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HOMETOWN PEOPLE...HOMETOWN NEWS

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"FOR AS THE BODY IS ONE AND HAS MANY MEMBERS, BUT ALL THE MEMBERS OF THAT ONE BODY, BEING MANY, ARE ONE BODY, SO ALSO IS CHRIST. " - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

Dawn S. West

The last two times Convoy of Hope visited Callahan, it was following Hurricane Irma. Even though we have not had a disaster recently, there are plenty of people hurting and in need. Last Thursday, the tractor trailer pulled into the Callahan First Baptist Church parking lot. Actually, the truck arrived Wednesday night! Around 7:30 a.m. volunteers were on hand to begin unloading the pallets of items from the load. At 8 a.m. more volunteers began arriving working like busy bees. The supplies were organized in a way to make it convenient to be placed into vehicles. As people begin arriving, more volunteers were in the parking lots organizing the flow of traffic as not to block any of the roads. As drivers moved along the path of traffic cones, they were met by someone who first welcomed them. They then received an invitation to attend a



### Convoy of Hope Visits Callahan



the event. Nearing the end of the event, the rain began to flow, which felt pretty good to the volunteers. It was such a great day of giving. There were several churches working together and many, many volunteers to provide for our community. It was

such a blessing to be a

part of such a wonderful

fulfilling event.

Thank you to Callahan First Baptist Church for providing the facility and their maintenance workers who kept things flowing. Thank you most of all, to the many volunteers who so willingly answered the call to serve...it was a blessed day!



### River Road Baptist Blesses Our Community

Friday and Saturday, River Road Baptist Church held their 9th Annual Free Clothing Giveaway to anyone that was in need! On Saturday, they also welcomed a Farm Share semi loaded with food such as bananas, fruit juices, bread, snacks and cookies to include in their giveaway. Tallies from the event included over 1,300 people 'shopping' for clothing and over 400 people collecting some food items.



dinner Saturday, July 28 at 5:45 p.m. at the

church and/or a breakfast Sunday, July 29

at 9 a.m. before the morning worship. The

drivers also received a tract about the Love

of God. Everything was organized so well

first cars begin to come through the line.

People were greeted with a smile and

loaded up with the items they needed. There

were approximately 300 vehicles through

Around 10 a.m. or maybe before, the

and the total event just flowed.

Those attending also enjoyed a free hotdog lunch and live music while

The event was very successful and such a blessing. It is always a blessing to be able to help those who are in need. Many thanks to the River Road Baptist members and volunteers for their faithful willingness to serve others! God is so good!





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### M Word From the Publisher

Here we are at the end of July and school is right around the corner. Families are beginning to panic if they haven't done all the summer things they planned as time is running out! School starts Friday, August 10, only about two weeks away. Now would really be a good time to put our students, teachers and administrators on our prayer lists!

With August also brings a primary election. I'm really not much of a political person however I would encourage us all to pray about our election also. Do some research on the candidates you are considering (local and state wide) before you vote. It is our responsibility as American citizens to vote!

During these last few weeks, I have really begun to see some changes going on in our community. God is making himself known through the works He is providing. I don't want to get all mushy here but I'm just writing from the heart. I've recently heard twice in the last few days about being a part of the body of Christ. Sunday, Brother Lynn talked about how 'we' that are saved, are a part of the body of Christ. In this week's pastors column, Brother Benjie also talks about being a part of the 'body' of Christ. I've heard that many times but both of these times really made me think more about it.

I know I fall very short of being the witness for Christ that I should be. After all, I'm just a sinner saved by the grace of God! I used to think being a part of the body of Christ was just at church. Gee...I'm sure not at church as much as I'm at home and work. It means, I am a

part of the body of Christ all the time or I certainly should be. Do I act like I am? Probably not all the time...because I fail. As it was explained so clearly, the body of Christ is made of so many different people and we all have different gifts to offer. I'm pretty sure mine is the gift of gab (I do talk a lot)! I have thought many times about what my gift (from God) could be. Now I just let go and let God take control of whatever situation I may be in. He can certainly handle it much better than I.

I hope you all realize how wonderful it is to be from our small towns (Callahan, Hilliard and Bryceville). We are so blessed. We have lots of new people moving in but it's our job to make them feel like this is home for them also. We have so many special, wonderful churches and fellowships that would be so honored to welcome new members to the flock. I do realize that the Lord is not going to tarry his coming as our world continues to deteriorate. Most of us have everything we need, maybe not all we want, but everything we need. The only sure thing in this world is your salvation. Obviously, when we leave this earth, we can't take anything with us but our salvation. Doesn't it just seem simple to ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins and to come into our heart? That's salvation and it's free. You just have to ask for it. If you are not a member of a church, seek one out and try it. What an awesome God we serve!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

### Letters to the Editor

#### Crumbling Westside Roads Dear Editor,

OK Nassau County, enough is enough! County Road 115/ Dixie Highway has been passed over for widening and repaving for too many years now. The condition of this two lane road from Bypass Road to Henry Smith Road continues to deteriorate and fall apart at an increasing rate. There are thousands of potholes on this stretch of highway that are becoming dangerous to drivers. I constantly meet oncoming drivers swerving around these deep holes. That in itself can be very dangerous. Hitting a large pothole in a car, truck or SUV can cause damage, or loss of control. But, for those of us (like me) who also ride a motorcycle...it can be deadly.

The Westside Journal in Issue #33 on Feb. 15, 2018 (Update on Westside Roads) reported that CR 115 Widening and Resurfacing was to be completed Winter 2019. Winter 2019? It is not even winter 2018 yet, so we here on the neglected west side must wait another year and a half before we see any improvement? That timeline is unacceptable.

In July of 2017, our 5 County Commissioners failed to agree in principle and pass a gas tax that would have increased the available funding for our county roads. Now, we are seeing the result of that vote. Perhaps a vote like that should be left up to

the Nassau County voters and not to 5 County Commissioners with their own interests in their appointed districts. We all know what part of the county seems to get the funding.

Election time is coming up for some. Perhaps we need to rethink how Nassau County is being managed by our elected officials and make some changes for our future here on the west side of Nassau County. We have a year and a half before it gets any better unless changes are made now. That's a long time to watch our roads fall apart.

Steve Shaw

#### Metal Plate on US 1!

Dear Editor.

I would like to know when the repairs on US 1 (in Callahan) concerning that metal plate in the southbound lane will be made. It's becoming a problem for those passing through and living in Callahan when you have to DODGE that plate. A minor fix was made a few weeks ago but that no longer applies. It is rough on your tires and could knock your front end out of alignment if it gets worse. In other words, whoever is responsible for those repairs please do your best to FIX THE PROBLEM!

> Frances Conner Callahan

#### Letters to the Editor may be emailed to news@westsidejournal.net but must include a name.

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3/4 cup packed brown sugar

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

3/4 cup white sugar

2 eggs

1 teaspoon salt

2 cups rolled oats

2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

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### Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final meeting of July. The first order of business was the adoption of Resolution 2018-09 which concerned honoring 50 Years of Municipal Home Rule in the Florida Constitution.

In other business, Mayor Cris McConnell recommended approval to hire three new employees for the Public Works Department. "All the applicants have been interviewed and approved," said McConnell. "The department has some big issues going on and we need help. These applicants, one that is a former employee, I feel are going to be great in the department and a great help." The council approved the request. The next agenda item also concerned the Public Works Department. The town clerk recently received information that Public Works Director David Thompson has completed paperwork for the FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) and will be out until further notice. "I have talked with two employees, Mr. Grooms and Mr. Rowe, concerning being in the supervisor positions until we can see what's going on," said McConnell. "Both have consented and feel comfortable with the responsibility. I just wanted you (the council) to know what was going on."

The next item concerned setting budget workshop dates. The council agreed on July 24, 30 and 31 at 6 p.m. for budget workshop meetings.

Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Malucci advised the council that he had

bids on lane markers for the pool for the two swim teams that will be using them. Mayor McConnell asked, "Do the quotes include take up reels and storage reels for the markers?"

"They do not," added Malucci.

The council requested for Malucci to get quotes on the two items and add that to the final quotes.

During closing comments, John Hendricks, representing the West Nassau Historical Society advised the council that the Society is one of six Florida organizations selected to host the Smithsonian Institute's traveling exhibit called Crossroads: Change in Rural America. The exhibit will be on display at the depot in Callahan for 6 weeks beginning October 27. Hendricks would like members of the council to attend one of those evenings and talk about Hilliard history (Cornwall Hilliard) and share some old photos. Hendricks will get some dates to present to the council for them to attend.

Former mayor David Buchanan addressed the council to 'thank' David Thompson for his tireless years of service to the town. He also thanked the Mayor for stepping in and taking over some of the responsibility of the Public Works Department during this time. "I think those two men should be compensated for the extra time and responsibility they are putting in," said Buchanan. "Also, our infrastructure is crumbling in Hilliard. The only way to fix that is more money. Just a thought."

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, August 2 at 7 p.m.

### **OPINION**

Roger R. West

The snakes have come out of the pits in reckless abandonment, spewing their venom as if there is no tomorrow ever since President Trump met with Russian President Putin. I am speaking of not only the lame stream media and the elected Democrats but even many elected Republicans. The most educational thing Americans can gain from this is that we all know which Republicans are truly RINOs.

According to Briebart reporter John Hayward, the overreactions by these people are hysterical. They have actually compared President Trump's conference with Putin as treason, compared his performance to Kristallnacht, Pearl Harbor and the 9/11 attack. They actually want to declare war against Russia and some have called on the U.S. military to remove President Trump from office in a coup.

Hayward states, "All of these hysterics are predicated on the idea that Trump is a hapless victim of Putin's sinister manipulation, if not an outright agent of the Kremlin." These individuals, media outlets and elected officials are grasping at anything to ridicule and remove a legally elected President from office. Yes the Civil War is raging!

In all actuality, Trump has been tougher on Russia than Obama ever thought about being. Remember when

Obama ridiculed Mitt Romney when Romney said Russia was the greatest threat to America? Obama laughed and told Mitt that the cold war with Russia ended over twenty years ago. Do you remember the famous hot-mic episode when Obama told Medvedev a Russian official, "This is my last election. After my election I have more flexibility." And Medvedev replied, "I understand. I will transmit this information to Vladimir and I stand with you." Where was the outrage then?

President Trump has imposed several rounds of tough sanctions against Russian individuals and entities over the past two years. He has expelled 12 Russian intelligence officers stationed at the United Nations in New York. He expelled 60 Russian Diplomats from the Russian Consulate in Seattle. In 2017, Trump banned the use of software from the Russian cybersecurity giant Kasperrsky. Trump punished Russian companies in December 2017 for helping the Kremlin develop a cruise missile that violated the Cold War arms control treaties. And the list goes on and

The bottom line is the liberal left will do anything to keep Trump from being successful. The good news is President Trump just keeps on keeping on. God Bless President Trump!

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

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Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



As many of you know, I am the pastor of River Road Baptist Church. It is my privilege to pastor such an amazing group of people. We are not a perfect church and I am not a perfect pastor, but we are a work of grace in process. Last week, we had our annual clothes giveaway to the community. River Road Baptist is a church that is strategically situated out in the middle of nowhere. With that being said, there were over 1,200 people that came to our two-day event. Channel 12 News came and did stories covering the event. The coverage

that the event received from the media was positive. Nobody was convicted of a crime, but the community was made aware of the love of God that has been given to us through Jesus and is available to them.

None of this happened because of a booming celebrity backing the event. There were no charismatic leaders leading the event. The people leading the event were ordinary people offering their humble service to God and their community. The event involved a labor of love by people that were compelled by the love of Christ. The theme verse for our service project was taken from I Cor. 12:12, "...we are one body with many members."

From Paul's perspective, the individual members of the church compose the body of Christ. We are all different, but we have Christ as our common source of unity and our unity in him is greater than all of our differences. As the church, we exist to glorify God and to make Him known. We make God known and bring Him glory by being the hands and feet of Jesus. Jesus is our Head and he calls the shots through His word. As I saw the body of Christ and participated in the activity of the body of Christ, it was so encouraging. When we are unified as Jesus' people, we can do extraordinary things for the sake of the Kingdom. Isaac Newton's words are so true: we are nothing, Christ is everything.

### CHURCH NEWS

Hilliard Pentecostal Full Gospel Church will hold an inside/outside Yard Sale, Hot Dog lunch & Gospel Sing Sat., Aug. 4 beginning at 8 a.m. Come for a treasure hunt! All contributions and donations appreciated! The church is located beside the Hilliard

Brandy Branch Baptist Church will hold a Backpack Giveaway Saturday, July 28 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. They will have backpacks filled with school supplies, clothes, hotdogs, snow cones and a waterslide for the

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### Saturday, July 28

6 p.m. – 2 a.m.

**Kickbacks Gastropub in the Belgian Basement** 910 King Street, Jacksonville

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The University of Florida/IFAS Extension Agents and Nassau County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be addressing these topics: Hurricane meal plans & food safety (including a mock hurricane dinner); Mold management; Preparing your landscape; Youth's role in difficult situations; Preparing your boat, farm and livestock; Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) & Youth Emergency Team (YET).

The workshop will be held in the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center in Yulee, where participants get to see where all the action is happening when a storm hits. The session will held Thursday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m. A mock hurricane dinner and refreshments are included. Registration is \$5. Please https://www.facebook.com/ register: events/248877005708019/.

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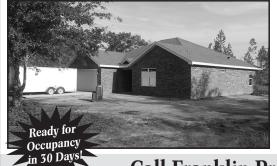
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### Fahlgren Chosen as Outstanding Student

Caleb Fahlgren, a 2018 graduate from West Nassau High School, became the first Nassau County student to be named the Outstanding Secondary Career Education Student by the Florida Association of Career and Technical Education (FACTE). Caleb is the son of Judge Steven and Dr. Kimberly Fahlgren of Hilliard. He was chosen based on his entire high school resume and honored this week at the FACTE ceremony in Orlando. Fahlgren's trail-blazing approach to high school distinguished him in several ways and he will be reaping rewards for quite some time.

The Nassau County School District offers several options for high school students. While most students choose one program or a standard college-prep track, Fahlgren took a different approach. He viewed each class as an opportunity to explore careers and obtain credentials. While a standard college-prep high school diploma leaves roughly 4 to 5 classes for career preparation, West Nassau's block schedule allows for 12 to 13. Fahlgren didn't stop there; he enrolled in an early morning Drafting/AutoCAD course, began the Digital Forensics Technical Certificate at FSCJ through early admissions and worked on his own to work towards additional industry certifications such as Linux and IT Security +. By the time he graduated, he had earned 7 industry credentials, multiple college credit hours, 6 college scholarships and knew exactly what career field would allow him to achieve his financial goals.

While college tuition has increased significantly in recent decades, a four-year college degree is no longer a guarantee to higher wages. Now more than ever, students need to consider the marketability of specific degrees and evaluate education as a financial investment. With a maturity and foresight beyond his years, Fahlgren understood this and explained the process during a recent conversation how the school

district's career education program offerings made a difference for him. "I wanted to go into college knowing exactly what I wanted to do, and the way to do that was to take as many different classes as you can. I wanted to use my four years in college taking exactly what I needed, not exploring," he explained.

In the four years spanning 8th grade to 11th grade, Fahlgren took courses in six different career education programs. This gave him exposure to marketing, finance, engineering and computer science among other things. He settled with a combination of the final two, wireless engineering.

"In 8th grade I wanted to be a computer programmer. I didn't discover the security side until

working in the Java course my junior year of high school. Cyber security is such a growing field. Remember the Target data breach and the huge impact it made on their business? I wanted to be on the cutting edge of that."

Having a narrowed career goal allowed him to proceed with a very deliberate process of vetting college programs and planning his future. As he explored colleges with strong computer science and engineering programs, he zeroed in on the four Florida universities (UCF, UF, Florida Polytechnic University, and UNF) and Auburn University. "Polytech, UCF, and Auburn were my finalists. Polytech was smaller and offered more scholarship opportunities, but there were more employers around UCF and Auburn," said Fahlgren. "Auburn won out because they had a great cybersecurity program and were really focusing on engineering by building a new \$40M facility." He was also impressed by their support of students working on



personal projects and their placement rates.

Choosing an out-of-state school means additional expense, so seeking out scholarships would be key. He approached this with the same sort of focus as he did his career exploration. Regarding winning scholarships, Fahlgren had this to say: "It was less about AP courses and grades and more about being involved and wellrounded. Having participated in activities such as 4-H, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), the University of U.S. and the Jacksonville Bitcoin Club really mattered. Having a part-time job and industry credentials on my resume helped too. Clubs plus school plus job showed I could handle it all! SAT Scores helped a lot too, of course."

He ended up with 7 scholarships totaling \$39K for his freshmen year of college. This includes the FACTE award which garnered him \$1,000 courtesy of the D. C. Jaeger Corporation. The two largest awards Fahlgren received total over \$30K,

are specific to Auburn's programs and can be renewed yearly. Problem solved he won't have to take on debt to fund his education. Last month, Fahlgren started his program at Auburn. Why wait until the fall when you intend to accomplish so much in your life! While his college experience is just beginning, he is already seeing other advantages from having chosen career education courses over additional AP or academic courses.

"AutoCAD help me a lot. I used AutoCAD in a bridge design project in my first college class. It allowed me to build a prototype with the computer so I could be sure everything was exact. Other students that are just starting engineering may have struggled with the project, but I knew that by using AUTOCAD I could get everything exact. My CompTIA A+ certification prep helped me know where the computer industry is heading," added Fahlgren. "The Java program was my favorite because I loved the real-world projects and team group projects. I think that one of the best ways to learn is through real world projects. Video Game Design was a close second because you could bring your own knowledge and creativity into those projects."

For younger students hoping to achieve great things including landing scholarships and promising jobs, Fahlgren offered some parting advice, "Being well-rounded is so important. People get caught up on being valedictorian, but everyone applying for these awards has good grades. You have to make yourself unique by having projects or experiences that not everyone else has. Colleges want a diverse atmosphere; they want to see how you are different from the rest of the pack and how you are going to contribute to that atmosphere. They want to know you'll be involved in their extracurricular activities and may even do research with professors."

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### Fatal Accident Saturday Night



Two people lost their lives Saturday night on US 301 near Bryceville. Shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday night, Bailey McKnight, 22, of Bryceville, and Ryan Kennedy, 21, of Jacksonville were heading northbound in the left northbound lane in a Honda Civic. A Ford F-250 driven by Shawn Blitchington, 45, was traveling south in the left northbound lane of US 301 with no headlights on. The two vehicles collided headon. According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the driver of the F-250 fled the scene on foot prior to law enforcements arrival. Kennedy and McKnight, who was eight months pregnant, were pronounced deceased at the scene.

Nassau County deputies searched the area and found Blitchington not far from the crash site. Blitchington was placed under arrest by FHP. He is charged with leaving the scene of a crash involving death. Other charges are pending.

A joint funeral service will be held for Bailey and Ryan Saturday. The families will receive friends prior to the funeral services Saturday, July 28 at 10 a.m. with funeral services at 11 a.m. at Evangel Temple Assembly of God, 5755 Ramona Blvd., Jacksonville.

### Backpack Giveaway Saturday

If your children are in need of a backpack, school supplies and clothes, make sure to visit this event this Saturday. Brandy Branch Baptist Church is hosting their annual Backpack (filled with school supplies) Giveaway Saturday at the church located at 1906 Brandy Branch Place, Bryceville. There will also be hot dogs and snow cones and a huge waterslide for lots of fun! It's a great time to go and visit with the wonderful people at Brandy Branch and show our support for such a great event! The total event is free to all who attend!





# Happy 4th Birthday Ellie Susan Geiger

Ellie Geiger will celebrate her 4th birthday July 27! She will celebrate her special day with a pool party held in her honor at her grandparent's house with her sister Adalyn and lots of family and friends joining in the fun. Her proud parents are Amos and Emily Geiger.

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### West to Retire from Post Office

Dawn S. West

If you've been in the Callahan Post Office at any time, you have seen Postal Clerk Debbie West. Debbie will be at her post for her final time Monday, July 30. Make sure to go by and see her and wish her well.

She is retiring from the US Postal Service after 36 faithful years of service. Debbie started at the Callahan Post

Office on March 20, 1982 at the young age of 21. "After graduating from high school, I just wasn't sure what I wanted to do," said Debbie. "I didn't really want to go to college. My uncle told me to go take the postal exam and see what happened. I did. I wasn't hired until 3 years later, mainly because I wanted to work in Callahan."

She worked at the Callahan Winn Dixie for five years, the last two working both jobs. She still has people that come in the post office that remember her days at Winn Dixie! People don't forget her smiling face! She credits her longevity to starting out with some wonderful people and great supervisors. Debbie started at the time that Sylvia Peterson, Mary Ann Ladson and Olivia Brooks worked there. Now, for us old timers, those were some great ladies! "I never dreaded coming to work. I have always enjoyed my job so much," continued Debbie. "We all worked together so good. We're all like family. And I



just loved helping the customers. Many have become sweet friends over the years."

She has certainly seen some big changes over the years. Back when she started, almost all the mail was sorted by hand. Now, 90% or more is done by machine. With the increase of shopping on the internet the package increase has been incredible. Most Mondays, just the

Callahan post office receives more than 1,000 packages. Most of the carriers end up making two trips delivering. Callahan used to only have 3 routes, now they have 9 routes.

"I've been through so many generations of families. I feel like the Lord blessed me with this job and placed me in a place to serve others," added an emotional Debbie. "It's been such a joy not a job but an amazing career. I just want to thank all my customers who have also helped me some days by bringing a smile to my face."

Debbie plans to catch up on some time with family and friends. Eventually, Debbie and her husband Buddy plan to do some traveling around America!

Debbie's official retirement date is Friday, August 3 however she has some time built up and will not be at work until then. Once again, her last day will be next Monday, July 30! Make sure to go say farewell!

Good luck Debbie! We love you!

### Back to School Bash Successful

Saturday, the Annual Back to School Bash was held at Ewing Park in Callahan. The event was hosted by Second Baptist Church in Callahan. The event kicked off around 9 a.m. with a hint of clouds in the sky. The rain held off and the



What a blessing it was to see everyone enjoying the day! The children were playing and laughing. Even the adults were enjoying visiting and fellowshipping together. The park was a little wet but a little water has never hurt anyone. If you haven't been

> to Ewing Park lately, it is a great place for a family picnic, shoot some basketball, swing and just enjoy each other!



people came out. Under each pavilion were backpacks for high school, middle school and elementary. There was also a pavilion with snacks and hygiene products. At the back of the park under the big pavilion were hot dogs and the fixings provided by Live Oak Baptist Church. There was also a huge water slide for the children to enjoy...which they did!



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#### Monday, July 16

Megan Bell Wingate, 32, 44121 Kingbird Drive, Callahan: Possession of Cocaine

#### Tuesday, July 17

Christopher James Rubright, 26, 64632 Marsh Road, Callahan: Violation of Probation Possession of a Controlled Substance; Possession of Controlled Substance Paraphernalia; Driving While License Suspended or Revoked

Rodney Keyshawn Alderman, 22, 2738 Kara Circle, Hilliard: Battery Simple; Resist without Violence

Danielle Ardis Haley, 25, 54332 Jamie Drive, Callahan: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended/Revoked Second Conviction

#### Wednesday, July 18

Kayla Monee Forester, 28, 27376 New Front Street #23, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

Clara Ann Stratton, 47, 36524 Patsy Lane, Hilliard: Suwanne County Violation of Probation

Ashley Marie Guinn, 34, 28375 Bow Tie Ally, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Sale, Manufacture, Delivery of Controlled Substance

#### Friday, July 20

Carol Jean Harris-Chaney, 46, 292041 Penny Haddock Road, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Possession of Controlled Substance (x 2); Introducing Contraband; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (x 2)

### Taylor Earns FAC Certified Designation

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#### RICHARD JACKSON CRAVEY



Richard Jackson Cravey, 71, passed away unexpectedly July 18. Richard was born July 23, 1947, was a lifelong resident of Callahan and a 1965 graduate of Callahan High School.

He is survived by his mother Brenda Cravey of Callahan; his children Erin (Robert) Hunter of Callahan, Manette Cravey of Oregon, Scott Cravey of

Alabama, Nathan Cravey and TJ Cravey, both of Wisconsin. He is preceded in death by his father James Jackson 'Jack' Cravey; his daughter Meagen Ann Cravey; and a son Shanee Cravey.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Callahan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 879-2336.

#### ERIC CARLYLE CRAVEY

Eric Carlyle Cravey, 44, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on July 23. He was born on April 29, 1974 in Jacksonville to Cecil Cravey and LaFaye Boatright Cravey.

Eric is survived by his parents Cecil Cravey and LaFaye Boatright Cravey; brothers Richard and Kenneth Shelby; nephews Joseph Milton, Zachary Burch and Carson Williamson; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his sister Fara Cravey; grandparents Lawton and Lottie Boatright and Leonard and Kathryn Cravey.

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A graveside service will be held Friday, July 27 at 11 a.m. in Jones Cemetery in Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest book at www.nassaufh.

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

#### **CHRISTINE GEIGER CREWS**



Christine Geiger Crews, 90, of Hilliard, passed away at her residence July 21. She was born September 8, 1927 in Hilliard to the late Port William Geiger

and Dean Campbell Geiger. She retired from Gilman Paper Company after 27 years of service. She was a member of Old Paths Holiness Church.

Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Chester Thomas Crews; two sons Dennis Crews and Jerry Crews, Sr.; seven sisters Margaret, Dorothy, Kathryn, Rachel, Geraldine, Grace and Joy; and an infant brother.

She is survived by her children Floyd T. (Linda) Crews, Steve Crews, Sheila Brandies and Alton (Kathy) Crews; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters Portia Ann O'Berry and Faye Spikes.

The family received friends Monday,

July 23 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 24 in the Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Steve Crews and Bro. Paul Guthrie officiating. Pallbearers were her grandsons and great-grandsons. Burial followed in Brickyard Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com.

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

#### SHIRLEY HOPE EDWARDS

Shirley Hope Edwards, 90, passed away July 17. She was born January 30, 1928 in Swannanoa, North Carolina.

Mrs. Edwards is survived by her husband Lee Edwards; sons Gary (Gayle) Ledford of Biltmore, North Carolina, Corbin (Nancy) Ledford of Cherryville, North Carolina and David (Jennifer) Edwards of Jacksonville; daughters Janice Toirkens of Loganville, Georgia and Melanie (Buddy) Johnson of Bryceville; brothers Norman Thomas, Corbin Thomas, Van Thomas, David Thomas, Mike Thomas and Nathan (Gina) Thomas; nieces Machelle Thomas, Serena Winney, Marth Ward and Contessa Sierra; grandchildren Danny Ledford, Valerie Shelton, Richard Carter, Sheri Carter, Alex Toirkens, Susan Niles, Heather Grier, Wendy Barrett, Allison Hughes, Jake Edwards, Kristina Johnson and Kimberly Johnson; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granchild. Mrs. Edwards was preceded in death by a daughter Mary Anne Holland.

A visitation service for Mrs. Edwards was held Friday, July 20 at the Prestwood Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral service was held Saturday, July 21 also at the funeral home with the Rev. Joey Rountree officiating. Interment followed at Riverside Memorial Park.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Prestwood Funeral Home, Baldwin.

#### LINDA BRYANT HARRIS



Linda Diane Bryant Harris, 71, of Jacksonville, passed away July 21 at her residence following a lengthy illness. She was born in Folkston, Georgia,

March 24, 1947 to the late James I. Bryant and Lois Hazel Chesser Bryant. She was a 1965 graduate of Charlton County High School, where she was Homecoming Queen. She retired in 2005 from Prudential Insurance after 40 years of service.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Tommy Harris; two daughters Kimberly (David) Guthrie and Christina Harris; a grandson David Guthrie; two brothers Jimmy (Linda) Bryant and Tommy (Patricia) Bryant; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 25 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in Trader's Hill

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

#### LEILA M. JONES



Leila M. Jones, 75, of Green Cove Springs, passed away on July 23. She was born on July 18, 1943 in Switzerland, Florida to the late Johnny and Annie

Grace (McGallard) Bowen. Mrs. Jones was a lifelong resident of Florida and a member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church. She loved flowers, fishing, camping and sightseeing. She was preceded in death earlier this year by her husband Billy Jones, Sr.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her son Billy (Amy) Jones, Jr.; daughters Irene (Jack) Cowart and Rhonda (Randy, Sr.) Maddox; sisters Delorse Harn, Gracie Golden and Laura Frederickson; eight grandchildren;

**Jacksonville** 

## Bargeron Family Thank You Words are not enough to thank the many people that showed their love and support during the

loss of our loved one, Wendy Wood Bargeron. For all those who brought food, sent flowers and cards and special visits, we thank you so much. We're thankful for the donations to help pay for funeral expenses and for that we are eternally grateful. Also a special word of thanks to Ellis McAninch of Callahan Funeral Home for the superb job he performed. May God bless you all.





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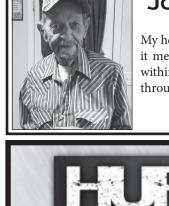
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> Love, Jennifer (Jenny)





and 16 great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to Mrs. Jones' grandson, Edward Maddox and his wife Kimmi, for stepping up and being the rock and strength for Nana and Papa in their times of need.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com.

Arrangements under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, Green Cove Springs,

#### SARAH BETH NETTLES



Sarah Beth Nettles, 29, of Glen St. Mary, passed away July 20 at Shands Hospital Jacksonville, Florida. She was born January 29, 1989 in

Jacksonville, to Arnold Nettles and Julie Ann Johns. Sarah has been a resident of Baker County most of her life and enjoyed her career as a Cosmetologist. She liked going to the beach and being outdoors. More than anything Sarah enjoyed being around people and loved her family dearly. She is predeceased by her paternal grandparents Carlos and Helen Nettles; and maternal grandfather Everett Johns, Jr.

Sarah is survived by her parents; Arnold Nettles of Palatka and Julie Ann Elliott of Glen St. Mary; children KenaDee Ann Bray and Jayden Lee Nettles of Glen St. Mary; brothers Jamey Thrift of Macclenny, Chris (Lisa) Nettles of East Palatka and Dale (Nikki) Nettles of Olustiee; sister Christina Elliott of Quincy; maternal grandmother Bethel Johns; special friends DeLassus family; Crystal and Monty Jo Loveland.

A Celebration of Life Service was held Tuesday, July 24 at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Chapel with Jimmy Barker and Brent Withers officiating. Interment

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followed at Manntown Cemetery. The family received friends prior to service.

The arrangements are under the care of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services, Macclenny, (904)259-5700.

#### JENNIFER LYNN PERRY-DRURY



Jennifer Lynn Perry-Drury, 38, of Bryceville, passed away. Jennifer is survived by her husband Ryan Drury of Bryceville; son Kyia Laten

Drury; parents Keith and Connie Brinson; brother Justin Perry of Jacksonville; nephew Keith Perry; niece Kyleigh Perry; grandparents Margaret (David) Nelson of Callahan, Marion Starling of Middleburg, Betty Sue Perry of Dinsmore, and Faye (W.D.) Brinson of Interlachen; and several family members.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her father Faron Perry; grandfather Ernest Buckels, Sr.; Uncle Eugene Buckels, Jr.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 23 at Brandy Branch Baptist Church with the Rev. Rusty Bryan officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Prestwood Funeral Home, Baldwin.

#### **LAFAYNE JONES THOMAS**

LaFayne Jones Thomas, 87, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away July 17 at Folkston Park Nursing and Rehab. She was born February 20, 1931 in the Traders Hill Community of Charlton County to the late

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After a lot of thought and deliberation, Bernice and I have decided it is time for me to retire from public office, therefore, I will not be seeking re-election. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your County Commissioner for the past eight years.

I am pleased to endorse Dawn Hagel. She is a conservative and believes as I do, government should always be accountable to the taxpayers for the way they spend taxpayer dollars.

Dawn shares my concerns for our county from its beaches, to the rich agriculture of the

Westside. She has been an active member of our community since 1999. Dawn knows we should be committed to managing growth in a way that maintains our quality of life.

Thank you for your support over the past eight years. It has been an honor and privilege to be your Commissioner.

James Carl "Buck" Jones, Sr. and Martha Agnes Jones. Along with her parents: she was preceded in death by a son Joseph Edward Thomas; a grandson Brian Thomas; and a sister Iris Alderman.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Junior Thomas; two children Layton (Cindy) Thomas and Suzanne (LeVance) Gay; two grandchildren Dusty (Ashley) Thomas and Rachel Gav: three greatgrandchildren Griffin, Weylin and Tinley Thomas; a brother J.C. "Carl" (Carol) Jones, Jr.; a sister Sylvia (Clyde) Woolard; a brother-in-law Hadsel Alderman; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The family received friends Thursday, July 19 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Graveside funeral services were held July 19 at Pineview Cemetery with Rev. Gene McCullough officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Friends of Charlton County Library, 1291 Indian Trail, Folkston, GA 31537, Georgia Hospice Care, 777 Glouchester Street, Brunswick, GA 31520, or Prospect United Methodist Church, 29931 Highway 121. Folkston, GA 31537.

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com. Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

#### NORMA JEAN WHEELER



Norma Jean Coon Wheeler, 63, passed away July 17. She was born March 16, 1955 in Jacksonville to the late Thomas Coon, Jr. and Norma S.

Strickland. She was an Assistant Manager at Dollar General and lead Driver for Budget Rent a Car. She will be missed by many.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, John Wheeler (Vietnam Veteran); her children Amanda McKenzie and John

(Nikki) Wheeler; three grandchildren Troy and Scott McKenzie and Dakota Hodges; nine sisters Shirley Martin, Carol Olive, Rose Heimbeger, Gail (Wayne) Mills, Cheryl Rogier, Cindy (Tony) Ivey; Susan (Dale) Coulter, Melissa (Scott) Johnson and Chanda (Richard) McCullough; seven brothers Tommy (Sheila) Coon, Timmy Coon, James (Marty) Coon, Mike (Billie) Coon, Bubba (Rebecca) Coon and Doug Mixon; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; and a brother Joe Mixon.

As per her wish, she was cremated. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 21 at Red Oak Circle in Callahan.

#### JEANETTE M. WINGATE



Jeanette M. Wingate, 95, a longtime resident of Callahan, passed away July 21. She was born on May 27, 1923, in Musella, Georgia, to

Walter and Mary Lou (Hortman) Mitchell. She graduated Valedictorian of her class from Crawford County High School and received her B.S. Degree in Education from the University of Georgia. Mrs. Wingate enjoyed a successful career as a teacher inspiring hundreds of 4th graders for 42 years in Marietta and Jesup, Georgia and in Callahan. She served as president of Alpha Delta Kappa Honor Society for women in education and was a member of the Masonic ladies society of Daughters of the Nile.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Roy Wingate, Jr; three children Janet Robinson, Leesa Graham and Keith (Terry) Wingate; and three grandchildren Savanna Robinson, Ross Graham and Darci Wingate.

The family received friends Tuesday, July 24 at the First Baptist Church of Callahan. The funeral service was held Wednesday, July 25 also at the church. Burial followed at Jones Cemetery Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www. callahanfh.com.Callahan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND SEARS

JUNE 7, 1947 – JULY 23, 2017

July 23rd was the 1-year anniversary and celebration of my Christian brother, best friend and brother-in-law, Raymond Sears, being in the presence of God. He is missed very much, but I know he is rejoicing with the Lord. One day, there will be a glad reunion day and we will rejoice together at the feet of Jesus. You may be gone, but not forgotten. See you after a while!

Your brother in Christ and friend,

Noel (Tony)





### NOTICE OF ELECTION

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Qualifying for the Town of Callahan Town Council will begin on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 8:00 AM and will conclude on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 3:00 PM.

Any person desiring his or her name to be printed on the Official Ballot as a candidate for any of the above offices shall file with the office of the Town Clerk according to the Qualifications set by the Town of Callahan Charter which is on file in the Clerk's Office or available online at: https://www.townofcallahan-fl.

Qualifying packets may be picked up at Callahan Town Hall, 542300 US Hwy. 1, Callahan, during normal business hours Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information please contact Town Clerk, Stephanie Knagge at (904) 879-3801 ext. 203.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. EOE

### Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit **Coming Soon**

The West Nassau Historical Society is one of six Florida organizations selected to host the Smithsonian Institute's traveling exhibit called Crossroads: Change in Rural America. This is a national project designed to

showcase the historic aspects of America's rural yet diverse population and its slowly changing landscape. The history-oriented show will run from Saturday, October 27, through Saturday, December 8, inside the historic Callahan Train Depot located at 45383

Dixie Avenue in the heart of rural Nassau County. The grand opening is set for Saturday, October 27 at 7 p.m. with a reception and refreshments. The event is free and open to the public but donations are kindly accepted.

The all-volunteer nonprofit recently received a Community Project grant of \$5,000 from the Florida Humanities Council who is helping the Smithsonian Institute coordinate the extensive show on the state level. These funds will allow the West Nassau Historical Society to promote the exhibit and augment the show with extra displays and lectures presented by various local groups and businesses. The historic 1881 Callahan train station venue will be open from Wednesday through Sunday for the entire 6 weeks the traveling exhibit is in town. The Historical Society will end the show on Saturday, December 8, with a final reception open to the public.

This project would not be possible without the support of the Florida

Humanities Council, the nonprofit statewide partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities that each vear awards federal funds to community organizations to create a variety of cultural resources and hundreds

> free public programs across the state. These programs and resources help preserve Florida's heritage, promote civic engagement, and foster connections among humanities scholars, cultural organizations, and community groups across the

state. Florida Humanities grants also leverage thousands of dollars annually in local matching funds from non-profit agencies.

This fall marks the 30th anniversary of the renovation of the 1881 late-Victorian-style train depot that will be the venue for the Crossroads exhibit. It is also the 10th anniversary of the opening of the West Nassau Museum of History located inside the quaint wooden railroad station. The West Nassau Historical Society will mark both occasions during Crossroads' six week stay in Callahan.

The 501c3 nonprofit is dedicated to the discovery and celebration of the rich and diverse tapestry that is Nassau County history.

For more information on the historical society or the Smithsonian Institute's Crossroads Exhibit visit www.wnhsfl.org or like the West Nassau Historical Society's Facebook



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