his life in such a way that he desired to glorify His Lord and Savior in everything that he did. God, family and serving in his church are the things that mattered to Lindy the most.

He was the son of the late Charlie Morris James and Mary Ann Cloer Davis. Lindy was born on November 5, 1927 in Brunswick, Georgia. Lindy, served his country proudly in the United State Army. After his service to his country he moved to Screven. In Screven, is where Lindy met the love of his life. While working on his future father-in-law's tobacco farm, Lindy met Delene Miller. On August 6, 1949, Lindy and Delene got married. For the next 68 years, Lindy followed God's command in Ephesians 5:25, to love your wife as Christ loved the Church. The marriage between Lindy and Delene was built on a Godly foundation and he loved to serve in his home Church. He was ordained as a deacon at Westside Baptist Church in St. Marys. He also served as a deacon while attending Browntown Baptist Church and Camp Pinckney Baptist Church. Lindy loved being a father and grandfather.

He is survived by his two daughters Kim (Donnie) Aldridge and Susan (Gino) Germani; two granddaughters Jennifer (John) Rose and Jessica (Jamie) Souter; his grandson Taylor Proctor; four greatgrandchildren Lindy and Garrison Rose and Jared Aldridge and J. C. Souter. Lindy and Delene's legacy also expands to the 19 foster children that they helped raise. He is preceded in death by his two brothers, Delmar Davis and Donnie Davis; and a sister Gloria Aldridge. Lindy is survived by four sisters Margie McCullum, Debbie (Hershel) Tyre, Delores Liles and Glenda (James)

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Smith; sisters-in-law Marie Sigman and Mailan Hendrix: a brother-in-law William Miller: and numerous nieces and nephews that fondly referred to him as Uncle Lindy.

After Lindy and Delene married, Lindy started his career with the railroad in Atlanta. After working in Atlanta for a few years, they moved to southeast Georgia where they made this area their home for the last 55 years. Lindy retired as a Railroad Engineer for Gilman Paper Company. He was very proud of the years that he served on the railroad.

Lindy, had a love for the outdoors, gardening, the Atlanta Braves and for woodworking. On his time off you could either find him in his shop working on the next project for one of his girls or grandchildren, or you could find him walking the rows of his garden. You would never find a weed in the rows of his potatoes! When his grandson was born his love to hunt and fish was reborn. You would find him spending numerous hours with him hunting and fishing.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 14 at Camp Pinckney Baptist Church with Reverend Tim Hall and Reverend John Walker officiating. The family received friends prior to the service at the church. Burial followed in the church

Pallbearers were Taylor Proctor, John Rose, Jamie Souter, Garrison Rose, Jared Aldridge, Lewis Smith and Del Davis. Honorary pallbearers were his Senior Men's Sunday school class at Camp Pickney Baptist Church and Keith Daniels.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Heartland Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com.

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

DENNIS McCullough



Dennis McCullough, 70, of Callahan, passed away on January 13. He was born on February 24, 1947 in Jacksonville to Charles and

Janet McCullough. He proudly served his country in the US Marine Corps.

He is survived by his son David (Erin) McCullough; daughters Michelle McCullough and Lisa (Michael) Livingston; grandchildren Cody, Haley, Gracelyn, Mirah, Waylon, Samuel, Taylor, Christina, Nicholas, Taylor and Brycen; great-grandchildren Jamie and Jackson; brothers Chuck (Pat) McCullough, Steve "Red" Crews and Mike (Dawn) McCullough; sisters Linda (Danny) Knight and Cathy "Kitten" McCullough; fatherin-law William Crews; seven nieces and four nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Gail McCullough; mother Janet Hartley; father Charlie McCullough; brother Mitchel McCullough; and grandson Billy Barwick.

A viewing will be held Wednesday, January 17 from 5-7 p.m. in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service will be Thursday, January 18 at 11 a.m. in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Melvin 'Cowboy' Cox, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at 1:30 p.m. in the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Red Crews, David Fox, Cody McCullough, Danny Knight, James McKorkel and Buddy Bryant.

Condolences may be expressed at www. nassaufh.com.

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

WARNER 'BUMP' PATE

Warner 'Bump' Pate, 76, of Hilliard, passed away on January 10. Mr. Pate was born on February 22, 1941 to Charles and Eva Pate. In addition to his parents, Mr. Pate is predeceased by his brothers Douglas and Dickie Pate.

Survivors include his wife Jeannette Haddock Pate; children Allen (Melissa) Pate, Eva (Robert) Byrd and Becky (Buddy) Cribbs; grandchildren Amanda (Quentin) Register, Brittany (Brian) Sloan, Dusty Pate, Bradley Cribbs, Casey (Meagan) O'Neal, Will Cribbs and Natalie Pate; his sister Charlotte (Bill) Abney; as well as lots of family and friends.

Visitation was held Friday, January 12 in the Chapel of Callahan Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 13 at Ephesus Baptist Church. Interment followed in Haddock Cemetery, Hilliard.

Condolences may be expressed at www. callahanfh.com.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

Myra Altman Scott

Myra Altman Scott, 70, passed away January 12 following a lengthy illness. She was born March 18, 1947 in Folkston, Georgia to the late Morris Evans Altman and Rema Louise Conner Altman. She attended Nathalene Primitive Baptist Church in Hilliard. She lived in Hilliard and Jacksonville most of her life working side by side in the drapery business that

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Spotlight on Nassau Gardens

Bill and Amy Decker have lived on the salt water marsh, as it enters the coastal waterway in Yulee, for about 9 months and really love it here. What a beautiful view they have from their home on the marsh. They call it their Magnolia Retreat House and enjoy inviting friends and family to visit. There is an enormous live oak growing out over the water. Back in the days of wooden ships the hulls of the ships were usually made with this very hard wood from the live oak trees. The walnut tree is quite interesting and it is unusual for a walnut tree to grow in this county. There is also a lovely hickory tree that is great for the squirrels who love the nuts. The enormous Magnolia Tree was called the

Mam Mam Tree by the former owners and is about 500 years old. The trunk was cut by lightening many years ago and during recent hurricane Irma there was a loss of many branches including several very large ones. On the trunk there is a hole called an ear that is the home of raccoons.

There are many seed pods surrounding the Hickory Tree. Later they produce red seeds that are all over the yard. In the photo of Bill, in front of Mam Mam, there is a Magnolia seed pod in his hand. The beautiful area filled with interesting trees also attract many birds including Bald Eagles, Egrets, Cranes, Eagles, Osprey Rosetta Spoonbills and many more. Dolphins are often seen visiting in the water. What a lovely

area with beautiful scenery, interesting wildlife and beautiful trees and plants. They will probably live there and enjoy it for a long time.



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her mother started over 50 years ago. She spent her retirement years spending time with her family. Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her daughter Keri

She is survived by her daughter Tami (Todd) Sandiford; four grandchildren Paige, Brooke, Haley and Faith Lynn Sandiford; five sisters Latrelle Murphy, Belva Lee, Deleine Hendrickson, Marcia Ellison and Tina Stoner; a brother M.R. Altman; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 15 at Nathalene Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Tollie Lee officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com.

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

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KATHERINE L. ZIMMERMAN



Katherine Leach Zimmerman passed away on January 13 at Quality Health Nursing Home in Fernandina Beach. Katherine was born on

July 30, 1935. She was 82 years young. She was a devoted wife, mother,

grandmother and friend. Before her life with Alzheimer's began, Katherine spent her days cooking for her loved ones, tending to her flowers and visiting with friends and neighbors. She was predeceased by her husband Leon Zimmerman; mother Inez Leach; and son David Rider.

She leaves behind two granddaughters Danyelle (Myles) Minchew and Danae (Justin) Higginbotham; and two greatgrandchildren Mylee Anne and Bryer Minchew.

A graveside service will be held Friday, January 19 at 11 a.m. at Hardage-Giddens, Riverside Memorial Park, 7242 Normandy Boulevard, Jacksonville.

Hardage-Giddens, Riverside Memorial Park and Funeral Home is serving the family.

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 beawalker105@gmail.com. For more information, call the Extension office at 904-530-6353.





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NCSO Narcotics Unit Conducts 'Operation: The Dedication'

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office announced the results of Operation: The Dedication, which was an operation to reduce illegal drug activity within Nassau County. Between June and November, 2017, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division conducted numerous undercover drug operations throughout Nassau County. Based on these operations 31 individuals were arrested for illegal drug activity.

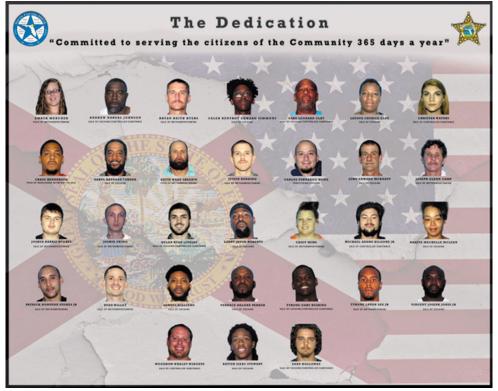
"The people who were involved in this operation are not just your casual drug user," said Sheriff Bill Leeper. "These are drug dealers and repeat offenders. If we successfully remove the drug dealers and repeat offenders crime goes down."

A total of 31 people were involved for various drug-related charges during Operation: The Dedication. Items seized were 98 pills; 218.63 grams of Cocaine; 32.43 grams of Methamphetamine; 972.85 grams of Marijuana; \$7,809 cash; a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria and a 2007 Pontiac G6.

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is continually seeking the community's help in reducing illegal drug activity and asks anyone who knows someone dealing illegal drugs to please let them know.

"If you are selling illegal drugs in Nassau County, your next sale could be the one that sends you to jail, so I would suggest you stop and go get a real job," added Leeper.

Those arrested during Operation: The Dedication were: Tyrone Gary Rushing, 27, Fernandina Beach, Sale of Cocaine, Sale of Controlled Substance; Latoya Catrice Clay, 30, Fernandina



Beach, Sale of Cocaine; Gary Leonard Clay, 53, Fernandina Beach, Sale of Cocaine, Sale of Controlled Substance; Woodrow Whaley Wingate, 39, Yulee, Sale of Controlled Substance; Daryl Raynard Turner, 53, Fernandina Beach, Sale of Cocaine; Vincent Joseph Jones, Jr., 46, Fernandina Beach, Sale of Cocaine; Bryan Keith Hyers, 43, Hilliard, Sale of Methamphetamine; Tyrone Lavon Lee, Jr., 27, Hilliard, Sale of Methamphetamine; Michael Andre Kilgore, Jr., 30, Yulee, Sale of Controlled Substance; Xavier Isaac Stewart, 22, Fernandina Beach, Sale of Cocaine; Terrace Dalone Parker, 40, Fernandina Beach, Sale of Cocaine; Nakita Mechelle McLean, 27, Fernandina Beach, Sale of Cocaine;

Dylan Ryan Livesay, 24, Jacksonville, Sale of Cocaine, Sale of Controlled Substance; John Edward McKnatt, 57, Jacksonville, Sale of Cocaine; Zane Holloway, 21, Kingsland, Georgia, Sale of Cocaine, Sale of Controlled Substance; Christina Waters, 23,

Jacksonville, Sale of Controlled Substance; Patrick Donovan Stokes, Jr., 29, Hilliard, Sale of Methamphetamine; Andrew Nareal Johnson, 46, Callahan, Sale of Cocaine, Sale of Controlled Substance; Caleb Bentroy Edward Simmons, 20, Fernandina Beach, Sale of Cocaine; Larry Javon Roberts, 40, Fernandina Beach, Sale of Cocaine; David Wade Shearin, 35, Yulee, Possession of Methamphetamine; Joseph Glenn Camp, 50, Fernandina Beach, Sale of Methamphetamine; Joshua Harris Hughes, 22, Hilliard, Sale of Methamphetamine; Samuel Williams, 30, Jacksonville, Sale of Cocaine; Justin Redding, 35, Callahan, Sale of Methamphetamine; Amber Mencner, 27, Hilliard, Possession of Methamphetamine; Craig Henderson, 26, Blackshear Georgia, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell; Ryan Willey, 27, Callahan, Sale of Methamphetamine; Joshua Swing, 33, Kingsland, Georgia, Sale of Methamphetamine; Casey Mims, 27, Hilliard, Sale of Methamphetamine; and Carlos Fernando Wong, 35, Fernandina Beach, Trafficking Cocaine.





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