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Hagan Ace Hardware Achieves Highest Recognition Neighborhood Store Recognized as a Top Performing Retail Location

Ace Hardware Corporation is pleased to announce that Hagan Ace Hardware in Hilliard achieved designation as a "Pinnacle Performance Retailing" store for its outstanding performance. Developed as part of Ace's long-term retail growth strategy, 20/20 Vision Pinnacle Performance Retailing, is laser-focused on Ace's customers, helping to ensure that Ace stores deliver on its brand promise day in and day out.

For more than 90 years, Ace Hardware has been serving its neighbors with helpful service and quality products. With more than 5,200 stores in more than 65 countries, the team at Hagan Ace Hardware is one of only a few hundred Ace retailers to achieve this prestigious Pinnacle status. To achieve Pinnacle Performance Retailing, the team at Hagan Ace Hardware successfully completed a number of key performance drivers that will help them provide a better overall shopping experience in their local community.

One example of a proven performance



driver is "Helpful Certification," the foundational element of Ace's "Certified Ace Helpful" retail training curriculum. To become certified, Hagan Ace Hardware associates complete courses such as Helpful 101 and 201 and the stores conduct a week-long

team-based certification event.

"Achieving Pinnacle Performance Retailing is a tremendous accomplishment for an Ace store," said John Tovar, Vice President, Retail Operations and New Business, Ace Hardware Corporation. "We're pleased



to recognize Hagan Ace Hardware and its associates for their outstanding achievements, and proud to say they are a part of the Ace family."

"The team at Hagan Ace Hardware is incredibly pleased to have earned the status as a Pinnacle Performance Retailing store," said Jacob Hagan, Director of Store Operations at Hagan Ace Hardware. "What this means for our customers is that we are more committed than ever to providing our loyal shoppers with the best possible retail experience; from customer service to product offerings and more, we're taking 'Ace helpful' to a new level."

Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed for the Westside!

Nassau County Council on Aging (NCCOA) is looking for volunteers to help deliver meals on Tuesdays throughout the Westside of Nassau County, including Hilliard, Bryceville and Callahan. Volunteers pick up meals from the Hilliard Senior Center, 37002 Ingham Road., and drive a designated route. Most routes are approximately two hours long. Many Nassau County seniors count on our drivers for meals each and every week. If you are able to volunteer for Meals on Wheels or would like more information, please contact Linda Rogers or Frances Nobles at (904) 845-3331. Thank you!

WN Cheerleaders Win State!

The West Nassau High School Cheerleaders traveled to Gainesville last week and brought home the FHSAA State Championship. This is the 8th state Championship for West Nassau High School. The team has the highest score in the state out of all the teams. They also achieved the highest final score in West Nassau's history. They are Champions!

Wednesday, the team traveled, this time to Orlando, to compete for a National title. The team was cheered through the War Path and tunnel by friends, students, faculty and family as they headed out! Good Luck Warriors!



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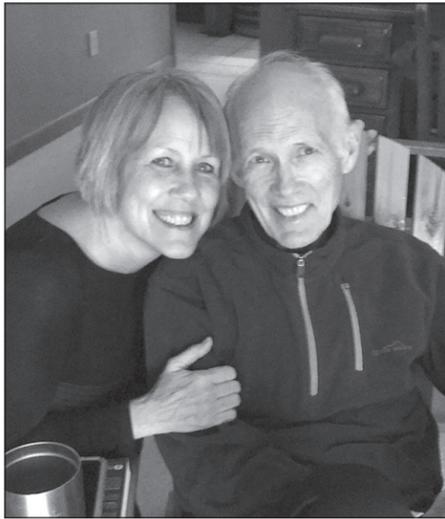
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A Word From the Publisher

I guess I really just want to start by saying, "Thank you!" First of all, to God who allows me to do something I enjoy; and second to our readers and the many people who stop me (and Roger) and say how much they enjoy our paper. Your many words of encouragement are so precious and I take each of one to heart. If Roger is not with me, he's knows about my encounter when I get home. It touches my heart that you take time to read our paper. Lately, the best comment we have received is 'thanks' for putting a Bible verse on the front page. That idea came from my parents and I love it. Scary, but many times I pick out the verse that is talking to me at that particular time. The Bible has so many beautiful verses I'm pretty sure we won't ever run out! It is because of God that we have the privilege of publishing this paper. This New Year has been very difficult as we have had so many obituaries. My heart aches for the many people that have lost loved ones. But once again, God sends one of those precious people that have lost loved ones in here for extra copies and they are so thankful. I'm the one that has been blessed.

A couple of weeks ago, Roger and I drove my parents over to Ft. Walton Beach, where my oldest brother Dub and his wife Carol live. Dub has always been the one all we siblings look up to. He always had good grades, great job, no cavities, great shape...you know, perfect. Unfortunately, my sweet brother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in October. Fortunately, they caught it early, but since the diagnosis he has had other health issues that have arisen. We went to visit with him in late October. That visit compared to our last visit, he was 90% better. His outlook and color was so good. He had his 'real' smile back and was moving around all over the place. He and Roger walked over his yard a hundred times, designing what he wants to build in



his backyard. He has a long way to go but he continues to lean on God for direction. I'm so thankful he also serves our faithful and merciful God! We went to visit, but also because he was also having an outpatient surgery (not related to the cancer) on Friday. He was a little slow when he came home Friday but Saturday he was up and going again. He even went shopping. It was so wonderful to see my brother again as himself. Please keep him and Carol in your prayers!

I'm thankful we were able to take my parents and better yet for me to get to see him. You know, there are just times you have to move with your gut feelings. If there is something you want to do or someone you need to see, do it! Don't delay. You never know what tomorrow may bring. Life is so short and time is so precious. I really don't want to kill time! It's going fast enough. When an opportunity presents itself, you better take it. That opportunity may never be there again. As the Bible teaches us, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," Philippians 4:13. Because it is through His strength that I go on!

Have a blessed day!

Dawn S. West

Letters to the Editor

Thank you!

Dear Editor,

I want to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful people of Callahan, Bryceville and Hilliard for their continued support to The Nest, A Women's Center. The generous donations that are brought to the Westside Journal continue to come in and we can't say thank you enough for each and every one. The Nest continues to provide a safe place of refuge for those facing the challenges of an unplanned

pregnancy. Because of the faithfulness of our communities, lives continue to be changed for both now and eternity. If anyone would like more information about The Nest, A Women's Center, they can visit our website at www.thenestwomenscenter.org or they can follow us on Facebook.

Blessings,
Pam Nelson
Executive Director, The Nest

FREE Tax Assistance Offered on Westside of County

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will be offering FREE tax assistance at the Callahan Multipurpose Building. Assistance at this location will be offered by APPOINTMENT ONLY on: Saturday, February 16, Saturday, March 16 and Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. VITA has been assisting filers in Nassau County for over ten years helping over 500 taxpayers each year. VITA volunteers are tested and certified by the Internal Revenue Service. This free service is provided by the IRS, the Real Sense Prosperity Campaign, a United Way Initiative and in partnership with the Nassau County Public Library. To schedule your APPOINTMENT, call Meg McAlpine at (904)530-6359.

Please bring photo identification, Social Security Cards, your 2017 tax return and all 2018 tax documents such as W-2s, 1099s and SSA-1099s and 1095 A, B or C forms. If in doubt, bring the document. We cannot work from pay stubs or other year-end documents.

CloudLibrary Upgrade

CloudLibrary, gateway to ebooks and online audiobooks at all Nassau County Library Branches, will be upgraded to cloudLibrary UI on February 19. The new features include: a new look, the ability to create a virtual wallet for your library card in order to keep your library card and those of your family members all in one place. You may even select an avatar and use different colors for easy recognition. Fewer clicks will be needed to start reading. Learn about all the new features at your local library branch in Bryceville, Callahan, Fernandina Beach, Hilliard and Yulee or visit the website: www.nassaureads.com. Be one of the first one hundred people to receive a demonstration from Library Staff and receive a free library tote sponsored by Barnes & Noble and Friends of the Library.

In the Kitchen...

Creamy Au Gratin Potatoes

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| 4 russet potatoes, sliced into 1/4 inch slices | 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour |
| 1 onion, sliced into rings | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| salt and pepper to taste | 2 cups milk |
| 3 tablespoons butter | 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese |

Preheat oven to 400°. Butter a 1 quart casserole dish. Layer 1/2 of the potatoes into bottom of the prepared casserole dish. Top with the onion slices, and add the remaining potatoes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. In a medium-size saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Mix in the flour and salt, and stir constantly with a whisk for one minute. Stir in milk. Cook until mixture has thickened. Stir in cheese all at once, and continue stirring until melted, about 30 to 60 seconds. Pour cheese over the potatoes, and cover the dish with aluminum foil. Bake 1 1/2 hours in the preheated oven.

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Fish Talk

Gators on a Cloudy Day?

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Gator Trout are often thought of as illusive and very challenging for even the most seasoned anglers. Their ability to avoid the most enticing baits can leave us all feeling defeated. Here lately, if you aren't having any luck, heck just blame it on our unstable weather, Ha! If you want to know the truth, I think every animal and fish this side of the Mississippi has declared their own State of Emergency. I'm like just make your mind up already Mother Nature. Turkeys think its spring and our deer are eating newly sprouted buds in the middle of winter. Sheesh, okay I'm done ranting for the moment let's get back on track.

So the best times to target trout are going to be early morning and late in the evening. That is especially true during the blue bird sky days. I took a peak at our forecast for the weekend. Although that's subject to change at any moment, the cloudy forecast looks to be ideal conditions. So pull out the old float rigs and go find you a deep water rock ledge. Hit the last part of the incoming and first of the outgoing tide. You can bet big Gator Trout will crush a live shrimp right now. A few buddies went out this past weekend and the reports are steady rolling in from others with good size fish being caught. I'd expect some slob to be brought in over the gunnels come Saturday.

When throwing artificial, try using a 3/16 oz. or 1/4 oz. jig head and a 3" plastic. Adjusting from those larger baits to the shorter DOA paddle tail, sometimes make all the difference in the world. By slowing our retrieval down, keeping the baits at or near the bottom and using smaller profile baits, many times we can get those strikes that we many times wouldn't.

If I could add any other tips to help you, I'd say this. Lighten up on your leader line or even spool you a designated reel with 10 lb. test mono or even smaller diameters such as 6 to 8. That will increase your hook ups, I guarantee it. Also, slow your retrieval down as much as possible. That will keep your baits in the strike zone. Lastly, lean into those strikes. Don't set the hook like you're in the river catching mud fish. With that said, I hope that you all have a successful weekend.

Be safe out there and I hope to see you on the water!

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

There seems to be a topic brewing in Washington that we need to pay close attention to. That topic is the Electoral College. The Electoral College is not a location, it is a process our founding fathers put into place to protect the will of the entire nation and remove the ability of small densely populated areas from possessing the ability to control the entire nation.

The Democrats have lost two recent presidential elections due to the Electoral College, so they want it removed from the constitution. George W. Bush beat out Al Gore due to the Electoral College and President Trump easily beat Hillary Clinton due to the same process. Many of them want to do away with the Electoral College, which would be one more way for the liberal base to control our nation.

Clinton received more than two million more votes than Trump. However she was unable to collect enough Electoral votes to win the Presidency. Now it depends on which site you research as to exactly know the true numbers. As an old saying goes, numbers lie and liars use numbers. The three top spins on the Electoral College and actual votes vary quite significantly but all come to the same conclusion. One states that there are 3141 counties in the United States. It states that Trump won 3084 of those counties leaving Clinton to have only won 57 counties nationwide. There are 62 counties in New York, Trump won 46 of them,

however, Clinton won the overall popular vote by 1.5 million votes. In the 5 counties that encompass NYC, Clinton received well over 2 million more votes than Trump. With that said these 5 counties alone more than accounted for Clinton winning the popular vote nationwide. Those 5 counties comprise 319 square miles while the United States is comprised of 3,797,000 square miles. It would be totally insane to allow the ones living in a 319 square mile area dictate the outcome of every national election. Now throw in heavily populated Democrat strong holds such as NYC, Chicago, and California and every Presidential election would be decided by these three locations. The rest of the country would have no say-so in a federal election.

Snopes says this claim is woefully wrong. The Associated Press claims that Trump only won 2626 counties to Clinton's win in 487 counties. Excuse me but the facts still remain, a few locales would still control the country. Time Magazine came up with the numbers of Trump winning 2649 counties versus Clinton winning 503. Yep, the results would be the same without the Electoral College.

We need to keep the Electoral College in place in order to give everywhere in the USA a voice in choosing our leader. I certainly do not want solely New York, Chicago and California choosing my President.

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

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The West Nassau High School Advisory Council will meet Monday, Feb. 11 at 4 p.m. in the media center at the school.

The Callahan Cemetery Association will have a meeting Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. at New Bethel A.M.E. Church on Page Street, Callahan. All are welcome to attend.

FREE! Living Healthy Workshop, that can help you get the support that you need and take charge of your life! Yulee Health Department, 86014 Pages Dairy Rd., 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Mondays from February 18 through March 25. To register, call (904) 482-0189.

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Why Bother with Prayer?

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That almost sounds irreverent doesn't it? After all, all religious people pray, right? Even Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims pray. Shouldn't Christians pray, too? But if you think about it, we who believe in an all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-present God, should just let Him run things the way He wants to, when He wants to, and how He wants to. When you think about Who God is, why should we pray?

If life were just an existence at the level of the animals where we just eat, live, and have children to do the same, then maybe that kind of view of prayer would be the case. Why pray? The food and life will just go along. But we are made in God's image. We are made to rule and commanded by God to rule and multiply. We lost that privilege when we sinned. But Christ redeemed us with His blood. He rose to restore our rightful place to rule in God's power. The Bible tells us that we are seated with Him in the heavenly throne room. We are also told that we will reign with Christ in the Millennium on this earth and then upon the new earth with Christ forever.

Therefore, prayer is our on-the-job training for what we will be doing for eternity. It is as if a Great King has left us in charge of his possessions and kingdom while he is gone. So when he comes back, he will have us give account of what we have done with what he gave us to do.

Therefore friends, let us endeavor to do all we can to pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Let us pray for the sick to be healed, the oppressed delivered, and the abused receive justice. And most of all let us pray that the eyes of those who are lost will be opened to the truth of Christ. Let us pray for the ears that have not heard the Good News will now hear it. Let us pray for the strongholds of pride to crumble and the hearts of mankind captured to the obedience of Christ. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will convince the people in our circle of responsibility of their sin, God's righteousness, and the judgment to come.

Let us pray for God's will to be done in each heart so that all will come into God's family and enjoy His loving goodness, peace, and joy. Because life is, after all, about God and He is about relationships, by His power and for His glory. Amen? Amen!

Because life is about God and He is about relationships!

PLANT CLINIC

On Monday, February 11 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 on 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.

Harrell Recognized by State Society

Princess Amelia Chapter President Georgia Murray (right), read a letter of commendation from the Registrar of the Florida State Society Colonial Dames of the XVII Century to Callahan resident Sherry Harrell. They shared a laugh upon realizing that the fuchsia flowers that Sherry had been presented exactly match her blouse! The Princess Amelia Registrar has been recognized for her tenacity and efficiency in her pursuit of documents that allow applicants to become members of National Society and of the chapter.



Colonial Dames XVII Century is a national lineage-based organization of women with documented ancestors living in the country before 1701. Its primary mission is the preservation of historic sites and records, promotion of heraldry and coats of arms, support of charitable projects, and education of the nation's children.

Barnabas Opens New Satellite Office in Callahan

The Barnabas Center recently opened a new satellite office in Callahan to help residents in west Nassau County. The new office is located at 45021 3rd Avenue, Callahan.

Nassau County residents can receive assistance in Callahan by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call the Barnabas main number at (904) 261-7000 for any of the following assistance: Assistance with Food Stamp applications; Crisis financial assistance for rent or utilities; Enrollment for medical and dental services.

In addition to the services listed above, the satellite office will include classes for the Hope Builders for Women program which is supported by the Women's Giving Alliance. The class is open to women in Nassau County (ages 21-55 who have low-to-moderate incomes) who are seeking a change for their future. Classes assist women to become financially secure, create plans to reach goals and explore career opportunities.



Hope Builders for Women Graduates

For more information about this program, please call Mary Grice at (904) 261-7000 ext. 133 or Crystal Goncalves at (904) 261-7000 ext. 104. For more information about Barnabas' programs, please visit www.BarnabasNassau.org.

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CMS Happenings!

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A number of students at CMS had their short stories chosen to be published by the Amelia Island Book Festival. They include: Carrie Avis, Evelyn Cohoon, Allen Doane, Lizzie Durham, Sydney English, Carlie Holden, Destiny Long, Summer McCoy, Emma Murphy, Taryn Phelan, Caydee Pine, Kaitlyn Raulerson, Ana Rodriguez, Haley Santos, Jaymee Spears, Kailey Stanley, Brooke Steele, Madison Stuart, Chloe Whaley, and Joash Wollitz. Congratulations!

Country Star Quilt Guild News

The Country Star Quilt Guild will hold its February meeting Monday, February 11 at the First Baptist Church of Hilliard beginning with social time at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting at 7 p.m.

Guild member and owner of Sandy by the Stream, Inc., Chris Sandstrom, will present a program on labeling your quilts. There are many old quilts that do not have a label and leave us guessing on who made it and when. As quilts are passed down from generation to generation, labels become critical in

documenting the history of the quilt. As guild members say "A quilt is not finished until a label is fastened to the quilt." All those interested in passing down the history of a quilt whether made by the owner or not are welcome to attend.

The Guild holds monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month. All those interested in quilts are welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.CountryStarQuilters.org.

Hendricks Speaks to Colonial Dames

Local historian John Hendricks, representing the West Nassau Historical Society recently gave a presentation to the Princess Amelia Chapter Colonial Dames of the XVII Century at American Legion Post 401 in Hilliard. Mr. Hendricks spoke of the history of Hilliard and west Nassau County.

Chapter President Georgia Murray (far right), presented a check to Hendricks and Emily Baumgartner, President of the West Nassau Historical Society.

American Legion C.W. Hilliard Post 401 gave a warm welcome to the chapter and Post Commander Hugh Harris provided additional remarks about the post and its history. The Ladies Auxiliary prepared a delicious and generous buffet lunch, which was



served after the meeting.

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Callahan Library Fun Visit Australia

Discover the culture, slang, and delectable tastes of Australia as a part of the Callahan Library's "Around the World in 80 Days" event series with Katie Stanley. This presentation about the great "Down Under" will take place Tuesday, February 12 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Callahan Library, located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15, Callahan, 904-530-6500 (#3), www.nassaureads.com.



Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

It's that time of year again! The North Florida Genealogy Conference will be held Saturday, March 9. This is the largest event of its kind in Northeast Florida. Complete registration information and directions are located on the website: <https://nfgenealogyconference.org>. They offer 20 classes such as Irish and German Research, DNA and Breaking thru Brick Walls, to mention a few.

Our program for the Monday, February 11 meeting will be presented by Roger Sallas, of St. Augustine. The program is entitled Minorcan and Spanish Heritage.

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 Highway 1 north of the fairgrounds. Visitors are always welcome.



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New Beginnings and Milestones

Camryn Lynn Sloan

Brian and Brittany Sloan, of Yulee, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Camryn Lynn Sloan. Camryn was born October 8 at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville at 10:50 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and measured 19 3/4 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Doug and Dawn Hewett of Callahan; and Eva and Robert Byrd of West Green, Georgia.

Paternal grandparents are Marvin and Cheryl Sloan of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents are Joline Hewett of Callahan; Jeannette Pate of Hilliard; and Bobby and Jean Byrd of West Green, Georgia.



Ophelia Morgan Judson to Celebrate 105th Birthday

Ms. Ophelia Morgan Judson will celebrate her 105th birthday February 8. Ms. Ophelia was born February 8, 1914 right here in Callahan. She was born and raised out near the fairgrounds area. She recalls at a young age, her family attended a Methodist Church but later joined Greater Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, where she still is a member and tithes regularly. She still recalls waking up early in the morning on Sundays, getting dressed and walking to church. She beat everyone else there but waited patiently until the services began.



She can remember as a young child helping her father, as he was a custodian at the school. She received her certificate and worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant working at the Eartha White Nursing Home in Jacksonville for about 10 years. She later took care of her father in his elderly years and also a brother. Her life has been taking care of and serving others' needs. She is humbled but proud to say she was never fired from a job and always worked hard at everything she did. She still has a much younger sister that lives in Philadelphia. She enjoys visitors and spending time with those she loves. She attributes her life and good health to the Lord.

"I've always been truthful and hard working in everything I've done," said Ms. Ophelia. "It's the only way to be. The Lord has truly blessed my life."

Adley Blake Drury



Blake and Christa Drury, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Adley Blake Drury. Adley was born January 11 at 12:29 p.m. at Baptist Hospital Jacksonville. She weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Tommy and Barbara Drury of Callahan.

Maternal grandparents are Avery and Tammy Rouse of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents are Quint and Linda Willard of Callahan; and Leon and Clara Rouse of Jacksonville.

Happy 1st Birthday Jimmy Louie Pierce



Jimmy Pierce, of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, celebrated his first birthday January 6. He celebrated his special day with a party in his honor with his siblings, Jack, Olivia and Vivian, along with a lot of family and friends joining in the fun! His proud parents are Louie and Lauren Pierce!

His proud grandparents are Kim and Louise Hoffecker of Callahan; and Molly Pierce and the late Jack Pierce of Goodlettsville.

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Full Circle Animal Hospital Welcomes Additional Veterinarian

Dawn S. West

Time has flown by as Full Circle Animal Hospital begins their 8th year in Callahan! The business has grown so fast. In fact, last year they moved into their brand new facility on SR 200. As the business continues to grow, Dr. Mike Payne, Veterinarian and owner thought it was past time to begin the process of looking for another doctor to come in and help out. He began the painstaking process of searching and sent out 100s of emails. He did get some response but none fit the bill quite like he wanted or they didn't want to come to Callahan. It was through a friend that Dr. Mike found Dr. Brian Citino. "A friend of ours son just graduated from Veterinarian school and hasn't made a decision where he wants to go," said the friend. "Could you give me his number?" asked Dr. Mike!

Dr. Brian came for an interview and then came back for a work day with Dr. Mike! So welcome, Dr. Brian Citino, D.V.M. to Callahan. Many of Dr. Mike's families already know Dr. Brian, as he has been here since October! Dr. Brian is not a stranger to Nassau County as he grew up in Fernandina Beach, where he still lives. He graduated from Fernandina Beach High School in 2006.

He was accepted at the University of West Florida where he obtained his B.S. Degree in Pre-Professional Biology in 2011; M.A. in Biology graduate program at University of North Florida in 2013; Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in 2015 in St. Kitts (same school Dr. Mike attended);



and clinicals at UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine with high honors.

When asked, has being a veterinarian always been your passion, he explained. "My dad is a veterinarian and has been for about 26 years," said Dr. Brian. "He works at White Oak Plantation as their veterinarian. It's always been in my blood, as I went with him many times and was around the animals. He has compassion for the animals, as do I."

"It's great to have an extra pair of hands around," said Dr. Mike of his new employee. "Brian has energy and excitement about being here."

"I'm very excited about being here. I've already learned a lot from Dr. Mike," said Dr. Brian. "He has such a passion for each animal he treats and for their owners. Patient care for each animal is a very important to me. I'm learning this fast pace but also enjoying what I'm doing!"

Historical Society Announces Winners of Art Show

The West Nassau Historical Society would like to thank everyone who attended our Nassau Art at the Callahan Depot art show and sale on January 26. Over 130 visitors attended the 7th edition of our annual NACD art show held inside the historic 1881 train station.

Thirty-seven adult entries and 37 student entries were exhibited as well as over 50 other pieces of art available for sale in our Art Shop. Thank you Nassau County artists and students!

The winners of the judged competition are as follows: 3D art: 1st place, Pam Jones; 2nd place, Pam Jones; 3rd place, Laura Kujawski. Photography/CGI: 1st place, Cindy Belt; 2nd place, Amanda Messer; 3rd place, Lee Buchanan. Painting/Drawing: 1st place, Barbara Davis; 2nd place, Gary Johns; 3rd place, Ginger Bender. People's Choice: Winner, Lauren Miano. Student Division: 1st place, Katie Slaughter; 2nd place, Jasmine Fennell; 3rd place, Alyssa Dunkle; 4th place, Olivia Williams; 5th place, Megan Laffey; 6th place, Amanda Bennett.

The three winning paintings and top photography winner from the adult division will be on display at the Amelia



Island Museum of History the week of February 3; Vystar Callahan branch the week of February 10; and Southeastern Bank Hilliard branch the week of February 17.

We would like to thank our art show sponsors and supporters: Brandies Ace Hardware, Callahan Barbecue, Marge Powell, Arts and Culture Nassau, The Pig Barbeque, John Hendricks, Liz Mobley and Callahan Subway.

We also would like to thank renowned artist Pablo Rivera for judging our art competition. For pictures of all the entries visit our Facebook page. All Nassau county artists grab their brushes and cameras and start preparing for our next 8th NACD art show scheduled for late January 2020. For more information or upcoming events, visit: www.wnhsfl.org.

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Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first regular meeting of February. The first order of business was a presentation by Michelle Maddox, representing Ferst Readers of Nassau County. Ferst Readers has been in Nassau County since 2016. Their mission is to register every child in the program from birth to 5 years old. Once enrolled, the child will receive an age appropriate book every month. "The program wants to instill the importance of reading to children," said Maddox. "They also receive a newsletter that includes all kinds of activities to do with your children. They also teach the importance of books and how to take care of them so when the child enters school he/she is ahead of the game. I'm asking you (the council) if you would consider sponsoring 10 children for 1 year?"

"How much is it to sponsor a child?" asked Council President Ken Bass.

"The cost is \$36 per child per year," answered Maddox.

"We'll have to do a resolution on this at our next meeting and we'll let you know," said Bass.

John Hendricks, representing the West Nassau Historical Society approached the podium. "I am here tonight to ask for the council's support again this year for the 14th Annual Railroad Day Festival. The festival will be held Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Callahan Depot," said



Hendricks. "Railroad Day is our largest fundraiser and we hope to have the town's support. The society is made up of volunteers who promote the rich and diverse history of west Nassau County. Last year, the council supported us with a \$1,000 donation."

"Mr. Hendricks, we will also have to do a resolution for this at our next meeting. We look forward to supporting the event," said Council President Bass.

Ordinance 2019-01 was approved on first reading which concerned amending Chapter 44 of the town's purchasing code. After much discussion, the council approved first reading but plans to add some language with some of the changes. "The code hasn't been updated in 15 years," said Mayor Marty Fontes. "I think it was time to change and simplify the process."

The next agenda item concerned bids for the new fence to be placed at Ewing Park. "We actually received 5 bids, however only 2 of them followed the bid," said Town Manager and Public Works Director Mike Williams. "Lieupo's Maintenance Group from Live Oak bid: \$9,900; and Allstate Fence Company in Virginia bid: \$13,688."

The council selected and approved Lieupo's Maintenance Group for the fencing job at Ewing Park.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. due to the President's Day holiday on Monday.

Vehicles Burglarized Thursday

Callahan was buzzing last Thursday with deputies and firetrucks all around town. Everyone was trying to find out just what was happening. We received word from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office of what took place.

It appears sometime between 10 p.m. Wednesday, January 30 and 7:30 a.m. Thursday, January 31, six vehicles were burglarized overnight in the Hilliard and Callahan area. All of the vehicles were left unlocked. One of the vehicles was located at 37251 New Oak Street in Hilliard. Twenty-five CD's were missing from the vehicle and the suspect attempted to set the seat on fire, but no further damage.

Three vehicles were burglarized at 61743 Brandies Avenue in Callahan (Cochrane's Collision Center). Nothing was missing from the vehicles, but the suspect attempted to burn the seats inside each vehicle. No other damage

was noted.

Another vehicle was burglarized at 45388 Dixie Avenue in Callahan. Nothing was missing from the vehicle, but the suspect attempted to set fire to the front seat, but was unsuccessful however, the carport was set on fire with minimal damage.

The last vehicle was burglarized at 45410 Dixie Avenue in Callahan. Nothing was missing from the vehicle, but the suspect attempted to set fire to the front seat as well as the door panel. No further damage was noted.

There were similar cases reported like these above in Duval County along US Highway 1 as well, so they may possibly be linked.

Anyone who may have any information as to the suspect(s) are asked to contact the sheriff's office at 904-225-5174. The State Fire Marshall is investigating the arson.



Train vs Pedestrian Last Friday

According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, around 3:12 a.m. Friday, February 1 an accident occurred concerning a pedestrian versus a CSX train. The pedestrian was identified as Joshua Brandon Carmack, 37, of Olivehurst, California, who was pronounced deceased at the scene. The CSX train was traveling north on the tracks around Braddock Road and Old Dixie Highway where Carmack was struck.

The Nassau County Sheriff's

Office also investigated a burglary to a house located at 43601 Ratliff Road in Callahan around 10 p.m. Thursday, January 31. It was discovered by the owner when he came home that a front window was broken out and the rear door was open. He also noticed that a pair of work boots and a pair of NIKE athletic shoes were missing.

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RHONDA LYNN DENMARK



Rhonda Lynn Denmark, 54, of Fernandina Beach, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, February 2 at the Warner Center for Caring after a lengthy illness. She was born in Jacksonville to Ernest and Janice Barnhill Denmark. She and her family moved to Callahan while she was young and she grew up there.

She was a member of the West Nassau County High School Class of 1982 where she was a standout in softball. She played 2nd base and during her time on the team the Warriors went to the State Play-offs. She went on to play softball at FCCJ as she worked on her Associates Degree. After college she continued playing co-ed softball for many years.

She began a 32-year career working for the US Post Office at the Kings Road Branch in Jacksonville. Rhonda eventually moved to the Callahan Post Office where she spent 12 years before transferring to the Sadler Road Post Office in Fernandina Beach. She worked there for several years before her retirement.

In addition to her career and softball, Rhonda loved anything to do with the beach and the water. Whether it was in her boat, tubing or just spending the day at the beach, she loved being on or near the water. It was her love of the beach and the ocean which brought her to Fernandina Beach.

In addition to the enjoyment she had on the water, she always enjoyed having a good time with family and friends. She loved nothing more than an evening together with family and friends singing Karaoke at home. She also loved playing ping pong and enjoyed her camera and the simple pleasure of taking pictures of the world around her. Rhonda's ability to capture the perfect pictures was uncanny.

She will be remembered for her easy going and laid back style as well as her loving and compassionate personality.

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Even at work, people commented on how infectious her smile was. She was strong and courageous and never wanted to burden anyone even through her illness.

Her loving personality was most evident with her daughter, Courtney and her wife, Lisa. The both of them were her whole heart.

She leaves behind her wife of 10 years, Lisa Seager of Fernandina Beach; her daughter Courtney Gose of Jacksonville; her parents Ernie and Janice Denmark of Callahan; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other extended family and a large circle of friends.

The funeral services will be held Friday, February 8 at 1 p.m. in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors with Chaplain Jim Tippins officiating. The family will receive friends Thursday, February 7 from 5-7 p.m. She will be laid to rest in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Rhonda's memory to the Nassau Humane Society, 639 Airport Road, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034 or any of the multiple organizations who assist in the fight against Breast Cancer.

Condolences may be expressed at www.oxleyheard.com. Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors.

BRENDA C. FARMER



Brenda C. Farmer, 65, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on February 2. Brenda was born on October 5, 1953 in Orlando to Buck Price and Carol Drake. She was an active member of Live Oak Baptist Church in Callahan. Brenda enjoyed days out shopping, eating and seeing movies with her friends Sandy, Becky and Sharon. She loved traveling

to Las Vegas and gaming. Above all else, her favorite thing was being Meme to her grandchildren.

She is survived by her devoted and loving husband of 39 years, Bob Farmer; son Justin (Heather) Farmer, Jason (April) Farmer and Bobby (Shelly) Farmer; grandchildren Taylee, Katy, Kadie, Coda, Jason, Cassidy, Carrie, Chloe, Cailee, Ian and Courtney; sisters Cindy (Jimmy) Fletcher, Marcia (Gary) Kellett and Dee Frazier; brother Henry "Buck" Paul Price; special Uncle Jimmy; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Buck Price; and Carol Thompson; step-father Sidney Thompson; a sister Theresa Anne Sears; and her grandparents.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, February 10 at Live Oak Baptist Church at 2 p.m. with Pastor Steve Wolgamott officiating.

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

JOHN WILLIAM HALLMAN



John William Hallman, 60, of Hilliard, passed away February 1, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 16, 1958 in Kansas City, Kansas to the late Macklin Estes Hallman and Lorraine Mixon Hallman. John moved to Hilliard at a young age. He worked as an auto parts puller, custodian and was most proud of his own lawn care business. In his spare time, John enjoyed watching old western movies and Walker, Texas Ranger. He is preceded in death by his parents; his granddaughter Gracie Jewell; his sister Sheri Thompson; brother-in-law Denver Thompson; and nephew Larry Kress.

John is survived by his loving wife, Tina; his children Michelle Hallman (Ryan Nicely) of Cleveland, Georgia, Brandon Conaway of Callahan, Brandy Hallman Jewell of Cleveland, Shawn (Brittany) Hallman of Cleveland, Tara Conaway (Chris Perry) of Hilliard, Caitlyn Conaway of Jacksonville, Breanna (Joel) Sullens of Cleveland, Jason Hallman of Cleveland and Macayla Hallman of Cleveland; his 15 grandchildren; his siblings Carol Ann (Larry) Kress, Linda (Kelly) Jones of Callahan and Buddy (Liz) Hallman of Live Oak; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

A celebration of life was held February 5 at Westside Baptist Church in Jacksonville with Bro. Ray Mayfield officiating.

NORMAN HOEWISCHER



Norman Hoewischer, 80, of Jacksonville, passed away on January 29. He was born on November 13, 1938 in Masury, Ohio to Tracy and Edith

Hoewischer. Norman proudly served his country in the US Army from 1956-1979 and retired as a Military Police. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Probably the most memorable thing about Norm is that he was always there for others whenever they needed him. He enjoyed 50 years of marriage and 20 years of military service. Norm volunteered for two tours of Vietnam, one with the 1st Infantry. In military service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Army Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and a Sharpshooter Badge. He served as a Military Police, a customs agent, a criminal investigator and was a Military Police Platoon Sergeant. He taught ROTC at Tuscaloosa University while Paul Bear Bryant was coach. While teaching ROTC at Clemson University his office was used for the filming of Midnight Man starring Burt Lancaster. He was one of the very few people to ever serve as a Military Highway Patrol and wrote Elvis Presley a speeding ticket in Germany. He served as desk sergeant under the Provost Marshall who was the great-grandson of Wyatt Earp. He broke up black market rings and put kingpins in jail in Germany. He was a basketball coach. Norm worked tirelessly to ensure equal access for the disabled under the Americans with Disabilities Act. He was the Campaign Manager for Lem Sharp for Sheriff in Jacksonville in his run against Dale Carson and was tapped to be the next under-sheriff if Lem had won. Even at the age of 80, Norm maintained his concealed weapons permit and always qualified. Following a long battle with diabetes, he finally won the battle and passed away at 80 as a non-diabetic. Norman was preceded in death by his parents; wife Rebecca Viola Hoewischer; and son Russell Miller.

He is survived by his sons Jr. L Hoewischer and James D. Hoewischer; grandchildren Misty Hoewischer, Michael Miller and Michael Wallace; a sister Pat Butler; and many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held February 6 in the Chapel of Nassau Funeral Home with Rev. Willard Mercer officiating. Burial followed in the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

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W.H. JOHNSON

W.H. 'Sammy' Johnson, a lifelong resident of Hilliard passed away February 2. Mr. Johnson retired from Western-Southern Insurance Company after 32 years of service and was an US Army Veteran.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Elaine Johnson; five daughters Carrie (Mark) Young, Jessamy (Dean) Ellsworth, Trilby Smith, Brenda Varnes and Amanda (Rick) Bridges; a sister Carrie Summerall; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 6 in First Baptist Church Hilliard with Rev. Josh Tillman officiating. The family received friends prior to service. Interment followed in Oakwood Cemetery Hilliard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Jacksonville City Rescue Mission, St. Jude Children's Hospital or Community Hospice of N.E. Florida.

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

RONALD PAUL MACK, SR.



Ronald Paul Mack, Sr., 74, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on January 28. He was born on April 26, 1944 in Keene, New Hampshire to Andrew and Virginia Mack. Ronald was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife Mary E. Mack.

Our dad was a simple, soft spoken, hardworking man that loved the Lord and his family. He raised four children, two

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boys and two girls. He had a special place in his heart for his grandchildren and his face would always light up whenever any of them would come to visit. He taught us at a very young age how to treat people and he backed it up by being an example. Simply treat people like you would want to be treated.

As a child, I remember 6 of us living in a little single wide house trailer. We didn't have much but we had everything we needed as long as we were all together. I can remember, like it was yesterday, daddy playing old classic country music from Hank Williams, Sr. to Waylon Jennings and Marty Robbins. I remember him taking my mother's hand and dancing around acting silly. My father drove a truck for a living. He called it his portable parking lot. He enjoyed his work but hated being away from home.

As he spent his years in the wheelchair, he became disinterested in football and turned to watching baseball. The Marlins were his favorite team. He would record the games so he could watch them whenever he wished. Brian asked him how you watch a game when you already know the outcome. His answer was, "we know the outcome of life and yet we still live it."

The longer my father lived, the more he loved the Lord. He was slow to speak but had sound words to say in all matters. Our father was the best that anyone of us could ask for. Anyone can father a child and he wasn't perfect, but he was our DAD!

He is survived by his children, Stewart

Mack, Brian (Stacy) Mack, R.P. Mack, Jr., Brenda (Jeff) Conklin and Virginia (Jimmy) Harrison; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters Emily (Marshall) Baxten, Andra (Scott) Lucas and Cindy (Brian) Wallingford; and nine nieces and five nephews.

A visitation was held prior to the funeral service held Friday, February 1 at the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Cliff Ryan officiating. Interment was held at Hickox Cemetery in Hoboken, Georgia, Saturday, February 2.

Honorary pallbearers were Jim Terrell, Hoss Nelson, Robert McFarland, No Money, Hag'O and Don Hyatt.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com. Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, (904)-879-1770.

DOT LADSON OUTLER



Dorothy 'Dot' Ladson Outler, 55, passed away Wednesday, January 30 after a lengthy illness. She was born August 7, 1963 in Jacksonville to Billy and Mable Ladson.

Dot was a strong believer and prayer warrior. She started each day by praying and spending time in God's word. Jesus was the center of her life and it was obvious in the way she lived. Dot's faith in the Lord never wavered in spite of her health issues.

Her children and grandchildren were a big part of her life. She loved shopping for them and being their "Gaga." She cherished

going on family vacations; especially, to Disney and the beach where she enjoyed watching her grandchildren play. Dot treasured times with family and friends playing games, laughing and dancing. Her joy was contagious and she had a way of making everyone feel loved and accepted.

Dot is survived by her loving husband Matt Outler; daughters Leslie (Grant) Gressman, Blair (Mike) Harris, Lyndsie Edwards and Brooke (Austin) Carr; grandchildren Hallie and Colton Gressman, Parker Harris and Lawson and Grady Carr; her sisters Cindy (Paul) Howe, Debbie Self, Pam Patterson and Billie Jo (Keith) Spires; brothers-in-law Mark Outler and Mike (Alisha) Outler; along with several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; niece Kristina Patterson; and brother-in-law Tommy Patterson.

Visitation was held Sunday, February 3 at the First Baptist Church Callahan. A celebration of life service was held Monday, February 4 also at the First Baptist Church Callahan with Dr. Lynn Hyatt and Pastor Todd Carr officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery in Callahan.

Pallbearers were Mike Harris, Grant Gressman, Austin Carr, Jake Self, Jimbo Selph and Justin Self. Honorary pallbearers were Michael Barnes, Hunter Barnes, Hayden Barnes, Cody Johnston, Jon Rudd and Patrick Outler.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Nest, A Women's Center, Inc., 8264 Old Plank Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32220, www.thenestawomenscenter.org.

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3. What should a taxpayer do while waiting to get all those needed answers and/or clarifications? Wait or become proactive?
4. What happens with unfinished processes (i.e.: IRS audits, appeals, discussions, gift tax concerns, etc.) that were stopped short of reasonable answers? That is your money in IRS's hands.
5. What happens with deadlines and extensions when something goes wrong?
6. Will there be otherwise-readily-avoidable penalties for errors that could have been prevented with an IRS clarification and the almost-always un-mentioned alternatives?
7. What happens with 2017 and/or 2018 amended returns and how much time must you wait before you can take further action?
8. What happens when things that needed to be done before February 1st, March 15th and/or April 15th are incorrect or undone?
9. Frustrated do-it-yourselfers often make mistakes that favor the government and harm the taxpayer... did you really qualify or were you truly disqualified from tax deductions and/or tax credits that you actually did qualify for but didn't get the full advantages of?
10. What are ALL the legal and financial consequences of taxpayers suffering due to IRS records-based errors, mistakes or negligence?
11. What are taxpayers supposed to tell IRS about all (a) unanswered questions; (b) refund delays and reason(s) for same; (c) returns that disappear into the IRS or the USPS; and (d) deal proactively-and-simply-learn-about-all-potential-lengths of times for things like predicted delays and/or other tax concerns or problems?
12. Who can you blame for the mistakes made in your 2018 tax filing status, credits, refundable credits, carried-over N.O.L.s, long term capital losses; otherwise-deductible charitable contributions, etc. ?
13. What can you do now to alleviate the consequences of a second "government shutdown" in 2019?
14. How can you know whether that phone call, email, notice or letter, or personal visit to your home or workplace by the "IRS" is actually legitimate and not a "con-job" by an identity thief?
15. Can you really afford the delay of your refund, payment of interest-penalties-additional taxes on a simple (and often minor) error on your originally-filed 2018 tax return?
16. Who can you really trust to help you? Maybe a friend who took an H&RB course a few years ago? Perhaps the neighbor who buys over-the-counter tax software, "fudges the figures" to get an undeserved tax break for you, but withholds from signing the tax return? Or even the IRS's own "free-file" system that, for one reason or circumstance, serves only to delay your refund and/or an audit of your tax return for reason(s) unclear to you today? Or maybe, some "tax refund mill" franchise that will provide minimal services at high cost, sell you expensive financial products, and share your personal information for marketing purposes?
17. Who will help you amend the tax return(s) if or when the IRS requires you to do so? Did you read the tax forms instructions? Have you even read the 2018 Publication 17 online at www.irs.gov?

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MAD SCIENTIST FUN SHOP HELD

Natalie Stevenson,
4-H Council Reporter

On January 24, Nassau County 4-H Council hosted a Mad Scientist Fun Shop for about 30 local kids. The kids spent the evening performing fun hands-on science experiments. The County Council members planned and led exciting activities such as racing cars, making slime, protecting eggs when dropped off a ladder, writing in

invisible ink and creating Mentos-soda explosions!

If you missed this fun event, don't worry, you can plan to attend County Council's Wilderness Survival Fun Shop on Tuesday, March 19. More details will be coming soon. We hope to see you there! If you'd like to learn more about 4-H, call (904) 530-6353 or visit: www.facebook.com/nassaucounty4h.



BLESS THE NEST



Dawn S. West

Many of you have been so great about bringing baby donations to our office for the The Nest, A Woman's Center. This Saturday will be our opportunity to attend a baby shower to bless The Nest ourselves. The event will be held at the Live Oak Baptist Church Fellowship Hall this Saturday, February 9 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Come and enjoy fellowship and food and a joyous time blessing The Nest!



Items needed include: Diapers all sizes (especially larger 4, 5, 6); Wipes; Crib Sheets; Hygiene Items; Bottles; Car Seats; Diaper Bags; Formula; Strollers; Infant Toys; Pacifiers; Bath Tubs; Infant Shampoo; Bibs; Clothes (up to 12 months); Baby Wash; Socks; Shoes; and (my favorite) Lotion!
Drop in if you can and bless The Nest!

Shoe Drive Held by 4-H



Kody Barger, Buggin' Out President

On Saturday, February 2, the Buggin' Out 4-H Club hosted a successful Shoe Drive for the community. For the last few months, the club collected shoes to be distributed. Then, the members and parents cleaned and sorted the shoes to get them ready to give out to the community. Members set up an area at 'Be the Change' NEFL Clothes Giveaway/Yard Sale. They gave out 103 pairs of shoes to the less fortunate! A special thank you to Mr. Joel Pace for letting us set up our shoe drive at this event!

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