

“AND, BEHOLD, THOU SHALT CONCEIVE IN THY WOMB, AND BRING FORTH A SON, AND SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS. HE SHALL BE GREAT, AND SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE HIGHEST: AND THE LORD GOD SHALL GIVE UNTO HIM THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID.” - LUKE 1:31-32

## Hilliard Pharmacy's 'Ms. Kay' to Retire!

Dawn S. West

If you've ever been in Hilliard Pharmacy, chances are you've seen or talked with Ms. Kay. She is the sweet lady that works in the floral department of the store. Once you make eye contact with her, you see her sweet smile. I recently spent a little time with Ms. Kay talking about her career. Ms. Kay has been working at Hilliard Pharmacy, and the former Fuqua Pharmacy, for about 49 years. Surprisingly to me, she is a young 92 years old. She is very humble and gives all the credit to having a good job and a great boss. "I have made so many friends through the years," said Ms. Kay. "I have worked with some good people that turned out to be such special friends. I love working with flowers and people so this has been the perfect job for me."



Ms. Kay is planning for her last day at work to be Friday, December 9. Hopefully, this will give people plenty of time to come by the store and share well wishes for her. This Thursday, December 1, there will be a drop-in reception held at Hilliard Pharmacy from 2-6 p.m. to honor Ms. Kay for her years of service. Anyone is encouraged to come by and see her.

This part of her story was shared by Mrs. Karen Thigpen:

Keiko, Kay to her friends, Harada Moore was born in Yokohama, Japan, to Chihiro and Hanae Harada in 1930. But before her parents met, her father was a merchant seaman and came to the United States as a young man. He stayed in New York for several years, working in the restaurant business. When he returned and married, he knew farming was no longer for him, so he opened up a cafe called New York.

Before the end of World War II, the family moved to Tokyo, where Kay's dad opened another restaurant and met Lester L. Moore who was in the United States Air Force and eventually, introduced him to his middle daughter, Kay. With her parents' blessings, she and Lester, whose family was from Florida and had lived in Jacksonville, married in 1951. In 1952, they moved to Florida and started their family. Their first two daughters were born, Rachel in 1952 and Marie 1953. In 1954, Kay became a naturalized American Citizen, and Lester was transferred to Morocco, where their last two children were born, Carolyn in 1955 and Lester Jr. in 1956. Kay's husband served 30 years in the US Air Force.

Over the years, Kay and her four children followed her husband to different duty stations. Once more, he

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## 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Callahan Christmas PARADE SATURDAY

Dawn S. West

The 49th Annual Callahan Christmas Parade will be held this Saturday, December 3 beginning at 11 a.m. This is always a go-to for me! I have been attending this parade, umm let's see, almost since it began! I definitely remember marching with the Warrior Band in the parade when I was in high school but not really sure before that! I can certainly remember bundling my children up and heading into Callahan to meet up with my friends and their children to watch it.

If you are new to the Callahan (Hilliard or Bryceville) areas, and you love parades, this is one you need to try to attend. Make plans to get into Callahan to find your viewing spot early, as US 1 gets full really, really quick. It is such a fun time to see so many people out enjoying such a great

Christmas event. Make sure to enjoy your time and be patient as the traffic is pretty busy before and after the parade!

The West Nassau Historical Society will again be hosting the Parade and Craft Fair. The Arts and Craft event will be held at the historic Callahan Train Depot from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The parade will line up on Dixie Avenue (north of Callahan) and begin at 11 a.m. proceeding south on US Highway 1 through downtown Callahan all the way to Fifth Street. The return route will follow the newly resurfaced Booth Street north back to Dixie Avenue. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be located at the Depot, following the parade for great pictures. While you're there, make sure to visit all the arts, crafts and food vendors that will be also located at the Depot and on the grounds around the depot. Merry Christmas!

## Movie at the Park Saturday

This Saturday night, the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department will host the Annual Movie at Ewing Park with activities beginning at 6 p.m. The movie, Dr. Suess' How the Grinch Stole Christmas®, will begin around 7:30 p.m. Parking for the event will be held at the grass lot behind Callahan Timber Company, 450038 SR 200. The event is FREE to the public. There will be eats, treats and fun activities for the children to participate in. There will be food trucks on site to purchase some items. Guests are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to donate to local food banks. Make sure to bring your blankets and chairs to enjoy a fun evening under the stars! Merry Christmas!



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### Accolades to NC SOE

Dear Editor,  
 Having various problems within the U.S. during our midterm elections, I have to say I'm thankful for how well all ballots were counted within Nassau County. The election went smoothly, and I commend Nassau County Supervisor of Elections Janet Adkins for improvements made and for returning \$294,710.31 back to Nassau County.

More managers within our government need to take notice, that money allocated within a budget doesn't mean it has to be spent. The money comes from hard working taxpayers, and to keep our taxes down it should be always spent with the same care as it is earned. Thank you for your service, Mrs. Adkins and for looking out for the taxpayer's bottom line!

Respectfully,  
 Vickie Stevens

### Appreciation to Roger

Dear Editor,  
 I have read with earnest, as I always do, Roger's column in the November 17 edition of WJ. He is not alone, when he says that sometimes he feels like he is 'preaching to the choir.' On more than one occasion all of us have felt the same way. But I hope, with all my being, that he re-considers his efforts with his opinions.

By succumbing to his frustrations, he is letting those on the 'progressive' side win the argument. They will have effectively cancelled out his voice, without so much as raising a finger to do so. It will put us all one step closer to seeing the first amendment made mute in the discussions.

But foremost with this writing, if that is indeed Roger's decision to cease producing his column, I want to express my/our deepest gratitude and thanks for keeping the light aglow. In one group, that I'm privileged to admit where I'm accepted, we have a

## Letters to the Editor

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saying: "To remember is to live. To tell the story guarantees life!" Thank you, Roger, for "telling the story." You have helped to guarantee the life that we all enjoy.

Douglas C. Pearson, Sr.

### No Mail!

Dear Editor,  
 The Callahan Post Office has recently decided that they will not deliver my mail at my house because I will not disclose how many people live in my house! They have been delivering my mail for over 30 years and they act as if they do not know my name and who lives here. I have asked them about it what's going on and I don't get any answers. Communism is taking place right here in our own little town.

Bob Carroll

### Thank You!

Dear Editor,  
 On behalf of the West Nassau Historical Society, we would like to thank everyone for a successful 6th Annual Hobos, Hotrods and Heroes Festival, Car Show held November 5. We are an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit and our main purposes are to highlight our county's rich history and culture and to maintain the 1881 Callahan Train Depot. We rely on donations and monies raised from events to achieve these goals.

First, we would like to thank all of our Veterans who continue to protect our freedoms. Without our Veteran heroes we would not have a past to preserve. Thanks to the Town of Callahan for their continued support and to Callahan Cruisers and Cochrane's Collision Center for another great job in hosting the Classic Car Show. Thanks

also goes to Brandies Ace, Meridian Waste, Steve and Sandy Hendricks, Westside Journal and Nassau County Record for their help and support leading up to and during the event. Thanks to the arts/craft vendors, the Boy Scouts and to Joel Pace Piano and Music for hosting the kids' area. It was great to see all the children playing and enjoying themselves. Our children are the future caretakers of our history and our culture.

Special thanks goes to entertainment chair Jerry Peterson, for putting together a great

### Ms. Kay

returned to Japan. While there, Kay became a Certified Instructor of OHara Reyu Ikebana floral arrangement in 1960. They then lived in Kansas and Spain. In Kansas, Kay worked part time in a floral shop while raising teens alone as her husband served in Vietnam and in cold North Dakota.

Finally, in 1972, Lester and Kay returned to Florida, settling in Hilliard. With the last of her children leaving home, Kay applied for a job at Fuqua's Pharmacy. Mrs. Kay began working at Fuqua's Pharmacy in 1973 for Mr. Cole Fuqua. She joined Mrs. Evelyn Grooms in working the soda fountain and the front of the store. They were later joined by Mrs. Twila Higginbotham. Mr. Fuqua passed away in 1984 and the store was purchased by Marion and Dianne Wainright and Karen and Terry Thippen.

entertainment lineup. Thanks goes to Buck Lucontro, Jerry Ganey, Rick Crosby and Patti Peterson Eason for their help with the sound, hospitality and performances. Thanks also to all the entertainers who gave of their time and talents to put on another great Hobo Day show.

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 have the Callahan Depot, cabooses and grounds ready for a safe and enjoyable event. You all continue to show that by working together, all things are possible.

Emily Baumgartner and John Hendricks,  
 Co-Chairs

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Hilliard Pharmacy was established April 2, 1984 and Mrs. Kay began working there with the new owners that day. Mrs. Kay continued to work at the fountain and at the front of the store but soon added working with Karen in the pharmacy to her duties. She wrote receipts, helped to count pills, and did whatever was necessary. Her cheerful countenance and sweet smile made her a favorite with the customers.

In 1989, Hilliard Pharmacy built a new building and the location lent itself to a larger out-front area with more selling space. In 1991, the drug store started selling fresh and silk flowers. In 1994, at the age of 64, Mrs. Kay went back to school attaining an Associates Degree in Floral Design from Jacksonville Junior College and eventually became the Chief Floral Designer for the pharmacy.

Mrs. Kay has been a mainstay at Fuqua's and Hilliard Pharmacy for approximately 49 years. She is loved by her coworkers and customers.

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4	5 Callahan Town 7 p.m.	6 Exchange Club 11:30 a.m. Fernandina Golf Club NAMI Family Support 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Beh. Callahan Town 7 p.m.	7 PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library Callahan Garden Club 10 a.m. Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church NAMI Support 12-1:30 p.m. Hilliard Journey Church	8	9 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging American Legion & Auxiliary Post 401 Hilliard 7 p.m.	10 Callahan Farmers Market 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Callahan Depot Breakfast w/Santa 9 - 11 a.m. Our Lady of Consolation Church, Callahan Santa & Grinch at FamilyDollar 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hilliard
11	12 Food Giveaway FBC Gray Gables 9:30 am - 2:30 pm WN Genealogical Society 10:30 a.m. Lions Club Country Star Quilt Guild 6:30 pm @ The Anchor	13 Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m.	14 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	15 Hilliard Town Meeting 7 p.m. Food Giveaway @Callahan First Baptist 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	16 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	17 Santa Comes to Town Hall Hilliard 10 a.m.
18	19 Westside Optimists 7 p.m. Lions Club Barnabas Food Fairgrounds 12:30 - 2 p.m. Sons of Confederate Veterans 7 p.m. The Pig	20 NARFE 11 a.m. The Pig NAMI Family 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Beh.	21 PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	22	23 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	24 Callahan Farmers Market 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Callahan Depot
25  Merry Christmas	26 NC Beekeepers Association 7 p.m. Multipurpose Building	27 Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m.	28 PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	29	30 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	31 

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# Christmas Is All About Jesus!

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In 1963, Andy Williams sang to us that “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year.” And Christmas time can most certainly feel quite wonderful. However, it can also feel quite busy. Some of the things we have to do could include: taking down Thanksgiving décor, putting up Christmas décor inside and lights outside, buying presents for maybe 20 or more people (including the pressure to find that incredible Black Friday/Cyber Monday deal), buying a Secret Santa gift for a co-worker who we may not know what they want, driving the kids around to look at lights, cleaning up our house in preparation for family that will visit, or figuring out food for gatherings. It seems like the list never ends.

And although many or all of these things are important, they all fall short of what Christmas is really about. The truth is CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT JESUS! Christmas is nothing more and nothing less than the celebration of Jesus coming to the world.

Our church is doing a series this Christmas by that title (Christmas Is All About Jesus). Each week we are looking at verses about Jesus. Our first one was Colossians 1:15-20, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.” There are so many truths about Jesus in these verses. Theologian Andrew Herbert points out that this text shows us that Jesus is Lord of Creation and Lord of the Church.

In this passage, we see Jesus as Lord of creation because he is the Creator, the Priority over all things and the Sustainer of all things. We also see Him as the Lord of the church because of His resurrection, His Deity (He is God), and His Saving Work. If you would like to spend sometime today on Who Christmas is really all about, take the capitalized words in this paragraph and see if you can find them referenced in the Bible passage above.

On a side note, Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. What will you do? If your church is offering services, will you go? What message about our priorities does worshipping Jesus on the celebration of His birthday send to our children? We all want to open presents (and that could be done before or after), but what better birthday present is there for Jesus that your presence to worship Him? If you don’t have a church home, you are always welcome with the Friendship Alliance Church crew!

# CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE COUNTRY

Ephesus Baptist Church located at 48143 Ephesus Road (off Middle Road), Hilliard, have previously been holding a Christmas in the Country event at Christmas. This year, the church property is currently under construction, so they are unable to hold the event.

This year, they have planned a Christmas Through the Country event. The event will be people enjoying a scenic drive (in your vehicle) featuring more

than a dozen residential Christmas billboards beginning on Middle Road past the church and parsonage, continuing to Kings Ferry Road and concluding on Haddock Road. The billboards will be lit throughout the month of December.

This Sunday, December 4 from 6-9 p.m., you may drive-thru the church parking lot and receive refreshments as a special gift as you take your drive!



# Sonshine Christian Holds Art Contest

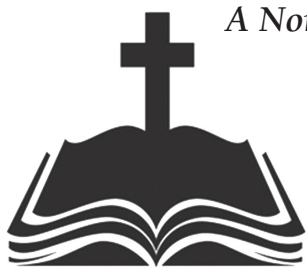


Students at Sonshine Christian Academy in Callahan recently participated in a Square One Art Fundraiser. The students were asked to draw Christmas themed art and the company made a personalized catalog of items for parents to shop from.

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1. Contact Ashley Turner, Secret Santa Coordinator at 904-845-7501 or ashleyt@dayspringvillage.org.
2. You will be assigned a resident and their 'wishes'.
3. Have your gift wrapped and back to the facility by December 23rd.
4. Baking - If you like to bake we would love to have you sponsor the evening snack for the residents!
5. Music - If you have a musical talent you would like to share we invite you to come and perform!

Dayspring Village is a state licensed limited mental health assisted living facility that is focused on serving the needs of adults with schizophrenia. If you would like to learn more or we can be of any assistance, please contact Douglas D. Adkins, Administrator at 904-583-0134-cell or dadkins777@bellsouth.net - Please consider becoming a volunteer this Christmas season, the gift you make in the life of others will truly change lives around you.

God Bless and Merry Christmas!

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We yearn for peace, quiet and calm. Let me introduce you to peace. Peace has a name. It is Jesus. The tender gift of being a believer when living righteously is peace. *"And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever."* Isaiah 32:17

Christ himself went through suffering, pain, and death for our peace. *"But He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."* Isaiah 53:5 God conquered. He won. Let us make the choice today to start living like it! God does not want us to worry or be afraid. *"Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."* John 14:27

Having Peace and knowing Peace work in tandem with each other. To simplify it down to the core, "No God, No peace. Know God, Know Peace." *"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* Romans 5:1

How can we distribute peace during the Christmas season:

1. Introduce others to Christ. Take your place. Take a stand. Do not be afraid. Introduce him to the only One who will make a difference in his life.
2. Since your life exemplifies what you believe, make sure you are shining "His Light," not your troubles, worries and fear. You make recommendations every day. Sometimes you use words, sometimes you do not. Be aware that your life speaks very loudly.
3. Live a life with purpose. Ask God what He wants your day to look like and follow Him in it. Do not plan your day and "then" ask Him to bless it. Let Him lead. He will lead you into perfect peace. We plan but He orders our steps. Share the real meaning of Christmas. Christ is our eternal Hope and Peace.

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Yvette Outler is a Dave Ramsey's Solution Master Financial Coach. If you are in over your head in debt and need hope and help, contact her at Fiscallyfree7@gmail.com.

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# New Beginnings and Milestones

## Bonnie Faye Jackson Celebrates 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Bonnie Jackson, longtime Hilliard resident, celebrated her 99th birthday Saturday, November 26, on her birthday with a surprise birthday party at the home of her first grandchild and his wife, Gene and Treana Jackson, in Callahan. Her five children and spouses were all in attendance, Larry and Gail Jackson, Billy Ray and Carolyn Jackson, Barbara Ann Jackson, Fred and Lee Ann Jackson and David Jackson. They also had grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and friends were all there to help her celebrate. Her sister, Martha Baumgartner (88), also attended. She received many cards and phone calls which added to her special day. It was a great celebration for a wonderful lady!



She was born November 26, 1923 at their home in Kings Ferry. Bonnie has always put her family, home and church at the forefront of everything she enjoys doing. She has attended Ephesus Baptist Church since childhood and brought up her family in the church. She still drives, cooks a table full of food along with desserts every Sunday, always has some kind of vegetables growing, enjoys canning, making jellies and preserves, enjoys sewing, quilting and crafts. Most of all she enjoys doing for others and loves when family and friends stop in for a visit.



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## Hilliard Christmas Tree Lighting Held

Saturday night, the Hilliard Town Hall lot was filled with people for the Annual Hilliard Christmas Tree Lighting. Residents gathered around as the event was opened in prayer by Pastor Donald Shearin of The Journey Church West. The town Christmas tree was lit as Christmas carols were sang in the background by Michael Helmick of First Baptist Church of Bouloungne.

There were tables set up with hot apple cider and cool punch and another table set up with hot chocolate. Two food trucks, Susie's Sugar Shoppe and

Groovy Grillers & More, were offering goodies to purchase. Once Santa Claus made the scene, the line to see him and be photographed grew. Along with Santa was the sneaky Grinch! Everyone had a great time seeing neighbors, visiting with friends and enjoying the music. Hats off to the Town of Hilliard for a great event and a lot of fun for everyone! One last note, Santa Claus will be making another appearance at Hilliard Town Hall Saturday, December 17 at 10 a.m.!



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# Welcome Callahan Mayor Randy Knagge

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met last Monday night, November 21 for their final meeting of November. The first order of business was the swearing in of the new mayor, Randy Knagge. Randy was elected by Callahan residents in the November 8th election. Randy was sworn in to office, with his wife Stephanie by his side, by Callahan Town Clerk Shawna Gugliuzza. He will serve a four year term. "I am looking forward to the next four years to serve in this capacity," said Mayor Knagge.

Also sworn in was Councilwoman Janet Shaw; and Councilwoman Ashton Bishop Vargas; who were both unopposed in the previous election. Council seats also serve a four year term.

Following, the council chose for the Council President to remain Ken Bass and he graciously accepted. Council President asked, "Do any of you (council members) wish to change the current departments you oversee? The council requested the departments remain the same. They are: Council President & Fire Commissioner Ken Bass; Councilwoman & Street Commissioner Ashton Bishop Vargas; Councilwoman & Town Promotions and Parks & Recreation Commissioner Janet Shaw; Councilwoman & Wastewater Commissioner Jacquelyn Fleming; Councilman & Zoning Commissioner David Mellecker; and Town Treasurer Donna Kirk.

The first agenda item was the site



Mayor Randy Knagge

plan review for Duck Crossing. Mr. Larry Hogan, contractor for Duck Crossing, advised the council that for drainage, he plans to use the dry pond option to reduce mosquitoes in the area. The property is 2.13 acres and Hogan plans to build around 20 single family residential townhomes, with approximately 1,800sf and a garage. The property is located on Annie Laurie Street directly across from the new duplexes that Hogan built. The council approved the site plan.

Callahan Assistant Volunteer Fire Chief Larry Downey advised the council he is asking for a donation for the "A Team" students from Hilliard High School Community Outreach for their work during the NE FL Fair. "These students were there every night helping and I think they should be rewarded and commended for that," said Downey. "I am requesting \$5,000."

"We will have to make a resolution for that at our next meeting," answered



Councilwoman Janet Shaw

Bass.

The following item concerned the upcoming Movie at the Park event. "The Callahan Volunteer Fire Department is happy to present the Movie at the Park Saturday, December 3," said Assistant Fire Chief Downey. "The event will be held at Ewing Park in Callahan with activities beginning at



Councilwoman Ashton Vargas

6 p.m. and the movie will start at 7:30 p.m. This year the movie is How the Grinch Stole Christmas®! Parking will be located in the field behind Callahan Timber Company, 450038 SR 200. There will be eats, treats and fun things for the children to do!"

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m.

## New Beginnings and Milestones



Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Roberts

Mary Reid and Edgar Roberts were united in marriage Friday, November 2, 2022 in a private ceremony at Balis Park in San Marco in Jacksonville.

The bride's parents are David and Corkie Reid of Callahan. The groom's mother is Deborah Garza of Jacksonville. The bride's daughter, Ashley Stinson, was also included in the ceremony.

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The 2022 elections are over and the autopsies are still being performed. Who won, or who lost, are the questions that are still being asked? In far too many states and precincts they're still counting ballots, over two weeks after the election. Totally inexcusable! However, one thing all the "Election Coroners" agree upon, during this post mortem, is that some things never change. The southern border is still wide open without any controls, Uncle Joe is still roaming the world promising money he doesn't have and the Vice President still can't put two words together to make a coherent sentence.

On our home front, the state of Florida is more 'Red' than ever before. Even in the "blue" stronghold of south Florida, sanity prevailed. But the same cannot be said for the rest of the country.

In the president's own home (birth state), Pennsylvania, they've elected the closest thing to Joe Biden for their next senator. A man that cannot process a sentence, even when he reads it, and who has the mental capacity of an elementary pre-school age student. But unlike Uncle Joe, he has an excuse. He's had a stroke! Uncle Joe is just suffering from dementia and senility. The newly elected senator from the Keystone State may recover, with time, but Uncle Joe will do nothing but continue to get worse. In either case, the electorate has, once again, put into office another 'severely' handicapped individual that is incapable of doing the job.

On the southern border, the caravans of "Illegal" migrants keep on coming and will likely get much worse in the near future, now that the House of Representatives has flipped. With the country on the precipice of regime change, folks south of the border are more determined than ever to head this way, not knowing just when and/or if the enforcement of immigration laws will begin again. But the senator from New York, Chuck Schumer, is hell bent on keeping the 'open border' in

place. Why, because "we need more workers" to fill all those vacant positions that no one wants. Apparently, Mr. and Mrs. Schumer are having problems finding someone to clean their bathrooms, make their beds and/or do the yard work. It was not that long ago (2009) that Mr. Schumer was in favor of building a wall on the southern border.

Now, with The House in control by one party and the Senate (likely) in control by the other, anything that might make it through the legislative process will certainly go down in flames because our President has too many advisors willing to give him a rubber stamp to Veto the bills. He has already said he will do it. So, the likelihood of something getting done, that might actually benefit the people and nation, is so far out in left field that even 'Hammerin' Hank Aaron' couldn't get it over the fence.

So, get ready for fuel costs to continue to soar, inflation to continue to rise and to enjoy your current living conditions. We'll all be 'locked down' with no affordable place, or means, to go anywhere. Then, in two years, we'll go through this "Chinese" fire drill again. This time the battle cry will be; "See, I told you so!" That political party couldn't do anything, even when they had a chance. Then the progressive movement will really take off, as we all succumb to a socialistic state where, when we do have elections, eventually there will be only one item/person to vote on with no alternatives. Just like the president of China and Russia, the candidate (a loosely fitting term) will be elected by 99% of the vote. The other 1% will be audited and put in jail for violating IRS rules, which were just made up. You know, like the rule that requires a person to vote! Failure to do so can result in a four year prison term for being a Right-Wing Extremist/Terrorist.

In summary, ya'll please keep Congressperson, A.O.C., in your thoughts. Apparently, she is afraid for her safety as she walks her dog in New York City. Surprise!

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**DELMAR LLOYD ALLEN, JR.**



Delmar Lloyd Allen, Jr., 88, of Jacksonville, passed away on November 21, 2022. He was born February 27, 1934 in McAllen, Texas, to the late Delmar Lloyd Allen, Sr. and Leila Gamble Allen. Delmar graduated from Lee High School and enlisted in the United States Air Force. After serving his country, Delmar served his community as a police officer for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for 28 years. Delmar enjoyed the simple things in life such as socializing over a cup of coffee with friends, tinkering with what knots, traveling and spending time with his family. He is preceded in death by his parents; son Delmar Allen, III; sister Virginia Johns; and a niece Merle Johns.

Delmar leaves behind his loving wife, Joanne Allen; children Jonathan Brown, Julianne (Luis) Cauich, Reid (Lisa) Allen and David (Stephanie) Allen; 19 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and a nephew Jerry Johns.

The family received friends Monday, November 28 at Nassau Funeral Home. A graveside service was held Tuesday, November 29 at Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery.

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

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**ROSSIE CARTRETTE**



Rossie Cartrette, 84, passed away peacefully November 15, 2022 in Jacksonville. He was born November 15, 1937 in Tabor City, North Carolina. He was an adoring son, brother, husband, father, uncle and grandparent to his family. He worked many years in road construction, working as a crane operator. After retiring, Rossie moved to Jacksonville to be closer

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to family. He was a member of the Charity Baptist Church in Archdale, NC, which he faithfully attended virtually every week. Rossie was preceded in death by his wife of 28 years, Irene Cartrette; parents Lona and Wilson Cartrette; daughter Crystal Cartrette; stepson Steven Murariu; and sisters Julia Cartrette Brooks and Mary Cartrette Tanner.

He is survived by his son Todd (Pamela) Cartrette; and stepdaughter Tina (Steven) Bess; stepson Joe Murariu; siblings Larry (Jeannie) Cartrette and Isadore Cartrette Shell; as well as many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren and soon to be great-grandson.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Tuesday, November 22 at Hardage-Giddens, Riverside Memorial Park & Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared at: [www.hgriversidefuneralhome.com](http://www.hgriversidefuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

**LAWANNA BRYANT DAVIS**



Lawanna Bryant Davis, 87, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on November 22, 2022 at the Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach.

She was born on October 18, 1935 in Blackshear, Georgia, to the late Diaz and Mary Bryant. Lawanna graduated from Blackshear High School in 1953 and then married Adron Parnell Davis in December. They moved to Ft. Eustis, Virginia where Parnell was stationed in the U.S. Army. Their daughter Debbie was born there in 1954.

Lawanna and Parnell moved to Fernandina Beach in 1958. Lawanna was

employed by Rayonier where she retired after 35 years. She was a longtime member of North 14th Street Baptist Church where she served as Church Clerk. After moving to Callahan, she became a member of First Baptist Church of Gray Gables and served in the Cup Ministry. Lawanna enjoyed RV camping, reading, baking, working in her yard and playing cards with friends. In addition to her parents; Lawanna was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Parnell; brother Buddy Bryant; sister Maxine Raulerson; son-in-law Tommy Higginbotham; and granddaughter Carrie Higginbotham.

Lawanna leaves behind her daughter Debbie Higginbotham; granddaughter Ashley (Bryce) Fowler; great-grandchildren Cameron and Brylynn Fowler; a sister Grace Winn; a brother Bobby (Linda) Bryant; as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Saturday, November 26 prior to the funeral service held in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley Heard Funeral Home. Burial followed at Green Pine Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at: [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

Arrangements by Oxley Heard Funeral Home, Fernandina Beach.

**JOHN LLOYD HERPY, JR.**



John (Jack) Lloyd Herpy, Jr., 84, of Jacksonville, passed away November 13, 2022 at home, with his loving wife and family by his side. Jack

was born January 11, 1938 in Utica, NY, to the late John Herpy and Marion (Bord) Herpy. He graduated from New Hartford Senior High School in New Hartford, NY in June 1955. He later

continued his education at Massey Business College in Jacksonville.

Jack proudly and honorably served his country in the US Marine Corp from August 1955 until September 1959. He then continued to serve in the USMC Reserves until February 18, 1963. Following a long career in the tire industry, he retired from Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Company. Jack was a long-time member of Covenant Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and youth leader for several years. Currently he was a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Yellow Rockers Square Dance Club for many years. Jack also enjoyed traveling with his wife and playing poker with his friends. Jack thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandson Todd and granddaughters Madison and McKinleigh, who were the joys of his life.

Jack is survived by his wife of 37 years, Phyllis Woodcock Herpy; children Keith Herpy and Kathy Kaye; stepchildren Peggy (Mike) Jones and Rex (Beth) Hardy; grandchildren Todd Herpy, Ryan Hardy, Aaron Hardy, Madison and McKinleigh Jones; siblings Donald Herpy and Alice (Ernie) Lindemann; brothers-in-law Jack (Peggy) Woodcock and Bill (Marian) Woodcock; sister-in-law Catherine "Kiki" Jones; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother Brad Herpy.

Pallbearers will be Todd Herpy, Mike Jones, Rex Hardy, Robert Snodgrass, J. C. Snodgrass and James Irby.

The family will receive friends Friday, December 2 at noon prior to the memorial service at 1 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church with Rev. Ann Graham-Johnson, Rev. Larry Graham-Johnson and Rev. Jess McCrosky officiating. Interment, with military honors, will follow at Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery, Jacksonville.

The family wishes to thank Amedisys Hospice of Greeneville, TN for the excellent care Jack received, with special thanks to

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caregivers Debbie, Tammy and Courtney. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the charity of your choice in Jack's honor.

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Funeral arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

**JENNA CHEYENNE LOVITT**

Jenna Cheyenne-Autumn Lovitt, 24, passed away suddenly Monday, November 14, 2022 in Jacksonville.

She was born in Kingsland, Georgia to her parents Cory Lovitt and Jennifer Brown. She attended primary school in Yulee and high school in Fernandina Beach. Among her favorite things to do was playing cards, watching horror movies and cooking. She was always active and interested in many things. She loved to draw and was very creative. Sometimes it seemed she was into everything all at once. Jenna will always be remembered for her willingness to stand up for the "underdog." She was protective and caring by nature. She was predeceased by her grandparents James Lovitt and Nona Faye McKendree.

She leaves behind her children Jasper and Joseph Brown of Yulee; her parents Cory (Jordan) Lovitt of Callahan; and Jennifer (Buck) Brown Scott of Yulee; her maternal grandparents Jesse and Charene Brown of Yulee; her siblings Jason Lovitt, Jesse Lovitt of Fernandina and Josie Lovitt of Callahan; as well as a large extended family.

Burial arrangements were Justin Brown, John Daniel Defee, Louis Scott, Jason Rhodes,

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Charlie Brown and Timmy Callahan. Honorary pallbearers were Jasper Brown, Joseph Brown, Jesse Brown and Randy Scott.

A graveside funeral service was held Saturday, November 19 at Chester Cemetery. She will be laid to rest beside her grandmother Nona Faye McKendree.

Condolences may be expressed at: [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

Arrangements by Oxley Heard Funeral Home, Fernandina Beach.

**WAYNE MARVIN MCKENDREE**



Wayne Marvin McKendree, 79, passed November 21, 2022. Wayne was a native of Florida. After serving 2 years in the US Army stationed in Vietnam, he

relocated to Georgia where he met his wife Nancy. His career lead him into the commercial construction industry where he started his own company, Wayne McKendree Contractors Inc. He retired following a hard-fought battle with cancer due to Agent Orange that he was exposed to in Vietnam.

Wayne enjoyed the outdoors, camping, fishing and gardening. He especially enjoyed his yearly visits to Maine with his granddaughter Lauren McFall Nichols and great grandson Jaxson Nichols. Wayne was involved with the Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance where he was able to swap stories with his war hero brothers.

He is survived by his wife Nancy McKendree; sons Joey McKendree, Allen McFall and Scott McFall; sister Elaine (Craig) Hubbell; brother Jerry (Bobbie) McKendree; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his father James Daniel McKendree, Sr.; mother Eva Lucille McKendree; brothers James Daniel McKendree, Jr. and Randall McKendree.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Friday, November 25 at West Cobb Funeral Home in Marietta, Georgia.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance at [gvva.org](http://gvva.org) or Mostly Mutts Animal Rescue at [mostlymutts.org](http://mostlymutts.org).

Condolences may be expressed at: [www.westcobbfuneralhome.com](http://www.westcobbfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by West Cobb Funeral Home, Marietta, Georgia.

**JODI WOOD PIPER**



Jodi Erin Wood Piper, 44, of Patterson, New Jersey, formerly of Callahan, passed away November 8, 2022. Jodi was born September 13, 1978 in Jacksonville. She grew up in Callahan, where she attended church. She attended local schools and was a cheerleader. She was a lovely person, both inside and out. She won the Miss Nassau County beauty contest and fellow contestants also elected her as Miss Congeniality. Jodi was predeceased by her grandparents; and her brother John.

She is survived by her former husband Frank Piper and son Johnathan Thomas Piper; her parents Ed Wood and Judy (Thom) Rogers; her sister Jamy (Chris) Champney; a step-sister Lisa (Alex) Horton; longtime companion Javier Ardin; and many other extended family members.

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County Commissioner District 3 passed down the Chairmanship to District 5 Commissioner Klynt Farmer for the new fiscal year; and the Co-Chair will be District 1 Commissioner John Martin.



County Commissioner District 4, Alyson McCullough



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