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"MY FLESH AND MY HEART MAY FAIL, BUT GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART AND MY PORTION FOREVER." - PSALM 73:26

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebrated



Monday was Martin Luther King Jr. Day all across America. The day was filled with church services, parades and good old fashion cookouts. The day is a federal holiday that is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is near the 15th of the month which was the birthdate of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King will always be remembered as the greatest civil rights activist. He was the champion of the movement to end racial segregation throughout America. His legacy is the non-violent protests for the awareness of the wrong in a segregated country. Throughout

He just believed that every man, woman and child should have a level playing field in life. He believed everyone should be able to pursue their goals in life regardless of the color of their skin. Through his actions he became the youngest man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Unfortunately his life was cut short when he was assassinated in 1968. Though his life was cut short, his memory and message lives on.

In Hilliard, the Concerned Citizens of Hilliard and the Nassau County Ministers' Alliance organized a MLK, Jr. march through the streets of Hilliard. The group of citizens, lead by the West Nassau JROTC, walked and drove vehicles, with music being played from large speakers. The group did not let the blustery wind and cold chill their enthusiasm to honor this great American.

In Callahan, a large group gathered at the True Believers Church of God by Faith for a special time of service and celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Following the service, the group marched from the church to Ewing Park in Callahan. They later enjoyed a lunch together at the multi-purpose building at the fairgrounds.



his short life, he gave a multitude of speeches to drive home his desire for all to be equal. His most famous speech was the "I have a dream" speech. However, there were so many other speeches that were just as potent. He left us all words that we should live by.

Hilliard Council Approves Liquor Application

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their last meeting of January. The first agenda item was the public hearing concerning the liquor license application submitted by Mr. Hugh Harris, Post Commander of American Legion Post 401 in Hilliard. The application, if approved, would allow a liquor license in addition to the standard beer and wine license. The council approved the application.

The next item was a proclamation read by Mayor Floyd Vanzant concerning Hilliard School Choice Week January 20-26. The proclamation read that all children in Hilliard should be successful and should strive for the highest education possible.

In other business, Resolution 2019-02 was approved which concerned the Martin Luther King, Jr. walk on Monday, January 21. The Concerned Citizens of Hilliard met with others

wishing to participate at the Sheriff Substation and march to Oxford Street and then to Hisbon Baptist Church for a service.

The next agenda item was the request for approval for the liquor license application for the American Legion which previously had the public hearing. The council unanimously approved the request.

Mrs. Wanda Nichols, representing Relay for Life of West Nassau,

approached the podium. "I am hear as the chair for this (and last) year's Relay for Life of West Nassau and asking for your support," said Nichols. "The event will be held March 30 from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Last year our Relay raised over \$18,000. This year our goal is \$25,000 and we would appreciate your support."

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A Word From the Publisher

Well, I think winter is here, sorta! We have been on a roller coaster ride with a couple of cold days and then the great warm up into the high 70s. But you know, I guess that's one of the reasons we live in Florida. I like the change in weather for a little while and I even like to visit where there is snow, but I don't want to live in it. Roger is totally not a fan of cold weather! He shivers just thinking about it. It's funny because we love to watch all the shows filmed in Alaska. He enjoys them but just shakes his head during the entire program and says, "How do they live in that?" It is beautiful country but I'm pretty sure I'm not made for it!

I guess the cool weather has caused me to stay inside a lot. I'm really not the type to sit around or lay around unless I'm really tired. The past couple of weekends, I've been like on a mission. I've been trying to do my normal weekend housecleaning... then get distracted. Does that happen to anyone else? I found myself in the garage cleaning, picking up, throwing out, straightening up, etc. Geez! It sure did look a lot better. I know during the Christmas season we are constantly on the go, in and out of the house constantly, bringing in stuff, sitting it down and leaving again. I guess I finally had a chance to put things back where they belong and straighten it all back up. It definitely made a difference. Roger's favorite line is, "A place for everything and everything in its place!" I'm trying to be better at that! I even washed and dried all of his 'outside rags'. I went to put them up and they wouldn't fit where they go. Yep, you got it. I even cleaned out his cabinet, somewhat! I got the clean rags in there and disposed of some of the old ones that had seen their better days!

Next, I was just doing my normal cleaning in our bedroom and stopped

at my jewelry box where the top won't go down. Oh my...here I was again, distracted. I untangled, pulled out and looked through everything that was in there. So many earrings I don't even wear that I've had forever and lots that didn't even have a match to them. Guess what? I can close the top now. I had already gone through my closet but need to do that again. Our darn dryer continues to shrink our clothes...not sure about that problem! Ha ha!

This past weekend, I took on our home office. I had a desk in there somewhere but it has been hidden for a few months. Roger has a desk and computer and we have a futon in there. I started with finding the futon under all the stuff that had been piled on it. I rearranged some of the pictures on the wall and hung up some more. Cleaned and dusted all the curios and actually found my desk!

This is my way to clear my mind and the stress that likes to build up inside. It also makes me feel good to see that I have accomplished something and made our sweet home neat again. Our lives can get like that sometimes too. We have so much going on, coming and going that we too get cluttered and disheveled. It's at those times, that we need to work on cleaning up the mess and clutter in our lives. I'm so thankful to be loved by a heavenly Father who watches over me. In those times we/I think I can carry all the burdens, He taps me on the shoulder and says, "Give them to Me." I'm so thankful for a loving and forgiving Father that is there to pick up the pieces when I've cluttered them all up. What an awesome God we serve! Won't you take Him as your Savior?

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

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Hilliard Council

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the relay," said Councilman Kenny Sims. "I also have a personal check to give you."

The council approved the request. "I also have a personal check for you," added Council President John Beasley.

"Thank you so much for your support," said Nichols. "Hope to see you all there!"

The next item the council approved the CATF (Citizens Advisory Task Force). The committee consists of: Sandra Goodwin, Lucinda Murphy, Mary Lou Humphrey, Wanda Kutzler, Cindy Johns and Myra Cockerham. All have been contacted and accepted to be

on the CATF. The committee is needed as a part of the CDBG grant application process.

The final agenda item was a change order on the CDBG 17 NR Water Main & Force Main Replacements Project. "Two gate valves are needed to complete the job," said Public Works Assistant Director Greg Grooms. "The valves are \$2,500 and then we can finish this up." The council approved the change order cost to not exceed \$2,500.

The next regular meeting of the council will be Thursday, February 7 at 7 p.m.

Ratliff Community Volunteer Fire Department to Close Doors

Due to the recent events, the Ratliff Community Volunteer Fire Department is in the process of closing its doors permanently. All of our department equipment will be donated to other Volunteer Departments.

For questions or comments, please send them to: Ratliff VFD, PO Box 752, Callahan, FL 32011, by February 15.



In the Kitchen...

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 cups chicken broth, or more as needed
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Creamy Garlic Pasta

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 pound spaghetti
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 1/2 tablespoons dried parsley

Heat olive oil in a medium pan over medium heat. Add garlic and stir until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Add butter and stir constantly until melted. Pour in chicken broth; add pepper and salt. Bring to a boil. Add spaghetti and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender yet firm to the bite, about 12 minutes. Add more chicken broth if pasta starts to stick to the pan. Stir Parmesan cheese, cream, and parsley into the pasta and mix thoroughly. Serve immediately.

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Fish Talk

Pile up at the Rocks!

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Yes, the brutal weather is upon us Florida! I see several days with highs only in the upper 50s. Honestly I can't wait! This is the time of year I love! Don't let this cold weather stop you from enjoying great fishing, bundle up! So as far as fishing goes, the rain has kept our fish pushed out near the inlets. It doesn't take much searching to find where they are hiding though. Our reds, sheepshead and black drum are stacked up at the jetties. Most everyone is catching quality fish floating balsa rigs and live shrimp. If you'd rather throw artificial, a 1/4 oz. and 3/8 oz. jig head tipped with a 3 or 4 inch gulp shrimp is about as good as it gets. Use the white or the molting colors, they both work well.

While fishing the rocks, start at the base of the structure and work your way out to deeper water. You'll want to stay close enough to the rocks that you don't get caught up in the current yet just far enough out to find the ledge. Work with the current not against it otherwise your presentation will not look natural. The key is to throw parallel with the structure and work it out. Don't mess up and throw up in front of the boat. If you do, your chances of getting snagged will be greater. Reds have been absolutely terrorizing anything thrown their way. So take your time and have patience, fish the area thoroughly. I can't stress that enough. Now, the current and waves may not always cooperate with your ideas while out there. If that's the case, don't sweat it and most of all, don't chance it. Head back in shore and focus on deeper structure in the river. As I said before, the fresh water has these fish pushed out. So stick close to the Intracoastal and near the inlets. You shouldn't have any issues finding fish.

My hot spots for this weekend are as follows: St. Mary's jetties; the tip of the St. Johns River jetties; and the Intracoastal from Sawpit to Sister's Creek when weather permits! Always pay attention to your local marine forecast; pretty days can succumb to some unforeseen, unsafe conditions.

Low tide for our area will be around 7:30 a.m. Saturday followed by a midday high tide around 1:30 p.m. A major tip for this weekend would be to secure some live bait. This weather is really going to put a damper on stock.

I hope you all have a great weekend and as always, I hope to see you on the water!

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

As Nancy Pelosi, along with seven other Democratic Congress members, family members and friends, prepared for a seven day "political tour" of Afghanistan and Brussels, an estimated 75 people or more were planning to go on the tax-payer funded trip. President Trump did a great injustice to America by cancelling Pelosi's trip out of this country. He should have let her leave as scheduled and then cancelled her return flight. With Pelosi stuck in Afghanistan, we the people would be so much better off. Now I can't take credit for that little bit of humor, as I did read it on social media, but it sounded too good not to share.

As we, as a country, still continue to pay out over \$180 billion dollars per year to support illegals in our country, the democrats still refuse to consider appropriating \$5.6 billion to help seal the border. President Trump offered the Democrats a wonderful compromise Saturday, but before he could say his last word, the Democrats were already slamming his offer.

It is very obvious to me that the Democrats hate President Trump so much that they are willing to allow our entire country go to ruins just to keep him from being successful.

What they don't realize is that they are stepping on every homeless vet that has fought for this country and are in dire straits, needing shelter and medical assistance while doing all they can to accommodate illegal aliens. They no longer care about the many Americans from poor homes that have dreams of becoming successful Americans, all they care about is taking care of the illegal dreamers (and future Democratic voters). I said in an earlier column that the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives was not necessarily a bad thing, because it will give Pelosi and her colleagues two years to show the American people what the new Democrat Party is truly about. She has started the show off in great fashion.

President Trump will come out of this Border situation looking much better than the Democratic Congress. Just the simple act of Pelosi delaying President Trump's "State of the Union" speech to the American people and the full Congress shows that she is scared to death for the President to deliver the truth and show the country how we are getting greater every day, regardless of what CNN and the Democrats try to display.

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

PLANT CLINIC

On Monday, January 28 Rebecca Jordi, County Extension Director/Horticulture Extension Agent will conduct a Plant Clinic from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Yulee Extension Office (A1A and Pages Dairy Road). All residents are invited to bring plant samples showing problems in their landscapes. Problems will be identified and solutions offered for correction. There is no fee for this service. For information call 904-530-6353. Master Gardeners are on phone duty Fridays, at 904-530-6350, ext. '1' for the Yulee office.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

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Often Imitated, Never Duplicated

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church



Often imitated, never duplicated. I do not know who originally coined this phrase. It was probably used by somebody like Rick Flair. I have been preaching through I John at River Road Baptist Church and throughout this letter John is warning his audience about false teachers. The false teachers did not stop preaching Jesus; they preached a different Jesus than the Jesus the Apostles taught. Throughout the letter, they denied that Jesus came in the flesh, they denied that Jesus was the Son of God, they denied that Jesus was eternal (I John 2, 4). This was problem in the first century and this is a problem in the 21st century. The false teachers in John's day did not drop Jesus from their vocabulary, they attempted to redefine Him. The consequences of their redefining of Jesus were immense. When Jesus is redefined, the Biblical Jesus ceases to be of any help in restoring a fallen sinner back to God. John is clear in his letter, whoever has the Son has life and whoever does not have the Son does not have life.

In the remainder of this article, I would like to consider the different Jesus' that are proclaimed throughout the world. When you listen to documentaries on television or survey the internet you will see that there are many Jesus'. You have the Jesus of "Jesus authors." This group of scholars rejects the Biblical portrait of Jesus. This movement was popularized by Dan Brown and the DaVinci Code. These men argue that Jesus never claimed to be the divine Son of God. The deity of Christ was invented by the church. World religions speak of Jesus, but they deny that Jesus is the Son of God and teach that Jesus is a good teacher or a great prophet, but He is not God in the flesh. You have the Jesus of the cults and the occult. Jesus from their perspective is a created being or an enlightened teacher.

While this may be familiar territory for you, Jesus is also redefined in pop culture. Jesus is a popular figure in the culture. Many of you may remember, Will Farrell's little baby Jesus in his movie Talladega Nights. In the culture we see Jesus referred to by many as "the big man upstairs." Playboy models have even wore Jesus is my homeboy t-shirts. Scott McKnight has surveyed the culture and demonstrated how Jesus is attached to almost every cause imaginable. We have a social-activist Jesus, a merely-a prophet Jesus, the great-teacher Jesus, the religious-genius Jesus, the pacifist Jesus, the rebel Jesus, the republican Jesus, the Marxist Jesus and the vegetarian Jesus.

Jesus cannot be whoever we want him to be. Jesus is who he is He. The only Jesus that saves is the Jesus that the Apostle's proclaimed and taught. There are a million ways to be lost, but only one way to be saved. It was Jesus who said that he is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). There are a million proposed saviors, but only one actual Savior. Let us not be guilty of malpractice or misrepresentation of the most important figure in history. There is only one real Jesus!

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

FSCJ to Host Give Kids a Smile Day

WHEN: Saturday, February 2, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Dental pre-screenings for kids ages 3-18 will be Thursday, January 31 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the FSCJ North Campus dental clinic.)

WHERE: FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Road, Jacksonville

WHAT: Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) welcomes the community to participate in the Give Kids a Smile Day Community Wellness Event. Over the course of the day, free dental services will be provided for kids while general wellness education and health screenings will be available to attendees of all ages.



Dental services for kids ages 3-18 will include free fillings, cleanings and extractions. Pre-screenings are highly recommended in order to reserve an appointment time during the Saturday event and will be available on Thursday, January 31 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the FSCJ North Campus dental clinic. For more information, please contact the Jacksonville Dental Society at jaxdentalsociety@gmail.com or call (904) 513-8234.

Expanding on the dental offerings primarily offered at previous Give Kids a Smile Days, this year invites all community members to take part in free school and athletic physicals, blood glucose testing, physical therapy assessments, manicures and massages. FSCJ's nursing department will also provide free screenings for blood pressure, body mass index (BMI) and head lice, along with valuable health education. Representatives with Florida KidCare will be available to help families enroll in the low-cost health insurance program for children. Additionally, CarFit will be in attendance to help older adults find their safest positioning within their own vehicle.

Fun activities for kids will include an obstacle course, Nerf golf, basketball contest, as well as baseball and softball pitching lessons.

Vendors include Jacksonville Orthopedic Institute (JOI), Vision is Priceless, Area Health Education Center, St. Vincent's Mobile Health, YMCA (Dunn Avenue), Florida Healthy Kids, Florida KidCare, DaVita Kidney Care and Kidney Smart and THE PLAYERS Center for Child Health at Wolfson Children's Hospital.

Hilliard Park Vandalized

Buchanan Park in Hilliard has been vandalized again. The vandals have continued to jump over the fence and cause damage to the skate park and now to the bathrooms. Nasty graffiti and bad words were written all in the bathrooms and on the walls. In the skate park, obviously skateboarders broke in and road on top of the railings at the park.

Once they were repainted, the vandals didn't allow time for the paint to set and destroyed them again.

If anyone has any information about who has been doing this, please report it to the Hilliard Parks & Recreation Department at 879-2733 or call the Nassau County Sheriff's Office.

CHURCH NEWS

Lifeline Concerts presents Soul'd Out Quartet, Sat., Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. at Rolling Hills Baptist Church, 840 Permento Avenue, Jacksonville. Admission is \$5.

Hilliard Church of God will be holding a Revival with Brother Jeremy Pooler Sunday, January 27 - Sunday, February 3 at 7:30 nightly. The church is located on CR 108 in Hilliard.

Lannie Road Baptist Church will hold a Yard Sale Thursday - Saturday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. May be the biggest one yet! The sale will be held in two buildings at 5998 Lannie Road, Jacksonville.

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Nassau County Teacher of the Year Jessica Watkins



Shown (l to r) are: Brandy Carvalho, Nassau Education Foundation Board of Directors; Aaron Bean, State Senator; Jessica Watkins, 2019 Nassau County Teacher of the Year; Dr. Kathy Burns, Superintendent; Donna Martin, School Board Chair; William (Asa) Jernigan, 2018 Nassau County Teacher of the Year.

On Friday, January 18, the Nassau Education Foundation held its 5th Annual Teacher of the Year Gala at the Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Florida Senator Aaron Bean, Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns, Nassau County School Board Chair Donna Martin and outgoing Nassau County Teacher of the Year Asa Jernigan announced Jessica Watkins, fourth-grade teacher at Yulee Elementary, as this year's winner. Watkins will go on to represent Nassau County in the selection process for the 2020 Florida Teacher of the Year.

Hosted by the Nassau Education Foundation, the gala serves as the Foundation's largest fundraiser. Since its inception in 2015, the organization has awarded nearly \$400,000 in grants to all schools throughout the district.

"The caliber of teachers in Nassau County is immeasurable and the dedication

to our students is overwhelming," said Abby Bean, executive director for the Nassau Education Foundation. "We are grateful to our sponsors, donors and attendees for helping us to continue our mission and for making the evening a memorable one for our teachers."

Coming to us from Duval County, Watkins is in her eighth year of teaching (four in Nassau County), and during this time, she has supported her colleagues, both at the school and district level. At the school level, she serves as the fourth-grade chairperson, on the school leadership team, and on her school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support team. She has also mentored both new teachers and interns. At the district level, Watkins has served on the Reading Curriculum Building team, the Writing Professional Development team, and the

Language Arts/grammar building team – all in efforts to affect student outcomes in classrooms beyond her own.

In her district packet, Watkins describes teaching as an "emotional and passion-driven career." She further stated, "All students experience challenges, and it is my job to earn my students' trust to help them through the process of learning. It inspires me to see that I have gained a student's trust, and then we can work together through their challenges."

Besides Ms. Watkins, the other finalists include: Katherine Thrift, Callahan Elementary School; Sarah Palmer, Callahan Intermediate School; Angie Jarrett, Hilliard Middle-Senior High School; and Jonathan Goodwin, Yulee High School.

The selection of the Nassau County Teacher of the Year is part of a state-wide program sponsored by the Florida Department of Education. Locally, each school selects a nominee for the county-wide award and each of those 16 nominees must submit three essays, a resume and a lesson plan. They are also video-recorded teaching a 20 to 30-minute lesson. The five finalists are identified and announced by Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns and must then complete two additional essay questions and participate in an interview by the selection team. The winner selected represents the district as a nominee for the Florida Department of Education Teacher of the Year. Since 2006, Nassau County has had three state finalists and one state winner of the Florida Teacher of the Year.

State 4-H President Visits Callahan 4-H Club



Last week, Nassau County 4-H had a special visitor. The State 4-H Council President, Montana Smith, came and shared her 4-H story with Next Generation 4-H Club and other guest 4-H members. She discussed the many ways she's been involved with 4-H throughout her life and encouraged our members to take advantage of opportunities to get involved at the county, district and state levels.

Thank you for coming and sharing, Montana and thank you Next Generation for hosting this event! For more information about 4-H, call 904-530-6353.

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Relay for Life Pageant



'Crowns for the Cure'

The West Nassau County Relay for Life is hosting a Miss West Nassau County Relay for Life pageant called Crowns for the Cure! The pageant will be held Saturday, February 16 at 3 p.m. at the Callahan Middle School Cafetorium.

Age categories include: Baby Miss: 0-12 months; Tiny Miss: 1-3 years old; Little Miss: 4-6 years old; Junior Miss: 7-9 years old; Pre-Teen: 10-12 years old; Junior Teen: 13-15 years old; Teen: 16-18 years old; and Miss: 19 years old & up. (Age groups may be combined depending on participation.)

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Additional category: Photogenic: \$10 (any size photo due at check-in).

Deadline to register is Saturday, February 9. To register email: WNRELAYQUEEN@yahoo.com.

Callahan Lodge News



During the holiday season, Callahan Lodge #32, their wives, and the ladies of Eastern Star #154 collaborated to bring holiday cheer to families in Nassau County. They provided Thanksgiving meals for 11 families. These meals included turkey and all of the trimmings.

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Congressman Responds

Editor's Note: This letter is a response to a reader who actually contacted Congressman John Rutherford concerning a particular issue. The following is his letter in response to her, proving that calling, emailing or writing our congress and senators is a great idea.



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3605

January 18, 2019

Dear Mrs. Sikes,

As we remember the 46th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v Wade decision that legalized abortion, it is vital that we as a nation reaffirm our dedication to the sanctity of life from conception until natural death.

During my 40 years in law enforcement, I dedicated each day to protecting innocent lives. And now as your Representative in Congress, I continue this commitment to protecting the innocent. That is why I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 616, the Life at Conception Act. This bill reaffirms that life begins at conception and entitles unborn children to legal protections.

Over the last two years, I voted consistently to protect life through many different pieces of legislation, including prohibitions on taxpayer dollars being used to support abortion providers, defending the conscience of medical practitioners to ensure they are not forced to perform abortions, and protecting children who are victims of botched abortions. As a long-time supporter of the pro-life movement, you have my commitment to continue fighting and supporting pro-life legislation, but your continued advocacy, prayers, and support are necessary to change the abortion laws of our nation.

Please feel free to contact my office with any thoughts on our work in Congress, as it is my hope that you will continue to keep me apprised of your thoughts on legislative issues important to you. Please also consider signing up for my e-newsletter by visiting my website at rutherford.house.gov, so that I may keep you updated regarding legislation, events, and other information you may find useful.

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Hope is the Heart of Our Community

One of the many great reasons it is to live in a small town (s) is trying to find ways to help our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ! There is a huge family event coming Saturday, February 16 to West Nassau High School from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The theme of the event is Hope is the Heart of our Community! Awesome theme for our people!



Convoy of Hope along with local business, churches, student organizations and volunteers are sponsoring the event! I say volunteers, because they are a huge part of making the event happen! The event will be held on the track on the football field as well as in the cafeteria. Make sure

to enjoy the complete event and have fun!

Convoy of Hope will provide free bagged groceries to those in attendance! A hot dog lunch with chips and a drink is planned! There will be health screening, OneBlood, haircuts, family portraits and so much more! Nassau County Fire Rescue and the Nassau County Sheriff's Department will be on hand also. There will also be an interactive kid-zone with bounce houses, crafts and games.

You can find out more on social media on their Instagram: [convoyofhopexnassau](#); or their Facebook event: [@convoyofhopenassau](#).

Car Show Fundraiser in Bryceville

The Bryceville Sports Association will be hosting a Car Show & Fundraiser at the ballpark Saturday, February 2 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Callahan Cruisers will be sponsors of the family fun event.



Bryceville board members and volunteers will be serving breakfast and lunch from the concession stand. Breakfast will include: Breakfast bowls, biscuits and gravy, hash browns, muffins, coffee and hot cocoa for purchase! Lunch will include: hamburgers, hotdogs, nachos, French fries and more for purchase.

There will also be a 50/50 raffle and other prizes given away during the day. Parents can also use this time to sign up their child to play ball if they haven't done so already! Come and support Bryceville Sports Association and their programs!

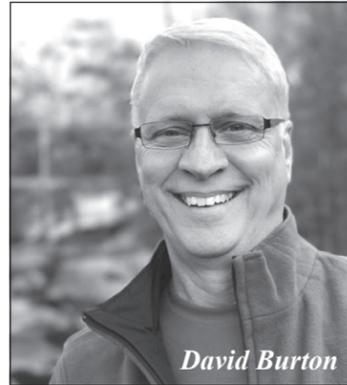
Beast Feast to Feature Chainsaw Artist

It's time for the annual Beast Feast at Callahan First Baptist Church. This year's sportsmen event will add the artistry of Chainsaw Artist James Gandy of Jacksonville. The event is this Friday, January 25 at 6 p.m. James will create a sculpture at the event. James began carving in October 2010. He is a tree surgeon by trade since he was 16 years old. As the economy dropped and the tree business wasn't very profitable, James began carving with his chainsaw. He has created some beautiful works of art! "With God's guidance and a few pictures I set out to try it," said James. "I started with palm trees and have evolved to primarily cedar wood. Cedar is a great wood to use because it is resilient to weather, it is resistant to insects and it is full of character and color. I also use polyurethane and high grade exterior paints on all my carvings."



James can just look at a picture or small figure and replicate them very well. He has currently done several stump pieces and hopes to do more. James can be reached at (904) 465-5083. Remember, thru Christ all things are possible! Make sure to come and check out James and his work!

The guest speaker for the event will be David Burton. After 25 years in the ministry, David and his wife



and thus far now he has traveled into 16 different states and Haiti spreading the Good News... "Jesus Saves!" He is a very inspirational speaker that has a passion for sharing the love of God to anyone! Don't miss your chance to see this dynamic speaker!

Beast Feast 2019 at Callahan First Baptist Church this Friday, January 25 at 6 p.m. Come and enjoy a delicious meal, lots of give-a-ways, a chainsaw creation and a dynamic speaker. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the church office.

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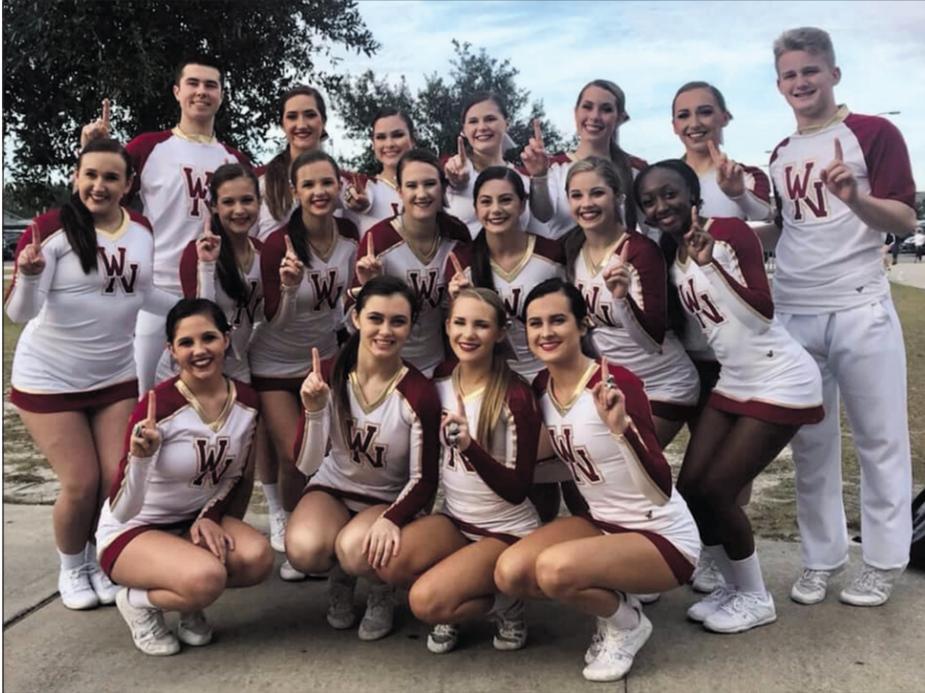
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WN Cheerleaders Win Regionals



Congratulations to the West Nassau High School Cheerleaders who recently won the FHSA Regionals! Next week they will compete for their 8th State Championship title! They will host a Family & Friends Showcase Wednesday, January 30 at 3:15 p.m. Come and be a part of the first 'War Path' a pathway for the Warrior Cheerleaders to walk through as they head to Gainesville! Doors open at 3:15 p.m. and the team will leave promptly at 3:50 p.m. Wear your Warrior gear and bring your cow bells and noise makers!

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Congratulations to Airman 1st Class Patrick Lynagh, of Callahan, for his recent graduation from Basic Training from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Patrick is now in Wichita Falls, Texas at Sheppard Air Force Base in Tech School training to be a Munitions Specialist.

Patrick is a 2018 graduate of West Nassau High School, where he also served in the WNAF JROTC Program for 4 years, serving under both Col. Klines. His proud parents are Dan and Pam Lynagh. Proud grandparents are June and Robert Buzzard of Ohio; and Debbie Lynagh of Texas.



CMS & HMS to Welcome McGraw



The Churches of the Westside are excited to present Bobby McGraw to speak at Callahan and Hilliard Middle Schools. McGraw will be speaking Wednesday, February 6 at CMS at 9:45 a.m. and at HMS at 1:30 p.m. The students and their families are encouraged to attend the evening event with Mr. McGraw at River Road Baptist Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

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Class of 1968 Celebrates 50th Reunion

The Callahan High School Class of 1968 celebrated their 50th year class reunion in September 2018. This was the last class to graduate from Callahan High School, a milestone in its own right! The group celebrated with a weekend full of fun culminating with a dinner banquet on Saturday evening. Many of the class still remain locally but several members traveled (Texas, Puerto Rico, etc.) to attend the milestone event to see and visit with former classmates. There were 46 total graduates in the class. Of that total, 12 are deceased. Twenty-six of the graduates attended the reunion.

The following is a little history about Callahan High School in its last year as a high school. Callahan High School (now the location of Callahan Elementary School) opened in August 1936 serving students from 1st – 12th grades. According to the Nassau County School Board, teachers were hired in July 1936 under the names of Callahan High and Callahan Elementary. The school's mascot was the Ramblers. The school colors were Blue and Gold. The final month of classes at Callahan High was June 1968.

During this period of time the State of Florida was mandated by Federal



Law under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to desegregate its school systems statewide and allow African Americans to attend its all-white public school systems as began the building of West Nassau County High School. A committee was chosen to make decisions about the new school



colors, mascot (logo), and the design for the class ring. The African American students from Hilliard and Callahan who were previously attending Pine Forrest Community School in Callahan were to attend West Nassau County High School. Mr. Emmitt Coakley, the football coach at

Pine Forrest, would later become the principal at West Nassau County High School.

In August 1968, Hilliard High School and Callahan High School were combined at a new location (now 1 Warrior Drive) to form West Nassau County High School. The Flashes of Hilliard and the Ramblers of Callahan became the Warriors of West Nassau County High School. The school colors chosen were cardinal and gold and still remain.

Hilliard students attended high school at West Nassau (Callahan) for three years and then Hilliard combined 6-12 School was re-opened. Even though Hilliard reopened their combined middle/high school (HMSHS), the high school in Callahan continued-to-be named West Nassau County High School. The school has been serving students from the Bryceville and Callahan area since 1968. The Class of 1969, the first graduating class of West Nassau County High School, will celebrate their 50th reunion this year (2019) and which will also mark the 50th year of West Nassau County High School.



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Monday, January 7

Joshua Edward Anspach, 31, 37026 Nea Chele Lane, Hilliard: Dealing in Stolen Property, Defraud Pawnbroker; False Verification of Ownership

Tuesday, January 8

Corey Wayne Hart, 29, 58104 Coopers Neck Road, Hilliard: Battery Domestic

Monday, January 14

Jonathan Daniel Shearer, 32, 45039 Rhoden Lane, Callahan: Texas Warrant Failure to Appear Burglary of Habitation; Theft of Firearm; Unlawful Possession of Firearm

Tracy Lyn Hendrix, 41, 37149 Cody Circle, H4, Hilliard: Duval County Warrant Failure to Redeliver Hired or Leased Personal Property Less than \$300

Tuesday, January 15

Shelly Bishop Moriarty, 36, 3743 W. Third Street, Hilliard: Resist without Violence; Disorderly Intoxication

Ashton Narin Jadoo, 30, 540111 US Highway 1, Callahan: Violation of Probation Community Control Felony

Thursday, January 17

Richard Holoka, 31, 553683 US Highway 1, Hilliard: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Friday, January 18

Justin Ben Laurendine, 35, 27208 Missouri Street, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Community Control Driving Under the Influence

Tracie Leann Thompson, 43, 28854 Franklin Road, Hilliard: Violation of Probation DUI

Fatal Accident Sunday on US 1

Sunday afternoon a single vehicle accident claimed the life of a man and injured a second person in the car. According to the Florida Highway Patrol reports, 44-year-old Cassandra Carnes was driving northbound on US Highway 1 in the outside lane around 4:47 p.m. Carnes, of Yulee, was driving a 2007 Honda Civic when for unknown reasons



lost control of her car. Carnes travelled off the roadway to the left, crossing several lanes of traffic and the center grass median. The car continued across the southbound lanes of traffic and on to the right shoulder. At that point, the car began rotating in a clockwise direction until the vehicle's passenger side collided with a standing tree along the tree line. The passenger, 38-year-old William Fisher of Kingsland, Georgia

received the major impact from the collision with the tree. Mr. Fisher passed away from the injuries sustained in the crash.

Carnes was transported to UF Health Jacksonville with what FHP described as minor injuries. According to the report, charges are pending along with the accident being alcohol related. All lanes of US 1 were blocked for an extended period of time.

FSCJ to Host FAFSA Completion Event

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ), in partnership with the University of North Florida, Duval County Public Schools, Nassau County School District, Year Up Jacksonville, City Year Jacksonville and JAXUSA Partnership, will host Form Your Future, a free event that helps college-bound students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

Form Your Future will be held this Saturday, January 26 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at both the FSCJ Advanced Technology Center, located on FSCJ Downtown Campus and the FSCJ Nassau Center.

This event provides free, in-person, financial aid guidance to help all incoming students and/or their parents/guardians prepare for a smooth transition to begin college. Students who attend Form Your Future also have the opportunity to enter for a chance to win more than \$5,000 in scholarship money.

Featured sessions include:

- Financial Aid 101: Learn about eligibility guidelines, application processes and responsible use of financial aid. Discuss your questions in small roundtable settings.
- FAFSA & FSA ID Completion Assistance: Request a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA) and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with assistance from experienced staff and volunteers.

• Plan for Career and Financial Success: Gain valuable insights from the FSCJ Foundation about searching and applying for college scholarships. Hear from community partner Earn Up/JAXUSA about in-demand skills and high-growth job opportunities in northeast Florida.

• Gap Year: Exploring Work-Based Learning Opportunities: Hear from City Year Jacksonville and Year Up Jacksonville

staff and students about the opportunity to participate in an engaging, yearlong work-based learning program. Attendees will also learn how the experience is enriching the lives of recent participants, local schools and businesses.

The addresses for each location are listed below:

FSCJ Advanced Technology Center, 401 W. State Street, Jacksonville; and FSCJ Nassau Center, 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Yulee. Professional financial aid staff and counselors will be on hand at both locations to offer free help with all stages of the application process. In order to complete the FAFSA, parents and students should bring the following: Social Security number, driver's license or alien registration card; 2017 IRS 1040 or latest tax return and W-2 statements; and Federal Student Aid ID (Don't have one? Create one at fsaid.ed.gov.). For more information, visit fscj.edu/future.

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GRACE VANZANT ANDERSON



Grace Vanzant Anderson, 85, of Hilliard, passed away Sunday, January 20 in Fernandina Beach. She was born April 30, 1933 to the late Ernest Vanzant and Deborah Vanzant. She retired from Prudential Insurance in Jacksonville. She was a member of Buford Grove Baptist Church in Hilliard. Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband John Anderson, Jr.; and a brother Troy Vanzant.

She is survived by a niece and nephew; as well as many other relatives, church family and close friends.

The family received friends Tuesday, January 22 at Buford Grove Baptist Church. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23 at Buford Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Curtis Harrington officiating. Burial followed in Pigeon Creek Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston, 912-496-7388.

CAROL THIEN BOWEN

Carol Janice Thien Bowen was called home to be with the Lord at the age of 76 on January 14. A lifetime resident of the Dinsmore area in Duval County, Carol was born January 19, 1942, to parents Arthur Bernard Thien and Mary Louise Pendarvis Thien.

A devoted mother and grandmother, she loved to cook and bake and passed down the enjoyment of these activities to her children and grandchildren, the latter lovingly referring to her as "Granny" or "Nanny Neese."

In her youth, her love of baking gave her and her good friend, Eva Stithem the opportunity to, as a team, demonstrate and share with members of the 4H community their award winning recipe for braided bread.

Carol, also known to some as Janice, worked as a hairdresser in her 20s while raising her children. She also enjoyed being able to go back to school in her late 30s to study to become a lab tech, where she was given the nickname "C.J."

As a prolific artist, several of her paintings won awards and ribbons in county fairs and contests. Her love of art and her artistic ability were also things that she passed down to several of her grandchildren,

who are now artists or becoming artists themselves.

An avid reader, she enjoyed many forms of literature, ranging from the Bible, to classic works of fiction, and also non-fiction and a variety of other topics. Her favorite things to read with her grandchildren were the Bible and cookbooks. Many an evening, she would enlist the help of her grandchildren to find recipes to prepare for dinner and if ingredients were scarce, she taught them to be adept at improvising.

Carol was survived by her the children, Lorne (Patti) Bowen, Kim Bowen (Danny) Barlow and Logan (Kristien) Bowen; 10 grandchildren Theresa (Richard) Nail, Blake (Tara) Bowen, Trevor Bowen, Trey (Anna) Bowen, Trent Bowen, Tori Bowen and Toby Bowen; five great-grandchildren Trintin, Eythan and Mayson Nail and Brayden and Addison Bowen; sister-in-law Charlotte Thien; two nephews Scott (Amy) Thien and Sean (Amanda) Thien; and one niece Heather (Tim); and her cousin Kaye Johnson. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother Marvin Thien.

Throughout her life she also enjoyed spending time with her first cousin, Linda Johnson, whom she always said was more like a sister.

Carol Janice Thien Bowen was a talented, intelligent, resourceful, and strong woman with many stories to tell and much knowledge to pass on. More importantly, she impacted many lives with her kind, gracious and loving heart and her endless ability to forgive. She was the kind of person who went out of her way to give any kind of help that was needed without questions asked or strings attached. Two of her favorite sayings were "Why worry when you can pray?" and "Just give it to the Lord, baby." Her love of God was best exemplified by the way she lived out her life according to her favorite verses, Matthew 6:14-15: "If you forgive those who sin against you, your Heavenly Father will forgive you also. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."

At her request, no funeral service will be held. However, family and close friends are invited to attend a celebration of Carol's life, time and place to be announced.

Condolences can be expressed at www.nassauffh.com. Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

ERIC JAMES BRYANT



Eric James Bryant, 32, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away January 19. He was born December 8, 1986 in Brunswick. As a kid, Eric loved being with his grandparents. Pulling his Mema and Mom in a trailer with the Cub Cadet thru the pecan trees was a favorite pastime. Eric and his Papa loved camping in the swamp or in the backyard when there was nowhere else to go. After High School, Eric received his Aesthetician License, but his true calling was hospitality and he received an Administrative Assistant Diploma from Coastal Pines. He loved helping others to make their day happier. Eric always made friends and family laugh. He had a warm heart that never stopped giving. We will miss him always.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Cecil R. and Frances J. Carter and James I. and Lois C. Bryant.

He is survived by his parents Jimmy and Linda Bryant; a sister Erica (Joseph) Thomas; three nephews Benjamin, Zachary and Andrew; a special cousin Noelle Cooper; and a number of aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

The family will receive friends Thursday, January 24 from 1-3 p.m. prior to the funeral service at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

RYAN MARK CHESSER

Ryan Mark Chesser, 33, passed away January 19, at his residence in Jacksonville. He was born January 16, 1986 in Jacksonville. He graduated from Charlton County High School in 2004 and attended and graduated from Armstrong Atlantic. Ryan loved his family and friends with all his heart and never missed an opportunity to celebrate life. Ryan never held back his affection and love and enthusiasm. He was a bottled up source of energy and sunshine. Ryan lived his life in the moment and treasured the time he had with his loved ones. Ryan loved to water ski and snow ski, competitive swimming, traveling and

dancing. Ryan was thoughtful and always ready to help a friend or family member. He was witty beyond compare and always made people laugh and smile. His beautiful spirit and smile will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his parents, Mark and Cathy Chesser of Folkston; his twin sister Rebecca Chesser (Dylan) Coon of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a brother Reece Chesser of Folkston; his grandparents George and Annette McKinnon and Gene and Eloise Chesser of Folkston; and two special nieces Harlow and Everlee Coon.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, January 23 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 24 at 11 a.m. at the Folkston United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Underwood and Rev. Ray McMillan officiating.

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

NANCY BELL HOLT

Nancy Bell Holt, 70, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away January 20 in Folkston. She was born August 1, 1949 in Tattall County, Georgia to the late James R.T. and Eliza Dolly Rewis. Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband J.C. Holt; and two brothers James Archie Rewis and Jerry Callaway.

She is survived by four children, Betty Haywood, Wayne Pierce, Sammy Pierce and Darren Crews; two sisters Shirley Arnold and Rita Knight; along with a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

After the family's private viewing, Memorialization will be by cremation.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

LARRY LAVON MOORE



Larry Lavon Moore, 58, of Folkston, passed away January 14 in Brunswick, Georgia following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born July 28, 1960. He attended the Homeland United Methodist Church. He was a simple man who loved life and his family. He was a skilled carpenter by trade.



Legitimate sources in the national tax preparation industry just learned from IRS itself that:

1. Yes, the IRS is indeed among the number of the various federal government agencies affected by the "Partial Government Shutdown".

2. But GOOD NEWS: The 2018-2019 filing season during the current shutdown the IRS announced that it still is and will be offering the following services:

- Processing electronic and paper tax returns for tax year 2018 (starting January 28, 2019)
- Processing disaster relief transcripts
- Designing and printing 2018 tax forms
- Accepting income and payroll tax payments
- Issuing refunds (mostly electronic funds transfers starting on February 14, 2019 in particular for those with tax refunds plus credits, refundable and otherwise for tax year 2018; e-file before February 6th to get \$\$\$ by February 14th).

3. During the continuing shutdown, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) definitely will NOT be offering nor providing the following services during the "Partial Government Shutdown":

- No Answering phone calls (you can try it at 1-800-829-1040 to see what we mean about no answering phone call "services")
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He was preceded in death by his father Hershel Clarence Moore, Sr.; and a brother Terrel Moore.

He is survived by his mother Marcell Sikes Moore; three sisters Janice (Rudy) Norwood, Karen (Mike) Woodard and Marsha (Lonnie Joe) Davis; three brothers HC (Cathy) Moore, Jr., Ferrel Moore and Doug (Tammy) Moore; and a number of nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, January 16 at Pineview Cemetery with Rev. Eddie Rawl officiating.

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

LINDA P. MORGAN

Linda P. Morgan, 71, of Callahan, joined our Heavenly Father on Thursday, January 17. She was a wonderful wife and mother. Now that you have reached the rainbow's end you will be terribly missed and are deeply loved.

Linda left to cherish her memory, her husband Gary Morgan; two children Larry Braziel and Lindsey Houghwot; and four grandchildren J. Nathan, Cashes, Airyonna and Jaxon.

A memorial service was held Sunday, January 20 at the chapel of Callahan Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com. Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

RUBY BATY RITTER



Ruby Mae Baty Ritter, 94, of Folkston, went home to be with the Lord on January 20 at the Life Care Center of Hilliard. She was born in Jacksonville on December 2, 1924 to the late Alver Harris Baty and Vassie Baty. She was a faithful member of the Folkston Church of God.

Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Leroy Ritter; children Walter Bland Miller, Alver Ray Miller, Pam Peace, Ronnie Ritter and Tony Ritter; sisters Mae Bell Thompson, Nettie Mitchell and Joyce Briley; and two brothers Fred Baty and John Henry Baty.

She is survived by her children Linda (Gordon) Hand, Paulette (David) Blystone and Donnie (Linda) Ritter; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday, January 24 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Graveside services will be held Friday, January 25 at 11 a.m.

at Edgewood Cemetery in Jacksonville with Rev. Rob Gillis officiating.

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

CARL JOHN ROACH



Carl John Roach, 80, of Hilliard, and formerly of New Port Richey, moved peacefully into heaven on Friday, January 18. He was a former mechanic and served for the Shore Patrol for the US Navy and Navy Reserves. Carl was an avid hunter, gun collector and loved the outdoors but most of all he loved to create treasures. Carl never met a stranger. He was an active member of Ephesus Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Sophia Roach.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Shirley McDonald Roach; his loving children Carl "Chuck" Roach of Hudson, Florida and Patricia "Cissy" (Brian) Carnes of Whittier, North Carolina.

A memorial service was held Sunday, January 20 at Ephesus Baptist Church with Rev. Marvin Lee officiating.

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

HAROLD A. THANSCHIEDT



Harold August 'Okie' Thanschiedt, 89, of Folkston, passed away January 13 in Jacksonville. He was born August 29, 1929 in Woodward, Oklahoma to the late William August 'Bill' Thanschiedt and Mary Moody Thanschiedt. He proudly served his county in the US Navy aboard the USS Shannon stationed at Charleston Naval Base and later deployed to North Africa, Port Lyautey French Morocco from 1948-1952. He was honorably discharged as a Mineman 3rd Class. He was an electrician by trade. He was a member of Camp Pinckney Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 59 wonderful years, Ruby Jeanette Logan Thanschiedt; a son Michael William (Josephine) Thanschiedt, Sr.; two grandchildren Michelle Ann Thanschiedt (Nicholas Edward) Sanderson, Michael William Thanschiedt, Jr.; six great-grandchildren Kayla Michelle Sanderson, Anna Faith Sanderson, Noah Nicholas

Sanderson, Samuel Nicholas Sanderson, Charity Grace Sanderson and Lillian Ruby Thanschiedt; a brother Tommy Thanschiedt; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives. Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by his brother Roy Thanschiedt.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 17 at Camp Pinckney Baptist Church with Rev. Tim Hall officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

KEVIN SCOTT WAITS



Mr. Kevin Scott Waits, 49, of Jacksonville, passed away Friday, January 11. Mr. Waits was born in Kentucky and grew up in Florida, attending Baldwin

High School and the First Baptist Church of Baldwin. He was a sports enthusiast; having played baseball as a shortstop and a pitcher and an avid University of Kentucky basketball fan. Mr. Waits built and installed swimming pools and loved being active and enjoying life. He had a great sense of humor, enjoyed music; particularly country and gospel, loved fishing and watching western movies. He was a loving son and brother and a dedicated father.

He is survived by his son James Waits of Jacksonville; mother Peggy West; brother Matthew (Ann) Waits of Jacksonville; and numerous other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his father John Waits; sister Johnnie Bowers; and niece Gracie Waits.

A celebration of his life was held Monday, January 14 at Grace Baptist Church, Baldwin, with Pastor Dewayne Jowers officiating.

Arrangements entrusted to Prestwood Funeral Home, Baldwin, 904-266-0072.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.prestwoodfuneralhome.com.

DIANNA SULLIVAN WHITE



Dianna Jane Sullivan White, 73, of Hilliard, passed away January 20 at her residence. She was born December 14, 1945 in Folkston, Georgia to the late Robert Theodore Sullivan and Rose Emma Phillips Sullivan. Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by a son Jessie D. White, Jr.; and a sister Juinita Lawson.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Jessie Darwin White, Sr.; three children Lee (Denise) Pickett, Jr., Lisa (Howard) Nobles and Billy White; 12 grandchildren Lee (Brittany) Pickett, III, Cody (Jonni) Pickett, R.T. Pickett, Tiffany (Levi) Holton, Tabatha (Devin) Dowling, Ashley White, Abbi White, Alyssa White, Billy White, Jr., Matt (Olivia) McFarlane, Nick McFarlane and Randi Jo McFarlane; five great-grandchildren Lane Pickett, Kailey Pickett, Bentlee Pickett, Gunner Holton and Willow Holton; a sister Rose Marie Thompson; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The family received friends Tuesday, January 22 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23 at the First Baptist Church in Hilliard with Rev. Josh Tillman officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

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

The Town of Callahan is Accepting Bids for Fencing at Ewing Park

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- Bids shall be sealed and marked Ewing Park Fencing, and should be dropped off at Callahan Town Hall, 542300 US Highway 1, Callahan, FL 32011, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12 - 1 p.m.) ONLY
- No Bids will be e-mailed or faxed
- Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., January 29, 2019
- Bid opening will be at 4:30 p.m. on January 29, 2019
- Final approval by Town Council @ the meeting on February 4, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
- Interested Persons may contact Michael Williams, Town Manager, at pwd@townofcallahan-fl.gov for more information
- Town of Callahan reserves the right to reject any and all bids or remove the project at its discretion

Individuals with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the program or activity should contact the office of the Town Clerk, Stephanie Knagge, at (904) 879-3801 or clerk@townofcallahan-fl.gov at least seventy two hours in advance to request such accommodation.

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.

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The Westside Journal would like to pay tribute to all the brave servicemen and women. Please take time to remember each of these service members in your daily prayers.

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It is our honor to recognize our local Armed Service members. We would like to update our 'Pray for our Troops' list, adding those who have recently joined our Armed Services or removing those who no longer serve. Please read over the list. If you need to make a correction, addition or deletion, just give us a call, 879-4180. You may also email changes to news@westsidejournal.net. God Bless our Troops!



The Florida Department of Health in Nassau County (DOH-Nassau) issued a rabies alert for northwest Nassau County. This is in response to a cat that tested positive on January 18, 2019.

All residents and visitors in Nassau County should be aware that rabies is present in the wild animal population and domestic animals are at risk if not vaccinated. The public is asked to maintain a heightened awareness that rabies is active in Nassau County. Alerts are designed to increase awareness to the public. Please be aware that rabies activities can also occur outside the alert area.

This rabies alert is for 60 days. The center of the rabies alert is at Kings Ferry, and includes the following boundaries in Nassau County: St. Mary's River to the North, Prospect Landing, Murrhee Road and U.S. Hwy 1 to the West, Lessie Road to the East and W. County Road 108 to the South.

An animal with rabies could infect domestic animals that have not been vaccinated against rabies. All domestic animals should be vaccinated against rabies and all wildlife contact should be avoided, particularly raccoons, bats, foxes, skunks, otters, bobcats, and coyotes. Rabies is a disease of the nervous system and is fatal to warm blooded animals and humans. The only

treatment for human exposure to rabies is rabies specific immune globulin and rabies immunization. Appropriate treatment started soon after the exposure will protect an exposed person from the disease.

Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautions: Call your local animal control agency to remove any stray animals from your neighborhood. Nassau County Animal Services is the agency for all other parts of the county. Keep rabies vaccinations up to date for all pets. Keep your pets under direct supervision so they do not come in contact with wild animals. If your pet is bitten by a wild animal, seek veterinary assistance for the animal immediately and contact Nassau County Animal Services at 904-530-6150, or the Nassau Humane Society at 904-491-0122 for incidents in the city of Fernandina Beach. Spay or neuter your pets to help reduce the number of unwanted pets that may not be properly cared for or regularly vaccinated.

Outdoor feeding can attract animals such as feral cats, raccoons and coyotes. Do not handle, feed, or unintentionally attract wild animals with open garbage cans or litter. Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home. Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly. Prevent bats from entering living quarters or occupied spaces in homes, churches, schools, and other similar areas, where they might come in contact with people and pets. For further information on rabies, go to <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-andconditions/rabies/index.html>, or contact DOH-Nassau at 904-875-6100.



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Congratulations Nancy!



Please join Crossroads Family Worship Center and Sonshine Christian Academy in celebrating an outstanding accomplishment by one of our Sonshine Christian Academy teachers. Mrs. Nancy Bethea has achieved National Board Certification in the teaching of English Language Arts.

Nancy will be acknowledged Sunday, January 27 in the 10 a.m. service at Crossroads Family Worship Center and at a drop-in reception in the school cafeteria from 2-4 p.m.

Everyone is welcome at both events.

American Heart Challenge at WN

West Nassau High School will hold an American Heart Challenge during the basketball game Saturday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. against Trinity Christian. American Heart Association shirts will be sold for \$10 as admittance to the game. Wristbands will be sold prior to and during the game for \$2. For \$1, people can participate in half court or top of key shoot out! All proceeds will go to the American Heart Association!



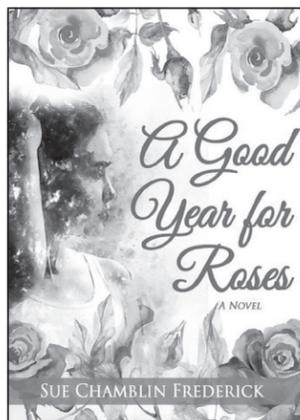
Callahan Library Fun

“Visit Ireland” on Tuesday, January 29, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Callahan Library as a part of its special “Around the World in 80 Days” series of events! Patrick Nee and Beth McKibben-Nee take you on a whirlwind tour of the Emerald Isle. Learn a bit of Irish and taste some brown Irish bread while viewing some of this nation’s most famous sites. The Callahan Library is located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15, Callahan, 904-530-6500 (#3), www.nassaureads.com.



Local Author Debuts Latest Novel

That wasn’t a meteorite you saw in the southern sky a few nights ago. But, you might have thought it was Capricornus, the constellation known as the horn of a goat, situated near Sagittarius and Aquarius. It’s possible it was Murphy, Madison County’s most beautiful one-eared goat, the star of author Sue Chamblin Frederick’s novel *The Front Porch Sisters*.



wondering if she’ll ever return.

From the quaint, historical town of Boston, Georgia, to the breathtaking plantations of Pebble Hill, Melrose and Sinkola in Georgia’s Thomas County, the hunt for the young girl is pursued with a tenacity that can only be driven by Essie’s love for her last sister and the child she’s never met.

Murphy is back to tell you the novel’s sequel *A Good Year for Roses*, has just been released. *A Good Year for Roses* brims with intrigue and passion in a magnolia-scented South when heroine Essie Donnelly, a feisty farm girl from Madison County, Florida, begins a journey to find her dead sister’s child. She leaves handsome Sam Washington

A Good Year for Roses debuts at the annual Amelia Island Book Festival, February 16 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Fernandina Beach Middle School, 315 Citrona Drive. Books are also available at The Book Loft, Centre Street in Fernandina and through Amazon. Contact the author at: www.suechamblinfrederick.com.

RETIRED FLAG REMINDER

In celebrating the new year, what better time to replace your tattered American flag with a new one! Retired flags may be brought to the Westside Journal office for proper disposal.

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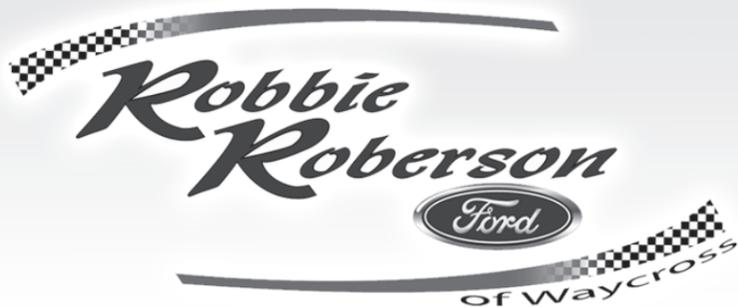
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CES & CIS Win Signs to Celebrate 100th Day



In celebration of the 100th day of school, Sign Gypsies of St. Marys held a contest for schools. The PTOs, PTAs, parents and faculty were all encouraged to vote for their school. The 100th day of school for Nassau County was Tuesday, January 22.

Callahan Elementary and Callahan Intermediate School each won signs for their schools and proudly displayed them Tuesday! Congratulations!



Spotlight on Nassau Gardens

Ruth Carden moved here with her husband 21 years ago from New Jersey where they were both professors at Princeton University. Ruth worked in the Art Department. The new Amelia Island yard lacked any interesting features. She worked tirelessly planning and producing the garden and landscape as it is today. Her strong artistic background and eye for beauty is demonstrated in every corner of the yard. She said, "My garden bears the influence of abstract expressionism - the same as my art."

Through the years she planted many flowering plants which bloom at different times of the year so no matter what month it is, something is always blooming. While she enjoys putting plants in the ground, she also has potted plants scattered about the landscape. The flowers blooming now are the lovely pink, red and white camellias, Datura (angel trumpet plants), shrimp plant, leopard plants, roses, firespike, amaryllis, daffodils and a lovely poinsettia which continues to grow and bloom. Ruth is standing beside her tall, beautiful camellia with white blooms. She is a prolific producer of sewn art



work, which is as unique and beautiful as her garden.

"Spotlight on Nassau Gardens" is a monthly recognition program of the UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service featuring the beautiful gardens and plants grown by Nassau County residents. To be considered, send a digital photo with a description of your "Spotlight" along with your name, address and phone number to Bea Walker, email address: beawalker105@gmail.com or call the Extension Office at 904-530-6353.



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