

"FINALLY, BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER. PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD, SO THAT YOU CAN TAKE YOUR STAND AGAINST THE DEVIL'S SCHEMES." - EPHESIANS 6:10-11

American Legion Celebrates Official Opening

Dawn S. West

The C.W. Hilliard American Legion Post 401 celebrated their official grand opening Saturday. The day was beautiful, even a little warm, but beautiful. There were many dignitaries,



but two longtime Veterans, Mr. James Hendricks of Callahan and Mr. Bob Zortea of Hilliard took front row seats.

Post Commander Hugh Harris welcomed the crowd to their new beautiful facility. "We are so proud of this facility. This building is open to ALL Veterans. All we ask is that you (Veterans) bring in your DD 214 Form and we'll get you signed up," said Harris. "The members of our Executive Board are here today to welcome everyone. Our mission is to help our local Veterans and their families."

The Post is currently collecting aluminum cans and also the tabs.



Anyone can bring those to the Post. The recycled cans are collected, crushed and the money is donated to the USO. The tabs are collected and later delivered to the Ronald McDonald House.

Hilliard Mayor Cris McConnell welcomed the crowd and reaffirmed his pleasure that the Post welcomes all Veterans.

McConnell is a Veteran himself and also a Charter member of Post 401. Senator Aaron Bean was on hand for the ceremony. He spoke about the resurgence of respect for Veterans being talked about in Tallahassee. We are really working on giving our Veterans the many honors they deserve. State Representative Cord Byrd also spoke saying, "My wife and I are both Veterans. She was in the Marine Corp and I was in the USAF. None of our liberties would be available without our Veterans," said Byrd. "God Bless you all and the United States."

Commander Harris presented an appreciation plaque to contractor Bobby Franklin and builder David Taylor for their amazing work on the building and in memory of David's father, Paul Taylor, Sr. a career Veteran.



Everyone attending was invited to join the Post members for a delicious lunch and, of course, a tour of the new facility. Congratulations!

Callahan Purchases Railroad Property

Dawn S. West

The Town of Callahan met Monday night for their final meeting of March. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of a special meeting held February 26, 2018 concerning CSX property.

The next agenda item was a discussion concerning a Department of Environmental Protection grant loan. "We (the town) actually applied for a drinking water grant loan in January and this is part of it. This is a 50/50 grant," said Town Manager and Public Works Director Mike Williams. "We can get the loan at 1 to 1.5% for 20 years, which is a good rate. The design portion is \$86,000. This will be the four new water lines that will be installed either

out US 1 north or out Lem Turner Road. You (council) will decide which way we go with the new lines. You (council) need to decide if you want to continue the process or not."

The council approved to go through with the application and design process.

In other business, Attorney Jeb Branham advised the council that the town was able to buy the railroad property (old railroad bed) in a deed sale. They were able to purchase the 2.353 acres for \$43,000. The town has invested around \$50,000 in the property which includes the purchase, soil testing, survey and taxes. Shari Graham of G & H Land is here tonight to purchase Parcel A of the property for \$25,000. They (G & H) recently purchased the former

Ashley Plumbing building and Parcel A runs beside the building on the Brandies Avenue side. Parcel B is the property in front of Brandies Ace Hardware and has been for years and is currently used for parking for Brandies. "You (council) actually have two parts of this property to discuss," said Branham. "First, now that Parcel B is owned by the town we need to set up a lease agreement with Brandies. Example: \$100 a year. The

second decision you (council) have is to approve or not, whether to sell Parcel A to G & H Land for a price of \$25,000."

The council agreed to present a lease in the amount of \$100 per year to Brandies Ace Hardware owner Raymond Fachko for Parcel B.

The council also agreed to sell Parcel A to G & H Land for \$25,000.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, April 2 at 7 p.m.

HMSHS Band Fundraiser at R & R Wings

R & R Wings in Hilliard is helping the Hilliard Middle-Senior High School Band with a Fundraiser Tuesday, March 27 from 5 p.m. until closing. Mention the HMSHS Band on Tuesday and 10% of your total bill will go the Band! Let's help support HMSHS Band!

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A Word
From the Publisher

We have certainly been through a roller coaster cycle of weather lately! Hot, cold, warm, cold, etc., however we are still so blessed. Just watch the national weather once in a while and you'll see how blessed we are. We may have the pollen but we sure don't have two feet of snow to deal with! Thank you Jesus! Those people have really had it tough!

I must take some time to wish my sweet Mama (Julia Stearn) a belated Happy Birthday! We celebrated her (86th) birthday March 12! How blessed I am! Lucky for me, Roger and I drove over to Kingsland that Monday evening and met Mama and Daddy at Longhorn Steak House. We got there early enough so that the dinner crowd hadn't arrived and we had some time to just enjoy our meal completely. We had a wonderful waiter that figured Daddy out right off the bat! He was really great and even picked up on me saying Mama was the birthday girl. Following our delicious dinner he brought her the Longhorn birthday dessert with four spoons, of course. It was so much fun! We went back to their house, had coffee and cream cheese 'birthday' pound cake. It don't get much better than that! Now back to my Mama. You won't find a more precious woman than her. She has always been there any time I've



called. She always has time for me (and that goes for all her children). I'm so thankful to have had such a godly mother to raise me and teach me about life. As I mature through life, that becomes more and more vivid to me. I do catch myself saying some of the same things I heard her say as a child. She has given me so much direction and love... many times just by being there. She didn't have to say a word. There are still times that I tear up when I hear her voice. She somehow has a calming effect on me. My mom is like the verse, "She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed." Proverbs 3:16-18.

Thank you, Jesus, for my mama! Not to brag, but I do have the best mom in the world and I'm so thankful to have her in my life. God continues to bless me with more special times to spend with both of my parents. I'm so blessed! Happy Birthday Mama! I'm so glad you're mine and so thankful for the person you are. I love you so!

Have a great week!
Dawn S. West

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Letters to the Editor



Distracted Driving

Dear Editor,

Once upon a time in days of yore, there were road signs along the highways that said, "Keep Right Except to Pass!" Those signs have long ago disappeared and along with them so did that rule of driving. These days, drivers cruise along in the left lane without a second thought.

Recently, I was going south on US 1. Another vehicle was cruising in the left lane when they suddenly saw an ambulance behind them, the ambulance was cruising also. No lights, no emergency, but it caused the vehicle in front to just pull right as soon as they saw it. He never looked for safety and almost ran me off the road, had I not been watching and anticipated what he was doing! Later, I saw a deputy and asked him the rules or laws regarding left lane driving. He told me that unless they were on an emergency run or lights flashing, they were NOT to cruise in the left lane. The same is true for police officers. But I see it every day.

Also, while on the subject of driving, what has happened to common courtesy? When you see a vehicle on a side road waiting to get onto a highway, if safe, move over to allow that driver road access. Simple, but rarely done! People are in such a hurry and their attention is everywhere except on driving. Many are on their cell phones! You see them as you pass or at a red light when the light turns green and they just sit there. You have to blow your horn to get their attention. It seems more and more people are so busy or caught up in cell phone

conversations they get tunnel vision.

Perhaps we all need refresher courses, maybe when licenses are renewed. It would be beneficial to all drivers (new and old) who operate a vehicle. After all, we are in control of thousands of pounds of machinery. When our focus is diverted it can become deadly. For the lives of all on the highway, please be more thoughtful and courteous. The life you save maybe mine or your loved one.

Jane Smith

Proud of Teens

Dear Editor,

In an era when many think that teenagers lack patriotism and gratitude, I want to encourage the community by informing you about the efforts of our students. In February, we had "Valentines for Veterans" at Yulee High School. Our high school students wrote 224 letters to Veterans which were sent to the Randall Medical Center in Gainesville, a Veterans' facility. In each personally written letter, the students expressed their appreciation for the Veterans' service and sacrifice for our country.

Often the portrayal of teens is negative, but I wanted to express our positive news that there are teens who appreciate the sacrifices of our Veterans and who take time to express their patriotism and gratitude. Thank you, Hornets; you make us proud!

Mrs. Jan VanDelinder, Teacher
Yulee High School

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Preheat an oven to 350°. Toss the shrimp in a bowl with the olive oil, melted butter, garlic, salt, and pepper; set aside for 10 minutes. Arrange the shrimp in a circular pattern in a round casserole dish. Bake in the preheated oven until the shrimp are pink and cooked through, about 15 minutes.

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Fish Talk

Fish are Biting!

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Our writer Chris Cockerham has been pretty busy lately. He made sure to share some photos with us some fishing he's been doing! His wife Dana is shown with a great catch along with his buddy Joe Cooner! Chris is also shown with his catch! He also wanted to share that...Fish that are biting right now!



Joe



Chris



Dana

LANDSCAPE MATTERS BLUEBIRDS

On Wednesday, April 4 at 10 a.m., UF/IFAS Nassau Masters Gardeners Candace Bridgewater and Karl Shaffer will conduct a class on attracting Bluebirds to your landscape. The class will include a short history of the bluebird, the two nesting bird enemies and how to best protect the bluebird, the ideal habitat, the best plant and other food sources for the Bluebirds. If you are interested in purchasing a bluebird house, you must submit a \$25 fee along with the completed registration form to download at: <http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/nassauco/2017/11/02/bluebirds/> by Friday, March 23 at 5 p.m.

This class will be held at the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Rd. For more information, call the Nassau Extension office at 904-530-6353. Master Gardeners are on office duty on Fridays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 904-530-6350, press '1' for the Yulee office.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Jones Cemetery Association annual meeting will be Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Callahan County Building on Mickler St. All members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

Callahan Cemetery Association meeting will be held Thurs., March 29 at the True Believers Church of God by Faith at 6:30 p.m. We welcome all to attend the meeting.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

You all may think I am cold hearted and callus for what I am about to say but, I am sick and tired of hearing about the school shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Don't get me wrong, my heart and prayers continue for the fourteen families that are suffering the loss of their children and the three families of the faculty members whom were murdered, as well as the children who witnessed their classmates being killed right in front of them. Those memories will haunt those kids for the rest of their lives.

What I am sick of is the liberal left and the liberal main stream media having such a grand and glorious time pushing their anti-gun agenda at the expense of such a personal tragedy. I despise them using the uninformed children all across America to push their Anti-Constitutional agenda. These kids are being used as pawns and are being brain-washed as the next group of voters so that the Second Amendment can be eliminated, thus destroying our great Republic.

I have to wonder if they even teach students anymore about our Constitution? I wonder if any of the teachers that are instructing our young people have ever even read the Constitution? Do any of them honestly understand that we (America) are not a Democracy but a Constitutional Republic and do they even know the difference? I fear I know the answer.

This movement is not about Assault Rifles, whatever an assault rifle is. This movement is to ban all weapons. The AR-15 seems to be the favorite target of the left. Most people have been led to believe that the 'AR' stands for Assault Rifle. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Just a quick factual lesson for all those that have been misled, the 'AR' stands for ArmaLite Rifle which was developed and manufactured by the ArmaLite Company in the 1950's. The AR-15 is a semi-automatic rifle, meaning it fires one shot each time the trigger is pulled. It is not an automatic (machine gun) as some would like everyone to believe. Like I say, this is nothing less than the attempt to confiscate all weapons.

This latest move to indoctrinate our youth has been successfully used in the past. As we watched the youth walk out of schools last week in move of protest and remembrance of the victims, remember history. Mao utilized the youth in 1966 to force Communist rule in China. The same as Hitler did by using teenagers in his "Hitler Youth" movement which became compulsory Nazi indoctrination for all boys 10 through 18 years of age, to force Nazi rule in Germany. Castro used the Popular Socialist Youth to overtake Cuba and install Communism. This is not new; it has been proven through history to work. Once they have control of our youth the same thing will happen here as it did in the three previous countries. The people celebrated and handed over their guns to their news friends and leaders. Then they were executed!

We must not let this happen here. We have to stand firm on our rights, we must educate our on children about the importance of our Constitutional Republic, because the public education system is not going to do it for us anymore. The public education system in this country is a formidable enemy to our future as a free nation.

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

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God and Happiness

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



Right now, I am reading one of the best books that I have read in a long time. The book is entitled Happiness, by Randy Alcorn. If you know me, you know that I am a laid back guy who likes to have a good time. When it comes to the scriptures, I want to be careful in how I handle the word of God and I want to be careful in what I teach to others. In part of my desire to be faithful to the Bible, I have said and preached some really dumb things in the past. One of the dumbest things that I have ever said was something that I heard communicated quite often: “God does not care about your happiness; God cares about your holiness.”

What is wrong with that statement? Let me answer that question for you. The aforementioned statement leads you to believe that holiness and happiness cannot coexist with each other. That assumption is dead wrong. In fact, the Bible literally says in Revelation 20:6 that the one who shares in the first resurrection is happy and holy. Christians are to be the happiest people on the planet. I will go one step further Christians are the only people who can be truly happy in the world. Christians are commanded to be happy in God. In Joel 2:23, the children of Zion are commanded to rejoice and be happy in God. That is a commandment that we should all want to obey! The Bible has over 3,000 references to joy and happiness that show us how and why God gives us happiness and we can be truly happy.

Holiness is not the opposite or the enemy of happiness, holiness is the path to happiness. When we don’t think that God is not interested in our happiness we belittle Him, misunderstand Him, and reflect poorly on Him. When the people that know you think about you, what comes to their mind? Do they think that Christ has made you miserable and cranky, or that Christ has made you happy and joyful? Our happiness in Jesus is what can make the gospel contagious. Our unhappiness is a gospel repellant. We often lead people to conclude that Satan is the source of happiness and God is the source of misery. We often lead people to believe that if you convert to Christianity, your fun and happiness will come to a screeching halt. Nothing could be further from the truth. Getting into a relationship with Jesus will give you the only real and lasting happiness that you could ever have. The average person only laughs 14 times per day. The average child laughs 400 times per day. Our happiness in God is something to be celebrated. David says in Psalm 16:11, “*You reveal the path of life to me; in Your presence is abundant joy; in Your right hand are eternal pleasures.*”

The gospel was heralded as good news and great joy at Jesus’ first coming. It is still the good news of great joy (Luke 2:10). Psalm 32:1 says, happy is the one whose sins are forgiven. Take God up on His offer of joy through the Good News of the Gospel. This is the only path to being really happy.

Mt. Charity Baptist to Celebrate 130 Years Sunday



Mt. Charity Baptist Church, located at 552042 U S Highway 1 in Hilliard, will celebrate the church’s 130th Anniversary. They will also celebrate the second anniversary of their Pastor, Rev. Samuel Seward. The celebrations will be held Friday, March 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 25 at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served on March 25 before and after the service. Come and help us celebrate this special occasion and have a great time in the Lord. Following is some history on the church.

Mt. Charity Baptist Church was established in 1888. The first pastor remembered was Rev. Booney Pot. The next pastor was Rev. Dixon. While he was pastor, the church lost the property that they had been purchasing; so they held church at the old school. Rev. AB Rogers was the next pastor and he took

the church from the old school and joined in with Hisbon Baptist Church.

Rev. C.C. Brown became pastor and the church purchased the current piece of property and began building. Several pastors followed him.

Some projects implemented for church growth are: Women’s Missionary Society; Environmental Preservation & Cultivation; Cultural Heritage classes; Etiquette Workshops; Youth Movie Nights and Field trips. The Caring and Sharing Outreach is where sister churches donate items for our new building and performed services to help us raise money.

August 2016, the church was blessed with a new pastor, Rev. Samuel Seward and 1st Lady Trudy Seward. They also have two new Deacons: Deacon Willey and Deacon Charlie M Axle, Jr.

CHURCH NEWS

Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, 541668 US Hwy 1, Callahan, will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, this Sat., March 24 from 8-11 a.m. FREE breakfast, crafts and much more!

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The Town of Hilliard will be having it's Annual Town Clean Up on Saturday, April 14, 2018. The clean up will begin with sign ups, free "I ♥ Hilliard" t-shirts and refreshments at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon with a free cookout and chances to win prize drawings for all those who volunteer.

Containers will be located at Town Hall for free disposing of appliances, tires, yard debris and household trash (no liquids or dry chemicals). Free disposing of tires will be limited to 4 tires per household with no rims or commercial tires allowed (please no businesses). Free disposing will end promptly at noon. – No exceptions.

Town employees will provide pick up services for disabled or senior adults unable to bring items to Town Hall for disposal. You must pre-schedule for pick up by Thursday, April 12. Items must be at curb-side ready for pick up on date of clean up.

The Town of Hilliard will be providing **FREE SHREDDING** at its Annual Clean Up from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Worried about Identity Theft? **KEEP IT PRIVATE!** What to Shred: personal papers, old bills, statements, receipts, envelopes, letters, folders, etc. (no need to remove paper clips, rubber bands, staples or folders). What not to Shred: cardboard, CDs, DVDs, plastics, binders, electronics, x-rays, etc. (please no businesses).

Oneblood will have the bloodmobile at our Town Clean Up again this year from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Make an appointment online at www.oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code #33717 or call 1.888.9.DONATE (366283). All donors will receive a Free Gift and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening. ID required.

For additional information or to pre-sign up as a volunteer please contact Town Hall at 845-3555. Donations to this event are welcomed and appreciated.

This is a wonderful way to work together to spruce up our town, so bring a friend, your family, a group or your entire organization and we will work together to make a difference.

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Relay for Life... Meet Aaron Bell

Editor's note: As Relay for Life Nassau County West draws near, we will be sharing stories of cancer survivors for the next few weeks. The Relay will be held Friday, April 6 at 6 p.m. at the NE FL Fairgrounds. Survivors may sign up at the Westside Journal office.

Aaron Bell

Hello, my name is Aaron Bell. I am a fighter and survivor of cancer. On February 27, 2013 I was diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia with the Philadelphia Chromosome. I am a very active person and always have been. I never imagined my life or my family's life changing the way did at the age of 45. My wife Dana and I have been married for 21 years and we have a son, Zachary. I have my own business, Aaron's Equipment Repair, and life was going well!

My cancer story started when I went to the doctor because I was not feeling well and hadn't been for quite some time. My family doctor diagnosed me



with the flu. I was given medication and felt a little better for a couple of days. I was running a fever, took medications and the fever would go away. However, I had chills and would be wet with sweat. On the third day, I went back to my doctor and she ordered blood work. It was the blood work that found the cancer.

In the days following, I was sent to

St. Vincent's Hospital where I stayed for the next six days. While in the hospital they gave me some type of pills/medication to get my white count down. When I was diagnosed, my white count was 386,000. Once I was admitted to the hospital, my white count was over 420,000 and my spleen was swollen. To put that into perspective, the normal white cell range is between 4,500 - 10,000. They could not get an accurate count on my platelets because they were stuck together. I was told my platelets were so stuck together, I only had 1-2 weeks and my heart would have stopped in my sleep. I was put on a chemotherapy pill every day which I am still taking. I might not ever be completely cancer free as there is still a trace amount of cells in my blood. However, I was told two years ago, as of July 2, that I am almost cancer free. The cells in my blood were extremely low but still there. I am learning to live a "new normal."

My goal since becoming sick has

changed. Instead of working for the money, that is no longer my focus. The trip I took to the hospital five years ago could have easily been my last. My focus now is to enjoy life to the fullest. I enjoy going on vacations, go kart-dirt track racing, and other stuff with my family and friends. This experience has shown me the real value of life. My faith has seen me through. I know, no matter what, I owe everything to God.

I race go karts on dirt tracks and really enjoy it. On the back of all of my equipment I have John 3:16. In the US Nationals in Arizona, I ranked 8th in the nation. I finished 4th in the Unlimited All Stars in the state. I believe that I am still here to tell my story. I still go to the doctors at Cancer Specialist of North Florida every 6 weeks for blood work and checkup. When I go, I always speak with different people about my experience. I believe that is why I am still here and maybe it can help someone else. I am blessed beyond measure!

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Paternal grandparents are Ken and Wanda Staton.

Maternal grandparents are Mario and Liliana Quiroga.

Proud great-grandmothers are Barbara Mixon; Corina Banzer; and Rosa Vargas.

Happy 1st Birthday Austin Walters and Elias Hawkes



Austin Walters, proud parents LJ and Nancy Walters, and Elias Hawkes, proud parents Andrew and Elizabeth Hawkes, celebrated their first birthdays in November.

The boys are true blessings to our families and bring such joy and pleasure to our lives. They get together for weekly playdates and have already begun to get into mischief together. We look forward to watching them grow together through the years.

Fun at the Callahan Library! CD Workshop!

Wanting to get rid of all your old, cracked or scratched CDs? The Callahan Library needs your donations for upcoming "trash-to-treasure" craft workshops. Please bring your unwanted CDs (& cases!) to the Callahan Library (450077 SR 200, Suite

15, Callahan) and give them to Library staff.

When your media CDs become cracked or scratched, you can create beautiful, decorative sparklers! Turn trash into treasure again at the Callahan Library's "CD Sparklers" workshop Thursday, March 29 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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forward to a fun rematch next year! We want to thank all who came out to support this fun event and all our sponsors who donated: Advanced Disposal, Brandies ACE Hardware, Cochranes Collision, First Baptist Church Callahan, WestRock, WalMart and Winn Dixie!



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Atlanta in recent years, also receiving Superior ratings. The band is currently engaged in a campaign to raise money to purchase new band uniforms. The current uniforms are over 10 years old and it is time to replace them. We know local businesses and individuals can be essential in contributing to this very important enterprise. We welcome and appreciate any monetary donation or gift towards the new uniforms. Donations can be mailed to the school at: HMSHS, 1 Flashes Avenue, Hilliard, FL 32046, write Band uniform donation in the memo. Thank you!

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Monday, March 12

Damon Richard Miller, 26, 540485 US Highway 1, Callahan: Disorderly Intoxication; Resist without Violence

Tuesday, March 13

Gerald Kenneth Butler, 62, 241688 CR 121, Hilliard: Disorderly Intoxication

Nicolas Germaine Borja, 28, 28410 Sunberg Road, Hilliard: Resist without Violence; Possession of Methamphetamine; Introducing Contraband into Jail Facility

Saturday, March 17

Melissa Mia Ashworth, 51, 44105 Pinebreeze Boulevard, Callahan: Battery Domestic Violence

NC BOCC Recognizes Master Gardeners



The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners recently presented a proclamation honoring the service of UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardeners. Those being recognized included: Claudie Speed 20 years; Joanne Roach 10 years; Shirley Lohman 11 years; Candace Bridgewater 10 years; and Carol Anne Atwood 10 years. Commissioner Justin Taylor presented them with their certificates and pins. Other supporting Master Gardeners Susanne Schlaifer, Mary Chudzynski and Sandy Barron were also in attendance.

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BETTY JEAN CANNON



Betty Jean Bradbury Cannon passed away March 15 in Hilliard, at the age of 95, after a long eventful life. Betty was born October 28, 1922 in Kansas City, Kansas. She was the daughter of Claud Lee and Nellie Mae Bradbury who predeceased Mrs. Cannon as did her husband Joseph. Mrs. Cannon was a homemaker and wonderful cook as testified by her children. She loved her flowers and garden.

She is survived by her children, Joseph (Mary) Cannon, Robert (Herminia) Cannon, James (Ann) Cannon and Paula (Bill) Hardin; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Sunday, March 18 at Hardage-Giddens Edgewood Chapel. The funeral service was held Monday, March 19 at Hardage-Giddens Edgewood Chapel. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville.

You may leave words of comfort and sympathy at www.Hardage-GiddensEdgewood.com.

Hardage-Giddens, Edgewood Chapel, 729 S. Edgewood Avenue, Jacksonville is serving the family.

BELINDA JANE CREWS

Belinda Jane Crews, 49, passed away at her residence in Statesboro, Georgia on March 15. She was born January 15, 1959 in Folkston.

She is survived by her mother Sheryl Bennett Keene; father Vernon E. Crews; three brothers Scott Crews, Jimmy Crews and Pat Crews; three sisters Theresa Crews, Doris Matee and Karen Crews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 20 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in Pineview Cemetery.

OBITUARIES

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

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

WILLIAM FRANKLIN HRABAL



William Franklin Hrabal, 83, of Bryceville, went home to be with the Lord on March 11. He was born on August 25, 1934 in Bowling Green, Florida, to Lois Franklin and Zella Mae Hrabal. He served in the US Navy and was stationed in New York City where he met the love of his life Josephine Ramos. On January 19, 1957, they were married and came back to Florida to start their family. They were known by all as Bill and Jo and were devoted to each other for 60 years till her death in 2017. He was a retired Mechanical Inspector of Jacksonville and continued to work in Air & Refrigeration till 1994. Bill and Jo moved to St. Croix, Virgin Islands and he worked for Hess Refinery for 6 years. While in the islands he became an avid scuba diver. They returned to their residence in Bryceville in 2001 to his family and friends. He never met a stranger and was always ready to help his neighbor when needed. He will be missed by all, especially his daughter Deidra.

William is survived by his daughter Deidre H. (Frank) Mercer; four grandchildren Steven J. Mercer, William Hrabal, Dutch Hrabal and Russel Moore; six great-grandchildren; sister Lois Faye (Norman) Langston; and brother Sammy Hrabal; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Josephine; and son Kevin Joseph Hrabal; sisters Sherry Halter and Louise Mosley; and a brother Floyd Hrabal.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in Bowling Green, Florida.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

DEBORAH KAY LEWIS



Deborah Kay Lewis, 67, of Kingsland, Georgia, passed away March 17. She was born in El Paso, Texas. She was raised a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was a resident of Kingsland for the past 37 years. People knew her best from the Lunchbox, Aunt B's and/or Adens Minute Market where she always greeted everyone with a smile and showed God's love. She was preceded in death by her father Nephi Leroy Jarvis.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, John Paul 'J.P.' Lewis; four children Jenniffer Griffin, Karla Perreault, Samantha Bryant and Kevin Lewis; her mother Billie Ruth Simms Jarvis; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a sister Shirley Moffitt; and two brothers Roy Jarvis and William Jarvis.

Memorialization will be by cremation. Mrs. Lewis' wish was for everyone to celebrate her life by doing a "good deed" in her honor.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

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

JOSEPH A. MICHAELS, JR.



Joseph A. "Pat" Michaels, Jr., 89, of Hilliard, passed away Saturday, March 17 in Fernandina Beach. He was born April 8, 1928 in Folkston,

Georgia to the late Joseph Asbury "Mike" Michaels, Sr. and Emily Allen Michaels. He proudly served his country in the US Navy during WW II. He retired as head of maintenance at Jacksonville International Airport. He was a member of the First Baptist Church Hilliard.

He is survived by his two sons Joe Michaels, III and Don (Sara) Michaels, all of Hilliard; three grandchildren Joe (Lacey) Michaels, IV, Lindsay (Mike) Trouille and Lauren (Chris) Tison; five great-grandchildren Riley Tison, Lane Michaels, Greyson Tison, Jackson Michaels and Adeline Trouille.

The family will receive friends Friday, March 23 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 24 at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hilliard with Rev. Josh Tillman officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Hilliard.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Community Hospice of NE Florida, Warner Center, 1348 S. 18th Street, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.


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TARI DAJUAN MITCHELL

Tari DaJuan Mitchell was born on December 20, 1981 in Fernandina Beach, to Mrs. Shonna Wells. On Saturday, March 10, 2018 Tari left this life to being a new one. Tari was reared by his grandparents Mr. James and Marva Mitchell, Sr. He attended the local schools in Callahan.

Tari loved life. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and loved his family. He had a special love for animals, especially his dogs.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his mother Shonna (James) Wells; father Anthony Upshaw; children Jaquann Mitchell, Centari Mitchell, Shamiah Humphries, Aaliyah Harris and Heaven Woodlee; grandparents James and Marva Mitchell; sisters Ciara Watson, Tekerra Higgon, Antoinette Upshaw and Wanda Nettles; brothers Kelvin Upshaw and Anthony Upshaw; uncles Gregory Mitchell, Anthony Mitchell, James Mitchell, Kevin Young and Tracy Young; six great-aunts; nephew Kennari Brown; family at heart, the Eleby's of Callahan; special friends Tamar Way, Dante Kelly and Cordell Shelby; special cousins Anthony Mitchell, Jr., Terrence McKnight and D'Angelo Simms; and a host of other family and friends.

The family received friends Friday, March 16 at the True Believers Church of God by Faith on White Road in Callahan. A celebration of life service was held Saturday, March 17 also at the church. Interment followed at Callahan Community Cemetery.

Sarah L. Carter's Funeral Home Northside is served the family.

OBITUARIES

JAMES MOORE

James Moore, 60, of Hilliard, passed away on March 14. James was born in Hollywood, Florida on November 30, 1957. His father, Alfred Moore (1917-1994), was from New York, City. His mother, Jean Sample (1924-1981), was from a family farm in Ionia, Kansas. They met at a Miami International Airport café. She was working as a Teletypist for the FAA and was later promoted to Computer Operator. He was working at the café at the time. They were married a short time later. James has a brother, Mark of Hilliard and a sister Diana of Houston, Texas. While growing up, James enjoyed little league sports. He had private organ lessons as well. He graduated from St. Stephen's Catholic School and Miramar High School. While in high school, he played the French horn in the school band.

He graduated in 1975 and joined the Nuclear Navy for six years (1975-1981). He served aboard the USS Bergall (SSN-667) as a nuclear trained electrical operator, Electrician's Mate second class, submarine qualified, EM2 (SS). In 1981, he started studying at the University of Miami. He earned a Bachelor's degree of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1986. In 1987, he was hired by the Westinghouse Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory in W Mifflin, PA. He worked in the A4W Project as an engineer from 1987 to 1990. He then worked at the MTS-635 and 626 as a Crew Training Assistant.

Because of the untimely death of his father, he quit his job and moved to Hilliard to be closer to his brother. After working some odd jobs, he was fortunate to get hired by JEA. He worked as an Electrical and Instrumentation Technician in the Water Department (2000-2001) Buckman Wastewater Treatment Facility (2001-2005) and Southwest Wastewater Treatment Facility (2005-2016). In 2016, he accepted a position of Associate Engineer in the Electrical Systems-Transmission and Distribution Planning-System Analysis Workgroup. While he was assigned to the Southwest facility, he met Carol McElroy. After a two-year engagement, they were married on November 10, 2007. As a member of Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Callahan, he participated in the music ministry by playing the church organ and singing in the choir.

He is survived by his wife Carol; his brother Mark (Mary) Moore of Hilliard, and their children Daniel (Dee-Dee) Moore of Callahan and Alisa (James) Lewis of Memphis; his sister Diana Linczer and her children Katie and Sandy Linczer of Houston.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Community Hospice

& Palliative Care, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257 or give online at support.communityhospice.com.

Arrangements are pending.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

VINTER HAMPTON REED

Vinter Hampton Reed, 75, of Hilliard, passed away March 11. He was born February 24, 1943 in Hilliard to the late Vinter H. and Ruth L. Reed.

Mr. Reed was a graduate of Hilliard High School. He worked as a union Bricklayer and retired after many years of faithful service. He was very talented at what he did! He loved hunting, fishing, riding horses and visiting with his family and friends.

He is survived by his sons, Joseph Woodrow (Montrell) Reed of Hilliard, Dave Adam (Laura) Reed of Callahan and Billy Charles (Stacy) Rewis; his grandchildren Rustin, Hailey, Chelsea, Kalen, Aubrey and Kara; great-grandchildren, Keia, Oaklyn, Camden and Harper; his siblings Jean, Laura, Juliann and George; and many other family and friends.

Graveside services were held Thursday, March 15 at Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard.

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Written by Pamela J. Soule, Enrolled Agent

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- (3) And additional kinds and types of non-deductible penalties for failure to file and/or for failure to pay by or before the first due date of your tax return if you actually owe IRS money.

The bottom line: Extensions only grant you an addition time to file your final return ... it does not grant you more time to pay the taxes you owe as of Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

WHAT IF YOU DO NOT OWE MONEY TO THE IRS?

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2. You can file later (one day later ... and more) without penalty (but remember, if you take too much time (3 years maximum) to file then you lose the refund(s) you might otherwise care to get).

3. You can simply file for an extension, then relax and use the additional time to see your tax pro and get the chore accomplished when the rest of the taxpayers that owe take up his or her time before April 17, 2018.

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Hicken is very excited about this weekend as he is trying his hardest to get his motorcycle up and going for the competition. Last time we spoke, he was still waiting on parts, go figure! The series coming to the Callahan Speedway is the Southern Dirt Track Association of

Florida. The event is actually called the 2018 Florida Flat Track Championship Points Series Round 3. There will also be quads and 3-wheelers coming to the event. “Those are some maxed out machines and exciting to watch,” added Hicken. “They’re certainly not your everyday quads and 3-wheelers.”

Another thrill coming Saturday is the AHRMA National Vintage Dirt Track Series hosted by the Southern Dirt Track Association. If you ask me, anything with ‘vintage’ in the name

sounds pretty cool. And of course, these riders come to race. They have fun but they’re racing!

Gates will open around 11:30 a.m. and racing will begin around 3 p.m. Admission is \$15. If you’re up for some exciting racing of all kinds, Saturday night the place to be is Callahan Speedway, located across from the fairgrounds!



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