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"IN ALL THINGS I HAVE SHOWN YOU THAT BY WORKING HARD IN THIS WAY WE MUST HELP THE WEAK AND REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS, HOW HE HIMSELF SAID, 'IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.'" - ACTS 20:35

The Ballyhoos are Coming!

'JohnBoy' Short, Ballyhoo Buggy member

This Saturday, the Annual Callahan Christmas parade is happening and the Shriners are getting their rides ready to attend. The Ballyhoo Buggies are just one of the many Shriners entries in the parade. Here is a little history about the Ballyhoos! Make sure to look for them in the parade!

The Ballyhoo buggies are the oldest unit representing West Jax Shrine Club from Morocco Shrine Temple in Jacksonville. The unit has 20 members, 12 who drive active buggies and the other members are called co-pilots. The buggies were built from 1957 – 1964 VW Beetles.

The group has 12 member spouses known as Ballyhoo Ladies who not only support all our activities but have hosted an annual Christmas and Easter party for our Shrine Hospital patients for almost 40 years.

We have participated in parades throughout the United States and Canada since our buggies were built in the late 60's. Not only do we perform in parades, but we also compete in the International Association of Shrine



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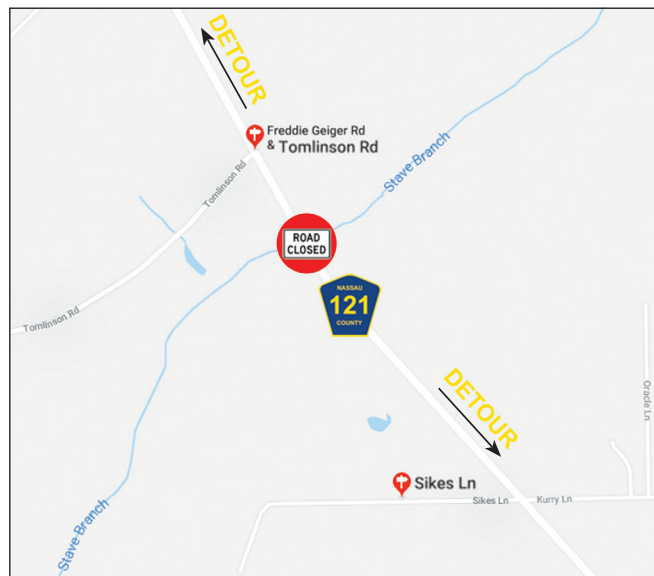
To learn more, visit: Shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.



The day we have all been waiting for...the Annual Callahan Christmas Parade! The parade is this Saturday, December 7 at 11 a.m. The parade route will begin promptly at 11 a.m. starting at Dixie Avenue (beside the Depot) turning right on US Highway 1 and traveling all the way down US Highway 1 to Fifth Street; turn right and continue to Mickler Street; turn right and head back to Dixie Avenue. The parade will include many Shriners, bands, floats, firetrucks and monster trucks.

This year vendor booths will be set up at Thompson Mall from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. for your shopping pleasure with all types of crafts, jewelry, art, woodworking and food! The Grand Marshal for the parade is Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper! See you at the parade!

County Road 121 to Close Temporarily



enacted on Monday, December 9. It will take place between Sikes Lane (Addison Lane) and Tomlinson Road at County Road 121 in order to replace a failed cross drain culvert system. The 18-mile detour will have northbound and southbound drivers on County Road 121 bypass the closed section via Bay Road and County Road 108.

Electronic message boards are placed on County Road 121 to notify motorists of the closure in advance.

CGC, Inc. is projected to complete the repair project by mid-January 2019, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

The Worksite Traffic Supervisor for the project will be Mark Barton, General Superintendent, CGC Inc., 904-237-2685.

Thankfully the residents who were so affected by the massive closure of County Road 121 for months have somewhat recovered only to see signs going up again concerning another road closure. We have received the information where the actual road will be closed so the residents can plan accordingly.

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A Word From the Publisher

Thanksgiving...what a special day it was! Of course, fall is my favorite time of the year. I love the colors of fall and I have an obsession of sorts with pumpkins! I just love to purchase them early and place them all around our yard. We don't carve any, as I leave that up to our children to handle that for the grandchildren! Have I told you how long a pumpkin can survive if it is not carved? Umm...several months. I believe our last one last year survived until March. It's crazy but I love them. I did have a little issue this year with a couple of my pumpkins. We have had them for several years and nothing has ever bothered them except for this year. I caught two squirrels sitting on top of two of my prettiest ones. Now they weren't sharing...they each picked one. Funny thing was (of course I didn't see anything funny about it) I think they were the only ones interested in them! They were just sitting at the top near the stem and scratching. Of course, I ran them off. The next morning, they were sitting on them, scratching out a little bit of pumpkin and eating it. I ran out there, found me a towel and covered them up. I was so aggravated. Once Roger got up he saw that I must have started war with our little rodents! Of course, once they broke through and realized the entire thing wasn't all full, they lost interest.



I'm not really sure what peeked their interest this year to scratch into my pumpkins but I'm pretty sure they don't think kindly of me anymore. In fact, I think they sit in the tree sometimes and throw acorns at me! Now it seems kind of comical to me that the squirrels had me

so irritated. All they were looking for was something else to eat besides our acorns and bird seed!

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving at our home with my parents, children, grandchildren, brother, nieces and nephews. It was a wonderful time of eating and visiting. Friday we (Roger, me & my parents) went over to visit my sister and her oldest son (and children) who were visiting from Texas. We had a great time just spending time with them! Sunday, Roger's mom came over and had lunch with us! The week was so wonderful! We have many, many reasons to be thankful!

I listened to my daughter telling about asking some of the children at school what were they thankful for? Many really didn't know what that meant. Oh...we have so much to be thankful for! As we wake up each morning, be thankful. It is only by the grace of God who gives us the breath to breathe that we wake up. Yes...our breath. And it goes on from there. When we can find many things to worry and complain about it is so much easier to be thankful.

As we draw nearer to Christmas, my prayer is that each morning we all begin our day with a prayer of thanks to our Heavenly Father! For without Him...we are nothing. Let's not all get trapped in purchasing, shopping and stressful ways of the season but remember the True Reason for The Season!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

Letters to the Editor

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 3rd Annual Hobos, Hotrods and Heroes Festival Car Show and Veterans Appreciation a success. Despite the cold overcast weather we had a good turnout from the community. We are an all-volunteer nonprofit and our main purposes are to highlight our county's rich history and to maintain the 1881 Callahan Train Depot. We rely heavily on donations and monies raised from events such as Hobo Day to achieve these goals and we are extremely grateful for everyone who helped us put on this fundraising celebration.

First, we would like to thank all of our veterans who braved the weather and came out to Hobo Day so we could publicly recognize their service to our country. Without them fighting for our freedoms we would not have a past to preserve. Thanks to Mayor Fontes and the Town of Callahan for allowing us to use the historic rail bed for Hobo Day. Kudos goes to Callahan Cruisers, Cochrane's Collision Center and AB&B Auto Parts for presenting another fantastic classic car show. Thanks also goes to Brandies Ace, Meridian Waste, Westside Journal and Nassau County Record for their continuing support and for Phil Smith for building a custom-made electric guitar for our silent auction.

Special thanks goes to entertainment chair Jerry Peterson, emcee Buck Lucontro, all the entertainers who gave of their time and talents for our cause and the arts and craft vendors who came and set up their wares. A thank you also goes to Joel Pace, for bringing his hands-on music zoo and for supervising the kids' area. It was great to see all the children having fun at the Callahan Train Depot. Our children

are 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. 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.

Emily Baumgartner and John Hendricks, Co-Chairs

Thank You!

Dear Editor,

Two years ago, my wife and I were in a battle to save our home! We had solar panels installed at our home when the company did part of the job and baled on us. Then we were sued to the point that we were about to lose our home in the battle. We are thankful to report that we have finally settled this case and won sort of. We didn't collect all of our money back but it was the principal of the whole deal.

The work has been completed on our home and we are so thankful. We had an amazing attorney, Zachary Roth, from the firm Ansbacher Law, who went above and beyond to fight for us. We wanted to thank our community and the many people who helped us with money and prayers to get through this horrible nightmare. Thank you again for your generosity on our behalf.

Sincerely,
Billy and Angie Everly
Callahan

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Barnabas 'Client Choice' Food Pantry Program

It's a Monday at 1p.m. at Barnabas Center on Jasmine Street in Fernandina Beach. The main door to the Barnabas Food Pantry, located on the west side of the building, is buzzing with activity.



Everyone waiting in the line to enter the pantry has something in common: They are in need of food to feed themselves and their families. The people in this line represent some of the faces of hunger and food insecurity in Nassau County. It is estimated that 1 of 6 adults and 1 of 4 children in our community is hungry or does not know when or how they will get their next meal.

To help alleviate hunger and food insecurity, Barnabas provides an average of 14,000 pounds of nutritious food each month to nearly 400 households through the newly adopted client choice model, which is a growing trend in community food pantries across the country.

The client choice model puts the food selection process directly in the hands of people who are receiving food assistance. The food pantry is now configured as a small grocery store, complete with full-size grocery carts. Volunteers walk with clients along neatly stacked foods on shelves and a refrigerator and a freezer filled with fresh and frozen items, helping them select only the foods they want.

"We were seeking ways to improve our food pantry program to best meet the nutritional and dietary needs of individual and families who struggle to make ends meet each month," said Wanda Lanier, Barnabas CEO. "Our new client choice program has proven to be beneficial for our clients, who are often reluctant to ask for help in the first

place." "Barnabas is always there for me," said Stan Jones, a local man who has benefitted from the food pantry and other Barnabas programs. "I've

counted on Barnabas for the past few years. This new way to get my monthly food is much better than receiving pre-selected food."

Joy Riggs and Sarah Hooper are first-time food pantry participants who were pleased with the client choice setup. Hooper was excited about choosing some lower sodium items and fresh tomatoes,



and Riggs couldn't wait to get home to bake a birthday cake for her daughter.

"This pantry is a lifesaver for me and my children," said Riggs. "I struggle to feed them toward the end of the month, but now I have food support from Barnabas. It's my daughter's birthday today and I will finally be able to bake her a real cake with the cake mix I just selected. Being able to cook a meal with food from the pantry will make a big difference for my family."

The Barnabas Food Pantry, 1303 Jasmine Street, Fernandina Beach, is open Monday, 1-4 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; and Friday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information contact Tania Yount at tyount@barnabasnassau.org or visit barnabasnassau.org.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Thanksgiving Day has come and gone but it shouldn't. Everyday should be a day of thanksgiving for us all that are so fortunate to live in the greatest country on earth. We are all so blessed to be in a country that was founded on Christian principles and have been blessed by our creator for centuries. However, we must become very vigilant in order to remain what God intended for our great nation. There are many factions trying to destroy our blessings. The new Democratic Party and the mainstream media are full steam ahead with their coup to take away our voice and our duly elected President. We the people have to remain focused and united in order to defeat the domestic enemies.

This past Thanksgiving was highlighted by two acts from our President. First was his Thanksgiving Day proclamation. President Trump emphasized God, faith and prayer. His words were sincere and uplifting as well as refreshing, unlike what we heard from the past President. His proclamation continued, "On Thanksgiving Day, we remember with reverence and gratitude the bountiful blessings afforded to us by our Creator and we recommit to sharing in a spirit of thanksgiving and generosity with our friends, neighbors and families."

He went on saying, "This Thanksgiving, we pause and

acknowledge those who will have empty seats at their table. We ask God to watch over our service members, especially those whose selfless commitment to serving our country and defending our sacred liberty has called them to duty overseas during the holiday season. We also pray for our law enforcement officials and first responders as they carry out their duties to protect and serve our communities. As a Nation, we owe a debt of gratitude to both those who take an oath to safeguard us and our way of life as well as to their families, and we salute them for their immeasurable sacrifices. As we gather today with those we hold dear, let us give thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings we enjoy. United together as one people, in gratitude for the freedoms and prosperity that thrive across our land, we acknowledge God as the source of all good gifts. We ask him for protection and wisdom and for opportunities this Thanksgiving to share with others some measure of what we have so providentially received."

Secondly, he out foxed the media and flew to Afghanistan to assist in serving Thanksgiving Day meals to our brave service members. That's just hard to beat!

I am thankful for President Trump and pray our nation will realize what a blessing he is to our country. As always...that's just my opinion!

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Christmas

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What does your family do for Christmas? If your family is anything like mine, you wake up to children jumping on your bed at 7 a.m. (or earlier) yelling "It's Christmas!" This is probably followed by the children running towards the tree and some zombie-like parents right behind them. Presents ripped open, children screaming about the new things they got. Maybe later, enjoy a big dinner with extended family? In our house, all of these things are a great time and create great memories for our family.

But I have to wonder what does any of this have to do with Christmas. Christmas is the celebration of Jesus Christ being born into the world. It's His birthday celebration, shouldn't He get the presents? What do we do that actually celebrates Jesus during Christmas?

Normally, I talk about theological things, but I believe today's article would benefit us most if we thought about the practical side of Christmas. Our family began a tradition a few years back of waking up Christmas morning and reading the Christmas story before we began opening presents. Some years we read Luke 2:1-20. This would be the more traditional Christmas story. Another option is John 1:1-18. This passage would be the more poetic Christmas story. It shows us Jesus in the images of "the true light" and "the word became flesh." One year, we took the kids Jesus Storybook Bible and read the story from there. It is not a translation of the Bible, but it does tell the Christmas story and helps our kids to realize that Christmas is more than the gifts under the tree; it is about Jesus.

In addition to Christmas morning, there are things we can be doing all month long. Churches all over will offer Sunday services, special Christmas celebrations and candlelit night time service. In our church, we even have a cake and sing Jesus Happy Birthday. If you haven't been to church in a while, maybe now (the Christmas season) is the right time to get plugged into a local church. Our community offers so many great choices.

It may also be helpful to do 5 minutes a night, leading up to Christmas Day, to remember a part of the Christmas story. Search Google Images for "Bible verse Advent calendar" and dozens of choices will appear. Print one out and spend time as a family reading the story this month.

Lastly, for Jesus' birthday, what does He want? One church I heard about in Georgia is asking their members to determine how much they will spend on Christmas this year; the gifts, the food, all of it. Then take 10% of that amount and bless someone with it. It could be helping a family in need that will come up short this month. Buying blankets and socks and donating them to a homeless shelter. The options are endless. For us, what would Jesus want us to give Him for His birthday? I know of only two answers: Love God and Love others. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. ...Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31.

4-H Pajama Party & Parents' Night Out

As the holiday season enters full swing, parents are feeling the stress of balancing work, home life and preparing for the holidays. Wouldn't it be great to drop off the kids at a safe place for a few hours so you can finish holiday shopping, or maybe even take your partner out to dinner or a movie, just the two of you?



The 4-H Club of Nassau County has you covered! Avoid holiday burnout and leave your kids for three hours at the 4-H Pajama Party and Fun Shop Thursday, December 12 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., at the Callahan Multi-Use Facility, 543350 US Highway 1 in Callahan. Your children will enjoy holiday movies, light snacks, entertaining group games, holiday cookie decorating and many more fun activities. This event is open to all youth, ages 8-11. Attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas or holiday sweaters.



All our activities will be led by our two 4-H agents, screened volunteers and our 4-H leadership group County Council. Admission to the three-hour event is open to the general public and costs \$10 per child.

For information call us at 904-530-6353. Event tickets must be purchased in advance and online at: <http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/nassauco/2019/12/03/4-h-pajama-party-and-fun-shop/>.

Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

As we celebrate the 80 year anniversary of the epic movie Gone with the Wind, we wonder if the author based any of her characters on people she knew. The mother of President Teddy Roosevelt was Martha Stewart 'Mittie' Bulloch of Georgia. She was a true Southern Belle, whom some believed to be the real-life source for fictional Scarlet O'Hara. Her grandfather was General Daniel Stewart of Georgia. Daniel married Sarah Oswald, a daughter of Joseph Oswald, Jr. of Liberty County, Georgia. Joseph is the third great-grandfather of Lee Harvey Oswald, assassin of President John F. Kennedy. Oswald and Teddy Roosevelt are third cousins once removed.

What surprises we find when we research our own family tree! Half the fun is finding out how our own families fit into history.

To learn more, come join us at the West Nassau Genealogical Society meeting held the second Monday (December 9) of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Callahan Lions Club, located on US 1 north of the fairgrounds. Visitors are always welcome!

CHURCH NEWS

Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church invites you to a free "Breakfast With Santa" on Saturday, December 14th. The event starts at 8 a.m. and runs until 11 a.m. There will be Christmas crafts to make and take a free picture with Santa.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

30th Annual Dayspring Village SECRET SANTA

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Dayspring Village is seeking volunteers to help share the gift of Christmas with the mentally ill residents. Often the holidays are the toughest time of the year for the mentally ill and each year the gift of the giver makes a life changing impact on the lives of these individuals.

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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.
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5. Music - If you have a musical talent you would like to share we invite you to come and perform!

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Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first and final meeting of December and 2019! The first order of business was the approval of Resolution 2019-R27 which concerned donating \$500 to the Take Stock in Children Program.

Following, Public Works Director Mike Williams advised the council concerning a roof repair on the council building and also a roof replacement on the Water Treatment Plant. "We only received one bid from Jebco Company. The first part is to put a new roof on the water treatment plant here behind town hall for \$3,915; the second part is the repair of the town hall roof," said Williams. "This roof is a flat roof. This will be a constant repair unless you (council) decide to put trusses up and roof over this one. The repair will be \$5,675. There has already been some damage in the attic space and if it is not fixed it will only get worse. If you must choose between the two, I would suggest the repair at this time."

The council approved only to repair the town hall roof at this time at a cost of \$5,675.

Mayor Marty Fontes provided a 2020 calendar for the council to review. "The calendar has all the meeting dates and events that we are aware of," said Fontes. "I see two things that need to be changed. January 1, 2020 is a holiday and the second meeting of December we will not have a meeting. I will have those corrected and sent to you (council) all."

The calendar was approved with the upcoming changes made.

Williams again addressed the council concerning the possibility of the public works department purchasing a new dump truck for the town. "We had an opportunity to purchase one in Hilliard but it went quickly," said Williams. "I am asking the

council for approval to purchase a dump truck for \$30,000 or less if we can find another one."

Mayor Fontes reminded the council that there will not be another meeting for a month. "Chances are good that Mike (Williams) might find another deal and he needs to jump on it if he does," said Fontes. "This approval gives him the chance to purchase if he finds one."

The council approved the purchase of a dump truck for \$30,000 or less.

Mayor Fontes advised the council to be thinking about changes in the Town Charter concerning the offices of Mayor and Town Clerk. If a charter is changed it must go through the residents for approval on the 2020 ballot but first, the council must make a decision if they wish to do so. Currently, the office of mayor, town clerk and treasurer are elected positions. Fontes added that changing to a hired town clerk and town manager is much less cumbersome and having the mayor appointed as one of the council persons but also having a vote; or having a hired town clerk and elected mayor; or elected town clerk and elected mayor as it is now. Fontes advised the council to consider the options and decide what they would like to do.

Town Attorney Jeb Branham advised the council that he could draw up a sample ballot for the council to look over if they wished. The council advised Branham to draw one up for the January meeting.

In closing comments, Mayor Fontes reminded everyone about the Callahan Christmas parade this Saturday at 11 a.m. and the Out with a Boom Fireworks on Sunday, December 29 at 7 p.m. at West Nassau High School and also viewing from Callahan First Baptist Church parking lot.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Santa Phone Calls Available!

What better way to keep the holiday magic alive for your little ones than for them to receive a personal phone call from Santa or one of Santa's elves? This personalized call can make the anticipation even greater for Christmas morning and also give lots to talk about!

This is a fundraiser for the Relay for Life of West Nassau County and the cost is \$10 per phone call! All proceeds will go to the relay. All you have to do is call the Westside Journal office at 879-4180



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Happy 1st Birthday Kayden Lee Hoffman

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Proud grandparents are Kevin and Jennifer Hair of Hilliard; and Jason and Shawn Hoffman of Jacksonville.

Proud great-grandparents are Minter and Linda Garvin of Folkston.



Santa Visits Hilliard!

The Town of Hilliard held their annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony Saturday night. They couldn't have asked for more perfect weather with a nice breeze, just cool enough to enjoy some hot chocolate or hot apple cider! There were also cookies and treats to snack on. The First Baptist Church of Boulogne 'Bell Ringers' entertained the crowd with beautiful Christmas music underneath the huge, beautifully-lit cedar tree. Later the crowd enjoyed singing Christmas carols to a banjo and guitar played by Mr. Charlie Hahn and David Buchanan. Soon the sound of ole' St. Nick was heard as Santa made his appearance. Children smiled and parents and grandparents got their cameras ready! It was a beautiful night and fun time of fellowship with friends!



Westside Journal Goes Camping

Chelsea and Chad Tanner took their children camping to the Suwannee Music Park over Thanksgiving weekend. Somehow they remembered to take a Westside Journal along with them on the trip! Shown are Mattox, Payton and Rylee and the family dog Maze!



Last Chance Tickets for Quilt Raffle!

This Thursday and Friday will be your last chance to enter the raffle for the Quilt Guild's beautiful queen/king size pieced quilt with appliqued borders. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the Westside Journal office (450034 State Rd 200, Callahan) through Friday, December 6. The drawing will be held December 9.



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Christmas in Callahan is a 3-Act theatrical production presented by Callahan First Baptist Church. We begin in Act 1, at Carnegie Hall as our choir and orchestra sings classic and contemporary favorites of the Christmas season. Act 2, takes our guests to Broadway as we feature our holiday singers and dancers performing in a big band extravaganza. From Frosty to

The Grinch, children will interact with their favorite characters. We've even arranged a special appearance of the big man in red.

As we say goodbye to Broadway, we find ourselves in the still of the streets of Bethlehem in Act 3. It's the eve of the first Christmas. No trees have been decorated. No stockings are by the fire. Instead, we find a humble stable and a feeding trough that would soon become a manger for a king. We will celebrate the Gift of Christmas by telling His story, from birth to death and resurrection.

Christmas in our culture is often accompanied by hurried expressions on faces of many who are doing their best to navigate the challenges life has to offer. This holiday season, take a break and be our guest! Grab some hot chocolate or a latte, freshly baked cookies and popcorn. Set aside your burdens for a few hours as you become a kid again during the most magical season of the year!

Join one of our experiences at Callahan First Baptist Church, 45090 Green Avenue, Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m. each night. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Fatal ATV Accident

This past Saturday turned tragic for three west side teenagers. At around 4:40 p.m. the three were on a Honda Rancher ATV driving south on Maplewood Court toward Ratliff Road. The driver of the ATV, Rylee Martin of Bryceville, lost control and struck a brick mailbox.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol reports, all three were thrown from the ATV. The three occupants

were all transported to UF Health Jacksonville. FHP reported that the driver suffered minor injuries, while one passenger, Gabrielle Fennell, of Callahan, sustained serious injuries. The second passenger, Donovan Parker, 18, from Bryceville, was pronounced deceased at the hospital. FHP reported that alcohol was not a factor in the accident. Charges are pending further investigation.

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lane on SR 200. The front right of the Chevrolet Trailblazer impacted the front of the Silverado.

The Trailblazer came to final rest facing in a southerly direction blocking the right lane of westbound SR 200. The Silverado came to final rest facing in a northerly direction in the grassy median. Maxwell was transported to UF Health in Jacksonville in serious condition. The driver of the Trailblazer was pronounced deceased at the scene. The accident is still under further investigation.

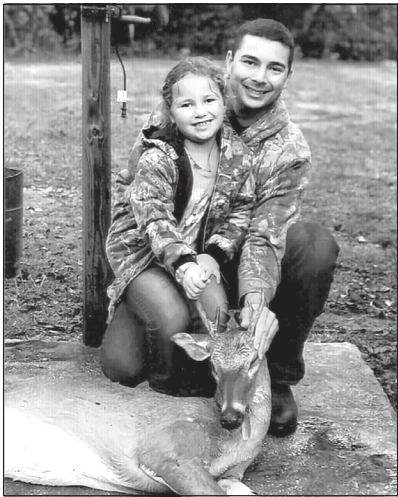
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DAVID E. 'DARRELL' CALHOUN



David E. 'Darrell' Calhoun, of Callahan, passed away November 27, 2019. Darrell was a loving and devoted family man. He was always quick with a smile and hello. He enjoyed being with family and friends. Darrell was devoted to his children and grandchildren and loved spending time with them. He always took great pleasure in a good round of pinochle, especially when he had the winning hand.

Darrell was born April 19, 1948 in Garden City, Michigan to Garrett and Jernie Mae Sexton Calhoun. He was a graduate of Hilliard High School and the FL Law Enforcement Academy. He was a life-long member of the VFW and Teamsters Union as well as the Fraternal Order of Police. Darrell was a Veteran of the US Navy and a retired as a Sargent with the FL Department of Agriculture.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents; loving mother-in-law Jean McKinnon; brothers Delbert, Garrett, Jr., Lee and Daniel; and sisters Suenetta, Garnella and Laura Lee (Marie).

Those left to mourn Darrell are his wife of 47 years, Jean Patricia (Patty) McKinnon Calhoun; his children Michael Garrett (Amy) Calhoun and Molly Calhoun (Jimmy Lloyd); grandchildren Elijah, Nolan, Lilly, Ansley and Hally; father-in-law George McKinnon, Sr.; brothers Kenneth (Kay) Calhoun, Ray Calhoun, Edward Calhoun, George (Anita) McKinnon and John (Claudette) McKinnon; sisters Willieda Calhoun Freeman and Janet Calhoun

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Snowden; and a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Steve Sadesky, Jerry Bandy, Bruce Cribbs, Charles Cribbs, John McCullough, Elton Harris, Franklin Hobbs and Dinky Oliver.

The family will receive friends Thursday, December 5 from from 1-3 p.m. prior to the funeral service at 3 p.m. in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Hilliard.

Special thanks to Jimmy Lloyd, Dinky Oliver, Bonnie Utsinger and Darlene Crawford.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassauffh.com.

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

PATRICIA M. CRUZ



Patricia M. Cruz, 77, of Jacksonville, went home to be with the Lord on November 28, 2019. She was born on December 5, 1941 in Mobile, Alabama. She was a homemaker, loved the Lord and being Mama and Nanna.

Patricia is survived by her children Gary Fillingin, Rey (Michelle) Regulacion, Roger Regulacion, Rogelio Regulacion and Charles English; grandchildren Michael English, John Tyler, Bella Regulacion, Elijah Regulacion, Hannah Regulacion and Madison Regulacion; great-grandson Aidon Regulacion; and nephew Danny (Sharon)

Morris. She was preceded in death by her mother Millie Ruth Eads; daughter Nenita English; and one brother and two sisters.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Monday, December 2 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Ruth Phelps officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassauffh.com.

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

DAVID A. DAYMON



David A. Daymon, 62, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord on November 26, 2019. David was born on June 8, 1957 in Jacksonville, to Jason and Claria Daymon. He was a strong hardworking man who loved to work on cars. He enjoyed going fishing and he loved his time with his grandson and great-grandchildren. He worked with Big Ben Tree Service and his boss only let David run his machines. He was well liked by everyone who met him. He enjoyed mowing yards for everyone and helping any way he could. He was always friendly if he liked you! David was a Christian man.

He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Linda Daymon; daughter Shannon Carter; grandson David (Vickie) Kephart; two great-grandchildren Layla and Riley; brothers Ed and Lannie; sisters, aunt, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 14 at Live Oak Baptist Church, 36178 Congregation Lane in Callahan at 1 p.m. with Pastor Steven Wolgamott officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassauffh.com.

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

ALICE MILLER DOWLING



Alice Miller Dowling, 74, of Hilliard, passed away November 29, 2019 at her place of residence along the St. Marys River. She was born January 22, 1945 in Denton, Georgia, to

the late Farice F. Miller Sr. and Vera Cain Miller. She is preceded in death by her brother Farice F. Miller, Jr. and sister Nellie M. Nobles.

Survivors include her sons Lurner Williams, Jr. of Bonaire, Georgia, Lawrence 'Larry' (Monica) Dowling, Jr. of Jacksonville, Wade (Danielle) Dowling of Punta Gorda and Bruce (Shannan) Dowling of Gainesville, Georgia; her grandchildren Hannah Marie Williams, Harley Cash Dowling, Daniella Rose Dowling and Dana Nicole Dowling; her sisters Ruby M. (Bobby) Blanton, Delora M. Warnock, Martha M. Longwith, Leona M. (Wendell) Burnsed and Patsy M. Poole; her brothers Frank (Diane) Miller, Noah (Ann) Miller, Vernon (Diane) Miller, Allen Miller, Ben Miller and Avin Miller; and a number of nieces, nephews, and other relatives throughout the southeast region.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassauffh.com.

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

PAUL LEWIS FORSTER



Paul Lewis Forster, 64, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on November 27, 2019. He was born on January 28, 1955 in Lawrence, Kansas

to Walter and Neva Forster, II. Paul was a gentle, kind soul. He loved being outside, going fishing and shrimping. He loved plants and flowers always trying to nurture something to grow. Paul was talented in drawing, painting and creating art pieces out of pictures, wood, glass anything he could find. He loved his family, never judging, he accepted everyone for who they were or are. He was always a forgiving soul. He was a loving son, brother, father, grandfather and uncle. We will miss you but our hearts are at peace knowing that you are in the arms of our Father God in heaven.

He is survived by his three children Aimee, Cindy and Eric; eight grandchildren; mother Neva Forster; siblings Walter, Neva and Rosemary and their families.

A graveside service was held Monday, December 2 in Jones Cemetery with Pastor Ken Barney officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassauffh.com.

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

Scussell Family Thank You

Words cannot express the gratitude we felt from those who shared their love for our mother and the loss we have felt since the passing of our mother, Mae Scussell. We would like to thank those who provided the food, cards, flowers and calls from friends and family. Also, a special thanks to Ephesus Baptist Church for providing a delicious meal for the family after Mama's service; to Pastor Marvin Lee for a beautiful and uplifting service and to Terri McAninch of Nassau Funeral Home for giving us peace of mind during this difficult time.



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MARTHA JEAN GAY

Martha Jean Gay, 86, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on December 1, 2019. Martha was born on August 26, 1933 in Bacon County, Georgia to Oscar and Mamie Burnette. Martha was a wonderful sister, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with her family and visiting with friends.

She is survived by her loving family; brothers Howard (Janice) Burnette, Larry (Linda) Burnette and Gary (Janie) Burnette; and her sister Patsy Thompson; grandsons Chris Johnson and Eric Crews; and granddaughters Melissa Crews and Katie Roche; and a great-grandson Dexter Roche; as well as several nieces, nephews and many close friends.

The family will receive friends Friday, December 6 from 10-11 a.m. at River Road Baptist Church with the funeral service beginning at 11 a.m. with Pastor Benji Lloyd officiating. Interment will follow in the River Road Baptist Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

WAYNE SCOTT 'SCOTTY' HICKS



Wayne Scott 'Scotty' Hicks, 49, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on November 29, 2019. Scotty was born in Folkston, Georgia on July 23, 1970 to Carl R. and Geraldine Hicks. Scotty was a devoted son, brother and friend. However, his most important and favorite roles were husband and father.

Scotty enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family in their beloved Tennessee home. He was an active member and Past Worshipful Master of Callahan Lodge No. 32 F. & A.M. and a member of the Callahan Order of the Eastern Star No. 154. Scotty began his career as a Firefighter and Paramedic with Nassau County Fire and Rescue in 1992. Scotty retired with Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department in June, 2014. The most important decision Scotty made was to proclaim Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was a member of Callahan First Baptist Church and always counted it a privilege to be able to serve on a mission trip to Vietnam with his in-laws, Janet and Danny Johnson.

Scotty is survived by his best friend and wife of 22 years, Debra 'Debbie' Hicks; daughter Hannah Elisabeth Hicks; sons Jackson Scott Hicks and Greyson Yates Hicks; his mother Geraldine 'Jerri' Hicks; brothers Randy (Mae) Hicks and John (Eva) Day; mother-in-law Janet Johnson; sisters-in-law Nancy Tanner and Cindy (Chuck) Mitchell; as well as numerous nephews, nieces and extended family. He was preceded in death by his father Carl R. Hicks; sister Jean Ann (Jimmy) Hicks Horne; brother Raymond 'Ray' Hicks; and father-in-law, David R. 'Danny' Johnson.

The family received friends Tuesday, December 3 prior to the home-going service at Nassau Funeral Home with Dr. D. Lynn Hyatt officiating.

Scotty will be laid to rest in his family cemetery in Elk Valley, Tennessee.

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Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

LETTY NELSON



Letty Nelson, 93, of Callahan, passed away at home November 30, 2019 following an extended illness. She was born September 30, 1926 to GB and America Music Taylor in Alma, Georgia. She retired from Anchor Hocking Glass Company after many years of service. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family. She was loved so much by her children and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all. She was a member of the Jubilee Club and was a longtime member of Dinsmore Baptist Church in Jacksonville.

She is survived by her two daughters Glenda Ebright and Diane (Henry) Carter; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Nelson; and two sons Bill (Thomas) Tanner and Donnie Tanner.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Thursday, December 5 at Dinsmore Baptist Church with Rev. Winson Butler and Rev. A.L. Sweat officiating.

Interment followed in Riverside Memorial Park.

DONOVAN JAMES PARKER



Donovan James Parker, 18, of Bryceville, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 30, 2019. Donovan was born on October 31, 2001 in Jacksonville to Mr. Donald and Tammy (Walker) Parker, Jr. A lifelong resident of Bryceville, Donovan was a junior at West Nassau High School. He was part of JROTC his freshman year and had plans to enter into a trade upon graduation.

In his free time, Donovan loved the outdoors. He liked fishing and working on his truck, often losing his dad's tools. He was a bright and outgoing young man who was never met a stranger. He loved life and loved his friends and family most of all.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Mr. Donald and Carolyn Parker Sr.; Mr. Lawrence and Frances Walker; and Ms. Marlynn Harvey.

He is survived by his loving parents Donald and Tammy Parker, Jr. of Bryceville; sister Ashley (Michael Holland) Parker of Bryceville; grandfather Tommy Harvey of Glen St. Mary; girlfriend Hannah Fromknecht of Callahan; as well as numerous other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends Thursday, December 5 from 6-8 p.m. at Bryceville First Baptist Church. A funeral service to honor Donovan's life will be held

Friday, December 6 at 11 a.m. at the church with Pastor Paul Abernathy and Rev. Terry Yerby officiating.

Interment will follow at Friday at 2 p.m. at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Brooker.

Arrangements by Forbes Funeral Home, 904-259-4600.

Condolences may be expressed at www.forbesfuneralhome.net.

BRENDA FAYE ROTHWELL



Brenda Faye Rothwell, 70, of Fernandina Beach, passed away Saturday, November 23, 2019. She was the daughter of the late Lonnie G. and Minnie McSwain Mabry. She was born in Albemarle, North Carolina.

Brenda and her family moved to Nassau County in 1987, coming from Gretna, Louisiana. Shortly thereafter, she began a career with government service working for both Nassau County and the City of Fernandina Beach in various positions including Code Enforcement and Animal Control. She retired and maintained her residence in Fernandina Beach.

She leaves behind her sons Joseph (Crystal) Rothwell of Jacksonville and Richard Rothwell of Fernandina Beach; her three sisters Eunice Hatley, Carolyn Carriker and Judy Allen; a brother David Mabry; her three grandchildren Kamre, Hannah and Tegan; and other family members.

Her family is planning to celebrate Brenda's life at a later time.

JAMES MURLAND SIKES, SR.



James Murland Sikes, Sr., 83, of St. George, Georgia, passed away Saturday, November 30, 2019. He was born June 21, 1936 in Hilliard, Georgia to the late Jesse Edward Sikes and Nettie Batten Sikes. He proudly served his country in the US Army.

Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by his children Terrance Sikes and Danny Williams; the mother of his children Sara Wilson; and a number of brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his children Cindy Sikes, Wendi Clary, James Murland Sikes, Jr. and David Sikes; 20 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Tuesday, December 3 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston. A graveside funeral was held Wednesday, December 4 at Emmaus Cemetery in St. George.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

PATRICK H. STONE



Patrick H. Stone, 88, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on November 25, 2019. He was born on September 4, 1931 in South Carolina to Robert and Senna Stone. Patrick proudly served his country in and retired from the US Navy. He also later retired from Glidden Chemicals.

Patrick is survived by his daughter Denise (Ed) Merlo; grandchildren Chelsea Hinson, Ronald "Blaine" Stafford, Dylan Merlo and Patrick Stone; great-grandchildren Lane Hinson, Ella Hinson and Olly Hinson; sisters Sarah Wilbanks and June Bowman; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary L. Stone; his parents; and siblings Nita, Margie, Ethel, Jerry and Frank.

The family received friends Friday, November 29 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral service was held Saturday, November 30 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Joshua Johns and Carlton Wilbanks officiating. Interment followed in Jones Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dylan Merlo, Paul Hinson, Patrick Stone and Terry Lee. Honorary pallbearer was Lane Hinson.

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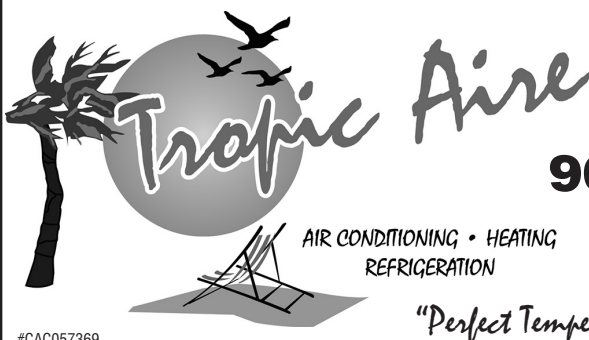
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Kelsey Irvine, Extension Agent I

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these young leaders.

Congratulations to our graduates: Chase Burke, Alaina Caldwell, Kaylee Davis, Nathan Davis, Dustin Deal, Madison Driver, Hailey Driver, Abigail Felthousen, Kimberly Forster, Gabriel Gierhahn, Stephen Hardin, Theresa Hardin, Danielle LeBlanc-Jones, Charlie Norstrom, Emma Norstrom, Jack Norstrom, Morgan Sanders, Chellie Whaley and Cheyenne Rowand!

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