

"GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, AN EVER-PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE." - PSALM 46:1

Welcome...Callahan Feed & Western Wear!

Dawn S. West

If you lived in Callahan any amount of time, you were familiar with Eason's Feed Store. Even if you didn't have animals, one time or another you at least passed by the store. Mrs. Eason decided to sell the store and local customer Kim Mott took the challenge to purchase it. She and partner Pete Fennel talked it over and closed the deal in December. Kim, Pete, their employees and many volunteers have worked day and night renovating the store portion of the



thru driveway, hopped out of their vehicle, gave their list to one of the men and went in and paid. When they returned the guys were loading their vehicles as they requested and the customer was out the door. It was a smooth as clock work. Another came and asked a particular question about one of their animals. They got the answer they needed and what they needed for that animal.

Ms. Betty and Sassy are normally at the register in the newly remodeled store. They both greet customers from the time they enter the building and ask, "How can I help you?"

building and organizing the warehouse the way they wanted it to be. Pete, who was Kim's boss for 17 years, has a fulltime job, however thought this adventure sounded like a good investment and a big change of pace for him!

The feed store has always been a familiar staple in Callahan. They aren't going to change a thing about the feed store except maybe some new products! They now have peanut hay and Larsen compressed alfalfa blocks (500-1,000 lbs.). Customers will still be greeted at the warehouse door and their feed, scratch and hay will be brought to their trucks. All the same employees remain: Ms. Betty, Sassy, Preston, Joey and Kyle along with Kim and Pete (from time to time).

While visiting the store last week, I was amazed by the flow of vehicles that pulled into the convenient drive-

Ms. Betty worked for Eason's since 2011. She has her own collection of animals and cares for each one of them. She pretty much can answer any question you have about your animal. She explained to me about Nature's



Nassau Art Show Impressive

If you didn't get a chance to go to the 6th Annual Nassau Art at the Callahan Depot, you certainly missed a chance to see some very impressive artwork. There was a variety of art from paintings to photographs to wood crafted art. The West Nassau Historical Society did a great job in arranging all

the pieces so that each was very visible throughout the depot. Students from West Nassau, Hilliard and Fernandina Beach High Schools also had some great pieces on display. Guests were allowed to choose their own 'people's choice' award by voting on their top three (3) art pieces.



At lunch, all the artists enjoyed a luncheon provided by the Historical Society in the annex. Following the lunch, the winners were announced. The pieces were judged by Pablo Riveria of Jacksonville, who currently has sculptures showing at the Southlight Gallery in Jacksonville. First place adult

winner received a \$50 gift card and the top four student artists were given a \$25 gift card.

The winners were:
Photography: 1st Place Hugh Graham, Towering Yucca; 2nd Place James Wideman, Man Working on Pipe Organ; and 3rd Place Evelyn McDonald, Hidden Figures

3D: 1st Place April Eason, Warrior Pride; 2nd Place Elizabeth Weigel, The Osprey; and 3rd Place Lester Simmons, Linda the Woman

Painting: 1st Place Ginger Bender, See 'Nassau Art Show' on page 2

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Nassau Art Show

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McGirts Creek; 2nd Place Gary Johns, Tatanka Great Bison; and 3rd Place Barbara Davis, Blue Iris

People's Choice Adult Division: Ginger Bender, McGirts Creek

Student Open Division: Best of Division: Jillian Cason, FBHS, Granpa Alan; 1st Place Kailyn Wofford, WNHS,



Hummingbirds; 2nd Place Michelle Hamilton, WNHS, Tom Petty; and 3rd Place Gage Perna, FBHS, Walking the Dog.

The winning artwork will be shown at the VyStar Credit Union in Callahan February 9-16 and Southeastern Bank in Hilliard February 16-23.

Jordi Addresses Ladies Group



Members of the Garden Interest group in the Amelia Plantation Ladies Association attended a presentation conducted by County Director/Horticulture Agent IV Becky Jordi. Jordi gave several tips to use in their gardens and landscapes.

If you have a garden club or community group that would like to request a presentation from Ms. Jordi, contact her at rljordi@ufl.edu, or call at 904-530-6351.

Letters to the Editor



In Response

Dear Editor,

I read with interest Marci McCosh's letter regarding a proposed revision of a Nassau County Animal Ordinance. Over the last several months, indeed those interested in bringing humane animal practices to Nassau County have presented abundant facts and empirical evidence to commissioners regarding

Not only the negative impact unattended tethering has on the behavior of an animal but also the negative impact it has on the image of a community, as well as the resulting challenges to public safety of its residents.

A focus of her letter is temperature. I invite you to visit this site to see facts relevant to temperatures requirements, primarily associated with dogs, the species being addressed in the revision.

<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/VA/VA-16-W>

I agree with one comment from Ms. McCosh, "...we cannot let a select few dictate our way of life." More fact...as of the 2010 census Nassau County is no longer considered "rural" based on the density of population

per square mile. Nassau County is now in the suburban category as being an extension of Jacksonville. The majority of the influx of expected new residents to Nassau County will be east of I-95. As we see these new residents arriving, we hear their surprise as to how little Nassau County has progressed relative to other areas on the animal anti-cruelty path. That "select few" she references is seemingly becoming west Nassau County, e.g. hunters, farmers, etc.

No doubt Ms. McCosh loves her animals but unfortunately animal shelters including NCAS are filled with malnourished, diseased, behavioral challenged animals, through no fault of their own. Inhumane animal care is a reality in Nassau County and unfortunately as statistics show, the majority of these animals entering the shelter are coming from west Nassau. Perhaps visiting the shelter might give her a better perspective about how irresponsible animal owners treat their animals. Per the facts, unattended tethering is a practice of irresponsible animal owners and that practice needs to end.


Respectively,
Rebecca Ayers

Clothes Collection Continues

Joel Pace Piano and his music students are collecting clothing for their clothing giveaways and homeless ministries! All sizes of gently used clothing and shoes are always needed and can be dropped off anytime at the studio at 14244 Pace Road, Jacksonville! For more information, visit: [facebook.com/joelpacepiano](https://www.facebook.com/joelpacepiano).



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3 carrots, peeled and chopped	

Preheat oven to 375°. Lightly grease a baking dish. Pierce the sweet potato several times with a fork and cut in half. Place in a microwave-safe dish; pour water to about 1/2-inch deep. Cook in microwave 10 minutes. Arrange the onion, apple, and carrots into the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Brush the barbecue sauce on both sides of the chicken breasts and lay atop the vegetables. Peel the sweet potato and cut into large chunks; scatter into the baking dish. Sprinkle the cranberries over the dish. Bake in the preheated oven until the chicken is tender and no longer pink in the center, 45 to 55 minutes. Allow to cool 5 minutes before serving.

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

With the illegal immigrants in this country being one of the hottest topics among the Washington elitists I have a few quotes from past and present elected officials that I agree with and thought I would share:

1. "I am adamantly against illegal immigrants. Certainly we have to do more at our borders and people have to stop employing illegal immigrants."

2. "We are a generous and welcoming people here in the United States—but those who enter the country illegally and those who employ them disrespect the rules of law. They are showing disregard for those who are following the law. We simply cannot allow people to pour into the United States undetected, undocumented, unchecked and circumventing the line of people who are waiting patiently and lawfully to become immigrants."

3. "All Americans, not only in the states heavily affected but every place in this country, are rightly disturbed by the large numbers of illegal aliens entering our country. The jobs they hold may otherwise be held by citizens or legal immigrants. The public services they use place burdens on our taxpayers. That's why our administration has moved aggressively to secure our borders more by hiring a new record of border guards. By deporting twice as many criminal aliens as ever before. By cracking down on illegal hiring, by barring welfare benefits to illegal aliens. We are a nation of immigrants but we are also a nation of laws. It is wrong and ultimately self-defeating for a nation of immigrants to permit the kind of abuse of our immigration laws we have seen in recent years and we must do more to stop it."

4. Speaker Boehner comes in and says, "...basically it's sort of like this: Someone goes into your house, takes your wife and children hostage and then says, let's negotiate over the price of your house." You know we could do the same thing on immigration. We believe strongly in immigration reform. We could say, "We're shutting down the government. We're not going to raise the debt ceiling until you pass immigration reform. It would be governmental chaos."


So why are the illegal immigrants so important to the Democrats? They had months and months of total control of Congress while Obama was in office. Why did they not do something then? The simple truth is that they do not care about the "people" whom are here illegally. While the Democrats were in control they felt emboldened, they had the country in their hands and they were enjoying life. However, now they have lost control and all of a sudden they have overwhelming compassion for the illegals. In reality, they still don't give a flip about the "people" but they see a need to boost their registered voting base so they can regain control.

As for the above listed quotes, 1) Hillary Clinton; 2) Barack Obama; 3) Bill Clinton; and 4) Chuck Schumer; and you all thought I never agreed with Democrats!

Now when the budget extension comes back up in February, we will have to see if ole' Chucky lies again when he shuts the government down unless there is major immigration reform. Remember, he did it last month! If he does, the first thing that needs to be shut down is the paycheck for every member of Congress.

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

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i></p>			<p>1 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Hilliard Town 7 p.m. NAMI Connections 2 p.m. Mickler St. County Bldg. TOPS Callahan 7 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m.</p>	<p>2 Hilliard VFW 10095 7 p.m. Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin</p>	3	
<p>4 AA Meeting 904-399-8535 7 p.m.</p>	<p>5 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Hilliard Hookers Knit/Crochet - 6 p.m. YOGA @ Callahan Garden Club 6:30 p.m. Callahan Town 7 p.m.</p>	<p>6 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Westside Republican Club 7 p.m. Hilliard Community Ctr. YOGA @ Callahan Garden Club 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7 AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings Parents of Addicted Loved Ones 6 p.m. Hilliard Library Dulcimer Jammers 10 a.m. Hilliard Library</p>	<p>8 AA Meeting 8 p.m. GNCCC Lunch & Learn Noon NAMI Connections 2 p.m. Mickler St. County Bldg. TOPS Callahan 7 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m.</p>	<p>9 American Legion Post 401, Hilliard 7 p.m. Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin</p>	<p>10 United Daughters of the Confederacy 11 a.m. Hilliard Library</p>
<p>11 AA Meeting 7 p.m.</p>	<p>12 AA Meeting 8 p.m. WN Genealogical Society 10:30 a.m. Country Star Quilt Guild 7 p.m. Kelly's RV Clubhouse Hilliard Hookers Knit/Crochet - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>13 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Gardening Club of Hilliard - 7 p.m. Lions Club 7 p.m. YOGA @ Callahan Garden Club 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14 AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings 6 p.m. Hilliard Library Dulcimer Jammers 10 a.m. Hilliard Library Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15 AA Meeting 8 p.m. NAMI Connections 2 p.m. Mickler St. County Bldg. TOPS Callahan 7 p.m. Hilliard Town 7 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m.</p>	<p>16 Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin</p>	17
<p>18 AA Meeting 7 p.m.</p>	<p>19 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Hilliard Hookers Knit/Crochet - 6 p.m. Presidents' Day</p>	<p>20 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Bryceville Club 11 a.m. Library Advisory Board Meeting 3 p.m. - Bryceville Callahan Town 7 p.m.</p>	<p>21 AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings 6 p.m. Hilliard Library Dulcimer Jammers 10 a.m. Hilliard Library Nassau Single Senior Citizens The Pig BBQ 1 p.m.</p>	<p>22 AA Meeting 8 p.m. NAMI Connections 2 p.m. TOPS Callahan 7 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m. Historical Society 6:30 p.m. @ Depot</p>	23	24
<p>25 AA Meeting 7 p.m.</p>	<p>26 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Friends of the Hilliard Library 7 p.m.</p>	<p>27 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Lions Club 7 p.m. YOGA @ Callahan Garden Club 6:30 p.m. Dulcimer Jammers 5-8 p.m. Hilliard Library</p>	<p>28 AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings 6 p.m. Hilliard Library Dulcimer Jammers 10 a.m. Hilliard Library</p>	<p>QUIT SMOKING YOUR WAY! FREE tools and services to help you! FREE 2-hour class will be held Wed., Feb. 7 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Barnabas Center, 1303 Jasmine St., Ste. 101, Fernandina Beach. To register call (904) 482-0189.</p> <p>The American Legion Post 401 meets the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. at their post, 554084 US Hwy. 1, Hilliard.</p>		

LANDSCAPE MATTERS

On Wednesday, February 7 at 10 a.m. Nassau County Master Gardener Carol Ann Atwood will conduct a Landscape Matters Rose class at the Yulee Extension office. The class will include a pruning demonstration and discussion of diseases, remedies, irrigation, varieties, colors, fertilizers, arrangements, when to cut for arrangements, conditions for success, different grades, knock outs vs Hybrid teas, how to plant, and soil amendments. The class is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Extension office at 904-530-6353.

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Adam and Eve in the most perfect of conditions, social environment, and parent (God Himself), just could not agree with the Lord by staying far away from that naughty fruit.

Even Moses said "no" to God when he was told what to do to provide water because he was so mad at those ungrateful folks.

David was a man after God's own heart but he wouldn't say "no" to sin and "yes" to God's way when he was avoiding work and looking into his neighbor's property.

Peter wanted to be 'yes' man but he would go the wrong way and run into the Lord with a 'no.' You and I are no different. At times we can muster up a fickle 'yes' and 'no'. But we fall short of what the Lord has asked of us.

There are a couple of verses in 2 Corinthians 1 (19-20) that tell us that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, was not 'yes' and 'no', but in Him it is always "YES"! In Jesus we find the position of relationship and power to say 'yes' to God in all that He wants done. In fact, verse 20 tells us, "all the promises of God find their 'yes' in Him."

You know what? We need Him to be our YES to God. But we also need Him to be the YES for our lives. We all need to be in the right line with God and His will so that we find that long awaited affirmation that we are ok, we are what God wants and approves. Not because of what we have done. But because we affirm what God has done in Jesus for us and through us; we give Him our Amen!

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Jacob Hagan Promoted to Director of Store Operations

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Jacob Hagan began his career with Hagan Ace Hardware in 2005



as a lumber yard/receiving associate and was most recently the store manager at their Hilliard location. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from University of North Florida in 2009. Throughout his career, Jacob has shown initiative to advance within the company at several

Hagan Ace locations, learning multiple skillsets. We are confident that Jacob possesses the knowledge and versatile experience to successfully lead the stores into a new era, as the ever-changing hardware industry advances.

About Hagan Ace Hardware: Hagan Ace Hardware is a member of the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the industry. Hagan Ace Hardware began as a single store in 1962. Now, four generations and 56 years later, the business continues to grow, and today has eight locations, including stores in Hilliard, Glen St. Mary, Mandarin, Orange Park, St. Augustine, St. Augustine Beach, Palatka and Green Cove Springs.

For more information on Hagan Ace Hardware, visit www.haganace.com.

Symphony Musicians Visit HES



A percussion duo from the Jacksonville Symphony visited and performed recently for students and faculty at Hilliard Elementary School. The students couldn't help but tap along as they played numerous percussion instruments such as the snare drum, congas, marimba and more. This program was made possible by ARIAS.

CHURCH NEWS

Hilliard Pentecostal Full Gospel Church will have a BAKE/YARD SALE and hotdog lunch Sat., February 3 at 8 a.m. New Year - New Treasures! For more information call (904) 845-8186.

Lifeline Concerts presents The Kingdom Heirs (from Dollywood), The Harper Brothers & The Rainey's; Sat., Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at Parkwood Baptist Church, 7900 Lonestar Rd., Jacksonville; \$10.10 admission at the door. For more information call (904) 472-7865.



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FBLA Students Compete in Districts



For the second straight year, over 60 Nassau County Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students qualified to move to state level competitions after winning numerous events at the district competition. The district consists of chapters from Baker, Duval, and Nassau counties. The state competition will be held in Orlando March 16-19.

Improving on last year's record, 35 Nassau County students took first place in individual events and 7 teams made up of 2-3 student won team events. Another 29 Nassau students garnered 2nd place finishes.

"It's great to have another successful district competition in the books," said FBLA Director and WNHS Advisor, Joyce Finley. "Last year Nassau County had its best year ever at both the district and the state competitions. We had a few more individual winners at district this year, so hopefully this trend will continue."

In addition to Finley, the Nassau District's FBLA advisors are as follows: Michele Stamps (HMSHS), Brian Simmons (WNHS Co-Advisor), Jennifer Reynolds and Patrick Schinella (YMS), Nicol Stewart (YHS) and Stephanie Landtroop (FBHS).

Below is a list of all of Nassau County's FBLA District Champions:

3-D Animation Team 1, Ben Lewin, WN, 1st Place; 3-D Animation Team 1, Caleb Fahlgren, WN, 1st Place; Agribusiness, Cameron Driggers, HHS, 1st Place; Client Services, Carlene Tompkins, WN, 1st Place; Entrepreneurship Team 1, Kameron Witt, WN, 1st Place; Entrepreneurship Team 1, Luke Libby, WN, 1st Place; Hospitality Management Team 1, Caleb Dunlap, HHS, 1st Place; Hospitality Management Team 1, Colleen Geiger, HHS, 1st Place; Hospitality Management Team 1, Violet Knight, HHS, 1st Place; Insurance & Risk Management, Emily Rhoden, HHS, 1st Place; Introduction to Business Presentation Team 1, Ashton

Wiggins Sets Record at WNHS

West Nassau sophomore Claudia Wiggins has set a new record for most goals scored in a soccer season. The previous record was set by Taylor Allen three years ago with 35 goals. Wiggins broke that record and now holds the new record of 39 goals.

As a freshman last year, she had 32 goals. Wiggins' main position is Center Striker, however in the last 3 games she asked her coach to move her back to midfield to help her teammates score goals. Wiggins had many assists this year. Her humble personality reflects off and on the field. "Beating the record for most goals scored was awesome, but I also love to be able to set up my teammates to make goals too," said Wiggins. "Some of which had never scored before."

She is sad the season is over, but is looking forward to coming back stronger next year as a junior!



Bacon, WN, 1st Place; Introduction to Business Presentation Team 1, Destiny Armstrong, WN, 1st Place; Introduction to Business Presentation Team 1, Lacey Libby, WN, 1st Place; Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure, Autumn Tate, HHS, 1st Place; Management Decision Making Team 1, Dalton Kato, WN, 1st Place; Management Decision Making Team 1, Philip Johnson, WN, 1st Place; ML Introduction to Business Communication, Avery Johnson, HHS, 1st Place; ML Introduction to Computer Science & Coding, Andrew Huber, HHS, 1st Place; Public Service Announcement Team 1, Kylie Trouille, HHS, 1st Place; Public Service Announcement Team 1, Lauren Chance, HHS, 1st Place; Public Speaking, Arriell Drayton, WN, 1st Place; Securities & Investments, Grant Graves, HHS, 1st Place; Social Media Campaign Team 2, Jessica Howard, WN, 1st Place; Social Media Campaign Team 2, Madison Lane, WN, 1st Place; Spreadsheet Applications, Claudia Romay, HHS, 1st Place; Word

Processing, Chloe Arnold, HHS, 1st Place; Accounting II, Dylan Rhoden, WN, 2nd Place; Agribusiness, Megan Barrera, HHS, 2nd Place; Broadcast Journalism Team, Kiersten Wright, HHS, 2nd Place; Broadcast Journalism Team, Raven Stroud, HHS, 2nd Place; Business Communication, Angel Howard, WN, 2nd Place; Business Plan Team 1, Alexis Copher, WN, 2nd Place; Economics, Morgan Manier, WN, 2nd Place; Health Care Administration, Emma Lewis, HHS, 2nd Place; Help Desk, Elli Copher, WN, 2nd Place; Introduction to Business Communication, Dravyn Hill, HHS, 2nd Place; Introduction to Financial Math, Joshua Fahlgren, WN, 2nd Place; Personal Finance, Cathryn Pickett, HHS, 2nd Place; Sports & Entertainment Management Team 1, Courtney Hengerer, WN, 2nd Place; Sports & Entertainment Management Team 1, D'lyn McCellan, WN, 2nd Place; and Spreadsheet Applications, Josi Connors, WN, 2nd Place.



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Notice of Animal Control Meeting

The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners has received citizens' requests to consider changes to the Animal Control Ordinance (Ordinance No. 200458, as amended). The requested changes would prohibit unattended tethering and transportation of unsecured animals in the bed of pick-up trucks. The Board designated a Fact Finding Committee to conduct meetings and receive public comment. The meeting agenda may be found at www.nassaucountyfl.com. The Public is invited to be present and be heard. The Fact Finding Committee will conduct meetings on the following dates:

- **Thursday, February 8** at 6 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee
- **Thursday, February 15** at 6 p.m. at the Callahan Multi-purpose Building, 543350 US Highway 1

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Youth Leadership Nassau News



Lauren Merritt

On January 18, the 4-H program of Youth Leadership Nassau, a countywide program dedicated to strengthening the leadership abilities of future leaders of Nassau County, visited the Rayonier

their life. Entrepreneur, Wes Goode, owner of Savory Market, encouraged students to support local businesses within Nassau County. Students were able to learn skills of local entrepreneurs within Nassau County.



Headquarters located in the new development of Wildlight. Students were given the chance to learn the rich history of Rayonier and the positive impact it has had on Nassau County. Students toured Wildlight Elementary and were able to see, firsthand, the advanced technologies of the school.

After touring Wildlight and Rayonier, students spoke with many employees of Rayonier. The employees of Rayonier answered questions and shared their story of how Rayonier helped shape



If you would like to hear more information about Youth Leadership Nassau or any other 4-H programs, please contact the 4-H office at (904) 530-6353.

Help Save My Parents Home

Editors note: If you have lived in Callahan very long, you are familiar with 'Billy' who works with the Town of Callahan Public Works Department. Billy has been a faithful employee of the town for years. He is the smiling face that is fixing troubles on the water lines during the night or a busted line in the middle of town. He is a familiar face at local restaurants at lunch and is a friend to all. Billy has helped out many people when they were going through rough times. He has worked hard at the ballparks when his children were growing up. Unfortunately for Billy, he has run into hard times and at no fault of his own. He was only trying to improve his home and got taken. Following is a brief story written by his daughter about the troubles that was posted on Facebook and on their GoFund Me account: Help Save My Parents Home.



Erica Carroll

My parents' names are Billy and Angie Everly. They have been married for 27 years and are residents of Callahan. They have worked very hard for what they have now and are at risk of losing it all because of a crooked company. My parents paid a contractor by the name of American Solar Energy, LLC to install solar panels on their property some time last year. They had to put a lot of money into this, including hiring someone else entirely to finish the installation, because American Solar Energy, LLC did not even complete the job, despite being paid to do so.

On top of that, American Solar Energy, LLC, it turns out, did not pay the sub-contractors and filed for bankruptcy when approached to do so. The sub-contractor attempted to make a deal with them to settle the debt, but could

never get a response. Now my parents have been summoned to court because a mechanics lien has been placed on their home. They have been given two weeks to come up with \$8,400 or they are going to lose their home. We have spoken with numerous attorneys and even the news to see if there is any way around this. Unfortunately, under Florida law this is somehow perfectly legal.

Many of you know my father, Billy Everly, who works for the Town of Callahan. He has helped numerous people in the community when they have needed it, but he now finds himself in need of your help. Please donate if you can. My parents would definitely do the same if the roles were reversed. (American Solar Energy, LLC did this to several other families too. However they are not to be confused with another company with a similar name, American Solar Energy Systems, Inc. They are a separate company and have shown my parents nothing but kindness. Unfortunately, they have gotten a lot of bad rap from people mistaking them for American Solar Energy, LLC.)

Donations may be made to the GoFundMe account at: Help Save My Parents Home or checks or cash may be brought to the Westside Journal office for Billy and his family.

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NCCOA Board of Directors Appointments

Barbara Gingher, Chair, Nassau County Council on Aging (NCCOA) Board of Directors, is pleased to announce two appointments to the agency's board.



Susan Milana retired for the second time from Communities In Schools (CIS) of Nassau County, in 2016, after serving 14 years as its Chief Executive,

dedicated to assisting struggling students succeed in school, graduate and prepare for a positive and productive life. She was also a national trainer for CIS and served on national development teams in career planning, marketing and development. Prior to joining CIS Nassau, Susan served as a vice president for well-known corporations, including T.J. Maxx, PepsiCo, Pizza Hut International and Dollar General Stores. As a consultant, Susan provided coaching to executives and consulted on a variety of projects including new business development, branding, human resource strategy and change management. Susan is married to Francesco Milana, The Singing Chef, and is his partner in providing a total

dining and entertainment experience for clients in their homes in Northeast Florida.

Ken Saitow has more than two decades of healthcare consulting experience providing performance improvement solutions for leading healthcare organizations across the country. He is currently the CEO of CareWire, a mobile patient engagement company. Prior to this position, Ken was a Managing Director at Huron Consulting Group, an Owner of Stockamp & Associates, Inc. (purchased by Huron) and a Partner at Accenture. He currently serves on the



Board of Directors at Connance, Inc., a healthcare predictive analytics firm. While living in Macon, Georgia, Ken was the board chair for both the Navicent Children's

Hospital Board and United in Pink, an organization devoted to serving breast cancer survivors. Ken and his wife, Lisa, lived on Amelia Island for a year in 1993, and returned as fulltime residents in 2014. They have a daughter, Maury, who lives and works in Dallas.

POLICE REPORTS

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.

Tuesday, January 23

Edward Jeffrey Coyle, 25, 450313 SR 200, Callahan: Failure to Appear Leaving Scene with Injury; Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

Wednesday, January 24

John David Clark, 35, 55501 Mt. Olive Road, Callahan: Violation of Probation Possession of more than 20 grams Cannabis

Westside Republican News

The next meeting for the Westside Republican Club will be Tuesday, February 6 at 7 p.m. at the Hilliard Community Center. The topic will be Impacting the 2018 Election Year with guest speaker Supervisor of Elections Vicki P. Cannon.

The 2018 elections are upon us! This election cycle promises to be both exciting and significant as many local, state and federal offices will be on the ballot this year. Accordingly, there will be numerous opportunities for the Club (and Club Members) to have a positive impact on the election cycle this year. In order to prepare for what lies ahead, we have asked our Supervisor of Elections, Vicki P. Cannon, to be the guest speaker. She will update us on matters such as voter registration deadlines, who can vote in closed and universal primaries, early voting, current voter registration numbers and voter participation patterns in the general election. Vicki's presentation will be followed by a brief update on events currently being planned for 2018 and a consideration of how the Club can build upon our previous successes.

Reagan Day Barbecue:

We are getting an early start on preparing for the Reagan Day Barbecue

this year! Wanda Arnold has graciously agreed to chair the event this year and is working very hard to make this the best Reagan Day ever. Presently, we are looking at holding the event late May or early June (depending on our keynote speaker's schedule) at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds. As soon as the speaker/date is confirmed we will let everyone know. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Wanda or Chris Kirkland with any suggestions you may have regarding the event.

Membership Renewal:

Membership dues will need to be renewed at February's meeting (as we did not meet in January). We have two types of membership: Active and Associate. Active members have voting privileges and need to be registered Republicans who reside in Nassau County: Membership dues are \$10 per year for Active members. Associate members do not have voting privileges and only need be registered Republicans who do not reside in Nassau County: Associate Member dues are \$5 per year. Please get with Treasurer, Shirley Graham or Chris Kirkland, at the February 6 meeting (or at a later date if you can't make this meeting) in order to renew or become a new member.

PLANT CLINIC

On Monday, February 5 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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SUSAN LESLEY BRADFORD

Susan Lesley Bradford, 64, of Callahan, passed away December 22, 2017. Susan was born December 28, 1965 in Tucson, Arizona. She grew up in Michigan and Virginia where she was active in both sports and volunteer work. She graduated high school in Woodbridge, Virginia and received her certifications and licensing for Tax Preparation and Counseling in Southern California. Throughout her career she traveled extensively and finally settled in Florida with her daughter. Susan will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her for her contagious laugh, easy smile, gracious manner and genuine-loving spirit. Her sudden passing leaves us all at a loss for words to explain our emptiness.

She is survived by her daughter Felicity Nicole 'Nikki' Goins-Bradford; granddaughter Raelynn Boaz; and Nikki's fiancé and Raelynn's father, David Boaz; her mother Kathleen Bradford; father William Bradford; brother Lynn Bradford; sisters Catherine Evans and Dian Joy; as well as aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

ALMA STOKES CARROLL



Alma Christine Stokes Carroll, 84, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on January 24. Alma was born on January 20, 1934 at St. Vincent's Hospital Jacksonville to Louis A. Stokes and Lettie I. Stokes Cowart Lain. She married the love of her life on April 24, 1954. Alma enjoyed spending her time with family and friends. You could find Alma at Hardee's in Callahan with three generations of family most Sunday mornings. Alma was a member of the local Cherokee's of Georgia and loved to spend time at the Indian Grounds especially during the annual Pow Wow. Her favorite times were spent within a five mile radius of her house at the houses of her family. Alma will be missed and remembered by all the people whose lives she impacted over the last 84 years.

Alma is survived by her loving husband and best friend, Clifford W. Carroll; daughters Carmen 'Connie' (Gordon) Hall and Catherine 'Cathy' (Dennis) Anderson; God child Karen Bishop (Richard) Wilfong; grandchildren Gordon 'Eddie' (Sherrie) Hall, Nancy Lynn (LJ) Walters, Terisia Michelle (Shaun) McKelvy, Elyse Danielle Anderson; and great-grandchildren Kinley Hall, Dallas McKelvy, Nolan McKelvy, Lauren Walters, Hannah McKelvy, Lainey Walters and Austin Walters; and several nieces and nephews and many dear friends which she adored.

OBITUARIES

Visitation was held prior to the funeral service held Saturday, January 27 at Nassau Funeral Home with Brother Charlie Holmes officiating. Burial followed at Jones Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

SHIRLEY SHAVE GARVIN



Shirley 'Shirrie' Shave Garvin, 77, of Jacksonville Beach, passed away Saturday, January 20 at Beaches Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville Beach. She was born April 27, 1940. She was predeceased by her parents Leighton and Shirley Shave, Sr. of Callahan; and a sister Fay Coleman.

Shirree was employed by the Nassau County School Board as a first grade teacher at Callahan High School in the 60s.

The family received friends Wednesday, January 24 at Oxley-Heard. Graveside services were held Thursday, January 25 in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

JOHN CHARLES MARTINI



John Charles Martini, 74, of Jacksonville, passed away Thursday, January 25. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on October 4, 1943. John was a jack of all trades but his passion was truck driving. He was a truck driver for 57 years working for many companies in Jacksonville.

He is survived by his wife Debra Martini; five children Danny Martini, Sheila Martini, John Saul, Michele (Skyler) Batchelor and Kimberly (Johnathan) Leonard; nine grandchildren that he loved with all his heart, Michael Acors, Matthew Acors, David Leonard, Jeremy Henretty, Kelsie Leonard, Aubrie Leonard, Lukas Batchelor, Rylie Leonard and Easton Batchelor; and one great-granddaughter Caitlynn Acors.

The family received friends prior to the memorial service held Tuesday, January 30 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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JASPER CLAUDE MURRAY, JR.



Jasper Claude Murray, Jr., 81, went to rest in the arms of his Savior on January 20, after a brief illness. Mr. Murray was born to the late Jasper and Estelle Murray in Folkston, Georgia on June 23, 1936. He worked at Container Corporation of America in Fernandina Beach, for 43 years. He also served in the United States Navy for two years.

He married his best friend, E. Jean Murray on May 12, 1957 in Folkston. Jasper and Jean raised one child. He dedicated his life to the service of God and his family.

Jasper is predeceased by his parents Estelle and Jasper; three sisters Claudette, Lillian and Theresa; and one brother Dickie.

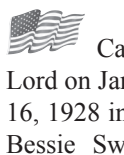
He is survived by his wife Jean; his son Claude (Sandra) Murray; his granddaughter Kristen; his grandson Timothy; two brothers Ronnie (Sue) Murray and Russell (Zada) Murray; one sister Jimmie (Chester) Thrift; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Monday, January 29 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 30 at Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Parnell Aldridge and Rev. Ray McMillan officiating. Burial followed in Traders Hill Cemetery with Rev. Stephen Jackson officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

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

FRANCIS XAVIER SWEITZER



Francis Xavier Sweitzer, 89, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on January 26. He was born on March 16, 1928 in Washington, D.C. to Harry and Bessie Sweitzer. He proudly served his country in the US Navy.

Francis is survived by his son Frank 'Skip' (Barbara) Sweitzer; daughter-in-law Bonnie Sweitzer; and grandson Jake Sweitzer.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ann Sweitzer; parents Harry and Bessie Sweitzer; and a son David Sweitzer.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, January 31 in the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations in his memory be made to Community Hospice, Acosta Rua in Jacksonville.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

EDWIN FANT TAYLOR



Edwin 'Peck' Fant Taylor, 84, of Glen St Mary, passed away at his home on January 23 surrounded by loving family. He was born January 12, 1934 in Carrollton, Mississippi to the late Sidney B. Taylor, Sr. and Hassie Mae Fant Taylor. Edwin married the love of his life Sarah Ashmore and together they raised five amazing children. He enjoyed a career in Air Product Sales and Maxwell House Coffee before retiring in 1995. Edwin was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting and coaching football. His favorite team to watch was Mississippi State. Edwin loved telling stories about his life and spending time with his family.

He is predeceased by his parents Sidney and Hassie Mae Taylor; daughter Freda Wiggins; brothers Sidney, Jr., Jack, Ben, Harry and Pat; sisters Ruth McKnight, Mary Ashmore, and Joyce Gorman.

Edwin is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Sarah Ashmore Taylor of Glen St. Mary; children Cathy (Bobby) Forsyth of Jacksonville, Bonnie (Terry) Murphy of Hilliard, Eddie (Glynnis) Taylor of Carrollton, Penny (Mike) Bass of Jacksonville; son-in-law Mike Wiggins; brothers Robert (Betty) Taylor and Marby (Sue) Taylor; nine grandchildren Kristi Wiggins, Robbie Forsyth, Ashley Forsyth, Buddy Bass, Keri Bass, Danielle Bass, Jessica Cutillo, Tyler Murphy and Trey Taylor; eight great-grandchildren Josh Wiggins, Chris Miller, Taylor Murphy, Stetson Cutillo, Brantley Bass, Brayson Bean, Jayson Bean, Faith Bass; and several loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Edwin's life was held Friday, January 26 at Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor Donnie Williams officiating. Interment followed at Gethsemane Memorial Gardens in Jacksonville. The family received friends Thursday, January 25 at the funeral home.

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which is equipped with all equipment necessary to make your workout count! You just have to put in the work! The Town of Hilliard recreation department also has an Olympic size swimming pool with an additional splash pad that opens during the summer for people to enjoy. Information on all the perks for the recreation department can be found by calling (904) 845-2733 or by visiting: www.townofhilliard.com.



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Who's Who in Robotics

WNHS RoboTech Warriors, FTC



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Bryceville Bots, FLL



Shown (l to r) back are: Mrs. Christina Zori, Myles Mullis, Dallas Spurgeon, Hailey Dilmuth, Micaleigh Absher and Coach Sue Butler. Shown (l to r) front are: Kailey Davis, Sophia Zori, Jaycee Leatherman and Saylor Grigoratos

CMS Robo Ramblers, FLL



Shown (l to r) are: Tristen Deditch, Carson Watts, William Califf, Joash Wollitz, Lexi Decker and Coach Chad Fencik

HMSH RoboFlashes, FTC



Shown (l to r) are: Christian Cagle, Dusty Williams and Nicolas Bieker

HMSH Flashes, FLL



Shown (l to r) back are: Walker Thomas, Coach Kristen Ray, Lucas Moore, Austin Dinwiddie and Devin Sapp; Shown (l to r) front are: HIGH SCORE PLUNGE AWARD Andrew Huber and Stone Dinwiddie

HES Boom Boom Unicorns, FLL



Shown (l to r) back are: Allison Jackson, Brody Lloyd, Corbin Poteet, Coach Lacey Lloyd, RJ Jackson and Wyatt Ray; Shown (l to r) front are: Luke Ray (with hat), Emma Dillard, Dakota Howard, Michael Fortier and Elijah Stewart

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This year, Nassau County High School teams have traveled to Jacksonville, Gainesville and Lake City to test their robotic prowess against other FTC (FIRST Tech Challenge) teams. The HMSH RoboFlashes, led by Christiana Morgan, and FBHS RoboPirates, led by Bradley Bean, smashed the other rookie teams in programming and mechanical design skills. The North Florida League Championship brought the alliance of YHS RoboStingers and the WNHS RoboTech Warriors together as they battled against the opposing alliance in the last round of the regional competition. While victory sided for their opponent's robot, both teams were winners. The Connect Award went to the YHS RoboStingers inspired by YHS rookie

coach, Carrie Hensley and the Inspire Award went to WNHS RoboTech Warriors led by Coaches Shari Braddock and Karol Siusta.

Nassau County sent seven FIRST Lego League (FLL) teams to tournaments in Jacksonville and Orange Park: Callahan, Hilliard, Fernandina Beach and Yulee Middle Schools and Bryceville, Hilliard and Wildlight Elementary Schools. The Fernandina Beach Middle School team, CHIK Hydo, and the Hilliard Middle Senior High team, Flashes, both won their competition and will compete for the Regional FLL Championship on Saturday, February 3, at the Prime Osborn Center in Jacksonville. The event is open to the public and will have robotic exhibitions for ages 6 to 18.

The Nassau County School District's robotics teams are sponsored by the Nassau Education Foundation and other donors. In 2015, the district first competed with a total of five teams. This has now increased to a total of eleven robotics teams, one in each middle and high school, and three in elementary schools.

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<p>110 lb Super Deal!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 lb Spare Ribs 20 lb Leg Quarters 10 lb Smoked Sausage 10 lb Fryer Drumsticks <p>10 lb Boneless Chicken Breasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 lb Pork Chops 10 lb Ground Beef 10 lb Beef Patties 10 lb French Fries <p style="text-align: right;">\$169.95</p> <p><small>Expires 2-6-18 WJ</small></p>	<p>Fresh Fryer Leg Quarters</p> <p>\$4.95 <small>10 lb.</small></p> <p><small>Expires 2-6-18 WJ Limit 2 With this coupon</small></p>	<p>BOGO Honey Cured Boneless HAMS</p> <p>\$14.95 <small>6 lbs.</small></p> <p>Buy One, Get One FREE</p> <p><small>Expires 2-6-18 WJ Sliced FREE!</small></p>
<p>Fresh Oysters</p> <p>\$65.00 <small>50 lb. Bag</small></p> <p>Best Oysters in Town!</p> <p><small>Expires 2-6-18 WJ</small></p>	<p>USDA Choice Angus Cowboy Steaks - 10 oz</p> <p>\$3.95 <small>each</small></p> <p><small>Expires 2-6-18 WJ With This Coupon</small></p>	<p>Small Pork Spare Ribs</p> <p>\$1.77 <small>lb.</small></p> <p>2 & 3 Packs</p> <p><small>Expires 2-6-18 WJ With This Coupon</small></p>
<p>Family Pack Country Style Spare Ribs</p> <p>\$1.97 <small>lb.</small></p> <p><small>Expires 2-6-18 WJ</small></p>	<p>Fresh Lean Ground Beef</p> <p>\$1.99 <small>lb</small></p> <p>Family Pack</p> <p><small>Expires 2-6-18 WJ With This Coupon</small></p>	<p>Assorted Cut Pork Chops</p> <p>\$7.95 <small>5 lb bag</small></p> <p><small>Expires 2-6-18 WJ With This Coupon</small></p>
<p>Chicken Breasts</p> <p>\$7.95 <small>ea</small></p> <p>5-6 lbs each</p> <p><small>Expires 2-6-18 WJ With This Coupon</small></p>	<p>2 lb. Bag Breaded Oysters</p> <p>\$12.95</p> <p><small>Expires 2-6-18 WJ</small></p>	<p>NEW ITEM!</p>

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Written by Pamela J. Soule, Enrolled Agent

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- Make certain you have **all your federal taxable and non-taxable income documents** to the first tax preparation appointment up to and including income sources like on this checklist:
 - Alimony received, if any
 - Casualty losses and insurance claims filed or collected due to Hurricane IRMA
 - Child support and/or Disability, IRA distributions or pay-ins, 1099-R Pensions, Railroad Retirement, Social Security, Veteran's disability, etc.
 - Higher education expenses and tuition statements Form 1098-T paid for anyone that is on your tax return as primary taxpayer, spouse, children, and other dependents... get the form from the school(s) of higher education attended
 - W-2 earnings statements of all your household members who had 2017 employers
 - All available 1098 and 1099 forms from any and all 2017 income or expenditure sources
 - K-1 forms from Limited Liability Companies - Partnership - S Corporations - Trusts, etc.
 - And for an even-better checklist you can just stop by our Callahan office and get your own copy of our FREE 2017 Tax Organizer for Individuals and small businesses (including self-employment, farming, fishing, over-the-road truckers, public safety officers, real estate investors and landlords, etc.). As an alternative, you can otherwise simply e-mail Tom@TomBlairEA.com and we will email you a copy if you so desire.

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