

"YET A TIME IS COMING AND HAS NOW COME WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN THE SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, FOR THEY ARE THE KIND OF WORSHIPERS THE FATHER SEEKS." - JOHN 4:23

Deputy Joshua Moyers Reaches Final Resting Place



Dawn S. West

Saturday, October 2, the funeral service was held for Nassau County Sheriff's Office Deputy Joshua Moyers at Callahan First Baptist Church. A long procession of First Responders from all over the state followed the escorted hearse to Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard for Deputy Moyers' final resting place. The streets were once again lined with residents paying their last respects to



the fallen deputy and his family.

The incident has touched so many lives throughout our community. The outpouring of love and compassion for his family and the NCSO has been unbelievable. All of the local teams (football, cheerleading, golf, youth football & cheerleading, etc.) have shown their support at their events. Many praying prior to their games for the family; wearing blue ribbons;



carrying thin blue line flags out on the field; painting their end zones with his NCSO vehicle number; dedicating the game in his memory; so many special tributes. Last Wednesday, all schools were asked to wear blue in memory of Deputy Moyers. There are Car & Truck shows scheduled with all proceeds going to the Moyers family. And I am sure there are many other events planned to help out. We have shared



many tribute photos on our Facebook page. Be sure to look at them and see how great our community has been in supporting Deputy Moyers and our law enforcement.

Once again, we are blessed to live in small towns and still have compassion for our fellow brothers and sisters. We continue to pray for God's comfort and peace for the family and all those that were closely involved.

Callahan Commerce Center Approved

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first meeting of October. Councilwoman Janet Shaw filled in for Council President Ken Bass. Shaw asked everyone for a 'moment of silence' in remembrance of Deputy Josh Moyers.

The first order of business was the approval of Resolution 2021-R12 which concerned the town Christmas party. The council approved up to \$1,000 for the end of the year dinner that includes town personnel, officials, contractors and representatives. The town has set Friday, December 10 to have their celebration.

The next order of business was the first Public Hearing and reading of Ordinance 2021-004 which concerned the Voluntary Property Annexation. The property includes 1.76 acres with 4 parcels on Luther Street and 1 parcel on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. The



council approved the ordinance.

The next agenda item was a site plan review and approval of the Callahan Commerce Center. Engineer Matt Phillips advised the council that the 6,600 sf one-story structure would be located on SR 200. "The structure will be built directly in front of the retention pond on the property and will face Page

Street," said Phillips. "The first units on the site plan will be a dental office. The entire building will be built however the dental office is the only office filled thus far. There will be two more units available for rental." The new Commerce Center will be located on the property behind the future Zaxby's restaurant. The council approved the

site plan.

In closing comments, Mayor Matthew Davis asked the council to take a moment to reflect on the events that have occurred since the last meeting. "I'm just so proud of the way the Nassau County Sheriff's Office handled everything," said Davis. "It was a stressful time."

"We have lights and cameras at the park now and all are working," said Shaw. "Also, who took the trees down from the Fire Station?"

"We took the trees away because nobody would do any upkeep on the plants or weeds," said Town Manager Mike Williams. "We have the fountain in and we plan to put concrete in that area. If you want to put some plants in pots there, you can. But you have to maintain them."

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the council will be Monday, October 18 at 7 p.m.

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A Word From the Publisher

The events of last week are still very fresh in everyone's mind. We have seen incidents all over the country but how could this have happened in our small town? Never have we ever felt so much fear for our safety and pain for the people involved. I just want to say 'Thank You' to the Nassau County Sheriff's Office for their quick action to get the shooter. As NCSO jumped into action involving all the reinforcements they could; citizens also started reacting to the needs of law enforcement.

Callahan First Baptist Church offered and provided the staging area, parking, facilities, volunteers, etc. Volunteers were at the church Friday afternoon with food and supplies. Quickly the Facebook posts went into action. Whatever was needed for the officers was sent out and received immediately. I am not a Facebook person but I certainly saw how well and quickly it can work in an emergency. Thank you to all the people who willingly brought water, snacks, dog treats, food, fruit, energy drinks, beef jerky, meals, paper goods and so much more during that time. You are greatly appreciated.

As Monday rolled around, the manhunt continued. People received word that Deputy Joshua Moyers' body was to be escorted in a procession Monday evening through Callahan all the way to Fernandina Beach. Once again, people rose to the occasion. The streets were lined all down US 1 south and down SR 200 (A1A) as far as you could see. Again, word spread through Facebook and the crowds continued

all the way to the funeral home in Fernandina Beach. It was an emotional and respectful procession by all that watched. Tears filled the eyes everyone, young and old.

On Tuesday afternoon, cheers filled the air as the suspect was captured. It was a fearful, heart-wrenching week. My thoughts continue to Deputy Moyers' family, however the deputy that backed him up was heavy on my mind as well as the entire NCSO family. Then you have the Fire-Rescue personnel on scene that early morning. All of these departments are like family because they are together so much. Just continue to pray for each of them through these coming days.

Deputy Moyers' funeral service was held Saturday and once again, many stood on the side of the road to pay their respect. As things settle back to 'normal' many of these lives will never be the same again. Your continued prayers and support will still be welcomed.

As we all know, we live in a broken world with broken people. We had a real taste of that last week. We don't know the day or the hour that our time will be. Each and every day is a blessing and should be lived to the fullest. I have the comfort and peace to know that I will be spending eternity in Heaven with my Heavenly Father. Wouldn't you want to have comfort and peace? Ask Jesus to save you, He is the only way to Heaven.

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

Letters to the Editor



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

Reality

Dear Editor,

Television and film exposes us inescapably to violent crimes that our deputies face every day. Even domestic violence calls and traffic stops have proven to be life threatening to our men and women in blue.

The media's preoccupation with murder and mayhem has had the effect of narcotizing us to these grim realities. We watch the news with a learned detachment that we transfer to real life. The vicious and senseless murder of Deputy Joshua Moyers has snapped us out of that haze and brought reality home to us. He paid the supreme sacrifice in serving to protect us.

Hopefully, this tragedy will serve as a wake-up call to stop taking the presence of law enforcement heroes for granted. We can start paying attention, a wave, a hello, a salute, a cup of coffee, a thank you. After all, they are some of the best friends we will ever have. Never forget, the love Deputy Joshua Moyers had, that he would lay down his life for his friends.

B.R. McConnell

Thank You!

Dear Editor,

Every morning around 6 a.m., Psalm 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth," is on my lips. That's all because of Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," and knowing that Philippians 4:19, "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus," is the real truth. I was truly blessed by it and it was greatly appreciated!

LOVE YOU,
M. L. Scott

Negative & Positive

Dear Editor,

Although I disagree with almost every political, economic, social and religious opinion of Just My Opinion (Roger West), I also have to give credit where credit is due.

Having moved to Callahan from a small town in North Carolina, I know how important it is to shop and buy locally. When I needed to find someone to build a new front porch, I looked at the ads in the Journal. There, I found Eric's All American Construction, Inc. From first phone call, to an almost complete job, they have been professional, friendly and cost-conscious. The crew has been polite, neat and my porch looks great! I would recommend Eric to anyone.

It is important that we look for the positive in all situations. We can express our thoughts without using snide and negative words. Please, let's stop using terms like cranial rectumitis, moron, cesspool, stupidity, and lnyngtology.

As I said, I often disagree with the West's views, but as a true supporter of the First Amendment, I will back their right to publish.

Yours,
Shari Gulley

Wake Up America

Dear Editor,

Pretend you are a Jew living in Germany in 1938. The construction of the 'quarantine camps' of Dachau, Buchanweld and Auschwitz are not yet complete. However, the State has decided that in the interest of public health and security YOU are required to wear a star on your clothes, carry papers that will enable you to buy and sell. Your travel is confined to certain areas, and these areas continue to get smaller until you are confined to your house. You can't work. Public places such as eating establishments and stores are off limits... because you are a Jew and being a Jew is a problem.


Pretend you are an American citizen in 2021. You are told that tent cities are being constructed throughout the land to house immigrants from Haiti, Afghanistan and Mexico...yet they are being released unvaccinated throughout our land. You are told by the State to wear a mask in the interest of public health and security. You are being forced to carry papers that identify you as vaccinated or else you won't be able to buy, sell, work or participate in public events such as grocery shopping and dining out...because you are unvaccinated and being unvaccinated is a problem.

Just look at Australia to see what is planned for those who refuse to get a vaccination for a bio-weapon made in China that has 98% survivability. A vaccine that isn't approved, isn't tested and stock full of chemicals considered to be toxic in any other form. In Australia, the tents are being used to contain those who refuse the vaccination. The only reason the American unvaccinated haven't been rounded up, like Australia, is because we are still an armed populace. Australia deeply regrets giving up their guns.

We the People need to get the point across that we are not cattle. Act locally. Remind your public servants of their oath to defend the Constitution...and demand they take action to end this madness.

Jefferson Slatz

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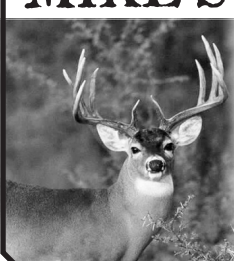
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Barnabas Receives Support from Publix

Barnabas Center recently received two grants totaling \$10,000 and gift cards valued at \$2,000 from Publix Super Markets and Publix Super Markets Charities to support the agency's food programs.

The donations enable Barnabas to provide much-needed food for the food pantry and mobile food distributions throughout Nassau County to help people in need, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, one of the grants represents a platinum sponsorship for Barnabas' 8th annual Empty Bowls fundraising EXTRAVAGANZA coming up on November 12.

In the last year, Barnabas provided food to 14,000 men, women and



children who are food insecure or experiencing hunger. Thanks to its supporters, including Publix Super Markets Charities, Barnabas is helping to address hunger in Nassau County.

For more information about Publix, please visit the company website at www.publixcharities.org.

For more information about Barnabas' programs, please visit www.BarnabasNassau.org.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

It simply amazes me how there are so many people (Liberals) that want to do away with our capitalist way of life and demand we become a socialist country. Where on God's green earth has socialism ever worked for the good of the common man? Liberals feel free to answer, I'll wait. A man named Tom Nicholson posted on his Facebook account the sports car that he had just bought and how a man approached and told him that the money used to buy this car could've fed thousands of less fortunate people.

His response to this man made him famous on the internet. READ his story as stated on Facebook below:

A guy looked at my Corvette the other day and said, "I wonder how many people could have been fed for the money that sports car cost?"

I replied I'm not sure; it fed a lot of families in Bowling Green, Kentucky who built it; it fed the people who make the tires; it fed the people who made the components that went into it; it fed the people in the copper mine who mined the copper for the wires; it fed people at Caterpillar who make the trucks that haul the copper ore. It fed the trucking people who hauled it from the plant to the dealer and fed the people working at the dealership and their families. BUT...I have to admit, I guess I really don't know how many people it fed. That is the difference between capitalism and the welfare mentality."

When you buy something, you put money in people's pockets and give them dignity for their skills. When you give someone something for nothing,

you rob them of their dignity and self-worth. Capitalism is freely giving your money in exchange for something of value. Socialism is having the government take your money against your will and give it to someone else for doing nothing.

Another good question I saw on Facebook is: If Capitalism is evil and Socialism is the answer, why is the caravan not heading to Venezuela? It's less than half the distance. And once again, Liberals feel free to answer this one also. I'll still be waiting.

Also from a post on Facebook:

"Why I cannot vote Democrat: I will vote for the most pro-life candidate, because God hates the shedding of innocent blood (Proverbs 6:17). I will vote for the most pro-Israel candidate, because God blesses those who bless Israel and curses those who don't (Genesis 12:3). I will vote for the most pro-debt reduction candidate, because the borrower is a servant to the lender (Proverbs 22:7). I will vote for the most pro-work candidate because God says if a man won't work let him not eat (Thessalonians 3:10). I will vote for the most pro-marriage candidate because God is for marriage as defined in (Genesis 2:24). I will vote for the candidate who most closely believes government's purpose is to reward good and punish evil (Romans 13). I will vote based as close as I can on God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16)."

May America Bless God again...so that God can Bless America again.

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

Benefits for Deputy Moyers' Family

Saturday, October 9 at 2 p.m.

CAR CRUISE

The Car Cruise will begin at the Target in Yulee and cruise to Callahan Hardee's for our Car Show. All vehicles and donations welcome. All monies will be donated to the Moyers family.



Sunday, October 10 at 2 p.m.

TRUCK SHOW AT CALLAHAN SPEEDWAY

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Fear, Faith and First Responders

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These last few weeks have been revealing about our community. Together we experienced the loss of Deputy Moyers. Our community's response flooded my Facebook news feed with the grief of this awful event. One response that really stuck with me was on the sign in front of First United Methodist in Callahan. They shared this verse: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13. Following in Christ footsteps, this is what Joshua Moyers did for our community. He sacrificed his own safety for the safety of our community; just as Jesus sacrificed His life for our lives.

Quickly, our shock turned to anger and fear. However, from our first responders and the first responders in the communities that surround ours came resolve and determination. They would find the one responsible. Our community responded with support. Callahan First Baptist opened up all its resources to our first responders. Food and supplies poured in from all over our community. I remember at one point seeing a post about having all the food they needed.

After five days, there was a feeling of "are we really going to catch this guy?" But, the resolve of our first responders remained steadfast. And he came out in handcuffs. We had all been grieving, now our first responders could grieve. On Saturday, an American flag taller than a building could be seen hanging over US 301. Joshua's life was celebrated and his body laid to rest. Now grief continues and healing begins.

When events like these unfold, we can respond in fear or in faith. 1 John 4:18 says: "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear..." The comfort of knowing Jesus is not that everything will go perfectly, but that the true Perfect Love, Jesus Christ, walks alongside us through our most difficult times.

The old hymn captures this well: When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll, Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. No matter the circumstances, it is well with my soul because of Him who walks with me.

The last response I want to share with you is that the Churches of the Westside are hosting an event on Saturday and Sunday specifically for our First Responders. This event has been in the planning for several weeks, but seems even more fitting given recent events. The goal is to provide a place and a time where our Police and Firefighters can rest and play with their families. There will be bounce houses, slides, Red vs Blue softball game, food and more. Mind you, I should mention that this event is only for Police and Firefighters. If you would like to support this event, you can drop off gift cards at The Anchor Church. We will give them away to our first responders.

Open House Tuesday at the Callahan Library

The Callahan Public Library will host a Fall Open House on Tuesday, October 12 from 2-4 p.m. The public is encouraged to come meet the staff, learn our collection, resources, homework help and much more! Let's all fall into a good book! The Callahan Library, 450077 SR 200, is located beside the Tax Collectors office in the Callahan Barbecue strip mall. For more information call 904-530-6500.



Winn-Dixie Partners with NE FL Fair for Canned Food Drive

Free Fair Tickets by Donating Non-Perishables

In efforts to continue to fight food insecurity in the communities it serves, Winn-Dixie, in partnership with the Northeast Florida Fair, will host a canned food drive in its Callahan and Hilliard stores to benefit Barnabas Center and their mission to combat hunger and crisis in Nassau County.

Beginning October 8 through October 18, customers can easily purchase non-perishable items to donate at the Callahan Winn-Dixie, 450078 SR 200; and the Hilliard Winn-Dixie, 550969 US Highway 1, to receive tickets for free admission to the upcoming Northeast Florida Fair. The Free Fair Admission tickets will be distributed in-store (while supplies last) and are valid for admission on Monday, October 18th as part of the fair's "Feeding The Hungry Monday."

Donation bins will be located inside the entrances of the Callahan and Hilliard Winn-Dixie locations and customers are encouraged to donate four or more shelf-stable items for Free Fair Admission

including canned goods and meats, peanut butter, jelly, rice and dry beans.

Winn-Dixie cares passionately about its communities and neighbors in need who feel the widespread impact of food insecurity each day, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. This partnership with the Northeast Florida Fair allows Nassau County customers and Winn-Dixie associates to give back to the Barnabas Center and further their good work to aid local working families, children and the elderly who are hungry or face food insecurity.

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Renee Stoffel, Barnabas Community Outreach Manager (far left) accepted the donation from the Woodmen Life Chapter 3 Margie Wright and Linda Golden and Barnabas volunteer Alice Neader.

Living Financially Free

Throwing a Snowball at Debt!

Yvette Outler

I tried many financial plans before being successful with the "Debt Snowball" plan. It's the easiest and most encouraging way to get out of debt. On the "Debt Snowball" plan you are intentionally hitting one debt at a time.

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While doing this plan disregard interest rates and focus on the amount owed. You need solid momentum to succeed. This will immediately help you see some quick results. Seeing quick results motivates you to hang in there and to press on! It is very rewarding to watch your debt disappear one bill at a time, or one credit card at a time. It



is freeing and liberating to be able to tell your money where to go instead of being on the reactive end of the journey!

The Bible talks about how the debtor is servant to the lender (Proverbs 22:7). After a couple of years of faithfully working the plan, I was free from the shackles of debt. The sooner you start the sooner you will be set free too!

If all of this is way too intimidating for you, please email me. I will be honored to help you get started. I can help you organize your stuff and come up with a timely game plan for you to get out of debt. This is what I am trained to do and it's my passion!

Yvette Outler is a Dave Ramsey's Solution Master Financial Coach. Contact her for a free consultation at Fiscallyfree7@gmail.com.

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You may request a meeting with the Property Appraiser and/or file a petition with the VAB when there is a disagreement between the taxpayer and Property Appraiser concerning property exemptions, classifications, valuations, under certain circumstances regarding a change in ownership or control or a qualifying improvement; or the Tax Collector regarding a tax deferral, among others.

Further information and petition forms may be obtained at www.nassauclerk.com. Click on Clerk's Office, then click on Board of County Commissioners Services. Look for "VAB General Information and Important Notes."

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of value petitions, the VAB Clerk has implemented a software program which will be activated upon the Property Appraiser's mailing of the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices to taxpayers, currently scheduled for August 19, 2021. Petitions related to valuation issues may be filed at any time during the taxable year on or before the 25th day following the mailing of the TRIM notice. Based on the TRIM notice mailing on August 19, 2021, the deadline to file a timely petition to the VAB is September 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Clerk's office or midnight if filing online.

For more details, there is also a link from the Clerk's website to the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) Taxpayer Oversight Program website.

In addition to the website, forms may be obtained at the Property Appraiser's office, or the Robert M. Foster Justice Center, Clerk Services Department, 76347 Veterans Way, Suite 456, Yulee, Florida 32097, (904)548-4662, vab@nassauclerk.com; or Nassau County Historic Courthouse, 416 Centre Street, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034.

To the Landowners of Nassau County

James (Jim) Tootle,
Nassau County Sr. Forester

Did you know that in Florida, nearly 65 percent our state's forests are privately owned and are key to keeping forests as forest? Keeping our forests healthy and stocked with trees is especially important for the air we breathe. Forests remove or sequester carbon dioxide (CO2) from the atmosphere during the entire lifespan of the tree. Current growth of Florida's forests offsets almost 20 percent of the annual carbon dioxide emissions produced in the state. Additionally, they continue to store carbon well beyond the tree's lifetime as the trees are converted into wood products such as paper and lumber. Not only do forests store CO2, they also produce oxygen, clean water for drinking, provide homes for wildlife, opportunities for recreation and assist in addressing climate change.

However, regenerating or creating new forests can be a costly undertaking. Up-front costs such as site preparation and planting require extensive investments that are not realized for many years. To help landowners overcome the hurdle of establishment costs, the Florida Forest Service recently announced a new cost-share program known as the Sequestering Carbon and Protecting Florida Land Program. This program is designed to help increase

the acreage of healthy forests in Florida by helping Florida landowners make the long-term investment required to establish and/or maintain forests. The program offers landowners incentive payments for conducting certain approved forest management practices, such as site prep and planting slash, longleaf or loblolly pines to establish new forests.

Applicants are limited to non-industrial private landowners; a county or local government; and registered nonprofit organizations, who own a minimum of 20 acres. Applications will be accepted from September

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applicants can find more information by contacting the Nassau County Forester James Tootle, Florida Forest Service, 904-845-7238 or 904-362-1283 or online at www.FDACS.gov.

The Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, manages more than 1 million acres of state forests and provides forest management assistance on more than 17 million acres of private and community forests. The Florida Forest Service is also responsible for protecting homes, forestland and natural resources from the devastating effects wildfire on more than 26 million acres. Learn more at www.FDACS.gov/CarbonProgram.



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West Nassau Beats Orange Park

Kyle Pipkin

The West Nassau Warriors traveled to Orange Park last Friday and took their first win of the season! It took a huge fourth quarter for the Warriors to pull out the victory. After trailing most of the game the Warriors scored 22 unanswered points to take the lead. They were able to hold on to lead until the end of the game winning 44-43.

After being down big, there was absolutely no quit in this team. Coach Armstrong and his staff were able to keep everyone focused and together to make the great come back. Throughout the season the Warriors have been on the losing end of some close games. Sometimes it only takes one win to turn around and get hot. Hopefully this is the time they get their mojo and get on a winning streak.

In the first quarter, the Warrior defense gave up a rushing touchdown and made an extra point giving the Raiders a 7-0 lead over the Warriors. The Warrior offense responded by driving the ball right down the field capping off the drive with a 10-yard touchdown run from Conner Nobles. They went for 2 and took the lead 8-7. The Raiders scored once again on a 20-yard touchdown pass. They had a successful two-point conversion to make the game a 7-point lead.

In the second quarter, following a Warrior inception, Nobles had a 37-yard run that put the Warriors in scoring position. Leon Whitley broke through and scored on a 36-yard touchdown run making it a one point game. Davis kicked the extra point and tied the game at 15. Orange Park scored on 2 separate passing touchdowns before the half, giving the Raiders a 28-15 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, the Raiders extended by scoring quickly making the score 35-15. The Warriors offense drove the ball down the field and scored

on a 2-yard rushing touchdown by Riley Horton. Davis added the extra point. At the end of the third the Warriors trailed 35-22.

In the fourth quarter it was all Warriors scoring 22 unanswered points to take the lead. Quarterback Brady Wright broke free and scored on a 30-yard rushing touchdown and a good extra point made the score 35-29. When the Warriors got the ball again, AJ Miller broke free for 36 yards. Nobles capped off the drive by punching the ball in from 2-yards out to tie the game. Davis extra point gave the Warriors the lead 36-35. A few plays later, Brady Wright rushed for 20 yards and another

Warrior touchdown. The Warriors went for two and were successful and that was the difference in the game. The defense gave up a long passing touchdown late to the Raiders and they were also successful on their two-point conversion making the score 44-43 Warriors. The Warriors recovered the ball on an onside kick attempt. They were able to get the first down and run out the clock for the win, 44-43 Warriors.

The Warrior offense really showed out with 442 yards rushing as whole, averaging 10 yards per carry. Four different players scored on Friday night. When the Warrior defense had to stand up and make plays they did as team they had 9 tackles for loss. Michael Thorn, Wyatt Butler and James Alderman combined for two sacks. AJ Miller had an interception for one of the two turnovers forced by the Warrior defense. McDuffie also recovered a fumble for the Warrior defense; and Davis was 4/4 on extra points.

It was great to see the Warriors get a win after all the community has gone through this past week. Prayers go out to Deputy Moyers' family. The Warriors will take on Palatka this Friday night in their first district match up of the year on Warrior field at 7 p.m. Go Warriors!



WN Volleyball Celebrates Senior Night



This past week, West Nassau Volleyball celebrated Senior Night. The senior girls honored were: Jena Kish, Laney Whitaker, Megan Kroger and Harlee Kriete who are shown with their Coach Ashley Carollo. To make the night complete, Warrior ladies won against Andrew Jackson. The week prior the girls traveled to First Coast High School and unfortunately lost to the Buccaneers. The girls played hard but just could not pull out a win.

Go Lady Warriors!

Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

Revisiting previous articles on the Domesday Book, which records the first English census was done in such detail that it led people to compare it to the Last Judgement described in the Bible. The census was ordered by William the Conqueror for the purpose of taxation and completed in 1086. In the 11th Century, many people still did not have surnames, however the Domesday Book does record a number of surnames. Here are some names you may recognize: Basset, Foot, Hackett, Kemp, Mason, Roote, Savage, Tirrell and Warren, just to mention a few. These are some of the earliest recorded surnames.

The meetings of the West Nassau Genealogical Society have been postponed indefinitely. Hopefully, we will return to the normal scheduled meetings, the second Monday of each month, soon.

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Our family has over 50 years (combined) of employment with NCSO so we have a special place in our hearts for the men and women who serve us so our hearts ache along with them. The loss of Josh has created a large hole in the hearts of his family, friends, co-workers and the community he served.

Our prayer is that God will grant us all His peace and comfort with loving memories to forever hold in our hearts.

God Bless the Moyers family and NCSO,
 Gene McKendree and family

Westside Journal Visits Rally

Prissy Pike, Tammy Vanzant, Ringo Purvis and Decky Purvis attended the Donald Trump Rally in Perry, Georgia on September 25, 2021. The crowd was estimated to be between 15,000 to 18,000. A copy of the Westside Journal was represented at the event!



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Trip of Memories for 56 Years



Dawn S. West

A few years ago, I met with my dear friend Mr. Ray Seeley to discuss a yearly trip he makes. I believe that one was his 50th trip to see The Little Brown Jug horse race in Delaware, Ohio. The Little Brown Jug is Grand Circuit Harness Racing at its best and is held along with the Delaware County Fair.

This year, Mr. Seeley at 90 years old, took the trip with his son Eric. This was Eric's first time making the trip however it was Mr. Seeley's 56th year going. What started as a kind of a funny joke has lasted for a lifetime for Mr. Seeley. As a younger man, Mr. Seeley lived in Bellefontaine, Ohio. A friend came to him and asked him to go to the The Little Brown Jug. "What is that," he asked. "Just come with me and you'll see," the friend replied. "We stood in one corner the entire race but

I was hooked," said Mr. Seeley. "I'd never seen anything like that. It was so enjoyable I just kept coming back year after year."

Each year he renews his tickets for the same seats and attends each day of racing. Naturally, after all these years, he has made some great friends. They look forward to meeting and hanging out all week. The race is always held the third week in September. "Sometimes the weather is perfect and sometimes not so much but it is still fun," continued Mr. Seeley. "These races include the finest of the finest of horses and drivers. This race is the 2nd Jewel of Racing for the



Triple Crown. It's big stuff!"

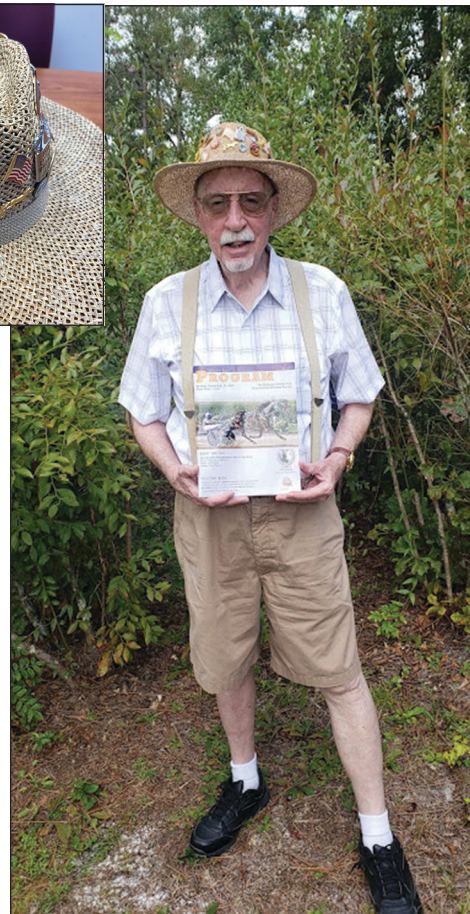
The track is the fastest half mile in the world. Horses are brought from all around the world. "The atmosphere is

terrific and the people have become some of my best friends," said Mr. Seeley. "Each year I make sure to take my hat and purchase a new pin. This hat is getting pretty heavy!"

Mr. Seeley has family in New York. That was a drawing factor that enticed Eric to come along on the trip. He was excited to meet family he never met. One of Mr. Seeley's cousins owns a winery in New York. They enjoyed a visit with them along with a tour of the winery. This was cool, as Eric has experimented with making his own wine! Guess it runs in the family!

Mr. Seeley's father was born and raised in the 30 Mile Point Lighthouse that still stands, in Somerset, New York. "My father passed away in a car accident when I was 6 years old," said Mr. Seeley. "My mother had to go to work during the summers so she sent my brother and me to stay with our grandparents at the lighthouse. My grandfather ran the lighthouse for about 42 years. It was a great experience. It was there, that I learned how to swim among many other things!"

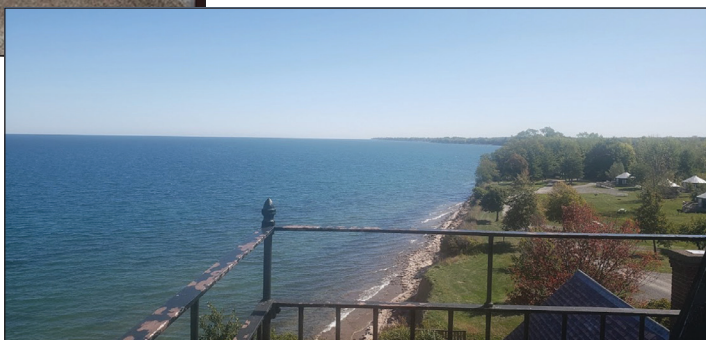
The large towering lighthouse sits



on Lake Ontario. "That doesn't look like a lake, maybe an ocean but not a lake. It's huge," said Eric.

The lighthouse is now a part of a National Park. Mr. Seeley had a great time listening to the tour guide share some of the history of the lighthouse. Mr. Seeley politely told her how the lighthouse was set up when he grew up there. What a cool trip to see so much history!

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NCSO Receives Bringing The Lost Home Project Bill Resources

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) has been named as one of five Florida Sheriff's Offices to receive missing person response training and resources through the highly successful Bringing The Lost Home Project legislative bill. The Bringing The Lost Home Project bill was sponsored by Florida House Representative, Scott Plakon and signed into law by Florida Governor, Ron DeSantis, in June 2021.



propensity to wander or elope with a rapid search response and recovery. The bill provides Scent Preservation Kits® or "Scent Kits" to families with loved ones living with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia (ADRD), and autism.

The Alzheimer's Project will identify groups and areas in need of services and will help educate community residents about the Scent Kits and Missing Person Awareness for at-risk groups.

The bill also includes Missing Person Response Protocol and Scent Discriminate K-9 Training conducted by Scent Evidence K9 CEO, Paul Coley for the participating agencies. The training impacts law enforcement response capabilities by increasing search success and decreasing the time and resources needed to find missing persons.

The Bringing The Lost Home Pilot Project was introduced in Florida in 2019 and has been successfully implemented by 8 Florida Sheriff's Offices and Police Departments. (Bay, Sumter, St. Johns, Lee, Marion, Franklin, and Seminole Counties, and the Tallahassee Police Dept.) Nassau County Sheriff's Office participated in Scent Evidence K9 training sessions last year as part of its mutual assistance relationship with St. Johns County Sheriff's Office. A few days after the training, NCSO Deputy Beth Smith and her bloodhound K9 Rogue had their first missing person find when they located an endangered youth who had been missing for over 50 hours.

Scent Evidence K9 CEO, Paul Coley, and The Alzheimer's Project CEO, John Trombetta, partnered to introduce the bill to help law enforcement better serve their populations with Alzheimer's/Related Dementia and autism who are at high-risk of wandering and going missing. The Bringing The Lost Home Project enhances missing person response capabilities and recovery success by raising missing person awareness, mitigating risk, and improving search performance through the use of scent trailing recognition assessments, K-9 and Handler training, and scent collection technology.



In 2021, The Bringing The Lost Home Project will be implemented in Nassau, Escambia, Charlotte, Desoto, and Putnam Counties and will enable the Sheriff's Offices to introduce and maintain a proven and effective missing person's response and location program. Past participants have used the project resources to find 86 missing persons in Florida in the past 2 years and have protected thousands of people who are in high-risk wandering populations by distributing Scent Preservation Kits in their communities.

The project is focused on using recovering individuals who have a

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.

Tuesday, September 28

Patrick Rene McDowell, 35, 1619 Hubbard Street, Jacksonville: Aggravated Battery on a Police Dog; Murder 1st Degree Premeditated

Wednesday, September 29

Jessie Lee Wilson, 49, 3728 Finch Drive, Hilliard: Resist without Violence; Possession of Methamphetamine; DUI 4th or Subsequent Offense (Felony); Felony Flee/Elude Lights/Siren High Speed; Driving with Permanent Suspended/Revoked Driver's License

Friday, October 1

Richard Dempsey Hall, Jr., 54, Hilliard: Failure to Appear
Brian Christopher Rue, 41, 37417 Libby Road, Hilliard: Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon (x 2); Discharge Firearm from Vehicle; Possession of Firearm/Career Criminal

Justin Daniel Smith, 42, 45134 Booth Street, Callahan: Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon; Discharge Firearm in Public

Monday, October 4

Clayton Tyler Crews, 23, Callahan: Writ of Bodily Attachment

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DARBY HENDERSON BENSEL



Darby "Denise" Henderson Bense, 53, of Jacksonville, passed away on September 17, 2021. She was born on June 8, 1968 in Jacksonville. Darby was raised all her life in Jacksonville and was a graduate of Andrew Jackson High School. Her passion in life was being a loving mother, grandmother and person to everyone around her. Outside of spending time with her family, Darby's main hobby was going to the beach as much as she could. The beach was her place to be away from everything and nothing would make her more excited than spotting dolphins swimming in the distance. Darby will be missed by everyone who knew her, but she is now with our Lord and Savior. She was preceded in death by her brother Duane Henderson in 2001; and her first born son Chad Henderson in 2006.

Darby is survived by her parents David and Jensine Henderson; brother Darren Henderson; sons Jeremy Bense and Joshua Bense; grandchildren Rhys and Riley Bense.

A Memorial service will be held Monday, October 11 at 2 p.m. at Nassau Funeral with Chaplain Jim Cox officiating.

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

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

BARBARA BATTEN BOYD



Barbara Christine Batten Boyd, 68, of Blackshear, Georgia, passed away Thursday, September 30, 2021 in Waycross, Georgia. She was born July 9, 1953 in Valdosta, to the late George Legree Batten and Martha Elizabeth Wright Batten. In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by a grandson Trenton Bryant; and a sister Trishy Batten.

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She is survived by her children Shalane Chancey, Chad (Sallie) Bryant and Brandi Bryant; six grandchildren Alyssa Ward, Lillie (Jeremy) Corbitt, Mackenzie Ward, Chas Bryant, Konner Chancey and Ellie Chancey; two great-grandchildren Brody Corbitt and Beckham Corbitt; a sister Linda (James) Nettles; and a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

The family will receive friends at 11 a.m. Friday, October 8 prior to the celebration of life service at noon at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel. Memorialization will be by cremation.

Due to Covid-19, face masks are optional at the service. Also, anyone that does not feel comfortable with attending the service, the family would like you to know they understand and covet your prayers.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

LEONARD "L.L." BRADDOCK



Leonard Lonnie "L.L." Braddock, 79, a lifelong resident of Callahan, passed away peacefully October 1, 2021, under the care of Community Hospice Jane and Bill Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach. He was born May 1, 1942 in Jacksonville, the son of the late Leonard L. Braddock, Sr. and Rubye Pilkinton Braddock.

L.L. graduated from Callahan High School in 1961 and joined the U.S. Navy, where he served during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He worked many years as a Ford Truck Salesman and a car-carrier truck driver; but found enjoyment with his

own landscaping business, Leonard's Tractor Service. He was passionate about the children of Callahan, serving as past President of Callahan Little League and was instrumental in developing the Kirsten Higginbotham Sports Complex. He was a member of Live Oak Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and was a dedicated member of the Disaster Relief Team.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Elsie Nelson Braddock; his children Sharon (Ronnie) Maloy and Roger (Robin) Braddock; siblings Marolyn (Ron) Boswell and Hugh (Kay) Braddock; his grandchildren Christie (Corey) Page, Kasey (Tyler) Braddock, Morgan and Logan Braddock, Mark McAninch, Jr., Kaitlyn (Nathan) Henderson, Kyle (Taylor) Christmas and Steven Sechler; and his great-grandchildren Caden, Camdyn, and Ellie Page, Brantlee Dukes, Taylie McAninch, Elsie and Riley Henderson.

The family received friends Monday, October 4 at Live Oak Baptist Church. The funeral service was held Tuesday, October 5 at Live Oak Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Memory of L.L. Braddock, Jr., to Live Oak Baptist Church, Disaster Relief Fund, 36178 Congregation Lane, Callahan, FL 32011.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 879-2336.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

WILLIAM KENT DEINES



William Kent Deines, 58, of Callahan, passed away September 21, 2021. He was born January 28, 1963 in Abilene, Kansas. He was a 6 year Veteran of the United States Air Force and worked as a government contractor for more than 30 years. William married Diann Ray on June 1, 1985 in Savage, Maryland. In his free

time, William enjoyed cooking, gardening and raising chickens. Most of all, he enjoyed a simple life surrounded by his family. William was a faithful member of North Jacksonville Baptist Church.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories, his beloved wife Diann Deines; children Brandon (Katherine) Deines, Breann (David) Kirkwood, Bradley (Kelsie) Deines, Blake (Paige) Deines, Brogan (David) Hicks and Baylee (Joshua) Collins; and 16 grandchildren, Abinie, Ethan, Alexander, Emmett, Eli, Sienna, Alice, Everett, Henry, Claire, Alyzah, Audrey, Charlotte, Julianne, Peter and Koen.

Peoples Family Funeral Home assisted the family.

JAY "GORDY" GORDON, JR.

Jay "Gordy" Gordon, Jr., 48, of Callahan, passed away October 1, 2021.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service Wednesday, October 6 in the Chapel of Green Pine Funeral Home, Yulee. Burial will follow in Green Pine Cemetery.

Green Pine Funeral Home assisted the family.

JACK FRANKLIN LLOYD



Jack Franklin Lloyd, 66, of Callahan, passed away on October 1, 2021 with family by his side. He was born on August 12, 1955 in Jacksonville, to Jack and Edna Lloyd. Jack was a simple man who enjoyed hunting and fishing. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Jack was preceded in death by his parents; brother Carl Lloyd; and sister Gail Melton.

Jack leaves behind his loving wife of 15 years, Cindy Lloyd; children Ty (April) Purvis, Brittany (Donnie) Roper, Nikki (Justin) Dicks, Candy Lloyd, Bubba Lloyd, Suzie (Chris) Meeks and Kari (Tony) Johns; brother Wayne "Porkchop" Lloyd; sister Ann (Herbert) Peebles; grandchildren Blake, LeeAnn, Skyler, Karleigh, Anzley, Heidi, Brantley, Bishop, Hagen, Annie, Samantha, Lacey, Avril, Travis, Alex, Jason, Chris and Amari.



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The family received friends Tuesday, October 5 prior to the memorial service held at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Carter officiating.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 879-1770.

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GRACE ETTY MYERS



Grace "Gracie" Etty Myers, 90, passed away on September 22, 2021 in Bryson City, North Carolina. She was born July 15, 1931 in Manatee, Florida. Gracie grew up in Florida and Georgia. She was the youngest of four siblings, Hazel, Doris and Harrold. Gracie married Edward Foster Myers on July 10, 1949 and lived in Jacksonville, where she raised two sons Edward and Curtis. Every summer the family spent time in her favorite place Bryson City, NC. She worked as a Jacksonville toll collector and after many years of public service with Nassau County she retired to Fernandina Beach.

Gracie is survived by her son Ralph Curtis Myers; and nephew John Benjamin Butler.

A graveside service for Gracie will be held Tuesday, October 12 at 10 a.m. at Jones Cemetery, Callahan.

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

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

GENE ALTON YOUNGBLOOD, II



Gene Alton Youngblood, II, 55, of Midlothian, Virginia, joined His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in Heaven on September 28, 2021. He was born on November 8, 1965, in Augusta, Georgia to Dr. Gene Youngblood and

Dr. Dorothy (Coursey) Youngblood of Jacksonville.

Gene was founding member, teacher, deacon and Associate Pastor at First Conservative Baptist Church of Mandarin in Jacksonville. He also served in many roles of ministry at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Bryceville, before moving to Virginia, where he served as an Elder at Bethany Place Baptist Church in North Chesterfield. Gene was the President of Iterion Strategies, a computer technology company and employed by the International Mission Board. He also enjoyed serving in a voluntary capacity with the Civil Air Patrol (at the rank of Major) mentoring and training cadets. Gene was a faithful Christian example and a servant leader as he ministered to our Lord's Church, his family and community. He was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, friend and neighbor. He will be sorely missed by all until we meet again one day soon in Heaven.

Gene is survived by his loving wife, Mary "Labeth" Lowery-Youngblood; sons Gene, III "Trace" and Grant; daughters Bethany (Kyle) Scharnhorst and Melody; grandson Caleb Scharnhorst; brothers Glenn (Tammy) of Callahan, Gregory (Randa) of Greeneville, Tennessee and Geoffrey (Debra) of Jacksonville; nieces & nephews Katy, Alivia (Aaron) Kinlaw, Abigail, Tyler and Tiffany; great-nephew Eli Kinlaw. He is preceded in death by his niece Ashley Elaine Youngblood.

The family will receive friends from 10-11a.m. Saturday, October 9 prior to the memorial service at 11 a.m. at First Coast Baptist Church, 7587 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville. A live stream will be available at: www.firstcoastbaptist.com/media. A private graveside family service will be held Tuesday, October 12 in Midlothian, Virginia. A memorial service will be held Friday, October 15 at Bethany Place Baptist Church in North Chesterfield, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, Gene requested support for the ministries close to his heart. Donations are encouraged for: Answers in Genesis, designate In memory of Gene Youngblood, Code 21EYOD Online: www.answersinGenesis.org; or mail: PO Box 510, Hebron, Kentucky 41048. Bibles may be provided worldwide via Gideon's International, online: www.Gideons.org (Nassau Camp); or mail: PO Box 140800 Nashville, Tennessee 37214-0800.

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You can't be your healthiest without healthcare coverage. Mark your calendars and do some window shopping because November 1st marks open enrollment for healthcare coverage and when it comes to health insurance, one size does not fit all. If the pandemic has taught us all anything, it is to slow down and appreciate the moment because we can't always anticipate what direction life will take us. This makes health insurance an important safety net for both the unanticipated and the anticipated life events.

The US Census Bureau says the number of American citizens who were uninsured in 2020 was around 31 million. These numbers are impacted by the availability and cost of health insurance to people across the United States.

When looking into healthcare coverage, it is important to evaluate your options. Are you looking to cover your annual doctor's visits, cover your vision or dental care- maybe you need all three? When you call to receive a quote from a healthcare agent, be sure to ask about the options offered to you and how you can get the most coverage from the money you pay.

Your job may not offer health insurance, but what about your spouse's job? What if the coverage your spouse's job offers your whole family is just too expensive? There are resources and answers to these questions. Your spouse can keep their company insurance, and you can shop for your and your children's health insurance elsewhere.

When you get a health insurance quote, it is important to understand what


is offered to you. With each plan, your deductible, premium and out-of-pocket costs will vary. Talk with a professional to hear your options to ensure you find a plan that meets your lifestyle and budget. Once you have narrowed down the health insurance policy that is right for you, inquire about the benefits and programs your provider offers.

For example, Florida Blue Insurance has a Better You Strides online wellness program that builds a custom-made plan to help you get healthier along with rewards for getting fit. One way you can do this is by joining a gym. According to this Florida Blue program, you and your family members 18 or older, who are on your plan, can earn up to \$500 towards your premium - for each person. You can earn up to \$1,500 for a 3-person plan. If you are on a single plan and your premium is \$300, you would receive \$200 on a card to use toward medical expenses.

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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!



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Douglas C. Pearson, Sr.

I will say, right from the start, that my wife and I and our families, have all received the COVID-19 vaccinations. All of us have had conversations with our own physicians that have stimulated the motivation and action to get vaccinated. That is as it should be, with matters being considered as private medical information exchanges between patients and doctors.

But "Enough is Enough!" Discussions of boosters have been premature as have further restrictions of alleged pre-cautions that have motivated more offices, businesses, restaurants and retailers to not only restrict operations but to, again, close down all together.

Now our bank, county field offices and many favorite businesses have closed their lobbies and establishments to avoid contact with the public they serve. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) advised that once vaccinated people should not have to worry about wearing masks and situations should return to normal. Now the White House wanted to foster a "Booster" program, until the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) squashed that agreeing it was not needed, except under certain circumstances. Only one of the three drug manufacturers has developed such a booster, with the other two still in development stages for that. None have received FDA Approval yet.

The President put restrictions on travel, for everyone, even the vaccinated. Now, he has "loosened" restrictions for those from other countries to travel to the US, if they have been vaccinated. All the while, the southern border continues to be invaded by folks who come from Who Knows Where with God Knows What?

We go to the grocery store for our everyday needs and find that the shelves are nearly bare, as items are not available. We can't even find Distilled Water for my wife's CPAP machine. We travelled to a major office supply store last week to purchase some standard office supplies for my home office. The items wanted

were advertised (even on the shelf) as being in stock. When checking out with the clerk to pick up those items we were informed they were not in stock and unavailable. Everyone in the place looked at us as if we were the villains because we were unmasked, even though I used valuable gas to get there. I have found that more and more of the usual businesses that I frequent are closed, due to inability to find workers.

Now, recently, the shocking figure that more children have been shot and killed in the city of Chicago this year, than have died from COVID since the Pandemic was declared in January, 2020, is appalling. There is still more sickness and deaths due to the FLU than have resulted from COVID. We have subdued our travel due to the lack of availability for safe situations, COVID notwithstanding, and especially due to the lack of human discipline to even be civil to one another. Frankly, if anyone asks to see my "Papers" to make sure I've been vaccinated my response will be; "It is none of your business!"

So Uncle Joe, stop paying people to avoid working and let people make decisions based upon their best advice from their medical providers. Provide the information and then deal with the problems that are causing all the issues. Then maybe, just maybe, people will be too busy trying to make a living than trying to see what they can steal from others. Maybe, just maybe, the populous will be able to purchase the products they desire, further providing the tax base to support the governments. Maybe, just maybe, manufacturers can get back to work producing the items that are in demand, thereby by providing jobs and supplies to meet the demand for the products that will ultimately see prices come down and be affordable once again. Wake up Joe, and get busy dealing with the problems rather than creating the problems. Enough is Enough!



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Callahan Christmas Parade and Vendor Information

The West Nassau Historical Society will host the 48th Annual Callahan Christmas Parade and Craft Fair that will be held Saturday, December 4. The popular annual event will consist of two events: the Parade; and the Arts/Craft Fair.

The theme for this year's parade is "Days of Christmas Past." The parade will begin at 11 a.m. and follow the same route: US 1 south from Dixie Avenue through downtown Callahan to 5th Avenue. Line up for the parade will begin at 9 a.m. on Dixie Avenue and disperse on Warrior Drive. Participants will be judged and awarded in designated categories. A visit from Santa will be held at the Callahan Train

Depot following the parade. The Arts/Craft Fair will be held on the historic Callahan Depot rail bed between Dixie and Brandies Avenues and run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Entry fee for the Parade is \$45; and entry for the Craft Fair is \$40. Visit: www.wnhsfl.org for Parade and Arts/Craft Vendor Forms or for more information about the parade, call 904-879-3406.

This annual Christmas favorite is made possible in part with funds from the Town of Callahan. All proceeds will go to the West Nassau Historical Society, an all-volunteer nonprofit dedicated to promoting the rich history and culture that is western Nassau County.

Barnabas Receives Support for Dental Program



Barnabas Center was recently awarded a Delta Dental Community Care Foundation grant of \$10,000 to support the agency's dental program. The grant will support Barnabas with the purchase of much-needed dental supplies.

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