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"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." - Luke 2:7

Callahan Man Murders Wife and Children

Last Wednesday morning, many lives were changed as news that three family members lives were taken too soon. At approximately 7:15 a.m. last Wednesday, December 1, Nassau County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a triple homicide that occurred at 55334 Deer Run Road in the Spring Lake Estates neighborhood just outside of Callahan.

When deputies arrived at the home, the suspect shooter was lying down in the driveway of the residence unarmed waiting on deputies. A subsequent search of the residence revealed three



victims, two females and one male, inside with apparent fatal gunshot

wounds. The suspect, William Conway Broyles, 57, called 911 following the shooting, to notify NCSO what had just occurred.

The NCSO investigation revealed, and Broyles stated, "He shot each victim multiple times to make sure they didn't suffer." He shot his wife in the living room den area. He then entered the bedroom of his daughter and shot her as she was waking up. He then busted through the door of his son's bedroom and shot him. He then went to get another gun and came back and shot his son again.

The victims include the suspect's wife Candace Lynn Broyles, 57, who was shot in the den; the suspect's daughter Cora Lynn Broyles, 27, who was shot in her bedroom; and the suspect's son Aaron Christopher Broyles, 28, who was shot in his bedroom.

William Conway Broyles was charged with three counts of 2nd Degree murder and he was booked into the Nassau County Jail. Broyles had his first court appearance Thursday, December 2 where he was officially charged. He will be held with no bond at this time.

Hilliard Approves Golf Cart Ordinance

Dawn S. West

The Town of Hilliard met Thursday night for their final regular meeting of 2021. The council approved moving



their final meeting on December 16 to December 13 as a special meeting to handle payables. The first order of business was the final reading and public hearing of Ordinance 2021-10 which concerned amending Chapter 54 of the Hilliard Town Code, traffic and vehicles, to permit the use of Golf Carts on roads within the Town limits. The ordinance also includes these limitations: Golf cart traffic shall be permitted on all roads within the Town limits except for the following roads: 1. US 1, US Highway 301, US Highway 23, County Road 108 East of US 1, Kings Ferry Road, Eastwood Road, Henry Smith Road, County Road 108 West of Pond Drive, and Bay Road. 2. Golf carts operated on

designated municipal roads between sunrise and sunset must be equipped with efficient brakes; reliable steering apparatus; safe tires; a rearview mirror; and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear. In addition, golf carts operated on designated municipal roads between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield. 3. Golf carts may not be operated on any municipal roads by anyone under the age of fifteen (15) years. 4. Golf carts must be operated in compliance with all applicable local and state traffic laws and the operator may be ticketed in the same manner as a motor vehicle operator under Florida Law. 5. Golf Carts shall be registered with the Town of Hilliard by the owner and a \$20 fee

for the privilege.

The next order of business concerned the request for approval of the preliminary Plat application for The Tracks subdivision by property owner Mason & Magnolia LLC, agent Ben Buchanan. Town Clerk Lisa Purvis advised the council that the Planning & Zoning Board has recommended approval for this preliminary application. The said property is located at 37127 Oxford Street on 2.02 acres and is looking for approval to place 6 lots (single family homes). The council approved the application.

In other business, the council approved the Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department 2021 run reimbursements. The council approved moving

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A Word From the Publisher

Well, it's hard to believe we're already in the second week of December. Christmas is fast approaching and very soon, God willing, we will be celebrating a New Year. This year has been challenging but God has remained faithful with his love, protection and guidance.

The events of last Wednesday, the triple homicide of three local family members, were very disturbing. Our entire community was shaken to know this happened in a beautiful neighborhood, doors away from other homes. That morning, for some reason, I did not turn on the television as I got ready for work. On the way to work, I received a text from my daughter, and shortly after that from Roger, about a heavy police presence in Spring Lake Estates.

Immediately my adrenaline began pumping. I pulled up a news station on the computer and began searching for information. We print on Wednesday morning, so my head was spinning as to what changes we may need to make, on the already finished paper, to inform our readers. We finally received enough information to publish that the homeowner, a husband and father, had taken the lives of his wife and two adult children and spared his own life and he was in custody. It is all so devastating and tragic as more details began to come out. I was totally shaken by the sadness and heartache of the entire event. I was truly ready to fall apart. As we quickly made changes to our paper and sent it to the press, Jessie and I both took a sigh as we continued to think about it all.

A couple of details I left out. As soon as I opened up the office that morning, I received a call about advertising. Shortly after, another customer came in about advertising. Jessie arrived and we tried to focus on the paper and the happening events and two other people

came in for different reasons. Once we got the paper sent we continued to have a constant flow of people for one thing or another. As the office cleared we realized it was 12:30 p.m. The remainder of the day continued to be busy. I never realized why until the next day.

Once I finally got home, I wrapped up in Roger's arms and just lost it. The events of the day were very tragic. I hadn't had time to process my feelings and emotions however once I saw Roger they all came out. I'm so thankful for my husband who is there for me always.

Thinking back over the day, I finally realized it was all God's plan for me that day. I could have easily just gave into my emotions and cried all morning. Only God gave me strength to handle my business and deal with my customers and friends in a professional way. Only He was by my side holding me up and providing me with compassion for others that were hurting that day. All I kept thinking was, where are all these people coming from and why? All along it was the Lord providing for me. I know, without any questions, that my God provides me with strength and courage each and every day. For without Him, I couldn't do anything. His hand is the strength of this paper, not mine. I'm thankful every hour for God's love and mercy for me.

Please remember to pray for the Broyles family, as they have another adult child and many extended family members. Also, pray for all those that responded to that home that morning... the lasting effects from the event. It is a heartbreaking time. Please continue to pray for our community and our country.

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

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Letters to the Editor

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

Shoes Needed!

Dear Editor,

The impact that a pair of shoes can have is a life changing event. I am writing this letter to my friends and neighbors in the community to ask for your help. For the last 31 years, a local mental health advocacy group helped provide shoes each December to the near 117 adults who live with Schizophrenia at our facility in Boulogne, called Dayspring Village. This year they told me that they were unable to help and this created a need for us to try and "Save the Shoe Party" effort. We created a GoFundMe account at: <https://www.gofundme.com/manage/the-31st-annual-shoe-party-for-the-mentally-ill> that through generous donations we have raised \$1,825 towards the total need.

It will take \$24/pair of shoes to help us reach our goal of \$2,900 to purchase the shoes. I am writing today to ask for your help this Christmas Season and help us close the gap in meeting these needs. In the past the local advocacy group would sponsor a Pizza Party for the residents and provide a bag with other items during the special day. This year we are just trying to focus on making sure we fill the need for the new shoes. A new pair of shoes places a positive spring in the step of those who receive the shoes. This helps us building positive memories that cannot be erased and are forever a part of their lives. I am grateful for the people who have donated to this important project and for those who have responded to the Secret Santa Project which has been a holiday tradition for many years. We are working to close the gap and wanted to

ask for help to ensure we meet this critical need during the holidays.

It's been a particularly tough year this year. The impact of COVID on adults with mental illness is known to have a mortality rate of three times that of the general population. We have spent this whole year fighting to protect our residents, keeping them safe and ensuring that we manage the surges, vaccines, testing and the constant changing array of rules and requirements. To say that people are exhausted is an understatement but the work continues and responding to the needs remains our mission and focus. You can make a difference this year with a simple donation of \$24 to help buy a pair of shoes. I hope you will consider making a small donation and help improve the steps of those living with schizophrenia.

Have a Merry Christmas!
Douglas D. Adkins

Page Street

Dear Editor,

I have lived and worked in Callahan for many years. I travel the town roads daily. What I want to do is bring to the attention of the citizens and the Town of Callahan: The speed bumps on Page Street by Callahan Barbecue. They are unnecessary and are wearing out our vehicles. Let alone our bodies. I am asking everybody to contact the town and let's get them removed. If speed is a problem on this short piece of road I am sure that our great Sheriff Leeper can slow people down on this road. Speed bumps are not needed or necessary.

Ray Bullard

In the Kitchen...

Cheese Enchiladas

18 white corn tortillas
5-6 cups shredded cheddar cheese
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1 (20 oz.) can red enchilada sauce
(or homemade sauce)

Preheat oven to 350°. Spread a very thin layer of enchilada sauce over the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking pan. In a medium skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Pour canned enchilada sauce into a large bowl. Once oil is heated, place one corn tortilla in skillet. Quickly fry on both sides, just until soft. Place tortilla in bowl with enchilada sauce. Dredge tortilla in sauce and place in 9x13 pan. Fill with shredded cheese (or your favorite ingredients), roll. Continue until all tortillas have been rolled. Pour remaining sauce over top of tortillas and top with remaining cheese. Bake for about 10-15 minutes or until cheese is melted and sauce is bubbly.

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Quilt Drawing Monday!

Peggy Smith, President

'Tis the season! All of us have been so busy finishing all of our handmade Christmas gifts and finishing our shopping. I would like to thank all of our friends in the community who have supported our guild by purchasing raffle tickets for our Annual Opportunity Quilt. This support allows us to help the charities that we support throughout the year. The drawing of the quilt will be held Monday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m., at our regular meeting, at the Anchor Church on US Highway 1.



Your last chance to get the winning ticket, which is displayed at the Westside Journal office, is Friday, December 10, for \$1 per ticket; or 6 tickets for \$5.

Thank you again to all those who have purchased tickets and for all your support.

If you are interested in joining our Quilt Guild, please join us on the second Monday of each month for our meetings. We also meet on the second and fourth Fridays for Sit and Sew at the Callahan Masonic Lodge Hall.

Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! Happy Hanukah!

Hilliard

Administrative Assistant Hannah Martinez to full time employment status; and approved the purchase of bulk drainage culverts.

Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg requested approval of Playground Mulch Installation expense. "We still have some drainage issues at Oxford Park but the playgrounds (all) are in much needed new mulch," said Whittenburg. "I recommend First Coast Mulch at a cost of \$14,625, as they use a blown in method versus a skid steer." The council approved the requests.

In more business, the council approved donating \$8,000 to the Friends of the Hilliard Library for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The town has donated to

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the 'Friends' since 2005 when the new Hilliard Library was opened.

Contractor Ben Buchanan advised the council that he is getting mixed messages from the county building department and Hilliard Land Use Administrator Janis Fleet about what he can and can't do with his SSI home projects on CR 108. The council advised Town Attorney Christian Waugh to check into the issue with the county and see how the problem can be resolved.

In final business, the council approved canceling the December 16 meeting and have a special meeting on Monday, December 13 to handle payables and any emergency item.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The Bryceville Community Club December meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Bryceville Community building on Motes Road. The meeting will feature the singing of Christmas songs. Please bring a covered dish for the meal following the meeting.

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

George Bernard Shaw once stated, "Common sense is not a gift, it's a punishment, because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it." No truer words could be spoken. Common sense is a dying amenity these days, starting in Washington D.C. and flowing all across America. The question that boggles my mind is how did we get to this point in America?

Bill O'Reilly in his weekly column may answer part of my question, but does so much more elegantly than I would do. Bill states, "Forrest Gump would be perplexed by the policies of the Biden administration. I hesitate to use the word 'stupid' but Forrest might not be. Name-calling is tedious but sometimes a situation can only be described with a solid insult; thus stupid is in play. Watching President Biden is now almost a full-time job for me. But I don't want to mimic the media Trump-haters who bashed the 45th president nonstop. That was corrupt and hurt this country dramatically. With Joe Biden, I feel a mixture of sadness and anger. He is damaging America faster than any other president before him. A recent Trafalgar poll shows that we the people know that. Mr. Biden's job approval rating stands at 36 percent, a disaster by any measure. My sadness comes because Joe Biden is a diminished man. I believe he is not in control of the Executive Branch and is growing mentally weaker every day. Of course, I could be wrong. But the evidence is on my side. A few stark examples are of President Biden's inexplicable decision-making.

What did he think was going to happen when he opened the southern border during a vicious pandemic to anyone who asked for asylum? Did he not understand that millions of foreign nationals would show up here, some with Covid? Biden has never explained his

decision. What did the President think would happen when he attacked the American gas and oil industry? Did he believe shutting pipelines and imposing regulations would lead to price stability in the energy markets? Now, Americans are getting hammered financially. He says it's just temporary. Maybe he's predicting a Trump re-election.

How about Afghanistan? Did the Commander-in-Chief think by cutting and running that something positive would happen? US weapons worth billions fell into the hands of the Taliban. Thousands of homicidal terrorists were set free from the Bagram prison. One of them murdered 13 American troops just days later. President Biden told the world his Afghan strategy was excellent.

Finally...crime. The progressive left controls Biden and its policies of no bail, far fewer prosecutions, and demonizing the police have directly led to the murders of thousands of Americans. You are not safe in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, and many other big cities. The street violence is shocking. Has President Biden addressed this in any meaningful way? No, he has not. Mr. Gump nailed it with his mantra: stupid is as stupid does. For a moment, put aside the insulting word and just analyze Biden's policies. What would you call them?

Perhaps what legendary football Coach Lou Holtz stated concerning football also describes America as a whole. When asked to describe the difference between football players today and those 50 years ago, he answered, "Simple. Today's athletes talk about rights and privileges and the players 50 years ago talked about obligation and responsibilities." "Nuff said."

I don't know about you all, but I agree with all the above.

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



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Christmas

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I know it is getting close to Christmas, because everywhere I go I can hear the Christmas songs playing. You hear them in the car, on the radio and in almost every store that you enter. The tunes from these songs are catchy, and they keep playing over and over in your head. Songs like "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," "Sleigh Bells Ring are you Listening," "Jingle Bells," and don't forget "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." As a matter of fact, in that song Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, there is a phrase that says, "Do you recall the most famous reindeer of all?" Well my question to you is simple, "Is Christmas really about a red nosed reindeer and a snowman named Frosty? Or is Christmas really about a baby being born in a town called Bethlehem?"

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas this year, let's not forget the real meaning of Christmas. Christmas should be about a little baby boy named Jesus who was born in a stable. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger. The Bible tells us in Luke 2:10-14, "But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

What a glorious event that must have been when the Shepherds found Baby Jesus that evening. After the Shepherds had seen Jesus that night, they went out and spread the word that was told to them about this child and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. Christmas is really about God sending the best gift ever to a world that didn't deserve it, but He loved us anyway. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

I pray each of you have a wonderful Christmas this year as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Bryceville Community Club Meeting Tuesday

The Bryceville Community Club December meeting will be held Tuesday, December 14 at 11 a.m. at the Bryceville Community building on Motes Road. The meeting will feature the singing of Christmas carols and enjoying time together. Everyone attending is requested to bring a covered dish for the meal that will follow the meeting.

Merry Christmas from Bryceville!



ABWA to Hold its First Annual Jingle Jamboree

Calling all businesswomen of Nassau County, you're invited to attend the Eight Flag Chapter of the American Businesswomen for its First Annual Jingle Jamboree. The December meeting has traditionally been a holiday gathering with an opportunity for guests to meet the members and learn more about ABWA and get to know each other better. This year, we plan a festive event that members and guests won't want to miss. December 16, 5:30-8 p.m. at Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Rd, Fernandina Beach. All will enjoy a holiday meal with holiday desserts. There will be games, prizes, and live entertainment, and lots of fun. Wear your holiday attire. Our goal is to enjoy some holiday fun while learning about each other and

more about ABWA. Register at: <https://www.abwaeightflags.org/events>.

There will not be a business meeting that evening. To be included in the headcount for the meal and other activities, you must Register and Pay online no later than Sunday, December 12 by 6 p.m.; the cost is \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members.

For more information call Membership Committee Chair Dottie Fortwengler at 703-626-7006.

The mission of the American Businesswomen's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.



CHURCH NEWS

Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, 541668 US Hwy. 1, Callahan invites families to a FREE Breakfast With Santa, Saturday, December 11 from 9-11 a.m. Children's Christmas crafts and a visit with Santa. For more information call 904-879-3662.

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West Nassau Student Wins T-shirt Contest



Katie Connors

Kim Nelson, owner of Nelson & Associates Insurance, collaborated with West Nassau's Digital Media teacher Jana Sheffield and her students for this holiday project. The West Nassau Digital Media students were asked to base their shirt design off the movie A Christmas Story and its famous line, "You'll shoot your eye out, kid" with a fun insurance twist - "Don't shoot your eye out without coverage!"

West Nassau Digital Media student Zachary Tremblay won \$100 by entering and winning a local t-shirt design contest sponsored by Nelson & Associates Insurance. His shirt design was worn

recently by the Nelson and Associates Insurance team in the Callahan Christmas Parade. Zachary, a junior at West Nassau High School, recently passed his Adobe Certified Associate certification. These credentials certify that he has entry level skills to plan, design, build and maintain effective communication using different forms of digital media. The next level is the A.C.E. "Expert. This level upgrades credentials, catalyst for jobs, raises and promotions.

Nelson and Associates Insurance



West Nassau's Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction Sherida Jones said, "The project aligns with our school's mission statement which is to cultivate college and career-ready life-long learners."



Street Maps of Nassau County Now Available

The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Nassau County Property Appraiser's office to create street maps of Nassau County. These new, updated, full color and detailed street maps include: Fernandina Beach, Amelia Island, Yulee, Wildlight, Callahan, Hilliard and Bryceville.

The street maps are \$4 each and available for purchase at the West Nassau Historical Society, located at 45383 Dixie Avenue in Callahan; and the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce, 961687 Gateway Blvd., Suite 101-G in Fernandina Beach.

For questions or additional information, visit www.NassauCountyFLChamber.com or contact the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce at info@NassauCountyFLChamber.com or (904) 261-3248.



Baby Donations needed!

The Nest, A Women's Center, is in dire need of new or gently used Baby Items.

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If you can donate any of the items from the list you may bring the items to the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, Callahan. The Nest has two locations, Jacksonville and in Yulee. Appointments can be made by calling 904-619-4914.

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Historical Society Seeks Nassau County Artists for Art Show

The West Nassau Historical Society is actively seeking artists and high school students from Nassau County to participate in their 10th annual Nassau Art at the Callahan Depot (NACD) art show. The judged event is designed to showcase the many talented adult artists as well as middle and high school art students who reside in Nassau County, Florida. The art exhibit will be held inside the historic Callahan Train Depot located at 45383 Dixie Avenue on Saturday, January 22, 2022. The quaint ambiance of the 141 year-old station and museum offers the perfect venue for county artists to display their works while giving the public a chance to check out many historic photos and artifacts on display inside the depot. Artists will be judged on 2 art works each but may have more art works for sale in our designated art shop. The all-volunteer nonprofit organization hopes all Nassau County artists will visit their web site www.wnhsfl.org for entry applications and art show information. Deadline for entering is noon on Friday, January 14. The group also encourages Nassau County middle and high school students to contact the Historical Society or their art teacher for art show information.

Prizes will be awarded to the adult artists with the best art work in three categories: painting, photography, and 3-D art. The public attending the NACD event will also be given a chance to vote for their favorite art work with that artist receiving a People's Choice award. Another judged category

will cover artwork from high school students who attend school or study at home in Nassau County. Gift cards and other prizes will be awarded to the top winners of each category. The NACD art show is open to the public from 10 AM to 2:30 PM, with a one hour break from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM to allow for the art entries to be judged. During this intermission, members of the Historical Society will serve a luncheon for the artists, students and sponsors inside the iconic 1881 train station annex. The Callahan Train Depot will then reopen to the public at 1:30 PM with refreshments and the awards ceremony. Admission to the 10th edition of the NACD art show is free but donations are always appreciated.

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

Florida Forest Service to Begin Prescribed Burning

The Florida Forest Service's Jacksonville Forestry District will begin dormant season prescribed burning in the coming weeks on state lands in Clay, Duval, and Nassau counties. Approximately 12,620 acres are scheduled to be burned on the five state forests within the three counties. This figure does not include privately managed land or land managed by other public agencies.



Dormant season prescribed burns are conducted during the winter months when temperatures are cooler, and trees are in their dormant stage. Burning during the cooler months helps to minimize stress on the trees while reducing heavy fuel loads. Prescribed fire is a safe way to apply a natural process, ensure ecosystem health, and reduce wildfire risk. Other uses of prescribed fire include disease control in young pines, wildlife habitat restoration, range management, conservation of endangered plant and animal species, and the maintenance

of fire-dependent ecosystems. Pre-planned prescribed burns are carefully analyzed and conducted under specific guidelines and weather conditions. Specific calendar dates for prescribed burn activities are often fluid and only finalized when conditions are right to achieve desired objectives.

The Florida Forest Service treated 203,328 acres with prescribed fire on State Forest properties last year and Jacksonville Forestry District burned 6,967 acres during this period.

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

Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their final meeting of 2021. Carson Watts, West Nassau High School junior, approached the podium to discuss the WNHS Express. "My name is Carson and I am a Boy Scout from Troop 351 in Callahan and am also an Eagle Scout candidate," said Carson. "I have chosen as my Eagle Scout community project to raise money for less fortunate children for Christmas. I have organized the WNHS Express

event and am asking for your support and a possible donation? The event is this Saturday."

After a little discussion, the council decided to donate \$200 towards Carson's efforts.

The only business discussed was to try to offer a couple of dates for the Nassau County School Board to set up a joint workshop. The council discussed two dates in February 2022.

The next meeting of the council will be January 3, 2022.

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Carson Watts

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WNHS Express will involve students from all clubs and honors organizations featuring:

- Holiday Themed lands such as Santa's Workshop, Whoville, and Candyland including crafts and holiday characters!
- Enjoy a Christmas Train, a Scavenger Hunt and a Petting Zoo!
- Visit Vendors, a Silent Auction and a Craft Market!
- Essential services such as a Blood Drive, Haircuts, and Child I.D. cards will be provided too!
- Come watch your WNHS Band perform their toe-tapping holiday concert!
- Watch your favorite holiday movies and stories come to life with the WNHS Theatre!
- Visits from holiday icons such as Santa Claus, Shrek, the Grinch and many more!
- Mr. and Mrs. Claus will make guest appearances to take pictures with the kids!
- Write a letter to Santa and mail it in our magical Christmas Mailbox.

We invite you and your family to join us at this special event and ask if you would consider Partnering with us. Any form of Donation is welcomed! You can help in the following ways: Money (Check or Cash \$100 pays for a family's Christmas), Goods or Items for our silent auction (Nothing is too weird or too small), or become a Vendor and sell your wares in our holiday craft market (\$40 gets a prime spot) or purchase one of our Christmas Trees to decorate (\$200+ Perfect for businesses or organizations.).

All monies raised go to families in Nassau County. We implore you to help us provide a special Christmas for families in need this year!

For questions or to reserve a vendor spot, email Callahanvendors@gmail.com or call 904-879-3461. Checks are to be made to West Nassau High School with WNHS Express memo line. Thank you so much for your time and consideration and investment in our community.

Vehicle Crash in Hilliard Saturday

A vehicle crash was reported Saturday afternoon shortly after 2 p.m. on U.S. Highway 1 just north of Mizell Tract Road. Two vehicles were involved with one of the vehicles towing a trailer which was hauling an ATV.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Angelica Lambert of Odum, Georgia along with her 3-year-old daughter were traveling south on U.S. Highway 1 in the right lane. Cody Pickett, of Hilliard, was also driving south in the left lane. Lambert stated that a white sport utility vehicle swerved into her lane so she quickly changed lanes to avoid colliding with the truck. Lambert collided with Pickett's vehicle, causing both vehicles to lose control and come to rest on the shoulder of the road in the tree line. Pickett's vehicle landed on its side with Pickett trapped inside. Pickett was towing a utility trailer with a Polaris ATV being on the trailer. The trailer received heavy damage and the

ATV was thrown from the trailer and came to rest in the woods.

Pickett sustained multiple serious injuries requiring emergency surgery Saturday and another surgery on Monday. Lambert did not report any injuries to herself or the child. However, Pickett received very serious injuries and was transported to UF Jacksonville by Nassau County Fire-Rescue 60. Due to Pickett's injuries, FHP was unable to talk with him at the scene. Upon follow-up, FHP reported that Pickett advised them there were no other vehicles nearby at the time of the crash. Pickett stated he was struck once by Lambert's vehicle on his passenger side and then Lambert lost total control of her vehicle and struck Pickett a second time on the passenger side of his truck. At that time both vehicles left the highway.

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New Beginnings and Milestones

Thomas Reed to Celebrate 94th Birthday



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BT has one son, James Reed; two grandchildren Joel Reed and Ashley Raley; and two great-grandchildren Karmela and Korbin Reed.

Happy 1st Birthday Peyton Olivia Schwartz

Peyton Olivia Schwartz celebrated her first birthday December 6. She celebrated her special milestone with a huge party held in her honor with lots of family and friends joining in the fun! Her proud parents are Landon and Tiffany Schwartz of Jacksonville.

Her proud grandparents are Erick Schwartz of Waycross; Jim and Cathy Felder of Hilliard; and Sandy Weathington of Jacksonville.

Proud great-grandparents are Harriet Chauncey of Hilliard; and Gladys Mancill of Jacksonville.



Deacon Cole Foskey



Garrett and Callie Foskey, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their son Deacon Cole Foskey. Deacon was born November 15, 2021 at 7:44 p.m. at Baptist Nassau Hospital in Fernandina Beach. He weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Wayne Foskey; and Paula Taylor, both of Callahan.

Maternal grandparents are Mickey and Arlie Hyatt; and Jack Dunham; and Laura Dunham, all of Callahan.

Deacon was welcomed home by his siblings Dallas, Scarlett and Dean Foskey!

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The Hilliard Light Show has returned! The shows run from 6 – 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursday; and Fridays and Saturdays from 6 – 11 p.m. The light show is located at the corner of Georgia and 9th Avenue in Hilliard. Directional signs are placed at the traffic light in Hilliard leading you to the shows. For more information visit: www.HilliardLights.com.

AWESOME CALLAHAN CHRISTMAS PARADE!



The Annual Callahan Christmas Parade was held Saturday and was fantastic. You couldn't have asked for better weather and I think everyone was ready for a parade! The parade route was lined on both sides of the road with people. Everyone was having a great time and visiting with those around them as we awaited the beginning of the annual event, and it didn't disappoint. Winners from the parade were: 1st Place Dot's Hair Salon; 2nd Place Live Oak Baptist Church; 3rd Place

Brandies Ace Hardware; 4th Place First Baptist Church Boulougne; and 5th Place Sonshine Christian Academy; Best Vehicle: Larry Gibson of Callahan Cruisers, The Grinch; Best Walkers: West Nassau High School JR ROTC; and Best Horse Group: 4H Young Riders.

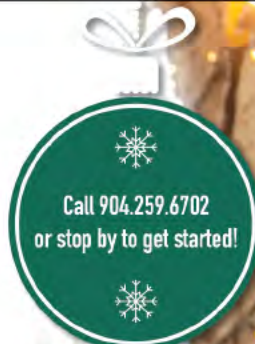
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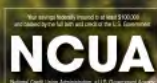
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Toy Donations Needed for Santa Run

The Callahan Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their Annual Christmas Santa Run event Saturday, December 18. The Santa Run is a time when the volunteers take their firetrucks and Santa and ride through the neighborhoods of Callahan and give toys to children.

This year, the volunteers are asking for donations of a \$10 (or less) toy, unwrapped. The toys may be brought to Callahan Town Hall or the Westside Journal Office, 450034 SR 200 until December 16.



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Wednesday, December 1

William Conway Broyles, 57, 55334 Deer Run Road, Callahan: Murder 2nd Degree (x3)

Thursday, December 2

Joseph Raymond Dean, 31, 54250 Pelican Road, Callahan: Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance; Felony Habitual Traffic Offender

Friday, December 3

James Carlton Hand, III, 32, Hilliard: Failure to Appear (x6); Failure to Appear Felony (x2)

Monday, December 6

James Wilson Bailey, Jr., 29, Callahan: Violation of Probation Community Control Felony

Jeremy Scott Thompson, 45, Callahan: Sale of Controlled Substance

William Shannon Wagner, 57, Callahan: Failure to Appear

Multi-Semi Wreck Monday Morning

As if Monday mornings aren't tough enough, this Monday was one of the worst. According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, around 4:10 a.m. Monday morning, a tractor trailer, driven by a 39 year old Chiefland man, was traveling northbound on US Highway 301 approaching Pickett Street in Callahan. Another tractor trailer, driven by a 56 year old Hilliard man, was also traveling northbound behind the first vehicle. The driver of the first truck lost control of his vehicle aided by the fog and vehicle subsequently overturned dumping his load of logs across all lanes of US 301. The truck came to final rest on its left side, with the cab resting on the south shoulder and the overturned trailer

resting within the northbound lanes. The second truck came to a controlled stop in the center turn lane behind the first truck.

Shortly after, another tractor trailer, driven by a 31 year old Keystone Heights man, was traveling southbound on US Highway 301 towards Pickett Street and became aware of the logs in the roadway too late. The front of the truck struck the logs then overrode the logs. The front of the third truck then struck the rear left of the second truck where both came to a final rest. US Highway 301 was shut down for several hours until removal of the trucks and clean up was complete.



NASSAU NIGHT OUT

Nassau Night Out this Friday at Hilliard Winn Dixie Friday, December 10 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Hilliard Winn Dixie Parking Lot

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Winn Dixie in Hilliard to participate in Nassau Night Out, which is in effort to enhance the relationship between Law Enforcement and the Community. Crime prevention information will be provided and other community groups will be there as well such as: Skittles the Clown, the Instrument Zoo, Nassau County Animal Control and more!

121 Church, Hilliard, is Adopt A Road Partner

121 Church, in Hilliard, recently became the newest Adopt A Road partner. Their Adopt A Road signs are mounted on County Road 121, 1/2 mile south and 1/2 mile north of the intersection of River Road. Members of 121 Church have committed to sponsoring roadway clean-up events to help keep this section of roadway clean and litter free.

Following safety guidelines for small group gatherings in the outdoors and for the safe collection of litter, the 121 Church team will be under the leadership of Larry Tipton (pictured with one of their signs).

"Organizations and volunteers are needed to help keep litter and debris off our roadways and out of our waterways," said Lynda Bell, Keep Nassau Beautiful Executive Director. "KNB looks forward to working with 121 Church and we know they will set an example for other groups to get involved."

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WILLIE CREWS



Willie Crews, 97, of Jacksonville, passed away December 2, 2021. He was born September 21, 1924 in Moniac, Georgia. He proudly served his country in the US Army.

He is predeceased by his previous wife Betty Jean Crews; mother Ethel Crews; father Lewis Crews; and three sisters Sarah (Isaiah) Howard, Susan (Ralph) Sigers and Daisy (Ernest) Mattox.

He is survived by his wife Mollie Ann Crews; three sons William L. (June) Crews, Daniel L. Crews, Allen D. (Mary) Crews; two stepchildren Evelyn (Brian) Beasley and Charlie Spivey; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two step grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren; brother Raymond (Vivian) Crews; two sisters Mazie (Gene) Barlow and Violet Crews.

The family will receive friends Saturday, December 11 at 12 p.m. prior to the funeral service at 2 p.m. at Garden City Church of God, officiated by Rev. Ronnie Surrency and Rev. Stephen Bell.

Burial will be held Tuesday, December 14 at 11 a.m. at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Services provided by Integrity Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

ROBERT LEWIS EUBANKS



Robert "Bobby" Lewis Eubanks, 46, of Bryceville, passed away on November 28, 2021. He was born in Jacksonville, to Robert Earl Eubanks and Bonnie Lou Mazer Eubanks. Bobby was a Nassau County resident since 1977. Bobby attended Peterson Academy and graduated from Baldwin High School. He was the Vice President of Rusty Acres Automotive and a member of the Callahan Masonic Lodge. Bobby was known for

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the Mudstang which he had a huge part in building. He loved building mud trucks, hot rods and going mud bogging. He also loved his family more than any and enjoyed spending time with them. Bobby is preceded in death by his mother.

Bobby is survived by his loving wife, Karin Rowland Eubanks; father Robert Earl Eubanks (Charlene Wilkie); children Micaila (Brandon) Edenfield and Amelya Smith; sister Ginger (Matt) Jacobson; uncles William (Jane) Eubanks and Lewis (Joann) Mazer; aunt Lucy (Cliff) Cook; nephews Alex Boshart and Daniel Hilbrant; grandchild Weston Edenfield; and several cousins.

A celebration of life for Bobby will be held at a later date.

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

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

ROBERT CHARLES HANSON



Robert Charles Hanson, 57, of Jacksonville, passed away on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. He was born on December 19, 1963 in DeWitt, Iowa to Paul and Wanda Hanson. Robert grew up on the family farm in Clinton County, graduating from Central Community High School, DeWitt, in 1982. He lived and worked in Clinton, Iowa until moving to Florida in 2001.

Robert was dedicated and hardworking. He was employed by TC's Mail Solutions for nearly 16 years; Winn Dixie; and most recently Waste Management, Inc. Robert loved to spend time with family and enjoyed camping, boating and off road adventures. He was a fan of the Dallas Cowboys and

Iowa Hawkeyes. He loved history and eating out at his favorite restaurants. Robert was a loving brother and uncle and was always very thoughtful and generous. He will be dearly missed by all who loved and knew him, though he leaves behind many cherished memories. Robert helped anyone who needed a hand. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother Paul Hanson, Jr.

He is survived by his sisters Brenda (Pat) Marr of Wisconsin, Donna (Terry) Andresen, Deb (Mike) Carney, Becky (Dan) David, all of Iowa, Barb (Tom) Thompson of Colorado and Shirley Hunter of Wisconsin; brothers Tom (Molly) Hanson of Callahan and Rich Hanson, of Iowa; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 15 at 2 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home in Callahan. A celebration of life service will be scheduled at a later date in Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to a service organization or charity of your choice.

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

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

NORMA JEAN HARTSFIELD



Norma Jean Hartsfield, 69, of St. George, Georgia passed away unexpectedly December 1, 2021. She was born on March 27, 1952 in Folkston, Georgia to Fernie Hodges and Nancy McInvale Hodges. Norma loved the Lord and thoroughly enjoyed attending church services at New Life Baptist Church where she was a member. She worked at St. George Elementary for 6 years. When Norma wasn't working, she enjoyed fishing and watching the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Georgia Bulldogs play football. More than anything, Norma loved to spend time

with her grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother Herman "Dean" Hodges; and a grandson Sawyer Porter.

Norma leaves behind her husband of 50 years, Henry Hartsfield; children Ricky (Allison) Hartsfield of Callahan and Christy (Jason) Walker of Hilliard; brothers Ronnie (Jean) Hodges and Cecil (Lisa) Hodges, all of Hilliard and Alan (Denine) Hodges of Yulee; sister Sharon (Mitchell) Gainey of Bryceville.; grandchildren Gage (Brianna) Walker, Aaron (Megan) Hartsfield, Bailey (Trevor) Walker, Brady (Hannah) Porter and E.J. Smith; great-grandchild Waylon Walker; best friend DeeDee (Robert) Hoyle.

The family received friends Tuesday, December 7 at Nassau Funeral Home. A celebration of Norma's life was held Wednesday, December 8 at New Life Baptist Church in St. George, with Pastor James Conner officiating. Interment followed at St. George Cemetery.

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

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PASTOR ROY A. HELMICK, JR



Pastor Roy Allen Helmick, Jr., 63, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord November 27, 2021, at his home. He was born March 1, 1958 in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1976, he joined the Volunteer Fire Department in Maryland. In 1977, he joined the Maryland US Army National Guard and served for 6 years. Pastor Roy was a painter for 30 years, 10 of those at Disney World.

He rededicated his life back to God in 1992 and strived to be a true man of God and be pleasing to God. On November 11, 2000, he married the love of his life, Cindy Zaleski. They were married and made their home in Hilliard. They recently celebrated their anniversary with a vow renewal ceremony attended by family and friends. He also served in 2000 in the Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department. On January 5, 2009, Roy was ordained as a Pastor. Pastor Roy enjoyed preaching, singing and playing

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Merry Christmas Rachel Denise...

Say hi to your brother and tell him I miss him.

Merry Christmas Chloe Madison!

I Love You Dearly! Chloe you are beautiful and perfect like your mom! You look so much like her! You have her sweet, strong spirit don't let anyone take that from you. I miss you more than words can express! I will always be here for you. Christmas will not be the same without you, your mom's ornament will not be on the tree until YOU can put it there, 33 years it has graced the tree. I will see you soon my granddaughter...Never underestimate the power of love. ♥

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the drums and making people laugh. His number one goal in life was to see lost and backslidden souls come to Jesus and receive salvation.


Roy was chaplain of American Legion Post 9 on US Highway 1 in Jacksonville. He was later asked to start up a post on the west side of Nassau County. In 2011, he was instrumental in founding Post 401 in Hilliard. He sat in front of Hilliard Winn Dixie gathering signatures and he researched and found the name C.W. Hilliard to name Post 401 after.

In July 2011, God called Pastor Roy to start Grace Revealed Outreach Ministries Church. He and Cindy started a gospel group called In His Will and began singing in nursing homes and gospel sings at different churches. In 2020, when the pandemic began, Pastor Roy began having church on Saturdays at his home and continued until his passing. He is preceded in death by his half-brother Mark Kewer.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cindy; children Christopher (Krystal) Helmick and Michael (Eva) Helmick; two step daughters Meredith (Brandon) Elliott and Samantha (Dr. Dan) Ehrmann; seven grandchildren David, Caleb, Kaia, Kiersten, Khloe, Fallyn and Rory; three brothers David (Beth) Helmick and Ronald (Debbie) Helmick; three half-sisters Julie, Lisa and Kimberly; half-brother Michael Helmick; and a host of extended family, church family and friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 11 at Lannie Road Baptist Church in Jacksonville at 11 a.m. A celebration of Pastor Roy's life will follow the service in the church reception hall.

GORDON DALLAS SMITH

 Gordon Dallas Smith, 79, passed away December 3, 2021. He was born in Wilmington, Delaware and spent his childhood in Philadelphia and Claymont, Delaware. Dallas graduated from the University of Colorado and worked in newspaper and radio advertising in Chicago.

After starting as a volunteer and paid-on-call firefighter, Dallas became a career firefighter in suburban Chicago serving as a Firefighter, Firefighter-Paramedic, Lieutenant, and District Chief. Dallas also served as Department Medical Officer, Training Officer and Fire Inspector. After retirement, Dallas completed a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pa. Ordained as an Episcopal Priest, Dallas served in three Christian ministries and helped raise two step-sons.

Dallas is survived by his wife Penelope (Penny) Roberts Smith; and his step-sons

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Chandler Mays and Austin Mays, a JFRD Firefighter Paramedic.


In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Dallas' memory may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Callahan for Mission Outreach.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com. Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

JOEL SAMUEL SPRADLEY



Joel Samuel "Sammy" Spradley, 68, of Folkston, Georgia, left this life Wednesday, December 1, 2021 in Jacksonville, following

 a lengthy illness. He was born January 4, 1953 in Folkston, to the late Joel Fairlee Spradley and Vernell Burch Spradley. He proudly served his country in the US Army Reserves for 14 years. He faithfully served as Pastor of the Hortense Holiness Church for 18 years. In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by his son Joe Samuel Spradley; and two sisters Juanell Andrix and JoAnne Nolder.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Kathy Spradley; a daughter Ginger (Eustace) Griffin; two granddaughters Joelee Griffin and Karis Griffin; three sisters Shirley (David) Hudson, Peggy (Grant) Everage and Tammy (Brooke) Rowe; two brothers Buddy (Judy) Spradley and Russell (Tina) Spradley; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Monday, December 6 at Camp Pinckney Baptist Church. The funeral service was held at the church Tuesday, December 7 with Pastor Steve Willingham officiating. Burial followed in Sardis Cemetery in Folkston.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com. Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

SANDRA ELAINE TARWATER



Sandra Elaine Tarwater, 80, passed away November 18, 2021. Mrs. Tarwater was a native of Jacksonville, and a longtime resident. She was currently residing in Hilliard. She was an Election Poll Worker for the Duval County Supervisor of Elections for over 40 years, was a college football fan and she also loved the Kansas City Chiefs. She loved the beach and spending time with her family. She was a member of the Baptist faith and will be

remembered as a loving mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 36 years, Clifford Tarwater.

Survivors include her two daughters Michelle (Eric) Harris and Sarah "Beth" (Kelly) Musgrove; one son Donald Myers; three grandchildren Jennifer (Rob) Wright, Jessica (Russ) Carrol and Ryan Groves; several great-grandchildren; and her loving trusting dog, Isabella.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, November 23 in Jacksonville National Cemetery with Pastor Paul Lucas officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her memory to Community Hospice of N. E. Florida. 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257.

Arrangements by George H. Hewell and Son Funeral Home, Jacksonville, (904) 355-9545.

CATHERINE JEAN VAN ZANT



Catherine Jean Dial Van Zant, 90, of Hilliard, passed away Tuesday, November 30, 2021 in Fernandina Beach, following a lengthy illness. She was born August 11, 1931 in Hilliard.

Catherine was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother aunt and friend who was famous for her key lime, carrot and Italian Wedding cakes and was fondly called "the cake lady." She was a member of Hilliard First United Methodist Church and later faithfully attended First Baptist Church of Hilliard until her passing. Catherine loved her Lord and Savior and

much enjoyed her Senior Sunday School class and attending the Young at Heart luncheons.

Catherine was a quiet woman who served her family, friends, church and community with her loving, compassionate and servant's spirit in her younger days. She spent many years helping to organize the Methodist Church Christmas Bazaar and had been an active member of the Esther Society. She will be dearly missed by her children, grandchildren, great-grands and the many family members and friends who knew her, but we are rejoicing that she is now with her Heavenly Father. Proverbs 31:26-31 describes her beautifully.

She was preceded in death by her husband Johnnie Angelo Van Zant; a daughter Patsy Palmer; her parents Bailey Dyal and Lula Thomas Dyal; her siblings Leila Drury, Martha Lee Drury, Chris Johnson, Mae Williams, Bill Johnson, Joe Dyal and Faye Young.

She is survived by her children and their spouses Lynne and Bobby Jordan and Kevin and Sharon Van Zant; her grandchildren Brandon (Amber) Jordan, Kristen (Josh) Musgrove, Chelsea Van Zant, Brianna Van Zant and Gannon Byrd; great-grandchildren Kaylee Young, Hayley Jordan, Leighton Jordan, Mya Fryer, Bristol Musgrove and Lane Musgrove.

The family received friends Friday, December 3 at the First Baptist Church of Hilliard. The funeral service was held Saturday, December 4 also at the church with Rev. Sonny Fouracre officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard.

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Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

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

God Bless our Troops!

Dayspring Village Residents Need Holiday Help

Dayspring Village is a state licensed limited mental health assisted living facility located in Boulogne, on a 15 acre campus. Dayspring Village has recently received its 6th deficiency free state survey, spanning 12 years of compliance. The 32nd annual Dayspring Village Secret Santa Program is now underway. You can get involved with helping by contacting Ashley Turner at ashleyt@dayspringvillage.org.

We are looking for volunteers to help ensure residents receive a wrapped gift on Christmas Day. You can also donate baked goods for the evening snack or bring a musical performance to help residents during the holiday season. This year we are also asking for help with the 31st Annual Dayspring Village Shoe Party. This program provides shoes for the mentally ill. You can get involved

by contacting Jenna Doyle at 904-845-7501 or make a donation at <https://www.gofundme.com/manage/the-31st-annual-shoe-party-for-the-mentally-ill>. "Nationally we know that 25% of adults with schizophrenia will attempt to end their life during the course of illness with 10% being successful. We also know that the average life span for these adults is between 58 - 64 years old. Finally the mortality rate for adults with Schizophrenia who contract COVID19 is three times the national average for adults," said Douglas Adkins, Executive Director. "The complexity of living with Schizophrenia is a major struggle and the last year has been especially difficult. I know that each dollar raised or donated gifts and shoes will make a lasting impact in the lives of these Americans."



Come Run with The Grinch Saturday

The Annual Callahan Elementary School Grinch Run will be held this Saturday, December 11 at the school beginning at 8:45 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. You may register the morning of the event. Registration is \$5 per runner/walker.

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Bryceville Resident Writes Book on Trafficking

Martha Giddens, of Bryceville, is a retired educator with a Master's Degree in Education, having spent her career teaching Middle School math and Elementary School. She is now enjoying retirement and decided to



write a book, *The Girl Who Swam to Life*. Why would a retired math teacher write a book about human trafficking? Well, January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, dedicated to raising awareness of the different forms of modern slavery and educating people about the crime and how to spot it.

During January, 2020, information about it was all the news, internet, social media and in magazine articles. It seemed at every turn, she was hearing or reading about it. She wondered if trafficking could happen to her or someone she knows. She truly felt compelled and inspired to write a story detailing important information,



yet a hopeful one in which survivors find rehabilitation, restoration and renewal through Christ. Her prayer is that readers will be enlightened and encouraged to help end the tragedy of human trafficking. She is still teaching after all.

The book, *The Girl Who Swam to Life*, is a story of love, family and the discovery of just how far one may go to overcome injustice. Meet strong-willed Adrielle Turner. She is living life to its fullest in Jacksonville, Florida, the lovely River City by the sea, through which meanders the dark water of the St. Johns River. In one evening, through no fault of her own, Adrielle's life is turned upside down. She quickly learns she must comply with what is demanded of her in order to protect a ten-year-old girl from a horrible fate and to preserve her own life.

Giddens' book would make a great Christmas gift! It can be purchased as E-book or paperback on Amazon.com.

LUNCH WITH SANTA SATURDAY



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 401 is sponsoring a Lunch with Santa event this Saturday at the post located at 37405 Henry Smith Road, Hilliard. This will be an outdoor event, weather permitting! Come and enjoy a free lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be fun crafts to make and stockings for all children, while they last! Come join in the fun and have lunch with Santa Claus!

Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

According to The Guinness Book of World Records, the Christmas song "White Christmas" recorded by Bing Crosby in 1942, is still to this day the number one selling single of all time. The website: famouskin.com reveals one of Crosby's distant cousins is Clement Clarke Moore, who wrote the poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Crosby has an amazing ancestry. He has northern and southern ancestry. His is distantly related to Northern General George B. McClellan and Presidents Roosevelt and Carter. He is also a direct descendant of Mayflower passenger William Brewster and William the Conqueror.

With much anticipation, we are looking forward to resuming our West Nassau Genealogical Society meetings February 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet at the Callahan Lions Club, located on US Highway 1, north of the fairgrounds. Visitors are always welcome.

Have a Merry Christmas from the members of the West Nassau Genealogical Society!

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