

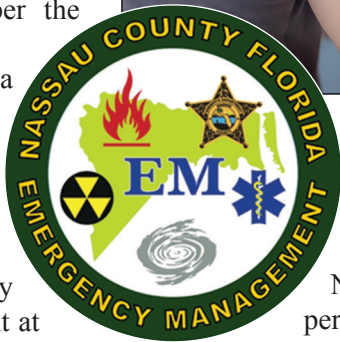
AND HE SAID: "TRULY I TELL YOU, UNLESS YOU CHANGE AND BECOME LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN, YOU WILL NEVER ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN." - MATTHEW 18:3

COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Information

Nassau County has received COVID vaccinations and has been administering them over the past 4 weeks. According to Emergency Services Director Greg Foster, the county recently received around 975 doses. The vaccinations are being given to people 65 and over per the Governor's orders.

There is currently a waitlist and the best way to get on the list is to visit www.onenassau.com. If you do not have computer access, you may call Nassau County Emergency Management at 904-548-0900 where you can have help registering. The call center is available: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please understand, the Florida Department of Health in Nassau County (DOH-Nassau) has so far received a very limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine. More than 26,000 of our Nassau population is over the age of 65 and trying to get an appointment. As more vaccine becomes available to Nassau County we will be able to set-up more sites to receive a vaccination. Currently, around 10,000 seniors



have already received their vaccine.

APPOINTMENTS are required for ALL individuals in order to receive a vaccine. NO WALK-INS. Only ONE person per appointment will be permitted. Couples or family members must each make a separate appointment.

On the date of your appointment: Bring a valid ID that shows you are 65 or older; Make sure you have downloaded, printed and signed the Consent Form. If you are unable to do so, you will have to review and sign a Consent document during your appointment. You will be required to wear a face mask at all times while receiving your vaccine and maintain a safe distance from others. Arrive at your appointment location 5 minutes prior to your appointment time.

WNHS Cheer Team State Champions!



Congratulations! Last Friday, the West Nassau High School Cheer Team competed for the 2021 FHSAA State Cheerleading Championship held in Lakeland at the RP Funding Center. The team won the State Title for 1A Medium Varsity Non Tumbling Division. This is West Nassau's 7th consecutive state title and 10th state title in 11 years!

The National High School Cheerleading Championship & World Cheerleading Championship has been

postponed from February 5-7 to April 23-25.

The varsity team includes: Chandler Baughman, Presley Ellis, Kobe Stiles, Autumn Wiggins, Morgan Kincade, Mackenzie Witt, Payton Blackburn, Kaylee Crews, Kendall Driggers, Kyra Foures, Madison Myers, Kate Turner, Kylee Womack, Madison Green and Peyton Platt. Their coach is Samantha Beazley!

Train vs Vehicle in Fatal Accident

Friday afternoon, a fatal accident occurred in Hilliard. According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, around 4:44 p.m. Friday, a sedan driven by a 38-year-old Hilliard woman was westbound on Andrews Road approaching the railroad crossing. The crossing arms were extended and warning signals activated. The vehicle

traveled west around the warning arms and attempted to cross the tracks driving directly into the path of a southbound CSX train. The vehicle was pushed from the tracks onto the southwest shoulder where it struck an electrical box. The train was able to activate emergency stopping procedures. The woman was pronounced deceased at the scene.



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America First to America Last

Dear Editor,
Well, it only took one day for newly inaugurated President Biden (it pains me to even type that) to totally transform America's agenda from "America First" to "America Last!" Seventeen executive orders were signed the first day (and many more since then), and not a single one of them will in any way benefit America or improve life for everyday hard-working men and women in this country. All of them are objectionable, but this letter will address one in particular – the executive order reversing President Trump's decision to withdraw from the failed Paris Agreement on climate change.

By all accounts the Paris Agreement on climate change has been a colossal failure. The Paris Agreement has little to do with climate, and much to do with forcing a liberal political agenda on everyone through fear mongering. According to Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC), the world as we know it will come to an end in 12 years if we do not immediately adopt the radical climate change policies being pushed by AOC and her liberal friends. This is a false narrative.

For those of you wishing to learn the true facts about climate change, I urge you to read a recent book by Bjorn Lomborg entitled, False Alarm: How Climate Change Panic Costs Us Trillions, Hurts the Poor, and Fails to Fix the Planet. Professor Lomborg is a recognized expert on climate change, and his book is compelling. According to Professor Lomborg, the Paris Agreement, if implemented, will cost the world \$1- \$2 trillion dollars every year between 2030 and 2100, and by 2100, it will reduce our anticipated temperature rise by only 0.05 degrees F. In other words, we will be obligating ourselves to spend trillions and trillions of dollars and the end result is that it will have virtually NO effect on the global warming caused by carbon emissions. And yet, this is what our new President is obligating us to do. This takes a special kind of stupid.

Before we even consider eliminating fossil fuels, we need to have an available and viable alternative. However, solar and wind are not that alternative. Both are expensive and inefficient and cannot come close to meeting the world's energy needs (for instance, how do you produce electricity when the sun isn't shining or the wind not blowing?). And how do you replace the 6,000 products that are produced as an oil by-product (one half of every barrel of oil goes to the production of these products)? These products are a central part of our way of life (medicines, asphalt and other construction products, the military, shipping and transportation). Indeed, fossil fuels are needed to produce the panels for the solar panels and the turbines for the wind turbines – if you eliminate fossil fuels, you also eliminate the capability of producing electricity with wind or solar.

And yet, this is the path that our new President has chosen. On his first day! If this is any sampling of the quality of decisions coming from the new administration, God help us all!

All I can say is, bring back President Trump in 2024! Please!

Sincerely,
Peter Reed Corbin

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor may be emailed to news@westsidejournal.net but must include a complete name. Letters should be no longer than 300 words.

Vaccinations

Dear Editor,
We just wanted to compliment the Nassau County Health Department on their roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine. On, January 22, 2021, my wife and I had appointments scheduled for our vaccinations to be administered at the Yulee Sports Complex. All who were present and working this event should be commended for the professional manner in which this vaccination process was handled. A special thanks from us to all those individuals working this event.

Sincerely,
David and Bonnie Eisenhower

Peaceful Transition of Government?

Dear Editor,
Inauguration Day, January 20, 2021, is historically a day when there is a peaceful transition from an outgoing Administration to an incoming Administration. Every coverage of the event, even those networks with conservative views, gushed over the speeches and demonstrations of alleged unity that were 'performed'. Yes, performed! As those were better than any academy award performance that I've ever seen or heard. Unfortunately, most actors are performing in story lines that are fictional in nature. This was no different.

But the scene was reminiscent of those inaugurations/celebrations that take place in Moscow, Beijing, Havana, Caracas, etc... Twenty-Five Thousand (25,000) Troops were on hand to "insure" a peaceful transition. Troops, that already had taken an oath to protect and defend, were questioned about their allegiance to the constitution. Something that the incoming President, with the help of the Chief Justice, conveniently left out of his oath when taking office. Some of those troops were sent home, after already sacrificing a period in their lives and obeying orders to leave their jobs and homes to serve a nation that they ALL love.

Americans, by the thousands, were locked out of the entire city up to 36 hours in advance of this Peaceful Transition. The people's city and government were Off-Limits to the constituents that those elitists are supposed to represent. There were story lines that the out-going President would declare martial law in the city and proclaim himself President denying the President-Elect his due process. That did not happen as President Trump said it would not. Instead, the incoming Socialist Democrats made up reasons for establishing Martial Law conditions themselves to make sure that there would be no demonstrations of "Free Speech" during the installation of their Comrade-In-Chief.

The speeches, that ideally should have fostered unity, did nothing but follow the agenda that had already been laid out by the Chief Comrade of the House of Representatives weeks before. More than 75,000,000 Americans need to be singled out,

silenced and re-educated as they have been deemed to be "right-wing radicals" that do not represent the spirit of America. Even an alleged journalist, on a major network, described the Republican Party as people that need to be "re-programmed" to their way of thinking. Isn't that what they do in North Korea, China, Russia and Cuba (to name a few) when the populace elects to voice opposing views?

The incoming President, in his own address, attacked the opposition party as needing to be eliminated before he called for unity among everyone. Wow! That sure helps to mend the divide!

On the flip side, the outgoing President, who promised to drain the swamp, found himself being run out of town with more alligators swimming after him than existed in the swamp before he took office. There is that old adage from days gone by; when you're up to your (Behind) in alligators you forget that the original idea was to drain the swamp.

So put simply, on January 20, 2021, The Constitution of the United States became antiquated. Freedom of speech is now officially suppressed and those that do not conform will be muzzled and not permitted to speak, or for that fact, hold a job, run for office or be able to be responsible enough to qualify for anything. Welcome to the Socialistic States of the Americas (S.S.A). Coincidentally, the same initials of the Social Security Administration. So nothing has changed. Big Government is in charge and that institution, which is supposed to be "of the people, by the people and for the people", still no longer exists!

Douglas C. Pearson, Sr.

Government Corruption

Dear Editor,
Has anyone noticed the cry of foul from our politicians on both sides of the aisle and our TV networks since the attack on the Capitol? While this should never have occurred... where was the outcry and indignation when our cities were being burned and monuments destroyed? Mom and Pop businesses that people had invested their lives in being looted and burned. The thugs' actions were termed peaceful and justified while they attacked the very people who protect us. While yet others lost everything to unlawful and unjustified closures in stemming the pandemic.

Where were our representatives? They were in D.C. pointing fingers at each other and telling us how lucky we were that they were

giving us \$600 of our money back while at the same time sending millions to countries that hate us. Makes me wonder how much of this money will return to their pockets? But the attack in D.C. did unite both sides for the first time in years with the outcry of how dare they bite the hand that feeds them. To make matters worse, our neighbors elect a man with dubious ties to China, worse yet they elect a man who uses our Lord's name in vain to curse the very country that feeds him. To quote an old radio personality, wake up America! We are losing our rights daily! We need to demand term limits on politicians and judges who are bureaucrats in robes. We, all of us, need to demand change that our government is supposed to work for us not the other way around. When was the last time government, did anything for you? I don't want to have to explain to my grandchildren what happened to a free America.

Greg Williams

Change Coming

Dear Editor,
Well, here we are, under the new administration. We lost the White House, the Halls of Congress and the Seats of the Senate. America is in sad shape. Let's not forget what God's Word tells us in Daniel 2:2, "...He removeth kings, and setteth up kings...." God gave us a good "king" (President Trump) for four years. America as a whole did not see fit to change. A stolen election or not, We as a nation, as a whole reap what we have sown. The rampant murder of little babies, rampant murder in the streets of our cities, rampant change in life styles and trading God for other pleasures.

All the weasels from both sides of the isle are crawling back into the swamp. It is all about power and money. Some have no loyalty to their party, their country or its Constitution or The Bill of Rights. Even more, they have no loyalty to "we the people." President Trump doesn't have a lot of friends in D.C. anymore it seems. Even many from his own party have left him. Look at what/who will be in charge of our nation now. It's a pretty ugly picture!

I look at all the hurricanes, tornados and fires that have ravaged a large part of our country from East to West the last few years and I see that God has been trying to get our attention. Obviously, it has not worked. I may be wrong but it is something to think about.

Hopefully we will still have the opportunity to change some of the odds against us in the mid-term elections. America had better wake up and get back to our roots: putting God first in our lives & nation. He is our only hope. There needs to be knee prints in the floor by our beds.


Hank Martinez, Sr.



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A Word From the Publisher

Well, just when I thought things might be getting a little better, I have now resigned to the fact that one day at a time is the best way to survive. I believe it was last July that I finally realized as fast as things were changing it was better to go day to day. Positive strides have been made concerning the 'virus' and all the worries that go with it...we now have a vaccine, and that is positive. I must admit, I was holding out praying for a miracle on January 20. Oh my, what a mess our country is in. Suddenly, once again I am reminded that God is in control...period.

As I continue to pray I am reminded, as I am a born again Christian saved by the grace of God, that I know how the story ends. One day, the Lord will return again for His children and praise God I'm one of them! It's truly so sad to see how much corruption is in the world. It's during times of trials that many people show their true colors and convictions. Many show that they don't have any convictions and would pretty much just go with the flow, whatever that might be. The only true thing in this world is Jesus Christ. He never changes. He's the same today, yesterday and tomorrow.

I've often thought how many times do I change? It's only by God's grace that I try to maintain a positive attitude, positive thoughts and smile. Did you know that your smile might be the only smile someone sees in a day? That's a little frightening, huh? Yes, I do have rough days but again, I try to put them in the back of my mind and move forward. 2020 was a year most of us will not forget! There were so many trials, difficulties, heartaches and pain. We are coming up on a year when it all

began (pandemic). I am so in prayer that it will soon be over. Our business has still not completely recovered nor have our lives. There were so many changes taking effect each day. That's when I realized, there was no need to try to plan for the future...we are on a day to day basis and we are still in the same pattern.

Actually, the only thing for sure in this life is that there is a God and He is in control. The most important decision you can make is, Are you saved? Or not? Believe it or not, that is a yes or no question. You don't have to explain anything, just yes or no. If it's yes... thank you Jesus! We're heaven bound one day! If it's no...what are you waiting for? None of us are guaranteed another day or night. Time is of the essence. I guess that's why I try not to let this political mess worry me too much. Again, God is in control and I know how the story ends. It's days when the pressures of life pile up that I make sure to take a walk outside and look up at God's creation and thank Him. He's got this and He's got me. Without Jesus, I am nothing. He provides me strength, courage and, thank goodness, wisdom!

As we continue each day, please continue to pray for each other, our businesses, our churches, our families, our schools, our students and our country. Our country is in dire need of a Savior if we just ask Him in. Make Jesus your first priority each day and you will be amazed at how much better your outlook will be and your day.

Dawn S. West

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

The following is currently floating around social media, while I understand what they are saying; I have a different perspective which I will share at the end.

I do not like Joe Biden. I do not like a lot of things about Kamala Harris. I didn't necessarily like everything about Trump either. But as of January 20, is Biden my president? Yes. Why? Because I am an American and I respect the Office of President of these United States. I refuse to act like a child like the crying liberals who claimed Trump wasn't their president for the last 4 years.

Do I think Biden will be a good president? Nope. But do I wish for his failure? No. Why? Because I am an American and I don't want to see America fail. Do I wish death upon Biden just because I don't like him? Nope. Again, I'm not like the heartless people who prayed for Trump's death for the last 4 years just because they didn't like him.

Do I think the left is using Biden as a pawn? Without a doubt. I guarantee he won't be president long. Pelosi will claim he is unfit due to mental instability/dementia and invoke the 25th Amendment which will lead to much worse.

Do I think the election was fair? No. There is no integrity in our elections anymore until we have Voter ID as a requirement. Do I trust our government? Not a chance. I fear for the next 4 years.

I fear for our economy. I fear for the safety and security of our country. I fear for small business owners. I fear for our healthcare. I fear for what's to come after these next 4 years. I fear for what this country is turning into.

But I hope and pray I am wrong, because I am an American and I want America to succeed. God Bless America. May we someday reunite as the people who can have civil conversations and remain friends through our differences while respecting others' values and opinions.

For the most part I agree with what is being said and like I stated I understand what they are portraying in these comments. However, I do want Biden/Harris to fail. Why? Because I am an American. These two in the White House do not support the American values that our men and women fought and died for. If Biden and Harris succeed in their mission then America is forever gone.

Secondly, he is not my President! Why? Because I am an American. A thief does not legally own the things in which he steals. The democrats stole the election; therefore they do not legally own the presidency. I wish no harm to them and will continue to pray for them, but will not support them nor unify with them. We need to take a close look at Germany's history, it may open your eyes.

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

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1/2 stick butter
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Illusion

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



I remember flipping through the channels several years ago and I stopped and watched a TV show called Chris Angel, Mind Freak. Chris Angel was a magician or a mindbender. The particular trick that captured my attention on this stroll through the channels was when he walked across a swimming pool on water. Chris is not Jesus; Chris is an illusionist. After I watched the illusion, I had to find out how he did that. So, I went to You Tube and they gave a video about how the trick was done. The video showed the cast putting down a piece of plexiglass.

The plexiglass allowed him to look like he was walking on water, but the reality was, he was walking on the glass. It was all an illusion, but it all looked so real. This is why he gave himself the title of being a mind freak.

Tragically, our culture is being seduced by a disturbing illusion. In the realm of truth, we are being played by an illusionist. The illusionist is Satan. Someone once said that when Satan attacks, he attacks through the use of words. Satan doesn't change the vocabulary; he changes the dictionary. The words that he uses are hijacked from their original meaning and given new definitions. This is especially true of meaningful words. Words like love and tolerance. This is a disaster. When love is divorced from truth, love becomes a free for all, and everything can be done in the name of love, whether it was love or not. I have witnessed love hi-jacked on so many occasions. People have killed other people in the name of love. People have abandoned God's commandments in the name of love. Love is always connected to truth and love is not comprehensible apart from truth.

Another hot button word in our culture is tolerance. I am not aware of another word that has been hi-jacked like the word tolerant. Tolerance originally meant to tolerate another person's beliefs. Those beliefs mattered and a tolerant person would fight for your right to believe whatever you believed, but you did not have to approve of the person's belief. In today's culture, the word tolerant means that you have to accept the other person's belief as valid. If you don't accept another person's belief, you are the bad guy. The new tolerance is the most intolerant of all beliefs. The new tolerance has no place for truth. The new tolerance cancels and censors every belief that is inconsistent with the tolerant person's position. This is part of a post-truth construct, but it is radically inconsistent.

The old line is still true, the only thing that we are absolutely sure of is that there is no absolute truth. The follow up question that assertion is how are you absolutely sure of the truth of that statement? This is a fallacy. Truth is real. Truth is what accurately corresponds to reality. We are involved in a truth war and many people are being played by the master illusionist.

CHURCH NEWS

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CES Warriors of the Month



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The Knights of Columbus Council of Fernandina Beach, recently donated \$1,000 to Family Support Services (FSS) of North Florida, the leading agency for family preservation, foster care and adoption in Nassau and Duval counties. The contribution will be used to help establish "Bright Spaces," a new, dedicated space where children who are transitioning in and out of the system of care can receive the hands-on assistance they need. Shown (l to r) are: Jim Morgan, Lisa Rozier of Family Support Services of North Florida and John Pulsinelli with the Knights of Columbus alongside.

Nassau Art Show this Saturday

The West Nassau Historical Society will present their 9th Annual Nassau Art Show this Saturday, January 30 at the Callahan Depot. The judged event is designed to showcase the many talented adult artists as well as middle and high school art students who reside in Nassau County.

The art exhibits will be held inside the historic Callahan Train Depot, 45383 Dixie Avenue. The quaint ambiance of the 139 year-old station and museum offers the perfect venue for county artists to display their works while giving the public a chance to check out many historic photos and artifacts on display inside the depot. During this COVID pandemic several aspects of the county-wide art show has been limited or moved to an exterior location. To keep all artists, visitors and volunteers safe several preventative measures such as temperature checks and social distancing will be followed. Artists will be restricted to only two judged art works and any who bring more of their art works to sell will be given an area outdoors on the depot platform. With the unpredictability of the virus and the weather, other aspects of the art show could change without notice.

Prizes will be awarded to the adult artists with the best art work in three categories: painting, photography and 3-D art. The public attending the NACD



event will also be given a chance to vote for their favorite art work with that artist receiving a People's Choice award. Another judged category will cover artwork from high school students who attend school or study at home in Nassau County.

The art show will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with a one hour break at 12:30 p.m. to allow for the art entries to be judged. During the intermission, members of the Historical Society will serve a luncheon for the artists, students and sponsors inside the iconic 1881 train station annex. The Callahan Train Depot will then reopen to the public at 1:30 p.m. with refreshments and the awards ceremony. Admission to the 9th edition of the NACD art show is free but donations are always appreciated.

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Maebry Helen Moore



Mason and Adrienne Moore, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Maebry Helen Moore. Maebry was born September 12, 2020 at 9:35 p.m. at Baptist Hospital Jacksonville. She weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Chip and Suzanne Moore of Riceboro, Georgia.

Maternal grandparents are Dale and Emma Anderson of Callahan; and Shawn and Katie Milledge of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents are Charlotte Moore of Callahan;

Howard and Kathy Rochay of Callahan; and Ervin and Janet Anderson of Hilliard. Proud great-great-grandmother is Helen Hathaway of Callahan.

Maebry was welcomed home by her big brothers Asher, Kane and Hayes!

Happy 1st Birthday Jace Todd Bussell

Jace Todd Bussell will celebrate his first birthday February 2! He will celebrate his special day with lots of family and friends. His proud parents are Austin and Josie Bussell of Norfolk, Virginia!

His proud grandparents are Alisha Kirkland of Bryceville; and JT and Christina Brown of Charleston, South Carolina. Proud great-grandparents are Harry and Lily Kirkland of Bryceville.

He also has a proud Uncle Jonathan and Aunt Kim Kirkland; Aunt Haylee Brown and cousin Emilee!



County Spelling Bee Winners Announced



The Nassau County School District Spelling Bee was held Wednesday, January 20. The winner was Keaton DeVaul of Fernandina Beach Middle School; and the Runner up was Ian Wilking of St. Michaels Academy.

The following list is all of the Spelling Bee Winners from each school: Bryceville Elementary, Cooper Dugger; Callahan Intermediate, Isabella Santos; Callahan Middle, Luke Ahnemiller; Emma Love Hardee, Ava Grandey; Fernandina Middle, Keaton DeVaul; Hilliard Elementary, Cathy Le; Hilliard Middle, Deven Cagle; Wildlight Elementary, Chloe Torres; Yulee Elementary, Karli Mathis; Yulee Middle, Noah Robertson; and St. Michaels Academy, Ian Wilking.



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Florida Sun Printing Expands Printing Options

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Florida Sun Printing is one of Callahan's oldest businesses that is still operating at full speed and continuing to expand their printing options. Florida Sun was incorporated in 1963, and at the time was located in Callahan on Brandies Avenue in the building right before the railroad tracks. Many years later, the operation was relocated south of Callahan to Cravey Road, off of Church Road. Florida Sun Printing has always been known for its web press printing (newsprint) and mailing abilities. In fact, they are the printer of our Westside Journal and numerous other publications. Newsprint was basically known for printing just newspapers. Florida Sun figured they could easily print other publications with newsprint and they placed bids for catalogs and magazines. At the time, they contracted out the bindery part of magazines but later realized they could also do that. Now catalogs and magazines are also done in house.

As technology began to change in the world, as a business, they also began to learn and adapt other processes to stay in competition. They have since added: School Newsletters; Restaurant Menus; Political Campaign Material; Hotel Guides; Trade Show Materials; Special Occasion Cards; Coupon Books; Calendars; Flyers; Circulars and more.

A few months ago, Florida Sun Printing began operation of a Canon Flatbed Printer. This opens an entirely new selection of items for the company. They received lots of business while printing up



the 'God Bless America' yard signs that were sold to the public as a fundraiser. Those signs, which many of you purchased, were printed on both sides on plastic. A really unique idea is to print a photo on glass, canvas, wood or aluminum.

"We can basically print on anything you want up to 2" thick," said Shane Weddle, General Manager. "We did



some cool projects at Christmas. We printed wooden ornaments for each of our employees. We can do coasters, perhaps as a promotional gift for your business. The ideas are endless of what you can do with this machine."

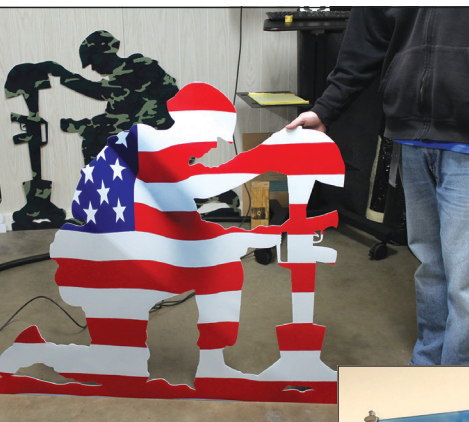
In fact, Florida Sun Printing is running a special for Valentine's Day to place your favorite 8" x 10" picture on glass, have it wrapped with personalized gift wrap and a card for \$50. Yes, they can even print specialty giftwrap or even wallpaper. The better the resolution of photo you have the better the results. That's a pretty



good deal for someone you love! Most jobs can be completed within a work week barring any issues.

"For a trial project, I had an old coffee table at my house with a glass inset," said Brent Armstrong, Production

Manager. "I brought it in and printed the picture on it. It worked perfectly and looks great!"



The options are endless which opened up a completely new production room inside the original plant. The entrance to the room is filled with samples



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Hilliard Youth Football Awards Scholarship

Congratulations to Hilliard Senior Tywuan Lee for receiving the first ever "Nicky Wade" Extraordinary Athlete Scholarship awarded by Hilliard Youth Football. During Hilliard High School's football banquet held last Thursday, Hal Keene, President of Hilliard Youth Football was proud to present the scholarship to Lee.

The organization came up with the idea to give out an annual scholarship to one football player and one cheerleader each year. With this being the first year, board members spoke with coaches, teachers and the Athletic Director to come up with perspective recipients. Their decision was based upon the athlete's community involvement, leadership both on and off the field, and their effort to make an overall difference in their community. They also wanted the scholarship to go to an athlete that will represent Hilliard at the next level. Lee will continue his education and football career at Missouri State next year where the scholarship will provide a \$1,000 credit toward his textbook



purchases.

The scholarship was named in honor of late, well-known Hilliard resident, Nicky Wade. As many around town know, Nicky would always leave a smile on your face with his conversations or simple "hello". Tywuan also has a great attitude and infectious smile that leaves you with a smile as well. The scholarship for the cheerleader will be announced at the cheer banquet at a later date. Next year, there will be an application process that students will be able to attain from the school.

American Legion Fundraiser This Saturday

This Saturday, the Hilliard American Legion will be holding a Fundraiser at the traffic light in Hilliard. They will be collecting money at the traffic light along with selling Chicken Dinners. They will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Henry Rifle.



Another special part of the day will be the Michele Ladd RV to see and visit with Veterans and First Responders. Ladd will be in her RV wrapped in the American Flag raising awareness to PTSD, Mental Health and Suicide in our Veterans, Active Duty Military and First Responders. The Hero Mobile is a traveling tribute to America's heroes. The RV shows portraits of Veterans in the different war eras to show support to those who have served our country and communities. Her mission: To help Active Duty Service Members, Veterans, First Responders and their families get the help they need for PTSD and to help

prevent suicide in our heroes. Her desired outcome is to offer free services of counseling to those affected; To offer free services of Veteran Life Coaching; To offer transportation funding to healing retreats; To give special gifts to the Mothers Against Veteran Suicide group formed by Michele; and to travel the country with the Hero Mobile RV for outreaches. The group takes a pledge, signs their name on the RV and receives a challenge coin.

The fundraiser will be held this Saturday, January 30, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Hilliard at the corner of US Highway 1 and CR 108.

POLICE REPORTS

Names, Addresses and all information appearing in the Police Reports are taken from the Sheriff's Department files and do not necessarily indicate guilt, only that arrests were made or charges were filed.

Thursday, January 14

Lauren Tayler Dudley, 19, 43098 Thomas Creek Road, Callahan: Theft Under Retail

Matthew Paul McCollum, 30, 37111 W. Fifth Street, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle; Dealing in Stolen Property; Use False Name in Statement or Application for Title Certificate

Monday, January 18

Richard Dawayne Fonville, 37, 26931 Scotts Landing Road, Hilliard: Theft Over \$5000

Stephen Vance Hines, 27, 45135 Airstream Avenue, Callahan: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

Lottery Tickets Stolen

According to Nassau County Sheriff's Office arrest reports, on Thursday, January 14, 2021, NCSO deputies went to the Circle K Gas Store in Hilliard in regards to an employee theft. The employee reported that the assistant manager, Richard Fonville, stole



several Florida lottery tickets over a course of several days while he was working. The employee advised the deputy that during the time of the thefts, she was temporarily assigned to another store. When she returned to the store to continue her normal manager duties on December 29, she began reviewing the daily Florida lottery audits that keep track of the scratch off tickets. After reviewing the audits she discovered inconsistencies in the audits for several days, which she noticed were the days

she was not at the store. The inconsistencies totaled almost \$6,600.

She immediately contacted the Circle K loss prevention team to request assistance in determining how the inconsistencies happened. When loss prevention reviewed the audits they were able to determine a specific

time frame and working shift the inconsistent audits were coming from. By reviewing video from the dates and times supplied she was able to catch her assistant manager, Richard Fonville, taking the lottery scratch off tickets without paying for them.

On January 18, Richard Fonville, of Hilliard, was arrested at his residence and transported to the NCSO Detention Facility and charged with Theft Over \$5,000.



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RICHARD LESTER BROWNING



Richard Lester Browning, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord Friday, January 22, 2021 at the young age of 89. He was born February 10, 1931 in Kessler, West Virginia.

Richard enjoyed traveling with his wife Daisy of 64+ years. The two were wed after only knowing each other for 6 weeks. Richard served in the U.S. Army from 1950-1952 and achieved the rank of Private 1st Class, while serving in the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife of over 64 years, Daisy (Trent); his three sons Michael and Angel Browning, Matthew and Sharon Browning and Adam Browning; four daughters Mary and Lowell Sparkman, Nora Browning, Susan Browning and Connie and Vance Jones, all from Callahan; his grandchildren, Jason (Amber) Browning, Matthea (Jon) Glass, Eve Sparkman, Bonnie (Joe) Segreti, Gabriel Sparkman, Corey Browning, Richard (Lindsey) Sparkman, Nathaniel (Shanda) Browning, Tara Browning, April Sparkman, Christina Jones, Ashlee (Daniel) Crosby, Taylor (Chris) Torres-King, Tamra Jones and Lucy Jones; and 29 great-grandchildren; two brothers Glen (Linda) Browning and Bobby Browning.

The family will receive friends at 9:30 a.m. prior to the funeral service Thursday, January 28 at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel of Callahan Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Jones Cemetery, Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

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

JEANNE CHAMBERS



Jeanne Chambers, 87, of Callahan, went home to be with Jesus January 21, 2021. She was born in Nassau County, New York, where she was a New York model, a nurse and store detective. She loved showing her written reference from an FBI agent from New York. She moved to Florida in 1975. In 1998, she moved to Callahan where she invested in a business with Thomas Blair aka Tom the Tax Man. She enjoyed working beside Tom with their Chihuahuas. She was a Prayer Warrior that was always praying! She was preceded in death by her parents Mary and Charles

Filand; and her stepmother Myrtle Filand.

She is survived by her five children, June Robertson, Joseph (Pat) Armet, George (Linda) Armet, Dawn (Eric) Trautman and Renee (Robert) Mullins, who selflessly took care of her mother; her grandchildren Rhonda Webster, Brenda Hersey, Robert Mullins, Jr., Bobbie Powell, George Armet, Jr., Kristy Nelson, Rachael Sommer, Joanna Armet-Walling, Lacy Wesley, Jessica Mix, Jonathan Mix, Natasha Trautman and Nicholas Trautman; many great-grandchildren; her sisters Dorothy Kroupa and Ellen Lawrance; and brother Charles (Cindy) Filand, Jr.; not to forget her most loved dog Sugar, who snuggled every night.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society. Sympathy cards may be sent to: Country Law & Tax, PO Box 1573, Callahan, FL 32011.

DOROTHY ESTELL DOUGLAS



Dorothy Estell Douglas, 89, passed away on Friday, January 23, 2021. Mrs. Douglas was a wife, mother of two sons, homemaker, "Nanny" to numerous children of her community. She was an active member of Dinsmore Baptist Church for 63 years. She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Carl E. Douglas; one of her sons Richard Carl Douglas, age 62; and five brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her son Dallas (Lisa) Douglas; granddaughters Tiffany Douglas (Larry) Pinkstaff and Tammy Lynne Douglas; four great-grandsons Coleman Safi, Johnathan White, Tyler Douglas and Anthony Douglas; and one sister and two brothers.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, January 28 at 11:30 a.m. at the Jacksonville National Memorial Cemetery. She will be buried with lifelong husband at this site.

In lieu of flowers, her grateful request for donations to The Hemophilia Foundation of Greater Florida, 1350 North Orange Ave., Winter Park, Fl. 32789-4955 in honor of her great grandson, Coleman Safi.

ROBERT KEITH KIRKLAND



Robert 'Bob' Keith Kirkland went home to be with the Lord on January 21, 2021, at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, with his wife, daughter and son by his side.

On August 23, 1937, he was born in Mayo, Florida, to Little Levi Kirkland Sr. and Lily Virginia Kirkland. Robert, or 'Bob' as he was known to family and friends, devoted his life to serving the Lord, his family, country and church.

He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration (Summa Cum Laude) from Jones College in Jacksonville. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, and served in Korea, Texas, and Florida. Upon completing his enlistment, he was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration as an Air Traffic Controller in Albuquerque, N.M. In 1964, he married the "love of his life" Rita Elaine Bartow and subsequently transferred to the Air Route Traffic Control Center in Hilliard. Upon retiring as an air traffic Supervisor in 1988, he started a second career with the Washington Consulting Group.

Bob was an avid outdoorsman, commercial pilot and flight instructor. He was given the nickname "Bob the Builder" as he could construct, repair, or design practically anything. Whether it was a boat, aircraft hangar, trailer, barn, house, or other complex problem; Bob developed ingenious solutions for every situation. He also invested much of his life in others during his 35-year tenure as a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Hilliard.

In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by his sister Betty Jo Strong; brothers Fredrick Richmond Kirkland and Jerry Ronald Kirkland.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years, Rita Kirkland; his children Chris (Jennifer) Kirkland and Vanessa (Robert) Allen; grandchildren Amanda Duerden, Robert D. Allen and Rachel Allen; great-grandchild Eleora Duerden; sister Patricia (Elmer) Coker; and a brother L.L. "Sonny" (Janie) Kirkland.

Due to the pandemic, the family will hold a private service and memorial service details will be posted later.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that

donations be made for the purpose of helping with Waldenstrom Macroglobulemia or Florida COVID Plasma Research to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville at: <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donateMC>.

Please share your memories or condolences at www.shepardfh.com

Shepard Roberson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, Folkston.

KENNETH WILLIAMS LANE



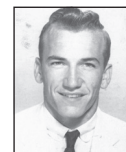
Kenneth Williams Lane, 62, of Callahan, passed away January 22, 2021. He was born December 10, 1958 in the Philippines. Kenneth spent many years as a mortgage broker. In his spare time, he enjoyed bowling. Kenneth was not only an excellent bowler, but also a youth bowling coach.

Kenneth is survived by his mother; two children; four grandchildren; three sisters; several nieces and nephews and many loving friends.

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

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

JOSEPH 'NAT' SMITH



On January 15, 2021 the Lord God Almighty called his faithful servant Joseph 'Nat' Smith home. Nat was born on April 17, 1937 in Nassau

County, Florida, to the late John and Mollie Smith. He attended Hilliard High School. After moving to Fernandina Beach, he worked for Sears for over 25 years. His passion and love for giving his time and heart to Little League Baseball and Senior League Baseball was second to only his love and pride for family. In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by his wife Jenny Smith; and eight siblings.

He is survived by his daughters Sindy (Joe) Wilson, Renee (Steve) Miller and Jennifer (Daryl) Parker; and Ceal Walker who was his best friend, rock and companion; grandchildren Stefani Garrison, Whitney Williams, Samantha Scuddy, Alexandra Wilson, Nikki Miller, Jenny Parker and Candice Parker; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

NICHOLAS 'NICKY' WADE



Nicholas 'Nicky' Elton Wade, 71, of Hilliard, passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2021 in Jacksonville. He was born January 7, 1950, in Folkston, Georgia, to the late Harold John Wade and Jeanette Smith Wade.

In addition to his parents; he was

preceded in death by two brothers Ronny and Johnny Wade.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law Randy and Patty Wade of Moreland, Georgia; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Sunday, January 24 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. The funeral service was held Monday, January 25 at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church with Pastor Jesse Pickett officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

A special thanks to all the families and friends in Hilliard and Folkston for their love and friendship they gave to Nicky.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

Remembering Nicky!

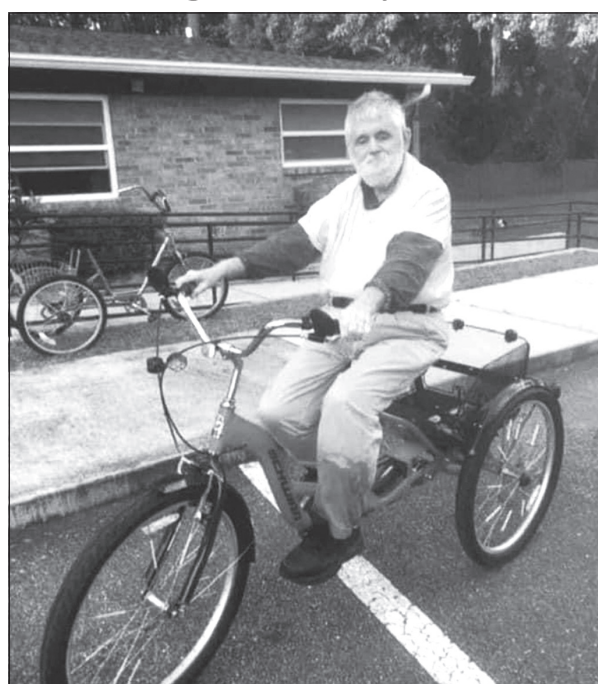
Last week, we lost a special member of our community, Nicky Wade. Nicky lived in Hilliard and most would always see him on his bicycle! He loved people, loved to talk and smile! His smile would light up a room and he never forgot a face. Even though he lived in Hilliard, Nicky also made time to make the rounds in Callahan.

We were visited several times with him dropping by the Westside Journal office. A few years ago he would ride his bike to Callahan, do his laundry, visit our office and go eat at Cedar River Seafood. He loved their food and also visiting with the people there.

When he stopped in, he always loved to joke with us. One of our special memories was when he would leave we would say bye and he would quickly correct us with "See you later!"

Familiar places to spot Nicky were on his bicycle, many times at the railroad tracks waving at the trains; Fast Mart in Hilliard and Callahan; and R & R Wings.

Facebook has been singing the praises of Nicky and the great person



he was. There's even been talk about naming a road in Hilliard after him. The Hilliard Youth Football Program took it one step further by naming a scholarship in memory of him, The Nicky Wade Extraordinary Athlete Scholarship to be awarded to one high school football player and one cheerleader each year. Donations may be made to Hilliard Youth Football for the scholarship program.

See you later, Nicky.

Remember to Pray for Our Troops

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

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God Bless our Troops!

2nd Annual Relay for Life of Nassau County Rod Run Held

Wanda Nichols, Event Lead Chairperson of Relay for Life

The 2nd Annual Rod Run, hosted by Relay for Life of Nassau County and the Callahan Cruisers was held last Saturday and was a success. Myself, along with Albert Gordy and Greg O'Quinn, of the Callahan Cruisers were pleased with the results!

First let me say, Mother Nature was not our friend this year. It had rained the day before and made the conditions muddy. However, the weather on Saturday was beautiful and we had a lot of cars come out for the event. There were 31 vendors selling all kinds of items such as jewelry, homemade crafts and much more. We had 5 main food vendors including Roasted Rooster, Café Bon Bien, LuLu's BBQ, Wise Guys Pizza and Dixie Fair Foods. The band,

Bluesdog66 was amazing. Top Club Participation went to Slums Automotive from Waycross, Georgia; and Best in Show went to Scott Burch with a 1968 Dodge Charger. There were approximately 1000



spectators who came out for the event. Thank you all for coming out and participating.

The event collected over \$3,500 dollars for the Relay for Life of Nassau County. There are a lot of people to thank for the success we had. First of all we thank, Wendy and Alan Kiser for all their hard work. Next, I want to thank



the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds for allowing us to use their facility. I want to thank all the vendors who came out for the event. Mostly I want to thank all the people who brought their cars out for the show; without you guys there

would not be a rod run. I want to say thank you to Meridian Waste Services for all you do to help us out. Thank you to all the swap meet vendors who came out. And last but not least, thank you to Nassau County Sheriff's Office for the escort.

I know I have a lot of people to thank and I hope I did not miss anyone but if I did, thank you. Everyone came together to make this event possible and even if conditions were out of our control it was still a great success with lots of fun.

We have already planned next year's Rod Run for January 22, 2022. However, our plans at this time consist of being on a paved surface so we do not have to worry about Mother Nature again and a lot more cars, and vendors.



We will start putting the information out soon.

Our next event, Relay for Life of Nassau County will be held Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 4-10 p.m. at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds. This will be to honor our Survivors and Caregivers.

If you know of someone who has cancer, needs information, or needs to speak with someone you can call the American Cancer Society hotline 24/7 at 1-800-227-2345.

For more information about the Relay for Life of Nassau County events, please contact Wanda Nichols at (904) 294-2088.



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