



“LET US THEREFORE COME BOLDLY TO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.” - HEBREWS 4:16

Hilliard to Raise Millage Rate

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first meeting of August. The first agenda item was a proclamation for the Atlantic Coast Young Marines. Mayor Cris McConnell read the proclamation concerning the young men serving as interventionists to help young people with drug use and abuse. These young marines teach others to foster a drug-free lifestyle. McConnell proclaimed the week of October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week in the town of Hilliard.

Ordinance 2018-06 was approved on second and final reading which concerned the business tax rate increase that is mandated by state statutes.

In other business, Ordinance 2018-04 was discussed as the ordinance is up for review again. The ordinance, concerns a discussion of the Medical Marijuana Moratorium. By state law, municipalities can either accept them (as many that want to come) or deny them. The council agreed to extend the moratorium for another six months.

The next item concerned a septic tank exception from Mr. Bobby Franklin at 27459 W. 11th Avenue. The property has no sewer available at this time. The council approved the exception.

The next item concerned rescheduling the Fourth of July Fireworks display. The council agreed to have the fireworks display to be a part of the Veterans Celebration Ceremony on Saturday, November 10 at 3 p.m. Fireworks will be held at dusk that evening.

The next item, Resolution 2018-10 was approved which concerned

amending the Parks & Recreation Programs and Fees and updating the rules and regulations.

The next agenda item concerned the after school program transportation agreement with the Parks & Recreation Department and the School Board. The cost has been lowered to \$270 per month for the upcoming school year. The council approved the agreement.

Resolution 2018-11 was approved which concerned schedule of fees for culverts in the town. The cost of steel has gone up causing our costs to also increase.

Mayor McConnell requested approval for an emergency roof replacement on the Wastewater treatment facility. “The crew said the roof is leaking so bad. They were standing in water while dealing with power issues at the plant,” said McConnell. “We need to get this fixed. These are the same roofers that reroofed the gym. The cost will be \$7540.” The council approved the request.

The council discussed and set the tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. McConnell recommended that the council consider raising the millage rate to .6239. “Our infrastructure is in bad need of repair and we need money to fix it,” said McConnell.

Councilman Lee Pickett made a motion to set the tentative millage rate at 2 mills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jack Bailey. This is the tentative rate and can be lowered by the council but not increased before the final vote.

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, August 16 at 7 p.m.



Fireworks Hot Topic in Callahan

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first meeting of August. Callahan resident, Billy Caulkins, addressed the council concerning the property on Ewing Park Road that has recently been cleared. “I have several concerns about the development. Mainly what is it going to be? Already, we are seeing drainage problems and nothing has been built yet,” said Caulkins. “You (the council) really need to look over this project completely before you approve it. This is going to cause yet another traffic problem with people using that little road. Just think and research before you vote on this.”

“This has to come before the Zoning Board for approval before it comes before the council,” said Councilman Marty Fontes. “I suggest you go to the next Zoning meeting (Monday, August 13) and listen to the discussion about the property.”

The first agenda item was a request from Girl Scout Troop 660 requesting a donation to prepare and deliver Thanksgiving baskets for all the county fire stations. The council donated \$500 last year. “We (the council) will have to do a resolution for our next meeting for a donation for your troop,” said Council President Ken Bass. “This is really a great project you all do each year.”

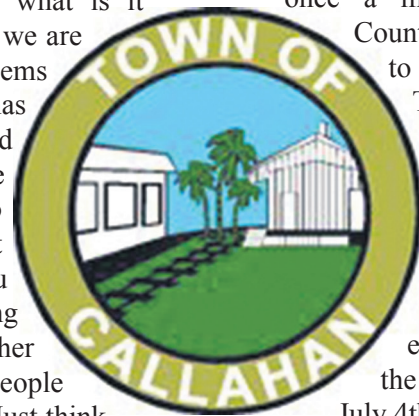
The next presentation was by the Nassau County Department of Planning & Economic Activity with Planning Director Taco Pope, Adrienne Burke and Linda Morris. The group explained that they have organized the West Nassau Heritage Initiative group designed to help plan for the growth of west Nassau County. The trio plans to visit many

different groups in west Nassau County to encourage people to share what they want to see happen on this side of our county. “Growth is coming whether we like it or not,” said Pope. “This is a way we can at least have a say of what we actually want to come and where.” The group has currently been meeting once a month at the Callahan County Building. They plan to attend the next Hilliard Town Council meeting Thursday, August 16 at 7 p.m.

Next, Hilliard Town Council President John Beasley approached the podium. “Good evening! As you all know, the Town of Hilliard has a July 4th Fireworks presentation each year. Well, this year, believe it or not, it was too wet to get the equipment in there,” said Beasley. “We thought maybe it was time that we (Hilliard) joined together (Callahan) and share the fireworks show. I have called Keith Wingate with the NE FL Fair Association about having the presentation at the fairgrounds but haven’t heard from him yet. If we joined together, we could have an amazing show for all our residents. Just a suggestion and something we hope you will consider, as I know you all are in your budget sessions also.” Beasley brought along his contract with the fireworks company for the council to see. The cost is currently \$20,900. “We have rescheduled our fireworks presentation to be at our Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 10,” added Beasley.

The next presentation/suggestion was from resident and business owner Paul Schwend. “Several business leaders and faith leaders have been discussing having a Fireworks presentation around

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A Word From the Publisher

I know parents are thrilled and students are moaning as the end of summer is very near and school starts this Friday! It does seem like the summer flew by this year! Well, I know the students will be happy for the first week, at least, so they can see all of their friends! After that, the homework begins!

It's hard to believe that it's been over 50 years since I began my first year of school. Being the baby of five, I didn't think I would ever be going to school! I watched all my siblings get to go and there I stayed. I can't say it was really bad. I was pretty spoiled by my mom and by our neighbor, Mrs. Rachel. Oh how I loved that lady. Back then, we didn't have air conditioning and we lived right beside her and her husband Mr. Arnie. She would just call my name in the morning or anytime and I'd go running over there. Most of the time to eat! She fixed some really good grits and eggs but my favorite was when she baked a cake. All of them were good but her Lady Baltimore cake was my favorite. I don't know how those cakes got so tall because I know I ate a cupful of the batter. Oh my, that was some good stuff!

Back in those days, we lived right across from Callahan High School (now Callahan Elementary). I really don't remember much about those days except it was fun going to school and playing with my friends. I do remember Mama told me to smile for my picture and I did.



I didn't show any teeth and she was so mad at me. From then on, all you see is teeth (ha ha)! It was a hard life for my parents but a great life for us. Mama made a lot of our clothes, I know all of our dresses and they were the best. We did our homework and then outside to play.

Nope, we didn't have any phones or Xboxes, we played outside. We loved riding our bikes around the neighborhood, up to Robert's station and to Stanley's. That was the best part about growing up! I was allowed to go to Stanley's! What a great place to hang out! We had it made in those days. Mama would whistle if she didn't see us and home we would go.

To all you students: enjoy being in school. Work hard and do your best. Ask questions if you don't understand, it's the only way you can learn. School will go by so fast and then you're an adult and the adult world isn't that much fun. We don't get the summers off and two weeks for Christmas break! Remember that when you're whining about a little homework. In the real world, we have bills, deadlines and have to buy groceries. That's why it's important to learn all you can and enjoy every day! There will be ups and downs but again that's just a part of life! May God bless each of you this year! I pray for a safe and happy learning year for all of you!

Have a great week!

Dawn S. West

Letters to the Editor



Children in Sports

Dear Editor,

I've volunteered as a basketball coach since I was 15 years old and did that till the age of 23. In my time as a volunteer, each year I saw a decrease in the number of kids that participated in not only basketball but all sports from the ages of 5-12 years old. What happened? Did we allow our children to be consumed by technology and the internet? Did the price to play 8 games and receive a participation trophy at the end of the season become too expensive? Did we have more kids wanting to learn an instrument or be in a musical?

Something happened in this town and I can't quite put my finger on it. I'll say this, just because your child doesn't play sports doesn't mean they are a bad kid or won't succeed in life. There have been plenty that have without a single second of physical activity. Sports gives kids and adults a sense of purpose, a family and shows them how to get along well with others and work together towards a common goal and that's to WIN!

Do you not see the bigger picture here? No, it's not all about winning but it's trying

your best to win because everyone wants to be victorious! So what happens when you don't win? Do you just give up? HECK no! In a team environment you regroup and learn from your mistakes, fix them and focus on the next game or task at hand! Sports isn't just teaching your child how to put a ball in a hoop or score a touchdown. Sports is about teaching your child how to lead, follow directions, work towards a goal, giving a 100% at everything, how to be a good employee, how to be a good mom or dad. If you're catching my drift, get the kids in this community back in sports. I want to see the recreation and the upward programs filled at maximum capacity. I want to see the little league field with every age division full!

STOP allowing your children to put a technological/internet pacifier in their mouths! Let's get outside and play! Let's get motivated to be successful in all that we do. Don't try to start your kids in sports when they finally get to middle school or high school because if you do, you're only holding them back from learning now! God Bless!

Holden Whiten Hilliard

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

In the Kitchen...

Honey Grilled Shrimp

- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp. dry white wine
- 2 tbsp. Italian-style salad dressing

- 1 lb. large shrimp, peeled and deveined with tails
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- skewers

In a large bowl, mix together garlic powder, black pepper, 1/3 cup Worcestershire sauce, wine, and salad dressing; add shrimp, and toss to coat. Cover, and marinate in the refrigerator for 1 hour. Preheat grill for high heat. Thread shrimp onto skewers, piercing once near the tail and once near the head. Discard marinade. In a small bowl, stir together honey, melted butter, and remaining 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce. Set aside for basting. Lightly oil grill grate. Grill shrimp for 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until opaque. Baste occasionally with the honey-butter sauce while grilling.



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Fireworks Callahan

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New Years,” said Schwend. “I know when Callahan held the Centennial that it didn’t cost the town any money. I know the fireworks were paid for by a donor and businesses provided the rest. Perhaps the town might want to donate some money towards a fireworks show for our entire community at New Years? You all (council) set the tone for our lifestyle here. Won’t you consider \$5,000 in your budget? Please consider it.”

Next, Laura DiBella representing the Nassau County Economic Development Board addressed the council. “Well, the west side of Nassau County received the largest news that FPL now owns the Crawford Diamond property. They plan to have a majority of manufacturing business and some solar,” said DiBella. We currently have about 15 projects going on and getting close to finalizing. We appreciate your support of what we do.”

“About the FPL property, by manufacturing, what do you mean?”

asked Councilwoman Kathy Smith.

“FPL has bought all the property and they will sell it off to manufacturing companies,” said DiBella.

Sanitation was also listed on the agenda but the council was not sure why it was there. “I know I’ve had several complaints from people about Advanced Disposal recently but the person is not here tonight to discuss it,” said Fontes. “I did look at the contract with Advanced Disposal and our contract goes through October 2019.”

The council then began discussing the large amounts of mattresses, couches, furniture and other large items that get thrown out on the side of the road. It has become a habit with many and just sits there. Council members decided to direct the Code Enforcement Officer to write a citation to the homeowners about the trash to be cleaned up in 15 days.

The next council meeting will be Monday, August 20 at 7 p.m.

FUNDRAISER CAR WASH

Fundraiser for Sergy Brooks’ Family
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The West Nassau Soccer team found a great friend in Baldwin Soccer player Sergy Brooks. Each time the teams played, the young men found time to get together and talk. He became a true friend to the entire team. Sergy passed away unexpectedly leaving the family devastated. All proceeds from this car wash will go directly to the family of Sergy Brooks for any costs associated with his death.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

West Nassau Single Senior Citizens will meet for their next luncheon Wed., Aug. 15 at 1 p.m. at The Pig in Callahan. Come and meet new friends. For more information call Marlene at 879-9845.

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

A thought to remember, Marx said, “Remove one freedom per generation and soon you will have no freedom and no one would have noticed.”

I have always heard that some things are not worth repeating. However, there are some things that need repeating over and over again. I have shared this analogy before but when a friend sent it to me via email today I thought it was time to share it again.

Do you know how to catch wild pigs? You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground. The pigs find it and begin to come every day to eat the free food. When they are used to coming every day, you put a fence down on one side of the place where they are used to coming. When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence. They get used to that and start to eat again. You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate on the last side. The pigs, which are used to the free corn, start to come through the gate to eat the free corn again. You then slam the gate on them and catch the whole herd.

Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom. They will run around and around inside the fence, but they

are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn. They are so used to it that they have forgotten how to forage in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity.

If you want to see first-hand how the fence is being built and how far it has progressed, listen very closely to the Democrat political ads on TV. If you can stomach it, watch the Democrat Governor candidates tonight (Thursday) on WJXT Channel 4. Pay attention to everything they are promising to give if they are elected. How they are going to increase the number of recipients with every free service imaginable to the multitudes. All they are doing is throwing the corn on the ground and building the fences. Remember, the government cannot give anyone anything without first taking it from someone else.

Along with the email I received was a quote for today: “The problems we face today are there because the people who work for a living are now outnumbered by those who vote for a living.”

Let the red tide roll this mid-term election or else we will experience the gate being installed on the fence. As always...that’s just my opinion!

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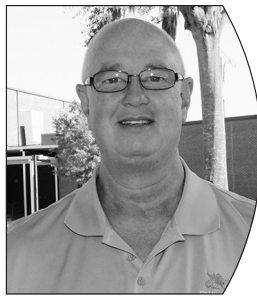
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Have you ever noticed how grocery stores move things around making you hunt for what you're looking for? Then there are the manufacturers like General Mills who changes their packaging from time to time to spark new attention. I have found over the years that routine and habit has its place, but sometimes they can lead to boredom, apathy or neglect.

In our walk with Christ, there are times that things can become routine. If we are not careful, we can tend to drift away from the things of God. It's important that we recognize when we have a need for a revival. Revival is a process of starting over, it's a fresh start. Starting over is a major theme in Christianity. Let's look at the life of Jacob. In Genesis 27, Jacob deceived his father Isaac and takes the blessing that Isaac wanted to give to Esau. When Esau finds out, he becomes angry and wants to kill Jacob. So, Jacob was encouraged by his mother to go to his uncle's house and stay there until Esau had cooled off. In Genesis 28, along his way Jacob has a dream one night and meets with God. In this dream he saw the angels of God ascending and descending on a ladder from earth up into heaven. Jacob called that place Bethel. Jacob believed that this place was the House of God. From there Jacob travels on, meets his mother's family and works for his uncle. Over the next 20 years he gets married, has a family and returns home hoping to make peace with his brother.

In the process, he settles in the land of Shechem. While there, his daughter Dinah is raped by the son of the leader of Shechem. In their anger, two of Jacob's sons (Simeon and Levi) put all the men of Shechem to the sword while they were recovering from being circumcised. It was then, that Jacob realized how far he and his family had drifted from God. They hadn't given God the opportunity to fight their battle for them and they took matters into their own hands. Jacob became concerned that the surrounding towns and people would hear what they had done and come and wipe them out.

At this point, Jacob realized how far he and his family had drifted from God. Jacob and his family needed a revival, they needed a fresh start. So, God led Jacob and his family back to Bethel for a time of repentance and renewed worship with the Lord. Genesis 35:1-7 "Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau." 2 So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you and purify yourselves and change your clothes." 3 Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone." 4 So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had, and the rings in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak at Shechem. 5 Then they set out, and the error of God fell upon the towns all around them so that no one pursued them. 6 Jacob and all the people with him came to Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan. 7 There he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother."

There at Bethel, Jacob and his family made a fresh start as God's people. They got rid of all their foreign gods and purified themselves before God at the Altar. Revival requires submission unto God. James 4:7-10 "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

As I bring this to a close today, let me ask you, does your relationship with God need a fresh touch? Are you in need of a revival in your life? Bethel is where Jacob met with God for the first time. When Jacob noticed that he had drifted away, God directed him to return to Bethel. "Bethel" was Jacob's altar. Why don't you take time right now and make an altar where you're at and get a fresh start with God? Remember God loves you!

Leadership Opportunity for Local Teens

The Youth Leadership Nassau (YLN) program is now accepting applications for the 15th Annual Program. YLN is coordinated through a joint effort between Nassau County 4-H and the Nassau County School Board. The aim of this program is to identify 10th and 11th grade students from each high school in Nassau County who demonstrate leadership qualities and concern for our community. These students are part of a hands-on program throughout the school year that focuses on developing their leadership abilities, connecting them to community leaders, and acquainting them with community resources and needs.

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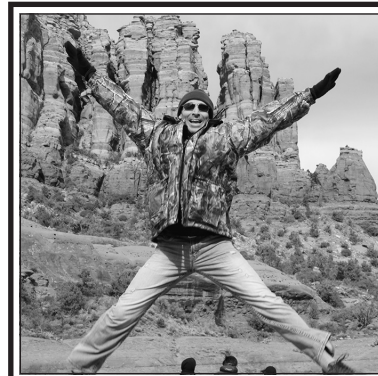
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Autism Back-to-School Bash Held



Joel Pace's music students took part in the "2018 Backpacks for Autism/Back to School Bash" on Saturday at Oak Hill Academy in Jacksonville! The students provided music, a hands-on instrument zoo and face painting for the guests!



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Also, included in the weeklong event, was competition in the 'AIM' (Academics, Integrity & Marksmanship) Program for youth. Artie was the runner up in singles 'Sub-Junior' competition. He made some new friends and renewed some old acquaintances while there. "I learned a lot about sportsmanship and team work. It was a fun week," said Artie.

Artie's parents are Jennifer and Art Gustafson and his paternal grandparents are Elaine and Gus Gustafson of Callahan.



Confederate Veterans Reunion Held



The 123rd National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans was held July 18-22 in Franklin, Tennessee. Representing Kirby Smith Camp 1209 were Chuck Stokes, Chris Elands, John Ruff, Joe Hill, Cmdr. Calvin Hart, Frank Marjenjoff, Kim Hoffecker and Chris Bunton.

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Hanna Announces Candidacy for Port Authority District 3

I, Scott Hanna, am announcing my candidacy for Ocean, Highway and Port Authority in District 3. Our port is a large part of our local economy. We can make it better. As a small business owner and family man in the community, I understand how important it is that we have balance with our growth and environment.



the community who need help because they have lost power, or they need help in a pinch. I promise to offer all of you that same availability as your Port Commissioner.

The Port of Fernandina must listen to the citizens in the community we live in. We need to be engaged with the City of Fernandina Beach and the people who

live in Nassau County. As your port commissioner, I will make sure the Port is working for the citizens with transparency. I'm committed to working to build on these relationships and build more trust between the Port and the community.

I am a local business owner and an active volunteer in the community. I am married to my wife, Kari and have two beautiful children.

To learn more about Scott and his run for Port Authority visit his Facebook page "Scott Hanna for Port Authority."

As an electrician who gets up and goes to work every day, I also understand how important it is we help the port to be successful to care for families in our community. I believe the Port has an important role to play in that balance. It's time for the Port to take a more aggressive role in actively solving challenges in our community from doing our part to help protect beach access to championing high-speed internet. I want to be part of that solution. I also promise to be accessible and available. I get calls from people in

Adkins Recognized by Florida Assisted Living Association

Dayspring Village and Dayspring Senior Living Executive Director and CEO Douglas D. Adkins was recognized at the Florida Assisted Living Association's Annual Conference Gala August 1 with the "2018 Sid Rosenblatt Excellence in Leadership Award" the highest level of recognition awarded in the Assisted Living Facility profession.

Mr. Adkins was elected to a seat on the Florida Assisted Living Association Board (FALA) in 2017-2018 as the Northeast Florida Regional Director. At the 2018 conference, Adkins won a contested statewide board seat and will return to the FALA board for the 2018-2019 year.

"The Dayspring Communities and our staff deserve the biggest share of this statewide recognition. It is through their professionalism and dedication to the care they provide each day to our residents that we are able to make progress in improving the lives of so many people who call our community home," said Adkins. "I tell our staff all the time they are engaged in the practice of health care and each day they are building that practice by what they do and what they choose not to do. It is critical they have a sense of urgency about the care of each person, these lives of our residents are precious and



important and we must help them live the best quality of life possible."

"Over the last 30 years we have served 3800 adults with serious mental illness at Dayspring Village and in 2016 we opened our new Senior Living facility two miles south on our 36 acre campus in Hilliard," continued Adkins. "This award was a real surprise, it is an honor most administrators never realize and it is very special to bring this home to Nassau County and to also win a seat and have a voice in helping shape the future of Florida's ALF care for Florida."

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Franklin Announces Re-Election Bid for Port Authority

My Name is Carrol Franklin and I am running for re-election for Ocean Highway and Port Authority, District 4. I would like your vote and support.



I am a resident of Hilliard and Nassau County since 1958 and am a product of the Nassau County School system. I am married to Judy Wade Franklin and have two sons, Garrett and Gregory. I am a combat military veteran serving proudly in the US Army in 1968-1970, serving in Viet Nam in 1969 and 1970 in the Mekong Delta.

I am owner of Franklin Mini Storage in Callahan and Hilliard and have been successfully self-employed for over 47 years. Forty of those years in the Tire and Auto Parts industry and during that time I also built and operate two mini storage facilities. I operate my businesses with a hands-on approach.

During my term on OHPA I have negotiated with the Army Core of Engineers and gotten a refund of over \$50,000 on a mistake that was made years before I was elected to the board. And proudly, I was part of the board that got the largest amount of the debt paid off of over \$18 million dollars. Some years we made just the payments, but most years we paid double payments. Under my guidance this debt was paid

off several years early.

I have worked very hard to keep the US Customs and Border Patrol Office here on Port property with up to three full time agents on site. There had been a push to move it off site. It is imperative in my opinion for the office to stay local to be able to check all ships and cargo going and coming for anything that would be illegal or dangerous in a timely manner and to make sure all passports, visas and health records are up to date.

The Port of Fernandina is one of the oldest Ports in the US and one of 14 deep water Ports in Florida. We do regular safety inspections and I will show up unannounced to do my inspections so that I can ensure that our Port is safe and is kept at a standard that is safe and clean for Nassau County residents. Our Port has a lot to offer this part of the world and I am proud to be part of it.

I feel that with my business experience as well as Port experience that I am the best person for the office of Ocean Highway and Port Authority and it would be my honor and pleasure to be able to serve on the board again. I humbly ask for your support and your vote. Please vote for me, Carrol Franklin, as your next Ocean Highway and Port Authority, District 4.

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Joe Joe Visits Hagan Ace in Hilliard

Last Friday, everyone was all smiles in Hagan Ace Hardware in Hilliard. Ace Hardware Corporation is a huge supporter of the Children's Miracle Network and Wolfson Children's Hospital. Friday one of the poster children for the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) visited Hagan Ace Hardware in Hilliard with his mother Kris. While



there, Hagan Ace was in the middle of their buy a bucket for \$5 to donate to CMN and you get 20% everything you could fit in the bucket! Joe Joe was happy to encourage shoppers to purchase a

Children's Hospital, as his son Jacob was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes at a young age. This made the partnership a no-brainer for the Hagan family. Ace Hardware has been partners for many years with both organizations.

Friday was a great way to show their appreciation by having Joe Joe, Bill and Debbie Hagan and their family to join in the fun. Jacob Hagan is now in the corporate office for Hagan Ace but was also on-hand to have some fun and enjoy visiting with the many customers!



bucket, which he did! Yep! Joe Joe is a very active young man. He is currently surfing with Special Olympics and LOVES to dance. Joe Joe is a ball of energy and is very excited about selling buckets. He truly enjoyed his visit and enjoyed being filmed during part of the time!

Hagan Ace Hardware owner, Bill Hagan, is truly a believer in Wolfson



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Friday morning, school bells will be ringing loudly throughout Nassau County as students return back to school after summer break. There are several new faces (Principals, teachers, paraprofessionals, cafeteria, etc.) around our schools. We visited each school to highlight your new teachers.



West Nassau High School

Carley Blank, English; Jaime Jackson, Science; Anosatasios Kostikas, Special Education; Ian Pfalzer, Social Studies; Anthony Smith, Career Tech/English; Ashley Wiens, English; and Pamela Wilkerson, English



Callahan Intermediate School

Ashley Krohnberg, 3rd Grade; Chelsea McCall, 3rd Grade; Cyteria McSwain, 3rd Grade; Elizabeth Quigley, 3rd Grade; Amy Stawn, 3rd Grade; Mackenzie Trujillo, 3rd Grade; Allison Lonchar, 4th Grade; Christine Scileppi, 5th Grade; Alexandra Blanchard, ESE; and Cynthia Pavey, ESE



Bryceville Elementary School

Elizabeth Sawicki, 1st Grade; Jeanette Huss, 1st Grade; John Carr, Resource Specialist; and Kathy Dubberly, CES/BES Guidance (not pictured)



Hilliard Middle-Senior High School

Karen Russell, 6/7 Grade Math; Terri Keim, ESE Support Facilitator; Kyler Wilson, ESE Support Facilitator & Middle School Athletic Director; Shelby Vogt, Social Studies; Mike Gaskin, 8th Grade Pre-Algebra, Algebra I; Cindy McClanathan, CNA Program; Miranda Dalton, 7/8 Grade Math; Angela Mosley, 6th Grade English, Digital Media; Misty Nantz, 7/8 Grade English Language Arts; and Coach John Pate, Head Football Coach, PE



Callahan Middle School

Tara Fortner, 7th & 8th Math; Christina Hester, 6th & 7th English Language Arts; Stephanie Lundquist, 8th Grade Science; Kelli Sharp, 8th Grade English/Reading; Amanda Thien, Gifted CMS/WNHS; and Jessica Thompson, 6th & 7th Grade Math



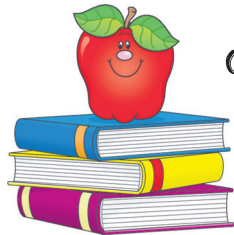
Sonshine Christian Academy

Hillary Gressman, Preschool Director; Natalie Diana, 2nd Grade; Ashley Revels, 5th Grade; Amy Grissinger, 3rd Grade; Pastor Charlie Joyce, Crossroads Family Worship Center Youth Pastor; Sandi Chatani, 1st Grade; Shelby Kreider, Sonshine After School Care Director; Lauren Dykes, VPK Teacher's Assistant; and Erin Fuller, Middle-High School Science



Hilliard Elementary School

Kelly Ulsch, 3rd Grade; Kitty Smiley; Jessica Westberry, 2nd Grade; Vicki Grubbs, 5th Grade; Kelsey Harris, 5th Grade; Kimberly Reynolds, 4th Grade; Ashley Petrillo, 4th Grade; and Kristin Rewis-Hobbs, 3rd Grade



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This year we have new administrators at two of our west side schools. Callahan Intermediate School welcomes Monica Cason as Principal. At Callahan Middle School, Rhonda Devereaux is the new Principal; and Lori Amos is the Assistant Principal. Hilliard Middle-Senior High School welcomed back Mr. John Crawford as Assistant Principal.

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New Beginnings and Milestones

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rowe Celebrate 60th Anniversary



Herbert and Faye Rowe, of Callahan, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary August 8. The high school sweethearts were married August 8, 1958 in Folkston, Georgia. Herbert retired from Rayonier after 30 years of dedicated service. Faye has been a homemaker and caregiver. They are members of River Road Baptist Church. The couple will celebrate their special milestone with a family celebration!



They have two children, Debra and Tony Thomas and John and Melinda Rowe; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Happy 1st Birthday Wyatt Daniel Johnson and Chase Elijah Johnson

Wyatt Daniel Johnson and Chase Elijah Johnson celebrated their first birthday July 16. They celebrated their special milestone with a big party with their brothers Hunter and Fisher and lots of family and friends joining in the fun. Their proud parents are Kevin and Tianna Johnson of Callahan.



Proud grandparents are Ray Johnson and the late Charlotte Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dinwiddie Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Ted and Bernita Dinwiddie, of Hilliard, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 5. The couple was married July 5, 1968 in Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Bernita made her career as an educator. Mr. Ted owned and operated a trucking business. They are a huge part of Hilliard, serving as members of the Concerned Citizens of Hilliard, and serving as volunteers. They are such a joy to be around and their contagious warm personalities radiate their kindness. They enjoy traveling and spending time with family. They celebrated their special milestone with a celebration held in their honor Saturday, July 28 at the multi-purpose building at the fairgrounds with lots of family and friends!



They have two children and six grandchildren.

Happy 1st Birthday Noah Wayne Nichols

Noah Nichols celebrated his first birthday July 28. He celebrated his special day with a birthday party in his honor with lots of family and friends joining in the fun! His proud parents are Thomas and Jennifer Nichols of Hilliard.

Proud grandparents are Scott and Robbie Rehme of Hilliard; and Michael and Katherine Nichols of Jacksonville.

Proud great-grandmothers are Rose McGraw of Hilliard; and Betty Crow of Tampa.



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Tuesday, July 24

James Richard Sirvent, 32, 545926 US Highway 1, Hilliard: Disorderly Intoxication; Misuse 911 or E911 System

Monday, July 30

Brooke Catherine Calhoun, 29, Possession of Methamphetamine; Use of a 2 way Communication Device

Tuesday, July 31

Zachary Ryan Dewald, 19, 34420 Hathaway Drive, Callahan: Battery Domestic Violence

Wednesday, August 1

Misty Blue Foures, 38, 541692 Lem Turner Road, Callahan: Clay County Warrant Violation of Probation Possession of Methamphetamine

McDonald's in Yulee Robbed

A theft occurred on Monday, August 6 around 5 a.m. at the McDonald's in Yulee. An unknown black male suspect entered the McDonald's, dressed as a security guard, telling an employee that he was there for a corporate security check. He then coerced the employee to open the store safe and stole over \$300 in cash. The suspect then fled the McDonald's once confronted about taking the money out of the safe.



The suspect is described as 6'0 to 6'4", medium build, and wearing a black security guard uniform and was armed with a semi-automatic pistol, but did not use force or display the firearm. The suspect left the scene in a light colored, 4 door, import type vehicle heading toward I-95.

If anyone has any information on this incident, please contact Detective Thomas Kelley at 904-548-4074.

NCSO Promotion Ceremony



On Wednesday, August 1, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office held a promotion ceremony for several individuals within the agency due to the retirement of Undersheriff George Lueders.

A large group of NCSO employees, as well as family and friends of those being promoted gathered at the Sheriff's Office Administration Building to witness the event. Each new supervisor was presented a certificate of promotion and had a family member pin their new badge on their uniform.

Sheriff Bill Leeper stated that each of these individuals earned their promotion through the agency's promotional testing process and have been leaders within the organization, as well as the community. He went on to thank all of the family members, in attendance that have supported them in their career choice of law enforcement.

Those promoted and their new assignments are:

- Undersheriff Roy Henderson (Administration)
- Director Butch Osborne (Law Enforcement Operations)
- Captain Ryan Van Tassell (Patrol Division)
- Lieutenant Robin Patterson (Training Division)
- Lieutenant Jon Hooper (Criminal Investigations Division)
- Sergeant Chauncey Mason (Patrol "A" Shift)
- Supervisor Peter McTague (911 Communications "D" Shift)

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OBITUARIES

WINDLE JOEL PRINGLE

Windle Joel Pringle, 59, of Baldwin, passed away July 31. He was preceded in death by his parents; Albert and Mattie Ruth Pringle.

Survivors include his wife Alice Surrency Pringle; daughter Melissa Strickland; son Charles Padgett; six grandchildren; brothers Wayne Pringle and Everett (Joyce) Pringle; sisters Vickie (Keith) Dobson, Ruth (Linn) Silcox and Judy Pringle; and numerous other family and friends.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, August 11 at 1 p.m. at Brandy Branch Baptist Church, 1906 Brandy Branch Church Place, Bryceville with Everett Pringle officiating.

Mamie Gardner of Hillard, Patsy Fischer of Hillard and Charlie (Susie) Patterson of Callahan; and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, August 8 from 6-8 p.m. in the chapel of Callahan Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Callahan Funeral Home.

JAMES E. USHER

James E. Usher, 84, of Callahan, passed away on August 5. Mr. Usher was born in Rocky Ford, Georgia on December 3, 1933 to W. H. and Ruby Usher. Mr. Usher proudly served his country in the US Air Force. In addition to his parents; Mr. Usher was predeceased by his wife Geraldine Moody Usher.

Survivors include his two daughters Stacy (Benny) Lewis and Monique (Mike) Thompson, both of Jacksonville; five grandchildren Megan (Joshua) Ocean, Kayla Thompson, Hannah Thompson, Virginia Lewis and Joshua Lewis; as well as three great-grandchildren Emmalyn Ocean, Jayden and Liam Ocean.

Visitation was held prior to the funeral service held Tuesday, August 7 in the Chapel of Callahan Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

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BERNICE PATTERSON SPIRES

Bernice (Bea) Patterson Spires, 81, of Callahan, entered into eternal peace on Sunday, August 5. Bea was born in McRae, Georgia to Lester and Mary Lois Patterson on August 21, 1936. She worked as a Manager for Armchair Theatre in Callahan for many years. She enjoyed working in the yard, riding on the golf cart and talking on the phone with her family. Bea is preceded in death by her parents Lester and Lois; three brothers Thomas, Bobby and Tommy Patterson; and son Tim Spires.

Bea is survived by her children Brenda (John) Everett of Yulee, Keith (Billie Jo) Spires of Callahan and Ricky (Becky) Spires; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; siblings Geraldine Selph of McRae, William (Linda) Patterson of Yulee,

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The public is invited to listen to live music and watch the anglers present their fish for spot counting beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 8. There are also raffles, a silent auction and food.

Folds of Honor, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is committed to the families of the armed services who have

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Since its inception in 2007, Folds of Honor has awarded more than 16,000 scholarships to children and spouses of fallen or disabled military men and women in all 50 states. You may make a donation to the Folds of Honor Foundation directly on their web site at www.foldsofhonor.org.

Additional information can be found on the AIGA website at www.ameliaislandguidesassociation.com. If you would like to be a sponsor, donate to the raffle/silent auction or have a booth at the event, please contact Capt. Scott Thompson at 904-430-6014.

The event will take place at the Amelia Island Marina, 251 Creekside Drive in Fernandina Beach, at the foot of the Shave Bridge.



JOHNSON FAMILY THANK YOU

Our family would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for every prayer, hug, visit, call, food, flowers and supplies sent to us during the sudden loss of our 'Hero' Danny Johnson. We were honored to hear so many stories shared by people from the many aspects of Danny's life. A special thanks to Pastor Lynn Hyatt, the kitchen staff of First Baptist Church, Tammy Rabon, Callahan Masonic Lodge, Nassau County Fire/Rescue, NCFR Honor Guard & Military Honor Guard, Town of Callahan, Farmers Federal Credit Union, the Pallbearers and Terri McAninch along with her staff at Nassau Funeral Home. We received several items that somehow did not get written down or did not have a card. Please know we appreciated every kind act shown to our family.

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Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

I recently discovered the website: archive.org. It is a non-profit digital library offering free universal access to books, movies and music. Its mission is to archive all knowledge. They have digitized eleven million books and texts; four million audio recordings; and three million videos including one million television programs.

For genealogists, there is the 'Wayback Machine' which has over 20 years of digitized web pages (334 billion). Many of these pages are not currently on the internet. I found some genealogy websites that I have not seen on the internet in 2-3 years. The site also has JSTOR, which is a library of academic journals, where you can find some additional genealogical sources.

For our Monday, August 13 meeting, the speaker will be Peter P. Mullen, who will be presenting a History of the Spanish Flu in Florida. It is also the 100th Anniversary of the 1918 worldwide Pandemic.

To learn more, come join us at the West Nassau Genealogical Society meetings, the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Callahan Lions Club, located on US 1 north of the fairgrounds.

Visitors are always welcome!

LANDSCAPE MATTERS

Vegetable Gardening 2 - On Wednesday, August 15 from 10-11 a.m., Master Gardener Joe Smith will conduct a Landscape Matters on vegetable gardening. The session will be held at the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. The session will review seasonal gardening for vegetables, including seeds and 'starter' plants, container gardening of vegetables, as well as what vegetables to grow during different seasons. The session is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Extension office at 904-530-6353. Master Gardeners are on phone duty Fridays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at 904-530-6350, press '1' for Yulee office.

CRAVEY FAMILY THANK YOU

The family of Eric Cravey thanks everyone for the visits, food, flowers, prayers and support that was extended during this time. Thanks to Reverend Smith for assisting with his service. Cecil, Lafaye Cravey and family

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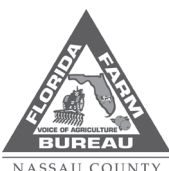
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County Planner Now Floodplain Manager

Sue Ann Alleger, a Planner in the Department of Planning and Economic Opportunity has successfully passed the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc. (ASFPM) certification examination to become the fourth county employee to attain national certification.

The ASFPM grants this certification only to professionals who meet the requirements and complete the comprehensive examination on the programs and standard to reduce flood losses in the nation. All county CFM's are required to maintain their certification by completing sixteen (16) Continuing Education credits in the field of Floodplain Management which will promote continual growth and awareness of the principles and practices crucial to protection of people,

property and natural features within the county.

The role of the nation's floodplain managers is expanding due to increases in disaster losses, the emphasis on mitigation to alleviate the cycle of damage-rebuild-damage, and a recognized need for professionals to adequately address these issues. Nassau County is ensuring that highly qualified individuals are available to meet the challenge of breaking the damage cycle and stopping its negative drain on the County's human, financial and natural resources.

Further information about the role, duties and knowledge held by a Certified Floodplain Manager can be found at the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc. website: <https://www.floods.org>.



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Cedar Bluff Lane - This affordable 3/2 in N Jax subdivision near Dames Point Bridge was built in 2008. Spacious eat-in kitchen, 2-car garage and inside laundry room. Convenient location and great starter home! Community center with a pool, playground & walking trail. #81295 **\$169,900**

Cypress Lane, Hilliard - This 3/2 split bedroom plan has big potential! Investor special with 11-year tenants on month-to-month lease who would love to stay. Screened deck overlooks the fenced back yard. Home is in a great location in the Town of Hilliard. #81067 **\$135,000**

Spanish Bluff Drive - Welcome to the "Captains House" on the river. Unique floor plan for this 4/2 split-level riverfront home in Jacksonville. Enjoy evenings on the large back porch overlooking the river or walk across your back yard to cast your line. One acre lot. #81235 **\$500,000**

W. 14th Ave., Hilliard - Beautiful custom brick 4/3 in Hilliard! Large spacious rooms & huge master closet! Kitchen has granite counters & custom cabinets. Hardwood, tile and carpet flooring. Central vacuum, large deck, covered grill area, landscaped and fenced back yard w/insulated workshop/storage shed. #81342 **\$249,900**

River Road, Callahan - This brick 4/2 in Callahan is the perfect way to achieve your piece of country living. Gleaming tiled foyer with office or guest room. Split bedroom plan & the master has lots of natural light. Huge covered patio and use the open patio for games or grilling your favorite meal. Detached metal garage. MLS #80242 **\$250,000**

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NCOA and JTA to Launch Express Service

This December, residents of Nassau County will have a new mobility option to get to and from downtown Jacksonville.



Nassau County Council on Aging, Inc.'s Board of Directors approved an Interlocal Agreement with the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) for express route service which will enhance regional mobility for one of the fastest growing areas in Northeast Florida.

The Agreement will allow Nassau County Council on Aging (NCCOA)/NassauTRANSIT, in collaboration with JTA and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), to develop a premier service interconnecting Nassau and Duval Counties. The Regional Express Bus Service will launch on Monday, December 3, 2018, and will provide direct service from Yulee to downtown Jacksonville.

"We are excited about offering another public transportation option to all residents in Nassau County," said Janice Ancrum, NCCOA President and CEO. "JTA has the expertise and resources to leverage NassauTRANSIT's mobility services within and across our own county."

"Public transportation provides an affordable and reliable mobility option that connects people to jobs, education,

healthcare, entertainment and more," said JTA Chief Executive Officer Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. "JTA is pleased to partner with Nassau County

Council on Aging and NassauTRANSIT in offering Nassau County residents a new direct and convenient mobility option that provides more access to downtown and the Nassau community."

The Nassau-Duval Regional Express Bus Service is funded for the first three years by FDOT. JTA will manage the contracted service on behalf of NCCOA, providing two morning and three evening trips. To enhance the customer experience, vehicles will be equipped with complimentary Wi-Fi and real-time passenger information through NextBus.

Wi-Fi allows customers to manage their cellular phone plans and devices while on board and turn their commute into productive time. To log on, simply select JTA's Wi-Fi network, JTAconnect, and follow the directions. NextBus is a time-saving initiative that gives customers the estimated arrival time of the bus at their stop. Customers are able to manage their schedules and reduce wait times at bus stops.

For more information on NCCOA, contact the Fernandina Life Center at 904-261-0701 or visit www.nassaucountycoa.org.

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FSCJ Receives Grant from Bank of America

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Bank of America to fund the Bank of America Nursing 2-1-1 Project which will pilot an evidence-based model to address social, health and financial needs for low-income students within the Associate in Science in Nursing (A.S.) program. As part of the project, FSCJ will hire a dedicated nursing advisor to help bring education and workforce opportunities to students.

The personalized mobile, virtual and in-person “wrap around system of care” is expected to support degree completion by providing guidance with comprehensive non-academic services such as food, childcare, transportation, health care, financial counseling, legal aid and more.

“With more than 60% of our nursing students attending with financial and need-based barriers, we are excited to partner with Bank of America to provide services to assist in degree completion and employment success,” said FSCJ Interim President Kevin Hyde. “Connecting our students with resources and a dedicated advisor will ensure they face as few obstacles as possible to achieve success in our program.”

The grant will support the following initiatives during the 2018-19 project period:

- Serve 45 A.S. nursing students with individual care plans (inclusive of referrals and completed scholarship applications)
- Develop a database of nonprofit and other community organizations to cultivate relationships and services offered/provided
- Host an on-campus service provider event with local health and human service organizations to provide workshops specifically for the A.S. Nursing students, such as SNAP benefits access, United Way’s RealSense free tax filing and financial education workshops, etc.
- Host an on-campus resource workshop to facilitate on-campus connections with College representatives from areas such as Financial Aid, Career Development, Library and Learning Commons, Diversity and Social Change and Student Life and Leadership. The workshop will have a concentrated time for the Nursing Advisor to meet with students and help them complete applications for scholarships and emergency assistance – including the HRSA-funded Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students and the Skelly Emergency Fund specifically for A.S. Nursing students.

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Health and WELLNESS FAIR Saturday

The Life Care Center of Hilliard is always offering all types of events and activities for our community. This Saturday, Life Care will host a Health and Wellness Fair at their facility at 3756 W. 3rd Street in Hilliard. The event will be held from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

There will be FREE Health Screening that includes blood pressure

checks, pulse rate, blood glucose, height, weight, BMI and balance testing for all ages!

There will also be a bounce house for the children and snow cones! The Hilliard Middle-Senior High Football team will also be hosting a Car Wash for donations! Make sure to come out and enjoy the fun!



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Dawn S. West

The pictures show empty halls but Sunday they were filled with prayers. Sunday, several school administrators, faculty, students, pastors, church members and families filled the halls of all of our west side schools with prayers. The idea came from one of our local pastors as he had taken part in a 'Prayer Walk' through the schools. "Why don't we do it here?"

I was contacted about the event and we quickly contacted all the Principals in the schools in Bryceville, Callahan and Hilliard to see if they were okay



with the idea, as our schools start Friday. Everyone was more than excited to accept. We set up the times for each school so people could attend the particular school they wanted to. Every school was set up for the Prayer Walk on Sunday.

Sunday was an amazing day that I felt the presence of the Lord in our schools! What an awesome sound to hear prayers being lifted up by classroom doors, entrances, bathrooms, cafeterias and gyms. I can't think of a better way to begin a school year. I'm so thankful to have been able to attend a few of the schools and so thankful for the many people who came out and participated. It was a unique experience of individuals and groups praying

throughout the schools. People weren't just standing around talking, they were praying. So blessed! Once again, we are so blessed to live where we do and be able to fill the halls of our school with prayers!

"Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18: 19-20

Callahan Christmas Parade Info

The 45th Annual Callahan Christmas Parade & Crafts Fair will be held Saturday, December 1. The theme of the parade is "A Piney Woods Christmas". Parade and float entry cost is \$45; and vendor entry for the arts & crafts fair will be \$55. The deadline for parade sponsorship is November 1. Please call (904) 261-3248 for more information.

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