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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
West Nassau @ Baker County
 7:00 p.m.

Hilliard @ Fernandina
 7:00 p.m.

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Kendrick Continues to Make His Mark in the Big League

Dawn S. West

Small town USA... Callahan, has another reason to stand up and cheer! Howard 'Howie' Kendrick, 36, who plays baseball for the Washington Nationals is a West Nassau alumni. Howie already made his mark by playing in the 'big league' going into his 17th year. Last Wednesday, the Nationals were in Game 5 (the final game) of the National League playoff series against the Los Angeles Dodgers. The score was tied at 3-3 in the 10th inning. The bases were loaded as Kendrick took his turn at bat in his normal calm but confident way. Kendrick connected with the ball and sent it sailing 410 feet over the centerfield wall for a go-ahead Grand Slam. The hit not only won the game for the Nationals but was also the biggest hit in the Nationals' history sending the team to their first playoff series!

The Nationals swept the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League Championship Series and Tuesday night, they clinched their spot in the World Series beating the Cardinals 7-4. Callahan's Howie Kendrick was named MVP for the championship series



Photo by Sean M. Haffey/Getty Images

following the game.

"This is the highlight of my career. This award is for all of us because we're a team. I love these guys!" said Kendrick.

This is the first time the Nationals (and Kendrick) have been to the World Series and the first time since 1933 that a baseball team from Washington D.C.

has been to the World Series. Game 1 of the World Series will begin Tuesday, October 22.

Kendrick graduated from West Nassau High School in 2001. He played baseball and was a natural talent in the sport. His calm demeanor mixed with his determination to excel in the sport

he loved allowed him to be the man and player his is today. He has never been showy or proud. He's just a man doing what he loves and doing it well! He fought through many adversities growing up but never let that stop him or define him. He is living proof of an overcomer. As many great athletes do, following graduation Kendrick attended a community college. At that time it was called St. Johns River Community College where he was 'found' by a scout and later drafted in the 10th round by the Los Angeles Angels.

Seventeen years have come and gone in this great player's career. Now, with each game you can just see the joy and love Kendrick has for the game and being a team player. What an awesome testimony for a young kid from Callahan, that early in his life, was sent out to California to play in the big leagues with no family or friends around and made it! His big smile is one of the things I most remember about him during his school days and that hasn't changed!

Let's all get on the Howie Kendrick bandwagon as we continue to watch him and his team excel! Way to go Howie!

WNHS Holds Induction Ceremony for Hall of Fame

Dawn S. West

Friday night, prior to the West Nassau High School football game, West Nassau High School Principal Curtis Gaus and Athletic Director Randalyn Bryant presented trophies and plaques to the inductees of the inaugural West Nassau Hall of Fame. Several applications were sent in for consideration. All the applications were read and voted on by a committee. The committee condensed the winners to five. Applications will be held for five years for consideration.

The five winners were: the late Emmitt G. Coakley; Mr. Don Hagan; Coach Allen Kirk; Ms. Rose Way; and Mitchell Sperrin.

The late Emmitt G. Coakley's award was accepted by his wife, Ethelrene Coakley. Mr. Coakley was an educator



Mr. Don Hagan, Ms. Rose Way, Mr. Allen Kirk, Mrs. Ethelrene Coakley and Mrs. Candience Sperrin.

in Nassau County for 55 years. He served as Principal of West Nassau for 14 years. He served on the Nassau

Planning and Zoning Board for several years. He was a teacher and coach at Pine Forrest High School and was the

first African-American principal in Nassau County.

Mr. Don Hagan accepted his award with his wife Ann by his side and his children and grandchildren in the stands. Mr. Hagan was born and raised in Callahan and was a 1951 graduate of Callahan High School where he played basketball. He received an athletic scholarship to Jacksonville University. He served his country in the US Army. Mr. Hagan bought his first hardware store in Hilliard, which is now Hagan Ace Hardware. He and Ann worked hard to grow the business into the success it is today. Today they own several Hagan Ace stores, which their children and grandchildren are now managing.

Coach Allen Kirk accepted his award with his family watching in the stands.

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WNHS Hall of Fame

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Coach Kirk retired after 31 years of teaching in Nassau County from 1962-1991. He served as Athletic Director at West Nassau for 16 years; and coached basketball, softball and track. He had 8 Softball State Championships; and was chosen 4 times as State Softball Coach of the Year.

Ms. Rose Way accepted her award with several family members and friends by her side and more family in the stands. Ms. Way served as the West Nassau girl's head basketball coach for 15 years. She was also the Physical Education teacher and assistant track and volleyball coach. She served many years before her retirement as a beloved coach, mentor and teacher. The Warrior Band played 'Cherokee', the West

Nassau fight song, for Ms. Way. Mitchell Spearrin's award was accepted by his parents, Raymond and Candience Spearrin and family, as he currently lives in California. Mitchell was a 2002 graduate of West Nassau High School, where he was Valedictorian. He continued his education at Harvard University where he played football and was a 2004 Ivy League Champion. He then attended and graduated from Stanford University in 2015 with a PhD in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently a Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at UCLA. He recently won the National Science Foundation Career Award in 2018.

Congratulations!



Northeast Florida Fair Queen Lexi Batrous



Northeast Florida Fair Pageant winners from (l to r) are: 2019 NE FL Fair Queen Lexi Batrous; 3rd Runner up Kylee Womack; 2nd Runner up Ryanne Conner; and 1st Runner Up Heather Carver.

Letters to the Editor

Kudos Callahan Speedway!

Dear Editor,
Kudos to Callahan Speedway and owner David Hicken! With the rodeo arena at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds having been torn down this year for improvements, David stepped up and offered Callahan Speedway as a place to hold the Callahan Rodeo.

As per tradition, there is a rodeo the week of the fair. The rodeo was around before the fair, so it is a tradition many families look forward to. What better place, than right across the road? Flying G Rodeo took David up on the offer and put up an arena right in

the center of the racetrack! What an awesome solution and show of determination to carry on tradition. My family and I attended both nights of the rodeo and thoroughly enjoyed it! As always, Flying G Rodeo did not disappoint offering great, all-American, family entertainment. Callahan Speedway did not profit from hosting the rodeo, but David Hicken sure earned some new fans, friends and supporters!

We all look forward to seeing the new arena that is planned at the fairgrounds for next year's rodeo!

Jessie L. Pickett

LCLM Class for Professionals

On Thursday, December 12 from 8 a.m. until noon, UF/IFAS Nassau Director Rebecca Jordi will conduct a LCLM class for professionals. This program is designed to enhance the professional development of personnel in the green industry, pesticide applicators and landscapers.

This program will provide the required CEUs for license renewal for multiple pesticide licenses working with landscape management. CEUs (total of 4) will be available in the following categories: Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance, Limited Lawn & Ornamental, Commercial Lawn & Ornamental, Ornamental & Turf CORE.

The registration fee is \$30. Please pre-register through Eventbrite by December 5 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/advanced-landscape-class-tickets-73152293479>. Late registration will be \$40. There will be no refunds for the registration fee. Registration will close on December 5.

For more information about this program contact Rebecca Jordi, Horticulture Agent, at 904-530-6351 or Justina Dacey, Natural Resources & Agriculture Agent at 904-530-6353.

In the Kitchen...

- 1 (16 oz.) can crushed pineapple
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1 lg. carton whipped topping

Drain pineapple juice into a bowl, mix juice with pudding (disregard instructions on box). Stir in pineapple, marshmallows and pecans. Mix well. Fold in whipped topping and chill.

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Looking for Artists

The West Nassau Historical Society is actively seeking artists and high school students from Nassau County to participate in their 8th Annual Nassau Art at the Callahan Depot (NACD)



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 exhibit will be held inside the historic Callahan Train Depot, located at 45838 Dixie Avenue, January 25, 2020. 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. Artists are also encouraged to bring more of their art works to sell to the public during the show in an area of the depot that will be designated as the "art store." The all-volunteer nonprofit hopes all Nassau County artists will visit their website: www.wnhsfl.org for entry applications and art show information. Deadline for entering is January 17, 2020. The group also encourages middle and high school students to contact the Historical Society or their art teacher for a student entry form.

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. Gift cards and other prizes will be awarded to the top winners of each category. Admission to the 8th edition of the NACD art show is free but donations are always appreciated.

The West Nassau Historical Society is a registered 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to preserving and promoting Nassau County's history and culture and is entrusted in the upkeep of the historic late Victorian-style Callahan Train Depot. They are also an active member and received support from Arts and Culture Nassau, a county-wide organization dedicated to promoting the arts in Nassau County. To become a sponsor or for more details on entering the show or becoming a volunteer visit our website at: www.wnhsfl.org, call 904-879-3406, or like us on Facebook. We are always looking for new members and volunteers to help us promote our county's rich and diverse history and host historical and cultural events.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

The war rages on, of course, that's nothing new. It began the very day Donald Trump was elected. According to Newt Gingrich, the Democrats are terrified of an investigation into Ukraine. However looking at the timeline of "impeachment" is astonishing. Gingrich told America's Newsroom host Sandra Smith that Trump was declared the winner at 2:30 a.m. and the next day you already have eight or nine cities where left-wingers have organized anti-Trump rallies. On December 15th, Vanity Fair published an article about how the impeachment process is underway. The very same day that President Trump was sworn in on January 20, 2017, The Washington Post has a story about the Democrats planning for impeachment. He stated that the Democrat members of Congress are attempting to be the ultimate Electoral College.

Enough with the serious stuff, it's time for some political one liners:

FACT: There isn't really a plan to eliminate student debt, only a plan to transfer the debt from those who currently owe it, to the rest of us.

"Imagine illegally entering another country and being angry that their detention centers weren't up to your standards."

"If we catch you cheating to get into college, we will put you in jail, and if you cheat to enter our country, we'll give you free-college and a driver's license and food stamps."

Charles Barkley: "Poor people have been voting Democrat for 50 years and they're still poor! Walk away."

Hey Democrats, if a million Russians came across our border to vote for Trump, would that be ok?

Kim Jong Un had more American flags displayed during Trump's visit than the liberal Democrats displayed during their debates.

Democrats: Rich people convincing poor people to vote for rich people by telling the poor people that the other rich people are the reason they're poor.

Dear Middle Class American Citizens, Work harder! You've got illegal alien health care to pay for. Love, Democratic Presidential Candidates

Name something stupid that Liberals do: Claim there is a gender pay gap then turn around and say there's no such thing as gender.

Sorry if my political posts offend you, but the future of my country is more important than your feelings.

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

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold their monthly meeting Monday, October 21 at 7 p.m. at The Pig Restaurant in Callahan. If you are interested in the history 1861-1865, you are invited to attend.

The American Legion Post 401 plays BINGO every Thursday at 6 p.m. at their post, 37405 Henry Smith Rd., Hilliard. Everyone welcome! For more information call 845-7300.

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.

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We all face many different situations in our life that are not always expected. We sometimes are not aware of what is happening. Then we stop and look back on our lives and we find that God is in all things and He is always working even when we are not aware of His presence.

It is strange how things come to our mind at the strangest time. It was during a "visit" last week to the hospital that I lay during that one night thinking about the unseen and hidden things in our lives. The hospital is not a place where you get a sound sleep but, for me, I would doze on and off amid the sounds and activity.

I looked at the pressure dressing on my wrist where the doctor had inserted a catheter to go up into my heart. He was looking for hidden obstructions in the pathways of my heart. The hidden obstructions could not be seen from the outside but as the doctor guided the catheter he found several hidden obstructions that required repairing.

The Psalmist David prayed to the Lord God, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life." (Psalm 139:23-2 NLT)

Sin in our lives is an obstruction for a right relationship with God. To have that right relationship with God, Jesus Christ wants us to confess our sin and ask Him to forgive our sin. Many times even as a Christian, we allow hidden sin into our lives. "Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior." (Ephesians 4:31 NLT)

As I would doze on and off there were the noise of the monitors and other unfamiliar sounds. But a few times I would wake up enough to see my nurse, Austin (who is from Callahan) or Abria, my CNA, moving around the room or leaving. Judith, my wife, said that they would silently step into the room, check the monitors, adjust the cables if needed, check my wrist and IV and I was unaware of the service. They did their work with silent steps.

Over the years we have seen and experienced many times that our Lord Jesus is silently moving and preparing our way without us ever being aware of His mighty work. As you and I put our trust in the Lord Jesus we can confidently allow Him to direct our steps. As we surrender our lives to Him we can know He will guide us in our relationship with other people, which job should we take, what is the best way to help our children, etc.

God is not asleep but is working to glorify Himself through each person. He, often with silent steps, is watching out for you, as you trust Him. To the one who trusts Him, He promises, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

Nassau Clerk Joins Operation Green Light

The Nassau County Clerk of Court offices will join other Clerks in the state to help restore Driver Licenses of citizens who have had their licenses suspended. Operation Green Light is a statewide Driver License Reinstatement Event.



On Friday, October 18, Clerk of Court locations in Yulee and Fernandina will open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for Operation Green Light.

"This is a great opportunity to save some money and get back on the road - legally," said John A. Crawford, Nassau County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller. "Those eligible can potentially save up to 35%."

For more information, or to find out if you are eligible for this program, call the Clerk of Court Office at 904-548-4613.

Tom Raymond Collection Presented to Museum



West Nassau Historical Society President Emily Baumgartner and museum director John Hendricks stand with Rebecca Raymond as she completes delivery of the Raymond Collection to the museum. Tom Raymond was a student of local history, a well-published author, and an avid collector of all things about locomotives. His widow proudly delivered the last of his collection of trains to the historical society's museum, as well as the portion of his extensive stamp collection that concentrates on trains from around the world.

The Museum is in the historic train depot on Dixie Avenue in Callahan. It had its beginnings in 2008, when a collector of railroad memorabilia approached the society about establishing a permanent home for his collection. That collection has been expanded to reflect the history of West Nassau County, and includes maps, photographs, and permanent displays reflecting the county's agricultural and aviation activities.

Visit: www.wnhsfl.org for more information about the museum and its activities, including the Hobos, Hot Rods, and Heroes Festival/Car Show on November 16.

Young Eagles to Soar October 26

Chapter 943 of the Experimental Aircraft Association on Amelia Island will host a Young Eagles Flying Day Saturday, October 26th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport. The event is open to all children ages 8 to 17 who are accompanied by a parent or guardian.



The Young Eagles program is designed to introduce young people to aviation by offering free flights in light aircrafts that are owned by the members of the local chapter. EAA Chapter 943 in Fernandina Beach is part of a network of chapters totaling over 170,000 members worldwide. For more information about Chapter 943, visit: eaa943.org. For more information about the Young Eagle Flying Day, call Dick at 912-882-6989 or Tom at 904-583-0698.

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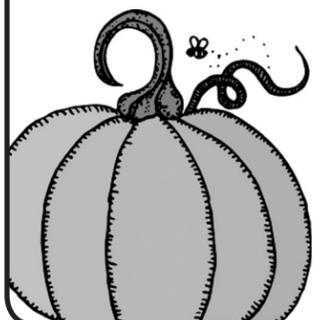
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Gateway to Life Ministries will have a Food Giveaway Saturday, October 19 for families in need from 10 a.m. - noon. The church is located at 37837 Eastwood Rd., Hilliard.



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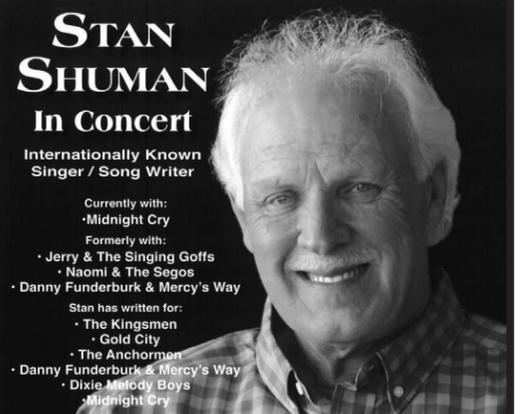
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CMS Earth Warriors 4-H Holding Raffle



The Callahan Middle School Earth Warriors 4-H Club members are very busy thus far this school year. They elected officers and they are: President Ella Finsness; Vice President Crew Conner; and Treasurer Alex Smith. These young people are hosting the Recycling Community Service Project currently taking place at the fair.

The students have been selling tickets at the fair and the Farmer's Market. The raffle tickets are \$5 each for a chance to win a Davy Crockett Pellet Smoker or a Pampered Chef 8 quart Stock Pot. The money is to help support the students for the trip of a lifetime to California next summer. These young people are excited to be working towards earning money to visit National Parks as a culmination of a fun year of learning about our amazing environment. To purchase a \$5 ticket (or more) stop by the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, Callahan.

These young people will also be out at the November Farmer's Market!

American Cancer Society Needs Volunteer Drivers

American Cancer Society (ACS) needs more drivers to support the Road To Recovery® volunteer program, which provides cancer patients with free rides to treatment. This year, more than 131,000 Florida residents will be diagnosed with cancer, and for some getting to high quality timely care can be their biggest roadblock. A successful transportation assistance program can be a tremendous, potentially life-saving asset to the community. That's why volunteering for the American Cancer Society's Road To Recovery program is so important.

"When cancer hits, it hits from all sides and lacking transportation to treatments shouldn't be one," said Timyia Smith, volunteer, American Cancer Society. "That's why I volunteer with the American Cancer Society. We are all activists against cancer, leading the fight for a world without this disease."

ACS currently has nearly 10,000 Road To Recovery drivers nationally, but the need for drivers is greater than the number of volunteers. In many communities, due to the lack of drivers, transportation needs can go unmet. ACS screens and trains all volunteer drivers directly and coordinates the rides for patients. Volunteer drivers donate their time and can provide as many rides as they want.

All drivers must have:

- A good driving record
- A current, valid driver's license
- Proof of adequate automobile insurance
- Access to a safe and reliable vehicle
- Schedule availability
- Regular desktop, laptop, or tablet computer access

The American Cancer Society is attacking cancer on all fronts – matching people affected by cancer with access to quality care that will improve their cancer journey and contribute to improved survivorship outcomes.

To learn more about volunteering for the Road To Recovery program, visit cancer.org/roadtorecovery.



PLANT CLINIC

On Monday, October 21, Nassau Extension will conduct a Plant Clinic at the Yulee Extension office. Come anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for expert advice. Bring us your tired, diseased, insect infested plants yearning to be free of problems. When possible place your plant in a plastic bag to prevent chances of spreading issues to other plants. You will receive current researched based information on proper plant care, disease management and insect control. These sessions are free to the public.

Old Dixie Highway Construction Update

Per Commissioner Justin Taylor, "The Board reviewed the proposals and approved the engineering firm at the September 23 meeting. A pre-construction meeting will take place shortly and construction should begin by the end of the month. I'll follow back up on exact dates. Construction signs should be going up any day now. Getting close!"

Colonial Dames Welcomes New Members



The Princess Amelia Chapter Colonial Dames of the XVII Century recently welcomed six new members during its September meeting.

Shown (l to r) are: Teresa Reynolds, Theresa Emery, Sharon Driscoll, President Sherry Harrell and Registrar Lisa Bauer. Not pictured are: Sara Stonehill Nuttall, Barrie Hooley and Marie Wood.

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

Bryceville Library Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Mr. George Spicer and Ms. Wilma Whittemore who were the winners of the Bryceville Friends of the Library backpack raffle held recently.



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From the Beaches to the Rock Pile in Viet Nam

Editor's note: The following is a story from a Viet Nam 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 continues to.

Viet Nam 1966: A journey to the DMZ. September 1966 was a learning and sobering time for this Marine Unit as we were designated to be the first units to land at the Cau Viet River to start patrolling the DMZ from the China Sea West along the DMZ (De Militarized Zone). It wasn't long till we changed it to the Dead Marine Zone.

Our first order was to secure the beach and river inlet. After a few days of setting up wire, bunkers and thousands of sand bags, we were ready to move inland. One of our most sobering mornings as we prepared to move out we noticed something missing. It was our Marine Infantry. However we were then told of the joint operation with the ARVINS (Army Republic of Viet Nam).

As we loaded and started our sweeps inland towards Dong Ha it was a very nerve-racking experience. Not able to understand their language very well and understanding that many of them could be Viet Cong sympathizers we did not know who to trust. I learned what they meant by an army travels on its stomach as the ARVINS carried their food with them. They carried live chickens and tied their heads under their wings to keep them asleep during the day. At night the chickens including all parts were cooked along with their rice and

additives. To me that was the worst smell imagined for food. To this day the smell lingers, smells a lot like some tacos. I now know what Veterans say when certain smells trigger them off.

Continuing on patrol, I give them credit. At Dong Ha we hit a large unit of the North Viet Nam army. The ARVINS fought bravely, having quite a loss of life and wounded. We supported them with fire and cover. Afterwards we brought the wounded in for medical treatment, evacuated the seriously wounded, then started the very unpleasant task of removing the ARVIN dead. It was important that there was an accurate count of all casualties, Marines, ARVINS, as well as the enemy count. The ARVINS sustained a lot of casualties that day. One thing you will never forget is seeing bodies of soldiers removed for count. After that day I had a different view of the ARVINS and their abilities. Still did not trust all of them.

Today, as our country works with, trains and supports our allies, I understand each military serviceman's feeling of unrest and apprehension when on operation with someone other than your unit. There is no replacement for that good feeling of having an American serviceman, someone you trust covering your back. As was before me and after me, thank you Veterans for what you have endured.

General McArthur said it best and I quote by saying, "No one desires peace as much as the soldier, for he must pay the greatest penalty in war."



Rayonier, Inc. Supports Barnabas Programs



Rayonier, Inc. presented a donation of \$1,000 to Wanda Lanier, President and CEO of Barnabas Center.

The contribution represents sponsorship support for the upcoming 6th Annual Empty Bowls luncheon on November 8th. In addition, Rayonier, Inc. hosted a bowl paint party at Wildlight in August for Empty Bowls. Rayonier, Inc. also regularly volunteers to pack Meal Packs for children in need in Nassau County and provides grant funding to Barnabas Center programs and services.

As the Nassau County community

is growing, so are its health and social service needs. The Empty Bowls volunteer Sponsorship Committee Chair, Pam Fox, has recruited many local friends and neighbors to help her secure 60 new sponsors, Rayonier, Inc. being one of them, for Barnabas' upcoming Empty Bowls fundraising luncheon.

Barnabas thanks Rayonier, Inc. and all the Empty Bowls sponsors for their continued support! For more information about Barnabas' programs, please visit www.BarnabasNassau.org.

Bahamas Relief Gala Night Tuesday

Enjoy a night of live entertainment and dinner while providing donations to provide relief for victims of Hurricane Dorian. The goal is to raise \$5,000 in donations and donated items for relief for victims in the Bahamas. The event is sponsored by the West Nassau Key Club, an international student-led organization sponsored by the Kiwanis Club to build leaders and uplift students through community involvement.

The event will be held Tuesday, October 22 from 6-7:30 at the First Baptist Church of Callahan, 45090 Green Street, Callahan. Bring your donations, enjoy dinner, music and theatre with your dinner.

For more information, call 904-238-8810 or 904-728-4611.

Volunteers Needed at Barnabas Resale Store



Barnabas New to You Resale Store needs volunteers. If you are interested in fulfilling community service hours, Bright Futures requirements, or you just want to give back to the community, think of Barnabas New to You. Volunteer opportunities are available for cashiers, greeters, back room associates and dock workers. This is also a great opportunity for those who prefer to volunteer on Saturdays.

Our resale store provides a fun and friendly shopping experience for everyone, selling donated items at affordable prices. An essential purpose of our resale store is providing items to people in crisis, and resale proceeds help support Barnabas programs. Barnabas New to You Resale Store is open Monday- Saturday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. For more information call the Barnabas volunteer coordinator, Kim Cherry at (904) 261-7000.

RED DOT PROJECT COLLECTION

Harley Miller, of Callahan, is collecting small cosmetic bags with teen feminine products. The Red Dot Project solely depends on donations of teen feminine products such as pads, panty liners, tampons, panties, individually wrapped feminine wipes and small cosmetic bags (Ipsy bags). Donations may be brought to the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200 (across from Dollar General) Callahan, 879-4180. The care packages are distributed to our middle schools and are available as needed in the nurse's office.



Baby Donations needed!

The Nest, A Women's Center is in dire need of baby items. The Nest Women's Center is a place where women can go and receive Pregnancy Testing, Ultrasound, Counseling and join a Parent Education Program (PEP) along with many other services. They also provide counseling for young mothers and provide some baby items.

The Nest has two locations, Jacksonville and in Yulee. Appointments can be made by calling 904-619-4914. The items currently needed are listed below. If you can donate any of the items from the list you may bring the items to the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, Callahan. Items needed are: Diapers size 3 and 4; Pacifiers; Bottles; and any kind of Baby Formula.

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Haunted History Tour in St. Marys



many of the departed, because St. Marys was one of his favorite stopovers.”

Along with the Goat Man, portrayals of other characters to be featured on the Haunted History Tour include the Resurrection Angel, a tragic Acadian, hobos, a shrimpboat captain, a Gullah Geechee woman, other familiar historical and dearly departed community figures, plus this year—visiting witches from Salem.

Melding legends of local spirits with authentic historical events, professional and amateur storytellers will hold court beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, October 25. Golf carts will be utilized for those who prefer not to walk the tour (which covers about a six block area). Upon purchase of a ticket, guests will receive a map of the tour and they can begin the tour at any of the eight venues.

Tickets for the tour can be purchased in advance at Once Upon a Bookseller at 207 Osborne Street (cash or check please). Advance tickets are \$8 and \$10 on the day of the event. Groups of 20 or more can purchase tickets for just \$5 each. For more information, call 912-882-7350.

Some of St. Marys’ most chilling and historical figures will be out and about again on October 25 as St. Marys Little Theatre (SMLT) presents its 11th Annual Haunted History Tour. This year’s line-up of haunting storytellers are stationed in period costume around eight venues in downtown St. Marys. Venues include the historic Oak Grove Cemetery, Riverview Hotel, and the Goodbread House, among others.

SMLT Chair Barbara Ryan said that many people will be charmed by the goat man who is back by popular demand along with his herd of live goats. “Long-time residents from all over Georgia remember the goat man from the 60s,” Ryan said. “It seems his spirit lingers over St. Marys, like so

Cofield to Attend Symposium in New York

The American Geographical Society (AGS) announced Mrs. Rebecca Cofield of West Nassau County High School has been selected as a 2019 AGS Geography Teacher Fellow. As part of the recognition, Mrs. Rebecca Cofield will attend and participate in the AGS Fall 2019 Symposium “Geography 2050: Borders and a Borderless World” in New York City on November 21 and 22, 2019.

The AGS Geography Teacher Fellow program is a year-long professional development opportunity that enables Geography teachers to implement open-source mapping into their classrooms and provides supplementary resources and materials to the teachers. Teachers were selected from across the

United States and will receive special opportunities to support their teaching activities for the year. Mrs. Cofield is one of 50 teachers selected from across the United States to participate in this fourth year of the initiative.



Mrs. Rebecca Cofield teaches Advanced Placement (AP) Human Geography in Callahan. As part of the award for being selected as an AGS Geography Teacher Fellow, Mrs. Cofield will attend the AGS Fall Symposium on November 21 and 22, 2019 at Columbia University in New York City. The Symposium provides Teacher Fellows with the opportunity to interact with geography and geospatial leaders from across the country, as well as receive professional training in open source mapping.

Callahan Soccer Donates to Relay



Callahan Soccer Club recently held a fall festival to benefit Relay for Life. The event was a huge success! The club raised \$1600 for the Nassau County Relay for Life. The Relay event money raised stays in Nassau County to help our patients. The Soccer Club presented the check Saturday to Mrs. Wanda Nichols, Chairman of Relay. Way to go Callahan Soccer!

Angel Tree Christmas for Senior Citizens



The Salvation Army Hope House will be sponsoring an Angel Tree Christmas. The project is to help senior citizens that are 60 years and older that live on a limited income. Seniors or their caregivers are encouraged to enter their names and their wish list with the program now through November 1. For more information, call 904-321-0435.

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Westside Journal Visits Idaho!



Pastor Arlie and Mrs. Donna Johns and Danny and Alicia Raulerson recently took a trip to Idaho! The trip was not only to see the beautiful countryside but also for an elk hunt. How awesome it was for them to take a copy of the Westside Journal with them!

Callahan Library: Book Club

Whether it's a mystery, murder, or some other form of mayhem, read a thriller to share at the Callahan Library's Book Club meeting on Thursday, October 24 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The Callahan Library is located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15, Callahan, 904-530-6500 (#3), www.nassaureads.com.



OREMC Promotes the Power of Pink



The power of pink was on full display at Okefenokee REMC's Hilliard office as employees participated in #PinkOut2019 to help elevate breast cancer awareness. October 11 was designated Pink Out Friday by the Southeast Georgia Health System, encouraging the community to wear pink in support of the women and men who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. For OREMC employees,

wearing pink was a way to honor breast cancer warriors, survivors and help promote the importance of early detection.

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS!

As many of you know, every year West Nassau High School Air Force JROTC partners with the local AMVETS and American Legion chapters to host a special Veterans dinner. This year's dinner will be held Thursday, November 7 at 6 p.m. It is a great night of celebration and recognition for your sacrifices and service to our country.



This year, the Cadets would like to make the evening a little more special. They are asking that you email some pictures of yourself in service. They will take all these pictures and create a slideshow that will play on a loop during the evening dinner. They would love to show a picture of you when you started your service, a current picture to show a before and after and several photos of you throughout your service. Please email all photos with your name to FL-955@afjrotc.com by November 1st so we can put the slideshow together.

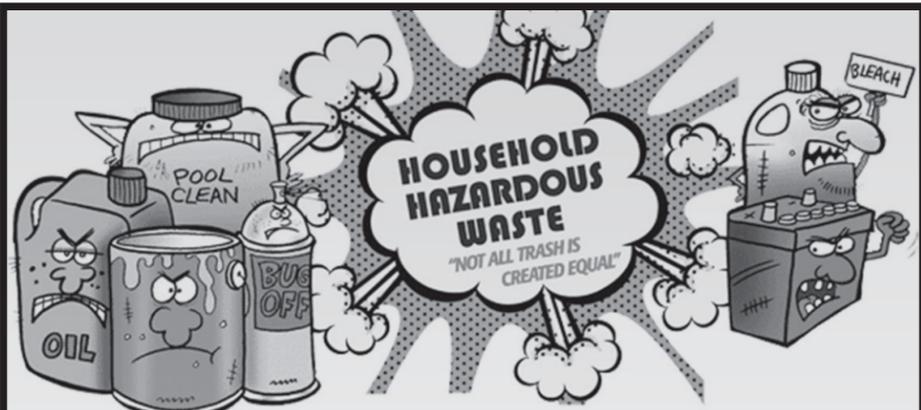
Several businesses have asked how they can donate to this event. Please contact Mrs. Jackie Black at the American Legion Post 401 at (904) 514-4447 and leave a message. She will contact you back. We look forward to visiting with you and your family on November 7th.



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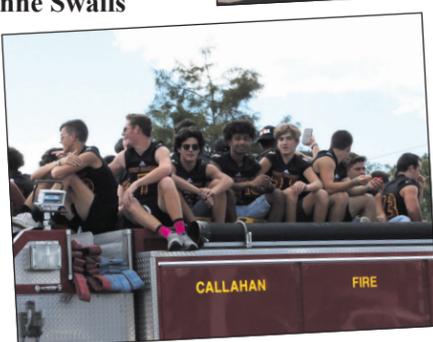
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Gressman Announces Candidacy for County Commissioner District 5

Recently, Charlie Gressman completed his candidate application and filed with the Nassau County Supervisor of Elections to begin his campaign for Nassau County Commissioner District 5. This position requires steady, balanced leadership in order to meet the challenges of the 2020s.

Charlie is a lifelong resident of Nassau County. He grew up on his family's farm in Callahan, started a business here, raised a family on the same land he grew up on, and has been dedicated to the betterment of our county his entire adult life. While working on the family farm, Charlie developed a strong work ethic. As a young man, Charlie would answer his nation's call to serve in the US Army Reserves, serving six years as a medic. Traits like hard work, selfless service, in addition to the discipline required to plan for the future, laid the foundation for running a successful business of his own. The experience of being an entrepreneur has given Charlie the skills that will be beneficial in guiding our county government efficiently and cost-effectively.

More recently, Charlie's professional experience working for a large corporation has drawn upon a lifetime of relationship-building, planning and carrying out tasks to meet even the most complicated and demanding project requirements. For years, Charlie has volunteered his time to organizations like the Nassau County Farm Bureau, the Florida Farm Bureau's Young Farmer & Rancher State Committees, the Southeast Milk Producers and has served as Pop Warner commissioner and little league coach. Charlie also serves as a deacon at Callahan First Baptist Church and has participated in numerous disaster relief programs and ministry-based initiatives both domestically and abroad.

In addition to decades of professional and volunteer experience, Charlie currently serves on Nassau County's Planning & Zoning Board, where he takes an active role in organizing and developing infrastructure projects that will help shape the future of Nassau County in a planned, managed way.

Even while building an impressive professional career, Charlie has always put his family first. He has been married 47 years to Linda Schwend Gressman. They have two sons, Caleb and Hillary Gressman and Grant and Leslie

Gressman. Charlie and Linda are also the proud grandparents of five amazing children: Riley, Rowan, Hallie, Reese and Colton.

Charlie is running for County Commissioner District 5 because of his commitment to doing what he can to ensure a more prosperous future for everyone. Across our county, we see growth and Charlie understands that smart, planned growth is needed to create and sustain a strong local economy...where people can live, work and play.

This plan requires that our tax base be diversified. For too long, our county has relied on residential rooftops to be the primary source of tax revenues. Nassau County leadership must act now by attracting more business and industry to spread the tax burden, increase the county's access to critical services, amenities, and to keep our residential property taxes low.

"I'm running for my family...my kids and grandkids. I want them to have every opportunity to build a good life here. They should be able to work here, live here and be able to enjoy life without having to leave the county, if they wish," Charlie says, "At the same time, I think we need to be smart about how we grow. We have to be able to look forward and see the potential impacts of decisions we make today...because if we don't, we wind up reacting to needs instead of planning solutions...and our quality of life suffers."

Charlie's common-sense plan is to increase transparency in planning & zoning, consistently communicate plans with the public and increase public participation, collaborate with stakeholders throughout the county to develop smart, controlled growth projects while protecting individual property rights, create more jobs based here at home so more money stays in the county, and diversify the tax base.

A lifetime of developing relationships with the people of Nassau County, a strong business background, an unwavering commitment to selfless service, and a common-sense approach to problem solving all make Charlie Gressman the right choice to serve as Nassau County Commissioner, District 5.

To learn more about Charlie Gressman and his campaign, visit www.CharlieGressman.com or call Charlie at 904-521-7733.



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, October 7

Christopher Clyde Perry, 38, 64245 Huckleberry Lane, Callahan: Battery Domestic

Tuesday, October 8

Terrance Warren Dyal, 50, 36002 Rustic Acres Way, Callahan: Duval County Warrant Violation of Probation DUI 0.15 or Higher

Julie Ann Minchuk, 45, 241614 CR 121, Hilliard: Violation of Pre-Trial Release
Charles Edward Ellisor, 58, 37039 W. Fourth Street, Hilliard: Violation of Pre-Trial Release

Theresa Jean Pfister, 36, 2191 Kinard Road, Bryceville: Habitual Traffic Offender

Jeremy Scott Thompson, 43, 54383 Lee Stoner Road, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Trans Drug Paraphernalia

Christal Nicole Vancoonis, 36, 27247 W. Third Avenue, Hilliard: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Wednesday, October 9

David Michael Price, 27, 64736 Spring Lake Drive, Callahan: DUI Resist without Violence

Thursday, October 10

Anthony Wayne Thrift, 34, 37169 Coyote Drive, Hilliard: Possession of Controlled Substance Described in 893.03 (5)

Friday, October 11

Brian Alex Waters, 26, 31479 CR 121, Hilliard: Aggravated Battery

Train vs Pedestrian Fatality

According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, Friday, October 11 a pedestrian, Rosalina Wolf, 62, was walking southbound on the railroad tracks near Andrews Road in Hilliard. A train was also traveling southbound on the tracks and collided with the pedestrian.

Fatal Accident Last Tuesday

A Callahan man was killed in a two-vehicle accident last Tuesday, October 8. According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, a 2012 Honda Civic driven by Douglas L. Adams, 52 of Callahan, was traveling northbound on Lem Turner Road north of Gator Lane. Another vehicle, a 2002 Ford Escape, driven by Debbie Creamer, 63, of Callahan was traveling southbound on Lem Turner. Adams lost control of his vehicle and crossed over into the southbound lane. The front of his vehicle collided

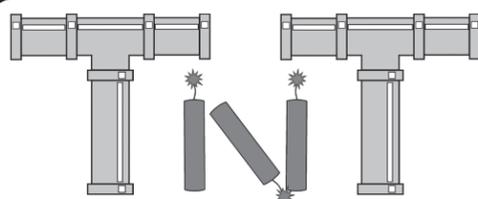
with the front of the Creamer vehicle. The impact caused Adams' vehicle to travel off the road and onto the outside shoulder (southbound) where it came to final rest. The Creamer vehicle came to final rest overturned in the ditch facing north.

Mr. Adams was pronounced deceased at the scene. Creamer and her passenger Jack Creamer, 53, were transported to UF Health in critical and serious condition, respectively.

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REGINA MILLER BURNELIS



Regina Elizabeth Miller Burnelis, 88, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on October 11, 2019. She was born on August 23, 1931 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Raymond and Elizabeth Miller. Regina volunteered as a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader and at St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was a member of the church choir and Professional Women's Club in Pittsburgh. She attended banking school and Allegheny Community College. Regina worked at Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh.

She is survived by her loving husband of 72 years, Frank W. Burnelis; children Raylene Matthews, Janene (Michael) Honan, Lynette (James) Talak, Judith (Sam) Rozzo, Francis R. (Tam) Burnelis, David Burnelis and Diane Feasey; grandchildren Scott (Mila), Greg (Tony), Eric (Crystal), Karen (Steve), April, David, Gwen (Mike), Charles (Nate), Christopher, Jonathan, Timothy and Natalie; great-grandchildren Ashley, Brandon, Arabella, Adalynn, Andrew, Zacharey, Mackynzee, Myranda, Serena, Damien, Logan and Luke; brother Raymond (Rose) Miller; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in her memory be made to Community Hospice & Palliative Care, 1348 South 18th St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 19 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church with Father Christopher Liguori officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

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OLA MAE FOSTER



Ola Mae 'Baby' Foster, 94, passed away peacefully at the Life Care Center of Hilliard on October 10, 2019. Ola Mae was born on March 7, 1925 in Morris, Georgia to James Billings and Estella Mae Lee Foster. After moving to Jacksonville, Ola began working for the City of Jacksonville Recreational Center for Senior Citizens.

Ola Mae is survived by her children Darryl and Alonda Billings, Jurdeen Nelson, Jacqueline Foster and Lishenthal and Annie Benthone of Jacksonville; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by Tony Benthone, Von Foster, Anthony and Nina Rhome, Terrence Nelson, Laketra Nelson, Kenny McCreary, Darryl Billings, Jr. and Janae Billings.

The family will receive friends prior to the funeral service held Thursday, October 17 at the New Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1824 Prospect Street, Jacksonville, with Dr. Marion Wise officiating. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Ola's life.

Condolences may be expressed at www.integrityservices.org.

Arrangements entrusted to Integrity Funeral Home and Cremations, Jacksonville, 904-891-6211.

SYLVIA E. FROITZHEIM



Sylvia Elizabeth Froitzheim, 89, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on October 9, 2019. She was born on April 17, 1930 in Teddington, England to Harry and Nellie Baker. She was a member of NWCA (Navy Wives Club of America), attended FJC (FSCJ) and worked many years for USPS.

She is survived by her sons Bruce (Diana) Froitzheim of Texas, Norman Paul Froitzheim, Jr. of Callahan and Raymond Carl (Trish) Froitzheim of Jacksonville; her daughter Ellen Monds of Callahan; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Norman Paul Froitzheim, Sr.; and son-in-law Ben Monds.

The family received friends Sunday, October 13 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. A graveside service was held Monday, October 14 at Jones Cemetery with Pastor Jeff Carter officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

ROBERT L. HOGAN



Robert L. Hogan, 68, of Hilliard, passed away October 7, 2019 in Jacksonville. He was born on July 15, 1951 in Jacksonville. Robert spent the better part of his adult life doing what he loved as a crane and heavy equipment operator in Jacksonville until an accident left him disabled. He had a passion for being outdoors and enjoying the things that he so very much loved such as: hunting, fishing, camping, riding his motorcycle and going on golf cart rides with his grandchildren. He enjoyed watching western movies and he loved any time that he was able to spend with his family. Robert was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile and his kind and compassionate spirit. To know Robert was a blessing and he will be missed by many. He is predeceased by his son Ryan Hogan.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Cindy H. Hogan; his sons Robert and Holly

Hogan and Lee and Kristy Hogan; his grandchildren Emma, Ella, Eva, Hunter and Rylee; his sister Evelyn (Charles) McLemore; as well as many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

There will be no services. A small gathering will take place at the Hogan residence Saturday, October 19 in tribute to his remembrance. For those who wish to attend, the family will receive friends from 1-4 p.m.

JAMES ALTON HOLMES



James 'Jimmy' Alton Holmes, 73, of Callahan, passed away on October 9, 2019. James was born on February 26, 1946 in Goldsboro, North

Carolina to Alton and Ida Mae Holmes. He attended Andrew Jackson High School and he proudly served his country in the US Army, 173rd Airborne during the Vietnam War. He was a maintenance mechanic for USG and retired from Colomer USA in 2008. Jimmy was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Brenda Holmes; and his parents; brothers Charles Holmes and Tracy Holmes.

He is survived by his daughters Tamara Holmes and Stacia Anderson; granddaughters Kaitlyn Anderson and Taylor Anderson; sister Linda (Bert) Rhodes; sister-in-law Libby Scaff; brother-in-law Randy Taylor; special friend and companion Jennifer Hand; and her son Kevin Hand; and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held Sunday, October 20 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel from 5-7 p.m. A graveside service will be held Monday, October 21 at River Road Baptist Church Cemetery at 11 a.m.

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EUGENE EDWIN KWAPNIOSKI



Born January 1, 1945 in Columbus, Nebraska to Peter and Stella Kwapnioski, Eugene (Gene) Edwin Kwapnioski passed away on October 10, 2019 at Baptist Medical Center Downtown Jacksonville. He was recently given troubling news that he had stage 4 cancer but it seems that our merciful God saw fit to take him before the pain of it could ravage his body further.

Gene joined the US Navy in 1968, enjoying boot camp in Great Lakes, IL, which he proclaimed was the coldest place on earth; and that must be saying something coming from a Nebraska boy. He served aboard the USS Intrepid, CVS-11, as a personnel clerk and ordnance handler during the Vietnam War. During his time in service, he earned "Gladiator of the Month," as well as a Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars. When his squadron downsized, he left active duty, went into reserves, did a few odd jobs until he found his calling working for Gold Kist Eggs.

He held a few positions at Gold Kist Eggs, but the most memorable is Feed Mill Manager. Even when accidentally tossed about by the feed mixer and hit in the head by a piece of material dropped from the catwalk from the top of the feed bin (waaaaay up high), Gene was a dedicated employee. He only took sick days when injured at work and when he took vacation days, he would often return early to assist if a phone call came in. Working for Gold Kist did afford an annual perk, going to Walt Disney World for the Egg Producers Conference one weekend a year. He did enjoy detailing the family car and truck! In fact, his truck was the envy of any gas station. This trip was a highly anticipated one where the daughter and teddy bears would slide across the freshly Armor All

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polished back seat as the Ford Thunderbird made each turn. Gene later admitted he never liked going to Disney, however, his daughter loved it because she got to spend time with her Daddy. He was a STELLAR provider, a man of few words, not much on affection, but when you grow up with nine siblings, that could be a side effect of it. When Gold Kist decided to leave Hilliard, after almost 20 years of loyalty, they offered Gene a job in Alabama. He chose to stay in what was home to him and used his truck driving skills to bring home the bacon. He got behind the wheel of a few log trucks, eventually getting one of his own. In fact, he was so excited when he picked it up he almost forgot how to shift the gears. He drove that truck so much he put over one million miles on it.

Gene leaves behind a daughter Lucy Kwapnioski-Nadeau (Greg Peistrup) of Yulee; his faithful dog Woodski (who he rescued from an area being logged that was six miles deep in the woods); a brother David (Loretta) Kwapnioski of Columbus, Nebraska; his dear friend David (Sue Ann) McCollough of Hilliard; and several nieces and nephews both in the Nebraska area and in Florida.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

The family will receive friends from 12-2 p.m. Saturday, October 26 prior to the funeral service at 2 p.m. at the Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Gene to the Gary Sinise Foundation.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

GAREY PAUL LEE



Garey Paul Lee, of Callahan, passed away on October 4, 2019. An avid hunter and fisherman, Garey enjoyed the outdoors. He proudly served his country in the US Army. He was a longtime employee of Bellingham Marine. He worked hard during the week so he could spend his weekends with family, have chocolate donuts with his grandson and watch his great nephews play.

He was married 21 years to his wife Elizabeth, a school teacher. He would frequently and quietly provide food, clothing and the occasional electric bill for her students. He was also known to feed and sometimes bring home stray animals. He was often referred to as Bossman, Garey Paul, Uncle Garey, Big G or Diddy by his loving daughter. His family takes comfort in the fact that even though he would slip and fall back in his actions, his heart belonged to God.

Garey is survived by his loving wife Elizabeth Lee; daughter Amber (Brad) Lee; sisters Jeannie Jarvis and Susan Lewis; brother Joe Lee; stepfather William Kilgore; grandson Tucker Adams; four nieces, a nephew, and 14 great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Jaqueline Kilgore and Paul Lee.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Thursday, October 17 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with

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

'TINA' CLARK TRIBBITT



Oletha 'Tina' Clark Tribbitt, 74, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on October 8, 2019. Tina was born on July 25, 1945 in Callahan to William Bill and Louella Clark. She was the former owner of Tina's Family Restaurant and the Tastee Freeze. She loved cooking and baking for everyone and traveling! She was an active member of Callahan Church of God. Tina loved her family and Jesus with all her heart!

She is survived by her brothers Francis (Ann) Clark and Keith Clark; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Bill and Louella Clark; siblings Willene Clark, Vera Jean Clark, James Clark, Wayne Clark, Doretha Clark and Gail Clark.

The family received friends Friday, October 11 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral service was held Saturday, October 12 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor E.A. Holbrooks officiating. Interment followed in Jones Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

STRICKLAND FAMILY THANK YOU

There are no words to express the gratitude we feel for the many expressions of love we have felt during the loss of our loved one, Donnie Strickland. We were overwhelmed with the food, cards, flowers, calls and visits from family and friends. We want to thank the Ephesus Baptist Church family and the Town of Hilliard for all the ways they ministered to us. May God bless you all.

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

God Bless our Troops!

Native Pollinators Class Held



UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardener Vicki Martin was the co-presenter at the Landscape Matters class on native pollinators. Master Gardener Lynn West helps homeowners learn about native plants and purchase them for their gardens. Wilcher went "bee crazy" dressing in a costume to increase interest - and fun in the presentation. Homeowners attended the class on native pollinators, to learn how to attract them to their gardens.



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Flashes Dominate on Senior Night

Holden McMillen

Friday night the Hilliard Flashes welcomed past alumni and future students to Flashes Field as they honored the senior class on Senior Night against the Halifax Academy Knights. The Flashes opened the game with the football and marched down the field. The drive was capped off by Tywuan Lee scampering for a 2-yard touchdown. Cody Bright added the extra point giving the Flashes a good start. After the defense forced a punt, the Flashes kept the momentum with Lee returning the punt 48 yards for a touchdown. With the extra point good, the Flashes extended the lead to 14-0. The Flashes defense got into the scoring act, but had some help when the Knights center gunned the ball over the punter's head and into the back of the end zone. And just like that, the Flashes added to the lead 16-0. The momentum kept rolling, this time using the aerial attack when quarterback Lyle Bennett found Lee for a 29-yard touchdown pass. And just like that, the Flashes ended the 1st quarter jumping out to an early 23-0 lead.

The Flashes stayed aggressive when Kale Corbitt recovered a fumble on the kickoff. The Bennett-to-Lee connection proved to be effective, as the duo connected for a 12-yard touchdown pass. After a missed extra point, the Flashes extended the lead 29-0 and continued to roll when Bright ran for a 15-yard touchdown run. With the extra point good, the Flashes went into halftime with their heads held high, jumping out to an early 36-0 lead.

Because of how large the lead was, the game went to running clock, but it did not keep the Flashes from scoring. The Flashes relied on the passing attack again when Bennett connected with D.J. Coston for a 7-yard touchdown pass. With the extra point good, the Flashes extended the lead to

43-0. The Knights finally found the end zone with a 7-yard touchdown run. After a failed 2-point try, the Knights cut into the lead 43-6, but the Flashes put the icing on the cake when Lee intercepted a pass on the Knights last drive of the game. After a ceremonial kneel down, the Flashes put the wraps on a dominant performance as they struck down the Halifax Academy Knights 43-6.

Offensively, the Flashes took advantage of the short fields provided by the defense. Collectively as a team, the Flashes tallied up 231 yards of total offense with 141 of them coming from the ground off 25 carries. Leading the charge on offense was: Cody Bright with 7 carries for 57 yards and a touchdown; Tywuan Lee had 9 carries for 44 yards and a touchdown; D.J. Coston had 3 carries for 25 yards; Lyle Bennett had 4 carries for 6 yards; and Brandon Matthews had 1 carry for 6 yards. Bennett went 6/8 for 90 yards and 3 touchdowns. On the receiving end were: Lee with 2 receptions for 41 yards and 2 touchdowns; D.J. Coston had 2 receptions for 34 yards; and Dylan Coston had 2 receptions for 15 yards, and a touchdown.

Defensively, the Flashes had their way with 2 sacks, 2 turnovers, and held the Knights to 61 yards of total offense. Leading the charge was: Bright with 9 tackles and 2 sacks; Kale Corbitt with 5 tackles and a fumble recovery; D.J. Coston had 4 tackles and a pass breakup; Nathan Wilson had 3 tackles and 2 sacks; Tristin Moody had 2 tackles; Cameron Chavarria had a tackle and a sack; Tywuan Lee had a tackle and an interception; and Michael Small had a tackle and a sack.

This Friday the Hilliard Flashes will travel to battle county rivals the Fernandina Beach Pirates at 7 p.m. Come out and support your hometown team. Keep calm and go Flashes! #Nathanstrong



Warriors Sink the Pirates

Kyle Pipkin

The Warriors capped off homecoming week with a huge win over county rival the Fernandina Beach Pirates. It was an epic blowout with the home team winning 53-14. Great job guys! You made your town proud. The Warriors are now 6-1 on the season. They are playing some of their best ball of the season right now. As the season gets closer towards playoff time the momentum is a huge deal. The offense and defense both played light outs. Special teams did not disappoint either.

The biggest play of the game was when Max Lucovsky made his varsity debut and took it to the house for a Warrior touchdown. A big 'thanks' to the sportsmanship of the Pirates. You all showed nothing but class Friday night. However, you get my game ball

this week.

Congratulations to all of those on the homecoming court. I would personally like to say congratulations to the inaugural West Nassau High School Hall of Fame inductees. You could not have chosen a better group of people. These events are what makes homecoming so special for everyone in the town. It's great to see so many of your friends and to see those who were honored.

Next week, will be one of the toughest tests for the Warriors this season when they travel to Baker County (Macclenny) for a 7 p.m. kick-off. This game is full of tradition and has two small town teams squaring off. Both of these towns love their high school football. It should be a great atmosphere! Try to make it out there to support our Warriors!



Final Nights of Fair Entertainment!

Thursday, October 17th: Amber Delacruz @ 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 18th: Amber Delacruz @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 19th: Callahan Dance Academy @ Noon
Citywide Male Chorus @ 3 p.m.
Elvis Tribute & Double Trouble @ 7:30 p.m.



Extension Officers at the Fair

UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardeners Claudia Witcher and Vicki Martin joined UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director Rebecca Jordi at the NE Florida Fair recently. They served as judges for entries in horticulture exhibits.

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Q: What is wrong with my Ligustrum? Only a few branches are showing this strange growth. NC

A: Thanks for bringing in samples of the problem, this made it much easier to diagnose. A few years ago, we were inundated with malformed growths called witches' broom or galls on several of our ornamental landscape plants such as ligustrum, loropetalum, viburnum, bush roses, pittosporum, and oleander. We were really surprised when we found some of the galls on the oleander in the demonstration garden. Our ornamental plant demonstration garden is at the James S. Page Governmental Complex in Yulee. Samples of the galls found on various plants were sent to UF/IFAS from Extension faculty working in the Northeast area. UF/IFAS and the Florida Department of Plant Industry (DPI) suspected the plant damage might have been caused by herbicides being sprayed nearby or possibly thrips, but they were unable to isolate the culprit until recently. However, some of the sites (like our demonstration garden) do not use herbicides. Herbicide spray can easily cause damage to plants when applied near other plants. The process of getting herbicides onto a plant not specifically targeted by the spray is called drift. Landscapers avoid drift by spraying when there are no wind gusts or by adjusting the droplet size of the nozzle on their sprayers. Dr. Adam Dale was one of the UF/IFAS researcher specialists who pinpointed the pathogen as the Eriophyid mite. This eriophyid mite belongs in the genus Aceria. Although most of the mites in this genus are plant host specific, the mite found



Garden Talk

Rebecca Jordi, UF/IFAS Nassau County Horticultural Extension Agent is a University of Florida faculty member. Mail questions to: Garden Talk, c/o Rebecca Jordi, Nassau County Extension, 543350 US Hwy. 1, Callahan, FL 32011 or email rljordi@ufl.edu

on our plant material does not seem to care which plant it feeds on, as you can see from the long list of ornamental plants forming galls in its presence. Our best management practice is to prune out the damage. When we cut off the two oleander limbs a few years ago, we have seen no other occurrences. Please throw the stems away in garden trash bags, do not leave them on the ground. Keeping the area debris free is a good horticultural practice as it helps remove the pest from the site – whether it is an insect or a disease. We currently do not have a publication on this mite, but we expect it to be out next year.

Q: What is this on my viburnum? I don't see tons of them, only one or two at a time, but they look interesting and I know how you love to see interesting things from the landscape. CR



A: I have some photos of the same insect I found feeding on ornamental plants in local landscapes. These insects, called leafhoppers, have an interesting behavior. Let me preface my next statement with: normally, I would not tell you to put your finger anywhere near an insect, but these insects do not bite us. If you put a stick or your finger near them, they will hide on the other side of the plant stem. You can chase them around the plant stalk – which I find a lot of fun. Now if teasing insects around a plant stalk is not amusing

to you, then obviously I have no life! Leafhoppers and sharpshooters are plant feeders with piercing/sucking mouth parts. They inject their sharp mouth part into the plant tissue and draw out vascular (xylem or phloem) fluid. The most troubling part of their feeding activity is the ability to transmit bacteria and viruses back to the plant. Leafhoppers and sharpshooters belong to the family of the Cicadellidae, which is the 10th largest insect family. With their large eyes they easily detect predators and avoid them. In addition, they can detect the reflectance spectrum of several colors, with hues of yellow being the most attractive (Tipping et al. 2004). The natural enemies of the leafhopper include parasitic wasps and dragonflies. For more complete information, consider reading the UF/IFAS publication titled: "Sharpshooters, Leafhoppers, Cicadellidae (Insecta: Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha: Cicadellidae)" by Chris Tipping and Russell F. Mizell III.

Q: I am new to Florida and this plant seems out of control in my yard. What is it? CM

A: Welcome to Florida and more specifically, Nassau County. The plant you brought to the plant clinic is called an elephant ear, *Xanthosoma sagittifolium*. Elephant ear is on the Florida Noxious

Weed list and is on the FLEPPC (Florida Exotic Plant Pest Council) Category II list. Therefore, you have my permission to remove it from your yard. At the very least, do not plant it by any body of water, including retention ponds. Elephant ear is originally from Central and South American where the tubers are used in various meals. The tubers can be harvested and stored for several weeks if refrigerated. Taro and elephant ear leaves are often mistaken for each other. The stalk or petiole attaching the leaf to the plant on the taro is several inches from the v-shaped base of the leaf. On the elephant ear, the attachment is directly at the base of the leaf. Taro leaves are dark green as opposed to a lighter green for the elephant ear. Taro leaves grow to about 4 feet in length whereas elephant ears can grow between 6-9 feet in length. If you want to get rid of the elephant ears, you will need to dig out the corms or rhizomes and throw them away in the trash. Remember, the UF/IFAS Nassau County Florida Master Gardener volunteers have a new program called Native IN – Invasive OUT. Send me a photo of the invasive plants in your yard, then show me a photo of their removal (rhizomes too) and we will give you 3-5 plants for replacement. Use rljordi@ufl.edu to send your photos and we will get you in the program.



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