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SING TO HIM, SING PRAISE TO HIM; TELL OF ALL HIS WONDERFUL ACTS." - PSALM 105:1-2

Groundbreaking Held for Westside Senior Life Center



Dawn S. West

What a beautiful day Monday was for a groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation of the NCCOA Westside Senior Life Center in Hilliard. While it was a great celebration, having some of the senior clients there would have made it even more special. Since the pandemic, the center has been closed for clients to come to the facility. Currently, all of the clients are being ministered to at their homes versus coming together.



Nassau County Council on Aging President & CEO Janice Ancrum welcomed the small crowd of residents and dignitaries to the ceremony. "This has been a long time coming and we are looking forward to getting this project started," said Ancrum. "I want to thank all of you for coming to share in this

special moment with us.”

"I just want everyone to know, this facility isn't just getting a facelift it is going to be a 'state of the art' facility. Some parts of this building are over 50 years old," said Geoff Clear, Chair of the NCCOA Board of Directors. "We were approved for a \$600,000 appropriation grant from the state of Florida. In conjunction, we must raise at least \$50,000 for other needs at the facility. We have Senator Aaron Bean and Representative Cord Byrd to thank for all their hard work on this. The governor only approved 6% of the projects and we were one of them."

The first part of the project will be to improve the drainage on the entire property. The next step will be to work with the Town of Hilliard to connect to their water & sewer lines. The entire parking lot including the bus parking area will be resurfaced along with a new roof over the entire facility. The inside will be expanded completely with a new kitchen work area and offices. Work is scheduled to begin following the holidays and completed by June 2021.

Those wishing to learn more about the NCCOA or if you wish to donate to the renovation project, please visit: www.nassaucountycouncilonaging.org or call 904-845-3331.

Callahan Swears in Two Councilpersons



Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their final meeting of November. Councilman Ken Bass and new incoming Councilwoman Jaquelyn Fleming were both sworn into office to begin the meeting. Councilman David Mellecker was out of town and will be sworn in when he returns. Fleming ran for a council seat against three incumbents, Bass, Mellecker and Shirley Graham. Prior to the election, Graham withdrew her bid to run.

The council voted to continue to keep Bass as Council President however changed up the other positions. They are as follows: Councilman Ken Bass, Council President & Fire Commissioner; Councilwoman Janet Shaw, Parks & Recreation Commissioner; Councilwoman Jaquelyn Fleming, Water/Sewer Commissioner; Councilwoman Ashton Bishop Vargas, Street Department Commissioner; and Councilman David Mellecker, Zoning & Planning Commissioner.

In other business, Town Clerk Stephanie Knagge advised the council that Ethics Training is coming up. The council set Saturday, January 16, 2021 to do their virtual training.

Councilwoman Bishop Vargas

advised the council that she had contacted NCSO Sheriff Bill Leeper concerning the vandalism and possible drug use at Ewing Park. "Sheriff Leeper directed me to the Captain of Patrol Ryan VanTassell, who is here with us tonight," said Bishop Vargas. "I have some suggestions to make the park safer. I think we need to look at putting security cameras up; place a fence or gate at the entrance; perhaps more patrol concerning drug use."

"We will definitely increase patrol at the park. I will suggest that sufficient signs must be put up for defined park hours. Ten p.m. is too late to allow people there unless you have plenty of lights," said VanTassell. "Then you can set a curfew for the park. After that time, if anyone is in there we can take care of the situation."

"I'm going to look into adding some new poles with lights near the rear of the new parking area," added Town Manager Mike Williams. "The more you light things up the less inviting it is for vandals and illegal activities to take place."

The following item concerned the purchase of a new Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) for the Callahan

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Thank you!

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the West Nassau Historical Society, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making our 15th Annual Railroad Day Festival and Car Show a huge success. After several months of safety-related planning and with guidance from Nassau EOC, everyone shook off the early rain resulting in a great turnout from the community. We are an all-volunteer nonprofit and our main purposes are to highlight our county's rich culture and history and to maintain the 1881 Callahan Train Depot. We rely heavily on donations and monies raised from our annual Railroad Day to achieve these goals and we are extremely grateful for area groups, businesses and citizens who helped us put on this signature fundraising celebration during these difficult times.

First, we would like to thank the Town of Callahan, for donating and allowing our group to use the historic rail bed for our festival because without the availability of this invaluable green space, we would not be able to host Railroad Day. Kudos goes to our faithful supporters and donors: CSX Transportation, WestRock, Rayonier, Rusty Acres, West Fraser, Brandies Ace, FPL, Vystar CU, Callahan Timber, Callahan Subway, Nassau County Record, Davis DCJ, Nassau Printing, AA Bottled Gas, BSCM, First Coast Impressions, Meridian Waste, D&J Odds and Ends, Hendricks Septic, Gore's Nursery, SCV Camp 745, Southeastern Bank, Westside Journal, Junior's Seafood, RPM Wood Products, Callahan Walgreens, Paul Clark Ford, Hagan Ace, RandallSmithMusic, Nassau County Chamber of Commerce and the Home Depot. Special thanks go to Cochrane's Collision Center, Callahan Cruisers and AB&B Auto Parts for presenting another fantastic Classic Car Show.

Next, we would like to thank William Maurer and Tom and Jan Johannes for a splendid job on all of our artwork past and present. We want to thank Jerry Peterson our entertainment chair and the performers who gave of their time and talents to entertain the crowd. Thanks to all of the exhibitors and vendors who displayed their crafts, fire trucks, model trains, FAA radar, classic cars, and old machines and gadgets. Special thanks go to Joel Pace and his music students for planning and supervising a wide variety of fun-filled games in our kids' play area. Our children are

Letters to the Editor

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the future caretakers of our history.

Lastly, we would like to thank each and every member of the West Nassau Historical Society who went above and beyond what was asked of them to ensure that we put on a safe and enjoyable event. You all continue to show that by working together, all things are possible. The Historical Society is always looking for new members to join us in planning future projects. Starting in January we meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the historic Callahan train depot. Please come on out and join us as we plan for the future of our past.

Emily Baumgartner and John Hendricks,
Co-Chairs
2020 Railroad Day Festival

Media Coverage

Dear Editor,

While watching the News4Jax 5 p.m. edition on November 9, the anchor addressed former VP Biden as "President-Elect Biden." I called the station and much to my amazement a Mr. Frank Powers answered the call. After asking the source for this declaration, he said, "The American people was their source and the voters had provided the official source for Biden's new title."

I reminded him that the Constitution requires the Electoral College participation and he told me Biden DID have the electoral votes. When I asked him if they had officially voted yet, he paused and I asked if they were scheduled to vote on December 14. He admitted I was correct and still insisted Biden has won the election.

Telling Mr. Powers I have been a loyal viewer since 1958 meant nothing to him as he was quick to point out they are doing fine with or without my viewership. I vehemently protested against them knowingly reporting something they admit is not true and he laughed it off. He went on to say this is the same voting situation as 2016 but that I take exception to their reporting now because I agreed with Trump winning that election. I let him know I have been a democrat since 1972,

that the election in 2016 was COMPLETELY different. He replied, "He disagreed and hoped I will enjoy the rest of my evening at the". Trained off but I think he said asylum.

We know since Channel 4 lost its affiliation with CBS its programs have declined but I always trusted the honesty of the reporters. Well, no more. I was so angry at how casual and dismissive Mr. Frank represented their accuracy in reporting and how little my call meant, I had to try letting my neighbors know how we are viewed. I don't enjoy being treated as an ignorant peasant.

Don Dawkins

Return to God

Dear Editor,

Now that the initial shock of the 'assumed' defeat of President Trump is past, we might ask what is next? Time will tell, the jury is not in yet.

This letter primarily applies to Christians, now a little Bible trivia. So, let's fan those pages. We must remember what the Bible says in Daniel 2:21. Israel (Jews) the true chosen

people of God failed to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah and carry the message of salvation of Jesus Christ to the nations. So, they were side tracked by God (Matthew 21:43). Then the apostle Paul was raised by God to go to the Gentiles (Acts 18:6). Then some 400 years ago God raised up the U.S.A. to carry the message of the Gospel (Acts 4:12) of Jesus Christ to the nations. The church in the U.S.A. did a pretty good job with this assignment, but after WW II it seems that we got puffed up because of the industrial age. We Americans started to have more "stuff" and gradually over the last 75 years we drifted away from God. We no longer felt the need for Him. We could take care of ourselves, and our "things" took the place of God, they became our idols. (Exodus 34:14). Again, the Church of Jesus Christ needs to remember what the Bible tells us in 2 Chronicles 7:14. "We need fire in the pulpit..."

I don't know if it is too late to reverse where we are now or not. But I do know that if we, the church in America, do not acknowledge that we have failed God and repent and turn back to Him and be the church He has called us to be... well...it could be the result we would rather not see. Pray hard and consistent!

Pray for a President Trump victory - Pray for the USA - and yes, pray for Joe Biden. Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:27. God Bless! Again remember, Daniel 2:21.

Hank Martinez, Sr.

Callahan Christmas Parade Information! Reserve your vendor or parade spot today!

The Callahan Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 5 at 11 a.m. On the following Saturday, December 12, A Callahan Christmas will return to West Nassau High School.

The parade will be conducted and organized by the WNHS Warrior Band Boosters. The theme of this year's Christmas parade will be "A Super Hero's Christmas." To secure your float or marching spots in the parade email: wnbandbooster@gmail.com. The deadline to enter the parade is Monday, November 30.



For more information on vendor spots for both the parade and A Callahan Christmas please email: CallahanVendors@gmail.com. Vendors that book space for both events will receive a reduced rate. The deadline to be a vendor in either event is Thursday, November 30.

Sponsorships for the Christmas Parade and Out With A Boom Fireworks Spectacular are available now. For more information and a donation form, please visit the Town of Callahan website at: www.townofcallahan-fl.gov.

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Volunteer Fire Department. Assistant Fire Chief Larry Downey advised the council about the need for a new QRV for the department. "Our current brush truck is in need of updating and more service. When talking over the issue with Mr. Mike Williams, he suggested pricing out a new truck versus using our old one and adding to it," said Downey. "You all have a copy of the new pricing with a total of \$155,000. The former price we received to rehab our old truck was \$103,000 and that is still an old truck with some new parts. This truck will all be new with warranty. We have plans to sell the old brush truck and also one of the engines we received as a donation. Monies from these sales will go towards the purchase of this new truck. Then we will not have to finance as much. We also can apply for the Forestry 50/50 grant for some of the money, about \$10,000."

After much conversation, the council gave approval for Downey to proceed with ordering the new truck and move forward with selling the other trucks.

Next, the council discussed whether to join the Chamber of Commerce. The fee to join is \$350 per year. "You all remember that many chamber members came to our last meeting to encourage us to join the chamber again," said Bass. "What are your (council) thoughts?"

"I thought he (Tracy Stocksdales, Chamber Chairman) provided some

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things that they (chamber) had been doing," said Fleming. "I didn't however hear what they plan to do in the future for us. I wasn't really convinced of any help to the town."

"I know it's been a long time since the town has been a part of the chamber but why not try again," added Mayor Matthew Davis. "We can try for a year and if we aren't happy we don't have to join again."

The council unanimously approved joining the Chamber at a cost of \$350.

Resolution 2020-R12 was approved which concerned donating \$250 to Callahan Boy Scout Troop #351 to assist with sending a scout to camp.

The council approved the new cleaning contract for Tonya Butler Cleaning. However, after much discussion, the council agreed to ask Ms. Butler if she will do four (4) extra cleanings per year at no additional cost, which would include just cleaning the fire department bathrooms and tidying up. Knagge will talk with Butler to see how she responds.

During closing comments, Knagge advised the council that she has put her home up for sale and when it sells, she will be moving out of the Callahan City Limits, prior to the end of her 2022 term.

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

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Donald J. Trump is still my President! Also, Joe Biden is not President-Elect! The news media does not decide the election results and as long as there are legal battles occurring, no one can claim victory, unless President Trump concedes, and he has not done that and probably won't. I for one hope he does not. This election fits in perfectly with the year 2020. This has been the most bizarre year I have ever witnessed. The entire world has been topsy-turvy and it doesn't seem like things are going to get better anytime soon. Someone suggested that the term "2020" should be the new cuss word, and I agree. You can now say phrases like, "What the 2020 are you thinking?" or "Where the 2020 are you going?" I say, "What the 2020 is going on?"

The main stream media, and that includes FOX News, have lost every bit of their credibility, if they had any to begin with. They refuse to report on all the election fraud that has occurred across this country. They claim the fraud is baseless and has no creditable proof. There are even claims from the federal government's election department that this was the most secure election ever. Who are they trying to fool? There are hundreds upon hundreds of sworn affidavits from several of the contested states from people that have

witnessed the fraud. There is proof that the Dominion voting machines that were used in the same contested states are completely vulnerable to fraud. There is proof that Dominion transfers the tabulations to a server in Germany and then the returns are computed back to the state election stations. Hey, but there is nothing to see here folks. This entire election process has been a debacle. Another major red flag was on election night when Trump was leading Biden by more than 800,000 votes in Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania decided to stop counting votes. When they resumed counting on Wednesday, all of a sudden Biden was leading. It makes no common sense.

I shouldn't be surprised; the deep state corrupt liberal socialist democrats have been planning this for four years. Treason is the only way to describe the actions of these democrat controlled states, the DNC and lame stream media.

I will be like the democrats have been for the last four years if Biden steals this election. He is not my president, he's not the president of the majority of the states in America, and last but not least, I will NOT submit to Socialism! This is my country, my Republic and you will not Tread On Me!

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

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Lasting Change

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Nothing seems to stay the same. Everything is in constant change and in the last number of years these changes have happened exponentially in travel, building and especially in electronics. Who would have thought they could ever pinpoint the landing of a used rocket booster to a barge, miles out in the ocean? Now Dick Tracy watches are not fiction in a comic book but are a real thing. The first computer I put my hands on was a Radio Shack TRS 80 with a total of 64K memory and used 8 inch floppy disks (no such a thing as a hard drive). Today simple gadgets and watches have more memory than 64K.

Change occurs all the time, all around us. Think about the changes every day in the weather, seasons, jobs, leaders, attitudes and regulations. Over the years my relationships changed when Judith and I served in different ministries as missionaries and as a pastor and when we became parents and then grandparents. Though I often find big changes hard, I have come to appreciate and enjoy many of the changes. I have grown to appreciate some things that are constant and very seldom change. The only One who has never changed is God Himself! God said in Malachi 3:6, "For I am the LORD, I do not change;"

Throughout all time, God is always the same - unchanged. For all eternity God will never change His love for all people. He never changes in His power. He is complete and does not need to add or subtract any attributes. God has loved and still loves us. Unlike human love that often depends on how a person acts or reacts, God's love is unchanging. The Bible says, "God is love!" (1 John 4:8 and 16) The Bible is clear that "God IS love."

From the moment our life began when we were conceived, you and I have been changing. We are constantly changing physically. We are told that the cells of our body are constantly being renewed. As we mature, have different life experiences and face new disappointments and new opportunities, our thinking and emotions change.

What is the greatest change that can be made? That change is when we see our need for a Savior. The Bible says we are all sinners and the punishment for sin is death. When we are willing to put our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, as the One who died to pay for our sins, then we can receive forgiveness of sin and eternal life. This change of heart does not come from outside, like doing good, rituals or just thinking right. The Bible declares this is not just a change but, "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

Let Jesus change your heart, mind and attitude and His love will be manifested in your life. Jesus will change your heart and it will affect your relationship with your spouse, children, friends and neighbors. They should see that good change in you. Like our skin cells are constantly being renewed, your spiritual growth also needs to be daily renewed through reading His word and prayer. Make sure your relationship with the Lord Jesus is right. That is change that will last.

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Callahan Community Thanksgiving Dinner this Saturday

The First United Methodist Church of Callahan will be sponsoring the Callahan Community Thanksgiving Dinner again this year, however it will have a different look. Instead of eating in, the meal will be carryout only due to the pandemic. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served this Saturday, November 21 from 12-1 p.m. Along with dinner, Blessing Boxes will be given (while supplies last) and a bag of groceries for each family.

Forty years ago, a Thanksgiving tradition began at the Methodist Church in Callahan. Just the thought of this annual event screams tradition! Who could have imagined that this event would still be happening 40 years later? It has spanned a generation, with the first year's cooks now reaching their own senior citizen years, and the 1980 members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship becoming the newest church leaders and most recent kitchen co-workers! It all began with a church youth group headed by Steve Pickett called the CTC (Christians That Care). Steve, and his girlfriend, Susan Cason of Jacksonville, were the youth leaders at the church at that time.

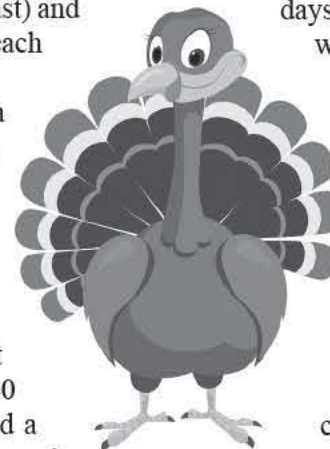
Nationally, Ronald Reagan was president, the average cost of a new home was \$68,700.00, a new car was a major expense at \$7,200.00, one gallon of gas was \$1.19, and the average income in 1980 was under \$20,000! Talk about change! Preparations for this community dinner began weeks ago. Church members were asked to donate green beans, corn and cranberry sauce.

The members will also be providing desserts and congealed salads. Turkeys were purchased and the church ladies signed up to cook the turkeys.

In the 80s, the church had a single-wide trailer that had a working kitchen, refrigerator and sink. So much of the preparations were done there by Steve and his assistant and 'Chief Cook' Cheryl Sloan, two to three days in advance. Invitations were sent to local churches, posters displayed in area businesses, and by word of mouth. Remember, these were the days before social media and email became the norm! Many senior citizens arrived several hours before the noontime meal to enjoy a fresh cup of coffee or cold glass of iced tea, as they would visit with longstanding acquaintances and catch up on the previous year's happenings. Vans from the Hilliard area would make several trips to transport seniors to the dinner. Youth members served as maître d', waiters, and waitresses for the day so that they could interact with the community's senior age group.

With the pandemic still restricting close gatherings, this year's meal will be served to the community in carryout containers this Saturday, November 21 from noon to 1 p.m. or until the food runs out!

As you gather to celebrate the season of Thanksgiving, share the many blessings that God has provided for you with others; family, friends, those who may be spending the day alone. Share God's blessings He has given you, with others!



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There were 25 blood units donated/collected and over 130 dinners served. We want to thank the community for sharing the power to save lives! The recent blood donations are vital to our community and will likely be transfused into a patient within the next two to three days. The turnaround is that fast, the need is constant, especially during this COVID Pandemic. We ask our community, please give when you can.

Since May 2020, the Blank Check Society has raised \$7900. This milestone was achieved due to the generous support from the VFW Post 10095, American Legion, the local community and the hard work and

dedication from the Chapter Members. Heartfelt thanks are given to Callahan Barbecue, Callahan AA Bottled Gas and other numerous local businesses for their continued support.

Congratulations to the following winners in the cook off: First Place, Mike Mekara; Second Place, Buckie Carroll; and Third Place/Peoples Choice, 2 Cousins BBQ. Further thanks are extended to our three judges;

The Honorable Judge Steven Fahlgren, Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper and Mr. Dennis Morris. All in all, this was a great day for the community and our veterans!



OREMC Donates to Hilliard Robotics



The Flash Drives are an exuberant group of students that make up the Hilliard Middle-Senior High School Robotics Team. Their level of enthusiasm kicked up a notch when Okefenokee REMC presented them a \$2,500 check that will help fuel their readiness in upcoming robotic competitions.

Christiana Morgan, science teacher and team coach, advises the group as they navigate their way through hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (S.T.E.M.) learning to build a robot and compete in a series of challenges against other teams. As with many things in 2020/2021, the competitions will be virtual but the team's excitement and commitment to rising to the challenge is very real.

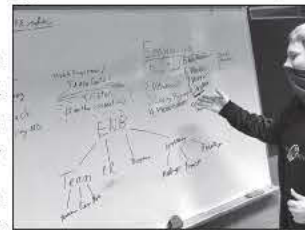
The students took turns sharing their areas of responsibility from

community awareness and fundraising to engineering documentation and demonstrated understanding of the game manuals. The "game" plan plotted out on the white board helps them keep track of their readiness leading up to their first competition on December 11.

"Helping the Hilliard Robotics

Team is a perfect example of how OREMC supports education in our communities," said OREMC Member Service Representative Dewayne Johns. "Promoting the growth and development of our young people academically, increases the knowledge capital in our communities and fosters work force development and economic well-being."

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Enjoying the Gift of Giving!



Dana Yoachum, of Callahan, crochets as a great way to relieve stress. She has turned her special hobby into crocheting baby and children's blankets, and adds a stuffed buddy wrapped inside, tied with a ribbon. Most of the cute little creations also have a red heart crocheted on them, as they are made with love. Dana was so happy to learn that the Westside Journal takes donations for The Nest Women's Center, who were thrilled to receive such a special gift for their young mothers and mothers-to-be!

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Locals Participate in DC to Support President Trump



Last Saturday, thousands of patriots gathered in Washington DC to show their support for President Donald J. Trump in the midst of this historic election. Shown are: Timothy, Peter and Samuel Crane who made sure to take along a copy of the Westside Journal for the great trip! Their parents are Travis and Amelia Crane of Bryceville.

Also, Angela Davidson, a friend of Amelia's, from Callahan, drove up there with her friends. Angela actually got a picture with Vernon Jones who was the last speaker and who gave an incredibly fired up speech.



Saturday was a gorgeous day and very safe all day except at dusk. During the many speeches, the Lord Jesus' name was lifted up and earnest prayers were lifted up to God. We sang the Star Spangled Banner and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were many unapologetic words in support of our Christian heritage. Hundreds of thousands of people were there. Kayleigh McEnany had tweeted over 1 million. It's hard to describe what it was like being in that massive of a crowd of Patriots! Everyone was friendly, courteous and respectful.

Just imagine that many people and NO riots or trouble whatsoever--until Antifa showed up at the Courthouse where the rally

was being held. Honestly, it was like one big block party! That seems to be the way it is whenever Trump people get together. Everyone made sacrifices to be there from all over the country (Minute Men!) for the common cause to show the world that we will not stand idly by and watch our country...our Constitutional Republic be stolen and destroyed by people who hate us.

Alongside the American patriots were people representing Taiwan and Hong Kong. They had large banners that said "Free Hong Kong" and everyone was very receptive to them. People all over the world love President Trump and know that he is also their hope against tyranny.

So, to our fellow Nassau County patriots, be encouraged and keep the faith. President Trump has it under control and we will win big!



Also, attending the Trump support trip were Michael and Michelle Guzman of Callahan! They also took along a copy of the Westside Journal on their great trip!

May God truly bless you (Westside Journal) and May God Bless America!



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Scheduled to open its doors on Friday, November 20, Hagan Ace Hardware of Yulee, located at 85880 Miner Road, will bring its “more personal kind of helpful” and best brands like Stihl, Weber, Big Green Egg, Traeger, Benjamin Moore, Magnolia Home by Joanna Gaines Paint and Scotts to local homeowners and DIYers. Hagan Ace Hardware is proud to provide solutions to everyday home maintenance needs through an extensive selection of products in categories such as paint, grilling, lawn and garden. The Garden Center at Yulee also includes a butterfly habitat Hagan Ace is known for. At Hagan Ace Hardware of Yulee, customers can expect the personal, knowledgeable, and helpful service that makes them feel like a neighbor.

This store will also be home to the 3rd location of Hagan Coastal Outfitters - specializing in Sunglasses, Shoes, Kayaks, Paddleboards, Fishing & Marine, Outdoor Apparel and more. With over 50 years of experience serving the North Florida community in the hardware business, the Hagan family decided to think outside the toolbox and open a full service, local outfitter shop. Hagan Coastal Outfitters also offers



private, one on one, on the water demos so customers can try before they buy.

This is the ninth Ace store opened by owner Bill Hagan. The state-of-the-art store will span 20,000 square feet and stock thousands of products – including a focus on local brands. Hagan Ace recently launched a campaign called ‘Hagan Ace Loves Local’. Old fashioned carts are positioned front and center in each store highlighting locally made goods. From peanuts to popcorn, BBQ sauce to bug spray, honey to fishing hats – you’ll find a wide variety of specialty items made by local small

business owners.

“Ace Hardware is committed to providing home maintenance solutions, neighborly advice and resources to residents in Yulee,” said Bill Hagan, owner of Hagan Ace Hardware. “We’re excited to be part of the Yulee

community, and we look forward to making a positive impact for many years to come.”

At Hagan Ace Hardware our philosophy has always been to move our people up the ranks, promoting from within when the opportunity exists and always being open to talented folks outside the company that have experiences and qualities that would be an asset to our company. Thomas Doby, former Store Manager in Hilliard, will assume the management responsibilities in Yulee. Thomas has worked at the Hilliard store since October 4, 2017 and is looking forward to a new adventure with a ground-up store.

Hagan Ace Hardware and Hagan Coastal Outfitters of Yulee opens to the public on Friday, November 20 at 7:30 a.m. A ribbon cutting ceremony with the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce will be held in front of the store at noon.



Quilt Guild Raffle

The Country Star Quilt Guild is raffling off this ‘one of a kind’ beautiful quilt. The quilt is displayed at the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, where you can also purchase your tickets! Tickets are \$1 each; or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held December 14, 2020.

West Nassau's Murray #1 in State

West Nassau High School Senior Carson Murray plays for the Warriors as a middle Linebacker. He is leading the State of Florida in tackles, 141 for the season, according to MAX Preps and ITG Next Magazine. He is also listed as #38 in the nation. Carson currently has six colleges offering him scholarships to play college football at their schools. Off the field, Carson holds a 3.8 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society. Congratulations Carson.



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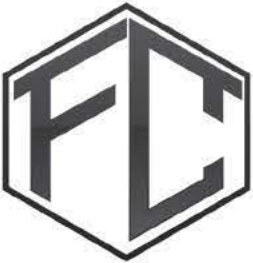
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Warriors...A year in Review!

Kyle Pipkin

2020 has been one interesting year for all of us. It has been a year of ups and downs. The West Nassau Warriors football has been no exception. The hometown Warriors started really strong winning the first two games, followed by a downhill spiral. However, these young adults would not give up and finished the year strong winning two of the last three. The team should be commended and deserves a round of applause.

Their playoff hopes ended Friday night with a loss to Fernandina Beach, 34-22. Although this was a team that lost a lot of seniors last year and was very young, they showed a bright future. I personally am very proud to see the mental toughness this team showed throughout the season to keep fighting.

This year, most valuable player in my book would be the utility player himself Chaz Davis. He showed up and showed out every single week. He finished the season leading the team in most offensive categories with 791 rushing yards, 739 receiving yards, and a total of 2,069 all-purpose yards. He also scored 15 touchdowns for the Warriors in his senior season.

The defensive most valuable player has to be Carson Murray, who leads the state in tackles this year. He was a tackling machine for the Warriors at



middle linebacker. He finished the year with 141 tackles 9 of those were in the back field of the other team. He also had two interceptions this year.

Everyone remembers the offense and defense, but lots of time the special teams are forgotten about. This year Devon McDuffie had a solid year kicking the ball going 24 of 27 for extra points, a 90% rate. He also hit two of the three field goals attempted this year.

Finally, we get to what I lovingly call them, the big uglies. That's right the offensive line. They are the ones that get little recognition, but are truly what makes a team. This year junior Wyatt Butler lead the team in pancake blocks with 21; senior Franco Jimenez had 17; Trent Pinkston, Max Harrison, Carson Johns, Trey McCullough, Ethan Arn and Daniel Callahan, all registered pancake blocks this season.

This wasn't the year that we all wanted but this team did not quit and worked hard all year long. Let's not forget this Warrior team has played some of the top teams in the area and kept it close. They finished the season strong and I see lots of potential looking into next season. Best of luck to all of the seniors. Until next season...Go Warriors!



POLICE REPORTS

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Thursday, November 5

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Wednesday, November 11

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Sunday, November 15

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DAVID LARRY BROWNING, SR.



David Larry Browning, Sr., 74, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away Monday, November 9, 2020 in Jacksonville. He was born July 1, 1946 in Jacksonville, to the late Barney Harold Browning, Sr. and Margaret Francis David Browning. He worked with his father in the family business, Barney Browning & Sons Fuel Oil Company. He was the Founder and Owner of Browning Chassis and Co-Owner of Jax Raceway. He had a passion for horses and stock car racing. He was the former President and Vice-President of Bit-N-Spur Saddle Club and the current President of the Charlton County Saddle Club.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers Eddie Browning, Sr. and James Frederick Browning.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda Browning; his children David (Stephanie) Browning, Bonnie (Dennis, Sr.) Schoenfeld, Margie (Jeff) Flight and Lisa Browning; two brothers Barney Harold Browning, Jr. and Archie Browning; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Thursday, November 12 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Friday, November 13 at Sand Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Trent Long officiating. Burial followed in Racepond Cemetery at Sand Hill Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Dennis Shoenfeld, Jr., Jeffery Flight, Jr., Billy Fraser, Michael Schoenfeld, Tyler Browning and Dylan Browning. Gage Browning and John Browning served as junior pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Sand Hill Baptist Church, 10380 US Highway 1, Folkston, Georgia 31537 or to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

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JOSEPH HAROLD DOWNS



Joseph Harold Downs, 69, went to be with our Lord and Savior on November 15, 2020, at Community Hospice of Fernandina Beach, surrounded by his loving daughter, sister and wife. Joe was a resident of Callahan since 1992 where he worked as a carpenter/cabinet maker whose passion was working with wood and turning it into a strong beautiful design. He was always ready to help anyone at any time and was loved by many friends and neighbors who enjoyed his intense sense of humor and quick witty comebacks. Joe will surely be missed by all who knew him.

Joe is predeceased by his son Michael Joseph Downs; parents Joseph Chester Downs and Anna J. Spaulding Downs; and sisters Delorse Vaughan and Sheila Bass.

Joe is survived by his wife of 46 years, Christine Callaway Downs; daughter Sherry Lynn Downs (Larry R.) Hogan; sisters Faye of Lake City, Phyllis Taylor and Doris Perry, both of Callahan; as well as eight loving grandchildren, Chandler, Miranda, Tylor, Haylie, Kansas, Madison, Layla and Luke; one great-grandchild Chase; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Joe's life will be held Thursday, November 19 at 4:30 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

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FRAZIER 'TED' MCCLAIN



Today we bow in humble submission to the will of God to thank him for the life of Frazier McClain, Sr. Monday, November 9, 2020, Frazier

McClain, known and loved by all as Ted, peacefully went home to be with the Lord, surrounded by his family. He was a wonderful man. Frazier was born Thursday, June 6, 1946, in Callahan, to the

late Ruth White and Coley McClain. He was reared by his paternal grandmother, the late Mary Holloway. As a young toddler she would often be seen pulling him in a wagon on their way to church. He was a member of the Pine Forest Community School graduating Class of 1966. Ted joined the United States Army and served almost three years. Upon completion of his tour of duty he attended Florida Community College of Jacksonville where he studied Air Conditioning and Refrigeration for two years. He met and married his wife, the former Deborah Hamilton, and to this union six children were born. Three additional children were reared in the McClain home; Allan McClain, Jermaine Horne and Glen Wright. Ted loved and supported his wife and children endlessly and showed it in multiple ways.

Ted was employed at the Jacksonville Port Authority for several years. Upon the closing, he began a supervisor position for LBJ Enterprises. He was an innovative craftsman that was always there whenever his family needed anything fixed or constructed. Ted enjoyed fishing and recently went with his best friend of over 40 years, Thomas Wilson. He liked jazz music, Marvin Gaye, and watching the television show National Geographic. Ted was a fan of the Florida Gators and Miami Dolphins. However when the Jacksonville Jaguars came to town he pledged his loyalty to them.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ruth (John) Woods and Coley McClain; siblings Constance Woods, Charlotte Ingram, Pecolia Williams, Theodore Jones, Sr. and Sherman Roberts; grandparents, Mary Holloway, Leola White and Willie White.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his loving and devoted wife of 50 years, Deborah McClain; children Frazier McClain, Jr., Tangi (Anthony) Melton, Katina (Terry) Williams, Alice (Stephan) Herring, Yolanda (Corey) Davis and Chelsea McClain; 18 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; siblings Jennifer Singleton, Johnnie Mae

(Paul) Brown, Vanessa Gail (Daryl) Terry, Belinda Kendrick, Leola Woods, Aileen Humphries, Elease Woods, John (Lorraine) Woods, Jr. and Janice Dorn; aunts Joann Cooper, Elizabeth Simmons and Lois Ann Hare-Bey; step-mother Maybelle McGriff; special and devoted aunt Dollie Mae Wright; godchildren Terry McGriff Jr., Yolanda Armstrong and Kiyana Butler; in-laws Ellis Horne, Sr., Denise (Bobby) Smith, Lee Woods, Deloris Jones and Wanda Roberts; best friend Thomas Wilson; and a host of other relatives and loving friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 21 at 12:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Gray Gables, 54031 Church Road, Callahan, with Elder Charles McGriff Officiating. Public viewing will be held Friday, November 20 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Viewing will continue on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until the hour of service. Interment will be held Monday, November 23 at 11:30 a.m. at Jacksonville National Cemetery, Jacksonville.

Funeral arrangements by Sarah L. Carter's Funeral Home Northside Chapel, (904) 765-4150.

JANET 'SISSY' DARLENE MYERS



Janet 'Sissy' Darlene Myers, 52, of Callahan, passed away on November 9, 2020. She was born on May 9, 1968, in Jacksonville, to Robert

Arthur Elliott and Elva Darlene Fouraker. Shortly after graduating high school, Janet enrolled and graduated from the Florida Art Institute in Ft. Lauderdale. Before opening her own business, Elliott's Interiors, she worked 20 years at Mandarin Carpets and 7 years at David Gray Design Studio. She had a passion for interior decorating and always saw the potential in every room she walked in. Janet loved to sing even when she didn't know all the words to the song. Janet enjoyed wildlife and nature but most of all, the beach. Janet had a huge heart. Her family and her dog, GiGi meant the world to her. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Janet leaves behind her father Robert (Paula) Elliott; mother Elva Darlene

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A Celebration of Janet's life was held Saturday, November 14 at Nassau Funeral Home with Rev. Josh Hinson officiating.

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

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ARTHUR BRYANT PADGETT



Arthur 'Bryant' Padgett, better known as Bryant, 65, of Hilliard, passed away on November 12, 2020 with his family by his side. Bryant was born on February 2, 1955, in Jacksonville, to Herman Lee Padgett and Laverne Shott Padgett. Bryant was a talented painter. The skill of painting was passed down from his father. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, shrimping and being outdoors. More than anything, Bryant loved spending time with his family. His sweets and scratch off tickets was a close second though! Bryant was a good man that never wronged anyone. He is going to be missed by his family and friends who loved him dearly.

Bryant leaves behind his parents Herman Lee Padgett and Laverne Shott

Padgett; his wife Vicky Ann Padgett; children Bryant (Tracy) Padgett, Crystal (Charles) Smith, Adam (Christina) Padgett and Lee (Tonya) Padgett; brother Robert Padgett; sisters Margaret Banting and Betty Sue Paradero; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Bryant's life was held Sunday, November 15 at First Baptist Church of Boulougne with Pastor Paul Lucas officiating. The family received friends prior to service.

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

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JOHN MURIEL PENDERGRASS



John Muriel Pendergrass, 91, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord on November 2, 2020 after battling a longtime illness. He was born in Alexandria, Louisiana to John Glen and Vera May Sumpter Pendergrass.

John proudly served his country for 8 years in the US Navy Reserves. He loved a good card game and knew his way around a pool table. He was a longtime member of the Moose lodge. He loved to fish, light on his feet, rarely missed a football game and was hopelessly devoted to his Angel. Family was everything to John. He was a

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selfless man and would give the shirt off his back to help someone in need. The loss is immeasurable, but so is the love left behind. Rest in Peace Pop. He is predeceased by his parents; and his sister Dorothy Holland.

John is survived by his wife Sandy Pendergrass; his children John Pendergrass, Donald Pendergrass, Lisa Painter, Jaimie Skinner, Thomas Cason and Renee Dunphy; grandchildren; siblings Jerry Pendergrass and Betty Allen; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will hold a celebration of his life Saturday, November 21 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Ewing Park in Callahan.

RICHARD 'DICK' WRIGHT



Richard 'Dick' Paul Wright, 58, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on November 12, 2020. He was born on October 20, 1962, in Jacksonville, to the late William P. Wright and Mattie Silcox Wright. Dick enjoyed ARC activities, swimming and fishing and participated in Special Olympics. He

was included in many sibling vacations including a cruise and ski trips. Dick was an avid Florida Gator fan and attended games in the "Swamp." He even pre-planned his funeral with a Gator theme. Dick blessed his family with patience, persistence and unconditional love. His family has all benefited by having him in their lives and they will all miss him dearly.

Dick leaves behind his siblings; Betty Jo (Ralph) Higginbotham, Donna W. Higginbotham, Sally W. Lloyd, Pete (Glenda) Wright, Vicki (Shelly) Whitty and Arlene (Perry) Davis; 23 nieces and nephews; 73 great nieces and nephews; 21 great-great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Adam Higginbotham, Jacob Davis, William Lloyd, Shelly Whitty, Pete Wright and Levi Wright; special speaker will be Philip Worthington; pianist will be Jenny Lloyd.

A Celebration of Dick's life was held Tuesday, November 17 at Callahan First Baptist Church with Pastor Lynn Hyatt officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Interment followed at Riverside Memorial Park.

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

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STEARN FAMILY THANK YOU

Our family wishes to thank the many friends who reached out to us with such encouraging words, cards, texts and expressions of love during the passing of our son, brother, husband and father, James E. 'Dub' Stearn, Jr. Our deepest, heartfelt thanks, to everyone who prayed for Dub during the storm of his life. Oh, what encouragement knowing so many lives were touched by him...that smile...that laugh! We know you also touched his life! He wished for all to know and accept Jesus Christ so we would all be together when Christ comes again! God be with you all! "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7

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Hilliard Defeats Lafayette in Overtime

Flashes to Host Regional Semi Finals Friday at Flashes Field

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It is the time of year that sports fans circle on their calendars, the playoffs! The Hilliard Flashes, who rolled into the game with a perfect 7-0 record, played host to a playoff game for the second year in a row. This time, they welcomed a different opponent, the Lafayette (Mayo) Hornets, who came into the game with a 5-4 record. The Flashes came out the victor in an overtime win of 22-21. The evening started with former quarterback and walking miracle, Nathan Dowie carrying the American flag as the Flashes stormed onto the field. With a sold out crowd, the atmosphere was electric and hopeful.

The Flashes won the toss, but elected to defer. The Hornets used a steady diet of the run game with the quarterback leading the charge. It only took 12 plays to score with a 1-yard touchdown run off of the quarterback sneak. With the extra point good, the Hornets sprung out to an early 7-0 lead. Both teams traded possessions but the Flashes found a way to answer with only 2 plays to score. Lyle Bennett connected with Jason Sheffield striding down the sidelines

for a 65-yard touchdown pass. With a missed extra point, the Flashes cut the deficit down to 7-6.

Outside of the first quarter, both teams struggled to gain traction. After halftime, it was more of the same. Eventually, the Flashes broke the stalemate and gained some momentum with their special teams, when a high snap forced the punter to retreat and was tackled near the Hornets' 15 yard line. Two plays later, the Flashes used some trickery to score when Tywuan Lee ran outside the defense and made the cut up field to score from 7-yards out. Using Lee to get the 2-point conversion, the Flashes took their first lead of the night, jumping out to a 14-7 lead. The Hornets responded with a drive of their own. The Hornets' offense made a critical error when a mishandled snap was recovered by Cameron Chavarria. The Flashes gained traction when Bennett connected with Sheffield again to get the offense past midfield. But, the Hornets' defense rose up and created a stop to set their offense with good field position. The Hornets used the field position to score from 1-yard out. With

the extra point good, the Hornets evened the score with 14. Following, both defenses created critical stops and the game was forced to overtime.

In overtime, both teams have a possession with each team starting at the 10 yard line and have 4 plays to score. The Hornets scored using

the air for an 8-yard touchdown pass. With the extra point good, the Hornets regained the lead with the score 21-14. It was the Flashes turn to keep the game going. It didn't take long to answer when Bennett connected with Dylan Coston for a 5-yard touchdown pass. Instead of taking the conventional route and kicking the extra point, the Flashes went for the win and decided to go for 2. Bennett rolled to his left and dropped a dime in the middle of the end zone to Sheffield for a successful 2-point conversion. After a back and forth defensive battle, the Flashes were poised, resilient, and advanced to the regional semifinals of the playoffs by defeating the Hornets 22-21 in an overtime thriller. With the win, the Flashes improve to 8-0 on the season, the first time in school history.

Offensively, the Flashes struggled to gain traction with 56 yards rushing and 238 yards total. Lee had 16 carries for 29 yards and a touchdown; and Bennett had 5 carries for 18 yards; Bennett went 9/20 for 182 yards, 2 touchdowns and 3 interceptions. Sheffield had 5 catches for 135 yards and a touchdown; Coston had 3 catches for 43 yards; and Dylan Coston had a touchdown catch for 5 yards.

Defensively, the Flashes generated some crucial stops on 4th down, forced



a turnover, and held the Hornets to 79 yards passing. Leading the charge were Lane Beasley and Huntley Moore, who both had 7 tackles with Moore recording a pass breakup; Blake and Malik Farahkhan both had 6 tackles with Blake having a sack; Carson Newkirk had 3 tackles and a pass breakup; Chavarria had 3 tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery; Dylan Coston had 3 tackles and a pass breakup; and Angleo Benjamin had 3 tackles and a pass breakup as well. Brantley Hengerer and D.J. Coston both had 3 tackles; Sheffield had 2 tackles; Lee, Chandler McGee, Josh Johnson and Seth Moore each shared a tackle.

The Hilliard Flashes return home for the second round of the playoffs as they welcome a rematch with the defending state champion, Madison County Cowboys. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. Friday night on Flashes Field.

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