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"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE. - JEREMIAH 29:11

Callahan Town News



Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first meeting of March. The first order of business was a proclamation on behalf of the Take Stock in Children (TSIC) Program that was read by Mayor Bobby Rau. Proclaiming that the month of March would be Take Stock in Children month in the town of Callahan, Rau read that this is the 21st year of the program in Nassau County. More than 500 students have been through the program in the county and currently there are 137 students enrolled. Dottie Williams, a board member with the TSIC program, was on hand to accept the proclamation.

In other business, Resolution 2018-R04 was approved which concerned updating the compliance on the 504 policy of the CDBG Grant.

Town Manager and Public Works Director Mike Williams advised the council that he is currently in contract talks with FDOT concerning the Traffic Signal agreement. He requested that the council give Mayor Rau the authority to sign off on the agreement once it is complete. The council approved.

Town Clerk Stephanie Knagge advised the council that election dates need to be set and confirmed.

The council agreed to make the dates August 1 - August 15 for qualifying.

During around the council table, Mayor Rau advised the council that April Waters had turned in her two weeks notice to take another job. "I promoted within the town, Lorna Piipke, to take over the job," said Mayor Rau. "We will be advertising for a new water/sewer administrator."

Councilwoman Kathy Smith advised the council that things at the park are moving along. She applauded Williams concerning the placement of the new foundations for the new pavilions. "Everything is looking clean and pretty at the park," added Smith.

"New signs were finally approved by the legislature to name a portion of US Highway 1, Emmitt G. Coakley Memorial Highway. The signs are already up at US 1 north at the corner of Brandies Avenue and US 1 south at the corner of 5th Avenue and US 1 beside Auto Zone," said Councilman Marty Fontes. "It's been a long time overdue but they're finally up." The memorial



designation for the highway was spearheaded and worked on by local businessman, West Nassau '77 graduate and dear friend of Mr. Coakley, Paul Schwend.

The next meeting for the council will be Monday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

Callahan Teen in Fatal Crash

Friday night, a single car accident took the life of a Callahan teen. According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, at approximately 11:02 p.m. Friday, March 2, at 2017 Chevrolet Cruze driven by Courtney Cox, 19, of Callahan, was traveling southbound in the left lane on I-295 north of Pritchard Road. For an unknown reason, the vehicle veered right and ran



off the roadway onto the shoulder. The vehicle then struck a tree with its front. Cox was pronounced deceased at the scene.

All of the passengers (5) were transported to UF Health in critical condition. The passengers were: Kayla Rittenhouse, 18; Jimmy Mullis, 16; Maycee Joiner, 16; Alyssa Davis, 15; and Rachly Catlin, 14; all of Callahan.

Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first regular meeting of March. The first order of business was a presentation by Michelle Maddox, representing Nassau County First Foundation. Mrs. Maddox addressed the council about the program. "We (First Foundation) realize that literacy is a huge problem among children. One way to help the problem is getting books (literature) into children's hands at a younger age," said Maddox. "We register children from babies to 5 years old. Once the child is registered they receive a book in the mail each month until they are 5. Currently we have about 700 children registered in Nassau County (41 in Hilliard). The cost to sponsor one child is \$36 per year. We are asking for your (TOH) support to sponsor 10 children for one year for \$360."

"We can certainly look at this for our next budget year," said Councilman John Beasley.

"Don't we have some discretionary funds?" asked Councilman Kenny Sims.

"Yes we do," answered Town Clerk Lisa Purvis.

"I make a motion we sponsor 10 children at a cost of \$360," said Sims. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee Pickett.

In other business, Tim Norman of Mittaurer & Associates announced the bid results from the CDBG 17 NR Water Main & Force Main Replacements. Norman recommended the bid be awarded to Jax Utilities Management at a cost of \$899,165.50. The council approved the recommendation.

The next agenda item was a request from Lin Loyd for a septic tank exception on property he plans to purchase from Chad Hobbs. Loyd wanted to make sure he could place the septic tank before he actually purchased the property. The council granted the exception but only to Mr. Loyd once the purchase is made on the Hobbs property.

In closing comments, James Davis approached the council and advised them that there is a dead tree near the dump station on Mill Street. "The thing looks like it's ready to fall and I just wanted to make you aware of it in case it falls on someone or something," said Davis. "Also, on the Mikkelson property that the town purchased, there are some old buildings that are about to fall in. That could be really dangerous (for the town) if someone went in there and got hurt. You all make us clean up our places. I think the town should do the same."

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

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A Word From the Publisher

I recently visited the new boutique, Thee Southern Yankee. Not only did I like the boutique it also reminded me, once again, of my childhood. I spent most of my life in an old two-story house very similar to the boutique. In fact, ours was right across the road.

I can't help but think of those times. For me, it seemed to be a much simpler time and such a wonderful time. I know times had to be hard for my parents (with five children) to make ends meet but I never really knew that. They both worked but still had time for us. I was the last of five so I got to watch what went on through the years with my older siblings. The boys always played ball and Marci was a cheerleader. The funny thing, which will make these younger adults sigh, is my mom made (sewed) my first cheerleading uniform in junior high school. I was in the eighth grade. That is totally unheard



of now. In fact, she actually made my first 'pageant' dress. You know, I felt like a princess. I know she made a few of Marci's formal dresses too. We didn't know any difference but I know Mama had to spend money we didn't have to buy the material but she did.

One thing we didn't have were cell phones. Sometimes I think they are a thing from the devil. I like them because they are good to have in times of trouble. The sad thing is, they have taken over most people's lives. They can't be without them. They sleep with them beside their bed, they are in the car in their hands, in the bathroom, at the doctor, at work! It's non-stop. Scary. There are so many better things than a cell phone and the number one thing is time. Do you have any idea how many conversations you have missed

because you have your cell phone? How much one on one time with your children, parents, friends? I had a friend that recently went on a cruise with his wife. When I asked how it was, he commented, "When we got on it was beautiful. Shortly after we were out to sea we realized how expensive it was to use our phones so we shut them off. We really had a good time after that!"

Amazing isn't it. These darn cell phones have consumed our lives. When Roger and I are out together, we NEVER take our cell phones in a restaurant. I want to have a conversation with him. At home, we are together with no cell phones. I have a real alarm clock...I don't use my cell phone. Our children know to call our house phone in the night, as we don't have our phones in our bedroom. The scary thing is, this is what our grandchildren are seeing too. I have always said, "Little eyes are watching." They do what we do, not what we say.

I have recently been made aware, once again, that each day is a precious creation from God! We need to live each day to the fullest! Make sure to take every advantage to spend quality time with our spouses and children without distractions. Also make time to make opportunities to visit parents and grandparents while you still have them. I have been without grandparents for several years now and I do miss them. Many are so fortunate to have them around. There is lots of love to be shared!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

Pruning with Master Gardeners



UF/IFAS Master Gardener Elaine Roblez (left, in hat) demonstrated correct pruning practices with homeowners. They had a "real world" experience by visiting the UF/IFAS Nassau Demonstration Garden to observe pruning of some of the shrubs and trees in the garden. The garden was established in 2005. It was designed, planted and is maintained by the UF/IFAS

Nassau Master Gardener volunteers. Initial funding for the creation of the garden came from public and private contributors which include the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners.

Ice Cream Social Friday

Joel Pace's piano and music students held a clothing giveaway and open house recently! Clothing is always needed and appreciated. The students worked with special needs students at the "Making strides for Autism" Community Run/Resource Fair at the Riverside Arts Market.

Join us to celebrate St Patrick's Day a little early! Joel Pace and some of his piano students will be on hand performing at the West Nassau Historical Society Historic Train Depot, Friday, March 9 at 6 p.m.! Come and enjoy ice cream, floats and snacks sold to benefit the West Nassau Historical Society!



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!

In the Kitchen... Slow Cooker Breakfast Casserole

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| cooking spray
1 (26 oz.) package frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed
12 eggs, beaten
1 cup milk | 1 tablespoon ground mustard
salt and pepper to taste
1 (16 oz.) package maple-flavored sausage
1 (16 oz.) package shredded Cheddar cheese |
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Spray the crock of a slow cooker with cooking spray. Spread hash browns to cover the bottom of the slow cooker crock. Whisk eggs, milk, mustard, salt, and black pepper together in a bowl. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir sausage in the hot skillet until browned and crumbly, 5 to 7 minutes; drain and discard grease. Spread sausage over hash browns and spread Cheddar cheese over sausage. Pour egg mixture over cheese. Cook on Low for 6 to 8 hours.

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Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

With the arrival of March and St. Patrick's Day, everyone looks for a little Irish blood in their family tree. Maybe we can help you out!

The boy that would later become St. Patrick, was kidnapped and taken to Ireland, as a slave by the fifth century Irish warlord, Niall Mor. St. Patrick never married. However, from this Irish warlord is the surname O'Neill derived. He left millions of descendants. In a study at the Smurfit Institute of Genetics at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland they have revealed the modern sur names that can trace their ancestry back to Niall Mor. They include: (O') Neill, (O') Gallageher, (O') Boyle, (O') Doherty, O'Donnell, Connor, Cannon, Bradley, O'Reilly, Flynn, (Mc) Kee, Campbell, Devlin, Donnelly, Egan, Gromley, Hynes, McCaul, McGovern, McLoughlin, McManus, McMenamin, Molloy, O'Kane, O'Rourke and Quinn. If you have any of these names in your family tree, congratulations, go celebrate your Irish heritage!

The program for Monday, March 12 will be a Genealogy Research Workshop presented by Genealogist Linda Ellwood.

To learn more, come and join us at the West Nassau Genealogical Society meeting, the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Callahan Lions Club, located on US Highway 1 north of the fairgrounds. Visitors are always welcome!

FSCJ Nassau Center Offers Continuing Education Classes

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) will offer a variety of training and enrichment courses through its Continuing Education Program at the Nassau Center.

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- Basic Self Defense
- In Focus: Digital Photography Basic

The Nassau Center is located at 76346 William Burgess Blvd, Yulee. For more information or to register, please contact FSCJ Continuing Education at (904) 357-8910.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The American Legion Post 409 in Hilliard will hold their grand opening for their new building located on Henry Smith Road, Sat., March 17 with a ceremony at 11 a.m. The community is invited to come celebrate this occasion!

Julie Mainor, a local quilt artist, will present the mini drama "A Florida Quilt Collage" at the March 12 meeting of the Country Star Quilt Guild at 7 p.m. at the Hilliard Library. This presentation includes storytelling, some Florida Heritage and Florida quilts along with a bit of humor.

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.

The Callahan CAT (Citizens Advisory Team) meeting will be held Monday, March 12 at 6 p.m. at the Callahan County Building.

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) meets every Wednesday at 6-7:30 p.m. at the Hilliard Library Conference Room. PAL provides hope through education and support to parents of addicted loved ones. Visit: www.palgroup.org to learn more. Free educational support group for parents and families.

The Friends of the Bryceville Library will host a free event Thurs., March 15 at 6 p.m. Thomas D. Foy, Jr., of Iris Financial Services, will discuss financial planning and investments. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call the library at 904-266-9813.

Fish Talk

The Top Water Bite is Hot!

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Yes, the top water bite is going off! The 3" and 4" Rapala skitter walk have been my plug of choice. If it's overcast I'm throwing the mullet pattern. If there's no cloud cover early, I'm going to throw the black body with chart head. Trout and reds are knocking the fire out of them around shell bars that have fast moving current. Look for the bars that reach way out into the water column. Predator fish like using these areas as ambush points. Bait fish usually run the bank so these areas create a natural funnel. Our Intracoastal waterways are loaded with schools of redfish and the trout are mixed in with them.

If you find that fish aren't committing to top, switch to a slow rising or slow suspending bait. The Bite A Baits Rapala Shadow Raps, the Unfair Floating Shrimp in the 110 series and the Swimming Image are great for just that. My favorite colors are natural patterns and anything chartreuse. Mix up presentations. I will do sporadic retrievals, some really fast and others with long pauses. Find what's making the fish react in your area. With that said, never overlook a Slayer paddle tail on a 1/8oz. jig head. Many times plastics will draw bites that hard baits may not.

Lastly, sheepshead are still being caught all over our region. They aren't as thick as they were this time last year but... I believe we are just seeing spurts of the original run. Also, whiting are here and in good numbers on the south end of Fernandina. With them you'll find the Big Black drum!

Tides for Saturday, March 10: low tide around 10 a.m., so be on the water early. My buddy Joe said he's picking up the majority of these whiting on the incoming so the midday bite should be on.

Have a great weekend everyone and I hope to see you on the water!

Jordi Speaks in St. Johns County

Becky Jordi, recently spoke to the Master Gardener volunteers in St. Johns County. Ms. Jordi shared communication strategies when working with the public. Several of the St. Johns Master Gardeners knew of Ms. Jordi by reputation and having participated in other training sessions with her. After her talk, there was opportunity to speak with some of the St. Johns Master Gardeners individually.



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Warning Signs

Pastor Arlie Johns, Hilliard First Assembly of God



The other day I had to go and renew my driver's license. I wasn't sure what all I would have to do because it had been several years since they had made me do any kind of a test other than a vision test. I wondered if I would have to do a test on warning signs this time. I began to think about the different warning signs that we see every day as we ride up and down the highway. These signs are put there not to make us upset or because they are trying to be mean to us. They are there for our safety. When they put up a 'Do Not Enter' sign it's there for a purpose.

The 'Stop' sign is not just a suggestion it was put there so that you won't collide with oncoming traffic. The 'Slow Down Dangerous Curve' is there to keep us from running off the road or into the opposing lane of traffic.

Just as there are warning signs for the highways, I believe God has put up Warning Signs along the Road of Life. Let me share with you Eight Warning Signs that I believe God has set up along the Road of Life. The first warning sign I believe God has given us is The Church. Every time you pass a church it should remind you of the Gospel message of salvation that is preached in its doors almost every Sunday. People who ignore the warning sign of the church will most likely not have a personal relationship with Jesus and continue down the road towards Hell. Second, there is the Warning Sign of the Sermons you have heard during your life, whether in church, on the radio or on TV. We are all accountable for what we have heard. 2 Peter 2:21 "It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them." (NIV84)

If you go into eternity without God you will have had to ignore the warning signs of the salvation sermons that you have heard. Third, there is the Warning Sign of the Bible. The Bible is a road map to Heaven. The Bible can bring you to a place of salvation. If you go into eternity without God, you will have had to ignore the warning sign of the Bible. The fourth Warning Sign I want to mention is your Conscience. There is no greater preacher or evangelist than your own conscience. Your conscience will strike out like a whip, it will burn like a hot iron. If you go into eternity without God you will have to ignore your conscience. Fifth, there is the Warning Sign of a Mother's Prayers. Often a mother will pray a prayer like this for their lost child, "God take my life and spare my son's so that he might not go into hell." If you go into eternity without God you will have to ignore the warning sign of a mother's prayers. Next there is the Warning Sign of the Sorrows of Life. When a person refuses God's love, God will try to speak to them through the sorrows of this life. Why wait for tragedy to strike before you turn to God. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

If you go into eternity without God, you will have had to ignore the warning sign of the sorrows of life. The seventh Warning Sign is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit pulls and tugs on your life hoping that you will surrender to God. Some people feel terrible when they feel the tug of the Holy Spirit on their heart. But there is something worse than that, it's when you no longer feel the tug of the Holy Spirit tugging on your heart. If you go into eternity without God, it will be because you ignored the warning sign of the Holy Spirit. And lastly, there is the Warning Sign of the Cross of Calvary. Calvary is the biggest warning sign of all. This is the place where Jesus died on the Cross for you. Jesus gave His life to pay the ransom price for our sins. Every time you reject Jesus as your Savior it's like saying that His blood is not good enough to pay for your sins. If you spend eternity in Hell, it's because you have ignored the biggest warning sign of all, The Cross of Calvary.

Let me close by encouraging you to pay attention to the Warning Signs along the Road of Life. Just like the road signs that you see along the highway are there to keep you safe. God has placed these Warning Signs along the Road of Life to keep you from spending eternity in Hell. Follow the Warning Signs and give your heart and life to Jesus today.

Students Serve at Callahan Library

Nancy Lee Bethea

With cut up T-shirts in hand, twenty high school students from Sunshine Christian Academy moved books and cleaned shelves at the Callahan Library Thursday, March 1. The students volunteered to dust as a way to serve their community.



The Callahan Branch Library, under the direction of Branch Manager, Beth McKibben-Nee, has partnered with the private school throughout the 2017-2018 school year. McKibben-Nee and her staff have helped Sunshine's teachers find resources to use in their classes. She has also helped students conduct research, create resumes and find interesting books to read.

Back in August, Lorie Johnson, principal of Sunshine Christian Academy, took her teaching staff to the Callahan Library to learn about the many resources the library offers educators. "The Callahan Library has come alongside our school and served as a valuable partner in educating our students. We were delighted when we were able to meet a need at the library,"

said Johnson.

The students worked in teams of four, covering most sections of the library. Most teams removed books a shelf at a time and placed them in call number order on a rolling cart. Then, they dusted the shelf with their t-shirt rags. Finally, the students returned the books to each freshly cleaned shelf. Another team helped McKibben-Nee update the library's bulletin board.

"We're doing this to help the library and help our community," said 10th grade student Skye Black. "We're doing this because we love the Library."

Once the students finished, McKibben-Nee spoke to them about more volunteer opportunities, including her goals of establishing a Teen Friends of the Library group and a Teen Book Club.

"This project was all about getting kids interested in helping their community," said McKibben-Nee. "It showed them how important it is to work together as a team to meet the needs of everybody. I am so excited these young people wanted to come out today and help us at the library."



CHURCH NEWS

Cornerstone Praise and Worship in Yulee will host an open mic Gospel Sing featuring Able Heirs Quartet Friday, March 9 at 7 p.m. The church is located at 850918 US Highway 17, corner of Pages Dairy Rd. Refreshments will follow.

Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, 541668 US Hwy 1, Callahan, is having a St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner on Sat., March 17 at 6:30 p.m. Traditional Irish food! Tickets are \$15/Adult; \$7/Children (13+). For information, call 879-3662.

Thomas Creek Baptist Church in Callahan will celebrate Homecoming Sunday, March 18 at their 10 a.m. service with special guest group Lifeline Quartet.

River Road Baptist Church will hold their 45th Homecoming Sun., March 11 at 10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker will be Pastor Rusty Bryan. Dinner on the grounds will follow the service.

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Fahlgren Resigns School Board Effective August 2018

In a letter dated March 6, 2018 to Governor Scott, Dr. Kimberly Fahlgren resigned her position as the District 4 School Board member effective August 1, 2018.



She stated, "It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Nassau County in the capacity of a School Board Member. However, the Lord has called me to focus on my three children and their transitions from middle school to high school and high school to college. While young women continue to need examples of strong, accomplished women to inspire them

and help them know they have a lot to contribute to the world, young women also need examples of those same strong women who know how to say 'no' to busy, overscheduled lives and 'yes' to ministering to the needs of their family. I am in that season of life that it is important to say yes to meeting the needs of my husband and children. I am forever grateful for having had the opportunity to serve Nassau County and working to give children, parents and teachers of my community a school system that is more effective, accountable and transparent."

West Nassau Program Showcase Tuesday



2018-19 Freshmen Warriors - The West Nassau family would like to invite you and your student to the Annual WNHS Program Showcase. It is the goal of West Nassau High School to graduate every student college and career ready and the faculty and staff is working hard each day to accomplish our goal. The Program Showcase is an opportunity for each program offered at WNHS to explain to parents and students what they have to offer.

Please join us Tuesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. in the WNHS gym. Your 9th grade student received a flyer providing detailed information regarding this event. The WNHS programs that will be showcased are: Theatre, Art, Band, AFJROTC, Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment, College and Career, Digital Multi-Media, Administrative Assistant, Bio-Technology, Certified Nursing Assistant, VyStar Credit Union, Building Construction, AVID and FSCJ - Red Bean Center.

Notice of Animal Control Meeting Tuesday, March 13 at 1 p.m.

Callahan Multi-Purpose Building • 543350 US Highway 1

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.

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Gardening Club of Hilliard

Annual Plant Sale
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Bryceville Elementary Spring Extravaganza

Saturday, March 10 • 2-5 p.m.

Bryceville Elementary School • 6504 Church Ave.

Come join us for an afternoon full of fun!

Wristbands: \$15 presale; \$20 at gate (covers all attractions)

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The Nassau County Recreation Commission Meeting will be held Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Nassau County Facilities Maintenance/Parks and Recreation Office, located at 45195 Musselwhite Rd., Callahan. If you have questions, please call (904) 530-6120 or (855) 534-8529. The public is invited.

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Crowns for the Cure Pageant Held

The Crowns for the Cure Pageant was held as a fundraiser for the Relay for Life of Nassau County West. The pageant was held Saturday, March 3 at Callahan Middle School. There were 27 girls in the competition. All proceeds from the pageant went to the upcoming Relay.



The winners were: Baby Miss Relay for Life, Harper Beriault; Tiny Miss Relay for Life, Tinsley Simmons; Little Miss Relay for Life, Reagan Hern; Junior Miss Relay For Life, Rylee Fortier; Pre-Teen Miss Relay For Life, Kayleigh Keller; Junior Teen Miss Relay for Life, Jaycie Turner. Congratulations!

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Raydient Responds

Raydient Places + Properties fully acknowledges that our relationship with the Nassau County Board of Commissioners has been strained in recent months. While we believe that our two parties will work out our differences, we'd like to share our perspective of how this happened. About a decade ago, Nassau County and Rayonier agreed to work together to create a long-term plan for a large portion of Rayonier's timberlands in order to foster economic development, create jobs and help the county broaden and diversify its tax base. Our collaborative efforts resulted in the East Nassau Community Planning Area, also known as the Sector Plan, part of the 2030 Nassau County Comprehensive plan. The Board of Commissioners adopted it in 2011.

According to our original commitments, the Nassau County Comprehensive 2030 plan and applicable County regulations, Raydient, like other developers in the county, is required to donate land for public community and regional parks. A commitment we intend to live up to.

There are two issues defining our disagreement with the County and we'd like to address both. The first one is the question of who pays for the construction

and maintenance of public community and regional parks inside the planning area. Per applicable county ordinances, homebuilders are required to pay impact fees to the county to fund construction and maintenance of those parks. There is not an agreement, to our knowledge, that requires Raydient or Rayonier to do the same. The location, program, cost and timing of public parks for the entire ENCPA area has not yet been established. We have repeatedly offered to pay for a study called "Civic Facilities Study" to determine the location, program, cost and timing of public parks, as well as other public services such as police and fire stations.

In November 2017, Raydient received a memo from Nassau County requesting that we not only donate land, but also pre-commit to finance all of the construction and maintenance for all public community and regional parks and recreational facilities within the East Nassau Planning Area.

In December 2017, Raydient and the County discussed holding a workshop to come together to discuss parks and recreation for the Sector Plan. Both parties agreed in principal to a specific agenda for the workshop, however, at the last-minute, the County presented us with a completely different agenda for the Feb. 12 workshop. We asked the County to reschedule the workshop for a later date in order to reach consensus on the agenda, but the County declined. We were then given less than 24 hours' notice for the County's second meeting.

The second issue in question is the impact of certain amendments to Senate Bill 324 and HB 697 sponsored by the Associated Industries of Florida to our commitments. According to Nassau County, we strategically introduced these amendments to this legislation that would fail to honor on our original commitment. Let us be clear. Neither Raydient nor its parent company, Rayonier, introduced these amendments, but we do support them as good economic policy. The amendments call for a level playing field between

local governments and how they relate to new sector plan development. They ensure that developers across Florida pay their fair share of impacts made for future growth, so

they don't pay for mistakes made in the past by others and ask for a reasonable amount of time to process development applications. These amendments in no way fail to honor our original agreement with Nassau County or put current Nassau County taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars in recreational facilities.

We continue to be ready to move forward and hope that the county will soon be agreeable to complete the Civic Facilities study in order for all parties to better understand what the actual need in the County is.

Every relationship has its up and downs and we have nothing but respect for our local government. We have accomplished a lot together and have the opportunity to do so much more.

If you would like to know more, please like the Raydient Communities Facebook page to join in on the conversation.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT DEPARTMENT

Written by Pamela J. Soule, Enrolled Agent

1. Congress passed Public Law 115-123 on February 9, 2018 and "brought back" some earlier-expired tax deductions retroactively to January 1, 2017, including:

- Mortgage insurance premium deduction
- Cancellation of debt exclusion for home acquisition debt up to \$2 million
- Higher education tuition deduction (when the tuition credits don't otherwise work)
- More funds for disaster relief for California, and hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria
- And a few far-less-common deductions and/or tax credits (Ask your tax pro if you have questions on energy credits, builder's credits, electric vehicles, fuel cell vehicles. The rest are far less common)

What does this all mean? Answer: It means that potentially millions of American taxpayers that file more-complex and long form returns will now have to amend their already-filed tax returns or lose hundreds or even thousands of dollars in otherwise-refundable monies due them.

2. According to the IRS itself, personal identity theft on tax returns has continued to be reduced by 40% in 2016 and another 40% again for 2017. Reasons include:

- Tightened up identity protection means like the 16 numbers and letters now showing up on line 9 of many W-2 forms from many large employers plus
- Issuance of hundreds of thousands of PIN numbers from IRS given to taxpayers that have learned that their non-public information has already caused Identity theft issues for those unfortunates
- More-frequent-and-numerous law enforcement actions

(Statistically speaking, one person in four in the USA has lost money because their identities have been stolen over the past five years... police officers too commonly face this issue locally in our experience.)

3. Scammers and tricksters in the tax preparation industry are at it again this tax season... whether online or out of seasonal or temporary brick and mortar tax preparation firms far too many are making offers to taxpayers that come "back-loaded" with costly financial consequences that are not fully explained to taxpayers. Taxpayers are warned to read and should fully understand the fine print on offers of "free money" and "interest free" refund loans-credit cards-debit cards again this tax season... watch out for "backloads" on these scams... they can be very, very expensive for consumers that are not so sharp to learn.

4. If you have already filed your tax return for 2017, if warranted you should contact your local tax pro to learn if you should amend tax returns filed before mid-February this year. Amending of a tax return can get complex... but they can also mean more money in your pocket if the effort is truly worth the cost of doing so.

5. Remember that filing an extension of time to file a federal tax return does not extend the time for you to pay the taxes you actually owe on or about *Thursday March 15, 2018 for most business income tax returns *Tuesday April 17, 2018 for most individual tax returns. Expensive late filing and late payment penalties remain in full force and effect by the IRS.

6. If you don't have any type of complex tax return and have already filed it for a refund, expect the IRS to take 8-21 days before your money arrives.

7. Those who file for Earned Income Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit (CTC), and refundable Advanced Child Tax Credit (ACTC) and higher education tuition credits will begin seeing their money on or about Tuesday February 27, 2018 at the earliest.

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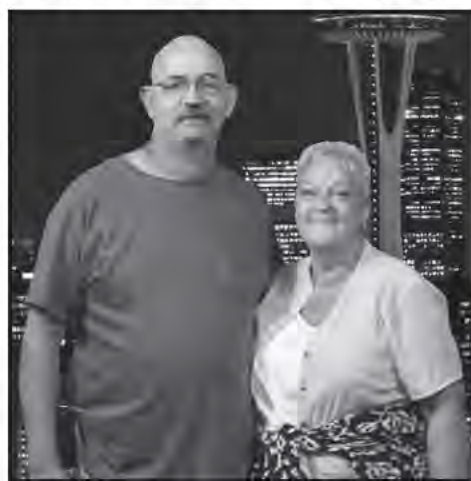
Editor's note: As the Relay for Life Nassau County West draws near, April 6, we will be sharing stories of cancer survivors for the next few weeks. The chair person for the Relay is Wanda Nichols, who is a cancer survivor herself. Following is her story.

Wanda Nichols

In recent years, I have developed a passion for Relay for Life. In August 2014, my life changed. I went to North Carolina on a trip and started having breathing problems and running a fever. I went to the emergency room where I was told that I had either Lymphoma or Leukemia and was admitted into the hospital. On August 14, I was released and sent back to Florida to St. Vincent's Hospital where I was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), Chronic Myeloid Leukemia with the Philadelphia Chromosome (CML) and Chronic Lymphoid Leukemia (CLL).

I needed a bone marrow transplant to survive. My chances of survival were very slim. Doctors told my family that if I made it the first 30 days I might survive but the chance was slim. At that point my life and my family's life changed forever.

Once diagnosed, I stayed in the hospital for the next 32 days doing chemotherapy. When I was finally released from the hospital, I went home but within two weeks I was back in again. For the next five months I was in the hospital more than I was out. January 2015, I was told my body could no longer take the chemotherapy. I was told I needed a bone marrow transplant to survive. I was sent to Gainesville where I was entered into a national/international database to find a donor. However, I have a gene that kept kicking any potential donors out. March 2015 a donor signed up and immediately flagged a match for me. We started



work ups and on April 15 I received my bone marrow.

When I left the hospital after the transplant, I was too sick to come home but not sick enough for the hospital so we were sent to the HOPE Lodge. My husband and I stayed in the HOPE Lodge, which is funded by monies from the American Cancer Society and Winn Dixie. At the HOPE Lodge there is

no charge to stay. You have your own private apartment. While there I was provided transportation to doctors, hospitals or grocery shopping at no cost to me. I received these services due to the funds raised by Relay for Life events across the globe. Without the HOPE Lodge I would not be here today and living cancer free.

The bone marrow was successful and I am cancer free. I am a survivor! I am so passionate about the Relay for Life of West Nassau because the funds that were raised saved my life. I have been blessed beyond measure and I have been given a second chance at life.

Our Relay for Life event will be held Friday, April 6 at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Survivors may sign up online or at the Westside Journal office. This is a great event for families, children and friends! Make plans now to attend!

It's Callahan Sweet Onion Time!

Dawn S. West

I recently spent a little time with my old friend, Bob Spittler, at his beautiful onion field. Mr. Spittler has long retired but has not slowed down any. He has a spotless onion field, of which he takes a lot of pride in. The onions had some beautiful green tops and the onion itself is pretty nice too. Mr. Spittler wanted to make sure everyone knew they were ready to be picked up and he would have a nice crop by the end of this week. They may be purchased and picked up at his home on Windy Lane in Hilliard. In a couple of weeks, Mr. Spittler plans to plant some corn on his front field to also be sold. To find out more, just give him a call at 879-1220.

Also in the neighborhood, is Mr. Melton Cobb. Mr. Cobb has just planted

several rows of new potatoes, squash, silver queen corn, black eyed peas, okra and cucumbers. His crop won't

be ready for another couple of months but he hopes to have plenty to sell. Both of these gentlemen take a lot of pride in the type of garden they have. The fields are clean and free of weeds. They are both looking forward to a great season of fresh vegetables for many people. I'll update our readers again as Mr. Cobb's produce becomes ready to harvest and purchase.



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New Beginnings and Milestones

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Livingston to Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Carl Lee and Bonnie Sue (Johnson) Livingston will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary March 9. The couple met at Jacksonville Speedway. They were married March 9, 1968. Carl retired from TDS in 1998 and Bonnie still works part time at Crowne Plaza at the airport (Holiday Inn) where she has been employed for over 47 years. They attend the First Baptist Church Callahan. They enjoy going to flea markets together every weekend. They plan to celebrate this special milestone with a family dinner

and are also planning a family trip this summer.

They have two children Darrell Livingston; and Amy (Livingston) and Rathel Gordon, all of Callahan. They also have two grandchildren Brooke and Chase Gordon.

"Love bears, believes, hopes and endures all things. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13: 7-8.



Paxten Geiger and Tripp Geiger



Big brother Zayne, along with his parents Matt and Kelli Geiger of Callahan would like to announce the birth of their twins, Paxten and Tripp Geiger. The boys were born on February 5 at St. Vincent's Medical Center. Paxten was born at 12:31 p.m. and weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and measured 18.5 inches. Tripp was born at 12:32 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Tina Blanton of Callahan. Paternal grandparents are Larry Geiger and Robin Johnson.

Flaura Estelle Annette Brock

Trenton and Katie Brock of Hilliard are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Flaura Estelle Annette Brock. Flaura was born February 14 at 1:10 a.m. at Baptist Medical Center Beaches. She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.



Paternal grandparents are Penny and Les Burnsed of Callahan; and Chad and Lisa Brock of Hilliard.

Maternal grandparents are Edward and Darla Willmott of Hilliard.

Proud great-grandparents are Shep and Myra Brock of Hilliard; Greg Briggs of Callahan; Derrell and Donna Burnsed of Callahan; and Ernie and Maggie Miller of Wisconsin.

Sylvie Faye Bruno

Davie and Alexis Bruno of Callahan are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Sylvie Faye Bruno. Sylvie was born November 21 at 5:41 p.m. at Baptist Hospital Jacksonville. She weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Mendy Bruno of Dinsmore; and David and Arlene Bruno of Kingsland, Georgia.

Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Patricia Holden of Callahan.



Mac August Nuszowski



John and Jodi (Scott) Nuszowski are proud to announce the birth of their son Mac August Nuszowski. Mac was born December 5. He weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and measured 19.5 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Mona and Dennis Nuszowski of Syracuse, New York.

Maternal grandparents are Jeanne Scott and Ronald Milligan of Hilliard.

Proud great-grandmother is Marlene Milligan of Callahan and the late Rufus Milligan.

Mac was welcomed home by his big brother Ace Scott, whom he totally adores!



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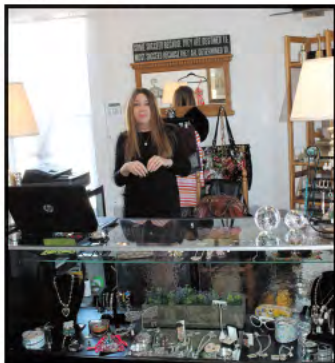
Dawn S. West

If nothing else, I'm sure many of you were drawn to the name of this new business in Callahan, just as I was! You can't help but be curious of what kind of business it is and where did the name come from? I had a great visit with the store owner, Kristin Tucker, and got those answers. First of all, Kristin is a Yankee, as she was raised in Rhode Island, a beautiful state. For many years now, she was transplanted in the south and loves it here. Her



shop is an upscale quality Boutique. "I have wanted to have my own shop for probably 20 years," said Kristin. "I love to shop and I love to decorate. I have an 'eye' for fashion and good quality clothing and décor."

For a few years, Kristin has rented spaces in other stores to display her items and that was okay but not what she really wanted. When the opportunity was presented to rent the beautiful southern two-story home at the corner of Mickler and US 301, Kristin and her husband Steve jumped on it. The two have completely



gutted the inside of the home and remodeled the entire thing. Okay... except for the kitchen, but plans are already in the works to get that done. They have brought the 'southern charm' back to the beautiful home. The yard and porch are so welcoming you can't help but stop to check it out! They opened the store in October 2017.

As you enter the store, you are welcomed to a large buffet table with fresh coffee and a cookie if you like! There is a tease of items displayed to tweek your interest but not overpowering.

The home has four rooms and each has a great selection of upscale name brand clothing displayed. There are several items of home décor also placed within each room. The first room, by the front door has some jewelry, Brighton and more, displayed in cases, cozy chairs, pillows, scarves and much more. Everything is very accessible and not

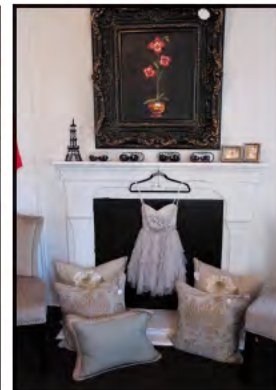
crowded. Each room is decorated very pleasing to the eye and easy access to what you might be looking for. It's fun to browse through each room and very easy to find something you like! "I really like finer things. I wanted to have a more updated trendy shop. I am



a brand shopper and I wanted to offer these things at a reasonable cost," added Kristin. "I'm lucky to have a good eye for fashion and for displaying things. I just enjoy being creative with clothes and home décor!"

The store has brand name creations by Michael Kors, Coach (purses), Brighton, Kate Spade, Maui Jim and so much more! The best part...you can purchase these items at a fraction of the cost. She also has a great selection of gowns for proms, pageants or a special night out and they are beautiful! There are dresses, blouses and lots of cute fashionable shoes. Just a reminder that summer is coming! There are also some really cute sandals to choose from! She does take consignments but you need to check with Kristin on the details.

Make sure to check out Thee Southern Yankee! You'll be glad you did! The hours are: Tuesday - Saturday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The shop is located at the corner of US 301 and Mickler Street in the two-story southern house. They accept cash, checks and all major credit cards and the phone number is (904) 320-5156.



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Spotlight on Nassau Gardens

Tony and Barbara Lopez moved from Miami. They spent months looking for the perfect place and finally settled on 3 acres in 1978 on Amelia Island. It was their dream come true to have a forested lot with tons of trees. What a happy day! These acres are uniquely special because of a large pine tree in fact it is classified as a "Champion" tree. How was it measured to be given such a label? In 1984, the Nassau County Forester measured it in 3 ways: #1 The circumference was measured 4' above ground and given 1 point for every foot. #2 The height is also 1 point for every foot. #3 Limbs were measured in 4 directions, north, south, east and west. All the numbers were added up for a total then divide by 4. This becomes the average limb length.



Once the measurements were completed, they discovered it was indeed a Co-champion with another large Pine tree in Tallahassee. Sometime around 1995, the Tallahassee Pine was hit by lightning destroying it. This caused the Amelia Island Pine Tree became the State Champion! Tony took about a year and a half to clean and make room for his home in the forest and he did all of the work himself. He was careful to cut down as few trees as possible to make room for their new home

and yard. The huge Pine tree is still growing strong. Thirty-four years ago the circumference was 13 feet, 5 inches and now it is 15 feet, 6 inches. It takes 5 people to reach around the whole tree. Many people come to see it, including classroom children, members of Boys & Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts along with other youth and adults. It truly is an amazing Pine tree. A treasure in Nassau County's own back yard.

"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. Photos by: UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardener, Elizabeth Wilkes.

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.

Monday, February 26

Christopher Micheal Freeman, 33, 45111 Robinwood Circle, Callahan: Failure to Appear Writ of Attachment

Joshua Lance Clowers, 26, 45063 Mickler Street, Callahan: Violation of Probation Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs

Ashton Narin Jadoo, 30, 540111 US Highway 1, Callahan: Failure to Appear Battery Domestic

Tuesday, February 27

Stanley Joseph Dickerson, 42, 3772 Falcon Drive, Hilliard: Camden County Warrant Violation of Probation Theft by Taking

Wednesday, February 28

Jerimy Lorenzo Robson, 26, 541692 Lem Turner Road, Callahan: Dealing in Stolen Property; False Information to Pawn Broker less than \$300

Wilbur Russell Stough, 23, 3766 Raven Drive, Hilliard: Writ of Bodily Attachment; Contempt of Court

Thursday, March 1

Lisa Michele Young, 38, 39125 Kolars Ferry Road, Hilliard: Writ of Bodily Attachment; Nassau County Warrant Violation of Probation

Felicity Brianne Russ, 18, 45080 Eula B Road, Callahan: Duval County Warrant Petit Theft

Women's Basic Self-Defense & Personal Safety Class

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is now offering a Women's Basic Self-Defense & Personal Safety course. The NCSO will be offering the Women's Basic Self-defense Class four times a year with a class limit size of 12 participants. "The course, which is offered at no cost to students, will provide the knowledge and hands-on experience to reduce the chances of becoming victimized during an attack," said Sheriff Bill Leeper.



The sheriff's office will also provide safety plans while traveling locally and abroad, which includes entering and exiting your home, as well as other frequented places such as parking lots, retail stores, and restaurants. The Women's Basic Self-defense & Personal Safety Class is a basic self-defense and safety awareness program that covers various topics including daily personal safety practices and basic self-defense tactics.

To be eligible for participation you must meet the following requirements: Be a female resident of Nassau County at least 13 years of age (All participants under the age of 18 must have a signed waiver of liability by their parent/guardian); Wear appropriate attire (Workout type clothing, shorts, jogging pants, t-shirts, and tennis shoes. No skirts, dresses, low-cut shirts, flip-flops, or heel type footwear will be allowed.) All participants regardless of age will be required to sign a waiver of liability form to participate. Those participants under the age of 18 must have a signed waiver of liability by their parent or guardian.



All classes will be held at Nassau County Sheriff's Office Training Room, 77151 Citizens Circle, Yulee. Each class is two hours long. For additional information or questions contact NCSO's Training Division at 904-548-4031. The next class will be held Tuesday, May 22 from 6-8 p.m.

First Female Inmate Obtains GED

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office Inmate GED Program at the Nassau County Jail/Detention Center has graduated their first female inmate. Inmate Devonna Deshae Williams, who is from Fernandina Beach, was arrested and convicted of Sale Manufacture or Deliver Cannabis. Devonna obtained her High School Diploma on February 20. She was presented her diploma by Sheriff Bill Leeper and GED Coordinator Tracey Barnes.



Inmate Williams was sentenced to the Nassau County Jail for six months after her drug conviction and worked very hard over the past four months to study and pass several exams to complete her diploma. "I thank my mother for supporting me even when I didn't make her proud. I hope she's proud of me now," said Williams.

In talking to Sheriff Leeper about her future plans, she said it took this experience in jail to open her eyes and thankfully the GED program allowed her to obtain something that once seemed impossible. Williams plans to continue her education at Florida State College at Jacksonville and eventually join the military or open up her own business.

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MELODY BARNHART



Mrs. Melody Barnhart, 66, of Callahan, passed away Thursday, March 1 at the Acosta-Rua Center for Caring in Jacksonville.

Born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, she was a daughter of the late Tony and Sarah Pollock Moses. Over 40 years ago, she met her husband Fred D. Barnhart during the early stages of the development of the Argyle Forest area of Jacksonville. Fred was surveying in the area and Melody was operating a bulldozer. She also operated other heavy equipment in her younger life. Melody had various careers through the years but she had really come to enjoy retirement. She loved her swimming pool and billiards. Along with Fred, she loved going to the movies and exploring new restaurants. In addition to Fred and the rest of her family Melody dearly loved her black Labradors, Smokey and Sugar.

Her surviving family includes her husband of 40 years, Fred D. Barnhart of Callahan; a son Fred (Staci) Barnhart, Jr., of Orange Park; three grandchildren; her siblings Marcia Gwynne of Peachtree City, Georgia and Mark (Karen) Moses of Chino Valley, Arizona; a sister-in-law Sandy (Ruby) Barnhart of Jacksonville; a brother-in-law Gary (Mai) Barnhart of Jacksonville; and several nieces and nephews.

Melody's family and friends will gather at a later date at Jacksonville National Cemetery for burial and a moment of remembrance.

COURTNEY MICHELLE COX



Courtney Michelle Cox, 19, a lifelong resident of Jacksonville and Callahan, passed away unexpectedly on March 2. She was a graduate of West Nassau High School and received a Certified Nursing Certificate. She attended the Anchor Church of Callahan and enjoyed Callahan Speedway and the beach.

Courtney is survived by her mother Jennifer Lynn Moreno (Johnny Roberts); her Granny Voncile Lowery (Robin); MeMaw Judy Moreno; paternal grandparents Don and Barbara Cox; sister Baileigh Beasley; brothers Brandon Cox and Gavin and Gage Roberts; and several aunts uncles and extended family and friends.

Funeral Services will be held Friday,

OBITUARIES

March 9 at 1 p.m. at Fraser Funeral Home, 8168 Normandy Boulevard, Jacksonville, (904) 781-4314. Interment will follow in Jones Cemetery, Callahan. The family will receive friends Thursday, March 8 from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of kindness may be made to: Voncile Lowery, c/o Fraser Funeral Home.

Fraser Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements, 781-4314.

IVAN EUGENE KARL



Ivan Eugene Karl, 76, of Callahan, passed away on March 4. He was born on September 5, 1941 in Mansfield, Ohio to Charles and Marie Karl. His greatest joy was in spending time with his family and especially being Papal to his grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughter Kimberlee (Derek) Mercer; son Ivan Karl; grandchildren Andrew Mercer, Brandon Mercer and Jessica Mercer; sisters Bonnie Hall and Pearl Diller; brothers Joseph H. Karl and George Olson; daughter-in-law Jamie Smith; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife Jessie.

A viewing will be held Friday, March 9 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel from 5-6 p.m. with a memorial service at 6 p.m.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassauffh.com.

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

KEE WAYNE LAURENDINE, SR.

Kee Wayne Laurendine, Sr., 67, of Hilliard, went to fish in heaven March 1 in Jacksonville following a short illness. He was born November 26, 1950 in Jacksonville to the late Napoleon Prentiss Laurendine and Estelle Mossell Paultett Laurendine.

Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by a son Kee Laurendine, II; a daughter Sebrina Grogan; and two brothers Bobby Laurendine and Donald Laurendine.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Benita Lynn Laurendine; three children Justin (Lizzie Crews) Laurendine, Connie (Jerry) Carman and Meria Miller; three sisters Sarah (Raymond) Deas, Hilda (Tommy) Williams and Joyce Lee; a brother Grady (Rachel) Laurendine; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

The family received friends Tuesday, March 6 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 7 in the chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home with Rev. Gerald Wollitz officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard with military honors.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

JOHNNIE MARTIN



Johnnie Martin, 78, of Hilliard, passed away March 1 at his residence following a lengthy illness. He was born July 28, 1939 in Griffin, Georgia to the late Boyd Watson Martin and Mary Emma Willoughby Martin. He was a Veteran of the Army National Guard. Mr. Martin was a member of the First Baptist Church of Boulougne.

Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by his brothers Doug Martin and Dick Martin; and sisters Mary Dorrrough and Carolyn Culverson.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jeannie W. Martin; two children Jonathan Eric (Kim) Martin and Jennifer Elizabeth Martin Pensa; seven grandchildren Heather (Jeffery) Johnson, Kristin (Matt) Sauls, Aerial Pensa, Brianna (Tyler) Holliman, Brooke (Ross) Hobbs, Heather (Warren) Vining and Jenna Pensa; one sister Jeannie (Roger) Culverson; one brother Joseph Martin; eight great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 7 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 8 at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Lucas officiating.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Northeast

Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville 32257 or visit: www.communityhospice.com/give.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

LUKE ADREN PORTER

Luke Adren Porter, 28, passed away Saturday March 3. He was born in Jacksonville to George and Donna Hall Porter. He graduated from West Nassau High school class of 2007 and was a member of JROTC for four years, had the honor of serving as Group Commander and earned high honors during his school career. Luke loved his motorcycles, loved sport cars and big trucks. In his earlier years, he participated in band at Callahan Middle and Karate activities in Baldwin.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather Densel Ray Hall; grandparents George A. Porter and Louise Porter.

Survivors include his father George Lewis Porter; and mother Donna Hall; brother Daniel Porter; maternal grandparent Kayron B. Hall and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends Friday, March 9 from 6-8 p.m. at Cedar Bay Funeral Home, 405 New Berlin Road, Jacksonville. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 10 at 11 a.m. in the chapel of the funeral home with Stefano Mugnaini, Chaplain, officiating.

LILLIAN ALICE SHEFFIELD



Mrs. Lillian Alice Miles Sheffield, 81, of Hilliard, passed away peacefully at her home on March 3.

Lillian was born April 23, 1936 in West Florida to Sion Charlton Miles and Fannie Mae McNeil. She married her high school sweetheart April 9, 1953. Lillian was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She will always be remembered for her love of flowers and hummingbirds. Her family was her greatest joy in life.

Lillian is survived by her six children, Joseph (Rita) Sheffield, Jr., Donald Sheffield, Sr., Robert (Jessie) Sheffield, Kathryn (Kevin) Turner, Patricia (Mike) Gee and Sandra (Glenn) Lawson; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Joseph Sheffield, Sr.; grandson Nathan Bishop; and great-grandson Liam Osterhout.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m.

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- 12 p.m. Saturday March 10at Hardage-Giddens, Riverside Memorial Park and Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 12 p.m. with Brother James Conner officiating. Burial will follow at Riverside Memorial Park.

Hardage-Giddens Riverside Memorial Park and Funeral Home, 7242 Normandy Blvd. is serving the family.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.hardagegiddensriverside.com.

HARALD STORFJELL



It is with a sad heart that we say good-bye to our dad Harald Storfjell. Harald was born in Ballangen Norway on January 5, 1942 to Arthur and Margaret Storfjell. He came to the United States in 1964 and studied to be an x-ray technician. He later became a Sonographer and worked at Sky Lakes Medical Center in Klamath Falls, Oregon until retiring at the age of 73 in October 2015. He moved in with his daughter Mari in Callahan. He loved being outdoors, hiking, biking and especially cross-country skiing. His favorite place to visit was Crater Lake National Park. He had skied around it several times as well as biked and drove around it. He made it a point to cross-country ski around Crater Lake in one day before he turned 70 which he completed three days before his 70th birthday.

He was known by his grandkids Milan and Titan by the name Tsar-Tsar. In Norwegian the grandparents are referred to by the parent's relation to the grandparent so his son Tim was their fathers father so when Milan was old enough to start talking she could not say Farfar so she called him Tsar-Tsar hence the nickname Tsar-Tsar for both of Tim's kids. When Alexis, Mari's daughter was old enough to start talking she could not say Morfar (Mothers Father) so she started calling him Moofar. Harald

had said that he was two names that didn't exist in English or Norwegian and he loved it. He was an avid photographer and many of his pictures have been displayed all over Oregon and various other places where he came in contact. He was loved by many people and has touched many people's lives as well. He had a great smile and laugh. He will be missed by all of us.

He is survived by his son Tim Storfjell and his children Milan and Titan; his daughter Mari (Josh) Tolleson and their child Alexis; and his former wife Marianne McFeeters; brother Ketil Storfjell his two daughters Malfrid Storfjell-Gunderson and Rannveig Storfjell, Malfrid's husband Atle and their children Solveig and Eivind, Rannveig's children Nora, Elida and Olea; Harald's brother Bjornar (Suseela) Storfjell and their son Thomas, Bjornars two older sons and their mom Judy Lloyd-Storfjell, Troy (Kiana) Storfjell and their sons Espen and Nikolai, Thor (Judy) Storfjell and their sons Johan (deceased), Ole and Soren; Haralds brother Per (Annae Grethe) Storfjell and their daughter Ase (Thomas) Storfjell-Olven and their children Markus and Marielle.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at:

Woundedwarriorproject.com or Paws for Veterans at: www.pawsforveterans.com.

A small Celebration of Life will be at the Tolleson house in Callahan and a service will also be held in Klamath Falls, Oregon time and location still to be determined.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassauffh.com.

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

OBITUARIES

ALEXIS R. WADE



Alexis Reannon Wade, 22, of Bardin, passed away Sunday, February 25 in Satsuma due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Alexis was born in Jacksonville and had been a resident of Putnam County for the past 11 years, first living in Florahome and later in Bardin. She was a 2014 Cum Laude graduate of Interlachen High School where she played in the IHS band and QI Roberts Middle School band in Florahome. She had also participated in 4-H and FFA at QI Roberts Middle School. She was attending St. Johns River State College in Palatka studying Emergency Management and was employed at Bardin Grocery. She enjoyed taking her daughter to the park and to Disney World, fishing and riding the dirt roads. She had attended Oak Avenue Baptist Church in Florahome.

She was predeceased by her father Terry Michael Lewis; her paternal grandmother Charlotte Lewis; and an Uncle Austin Holsomback.

Surviving are her husband Kyle Wade of Bardin; a daughter Josephine Wade of Bardin; her mother Heather (Shalawn) Thompson of Callahan; her maternal grandparents Barry and Lisa Holsomback; her maternal grandfather James Dieas; a sister Alanna Thompson of Callahan; in-laws Clay and Michelle Wade; brother-in-law Keaton Wade; grandparents Alphonso and Neet Thompson of Hilliard; great-grandparents Hank and Katherine Dickinson, Peggy Metts, Aloma Faye Lewis and Robert and Karen Hawkins; her aunts

Holly Holsomback, Carrieann Hubbard, Melissa Cannon and Brandi Thompson; uncles Doug Cannon and Bobby Dieas; a most special cousin Julia Parkerson; and many great aunts and uncles, cousins and friends.

The family received friends prior to the celebration service held Saturday, March 3 at Masters Funeral Home in Palatka with Pastor Jerold Thomas officiating. Burial followed in Peniel Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the GoFundMe account (Heather Gi-Gi Lewis).

Friends may sign the online register at www.themastersfuneralhomes.com.

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.

RUTH JACOBS WATTS



Ruth Jacobs Watts, 66, of Callahan, passed away on March 3. She was born in Jacksonville to Burie and Geneva Jacobs.

She enjoyed gardening, fishing, flowers and doing word searches.

Ruth is survived by her son William (Jennifer) Watts, Jr.; grandchildren William Watts, III, Ashley Watts and John Carter, Jr.; great-grandchildren Cason Watts, Ave Carter, Marli Carter and Harper Dyal. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband of 46 years, William Watts, Sr.

Graveside service was held Tuesday, March 6 at Jacksonville National Cemetery with Pastor Ricky Dyal officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassauffh.com.

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

GUTHRIE FAMILY THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone for prayers, visits, calls, flowers, donations and cards in Ralph's memory. This last year was a tough one for him with I.P.F. Fibrosis. No cure is known. Ralph passed away February 15 and no funeral was held, at his request. We ask for your continued prayers.

Jane Guthrie, Susan Bunch and Sandra Storr



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Road & Bridge Status Report

District 5

Ravenwood Dr. Drainage Point Repairs Project:

Budget: \$ 69,000; Estimated Completion Date: Pending

Status: The Commission approved as part of FY 15/16 budget on February 22, 2016 meeting. The original Contractor failed to perform the work per the Scope of Work therefore we terminated the Purchase Order without payment. Staff has reviewed the new video and has contacted vendors for recommendation for repair method. Staff advertised for bids late October 2017 with no response. A separate location with similar defects has been located on the same road. Staff is preparing an addendum to the Invitation to Quote and re-advertised early December. Bids have been received and staff is preparing an Agenda Request to award the bid. Staff anticipates a tentative start date in March of 2018.

Nassau Oaks Subdivision Outfall Ditch Clearing:

Budget: \$ 379,500; Estimated Completion Date: Pending

Status: Approved for CIP FY 2016/17 on July 11, 2016. Both Nassau Oaks Projects are being bid as one project. Bids have been received and the bid tabulation is under review. Staff is providing recommendation of Award for BOCC decision at the December 20 meeting. *Bid has been awarded and Nassau County is waiting on paperwork from contractor to issue Notice to Proceed and hold a Preconstruction Conference. Staff is also working with CEI Firm on the cost for CEI Services.

Nassau Oaks Subdivision Road Upgrades Project:

Budget: \$ 483,000; Estimated Completion Date: Pending

Status: Approved for Mid-Year Update CIP FY 2016/17 on February 27, 2016. The project includes installing millings on the dirt roadways, applying a double chip seal to all millings roads within the subdivision and paving the entrance road. Both Nassau Oaks Projects are being bid as one project. Bids have been received and the bid tabulation is under review. Staff is providing Recommendation of Award for BOCC decision at the December 20th meeting. Bid has been awarded and Nassau County is waiting on paperwork from contractor to issue Notice to Proceed and hold a Preconstruction Conference. Staff is also working with CEI Firm on the cost for CEI Services.

Middle/Griffin Shoulder Repairs:

Budget: \$ 494,000; Estimated Completion Date: Pending

Status: Preconstruction Conference was scheduled for February 7, 2018, a start date and anticipated completion date will be determined at this conference. Florida Infrastructure will be the contractor and CDM Smith will be performing the CEI Inspections for the project.

March is Take Stock in Children Month

The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Fernandina Beach have proclaimed March 2018 as "Take Stock in Children Month" in recognition of the organization's 21 years of providing scholarships, mentors and hope to more than 550 academically promising low-income Nassau County students.

The program is supported by Take Stock in Children's local fundraising efforts. Its annual event, the "Light Up a Life Gala" will be held Thursday, March 22 at the Ritz Carlton-Amelia Island from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The event will feature wine and dinner, along with a cash bar and silent auction, which will showcase items from over 120 contributors. Live music that evening will be provided by the Queen of Hearts, <https://www.queenofhearts.info/> a group who performs frequently at the Bluebird Café in Nashville as well as at diverse venues in locations such as New York, New Jersey, Missouri and

Atlanta.

Please join our growing list of sponsors for this event: the Jacksonville Jaguars, Arlington Toyota, CBC Bank, Rayonier Inc., RPM Lumber, Synovus Bank and Pineland Bank by calling the TSIC office at 904-548-4464.

Tickets for the "Light Up a Life" gala are available for \$150 per person and can be purchased by visiting the TSIC website at www.takestocknassau.org.

Take Stock in Children is a non-profit student mentoring and scholarship program that assists academically qualified low-income students to reach their greatest potential through higher education. Take Stock helps students stay in school, strive for better grades and, ultimately, succeed in college. Upon completion of the program, Take Stock students receive free college tuition. All college scholarship funds raised locally are matched 100 percent by the State of Florida.



Election Office Offers Scholarship

Vicki P. Cannon, Nassau County Supervisor of Elections, is pleased to announce the opportunity for local college students to apply for a chance to be awarded one of three \$1,200 scholarships being given through the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) this summer. The deadline to submit an application to the Nassau County Supervisor of Elections is March 29, 2018.

The scholarship will be awarded to a full-time student enrolled or accepted to a senior college or university in Florida. No postgraduate or second-degree students.

Students may view requirements and obtain an application online at www.VoteNassau.com, or from the Nassau County Supervisor of Elections' office at 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 3, Yulee, Florida 32097. Students must submit

their completed application, along with the additional required documents, to the Supervisor of Elections in the county in which they are registered to vote.

All applications received by the Nassau County Supervisor of Elections will be reviewed by the Supervisor. One finalist will be selected and forwarded to the FSASE Scholarship Committee to represent Nassau County. The FSASE Scholarship Committee will select three winners from among the finalists submitted by the Supervisors of Elections throughout the State of Florida. Each of the three winners will be awarded one of the \$1,200 scholarships.

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Nassau School Board Upgrading

Jonathan Petree, NCSB District 5

In light of the recent tragic event in Broward County, I wanted to provide you with information about many of the ways Nassau County Schools are continually being upgraded for security, as well as some of the safety measures being taken to protect our students, teachers and all employees of the Nassau County School District.

Over the last year, we have been very proactive in assessing and increasing school safety and security. For example, in August 2017 School Safety meetings were held with our district staff. Also, a special team visited each school to assess safety issues. As a result of this work, plans were made and set into immediate action.

One of the items of concern was locks on classroom doors. Most doors must be secured from the outside with a key – this is not practical in an emergency situation, as it exposes the teacher and students to potential danger if the teacher has to open the classroom door, and go out into the hallway to lock the door. We have already begun the process of replacing all classroom locks with locks that are easily locked from the inside. Every classroom, in every school in Nassau County will have new locks.

In addition, the school's emergency systems have been re-tested to make sure law enforcement can be contacted at a moment's notice should the need arise.

Prior to the tragedy in Broward County, the School Board had already approved many plans to harden, and fortify, our schools. For example, Emma Love Hardee Elementary was a school with easy access. The entry to the school was upgraded over the Christmas Break to provide a secure single point of entry. Access denial upgrades will also be constructed at other District schools soon. The cameras installed in the high schools provide real time monitoring, instead of delayed footage.

All employees have been reminded of safety procedures and **most importantly - If you see something, say something.**

In February 2018, our district team

met to review current security and plans being implemented to improve security. This means more than just fortifying our buildings. We must be mindful of every student and ensure that students have a relationship with a caring adult.

Local law enforcement continues to work hand-in-hand with our School District leadership and will be making presentations to our school leaders as we move forward. In addition, mental health issues will be addressed.

As an update to my November 2017 meeting in Washington with Congressman John Rutherford regarding funding for more School Resource Officers for our schools, there is some very exciting news! As a result of that meeting, the Congressman and his staff got immediately to work on securing funding for increasing the number of SROs in our schools. During the two months following our meeting his staff and I worked closely to find federal funding. The fruits of our labor is the "STOP School Violence Act of 2018", which stands for, Student, Teachers and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018. This Bill was officially introduced to United States House of Representatives on January 30. It was picked up by the House Judiciary Committee on February 7 and then to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations. This federal grant program for school security will match state funds at the 75% level. The three main areas of the Bill are: 1) For training to prevent student violence against others and self, including training for local law enforcement officers, school personnel, and students; 2) Mental Health Professionals to provide screening and treatment; and 3) more School Resource Officers.

This Bill is being co-sponsored by both Republicans and Democrats because of its great need and value to our country. If it passes, and is signed into law by the President of the United States, it will benefit not only everyone in our Nassau County Schools, but all of the states in our great nation.

We will continue to be diligent and make Safety a priority.

CES Holds Bingo for Books



Callahan Elementary held their Annual Bingo for Books last Thursday. Students purchased tickets to attend the event. There were many students, parents, grandparents and friends attending the event! Everyone enjoyed some pizza and then the Bingo began! Once Bingo was announced, the student was awarded a book. Every student received a book at the night's end!



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Bo also caught a personal best 5 pounds 12 ounce bass. "We are proud of these young men. They fished hard all

day," said R.C. Hodges, Club President. "This was the biggest tournament any of them have ever been in. There were 33 teams from all over Florida."

For more information about the Nassau Christian Bass Club or high school fishing call R.C. Hodges at (904) 422-2242 or check us out on Facebook at Nassau Christian Bass Club.

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