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"THREE THINGS WILL LAST FOREVER - FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE - AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE." - 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

West Nassau Cheerleaders Bring Home a World Title and National Championship!



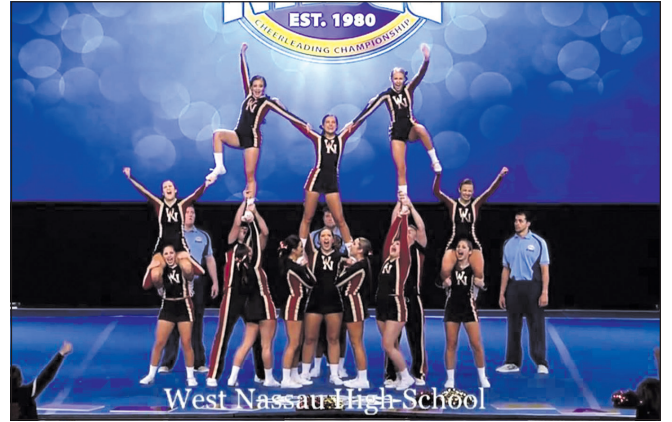
The trophy case at West Nassau High School will soon be overflowing as the cheerleading team brought home a World Title and the National Championship. Two weeks ago the team brought home the State Title. The Warriors have won the FHSAA state title every year since 2011 except 2014. The team traveled to Orlando last Wednesday and competed on Saturday

and Sunday. The team won: 2019 UCA National Champions, Division: Medium Varsity Non Tumbling; and 2019 World Champions, Division: Medium Varsity Non Tumbling.

Warrior Cheer competed in Worlds for the first time and WON! This includes teams from other countries.

The team members are: Calee Edwards, Haley Horton, Haley Love,

Storm Rhoden, Lexi Batrous, Haley Condurelis, Josi Connors, Haleigh Fouraker, Alissa Keener, Raeli Rhoden, Jasmine Singletary, Chandler Baughman, Presley Ellis, Braylin Howell, Kobe Stiles, Autumn Wiggins, Diamond Brown and Mackenzie Witt and Coach Samantha Beazley.



CR 115 (Old Dixie Highway) Update

Dawn S. West

Frustrated is a great word to express what the residents that live and drive on Old Dixie Highway day in and day out are feeling. Fortunately for me, I only drive on it when I have to and I'm a nervous wreck the entire time! The road is in worse than horrible condition. We (Westside Journal) received a letter from one of those residents inquiring on just when is the repaving going to take place. We know that the funds are taken care of by FDOT...so what's the hold up?

Immediately, I forwarded his letter to County Commissioner District 5 Justin Taylor. Mr. Taylor responded quickly and cordially back to me with a timeline



and these words: "According to our (county) staff's timeline, this project will be complete by the end of the year (2019). I will provide monthly updates regarding this project for publication."

From the looks of the project timeline, construction should begin in mid-June, early July. Monthly updates will be provided as they are received.



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Old Dixie Highway

Dear Editor,

There are a lot of people who either live on or off of Old Dixie Highway (CR 115). Well this letter is for all of you! I don't know if you know it or not, but there is going to be a new business on the corner of Old Dixie and US 1. How about a service station/truck stop? It was compared to the one at US 1 and I-295 at the BP/Dairy Queen. It will have truckers parking spaces so that truckers can stop and rest if they need to. The four (4) acres on the corner of the property has been bought for that purpose.

I asked if a traffic study had been done and was told yes. Apparently, it must have been done on a Sunday morning when there was no traffic. If you go through there, you know the amount of traffic at that intersection: school buses, parents taking and picking their children up from school, dump trucks, local tractor trailer haulers, log trucks, as well as all the people who live out there, not to mention railroad tracks. Also, the recycle business on the other corner stays very busy. This is the main road in and out of the area. The congestion is going to be horrible.

I think one of the solutions would be to put a traffic light at the intersection. I suggested that this same business be placed further down US 1, past the fairgrounds, as that would be a better area. Do you know who will be benefitting from this business the most? If there are any monies to be made from this new business, it will be the town of Callahan that will benefit. When asked why I had not attended the meeting about this proposed business, I answered I did not know anything

Letters to the Editor

about it or this would not have passed me by or anyone who lives on this road.

Think of it this way: there will be an entrance on Old Dixie as well as US 1, there are children who walk that way going to and coming from school; you can bet there will be a problem with solicitation of the worse kind in and around this area, which will be bad since this location is so close to the school. I am so glad that the Town of Callahan (council) thought it would be a good idea to put this in this area!

Neighbors, all I can say is, "Hang on to your hat...this is going to be a bumpy ride!"

Very concerned citizen,
JoAnn Sorrells

Good job Roger West!

Dear Editor,

In responding to your 'In Response' letter last week, I feel compelled to respond in writing. A person says they are troubled by political divisions and claims your 'Just My Opinion' articles make it worse. The writer seems surprised, that you use your time and energy to promote what is very reasonable.

The person refers to their own broad mindset that they got from feeding it their mind conflicted ideas and that somehow keeps them out of rut. After giving a lesson

in civics, they come to the conclusion that everyone has an opinion and none of them are wrong. The writer then implies that the words in the Constitution are now so old, we cannot understand them.

What a wonderful world this person lives in, not being able to know right from wrong. Only Hollywood drives this so they can continue to promote their filthy and profane language and behavior. When right and wrong are gone, so will our country be gone. The One who sustains us is the same One who says what it right and wrong!

Just an opinion,
Darin Hawkins

Letters to the Editor may be emailed to news@westsidejournal.net but must include a name.

Fatal Accident Tuesday

According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, a fatal accident occurred Tuesday around 2:27 p.m. near the intersection of Lem Turner Road and Terrell Road in Jacksonville. A 2010 Hyundai Genesis, driven by Richard Thornton, 44, of Callahan, with a passenger Jessica Holland-McDonald, also of Callahan, was traveling southbound on Lem Turner Road just south of Terrell Road approaching a 2016 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, driven by Stewart Lee Bowles, 58, of Jacksonville, traveling northbound. The Hyundai veered from its lane entering the lane of the motorcycle. As a result, the vehicles collided head-on. The vehicles came to rest on the southbound right shoulder of the roadway, south of the collision area. Bowles was pronounced deceased on scene by the responding rescue personnel.

Noise Ordinance

Dear Editor,

Someone told me that Nassau County does not have a noise ordinance. Therefore, if your neighbor throws a party with loud music that invades homes until 1 or 2 in the morning, forget about getting any sleep. Babies, young children, sick people and adults who have to go to work the next day are prisoners to this noise. It's even worse if your HOA president is a guest at this party. The NCSO deputy can come out and only ASK the people to turn down the music. It usually gets louder after the deputy leaves. Something is wrong with this picture, don't ya think?

Deborah Blair

In the Kitchen...

Chicken Fritters
10 oz. boneless, skinless chicken thighs, trimmed of fat and diced into 1/4-inch cubes
1/2 cup Italian-seasoned bread crumbs
1/4 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1 egg

Mix chicken, bread crumbs, onion, mozzarella cheese, egg, mayonnaise, salt, pepper, and garlic powder in a bowl until well combined. Shape mixture into 8 equal-sized patties.

Heat oil in a large skillet. Fry patties until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Flip and fry for an additional 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer fritters to a paper towel-lined plate.

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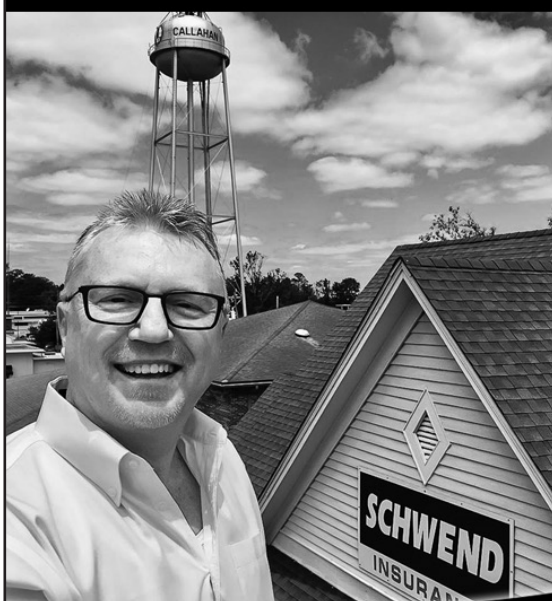
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College & Career Fair Tuesday

The Nassau County School District, Student Services in conjunction with the Exceptional Student Education Department is sponsoring a College and Career Fair to be held Tuesday, February 19 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Yulee High School, 85375 Miner Road. The event is FREE and no registration is necessary.

Countywide (Callahan, Hilliard, Yulee & Fernandina) middle and high school students, parents, family and friends are encouraged to explore the College and Career Fair! Representatives from area colleges, universities, the Military and financial aid offices will be available to speak with you about the many exciting options available!



Black History Read-In

Celebrate African American authors by participating through attendance or reading at the 29th National African American Read-in held Thursday, February 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hilliard Library. The Read-in is the Nation's first and oldest event dedicated to diversity in literature. It was established by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Bring a poem, story or writing by an African American author to share, or simply join us to listen and celebrate African American heritage, literature and culture. Each reader is scheduled for 2-3 minutes. The program is free and open to the public.



ESE will have representatives available to provide information regarding post-secondary options for students with disabilities. Parents of students ages 14 and up are invited to attend to learn about assistance that these agencies can provide to students and their families. For more information contact the ESE Department at (904) 491-9881.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The Westside Democratic Club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the County building on Mickler St. in Callahan. Attorney Leslie Jean-Bart will update us on progress implementing Amendment 4. Dinner and a brief business meeting will follow. Open to the public.

Callahan Cemetery Association will have a meeting Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Callahan.

The Bryceville Community Club will meet Tues., Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Bryceville Community building on Motes Road. Members are invited to share a short story related to an interesting aspect of their life. A covered dish meal will follow.

FREE! Living Healthy Workshop, that can help you get the support that you need and take charge of your life! Yulee Health Department, 86014 Pages Dairy Rd., 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Mondays from February 18 through March 25. To register, call (904) 482-0189.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold their monthly meeting Monday, February 18, at 7 p.m., at the Pig Barbeque Restaurant in Callahan.

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

If you missed President Donald Trump's "State of the Union" address last week, you missed witnessing the best SOTU ever! WOW does he ever make me proud to call him our President. I watched every second of it and was so impressed with the accomplishments that have occurred under his leadership in just two years while fighting Congress the whole way through.

Wednesday, I decided to read some of the stories the main stream media had written about the SOTU address. Evidently, somehow, they watched a different SOTU address than I did. The very first and last article I read was written by a CNN reporter. According to him, President Trump was just ho-hum in his deliverance of the speech and did nothing more than wine about his wall. Sadly, people will read and listen to this bull hockey and believe it.

President Trump politely offered the advice as a leader for the two major parties to work together instead of continuing the sharp partisan line. He stated, "We must choose between greatness or gridlock, results or resistance, vision or vengeance, incredible progress or pointless destruction. Tonight, I ask you to choose greatness. If there is going to be peace and legislation, there cannot be war and investigation. It just doesn't work that way! We must be united at home to defeat our adversaries abroad."

My favorite two moments in the entire speech was when President

Trump stated, "Let us work together to build a culture that cherishes innocent life. And let us reaffirm a fundamental truth: all children, born or unborn, are made in the holy image of God." Amen! The second was when he stated, "Here, in the United States, we are alarmed by new calls to adopt socialism in our country. America was founded on liberty and independence-not government coercion, domination and control. We are born free and we will stay free. Tonight, we renew our resolve that America will never be a socialist country." At that very moment Bernie Sanders looked as if he had just lost his best and only friend.

Immediately after the address, the memes and cartoons flooded social media depicting the childish behavior of the Democrats during the President's address. One picture that surfaced was of someone placing a towel over the right side of their TV so that they didn't have to watch Pelosi sitting behind the President chewing her cud or whatever she was doing with her tongue. The New Democrat Party members truly showed their disdain toward our President from start to finish. They proved that they would rather see America crumble than for President Trump to succeed. So sad!

Keep on keeping on President Trump, we that love our Republic have your back! God bless President Trump and America.

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

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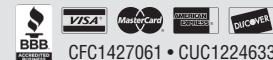
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When we think of the law of sowing and reaping, we are reminded of what is known as the law of the harvest. Galatians 6:7, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." (NKJV)

First, this passage refers to the type of seed that we plant. If we want to produce a crop of corn, then we better make sure that when we plant the seeds that they are corn seeds. Or if we want a crop of turnip greens then we better make sure that we plant turnip seeds. We can't plant orange seeds

and expect to have a harvest of apples. According to the scripture above whatever a man sows that's what he will reap.

Secondly, I know that many use this passage for encouraging believers within the church to give more liberally in the offerings, but it applies to every area of our lives. I'd like for you to focus for a moment with me on how we treat others around us. Matthew 7:12 says, "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." (NKJV) Take a few minutes and evaluate how you have been treating those around you, your spouse, your children, your friends and even those in your church. When we treat those around us with love and respect, we should expect to be treated the same.

When it comes to the believers in the Church, it's our job to build each other up. One of the best ways to encourage other believers in the body of Christ is to speak words of life and encouragement to them. We should also be sure to thank them for their part in what they do within the body of Christ, whether they serve as an usher, greeter, or nursery worker their part in the Church is important. We should be cautious that we don't criticize each other with negative words because those are words that defeat and discourage.

Galatians 6:7-10, "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows... Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (NIV84)

2 Corinthians 9:6, "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." (NIV84)

My prayer is that you will do your part in helping to build up the body of Christ (the Church) with words and expressions of kindness. May God richly bless you as you faithfully serve Him.

"Mrs. Kate" to Kick Off National Tour at the Callahan Library Tuesday

Recording artist "Mrs. Kate" Carpenter will be sharing her original multi-cultural folk songs on Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Callahan Library. This will be Mrs. Kate's final performance in Florida before she leaves on a yearlong national tour. The library is located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15 (near Callahan Barbecue). All ages are welcome!



her songs to thousands of families. Mrs. Kate is a featured artist at the Florida Folk Festival and has performed at over 500 schools and libraries worldwide. She has recorded 12 albums and several music videos, which will be available for purchase after the show. Be sure to visit her display of music, Folkmanis puppets, rainsticks, thunder tubes and more.

Mrs. Kate's concert is part of a unique series at the Callahan Library, "Around the World in 80 Days." Mrs. Kate will be sharing songs that have been influenced by her world travels, Italian culture and life in Florida. With puppetry, unusual instruments and riveting storytelling, Mrs. Kate engages her audience in an unforgettable interactive experience.

For further information, call the Library at 904-530-6500 (#3), visit: www.nassaureads.com or visit Kate's website at www.MrsKate.com.

Mrs. Carpenter has been singing, picking guitar, and writing songs for over 40 years. She has brought the joy of

Relay for Life Pageant

'Crowns for the Cure'



The West Nassau County Relay for Life is hosting a Miss West Nassau County Relay for Life pageant called Crowns for the Cure! The pageant will be held Saturday, February 16 at 3 p.m. at the Callahan Middle School Cafetorium.

Age categories include: Baby Miss: 0-12 months; Tiny Miss: 1-3 years old; Little Miss: 4-6 years old; Junior Miss: 7-9 years old; Pre-Teen: 10-12 years old; Junior Teen: 13-15 years old; Teen: 16-18 years old; and Miss: 19 years old & up. (Age groups may be combined depending on participation.)

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To register call Kristina Green at (904) 237-3944 by Friday, February 15.

CHURCH NEWS

Gateway to Life Ministries will have a Food Giveaway Sat., Feb. 16 for families in need from 10 a.m. - noon. The church is located at 37837 Eastwood Rd., Hilliard. (third Saturday of each month)

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County Spelling Bee Held



Every middle school in the county held spelling bees. The winners of each school recently competed in the countywide spelling bee. The winners of each school are listed: Bryceville Elementary, Trent Bowen; Callahan Intermediate, Lucas Phillips; Callahan Middle, Jeremiah Peterson; Hilliard Elementary, Elijah Steward; Hilliard Middle, Joseph Smith; Emma Love Hardee, Addie Bohler; Fernandina Middle, Ansley Cutshaw; Wildlight Elementary, Brooklyn Workman;

Yulee Elementary, Harrison Grunewald; and Yulee Middle, Cassidy Monticello. The District Winner was: Ansley Cutshaw, 8th Grade, Fernandina Beach Middle School and the District Runner-Up was: Joseph Smith, 8th Grade, Hilliard Middle Senior High School.

State Librarian to Speak at Fernandina Library

State Librarian, Amy L. Johnson, will present a program on "Public Libraries in their Communities" at the Fernandina Beach Library on Thursday, February 21 at 5:30 p.m. Residents across the county are invited to attend. Ms. Johnson has served as the State Librarian and Director of the Division of Library and Information Services (DLIS) at the Florida Department of State since her appointment in 2015.



Since joining the department in 2000, Amy has held several positions, serving as Chief of the Bureau of Library Development from late 2011 through 2015. Prior to joining the Florida Department of State, Amy was

a librarian at the Marshall W. Hamilton Library at North Florida Community College in Madison, Florida. Ms. Johnson completed a Master of Science in Library Science degree at Florida State University. She completed her undergraduate education at The University of The South in Seawee, Tennessee. Immediately following Ms. Johnson's presentation, the Friends of the Library will hold their annual meeting. The public is welcome to attend both programs.

For questions or more information, please visit the library website at www.nassaureads.com

Ophelia Judson Morgan Day Proclaimed Friday, February 8



Callahan resident, Ophelia Morgan celebrated her 105th birthday Friday, February 8, 2019. This day was officially proclaimed as Ophelia Judson Morgan Day in Callahan. Callahan Town Clerk Stephanie Knagge, representing the Town, read and presented Ms. Ophelia with a proclamation signed by Callahan Mayor Marty Fontes. Ms. Ophelia celebrated her 105th birthday Friday with a wonderful birthday lunch with family at her home. Shown are: Stephanie Knagge, Ms. Ophelia and Kelvin Terry (nephew).

Shown are: Stephanie Knagge, Ms. Ophelia and Kelvin Terry (nephew).

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New Beginnings and Milestones

Ms. Violet Birman to Celebrate 95th Birthday

Ms. Violet Birman, a resident of the Life Care Center of Hilliard, will celebrate her 95th birthday February 16. Ms. Violet was born February 16, 1924 in Maple Grove Township, Michigan. She was born the third child of five. Her sister, Evelyn Campbell and Ms. Violet are the only surviving siblings in their family. Evelyn lives in Michigan.

She was married to her late husband, John Birman, for 59 years. Early in her marriage she took care of children in her home for about seven years. Later, she was employed at an air filter manufacturing company in Michigan for 22 years. She has resided at Life Care for about five years. Ms. Violet is also a cancer survivor and thankful for each and every day. She enjoys learning and trying new crafts in the activity room and enjoys taking trips on the van to eat out and shop! She loves visits from family and friends and is one of the sweetest, kindest ladies you would ever know!

She has three children, Connie and Gary (both deceased) and Wayne and Cathy Birman, of Yulee. She also has 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Ms. Ernestine Taylor Celebrates 81st Birthday



Ms. Ernestine Taylor, life-long resident of Callahan, celebrated her 81st birthday February 11. She celebrated her special day with a surprise party in her honor with her daughters Sheila and Gina and lots of friends joining in the fun. Ms. Ernestine can always be found with a huge smile on her face and helping others out! Congratulations!

Monty Joseph Loveland, Jr.

Monty and Crystal Loveland, of Hilliard, are proud to announce the birth of their son Monty Joseph Loveland, Jr. Monty was born February 7 at 1:48 p.m. at St. Vincent's Southside Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and measured 19.25 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Kimberly Loveland of Middleburg; and Cleve and Cassie Loveland of Jacksonville.

Maternal grandparents are Scott and Eileen McKenzie of Hilliard.

Proud great grandparents are Norma McKenzie of Jacksonville; Russ and Sharon Robison of Middleburg; and Cleve and Carol Loveland of Jacksonville.

Monty was welcomed home by his three sisters Taylor, Kenzie and Jessi!



Barbara A. Miller Celebrates 80th Birthday



Mrs. Barbara A. Miller, of Hilliard, celebrated her 80th birthday February 7. She celebrated her special milestone with her family at Brett's Waterway Café in Fernandina Beach.

She and William M. 'Bo' Miller have been married for 62 years! She has been a faithful member of Hilliard First Assembly of God for 40 years, where she has held several positions. She loves her church family and appreciates their friendship all their prayers through the years. She also enjoys spending time with her sister-in-law Helen Wilson of Callahan and her sister

Norma (Barry) Frazee of Tallahassee.

Barbara and Bo have two daughters, Karen and Randy Nichols of South Carolina and Kristi and James Nighbert of Hilliard. They also have four grandchildren, Bethany, Jenni, Courtney and Dylan; and six great-grandchildren Susannah, Taylor, Adrian, Adalynn, Lily and Gabriel!

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Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first regular meeting of February. The first order of business was an agenda item request by Jeremy Neidhart. Neidhart was requesting permission to use the fields at the Hilliard Parks & Recreation Department for a new soccer club he is forming. The council recently held a workshop concerning the issue. "I am requesting to use the soccer fields. The goal of the club is to improve the character of the athletes and to promote good grades before playing," said Neidhart. "The dates we will be using the field will be March 9 – May 11."

"I thought we (council) were going to receive a contract for Mr. Neidhart to sign," said Councilwoman Callie Kay Bishop.

"We will issue him (Neidhart) a conditional agreement, until we make sure this all goes through," said Councilman Jared Wollitz. "I propose we place a term limit on the contract for 1 year and see how it goes." The council approved the request.

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis advised the council that the Nassau County School Board requested a workshop with the council. They have set a date of Monday, February 25 at 6 p.m. here at Town Hall. "Is this date okay for everyone?" The council approved the workshop date.

The next agenda item was a water connection exception for Michael Shawn

McClinton by Mr. Bobby Franklin. "I am requesting a water connection exception for the old building on US 1. Mr. McClinton wants to have a small office there," said Franklin. "There is a well on the property and there is not city water available at this time. There is sewer but not water. Mr. McClinton has said he would hook into the city water when it is available."

"I would like to table this request until we (town) can see what the cost would be for the town to make the water available," said Councilman Kenny Sims.

The item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Ordinance 2019-01 was approved on first reading which concerned changing the future land use classification of that certain property consisting of 4.08 acres located on the east side of US Highway 1 between CR 108 and Eastwood Road, Hilliard. The classification is currently Agricultural changing to Industrial Mechanical.

Ordinance 2019-02 was also approved on first reading. The ordinance concerns changing the zoning designation from town zoning R-1, single family residential district; to town zoning C-1, General Commercial District; for the 4.08 acres located on the east side of US Highway 1 between CR 108 and Eastwood Road, Hilliard.

The next agenda item request was from Mr. Lin Loyd. "I already have a septic tank exception for this property however I

haven't had an opportunity to get to it," said Mr. Loyd. "The exception is fixing to expire so I'm asking to extend it, please."

The council extended the request for 1 year.

"We have some equipment at the recreation department that we need to maybe have an auction to get rid of it," said Council President John Beasley. "We need to make a list of what we have to see the best way to handle it."

"The fire department also has some

items they are getting rid of," said Town Clerk Lisa Purvis. "They (fire department) are using a .gov site to place their items for sale. Maybe we could do that."

"I'm familiar with the .gov site for surplus items. It's a great way to surplus items," said Councilman Wollitz. Beasley will compile a list along with the fire department items and look into placing them on the site.

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m.



Health Expo Saturday in Hilliard

The Hilliard Parks and Recreation Department, located at 37516 Oxford Street, will hold a Health Expo this Saturday, February 16 from 9 a.m. – noon. Over 30 vendors will be on hand to get you fitness ready for 2019! Let's make 2019 sweeter by helping you reach your health goals! They will be showcasing a bouquet of fitness, nutrition, wellbeing, healthy living and insurance resources available for the entire family! Come out for a day of family fun!

Donations Needed for Funeral Expenses

The young family of Clinton and Andrea Bryant unexpectedly experienced the tragic death of their 9 month old baby, Trenton. Not only is the family dealing with the death of their child but also facing burial costs. They did not have any life insurance on the baby.

Trenton's grandfather, Phillip White, has opened an account at Southeastern Bank in Callahan for anyone wishing to make donations to help with funeral expenses for Trenton Bryant. Any and all donations will be deeply appreciated.



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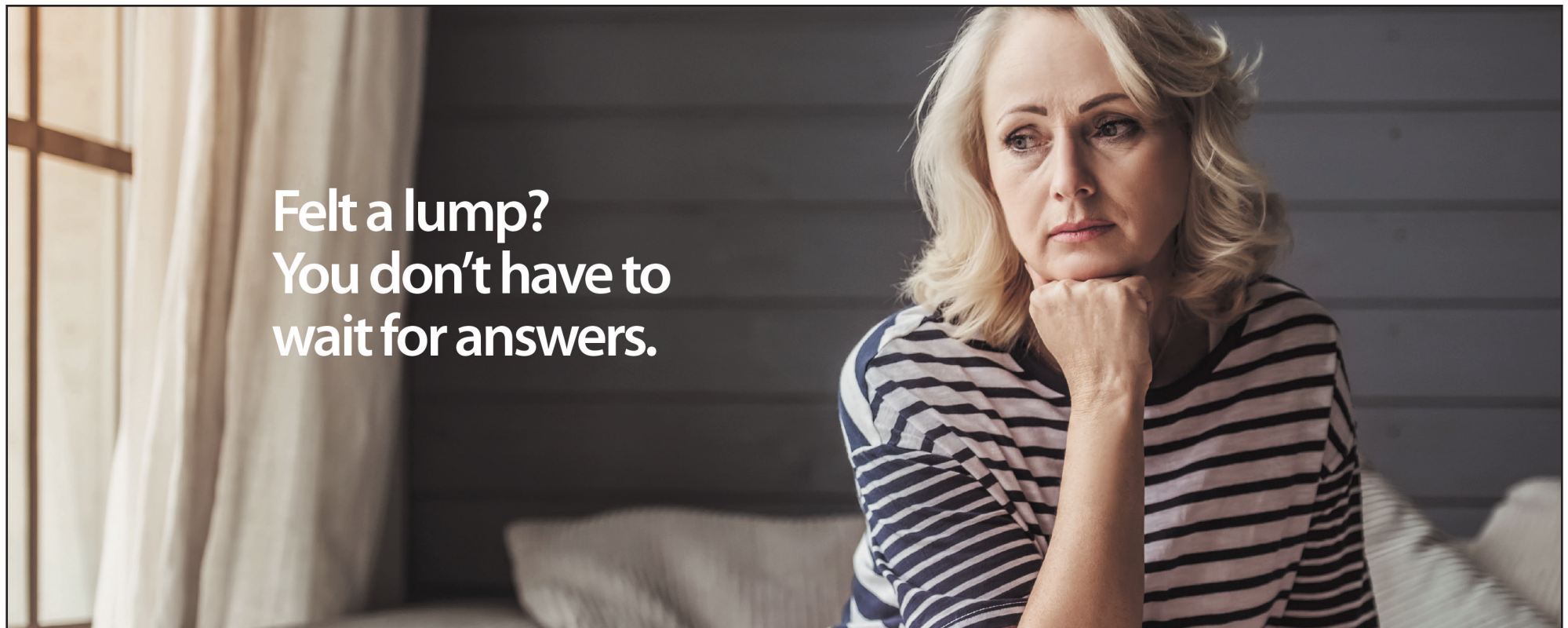
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POLICE REPORTS

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Monday, January 28

Adam Cory Murphy, 26, 23714 Lulu Lane, Hilliard: Out of County Warrant Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

Monday, February 4

Brittany Nichole Miller, 32, 37228 Eastwood Road, Hilliard: South Carolina Warrant Drugs Unlawful Manufacture of Methamphetamine

Clinton Roy Geiger, 39, 26252 CR 121, Hilliard: Battery Simple

Jonathon Allan Pendarvis, 27, 54012 Debbie Court, Callahan: Utter Forged Instrument; Theft Under

Tuesday, February 5

Mark Justin Moore, 31, 54011 Wanda Way, Callahan: Writ of Bodily Attachment

Wednesday, February 6

Justin Arron Redding, 35, 452366 Old Dixie Highway, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Driving While License Suspended with Knowledge

Thursday, February 7

Lucas Dean Bullard, 43, 27427 W. First Avenue, Hilliard: Deprive Law Enforcement Officer Protection; Resist with Violence Simple Assault

James Edward Gee, 31, 3741 Falcon Drive, Hilliard: Battery Domestic Violence

Jennifer Lynn Fonner, 32, 3741 Falcon Drive, Hilliard: Battery Domestic Violence

Casey Voncille Mims, 28, 3734 Raven Drive, Hilliard: Sale of Controlled Substance (x 2); Sale Manufacture or Deliver Methamphetamine, Manufacture or Deliver Methamphetamine

Friday, February 8

Rodney Keyshawn Alderman, 22, 58323 Timmons Road, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Battery

LANDSCAPE MATTERS

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DIANA O'QUINN BANKHEAD

 Diana O'Quinn Bankhead, 70, passed away Wednesday, February 6, at her Ponte Vedra Beach home after a courageous battle with cancer. Diana was born March 16, 1948 in Callahan. She was a graduate of Callahan High School and Jones College. Diana was an active member of Palms Presbyterian Church. She worked for Stockton, Whatley, Davin & Company and this is where she met the love of her life, Bill Bankhead. Diana retired from Delta Air Lines after 31 years of service. She worked in reservations and ultimately became a supervisor in this department. After 9/11, the reservations office where she worked closed down. To maintain her seniority, Diana took a position at the Jacksonville International Airport working on the ramp as a baggage handler for 6 months. Her crowning achievement was celebrating 6 years of sobriety on January 31, 2019. Additionally, Diana was crowned Miss Callahan and was a runner up for Miss Jacksonville. Diana was a contagious soul who never met a stranger. She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Henry O'Quinn and mother, Beatrice Lenora O'Quinn of Jacksonville; and her loving husband of 32 years, William G. Bankhead, Jr.

She leaves behind her caring children William G. (Meghan) Bankhead, III and Brooke Bankhead (Eric) Hnyla; two grandchildren Eleanor and Ryan Hnyla; a sister Patricia Perry; and a brother Robert O'Quinn.

A memorial service will be held Friday, February 15 at 11 am at Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 South Third Street, Jacksonville Beach with the Rev. Dr.


OBITUARIES

Thomas Walker officiating. A reception will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent in memory of Diana O'Quinn Bankhead, to either the Palms Presbyterian Church or to the Mayo Foundation for Cancer Research, Mayo Clinic of Jacksonville, Attention: Department of Development, 4500 San Pablo Road, Jacksonville, 32224.

JIM B. HIGGINBOTHAM



James Byron 'Jim B.' Higginbotham was peacefully called to his heavenly home on Friday, February 8. Jim was born in Fernandina Beach  on April 14, 1944. He grew up in Hilliard and as a young man he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Jim was baptized at Hilliard Baptist Church. At the time of his passing, he was a Fernandina Beach resident and active member of First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach where he sang in the choir, while also singing bass in the men's ensemble "A Few Good Men". He loved the Lord and his church family. He wanted to attend services even after he was unable to do so because of his declining health.

Jim graduated from Hilliard High School and was proud to play on the basketball team that brought home the State AA Basketball Championship in 1963. After graduating from Lake City Community College, where he continued to

play basketball on an athletic scholarship, he enrolled in Middle Georgia State University in Warner Robbins, GA.

In 1966, he joined the United States Air Force and was a proud Veteran of the Vietnam War where he was stationed in the Philippines as an Aeronautical Mechanic. After returning home from Vietnam, he went to work with Houdaille-Duval Wright Construction Company and was the Superintendent on the Downtown Fernandina Beach Centre Street redesign and building project. After completion, the City of Fernandina Beach offered him the position of Director of Public Works. He retired from that position after over 25 years of service.

He was a die-hard Georgia Bulldog Fan, loved to play golf, enjoyed riding his bike around the island, having late afternoon coffee with his buddies, indulging in chocolate and of course his favorite... politics!

Like his father before him, he served three terms as a Nassau County Commissioner and was also elected as Chairman by his fellow Commissioners. He was a highly ethical, honest, kind, intelligent, generous, handsome, loving, outgoing (never met a stranger!), competitive, talented, loyal, adventurous, funny, man's-man. He loved his family immensely and his favorite thing to do was to spend time with them. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He leaves behind his wife, Carol L. Decker-Higginbotham of Amelia Island; as well as his three beloved children: son, Barry (Stacey) Higginbotham of Yulee; daughters Laran Phelps of Yulee and Erin (CJ) Eiras of Jacksonville; a sister Vivian Armstrong; and a brother Richard (Cathy) Higginbotham, all of Hilliard. Jim also leaves behind his seven beloved grandchildren, Baleigh and Brennan Higginbotham, Ella and Amelia Phelps and Severiano, Bianca and Maximus Eiras; and two stepsons Steve and Mark Decker along with their families. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, close cousins, life-long friends, as well as the mother of

his three children Jan R. Spottswood of Jacksonville. He was preceded in death by his parents, John B. and Wynelle Davis Higginbotham; a brother Johnny; and stepfather Carl Wright; as well as son-in-law Neil Phelps.

A memorial service to celebrate Jim's life and legacy will be held Saturday, February 16 at 11 a.m. at the Fernandina Beach First Baptist Church on 8th Street.

Please share your memories and condolences at www.oxleyheard.com.

If so desired, donations may be made in Jim's memory to Community Hospice of N.E. Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, 32257.

DAVID JOSEPH KICK



David Joseph Kick, 51, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on February 6. He was born on July 12, 1967 in Waukegan, Illinois to Patrick Kick and Elizabeth Carter Stoeckel. David had a passion for car mechanics; anyone who knew him most likely received his help at one time or another. He had a gift as a mechanic and could fix most anything, even in his sleep. He loved fishing, going to the beach and not to mention, as any country boy, he loved going mudding on his four wheelers. Anything outdoors or in the country was his passion. David was affectionately known as a "Mama's Boy" he loved his Mama dearly! He was a hardworking man that would do anything to help anyone that he could.

David is survived by his wife Theresa Kick; daughters Ashley Little and Caitlin (Matthew) Rooker; son Zachary Williams; his mother and step-father Elizabeth and Frank Stoeckel; his father Patrick Kick; sisters Tina Love, Michelle (J.R.) Vasquez and Judy (John) Carter; mother-in-law Sharon Suddeath; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Michael Troy Kick; his grandfather John Carter; and his grandmother Yvonne Kick.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Wednesday, February 13 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with



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 8. What happens when things that needed to be done before February 1st, March 15th and/or April 15th are incorrect or undone?
 9. Frustrated do-it-yourselfers often make mistakes that favor the government and harm the taxpayer... did you really qualify or were you truly disqualified from tax deductions and/or tax credits that you actually did qualify for but didn't get the full advantages of?
 10. What are ALL the legal and financial consequences of taxpayers suffering due to IRS records-based errors, mistakes or negligence?
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 12. Who can you blame for the mistakes made in your 2018 tax filing status, credits, refundable credits, carried-over N.O.L.s, long term capital losses; otherwise-deductible charitable contributions, etc. ?
 13. What can you do now to alleviate the consequences of a second "government shutdown" in 2019?
 14. How can you know whether that phone call, email, notice or letter, or personal visit to your home or workplace by the "IRS" is actually legitimate and not a "con-job" by an identity thief?
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 16. Who can you really trust to help you? Maybe a friend who took an H&RB course a few years ago? Perhaps the neighbor who buys over-the-counter tax software, "fudges the figures" to get an undeserved tax break for you, but withholds from signing the tax return? Or even the IRS's own "free-file" system that, for one reason or circumstance, serves only to delay your refund and/or an audit of your tax return for reason(s) unclear to you today? Or maybe, some "tax refund mill" franchise that will provide minimal services at high cost, sell you expensive financial products, and share your personal information for marketing purposes?
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VIRGINIA LEE POWELL

Virginia Lee Powell, 71, of St. George, Georgia, passed away at her residence February 5, following an extended illness. She was born December 14, 1947 in Jacksonville, to the late William Hade Prevatt and Violet Faircloth Thornton. She was a homemaker and member of the Hilliard Church of God.

Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, George E. Powell; and a brother Jackson H. Prevatt.

She is survived by her children Lisa A. Powell and Kevin W. (Kylie) Powell; three grandchildren Zachary, Alexas and Mackenzie Powell; two sisters Annie Mae Curry and Ruth Collier; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 9 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Powell officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in St.



George Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

IRA C. WILKERSON, JR.

Ira C. (Bill) Wilkerson, Jr., 91, of Callahan, passed away Friday, February 8. He was born November 13, 1927 to the late Ira C. Wilkerson, Sr. and Emma Elam Wilkerson in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Mr. Wilkerson served in the United States Army from January 24, 1946 to July 4, 1947. He then made a career in the Plumbing and Pipefitting industry, retiring from Local Union #234 Plumbers and Steamfitters.

Bill had a passion for outdoor life, especially hunting and fishing, but his greatest desire was to serve his Heavenly Father as a deacon for over 60 years. He also enjoyed fellowship with his church family at Callahan First Baptist and Sunday school members.

Being very civic minded he served as Town Councilman for the Town of Callahan from 1979 to 1990.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Gladys Proveaux Wilkerson; his two

sons Mitch and Marty (Linda) Wilkerson of Callahan; daughter Melanie (Steve) Crawford; six grandchildren Kari (Bradley) Vennard, Shelly Wilkerson, Holly (Joshua) Wicker, Jarrod (Courtney) Killen, Brittany Robertson and Chloe Crawford; and five great-grandchildren; and three brothers Robert Wilkerson, Chester (Janice) Wilkerson and Jerome (Sue) Wilkerson;

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 12 in the First Baptist Church of Callahan. Interment followed in Jones Cemetery, Callahan. Visitation was held prior to service.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.



HAZEL LLOYD WISE

Hazel Ruth Lloyd Wise, 90, of Woodbine, Georgia, passed away February 10 in Brunswick. She was born December 6, 1928 in Homeland, Georgia to the late John Rufus Lloyd, Sr. and Winnie Mae Guinn Lloyd. She retired from Gilman Paper Company in St. Marys. She was a member of Forest View Baptist Church. Along with her parents: she was preceded

in death by her husband Archie Theodore Wise; and two brothers Carl Clifford Lloyd and Ronald Roy Lloyd.

She is survived by three step-children Ted D. Wise, Sandra E. Williamson and Patricia A. Morrison; two sisters Judith Annette Dixon and Linda Gail Brown; three brothers George Albert Lloyd, Glenn Richard Lloyd and John R. Lloyd, Jr.; and a number of nieces and nephews

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 12 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in Homeland Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements were under the direction of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

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