

"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." - Deuteronomy 31:8

It's Fair Time in Callahan!

The Northeast Florida Fair Begins Thursday!

Dawn S. West

It's hard to believe it's fair time again! I know many people had the same idea I did when the rain began to fall Monday...well, it's time for the fair and here comes the rain. Hopefully, it will be just enough to calm down a little of the dust and bring in a little cooler 'fair' air! The fair officially opens Thursday, October 10 at 5 p.m. Hopefully, our readers have been seeing the presale MegaPasses that are available online only for \$25. The pass includes admission and unlimited rides good for any one day at the fair. You can still get your MegaPass until midnight tonight, Thursday, October 10

by visiting: www.neflfair.org.

That's one way to save but there will also be specials almost every night. The fair will be held for 10 days: October 10-20. Opening night, Thursday, October 10 will offer FREE admission with paid unlimited armband at gate for \$20. Make sure to check out all the specials on their ad on page 12 of this week's paper. All the information you need is included.

The fair is a great time for fun with the family but there is also something great about the smell of the food. There's nothing better than a good greasy sausage dog covered with peppers and onions. The food vendors will be in the food court area which has been completely renovated. There is a nice covered area to order your treats. There are many local vendors as well as the fair vendors. Under the big tent will be entertainment throughout the entire fair. That is also where the picnic tables are located to sit and listen or enjoy your meal!

Don't forget to check out the Home Arts Building. This is where all the beautiful homemade and handmade items are. We really have a lot of talented people around! One of my other favorite places is the animal barns. I'm so thankful we still have the agriculture...that's what our area is famous for! There is always a huge variety of chickens, roosters, ducks, etc. and of course the livestock! So beautiful! Be sure to check out all the animals as these students have worked hard to make sure they look their best!

Entrance and parking will be on Musslewhite Road to the back side of the fair. Once parked, that is actually the main entrance into the fair. You will be greeted with new ticket booths and helpful attendants. Admission prices are: Adults: \$6 (13+); Youth: \$4 (6-12); 5 & under, Free; Military: (with ID) \$4; and Senior Citizens \$4 (65+). The fair will open weekdays at 5 p.m. until 11 p.m.; and weekends at noon-12:30 a.m.

Kelsey Irvine, Extension Agent

It's officially fair season! For 10 days families will gather for the rides, food, and social extravaganza that is our Northeast Florida Fair. This is also the time for many 4-H members to exhibit their animals and home arts projects. What may only seem like a few minutes to the public is really the cumulative efforts of countless hours of work, training and care. Take a moment to speak to a member about their projects; their expertise is sure to amaze you! We also encourage the public to cheer on our county's youth during the shows. Your smile in the stands may make all the difference. If your family is interested in farm to fork style cooking, there is our youth market

sale where your purchase of an animal

Support 4-H at the Fair!



to feed your family also goes to support scholarships, college savings and career development for our local youth.

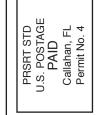
Also the Callahan Middle School Earth Warriors 4-H Club is excited to host recycling at this year's Northeast Florida Fair. After supporting your local vendors by purchasing tasty treats, please be sure to empty your plastic bottle or aluminum can and deposit it in their labeled recycling bins. We hope everyone has a chance to enjoy the fair this year!

2019 Fair 4-H Showtimes

- Friday, October 11, 6 p.m. Dairy Cattle
- Saturday, October 12, 1 p.m. Rabbit
- Saturday, October 12, 3 p.m. Dairy Goat
- Monday, October 14, 6 p.m. Poultry Judging Contest
- Wednesday, October 16, 4 p.m. Lamb
- Wednesday, October 16, 6 p.m. Swine
- Thursday, October 17, 5 p.m. Beef
- Friday, October 18, 9 a.m. Livestock
- Judging Contest
- Friday, October 18, 4 p.m. Meat Goat
- Friday, October 18, 7 p.m. Market Animal Sale!
- Saturday, October 19, 4 p.m. Youth Parade of Champions!



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Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first regular meeting of October. Mrs. Wanda Nichols approached the podium to once again, thank the town for their support and sponsorship of the 2019 Relay for Life event.

"I've already dropped off a sponsorship package for 2020 and hope that the town will help sponsor the event again," said Nichols.

Mr. Mike Cole, representing Keep Nassau Beautiful, addressed the council concerning the clean-up day for the town. "We've tentatively set a date of Saturday, November 16 from 9-11:30 a.m. to have the clean-up," said Cole. "I wanted to address the council with any concerns before the brochures are printed. Are there any questions?"

"I'm pretty sure that is when the Hobo's & Hot Rods event is at the Depot hosted by the Historical Society," said Mayor Marty Fontes.

"I will certainly check that date and get with the Historical Society before we decide," added Cole.

Brenda Dillard, representing the Girl Scouts, addressed the council concerning a donation to the Girl Scouts for the Thanksgiving Baskets that they provide to all the fire stations.

"We have to do a resolution for this and we will try to have one for the next meeting," said Council President Ken Bass.

The business portion of the agenda included approval of Resolution 2019-

R21 which concerned submission of an application for the Florida Recreation Development of Environmental Protection (FRDAP) Grant in the amount of \$50,000. This grant,

if approved, will go towards Depot Park.

The next agenda item was approval of salaries for town employees. Each councilperson, assistant clerk and treasurer, were given a print out, by the

Mayor, of current salaries of all the town employees for their approval or disapproval. The printout included a 2% raise which went into effect October 4, 2019. The council approved the salaries with a vote of 4-1 with Councilwoman Shirley Graham voting no.

In around the council, Graham requested that a change be made in Section 53.1 of the town code concerning the salary of the Town Clerk and the Mayor. "I would like some kind of formula to regulate the salary of the mayor," said Graham. "He works all the time and is constantly getting the town's name out there. I think he should be paid more."

"I don't want more as I don't do this job for the money. I do this for the people," said Fontes. After much discussion, Attorney Jeb Branham advised the council to add this item to the next agenda and he would try to come up with something for the council to look over.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, October 21 at 7 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Money for Investigations Dear Editor,

I wonder if the people of America realize how much money it costs to keep investigating President Trump. Maybe if the Democrats had to pay for it out of their personal income they would give up. Our country has a huge deficit but yet money is spent on a feud between political parties.

Diane Jennings

Ignoring God!

Dear Editor,

Our problems as a nation stem from the fact that our people, cities and governments ignore the Bible, therefore ignoring God. Back in the book of Judges in the Bible, the people did as they wanted to, doing their own thing, ignoring God, until they were inundated as to what to do. Then God sent a deliverer to free them. God is tired of being ignored! Consequently, we're having global warming, terrorists, fires, floods, mudslides, earthquakes, draughts, economical problems big time and the list goes on and on. Global warming in particular is a new problem. What is so sad is that it's never entered most people's minds as to what is happening. II Timothy 3:7, "In the last days, people will be ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of truth."

"God told Israel that if they would hearken (obey) unto the voice of the Lord and observe and do His commandments: He would bless

them as He had promised." Deuteronomy15: 5-6. They would lend to many nations and never have to borrow; they would reign over many and no nation would reign over them. He was speaking to Israel through the prophet Moses. He's also speaking to America!

Our nation needs to consider our ways and turn to God (Haggai 1:5).

The deplorable conditions of the immigrants is detestable, but what about the Democratic Party promoting the killing of newborn babies? That's not Christ-like either. Our problem is not Democrats versus Republicans. We have an intense spiritual problem because America, as a whole, has forgotten God and His name is Jesus! "Jesus is the image of the invisible God."

President Trump is doing a good job. He's the only man during my lifetime that has tried so hard to accomplish the goals he promised, in spite of so much opposition. He inherited a Big Mess when he became President in 2016. The former administration was leading us down the wrong road. I pray that the opposition would cease, all the bickering and try to concentrate on what is important. "(Jesus speaking) Any kingdom filled with Civil War is doomed, so is a home willed with argument and strife."

I also agree wholeheartedly, with the Westside Journal's 'Just My Opinion' on various issues!

In Jesus' Name, Jack Lewis

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In the Kitchen... 3 tablespoons butter

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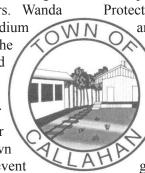
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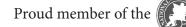
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Cooler Weather Means a Hot Bite!

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Are we on our way to cooler weather? I think so! The winds are picking up out of the east and the days have become much shorter, so it has to be true. Temperatures in the evening are somewhat bearable. So, what does that mean for us? Well, if the winds permit, you need to get out! Slot red fish and bull reds are thick from the north Jetties all the way down to the south end of Amelia Island. The same holds true for Mayport, all the way up river towards the Dames Point Bridge. Cut crab is working best but can be rotated with cut mullet if that's your only two choices. Fish are schooling along the deep walls in our rivers so anchor up along the channel ledge of either the St. Mary's River or the St. John's. Make sure to stay clear of all the shipping channels. Obviously you will need to use adequate weights to keep you at or near the bottom. The rest is a fun waiting game that hasn't been taking long at all. If you are not into the big water, our back creeks and the ICW have seen an excellent outgoing bite. Use the same cut baits you use for deep water or you can simply tie on any jig head tipped with your preferred plastics.

Moving on to trout, wow two weeks ago you couldn't buy one. Now, they are all over our region and they're feeding very aggressively. Trout are following the schooling mullet as they run down river towards the ocean. They are also slamming a variety of suspending baits, so make sure you match the hatch. You will find that trout have acquainted all of our creek mouths. Focus on the first of the outgoing around structure when the water is clean. You can also use a popping cork with live shrimp to float over debris. This will give you huge advantage over a plain jig head while targeting fish near structure.

Next, flounder have been very spotty to absolute nonexistent. Although it hasn't been the best year, there are still some big fish being found. Most of the bigger flounder are being caught around the Mayport Inlet. That said I look for there to be a decent run following behind the cooler water temps. The St. Johns River is loaded with bait so take advantage by netting some mullet. If that's not doing the job, switch over to some Bucktail jigs tipped with gulp shrimp or the gulp mullet. Make sure to focus on clean water and fan cast to cover more ground.

Unless we have some crazy easterly winds, we should have a midmorning high tide around 8:40 a.m. Look for the last of the incoming and beginning of the outgoing to be productive. My hot spots include Horseshoe Creek and the Fort George inlet.

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

EVENTS AROUN

The Westside Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 15 at the Mickler St. County Building in Callahan. Our guest speaker is NC Democratic Black Caucus President Patricia Thompson. Dinner and a brief business meeting will follow her presentation.

By opening your heart and home to a youth in Foster Care, you can help forge a lifetime of success and happiness for a child right here in Nassau. Your support can open a world of possibilities. Call 904-421-5864 for more information.



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Roger R. West

Never would I have thought I would witness what is happening in our country today. I have read about and have seen it on the news happening in third world countries, but never dreamed of it happening in America. What I am dismayed about is a full blown political coup happening in America. The Democrat party is full steam ahead in attempting to oust the sitting President by whatever means they can conjure. Civil war is occurring in our country. The Democrat party is out to destroy our Republic.

Meanwhile in Florida, we have a group of misguided leftists who are attempting to fringe upon our 2nd Amendment rights. They are gathering signatures to have an antigun amendment added to our State Constitution on the 2020 ballot. This amendment is extremely dangerous. It is titled: "Prohibits possession of defined assault weapons." The measure would ban possession of semiautomatic rifles and shotguns. Semiautomatic would be defined by the measure as "any weapon which fires a single projectile or a number of ball shots through a rifled or smooth bore for each single function of the trigger without further manual action required." Assault Weapon would be defined by the measure as "any semiautomatic rifle or shotgun capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition at once, either in a fixed or detachable magazine, or any other ammunition feeding device." The definition of assault weapon would exclude handguns under the measure.

If a person lawfully owned an assault weapon before the measure's effective date, their ownership of such weapon would still be legal (a) for one year after the measure's effective date or (b) after the owner registers the weapon by make, model and serial number with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Records of such registration would be available for Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies but otherwise would remain confidential. Violating the provisions of the measure would be a third degree felony.

I never thought I would be a felon, but...

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

Boy Scouts Need Items!

Callahan Boy Scout Troop #351 is seeking donations for their upcoming Fundraising Yard Sale. For pick up of donations, please call 760-214-5933.

The Yard Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9 at the Masonic Lodge of Callahan, 45085 Frank Brookins Drive (behind City Hall). All proceeds benefit the Troop's scouting adventures!

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Can We Live Life Without God?

Pastor Walter Cooper, He Changed My Mind Ministries, Callahan



Greetings, neighbors of West Nassau! Every journey has a starting point that leads to a desired destination. Your walk of life with God is the same. We would not be here if God had not made man in his image and blew the breath of life in him. We were created by God, the giver of life and without God we would be nothing.

Ephesians 2:12 states, "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."

At one time in our lives, we didn't have the covering, grace and provisions of God. With God's promise, we have the ability to have hope and love under his umbrella all because we make the choice to live, follow and seek him. In this journey, without Christ and his promise, life has very little meaning. God gives us the choice to live today with or without him. So many people have made the choice to live their life without God. Instead we listen to Satan's lies that he tells us "You're not good enough", "God doesn't love you", "He can't use you", "Wait until you get it all together before you give your life to him", or "Maybe next week you can go to church." There's many other lies Satan tells us to try and stop God's people from living with him. Through these lies, you have no interest with having a personal relationship with the Messiah, his promises and covenant. Being a stranger to Christ brings no hope or eternal life.

Consider this, the children of Israel found that it was very difficult to live without God. There were times in their life when they turned their back on him. The word of God tells us in Proverbs 16:25, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

The Israelites learned as they faced their journey that many things in their life went horribly wrong because of their choice to live without him. They were murdered, kept as slaves and mistreated. Like the children of Israel, we should seek to live our life to please the father and not our flesh.

So today my brothers and sisters, I encourage you to change your mind, confess with your mouth, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead (Romans 10:9). God sacrificed himself for us. Live today for Christ, so that you can live eternally with the Lord.

Be encouraged and believe, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.

CHURCH NEWS

The First Baptist Church of St. George, 1125 Cotton St., will hold a revival October 13-16 at 7 p.m. featuring Evangelist Jay Baker who will share 'From Prison to Pulpit' declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information call (912) 843-2256.



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Quilter and Book Author to Speak

Sara Aicher

Quilter and author Susan Ache will speak at the Country Star Quilt Guild monthly meeting on Monday, October 14 at the First Baptist Church of Hilliard. Social time will start at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Susan likes to play with various color combinations from her native Florida surroundings, from her travels, and even from her trips to the supermarket. She tries to feature as many different fabrics in a quilt as she can. Her love of fabric began when she worked at a fabric store. Her first quilt incorporated the nine patch block and embroidery. From there her love of quilt making took off. She has written "Countdown to Christmas," "Start with Strips" and her most recent book "Quilt by Color." These books will be on sale at the meeting (cash only). You can further check out her work on Pinterest or Instagram @yardgrl60. All those interested in quilting are welcome to attend.

The Country Star Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of each month. We are also offering a sewing class on Saturdays in October. If interested, please contact Bea at (904) 424-7982 or Marsa at (239) 560-4657. More information on the class and other Guild activities is posted on our website at: www.CountryStarQuilters.org.

Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

Judy Canova (1916-1983) was an American comedian, actress, singer and radio personality. She also appeared on Broadway and in films. Judy was born in Jacksonville to the parents of Joseph and Henrietta Canova. Her radio show rated Top Ten nationwide from 1943 to 1955. Her real popularity lay in a series of comedies in which she starred as a man-chasing county bumpkin. Canova is honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Her daughter, Diana, is also an actress and singer.

According to Pioneers of Florida's First Coast and other sources, the Canova family came to Florida in 1768 with Dr. Andrew Turnbull to settle a colony in New Smyrna. When the colony failed the family moved to St. Augustine.

Our program Monday, October 14 will be presented by Emily Murray, Florida Public Archelogy Network, St. Augustine. The topic will be Historic Cemeteries of Florida.

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

LANDSCAPE MATTERS

On Wednesday, October 16 at 10 a.m., Master Gardener Ginny Grupe will teach a Landscape Matters class on attracting butterflies to your landscape by planting and maintaining plants which serve as hosts for the larvae. Ginny will discuss important factors in planning your butterfly garden! The class will take place at the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. For more information, call the Extension office at 904-530-6353.







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Hilliard Middle-Senior High School and West Nassau High School are partnering to host a FAFSA Financial Aid Night! This event is designed for SENIORS applying to college for the 2019-20 year and their parent/guardian. A representative from FSCJ will be on-site to help answer any questions.



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For more information, please contact: Michelle Ginder, Guidance Counselor, West Nassau High School, (904) 879-3461 ext. 3626; or Christie Chaires, Guidance Counselor, Hilliard Middle-Senior High School, (904) 845-2171 ext. 4638.

Pow Wow Held at HES

Last Thursday evening, families gathered at Hilliard Elementary to see Florida native and member of the Muskogee Creek Indian Tribe, Jim Sawgrass. The annual Pow Wow is something the children and parents look forward to each year. Sawgrass and his family come to share their knowledge of Southeastern Native American tribes. As

children sat around campfire, а they enjoyed learning about authentic Native American attire and tools. Traditional tribal dances were performed and the children were invited to participate. The event is also



Chili and

a fundraiser for HES! During the Pow Wow, there was a silent auction of chairs that were designed/ decorated by teachers. hotdog

dinners were available and enjoyed by many. The Beta Club from Hilliard Middle-Senior High School was on hand to assist with the event. Great job, HES, on another fun family event!

Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first regular meeting of October. The first order of business was the approval of Resolution 2019-14 which concerned the submission of an application for the Florida Recreation Development of Environmental Protection (FRDAP) grant for Town Hall Park Phase I. This grant will be in the amount of \$200,000.

The next business was the approval of another resolution. Resolution 2019-05 concerned the submission of an application for FRDAP grant for Oxford Park Phase IV. This grant is also in the amount of \$200,000.

Council President John Beasley advised the council concerning bid the town received for fireworks displays. "We received two bids; one from Pyro-Technics; the other from Connects," said Beasley. "The Connects bid Option A has more of the 3" shells. Those are the ones that go higher. I think last year, people couldn't really see them all because they didn't go high enough. That's the one I choose."

The council approved Connects for the July 4th Fireworks display at a cost of \$22,900.

Public Works Director Ritchie Rowe advised the council about the issues with the air conditioning at Town Hall. "We're pretty sure some of the insulation in the air handling room was being sucked into the unit," said Rowe. "We are contracting with WW Gay Mechanical to fix the problem. Once we clean in and around the room and remove all the insulation I think it will take care of the problem. If not, we do have a plan B."

The council approved WW Gay

Mechanical at a cost of \$1,676.

The following agenda item also concerned the Public Works Department. "Two possibly three employees will be studying to get their waste/water, drinking water and water distribution state license," said Rowe. "One has already finished the courses and is preparing to take the final examination. What is the procedure to have these guys continue on for the courses and licensing they need?"

"Ritchie, I have no problem paying for the entire schooling process for these guys to get licensed," said Councilman Kenny Sims. "I suggest that they pay for the state test themselves. If and when they pass the state final, we will reimburse them for the cost of the test they pass. I'm just one person but that's how I feel we should handle the situation."

The council approved the Sims suggestion to pay for the schooling and then reimburse the employee once he passes the final test for the test fee.

Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Malucci advised the council that he is still in conversations with the installers of the insulation at the Fitness Center. "When the workers came to do the spray insulation, they advised me that the facility had to be completely cleaned out of all equipment before they could to the job," said Malucci. "We were told by the representative that the equipment had to be covered and they could to the job."

The council advised Malucci to give his paperwork on the job to Town Attorney Christian Waugh to look over more closely.

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, October 17 at 7 p.m.





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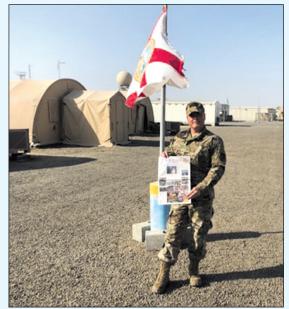
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Asia

MSG Mitch Whitley, of Callahan, is currently on deployment in southwest Asia operation "Inherent Resolve." He is stationed in Jordan on the border of Syria with the 125th Fighter Wing in the Florida Air National Guard. First of all, thank you for your service Mitch! And thanks for taking along a copy of the Westside Journal with you!

Guatemala

Raymond and Debbie Fachko enjoyed a vacation to Guatemala. They spent lots of their time hiking and exploring! Lucky for us, they made sure to take a copy of the Westside Journal along with them!

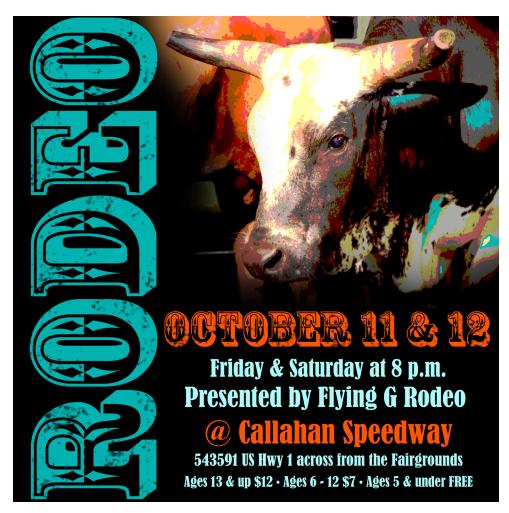




Nova Scotia



Ken and Susie Bass, of Callahan, recently took a wonderful 10 day trip beginning in New York. From New York, the couple along with 30 family members boarded a cruise ship into Canada visiting several ports. They are shown with a copy of the Westside Journal in Halifax, Nova Scotia! They have already made plans for another trip in early 2020!



New Beginnings and Milestones

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, III



Sarah Elizabeth Colsen, of Callahan, and Charles Edward Adams, III, of Fernandina Beach were united in marriage Sunday, September 1 at 5:30 p.m. at The Barn at Cottonwood Ranch in Callahan.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Linda Colsen of Callahan. She is employed with Ascension St. Vincent's.

The groom is the son of Charles and Lauren Adams of Fernandina Beach. He is employed with Symrise.

Serving as her sister's Matron of Honor was Melissa Colsen Crews. Serving as bridesmaids were Morgan Adams, Mimi Adams, Sadie Adams, Annemarie Hailey and Loucinda

Reed. Flower girls were Chloe Higginbotham and Ava Higginbotham.

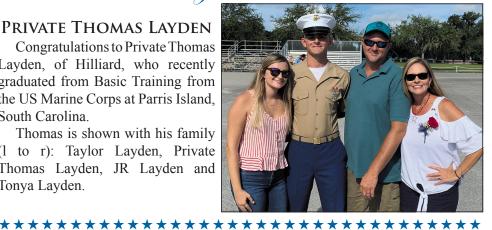
Serving as his son's Best Man was Charles Adams. Serving as groomsmen were Connor Gorman, Garrett Dillon, Will Palmer, Will Wiley and Mark Cameron. Ring Bearers were Joshua Crews and Nathan Crews.

Following a honeymoon trip to Grotto Bay Beach Resort and Spa in Bermuda, the couple is residing in Yulee.

PRIVATE THOMAS LAYDEN

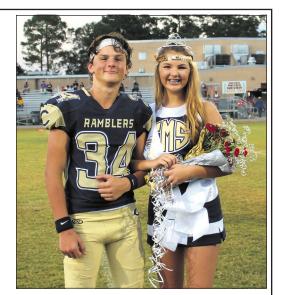
Congratulations to Private Thomas Layden, of Hilliard, who recently graduated from Basic Training from the US Marine Corps at Parris Island, South Carolina.

Thomas is shown with his family (l to r): Taylor Layden, Private Thomas Layden, JR Layden and Tonya Layden.



Callahan **Middle School** Homecoming **King & Queen**

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WN Celebrates Homecoming Friday



This Friday, October 11, West Nassau High School will celebrate Homecoming. The following seniors are running for King and Queen: Jules Allen, Peyton Barnes, Chaz Hirschman, Alexis Haag, Michael Pilotta, Marie Messer, Zorian Stanton, Aliyah Scarbrough, Salvador Tafoya and Shyanne Swails.

The West Nassau Homecoming parade will begin at the school at 1:30 p.m. The parade route will travel down Mickler Street and go through the bus loop at Callahan Elementary; turn right on US 301; turn right again on

US Highway 1 to 5th Avenue where the parade will end at the school. The homecoming festivities will be held at halftime of the game. The Warriors will host county rival the Fernandina Beach Pirates with kick-off at 7 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. the inaugural West Nassau Hall of Fame inductees will be presented. They are: Coach Allen Kirk, Mitchell Spearrin, the late Emmitt Coakley, Mr. Don Hagan and Rose Way.

Thursday night, the West Nassau JV will host Paxon at 6 p.m. Following the game, a pep rally and bonfire will be held around 8 p.m.



University of US Enrollment Hits Record High



The U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation (USCSF) announced record enrollment of 95 Nassau County high school students in their University of US after school education program for 2019-20. Now in its 4th year, the free program includes classes on the Constitution, our Founding Fathers, American Heritage and Supreme Court Decisions. The program is delivered by an impressive faculty of guest lecturers who volunteer their time, including, Judge Adrian Soud, Karin Lips, President of the Network of Enlightened Women, Representative Cord Byrd, Constitutional scholar Dr. John Baker, University of North Carolina Constitutional Law Professor David Ardia, and Dr. Sharon Foster.

The program is also the pathway to application for a minimum of five \$5000 USCSF Scholarships each year. Since the inception of the program in 2017, the Foundation has awarded over \$65,000 to Nassau County students. Although the University of US is open to all Nassau high school students,

only Juniors and Seniors who have maintained a "B" average in school, completed the University of US seminars, passed the final exam, and written a qualified essay on an assigned topic, are eligible for the scholarship competition.

2020 Scholarship winners will be announced at the Annual University of US Graduation and family dinner in April. The USCSF will also host the Second Annual Constitution Bowl Event on March 31, 2020 at West Nassau High School, home of the 2019 winning team. Student teams representing all Nassau County high schools, Faith Christian Academy, and home school students will compete for \$1000 scholarships based on their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and key Supreme Court decisions.

Learn more about USCSF, the University of US, college scholarships, the Constitution Bowl and upcoming speaker events at www.USCSF.net



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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.

Monday, September 30

Austin William Minyard, 27, 45003 Browns Farm Road, Callahan: Clay County Writ of Attachment Child Support

Brittney Marie O'Brien, 25, 44303 Charwood Drive, Callahan: Failure to Appear Litter less than 15 pounds

Frank Neaul Reed, 61, 27333 Georgia Street, Hilliard: Possession of Methamphetamine

Tuesday, October 1

Austin William Minyard, 27, 45003 Browns Farm Road, Callahan: Violation of Probation DUI Damage to Person or Property

Wednesday, October 2

David Phillip Egan, 44, 28180 Lake Hampton Road, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Domestic Battery

Thursday, October 3

Christian Michael Durham, 21, 29854 CR 121, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Residiting without Violence

Justin Devon Bunkley, 41, 450532 Old Dixie Highway, Callahan: Duval County Warrant Failure to Appear Criminal Mischief

Kyle Everette Foster, 21, 54078 Penny Lane, Callahan: Possession of Schedule 1-5 Substance; Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams

Drug Arrests in Fernandina

On October 3, narcotics detectives from Nassau County Sheriff's Office and Fernandina Beach Police Department served a search warrant at 1510 Stewart Avenue in the Amelia City area of Fernandina Beach

after complaints of drug activity. After further investigation three individuals were arrested.

Chad Anthony Ledford, 38, from Fernandina Beach, was arrested and charged with Sale of a Controlled Substance; Possession of Methamphetamine; Theft of Motor







Jennings Couey

Vehicle; and Keeping a Place where Controlled Substance is Kept/Sold/ Used Declared a Public Nuisance.

Rachel Lee Jennings, 34, from Fernandina Beach, was arrested and charged with Keeping a Place where Controlled Substance is Kept/Sold/ Used Declared a Public Nuisance.

Michael Allen Couey, 49, from Fernandina Beach, was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana; Possession of a Controlled Substance; Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; and Keeping a Place where Controlled Substance is Kept/Sold/Used Declared a Public Nuisance.



NCSO Promotions

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office held a promotion ceremony on October 1, 2019 at the Sheriff's Administration Building. Two corrections deputies were promoted to Sergeant within the Jail/Detention Facility. Shown (1 to r) are: Sergeant Austin Mathis and Sergeant Matthew Morgan.



Nassauville Area Drug House Closed



The Nassau County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit closed another drug house at 85766 Owens Road in the Nassauville

area. One suspect was arrested after a several weeks-long investigation involving the sale of quantities of methamphetamine.

Michael Hunter Potts, 36, Fernandina Beach was arrested and charged Sale of Controlled Substance, Possession

> of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Resisting Arrest without Violence.

Fall Plant Sale

On Saturday, October 19, the Nassau County Extension Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale has plants propagated by Master Gardeners, select trees and shrubs, and "goodies" for your garden, including secondhand gardening equipment. All proceeds benefit the Master Gardener program and the volunteer community projects they perform. The sale is from 9 a.m. until noon or as supplies last, rain or shine, at the James S. Page Governmental Complex on Nassau Place, Yulee. For more information, call the Extension office at 904-530-6353.





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CALVIN EUGENE MILLER

Calvin Eugene Miller, 84, of Hilliard, passed away on September 30, 2019 in Jacksonville. Calvin was born in Hopewell, Virginia in 1935.

Arrangements are under the direction of Integrity Funeral Home & Cremations, Jacksonville, 904-891-6211.

Condolences may be expressed at www. integrityservices.org.

SCOTT LESLIE NEWMAN

Scott Leslie Newman, 67, left his earthly home September 29, 2019. Scott fought a lengthy battle with brain cancer. Scott was born in Grants Pass, Oregon, April 21, 1952. He was a US Navy Veteran and leaves behind many family and friends.

He went to his heavenly home with his parents Richard and Margery Newman; brother Ricky Newman; and grandparents, who passed on before him.

Surviving are his daughter Krisha L. (John) Collins; grandchildren Tristan, Christian and Aiden of Largo, Florida; his son Nicholes S. Newman; and daughter Josilyn Newman; Scott was married 40 years to Lavonna Newman, who all reside in Hilliard; brothers Randell (Margaret) Newman of Michigan and Michael Newman of Georgia; four nephews; and an aunt and cousins in North Carolina.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

RAY HOWARD WARD

Ray Howard Ward, 56, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord on October 2, 2019. He was born March 2, 1963 in Washington, D.C. He grew up in St. Petersburg, Florida from 1966-1978, and then moved to Chiefland, where he graduated from Chiefland High School in 1981. He moved to Jacksonville in 1987 to attend Trinity Baptist College for a Pastoral degree, and later became an ordained minister.

He was a member of Buford Grove Baptist Church of Hilliard. Ray was a loving son, husband, father and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his father Ray Herbert Ward.

He is survived by his mother Mary A. Guptill of Chiefland; his loving wife of 36 years, Deborah L. Ward of Hilliard; sons Daniel Ward of Hilliard and Samuel Ward of Jakarta, Indonesia; daughters Rebekah Borges (David) of Hilliard and Sarah (Arthur) Pipes of Chiefland; grandchildren Blake Ward, Alice Jane Borges, Cooper Ward, Eleanor Ward, and Adelaide Borges.

The service and interment was led by Pastor Curtis Harrington on Saturday, October 5 at Buford Grove Baptist Church in Hilliard.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 904-879-2336.

Obituaries are published free of charge. They may be emailed to news@westsidejournal.net.

Fatal Accident Tuesday Morning

A Jacksonville man lost his life in a tragic accident Tuesday morning in Bryceville. According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, at approximately 6:25 a.m. Tuesday, Michael Haworth, 75, of Jacksonville was driving his 2018 Mack semi westbound on CR 119 (Otis Road) in Bryceville approaching US Highway 301. Haworth failed to observe the stop sign at the intersection. His vehicle traveled across the northbound lanes of US 301 in a westerly direction. The driver veered to the right and traveled onto the center grass median, prior to traveling across the southbound lanes of US 301. The semi overturned onto its left side, sliding across the southbound lanes of US 301. The roof of the semi and the top of the trailer collided with the guardrail, located on the western paved shoulder of US 301 southbound. The semi came to final rest facing north on the western paved shoulder of southbound US 301. Mr. Haworth was pronounced deceased at the scene.

New Master Gardeners



Susan Fowler Beverlye McNair UF/IFAS Nassau County Director/ Horticulture Becky Jordi announced the addition of three new Master Gardener volunteers. Susan Fowler, Beverlye McNair and Darryle Mongeon have just graduated from the 9-week course of training, conducted by UF/

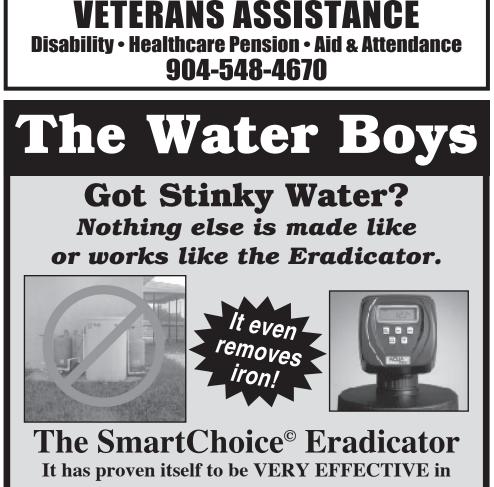


Darryle Mongeon

IFAS Extension Agents. To become accredited, Master Gardener volunteers must serve 70 hours, in their first year under the direction of Ms. Jordi. Ms. Fowler, McNair and Mr. Mongeon join 30+ additional volunteer colleagues at Nassau Extension.

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Flashes Stun Buccaneers

Holden McMillen

Facing a must-win situation the Hilliard Flashes hosted the Branford Buccaneers last Friday night and came away with a win; 26-14.

The Flashes opened the game on offense but the drive stalled. On the ensuing play, the Flashes defense rose up and forced the first big play of the game when Tristin Moody sacked the quarterback for a safety. The Flashes sprung out to an early 2-0 lead. But the fun was just beginning. After the defensive score, the Flashes offense

kept the momentum rolling when quarterback Lyle Bennett connected with D.J. Coston for a 15-yard touchdown pass. After a failed extra point, the Flashes extended the lead 8-0. The ensuing kickoff went well when Brandon Matthews forced a fumble that was recovered by

Seth O'Neil. The Flashes capitalized on the turnover when Tywuan Lee was escorted into the end zone by the offensive line from 1-yard out. After a failed 2-point try, the Flashes extended the lead to 14-0.

Heading into the 2nd quarter, with all the momentum, the Flashes wanted to prove themselves. Bennett found Jason Sheffield all alone for a 22-yard touchdown pass. After a failed extra point, the Flashes extended the lead to 20-0. Later, the Flashes defense forced another turnover when O'Neil recovered another fumble after a bobbled handoff. The Flashes were stopped but went into halftime leading the Buccaneers 20-0.

The Flashes opened the second half on defense. There were some fireworks when Lee intercepted a pass and returned it 37 yards, setting the Flashes up. And they did, when Bennett punched it into the end zone off the bootleg from 6-yards out. After a failed 2-point attempt, the Flashes extended the lead to 26-0. Following, the tide started to turn as the Buccaneers responded on defense with an interception off a deflected pass. The Bucs scored on a 5-yard touchdown run. After a failed 2-point attempt, the Bucs cut into the deficit 26-6 at the conclusion of the 3rd quarter.

The Bucs opened the 4th quarter with a drive to get back into the game. But, the Flashes defense once again rose up and forced another turnover when Cody Bright intercepted a pass and returned it 33 yards. But the Buc's defense rose up and prevented the Flashes from scoring.

The Bucs went down the field and scored courtesy of an 11yard touchdown run. After a successful 2-point try, the Bucs cut the deficit to 26-14. But, the Flashes ended the momentum swing when Lee recovered the onside kick attempt by the Bucs. After a ceremonial kneel

down, the Flashes came into the game as 17 point underdogs and stunned the Branford Buccaneers 26-14, our biggest win of the year.

Offensively, the Flashes totaled 187 yards of total offense, 123 of them coming from the ground game. Leading the charge on offense was Tywuan Lee with 22 carries for 83 yards and a touchdown; Lyle Bennett had 6 carries for 23 yards and a touchdown; and D.J. Coston had 4 carries for 13 yards. Bennett went 7/14 for 64 yards, 2 touchdowns and an interception. On the receiving end, Coston had 2 catches for 26 yards and a touchdown; Jason Sheffield had 2 catches for 19 yards and a touchdown; and Bright had 3 catches for 19 yards.

Defensively, the Flashes imposed their will on the Buccaneers offense, totaling 7 sacks and forcing 4 turnovers. Leading the charge were: Seth O'Neil with 6 tackles, 2 fumble recoveries and a sack; Tanner Morgan had 6 tackles and a sack; Jason Sheffield with 5 tackles and a sack; Bennett

Another Win for the Warriors!

Kyle Pipkin

Our West Nassau Warriors went on the road and ruined a Friday night for the home team. The Warriors went to Starke and handed the Tornados a 16-13 loss. It was a low scoring game which is something I tend to enjoy being a defensive guy myself. Starke has always been a team that has played the Warriors well throughout the years. Beating a good team in a close game is better than blowing out a bad team, especially when coming from behind to win the game.

Blayze Padgett lead the way through the air for the Warriors, going 5 of 11 for 102

yards. Padgett threw a beautiful 68-yard pass to Ethan Johns for the lead. It was the only passing touchdown for the game. The Bradford Tornados had a very tough defense that was not going to give up many points.

When it came to running the ball, the Warriors used their normal committee approach but did not have much success on the ground, although Chaz Davis did have 61 yards on 9 carries. Shout out to big Trey Mccullough having 3 pancake blocks for the game.

Even though this was not a high scoring offensive show, there were some good takeaways. They were able to clean up the fumble bug that has been plaguing them. Not having any turnovers from fumbles makes a difference. Hirschman did throw

with 3 tackles and a pass breakup; Josh Yancey with 3 tackles and a pass breakup; Anthony Conner with 3 tackles; Nathan Wilson had 2 tackles and 2 sacks; Tristin Moody had 2 tackles and a sack; Bright had a tackle and an interception; Lee had a tackle, an interception, and a pass breakup; Cameron Chavarria had a tackle, a sack, one interception. When you play close games like this, turnovers can make or break you. The Warriors played a clean game overall.

The Warrior defense put on a show Friday night. They spent as much time in the backfield as the Tornado offense, having 12 sacks as a team. Trent Fort and Wyatt Rochay had 3 tackles a piece for a total of 50 yards lost combined. Great jobs guys, way to get after it! When they weren't sacking the quarterback they were making tackles in the backfield with a whopping 18 tackles for loss. Fort lead the way in that category also. Good to see Coach Knott

hasn't lost it over the years.

William Carroll had a solid kicking day. He hit a 30-yard field goal; and was 1 of 2 for extra points. It was another solid performance for the Warrior kicker and special team unit as a whole!

This week is the week we have all been waiting for, homecoming is upon us. The time of the year when the fair is here, every day is a different theme for the dress code. I wonder if Ms. Zobel still does her RESPECT routine at the pep rally! We all enjoy watching our loved ones in the parade and cap it all off with the Warriors beating up on our cross-county rivals, the Fernandina Beach Pirates. So, seniors enjoy your last one and everyone stay safe!

and a pass breakup; and Brandon Matthews had a tackle and a forced fumble.

The Flashes will host the Halifax Academy Knights on Senior Night with kick-off at 7 p.m. Come out and support your hometown team! Keep calm and go Flashes! #Nathanstrong





Combat Patrol in Viet Nam: "It Just Didn't Feel Right"

Editor's note: The following is a story from a Vietnam Veteran who is sharing his story. The story and others will continue as we draw closer to Veterans Day. Read it as a time to see what just one of our many Veterans lived through and continue to do so.

July, 1967, after leaving Da Nang for patrol through the Elephant Valley area of South Viet Nam, we were on our fifth day of patrol when we starting receiving fire from ambushes from the countryside. While trying to secure the area we came across a Vietnamese village that had Viet Cong control. From the Village we received extensive fire from initial contact and throughout the night. We responded with mortar rounds and heavy fire.

At dawn we swept through and found the village no longer occupied with Viet Cong then after doing body counts, assisting those villagers that needed medical attention, we started our sweep again. About two miles from the village we noticed activity on the road ahead.

As we came closer we saw it was children, both boys and VIETNAM girls ranging from 6 to 11 years old. A second look showed a young boy had something around his waist. Not knowing what it was and

knowing that explosives are planted on children, my men locked and loaded on him ready to take him out. As I quickly surveyed what was happening I felt that

there was something not right. It just didn't feel right so I ordered a hold fire. When I looked further I saw the young man's pouch was a plastic bag and it contained part of his intestines that was

protruding from his side. He had been hit by shrapnel from what we assumed came from a mortar the night before thus cutting that area open. We had our



Corpsman look it over. He removed the bag filled with water, cleaned the area, dressed the wound, then we called the rear and told them we were sending these children back so they would know what to expect. We then provided them with food, candy and gum from our C Rations and sent them on their way. They never complained and were so excited to get rations from us.

I have thought of this young man almost daily for over 52 years. I wonder how his Father's Days have been, what his Christmases are like and what his children are like.

I have looked at my children, as they were their ages, looked at my grandchildren and I'm so glad everyday that "It Just Didn't Feel Right" that day.

As a combat veteran, I have guided my life in ways to remember if it don't feel right then it may not be right. It has helped me through life from that day on. How thankful I am that I listened to my conscious and did the right thing.

Thank you, Veterans!



Saturday, October 19 - Open Noon - 12:30 a.m. Family Day - Matinee Unlimited Rides: Noon - 6 p.m. - \$15 All Day Unlimited Rides: Noon - 12:30 a.m. - \$25

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