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Pray to God for Our Nation!

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." - ephesians 6:18



FRIENDSHIPALLIANCECHURCH

Pastor Tim Carpenter and Pastor Marty Paparo

Friendship Alliance Church, 44491 Mary Sauls Circle, Callahan, will celebrate their 50th Anniversary Saturday, January 28 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, January 29 10 a.m. for service and lunch to follow. Past and present members are welcomed as well as the community. Long-standing friendships, history and an encouraging look toward the next 50 years.

In 1962, the Jim and Corrie Drake, James and Ruby Drake, Carol and Sidney Thompson started tent meetings on the lot that is now across from Friendship Alliance Church. In 1963, they organized the Evangelistic Wesleyan Church. Their friends, Allen and Mary Sauls donated land at the corner of Pickett and Sauls Circle. With hard work, the family and members built the original sanctuary.

Walter Rollins had been conducting a home Bible study in Callahan in 1972 and it looked like the Lord was opening the door to plant a church in Callahan.



On January 30, 1973, the Alliance accepted the members of Evangelistic Wesleyan and bought the present church building. Pastor Rollins assumed the pulpit in 1973. The church purchased the parsonage in June 1977. Eventually, Pastor Rollins was unable to sustain full time pastoral ministry and following 11 years of faithful service, Pastor Rollins resigned. In March 1984, Sam Thompson pastored the church. During

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Thompson, with the help of Hilliard Alliance, found a singlewide trailer to provide a fellowship hall, which served the church for years.

Pastor Thompson led the church in presenting its ministry to the community to reach children through a "bus" ministry for the children's Bible Club. After 2 ½ years of faithful service, Pastor Sam was given an opportunity to pursue a calling in August 1986.

the incorporation process the Lord led

the church to take the current name,

Friendship Alliance Church. Pastor

Tim Dietrich arrived in the fall of 1986. The Lord blessed the church with the experience and love of the Tylers in 1987. Spence Pfleiderer arrived in August of 1988. With tremendous energy the Lord used Spence to give the church confidence in God Himself. When reflecting on his ministry at Friendship, Spence stated, "the best thing in my life was coming to Callahan. They loved me enough to let me learn." In March of 1992, Spence answered the call to another church.

In July of 1992, Pastor Tim and Kate Carpenter and their two children, Teri and Will began their ministry at Friendship Alliance. Pastor Tim's first task was to lead the church toward discovering God's vision for us. There is greater work in pursuing that vision, but God has been gracious to lead us on that journey.

The Lord has brought many people through the doors of our church to

encourage us, serve with us, and walk with us in the journey of serving God in our community. During Tim's time, the church purchased the seven acres on Pickett Street, next door to the Sauls Circle property. It also broke ground for the new addition to replace the former foyer with new entrances, bathrooms, and a nursery/preschool room.

In July of 2017, Pastor Marty Paparo joined Pastor Tim for 18 months of co-pastoring. In January 2019, Pastor Tim and Mrs. Kate went on a yearlong journey around the US and eventually moved to Indiana.

Pastor Marty found a healthy church with people who love Jesus, know God's word and strive to honor Him with their lives. Marty saw the best thing he could do was to make this committed community of faith accessible to the next generation. In 2020, Friendship began a strong online presence. Its Sunday morning services are to this day being weekly watched locally, in Tallahassee, in Alberta, Canada, and the



country of Jordon. Marty also worked to raise leaders in the church and create a team leadership model. New people are coming and weekly the good news of Jesus Christ is being proclaimed.

The journey to this part of the vision has been wrought by the faithful support and ministry of folks from this church's early start. This church's history is more than about pastors, buildings, and accomplishments. It's about the lives of people changed because someone took the time to love them, share God's Word, and pray with them. It's about the friendships that are forged by spending time together. The future of this church will be guided by those who are willing to continue this church's calling of being that bridge over troubled waters. This church is about being a friend of Christ and a friend to those around us.

Let us keep our history in proper perspective. Let us build upon the foundation laid well by those who have gone before us. May those who come behind us find us faithful in this calling of being Friendship Alliance Church.





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School Board and Callahan Town **Hold Joint Meeting**

Dawn S. West

Each year, all municipalities, Callahan, Hilliard and Fernandina Beach, make it a point to have a joint meeting with the Nassau County School District Superintendent and Board. The Callahan Council met last Tuesday with the School Board. All council and board members were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. NCSD Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns opened the meeting with a current summary of the State of the School District. She shared, "The first and most exciting news, the NCSD is ranked 2nd in the State out of 67 districts; and the NCSD ESE is rated 1st in the State! Following along, we are: 1st in Math; 2nd in ELA - English Language Arts; 1st in 5th grade Science; 2nd in 8th grade Science; 2nd in US History; 3rd in Civics; 6th in Biology; 1st in ESE Overall; 1st in ESE Math and 2nd in ESE ELA - English Language Arts. To add to that, we had a 93.3 % graduation rate! I'm so proud of our students and teachers," said Burns. "The NCSD has 12,679 students; 1,341 teachers; and 695 support staff. We have been and continue to be an 'A' rated school district and an academically highperforming district. The teachers union and board have been meeting concerning teachers' salaries and we are close to finalizing. Once ratified, our beginning teacher salary will be: \$49,531 which will make our beginning teacher salary higher than surrounding counties as well as neighboring Georgia counties. We are continuing to expand our career and technical training opportunities for students and recently we have added on additional classrooms at YMS and

The next agenda item concerned the Callahan Elementary School stacking issues for dropping off and picking up students. "Currently the plan is to fill in the pond at 3rd and Mickler Street," said Jeffrey Bunch, NCSB Director of Facilities. "We plan to direct the parent drop off and pick up through the current bus yard; and direct the buses to the front of the school. This will help the traffic flow."

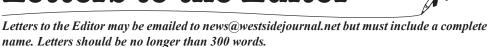
The next item concerned the trailer park off of Mickler Street. Several of the mobile homes have been torn down, however, there are still a few residents on the property. "There are no new leases in the park and we hope by April to have the remaining homes removed," said Burns.

Old business discussed from last year's meeting included: the NCSD will agree to annex Callahan Middle School into the town. It seems the hold-up has just been a paperwork issue. NCSD Attorney Brett Steger will get the proper paperwork completed for the annexation.

West Nassau High School has a new Agriculture teacher and hopes to make the program grow. Yulee High School Ag Program just got a cow for their program.

"The NCSD recently donated a piece of property to the NE Florida Fair Association to help with their water & sewer program. "The town of Callahan will be running a waterline to the fairgrounds so they will be on city water," said Callahan Town Manager Mike Williams. "We are looking at putting a lift station out there also (fairgrounds) to help with their sewer system."

Letters to the Editor



God's Creation

Dear Editor,

What is the fundamental meaning of the biblical doctrine of "ex nihile?" Meaning: out of nothing. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1

Reference: Hebrews 11:3, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

Romans 4:17, "As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were." Conclude from evidence and reasoning rather than from explicit statements.

Reference also: Psalm 33:6-9, "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast."

NOTE: Creation is neither "out of"

preexisting material OR "into" a preexisting place. Which were popular ancient pagan Greek philosophies. Instead of saying that God created the world from nothing, it might be better to say that God created the Universe without preexisting material. God spoke and things appeared, including space and time.

John 1:3, "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." In the first clause of this verse in the Greek literally reads, "All things through Him came to be." The Greek word for "all things" (panta – $\pi \acute{a} v \tau \alpha$) Refers to the entire universe.

Colossians 1:15-17, "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

Information taken from the magazine -Acts & Facts - Jan./Feb. 2023

Hank Martinez, Sr.

FREE Eye Screenings Thursday, February 2

8-11 a.m. (first come, first served)

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2 (10.5 oz.) cans cream of chicken soup 3 (14 oz.) cans chicken broth

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Healthy Start Offering Parenting Group Meetings



The Florida Department of Health in Nassau County, in partnership with Healthy Start of Northeast Florida, has started offering free parenting meetings which are open to anyone in Nassau County. These meetings are held on the first Friday of every month (February 3) at 1 p.m. at the Callahan Clinic, 45401 N. Mickler Street. Topics for these meetings will vary each month, but will include education on stress management, self-care for parents, family yoga, doula services and safety education, just to name a few. For more information, please call Jamesha Moment at 904-557-9129 or email Jamesha. Moment@flhealth.gov.

Although it is not necessary to be a client of Healthy Start to attend these meetings, it is helpful to know what becoming a Healthy Start client can offer. The Healthy Start coalition leads a cooperative community effort to reduce infant mortality and improve the health of children, childbearing women and their families in Northeast Florida. Healthy Start clients must reside in Nassau County. They also must be pregnant, have custody of a child under three years of age, or have experienced pregnancy loss within the last three years. Services are free and can be provided in your home, at any county health department site, at your local doctor appointments, or any other location in Nassau County. In addition to offering these parenting meetings, Healthy Start also offers breastfeeding education and support, childbirth education and support, information on baby care and safety, education and screening for your baby's milestones and additional opportunities for parenting education and support. Enroll in the Healthy Start Program at any time by calling 904-557-9125 and select option 2.

Community Meeting About Proposed Development on Stratton Road

There will be a Community Meeting Wednesday, February 1 at 6 p.m. at the multi-purpose building at the Fairgrounds, 543350 US Highway 1, Callahan.

The purpose of the meeting is to review proposed development plans for a proposed +/40 home site development tentatively named Stratton Landing. The planned lot size is a minimum of ½ acre and the homes are expected to sell from the mid \$500's to over \$800,000. The proposed development will have access from Stratton and Irvin Roads.

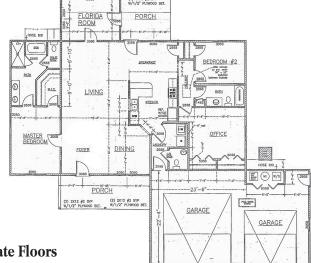
The proposed zoning for the property is RS-1, which allows a minimum of ½ acre homesites but the Health Department will require a minimum of a ½ acre for each lot to permit the well and septic tank. Matovina & Company is the proposed contractor for the project.

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Do you ever wonder just how deep the "deep state" is? Have you ever wondered how America has gone from the greatest country in the world to a now third world banana cesspool? Have you ever contemplated why "We the People" allowed this to happen? Don't get me wrong, I still totally love the America that I had the privilege to grow up in but that America is gone. The America I now live in is a corrupt evil and dangerous land mass that is called America, but it really isn't America.

The real America had pride (no, not the LGBQT+ pride), we had patriotism, morals, a desire to help one another, we stood for what was right and condemned things that were wrong. Now, homosexual perverts dressed as, and proudly claim their identity as, drag queens are being allowed in elementary schools to read stories to American children. We are allowing public schools to talk to our kindergarten through twelfth graders about gender identity and give them the idea that there are more than two genders. We allow less than 3% of the population dictate the majority, we tip toe around truth so as not to offend the deniers.

Somewhere, somehow, we lost all morals and now we find ourselves in a condition that very well is the demise of our America. In all reality, America is in ICU in critical condition and is only being kept alive by life support.

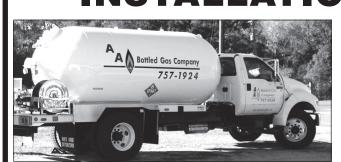
Where I used to ride my bicycle and play well after dark, I would now be afraid to walk around in the light of day. I don't go to Jacksonville unless I absolutely have to. The Wild West doesn't hold a candle to present times. The mafia bosses are nothing more than shoplifters compared to political deep state operatives. The mainstream media does nothing but lie to the ones foolish enough to listen to them. We are nothing more than a bunch of ostriches with our heads buried in the sand. We have all heard the phrase "united we stand, divided we fall," well America is divided into so many different factions that makes it inevitable we will fall.

I do honestly believe the majority of Americans despise our current condition, but just as myself, don't know how to reclaim our country. We have at our disposal the ballot box and the ammo box (2nd Amendment). The ballot box can no longer be trusted as it has become a successful means of altering our votes. If we continue to utilize this form of ballot casting, there will never be a true and honest election, which has been proven in 2020 and 2022. The ammo box may be the only means left, but there are none of us that want that!

Only by the Grace of God will we survive. As always...that's just my opinion!

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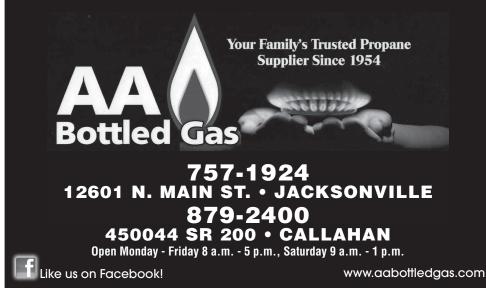
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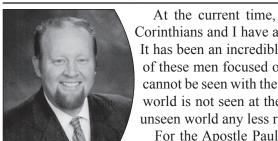
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What is Real?

Pastor Benjie Lloyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



At the current time, I have been preaching through II Corinthians and I have also been reading a lot of CS Lewis. It has been an incredible experience to see how much both of these men focused on the unseen world. The world that cannot be seen with the naked eye. Even though this unseen world is not seen at the current time, it does not make the unseen world any less real.

For the Apostle Paul, the unseen world was just as real to him as the world that was seen. Listen to Paul's words

in II Corinthians 4:16-18, "Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day. For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So that we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." CS Lewis speaks of this same reality from another angle. In one of his most famous quotes he says, "If I find that I cannot find happiness in this world, it must mean that I was made for another world."

Both of these men have so much in common with their understanding of reality. Neither man would deny the existence and the reality of the world in which they lived. We should not either. How in the world could a sane person deny the reality of their existence? For Paul, this world was real. In this world there were real experiences of suffering, joy, sadness and happiness. Paul saw this world and his experience is this world as a state of atrophy. As we live our lives, we know that our time is winding down. The sand of time is going through the hourglass and then our lives will expire. The simple fact of the matter, that I am closer to death now than when I began to write this article.

Death was real, but death was not dominant in Paul's thought. Renewal and resurrection were just as real to Paul as death. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, the believer is simultaneously being renewed. On one hand, we are closer to death than we have ever been, simultaneously; the believer is also closer to resurrection than he has ever been. This is why we do not lose heart. This is why our affliction is light and momentary. This is why the Christian can affirm the reality of all that is around him and all that he experiences, but he also knows that there is so much more to the world than what is seen and experienced now. Paul says what is seen is temporal, and what is unseen is eternal. Both are real, but the unseen is more important than what is seen. This is why CS Lewis refers to all our existence in this world as a "shadow land". There is more to the world than what we see. What we see is real, but it is only a shadow of the ultimate. When we begin to see the world in this way, everything begins to take a new level of significance and awe. All of our existence in this world is simply the title page of our eternal existence. Jesus is a big deal and eternal life can only be had through Him (John 14:6).

Callahan Garden Club Celebrates 82nd Anniversary

Barbara Wheeler

The Callahan Garden Club will celebrate its 82nd Anniversary at their Wednesday, February 1 meeting. In 1941, Mrs. J.M. Ambrose invited those interested in a garden club meeting at the Callahan High School Library to organize a local garden club. Their club would promote an interest in gardens, design, management and the protection of wildflowers and native plants. Miss Lillian McLatchey was elected as the first president of the club.

The Callahan Garden Club continues to educate, inspire and beautify our community. The club members meet the first Wednesday of each month (February 1) at 10 a.m. at 45251 Fourth Avenue in Callahan. The next meeting will include a presentation about planting from seeds.

All those wishing to join our Garden Club are welcome to attend. Please join us...you will be inspired!

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If you have questions or need more information, contact Member Service Manager Dewayne Johns at 800-262-5131 ext. 1143 or via email at dewayne. johns@oremc.com.



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Hilliard Town News

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The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final meeting January. The first order of business was the quarterly review from the Code Enforcement Officer, Land Use Administrator and the Building Official. Following are a few highlights from each department: Code Enforcement: 1-Pool inspection; 2-Shed/Carport Permit Inspections; 2-Demo Permit Inspections; 2-Zoning Signs removed; 1-Site Application and more. Land Use Administrator: Dayspring commons PUD, FLUM, and Comprehensive Plan update; Greenbrier PUD modification and Site Plan; Pine Street RV Park Site plan: Wisper Ridge Final Plat: Marcus Holley Project at US1 and CR 108 and more. Building Official: Numerous Building Permits, Fire Inspections and more. The council approved all reports.

In other business, Town Clerk Lisa Purvis asked the council to recommend a representative from the town for the Northeast Florida Regional Council Governing Board. The council recommended Councilman Dallis Hunter and he accepted.

Two resolutions were approved by the council. Resolution 2023-03 was a resolution of the Town of Hilliard amending Resolution 2021-22, changing the Schedule of Fees for Streets, Sidewalks and other Public Places. Resolution 2023-04 was amending Zoning & Land Use Application Fees, amending Resolution 2022-05, amending the Number of Acres that determines a Small-Scale Amendment from a Large-Scale Amendment to the Town of Hilliard's

Comprehensive Plan based on Legislative changes.

The next item concerned for the council to discuss the Water & Sewer Rates Increasing based on the October 2022 Municipal Cost Index (MCI), a possible of 8% increase. All councilmen advised the clerk that they prefer to discuss this more before making an increase on the water & sewer rates. This item will be on the next agenda after more information is available.

The following item concerned the final payment to Taylors Construction of Hilliard, Inc. of \$10,000 for Town Hall renovations. Councilman Lee Pickett advised the council that he had recently toured town hall to look at the finished product and was concerned about some of the drywall looking bad and felt like that needed to be corrected before payment was rendered.

Councilman Jared Wollitz also advised the council of an electrical issue that needed to be addressed by the contractor. The council agreed to hold the final payment until the work was corrected and completed.

The following three items were all FRDAP Grants: Oxford Street Park, Renovation of the Splash Pad to rebuild and re-plumb, Big City Pool, amount \$39,812.34; Oxford Street Park Swimming Pool Renovation, new pool filtration system, Big City Pool, \$42,120.72; Oxford Street Park Basketball Court and Pickleball Court, Court Services, \$8,980.00; and Oxford Street Park Pickleball Court, Court Services, \$1980.00.

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









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New Beginnings and Milestones

Alice Harrell Celebrates 90th Birthday



Alice Harrell, of Callahan, celebrated her 90th birthday January 18. Alice was born January 18, 1933. Alice is a longtime member of the Callahan First United Methodist Church. She is known best for working her many years of employment at Ann's Diner and then Linda Jean's. Ms. Alice always greets you with a sweet smile. Back in 2011, when Callahan had their centennial, Ms. Alice was selected as the Grand Marshall in the parade for being the longest living Callahan resident. She lived all her years except

for six months when her husband was in the service.

She celebrated her special milestone with lunch at Cedar River with family and friends joining in the fun! She also had a larger celebration at her son Michael's home with lots of friends attending!

Ms. Alice has three sons Michael, Charlie (deceased) and Johnny Ray (deceased).



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Mrs. Emily Conner Celebrates 100th Birthday



Emily Conner, of Hilliard, recently celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends at her home in Hilliard. She was born January 23, 1923, in Hilliard. She married James Dane Conner in 1941. She was a homemaker and even with seven children at home she made it look effortless! She was an excellent cook, helped with her husband's logging business, and served in their church faithfully! Mrs. Emily is greatly loved by all that know her!

She is a mother to seven children, Mary and Floyd Vanzant, Donnie and Joan

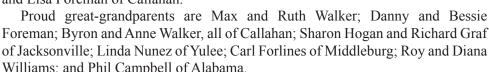
Conner, Norval and Judy Conner, Jimmy and Wanda Conner, Lena and Charles Johns, Bill and Cathy Conner and Daphne and Sam Pickren, who all reside locally. She also has 22 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and five great-greatgrandchildren.

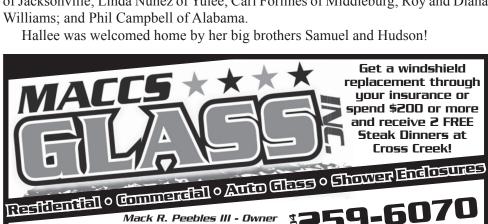
Hallee Mae Hogan

Taylor and Rebecca Hogan, of Hilliard, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Hallee Mae Hogan. Hallee was born December 30, 2022 at 3:05 a.m. at UF Health North in Jacksonville. She weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and measured 19 inches.

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VFW Essay Winners Advance to State



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As the 2023 VFW Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen Essay and Teacher of the Year, Kassab, Whiteman and Spencer, received a monetary prize, and a plaque for winning the District





Sophia Whiteman

Level. Kassab and Spencer qualify for further consideration at state and national levels. "It is so refreshing that we have so many of our youth that understand the degree of responsibility that comes with freedom," said Shane Bray of the VFW Post 10095 Commander.

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Feb. 1 at 8 a.m. to Feb. 2 at 8 a.m. one way in and out **CR119, Bryceville**

Feb. 2 at 8 a.m. to Feb 6 at 8 a.m. Proposed Detour: US 301 South to US 90 west to CR 121 north to CR 119.

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Feb. 2 at 8 a.m. to Feb 3 at 8 a.m. One way in and out

Hambone (Private), Bryceville

Feb. 6 at 8 a.m. to Feb. 7 at 8 a.m. One way in and out

Poder Place (Private), Bryceville

Feb. 6 at 8 a.m. to Feb. 7 at 8 a.m. One way in and out

Brooks Road, Bryceville

Feb. 6 at 8 a.m. to Feb. 7 at 8 a.m. One way in and out

Janes Lane (Private), Callahan

Feb. 7 at 8 a.m. to Feb. 8 at 8 a.m. One way in and out

Crawford Road, Callahan

Feb. 8 at 8 a.m. to Feb. 14 at 8 a.m. Proposed Detour: US 301 to US 1

to Brandies Ave./River Rd. to CR 121 to Crawford Road

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MARY CINDY ADAMS



Mary Cindy Adams, 65, of Callahan, passed away January 14, 2023. Cindy was born January 26, 1957 in Jacksonville to the late Dr.

Edwin Eugene Sapp and Mary Frances Sapp. Some called her Cindy but most called her "CiCi". Cindy just retired from Sanmar in Jacksonville, where she has many customers and co-workers that are forever extended family. She was very loved and adored by business associates and friends. Cindy was admired by so many at this company and in the community of Callahan and Jacksonville. She was a professional in everything she did. Cindy made lots of friends/family on her life journey, even picking up a few extra children along the way. She was a very nurturing and loving woman. Cindy was a very independent, strong woman who took the best care of her children and grandchildren. She would always put others before herself. She had a heart of gold. Cindy left an incredible mark on this world. Cindy's presence will be missed, but she will never be forgotten. Her memory will live on forever.

Cindy is predeceased by her brother William Sapp; husband Major Bruce Adams; grandson, James Edward Adams; nephew, V.J. Milay.

Cindy is survived by her daughter Marci (Kristopher) McSwain; son William Bruce Adams; grandsons Darien "Bubba" James Adams and Major Lee Adams; sisters Debbie Sapp and Donna (Jimmy) Ratliff; nephews and nieces Josh (Sarah) Kaleel, Laura (Larry) Flake, Eric Ratliff, Andrew (Megan) Ratliff and Jamie Ratliff; greatnephews Yannie Flake, Thomas Flake, Kai Milay, Emery Ratliff and Charlie Ratliff; and her fur babies George, Shiloh and

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

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RILLA ANDERSON



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Anderson, 73, Rilla of Callahan, passed away peacefully January 14, 2023. She was born April 4, 1949 in Hilliard, to the late Lewis

Taylor and Ida Aldridge Taylor. Rilla had many hobbies including reading romance novels, cooking and watching the Georgia Bulldogs but more than anything she loved

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to spend time with her family. Rilla was preceded in death by her parents; husband Tommy Anderson; brothers Harvey Taylor, Lewis Taylor, Harley Taylor and Pendleton Taylor; and sister Shirley Anderson.

Rilla is survived by her daughter Denise (David) Sutton; son Chris (Kathrine) Anderson; grandchildren Kayla (Justin) Siegmand, Kyle (Mandy) Raulerson and Nathan Sutton; great-grandchildren Damon Siegmand, K.J. Raulerson and Kayson Guenther; sisters Fannie McQueen and Mary Smith; and several nieces, nephews and in-laws.

A celebration of Rilla's life was held Monday, January 23 at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Carter officiating. Interment followed at Jacksonville National Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service.

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

Visit www.nassaufh.com to sign the family's guest book.

CHARLES BENNIE BROOKS



Charles Bennie Brooks, 91, also known as "Peepaw" or "Charlie" to his family and friends, passed away on January 20, 2023 at his home.

Charles was born on May 29, 1931 in Knoxville, Tennessee. He lived

most of his life in Jacksonville. He was a Veteran Airman First Class of the United States Air Force. He grew up in Tennessee with his father and stepmother until he was 13 years old. At 13, he took a bus to Seguin, Texas, to live with his mother and stepfather. His stepfather was the one who suggested he go into the Air Force after high school graduation. While in Texas, he became a cowboy, learning to ride, train and break horses, work cattle, hunt rattlesnakes, and got into all of the typical trouble a young boy in the 1940's might get into. In 1950, he joined the US Air Force and served for four years during the Korean War Conflict. During his tenure, he was a cargo master and flew planes along the West Berlin air corridors at the beginning of the Cold War.

After his service in the US Air Force, he returned to Tennessee to visit his father and family. There, he met his wife, Glendyl Lee Anderson, at church one Sunday in Knoxville, Tennessee. They were married three months later on May 6, 1955 and were married for 63 years until her passing in December 2018. Their only child, Ann Marie (Brooks) Mizell, was born on August 14, 1956. He went to work for Southern Bell (which later became BellSouth then AT&T). In April 1957, he had a job transfer to Jacksonville and moved his family to Florida. He established himself as a hardworking, dependable and valued worker. He started as a lineman and worked his way up to a foreman of a crew. He retired after a long and productive career. After a brief period of "time off" (and because he needed, as he said, "something to do"), Charles went back to work for Avis, where he worked for two decades before retiring again. Again, retirement did not suit him; so, he went back to work—this time helping his granddaughter, Amy, at Plantation Oaks Farms (formerly Double A Ranch) in Callahan. At the farm, Charles became more affectionately known as "Peepaw" to all the boarders and clients. Those who knew Charles knew him to be a

man who could not abide being idle. While in Florida, he became an avid motorcycle fan. He learned how to build his own bikes and raced in professional motorcycle races winning multiple trophies and accolades. He was even featured on the cover of a motorcycle magazine. He and his wife also enjoyed bowling and were league champions for many years. Other outdoor activities he enjoyed included fishing, working on his yard and going to the "ranch" every day. He enjoyed breakfast and lunch with his friends and family at The Pig, Callahan Barbecue, The Sheik and Hardee's.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents Jesse Leroy Brooks and Ruth Montgomery Brooks Horner; his sister Shirley Brooks Atkins; brother Paul Larry Brooks; and his wife Glendyl Lee Anderson Brooks.

He is survived by his daughter Ann (Larry) Mizell of Callahan; his four grandchildren Stephen (Heidi) Mizell of Arlington, Texas, Jason (Trina) Mizell of Jacksonville, Amy (Kevin) Green and Emily (Tommy) Geiger, all of Callahan; nine great-grandchildren Averee, Helen, Chloe, Colt, Wyatt, Matthew, Brooke, Johnny, and Kathryn; and his brother Jeff Brooks.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 1 at Callahan Funeral Home on Brandies Avenue at 10 a.m. prior to the memorial service at 11 a.m. with Dr.

Herb Reavis, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Jacksonville National Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. with Military Honors.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 879-2336.

THOMAS BURCH



Thomas Burch, 84, of Callahan, passed away January 20, 2023 at his home. He was born November 28, 1938 in Dinsmore. He was the son of

the late Leroy Burch and Rebecca Kirkland. Thomas attended school in Jacksonville and proudly served his country in the United States Army. He retired from the City of Jacksonville Water Department in 1994 with 33 years of service. Thomas enjoyed fishing, traveling all 50 United States and all of Canada (except the northwest), playing pool, square dancing, bluegrass music and oldtime hymns. He also enjoyed watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren play sports and riding competitions. Thomas was a former member and Greater Deacon of First Baptist Church of Gray Gables and later became a member of Callahan First Baptist Church. He is preceded in death by his parents; first wife Alice Burch; and daughter Donna Renee Burch.

Thomas is survived by his wife Christine Burch: children Lisa (David) Hicken. Teresa (Lvnn) Kik. Michael Sirmans. Debbie James and Donna (Steve) Nickell: brothers Larry Burch, Steve Bozeman and Roy Burch; grandchildren Michael George, Ryan George, Thomas Hunter, Alicia (Chad) Libby, Tommy (Kristina) James, Kelli (Clay) Spivey, James (Sarah) Lynch, Cami Sirmans, Christopher Lynch and Tyler G. James; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Thomas' life was held Wednesday, January 23 at Nassau Funeral Home with Dr. Lynn Hyatt officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest by his late daughter and where military honors will be rendered. The family received friends prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Thomas' Sunday school class, Callahan First Baptist Faith Class, who will use the funds to support pregnant women through First Coast Women's Services, and survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking and homelessness through Totty's Totes.

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Paul Clinton Carroll



Paul Clinton Carroll, 65, of Yulee, passed away January 2, 2023. He was born October 29, 1957 in Jacksonville to Wilson and Estelle Carroll. Clint was a

1975 graduate of West Nassau High School. He was retired from JEA and then from drywall work. He was a devout Christian who loved the Lord. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed spending time with his children and family. He is preceded in death by his parents; and a brother David Carroll.

He is survived by his children Travis Carroll and Jamie Carroll, both of Jacksonville; one grandson; siblings Chuck (Brenda) Carroll and Alice (Jerry) Shaw, all of Hilliard; and many extended family members and friends.

A service will be held at a later date.

JACQUELINE LEE ROSIER



Jacqueline Lee Rosier, 79, passed away Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at the Life Care Center of Hilliard. Mrs. Rosier was born in

Morgantown, West Virginia and moved to Jacksonville at the age of nine. She graduated from Andrew Jackson High School and worked for many years as a waitress at the Hilton at the Airport. Mrs. Rosier enjoyed crocheting and taught a class known as "The Hookers Class." She also enjoyed being outside, gardening and doing yard work. She is preceded in death by her husband Raymond Rosier, Sr.; a son Ray Rosier, Jr.; sister Kenna Castleberry; and three brothers Fred, Bruce and John Thompson.

She is survived by her three children: Pamela Strickland, Keith (Karen) Rosier and Kevin (Becky) Rosier; two sisters Jane (Bobby) Bennett and Delores (Woody) Riner; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, January 24 at the Event Center at Peeples, 14165 N. Main Street (Building C), with Rev. David Cubbedge and Rev. James Conner officiating. Burial followed in Restlawn Cemetery. Her family received friends Monday, January 23 at the funeral home.

Peeples Family Funeral Home served the Rosier Family.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.pffh.com.

BARBARA JEAN SEVILLA



Barbara Jean "Bobbie" Sevilla, 80, of Callahan, passed away Saturday, January 14, 2023 at St. Vincent's Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville.

Bobbie was born June 16, 1942 in Brooklyn, New York to Mildred Decker and Harry Lee de Bemis. She was a homemaker for most of her life aside from 11 years working in home healthcare. Bobbie was devoted to her family and her faith. She was a published poet with a way with words that could bring a smile to your face or a tear to your eye depending on the context. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a sharp memory right up until the end. She led a full life surrounded by her family and friends. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed. She was preceded in death by her husband John Eusebio Sevilla.

Surviving are her three children Dawn Sevilla, John (Stacey) Sevilla and Christopher (Dani) Sevilla; eight grandchildren Victoria, Johnna, Samantha, Stefan, Toni, Christopher (Poppy), Aly and Ashley; six great-grandchildren Mackenzie, Ayden, Xavier, Cooper, Marley and Khaleesi.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, January 29 at 2 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 37300 Eastwood Rd., Hilliard.

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Callahan Honors Eagle Scout Carson Watts

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met last Tuesday night due to the Monday holiday. The first order of business was a proclamation from the town read by Callahan Mayor Randy Knagge. The proclamation went on to say, "Whereas, Carson Watts, completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout; on December 15, 2022 before an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Carson from Troop 351 in Callahan, received the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor, the Eagle Scout Award; Carson has demonstrated commitment to his

fellow citizens through countless hours of tireless dedicated efforts; the Town of Callahan is proud to have Carson Watts in the community as he exemplifies the values that make a community strong."

"I want to thank the Mayor and the council for this great honor," said Carson. "I also want to thank my family, friends and the community for pushing me to achieve this honor."

The only order of business was a discussion about golf carts in the town limits of Callahan. Residents have questioned council persons about the issue so it was time for the discussion to come up again. People need to realize that the actual Callahan Town limits, is just a little over one square mile, with most of it being busy 4-lane main roads. There was much conversation by council members some saying, "We could designate specific roads to ride on; Specify you have to be 18 years old to drive around etc." However, the



problem remains that there is no one to inforce the rules.

"It doesn't set a good precedence to make an ordinance and we can't inforce it," said Councilwoman Jacquelyn Fleming. "We don't have our own police department to handle that."

"We're not restricting it or allowing it," said Mayor Knagge.

"The state enforces and regulates the state roads," said Councilman David Mellecker. "I say no to making an ordinance. It's one more thing that we can't control."

"I obviously live in Callahan. So I'm around town at all times," said Town Manager Mike Williams. "There are very few golf carts around. We don't have a problem now but you might create one. Just make sure you think about it."

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, February 6 at 7 p.m.

WNHS AFJROTC Orienteering Team Wins National Championship!



The West Nassau High School JROTC Orienteering Team, led by Cadet Gaby Love, competed for the first time in the US Orienteering National Championships in Pine Mountain, Georgia on January 13-14. Competitors from all over the country and Canada competed in many categories.

Part of the second day of competition was the Air Force JROTC National Championships. West Nassau's Junior Varsity Team won the National

Championship! Members of the team are: Lexie Decker, Olivia Cauchon, Kody Doran, Justin Housend and Brianna Wyman. Individually, Olivia Cauchon and Kody Doran, won 1st Place for female and male; and Lexie Decker won 3rd Place for females.

West Nassau's Varsity Team was awarded 2nd in the Nation. Team members are: Trinity Bryce, Elizabeth Robinson, A.J. Price, Ryland Weyburn and Bailey Rounsville. Individually, Trinity Bryce won 1st Place for females; and Elizabeth Robinson won 3rd Place for females.

During the 1-day competition, Lexie Decker won 1st Place on the Intermediate Course; and Justin Housend won 3rd Place. Congratulations to West Nassau High School AFJROTC Orienteering!



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