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HOMETOWN PEOPLE...HOMETOWN NEWS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

"DON'T LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. TRUST IN GOD, AND TRUST ALSO IN ME." - JOHN 14:1

In Response to School Shooting

Dawn S. West

In response to the horrible school shooting in south Florida, I can't help but think how many lives have been affected. Certainly the families and friends in the area, but also reaches throughout the nation, even right here in our little piece of Heaven, Nassau County. With those thoughts in mind, I contacted the Nassau County School Board to see if any meetings are scheduled to discuss making any changes concerning security at any of the schools or any changes that may be made. I was pleased with the response by Mr. Ray Poole, Chief of Legal Services for the School District, that assured me our School Board is aware

of the situation. His immediate response follows:

"Right now, we're assessing everything. We've got sworn law enforcement officers from the Sheriff's Office and FBPD working as School Resource Officers. We currently do two (2) lockdown drills per year, per school, and there are panic buttons at each school. We've also discussed providing training to staff/students about how to detect individuals who may pose a risk of harm, and steps for reporting such risks."

I'm sure more information will be relayed as decisions are made concerning our children's safety.

Fatal Accident Monday

A fatal accident occurred Monday afternoon that took the life of a local Callahan woman. According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, at approximately 1:10 p.m. a 2005 Jeep Cherokee driven by Christina Diane Bargeron was traveling north bound on By-Pass Road in Callahan. For unknown reasons, the vehicle traveled off the roadway to the right. The driver overcorrected back to the left resulting in loss of control. The vehicle crossed the centerline to the southbound travel lane and outside grass shoulder. The left side of the vehicle struck a tree before coming to final rest facing a northerly direction.

Bargeron was the former owner



of Christina's Shoppe. She was also a wonderful wife and mother. Our prayers go out to her family and friends at this difficult time.

Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final regular meeting of February. The first agenda item was a request for a septic tank exemption from Kimber Conley. Ms. Conley was requesting a septic tank exemption because there is no city sewer available at her property on Kristi Circle North. City water is available but not sewer. The council approved the request but also stated that this would be the last exemption (6) on Kristi Circle.

The next agenda item was Mr. Wayne Bishop, with engineered plat in hand, requesting approval from the council for his subdivided property at the corner of CR 108 and Eastwood Road. Bishop was before the council at the last meeting for over 45 minutes before a decision was made to tell him what to do. At that meeting, the council approved his request barring that he provided the council with an engineered drawing of the property with the plats measured and placed. After much discussion again, Town Attorney Reba Pearce recommended, "...we cannot approve this without going through the entire process. In Section 46-31 the code states, the plat must be approved by the

town engineer and attorney to review and then go back before the council," said Pearce. "This is the first time I've seen this. I also recommend we have a workshop to discuss exactly what needs to be done to make this happen."

"What we said at the last meeting, we cannot grant legally," said Councilman Kenny Sims. "We have to do it this way." The council decided to have a workshop Monday to discuss what needs to happen and give Mr. Bishop direction so he can move forward with his project.

The next agenda items were all ordinances which passed on first reading: Ordinance 2018-01 was approved which concerned changing the zoning designation from Town Zoning R-2, Single Family District; to Town Zoning R-3, Multiple Family District; for Block 153, Lots 1 through 24; located on the north side of West First Avenue, between Virginia Street and Georgia Street; by Franklin Properties, Inc. and Frances M. Layden, Jr.

Ordinance 2018-02 was approved

which concerned changing the future land use classification of that certain property consisting of 1.23 acres, more or less located on the west side of US Highway 1 at the corner of West Eighth Street from Low Density Residential Classification to High Density Residential Classification; amending the future land use map of the Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Hilliard; by Franklin Properties, Inc.

Ordinance 2018-03 was approved which concerned changing the zoning designation from Town Zoning A-1, Agricultural District; to Town Zoning R-3, Multiple Family District; for the 1.23 acre parcel more or less located on the west side of US Highway 1 at the corner of West Eighth Street; by Franklin Properties, Inc.

Ordinance 2018-04 was approved which concerned extending Ordinance 2017-05, known as the 'Medical Marijuana Moratorium Ordinance' approved and adopted by the town council for a period of six months from

March 1, 2018 – September 1, 2018.

Mayor Cris McConnell advised the council that he and Councilman Kenny Sims had looked over the System Development Charge capacity fee analysis report and realized there are so many details and the report is so involved, the two feel like it would be in the town's best interest to let the engineering firm handle the new report. The council approved having a new Capacity Fee Analysis Report done by Mittaurer and Associates at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.

Hilliard Volunteer Fire Chief Jerry Johnson approached the podium to request new furniture for the Fire Department living quarters. Johnson presented quotes from Gibson-McDonald Furniture in Callahan for a cost of \$1,775. The HVFD planned to use part of their donation money to pay for the furniture. The council approved the request.

Johnson also requested approval to purchase a new ice machine and also provided quotes. This purchase would also be bought with the estate donation money the department received. The council approved the purchase of a new

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Letters to the Editor

In Response

Dear Editor,

I just finished reading Ms. McCosh's response to Ms. Ayers letter regarding unattended tethering in Nassau County. I found Ms. McCosh's response very verbose and very one-sided. I moved to Callahan in 2004 from out of state and I found the west side to be way behind the times when it came to the care of their animals, both pets and farm animals. Ms. McCosh must not get out too often because I have seen horrific conditions on local farms, to include starving horses. Dogs and cats, and roosters, were being dumped every weekend into newly developed subdivisions on the west side. Many of these animals were very

emaciated.

Ms. McCosh might take great care of her animals but, she cannot speak for all west siders. Worst of all, she said she would place her trust into our elected officials when it came to farm animal versus pet care. Seriously? People have told me that our county government is based on who you know rather than what you know. I'm sure most of us west siders take good care of our pets and farm animals. However, there are many that don't and the new ordinance would like to address that issue. All it takes for evil to flourish is for good people to do nothing.

Deborah Blair

Hilliard Town News

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ice machine with a 250 pound bin for the cost of \$3,233.

Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Malucci advised the council that he currently has two people that he is working with to take the Silver Sneakers Instructor position. He's talking with two because their schedules are very difficult, however working with two they can get the classes worked in. Malucci also requested that the council allow him to have Spring Soccer even though he is supposed to have a

minimum of 50 players. "At this time, I have 30. I have run the numbers and we are still profitable at this number of players," said Malucci. The council approved the request.

Malucci also requested approval of employee Lauren Brooke Kelly's resignation as Kid Attendant. The council approved the request and Malucci is already advertising for a replacement.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 1 at 7 p.m.

In the Kitchen... Roasted Brussels Sprouts

3 tablespoons olive oil 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 1/2 pounds Brussels sprouts, ends trimmed and yellow leaves removed

Preheat oven to 400°. Place trimmed Brussels sprouts, olive oil, kosher salt, and pepper in a large resealable plastic bag. Seal tightly, and shake to coat. Pour onto a baking sheet, and place on center oven rack. Roast in the preheated oven for 30 to 45 minutes, shaking pan every 5 to 7 minutes for even browning. Reduce heat when necessary to prevent burning. Brussels sprouts should be darkest brown, almost black, when done. Adjust seasoning with kosher salt, if necessary. Serve immediately.

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Marine Corps Donates to 4-H



UF/IFAS Nassau 4-H Agents Kristen Poppell and Kelsey Irvine made a visit to members of the Marine Corp League and made a request for a grant to help fund 4-H programs. The successful presentation resulted in a \$1,000 grant. Marine Corp League members who participated in the decision (l to r) are: Ken Hawkins, Dave Hamilton, Joel Hart, John Pugliese, Paul Kicker, Mark Brummel and Cornel Huffman.

Rose Class Held



UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardener Shirley Lohman served as instructor for this year's Landscape Matters class on roses. In addition to a lecture portion, the class also included "field work" on site in the gardens at the Yulee Extension office. Several roses provided the opportunity to demonstrate proper structure of the shrub and how to inspect for insects. Several Nassau County homeowners came to the Landscape Matters class to learn more about the care and maintenance of roses for their home gardens. UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardeners Jacqui Galbreath (left) and Shirley



Lohman served as co-instructors for the Landscape Matters class. "Landscape Matters" classes are conducted by the Nassau Extension Service. The classes are free and open to the public. Select classes have optional hands-on projects that will have a modest fee. For more information about other classes, call the Yulee Extension office at 904-530-6350 (ext. 1) and speak with a Master Gardener on Fridays, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Or, call the office in Callahan at 904-530-6353, Monday through Friday.

Fish Talk

Get your Sheepshead on!

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

The bite is heating up and you don't want to miss out! Great reports have come in from all over our region. For many, fishing season starts during the Sheepshead run. With that said, make sure to secure your favorite baits. The El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament is around the corner so clams and fiddlers are sure to become extinct during the end of the month.

I've received several reports and have been sent many pictures of fish up to 10 lbs. already. Yes, most of the bigger sheepshead have been caught offshore but a few are coming from our local rivers. Don't be fooled, many double digit fish are caught inshore this time, every year. This weekend, look for a good outgoing bite. You'll need to focus on breaks in the current and behind bridge pilings. Keep a few larger weights handy in case you need more lead to stay in the strike zone. Focus on trees, bridges and rock piles. Once you find the fish... be patient and cover the area well. Chum legally when you can because the outcome is usually much greater. Use a standard fish finder rig or simply use a Reel Habit Sheepshead Jig.

Tip them with a live fiddler and slowly vertical jig them over submerged structure. These jigs allow us to feel the fish immediately. They are also hard to hang up and when fishing around structure, you know how often that happens. You can find them in Hooks & Horns in Callahan and Browns Creek Fish Camp. Support local, it's always appreciated!

The current tide prediction in Fernandina for Saturday, February 24 is: High Tide at 3:40 a.m. and a Low Tide around 10:31 a.m.

With the Sheepshead you'll find black drum and whiting as well. Also look out for the Illusive "Gator Trout" they may possibly be running, too, "wink wink"!

May you all have an awesome weekend, catch a lot of fish and I hope to see you on the water!

Correction:

In our story last week, 'The 50th Anniversary of the 27th Marines,' Mr. Fred Kreite was so kind to share the story with us. I incorrectly classified him as a Colonel, when he should have been a Corporal. My apologies, as I know how important ranks are in the military.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Circle of Hope, a support group for women diagnosed with cancer, will meet the 4th Thursday of each month (Feb. 22) from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Pinky Promise (Harper Rose Cottage), across from Callahan Elementary, 449595 US Highway 301, Callahan. To RSVP, call (904) 626-2855.

Bryceville Country Kids 4-H will hold a meeting Thurs., Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Brandy Branch Church, 1906 CR 121, Bryceville. 4-H is open to all youth ages 5 & up. For more information, contact Kristen Poppell at 904-530-6353. We hope to see you there!

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A Prayer and a Solution for a Broken World

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



Our world is a mess! That is an understatement. Is there any hope for the world? In light of the school shooting in Parkland, FL, there is no end to opinions about how to stop violence. Some of the proposals have included stricter gun regulations, banning violent video games, beefing up security in our schools, helping people with mental illness and equipping parents to be better at raising children. This list could go on and on. In compiling this list of solutions, there is a major flaw. The major flaw in all of these suggestions is that they are only symptoms of a greater problem. The greatest problem that all of us have is our own sin problem. There is a fix for all of this. That fix is the gospel.

In Paul's prayer for the Colossians in Colossians 1:9, Paul prays that the Colossians would be filled with the knowledge of God. The knowledge that Paul is speaking about is not an awareness of the truth about God. Paul is speaking about the type of knowledge that knows what the will of God is, but it also lives out the teachings of the Scripture. True knowledge is never purely intellectual; true knowledge is transformative. In order to understand what the world would look like if we were all filled with the knowledge of the will of God, we have to understand what the will of God is. The will of God is to, "...love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39.

If everybody lived their life according to the great commandment, we would almost have Heaven on earth right now. The only exceptions would include death, disease and natural disasters. There would be no more school shootings, there would be no more broken homes and people would live in harmony with one another. I don't know about you, but this sounds like a world that I would want to live in.

This is not the time for the people of God to go into hiding. The church is the only ultimate hope for the world. We cannot be content to have Christianity in our hearts, in the pew and in the home. This approach to the Gospel will leave the world without hope and the Great Commission will not be completed. The Gospel is the only solution for our world, because it is only through the Gospel that the root of all of humanities' problems are successfully diagnosed and cured.

CHURCH NEWS

Bethany Episcopal Church in Hilliard will be selling Spaghetti dinners Friday, February 23 from 5-7 p.m. at the church. The cost is \$8 per dinner which includes a salad and drink.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

Valentine's Day Treat



For Valentine's Day, Paul Stephens mailed a Valentine's Day card to his granddaughter Stella Stephens (almost 3 years old) and asked her for a date for dinner and ice cream. In a couple of days, she called and was very happy and said "Yes to ice cream."

When Paul went to pick her up, she met him at the door and said, "Granddaddy... Aren't I beautiful?" Off they went to a beautifully decorated table at R & R Wings in Hilliard for dinner and then to Five.5 Grille in Hilliard for ice cream. Following ice cream they took a trip to the playground park, enjoyed a moment with trains, rode by the baseball park and then launched a Chinese candle balloon. She told everyone she had an exciting and fun time that day. This was truly a wonderful memory for both of them and their families!

FSCJ Women's Cross Country Team Recognized

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) BlueWave Women's Cross Country Team was recognized by the National Junior College Cross Country Coaches' Association as second in the nation for the 2017 Women's Cross Country Academic All-Scholar Team. The team was added back into FSCJ's athletic offerings during the summer of 2017.

The rankings are determined the same way cross country meets are scored. The top five runners with the highest Fall Term compilation gave FSCJ a score of 3.916. Four of the five FSCJ GPAs selected were from student athletes who had earned a 4.0 during the term.

Additionally, the following members of the 2017 FSCJ BlueWave Women's

Cross Country Team received Scholar All-America awards: Gabriella Garcia (Bishop Kenny High School), Haley Grayson (Bishop Kenny High School), Nicole Maza (Mill Creek High School, Hoschtion, GA), Lynn John (FSCJ Adult High School), Kari Raae (Mandeville High School, Mandeville, LA), and Mary White (Bishop Kenny High School).

"The athletic and academic achievements this team has accumulated, both individually and collectively, is quite remarkable, especially in our first season to compete as a team," said Coach Jody Hale. "I am incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and look forward to their continued growth."

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Organ Donor...Why Not?

Dawn S. West

We have so many awesome people in our towns! Recently, Mr. Richard Young stopped by our office to share something with me. Mr. Young had previously shared that his son, Rick, had a serious kidney disease and was on the transplant list. Rick, who lives in Brigham City, Utah, had been on the transplant list for years. In fact in May 2017, when they found out how diseased his kidneys were, the doctors removed the kidneys, appendix and gallbladder all at once. Rick was on dialysis 11 hours a day. Rick had moved down on the transplant list because his other organs had grown so much, there wasn't room for a new kidney. He had another surgery to repair the problem and was moved back up on the list. His wife continually posted updates to social media on his condition and links of how to be tested to see if you might be a suitable donor.

An acquaintance of Rick's wife from work, saw the post and acted on it. He went through extensive testing and found out he was a match. He, himself,



went to their home to share the news. Rick received his new kidney right before Christmas and is doing great!

Why did Mr. Young share with me? Because he has a heart of gold for others! He, and I, and probably many of you know of people that need organs to live. Mr. Young wanted to make a plea to others to be an organ donor. You can do so on your driver's license. Just think... being an organ donor can save someone's life, and maybe your own!

Thank you, Mr. Young for sharing your wonderful story. We'll be praying for continued success and good health for your son and his family!

February Book Club

Some of our favorite book characters are furry, feathered, or even scaly! Read a book with an animal character for the Callahan Library Book Club's upcoming meeting Friday, February 23, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Human treats will be provided! The Callahan Library is located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15, Callahan, 904-530-6500 (#3), www.nassaureads.com.



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Some points include Joyal Health Care Services, Inc. concepts for local-to-Callahan adult assisted living care with a minimum of a 30-bed facility in its first phase of development.

We will provide sweet tea on site and an open meeting and conversation about this concept; but you are also welcome to purchase a hot meal if you wish for yourself.

Our basic concept will be country-oriented with eventual gardening, social activities, and accommodations for singles and couples that seek continuing personal independence in the event of "autumn of life" situations, including patient advocate services.

Local church leaders, interested local business owners, and any and all local citizens with interest are especially invited to learn more about this concept and our initial ideas and efforts toward this desirable adult assisted living facility in or near "downtown" Callahan.

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Congratulations to A1C Johanna Diaz who graduated from basic training at Lackland AFB San Antonio, Texas. Following graduation she attended Technical School at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas. Johanna is currently stationed at Nellis AFB serving as a Munitions Systems Specialist. She graduated from FSCJ with her AA Degree in 2016. She enlisted on January 2, 2018.

Johanna is the daughter of Gina and Mark Weisel of Callahan; and Mark and Hortencia Diaz of Wisconsin. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Alma Duncan; and Manuel and Carmella Diaz of Los Angeles, California. She has many family members here and across the country who are enormously proud of her for serving and protecting our civil liberties. May God bless her in her journey!



New Beginnings and Milestones

Aurora Faith Rehme



Jonathan and Shawna Rehme of Hilliard are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Aurora Faith Rehme. Aurora was born February 7 at 3:53 a.m. at UF Health North in Jacksonville. She weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Scott and Roberta Rehme of Hilliard.

Maternal grandparents are Steve and Stacy Collins of Jacksonville.

Proud great-grandparents are Rose McGraw, Nancy Darity, Marianne Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arn, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rehme.

*Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Townsend
Celebrate 57th Anniversary*

Thomas and Emma Townsend of Callahan celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary February 25. They met in Jacksonville and were married in West Florida in 1961. They have lived in Callahan for the past 45 years. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Thanks for all the Godly values you have instilled in us over the years. You are an inspiration to all of us. Happy Anniversary!

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70's Reunion is Coming!

The graduating classes from West Nassau and Hilliard High School who graduated in the 70's (1970-1979) plan to get together for an evening of fun and fellowship! The reunion will be held Friday, March 16 at Plantation Oaks Farm in Callahan from 4-10 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. Please indicate your year of graduation on your payment. Check, cash or money orders accepted. Monies can be mailed to:

David Thompson, 45220 Stratton Rd., Callahan, FL, 32011; or can also be brought to the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, Callahan. The deadline for payment has been extended until Friday, March 9, 2018.

Former teachers (Coach Stearn has already RSVP'd) from that time are also invited at no cost. Music will be provided by DJ and WN grad Wayne Rowe. Classmates are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the event for local families in need!



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Two Sign from West Nassau



On February 7, National Signing Day, Kyleer Crosby signed a national letter of intent to play football next season at Valdosta State University. Walker Wright also signed a national letter of intent for Jacksonville University. The quarterback and running back duo both signed on Wednesday afternoon at West Nassau High School with coaches, family and friends looking on. A reception was held afterwards to celebrate their accomplishments! Both boys look forward to representing their hometown next football season.

Kyleer is the son of Kenny Crosby and Kim Crosby, both of Callahan. Kyleer has four siblings, AJ, Kamden, Bristol and Briley.

Walker is the son of Brian and Michelle Wright of Callahan and has two siblings, older brother Regan who currently attends and plays baseball at JU and younger brother, Brady.

Wednesday was very exciting for both the boys and their families. Both Kyleer and Walker are honor roll students and role models for younger student athletes to look up to.



Kyleer Crosby and family



Walker Wright and family

A Word From the Publisher

I guess I'm getting sentimental in my old age...oh well, it happens! This week Roger sent me a picture of our camellia bush. I've had the darn things (two bushes) about four years. Each year they have grown a little bit more than the last. This year they were covered with buds. I was so excited and have been watching them almost every day. I've noticed the bushes around town and most of them are in full bloom (and have been) and mine are just buds. I was beginning to get a little concerned until I read in a magazine (now I sound like my mom) that some camellias don't bloom until March. Thank goodness...I had a glimmer of hope. Then I watched the weather and saw that we were going to be in the 80's all week! That wasn't good news for my camellias. They don't care for the heat. Monday, Roger sent me a picture of my beautiful flower with all of those amazing petals. It is so pretty. I just about cried. I couldn't wait to get home to see it for myself. To my surprise, we had about four flowers that had popped out. I looked on the ground and there were buds everywhere.



I picked up one of the buds and began to gently pull it apart. The bud was so strategically placed all together protecting the beautiful color within. Then, I once again thought of God's majesty. How meticulous he has created all things even my little camellia blooms.

What an awesome God we serve. We, as people, are just like that little bloom. We get so wound up and closed in tight with life and have our protective cover over us as to not allow anyone to see our

inner beauty. It's those times that we have to take a deep breath and just breathe! I've had this conversation more than one time recently, that life gets so busy, we all get so stressed out that we forget to stop and smell the roses or camellias. We forget to breathe!

God has given us so many beautiful things to be thankful for however we have become a generation of thankless. We always want more. In one of my

recent devotions, it suggested that we make a list of things we are thankful for. You would be amazed at how long your list could be. Again, I am reminded when I am having my pity party of how bad things are...God places that special someone or something

in my path to straighten me out. Raised in a Christian home, church was a top priority in our lives. We always sang the doxology every Sunday. It wasn't until a few years ago, I really listened to the words and understood how beautiful and meaningful they are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen." That does say it all. All blessings do flow from our Father above. I'm thankful for the wonderful parents I have that took the time to direct my life to the Lord. He continues to be my strength and comfort with each and every day! I'm also thankful that I took time to thank the Lord for my beautiful little camellia blooms!

Have a blessed week!

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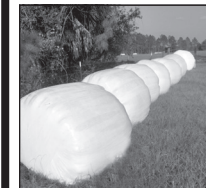
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Names, Addresses and all information appearing in the Police Reports are taken from the Sheriff's Department files and do not necessarily indicate guilt, only that arrests were made or charges were filed.

Monday, February 5

James Harvey Smith, 63, 45932 Bismark Road, Callahan: Trespass after Warning

Tuesday, February 6

Dereck James Sheffield, 36, 45209 Green Avenue, Callahan: Nassau County Warrant Violation of Probation Battery; Felony Habitual Traffic Offender; Possession of less than 20 grams Marijuana

Calvin Bentley Scheider, 26, 17380 Liller Road, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Aggravated Assault

Monday, February 12

Shannon Lee Bannister, 43, 10804 Mulberry Landing Annex, Hilliard: Out of State Warrant Violation of Probation Marijuana Possession

Austin William Minyard, 26, 24890 Crawford Road, Callahan: Clay County Warrant Writ of Bodily Attachment Failure to Pay Child Support

John Trave Carter, 35, 46328 Bismark Road, Callahan: Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon; Carrying a Concealed Weapon

Tuesday, February 13

Ashton Narin Jadoo, 29, 540111 US Highway 1, Callahan: Utter Forged Instrument; Theft over 300 under 5000

Wednesday, February 14

Richard Holoka, 30, 553683 US Highway 1, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

Katie Lee Herrington, 26, 352372 Old Dixie Highway, Callahan: Possession Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell; Possession of Methamphetamine

Theresa Dawn Suber, 36, 54004 Wilbur Jones Road, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams

Leonard William Owens, 45, 18044 Geranium Lane, Hilliard: Carry Concealed Weapon

Thursday, February 15

Clara Michelle Abbott Steedley, 50, 473093 Middle Road, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Violation of Probation Possession of Methamphetamine

Friday, February 16

Kaylynn Lillian White, 20, 27189 Betina Drive, Hilliard: Contempt of Court Failure to Comply with Marchment Court

Saturday, February 17

Julie Ann Minchuk, 43, 241614 CR 121, Hilliard: Disorderly Intoxication

Jonathon Allan Pendarvis, 26, 540298 US Highway 1, Callahan: Violation of Domestic Violence Injunction

Sunday, February 18

Jerry Franklin Mims, 45, 43147 Keen Cemetery Road, Callahan: Violation of Probation Driving While License Suspended/Revoked Habitual Traffic Offender

New Employees at NCSO



Sheriff Bill Leeper had the opportunity to swear-in several new employees at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Friday. Those sworn-in were: Communications Officers: Ramona Bennett, Marion Cuttino and Lisa Hogan. Detention Deputies: Donnell Hood, Darren Lorenz, Winston Heron and Caleb Osborne. Patrol Deputies: Thomas Edwards, Spencer Lloyd, Michael Morris and Ryan Sandifer.

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CHRISTINA DIANE BARGERON

Christina Diane Bargeron, 37, of Jacksonville, went home to be with the Lord on February 19.

A viewing will be held Thursday, February 22 from 5-7 p.m. in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service will be held Friday, February 23 at 11 a.m. also at the funeral home. Interment will follow in the Westview Cemetery in Pickettville.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaafh.com.

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

JOANN MILLER BRAMLETT

Joann 'JoJo' Miller Bramlett, 52, of Sylvester, Georgia, formerly from Callahan, passed away on February 14. Joann was born on February 8, 1966 in Jacksonville to Joe and Eva Miller. She was a 1984 graduate of West Nassau High School. She spent her life tending to her two children Heather and Easton Jackson, whom she adored. Joann was an avid music lover but her passion was anything that involved her family and friends.

She is survived by her father Joe Miller; her husband of 15 years, Ronnie Bramlett; children Heather and Easton Jackson; four grandchildren; brothers Billy (Debbie) Miller and Cleve Miller; five nieces and five nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother Eva Miller.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 20 in the Nassau Funeral Chapel with Doyle Harper officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaafh.com.

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



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OLIVER 'TERRY' GRIFFIN



Oliver "Terry" Griffin, 92, of Callahan, passed away Saturday, February 17, after a brief illness. He was born in Callahan on March 24, 1925 to H.M. and Geneva Griffin. Terry was a lifelong resident of Callahan. He shared a second home in Warner Robins, Georgia with his wife of 23 years, Geri Mackey Griffin. He was a machinist with the Seaboard Coastline Railroad, retiring after 40 years of employment in 1985. He was a Deacon of the First Baptist Church of Callahan, a member of the Callahan Masonic Lodge, The Scottish Rite and the Moroccan Shrine Club. He loved his family, fishing, farming and fixing things.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 46 years Angeline Evans Griffin; his brother Ralph Griffin; his sister Nancy Rosseland; and his stepdaughter Ann Mackey Watson.

He is survived by his wife Geri Mackey Griffin; his daughters and sons-in-law Carol and Mike Snow, Frances and Wynn Winfrey and Linda Ottinger; his stepson and daughter-in-law Calvin and Bebe Mackey; 10 grandchildren, Andy and Jeremy Conner, Amber Rice, Kelly LaMar, Evan Ottinger, Scott Snow, Stacey and Kirk Watson and Dana and Sara Mackey; 16 great-grandchildren; his brother Jasper Griffin of Callahan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Monday, February 19. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 20 at the First Baptist Church of Callahan with Pastor Lynn Hyatt officiating. Burial followed at Live Oak Cemetery.

Flowers are welcome, but in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Callahan.

Pallbearers were Andy Griffin, Matt

Griffin, Jay Moore, Raymond Fachko, Lee Draper and Jeff Braddock. Honorary pallbearers were the Deacons of First Baptist Church of Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaafh.com.

Funeral arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 879-1770.

RALPH A. GUTHRIE



Ralph Arydice Guthrie, 85, of Callahan, passed away February 15 at UF Health North following a long illness. Ralph was born October 9, 1932 in Bogue, North Carolina to Harry S. Guthrie and Essie Meadows Guthrie Rodgers. He was an only child. The family moved to Jacksonville in December 1943, where his father was employed at the St. Johns Shipyards. In January 1945, his father passed away while working. He served 2 years, 1949-1951, in the US Air Guard. Ralph was a graduate of Andrew Jackson class of January 1951. He attended the University of Florida but was drafted into the US Army in 1952 during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged as a Corporal in June 1955. During this time, he earned several commendation medals from his Artillery Division.

Upon his discharge, he worked for Gordon Thompson Chevrolet as a salesman. He met his wife to be, Jane Edgeworth, who was his step-father's (J. Marcus Rodgers) secretary at Gulf Life Insurance Company. They were married June 15, 1956. They became the parents of two daughters, Susan Carol and Sandra Jane. In 1959, Ralph was hired by the F.A.A. in Hilliard as an Air Traffic Controller Specialist. In 1961, they moved to Callahan and have called it home since then! He retired as a Supervisor on December 31, 1989 after 30 years of service. He and Jane have been involved in many activities in the community and First Baptist Church Callahan. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He will be forever missed.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jane; two daughters Susan (Joe) Bunch of Jacksonville and Sandra (Glenn) Storr of Gainesville; and several cousins and his wife's family members and friends.

His family will hold a private memorial service at a later date.

Memorialization is by cremation with Eternity Funeral Home.

The family requests that donations be made in Ralph's memory to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Research, 230 E. Ohio St., Ste. 500, Chicago, IL 60611 or call 1-888-733-6741.

PAMELA LANKFORD



Pamela Lankford, 57, passed away Monday, February 19. Her last days were spent with her family at her side. She was born December 19, 1960 in Jacksonville and had lived in Callahan for the past 28 years. She worked for St Vincent's Medical Center (Riverside Hospital) for nearly 37 years and formed many lasting relationships with special friends that she worked with. Pam faced numerous health challenges for many years and she fought them with courage, faith and optimism. Her family and friends were very important to her, and she cherished every moment that she had with her grandchildren. While she will forever be deeply missed, we have the comfort of knowing that she's in a better place and suffering no more. Pam was predeceased by her father Harold Tanner.

Survivors include her mother Vonnie Tanner; her husband of 35 years, Steve Lankford, who faithfully stood by her and supported her; son Steve (Julianne) Lankford, Jr.; daughter Ashley (Kevin) Taylor; grandchildren Sawyer and Mason Lankford and Kasidee Taylor; sister Lynne (Floyd) Collins; sister-in-law Renee (Dan) Ratliff; father-in-law Vernice; and many more family and special friends.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, February 24 at 11a.m. at Highlands Baptist Church, 2159 Broward Road, Jacksonville, with Dr. Art Taylor officiating. Interment will be by cremation. The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to the service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Cedar Bay Funeral Home, 714-1110.

SHERYL L. PADGETT



Sheryl L. Padgett, 50, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on February 19. She was born on February 18, 1968 in Jacksonville to Alton Brown, Jr. and Martha Jackson. She enjoyed life to its fullest! Sheryl was a loving, funny, happy, energetic, soft hearted firecracker. She enjoyed fishing, swimming, taking walks with her husband and trips to the flea market. She loved being Granny Sheryl and taking care of her family, especially her husband.

Sheryl is survived by her loving husband of 30 years, Michael Padgett; sons Buddy Lee (Deanna) Brown and Dale Brown; father Alton (Dale) Brown, Jr.; mother Martha Ann Ingram; sisters Marie Hoechst, Sherry Dryden and Dina (James) Luke; brother Richard (Wandella) Smart; granddaughters Taylor Anderson and Elizabeth Brown; grandsons Gage Brown, Cason Brown and Warren Brown; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Friday, February 23 at 5 p.m. in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. The family will be gathering at Ewing Park prior to the service for a

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PETER ARAUJO RAPOZA
 Peter Araujo Rapoza, 72, of Brunswick, Georgia entered into eternal rest Wednesday, February 14, at Southeast Georgia Health Systems with his loving family by his side.

Peter was born March 26, 1945 in Sao Miguel, Azores, Portugal the son of the late Joao and Luiza Raposo. He had resided in Brunswick, Georgia for the past 35 years. He was a retired Brick Mason with Brick Layers and Allied Craftsman. He was also a member of Local 3. Peter was of the Catholic faith and a member of Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Peter enjoyed woodworking, painting and working in his yard. He took great pride in the appearance of the landscape around his home. Peter also enjoyed crossword puzzles and cooking. He also liked to travel. Peter was preceded in death by his parents, Joao and Luiza Raposo; his wife Anita Jeanne Rapoza; a brother Tobias Raposa.

Left to cherish his memories are his son Jason Rapoza, Sr.; a daughter Megan (Mark) Strickland; his five grandchildren Mackenzie Strickland of Brunswick, Dalton, Dylan and Jason Rapoza of Callahan and Mark Strickland of Brunswick; his siblings Manuel (Edelta) Raposa, John (Ann) Raposa, Paul (Ina) Raposa and Merciana (Antonio) Carvalho.

The family received friends Sunday, February 18 at Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, February 19 at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church with Father Tim McKeown officiating. Burial followed in Chapel Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dalton Rapoza, Jason Rapoza, Jr., Mark Strickland, Glenn

JERRY ALLAN TYNER
 Jerry Allan Tyner, 66, of Callahan, passed away at home peacefully on Valentine's Day, February 14, with loving family members by his side. Jerry and his wife Mel loved each other "to the moon and back."

He was born on May 25, 1951 in Orlando to Albert J., Sr. and Mary Louise Tyner. He proudly served his country in the US Army from 1969-1975, with two tours in Vietnam and he volunteered for an additional extension in Vietnam before becoming 100% disabled (Army service related). He attended Jones College in Jacksonville and earned a degree in Business, followed up by continuing education courses at Florida Community College for supervisory skills and post-secondary training.

Jerry is survived by his dedicated and loving wife Melanie 'Mel' Marie Tyner; daughter Tammy L. (Joe) Williams; son Justin Tyner; stepdaughter Tracy Hughes; stepson Ricky (Ashton Medlock) Kwasniewski; granddaughters Tia Tyner, Terra Morgan, Bettie Hughes, Cheyenne Kwasniewski, Hayley Kwasniewski and Emily Wilkie; grandsons Brody Tyner, Kaleb Wilkie and James Kwasniewski; four great-grandchildren Bentley Tyner, Adilyn Morgan, Aliyah Morgan and Keegan Williams; sister Judy Addison; brother Jack (Margaret) Tyner; niece Mary Catherine Shahan; and nephews Christopher Tyner, Mark Windham and Jim Ed Windham.

A memorial service with military honors will be held Friday, February 23 at 9:30 a.m. at the Jacksonville National Cemetery (Lane #2).

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

Hunter Safety Courses Offered in March

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering free hunter safety internet-completion courses in nine counties in March. Students who have taken the online course and wish to complete the classroom portion must bring the online-completion report with them.



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