

"YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL:
FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME." - PSALM 23:4

Vietnam War Exhibit Held at Hilliard Library



Dawn S. West

Last Wednesday, the Hilliard Library hosted a Vietnam War Exhibit. The conference room was filled with memorabilia, uniforms, photos, maps and more from the Vietnam War. Several Vietnam Veterans were also on hand, Bobby Franklin, Barry Moody, Corky Rudd and others, to share just a little of their experience while serving in the United States military in Vietnam. What

an honor it was to listen to their stories as they recounted their memories as if it happened yesterday. Students from Hilliard High School were brought to the exhibit to take part in the event.

The event was presented by the American Military Historical Society; Veterans of America; the Vietnam Veterans Association; and the Hilliard Branch Friends of the Library.



Barnabas Holds Callahan Open House

Barnabas Center held a community open house at First United Methodist Church, Callahan in honor of opening its service center to help people in need in west Nassau County. The open house included a luncheon and a tour of the new office.

Attendees of the open house included members of Barnabas West Nassau Advisory Council, Barnabas board and staff and Barnabas volunteers, community and business partnership



leaders, and members of the First United Methodist Church of Callahan.

The service center officially reopened on February 3rd to serve residents in west Nassau County. The new office is located at the First United Methodist Church, Callahan (449644

US Highway 301, Callahan). Barnabas extends its thanks to First Methodist Church for its partnership in supporting its community.

Nassau County residents may apply for assistance in Callahan by appointment only. To schedule an

appointment, call (904) 261-7000 for any of the following assistance: Medical Services; Assistance with Food Stamp applications; Emergency financial assistance for rent or utilities; Enrollment for medical and dental services.

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Community Health Improvement Plan Update

The Partnership for a Healthier Nassau provided the community an update of the 2019-2021 Nassau Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) at FSCJ Nassau Campus on Thursday, January 30. Seventy participants were in attendance to hear presentations related to the five strategic priority health issues including Access to Care, Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse, Community Support, Health Disparities, Housing & Healthy Places.

Sixteen speakers spoke on a variety of topics ranging from infant mortality, teen vaping, suicide and overdose prevention, faith-based health education, to Age-Friendly Livable Communities, Western Nassau Heritage project, essential housing, and human trafficking. Those who attended were updated on the work of several organizations and collaboratives including Barnabas, Council on Aging, State Attorney Office/Nassau Drug Court, Starting Point, Nassau Behavioral Health Consortium,



Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Nassau Care Connect/RCORP, Nassau Polydrug Taskforce, Tobacco-Free Nassau, Nassau Age Friendly Advisory Council, Nassau Infant Mortality/Substance Exposed Newborn Prevention Taskforce, Essential Housing Advisory Committee and the

Nassau County Health Improvement Coalition. Attendees were also able to obtain information from nonprofits such as Elder Source, Starting Point, Delores Barr Weaver Foundation – See the Girl, Women’s Center of Jacksonville, North Florida

HIDTA, North Florida Area Health Education Center, National Youth Advocate Program, Angel Watch, Florida Counterdrug Task Force, The Health Planning Council of NE Florida, and many others.

All community members who are interested in promoting health and addressing the strategic priority issues are encouraged to contact Mary von Mohr (Mary.vonMohr@flhealth.gov or 904.557.9133) for more information.

County Engineer Elected to Serve on TPO

County Engineer, Robert Companion, was recently elected to serve as the Chairman of the Technical Coordinating Committee, a subcommittee of the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) consists of representatives from Nassau, Duval, Clay and St. Johns Counties whom all have expertise in planning, engineering and related fields. The Committee assists the TPO in effectively managing a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process to develop plans and programs which are

consistent with the local governments within the TPO boundaries. Examples include coordinated efforts to address transportation projects, bridge projects, port improvements, air quality concerns and more.

Mr. Companion stated, “I have been serving on the TCC for the past year, alongside with many professionals throughout the region. I am excited about this opportunity to serve as Chairman and was humbled to be appointed unanimously by the Committee.”

The Technical Coordinating Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month (with the exception of January and July) at 10 a.m. in the North Florida TPO Board Room located at 980 North Jefferson Street, Jacksonville.

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.

Dixie Highway Repaving

Dear Editor,

It was good to see the start of the road improvements to Dixie Highway begin a few weeks ago. This widening and resurfacing project will take just under 1 year to complete, and is many, many years overdue. But, while the Paving Contractor is working on the many utility projects associated with this road project such as culverts, drainage, and driveway work, no-one is patching the hundreds of potholes and damaged road surface areas. It may be many months before resurfacing begins. Since the Dixie Highway project is under contract, I would think it would be the Paving Contractors responsibility to maintain the road surface until it is repaved. Or, it could be Nassau County’s responsibility depending on how the contract was written.

Safety should be the primary concern of both Nassau County and the Paving Contractor in this matter. Drivers risk damage to vehicles, loss of control, and unsafe driving conditions whether the road is dry or wet, or

driving during the day or at night. Some of these potholes are very big...and very deep. So, either the County or the Paving Contractor needs to step up and maintain the road until it is ready to be resurfaced.

Steve Shaw
Callahan

Trump’s Accomplishments

Dear Editor,

As the Democrats continue to march, no, RUN, to the far left, President Trump’s accomplishments are taking hold and his approval ratings are going up daily. I truly believe that he will win in November by a landslide and will win 30% of the black vote after only getting 8% in 2016. This President has done wonders for this Country and if he could get the liberal press and the ridiculous Democrats off his back, he could do even better.

Buddy Newman

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The Callahan Library will offer a class, Intro to 3D Printing, Tues., Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. Join us for an intro to 3D printing, discover templates, software and simple projects. For more information call 904-530-6500 x 3.

Callahan Library Book Club: Romance. Thursday, February 27 from 10:30-11:30 a.m., 450077 State Road 200, Ste. 15, 904-530-6500 (#3).

The American Legion Post 401 plays BINGO every Thursday at 6 p.m. at their post, 37405 Henry Smith Rd., Hilliard. Everyone welcome! For more information call 845-7300.

Family Support Services will host the Breakfast Learning Series, Tues., Feb. 25, 9-10:30 a.m. at their office, 96016 Lofton Square Ct, Yulee. The series will be on Vaping: an epidemic endangering our youth. Register by calling 904-225-5347.

FREE Dinsmore Bluegrass Jam Sessions are held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Dinsmore Historical Museum, 7330 Civic Club Dr., Jacksonville, behind Dinsmore Elementary. Everyone is welcome, pickers and listeners! For more information call 514-1514.

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Boulogne, 28226 Church Dr., Hilliard. PAL provides hope through education and support to parents of addicted loved ones. Visit: www.palgroup.org to learn more. Free educational support group for parents and families.

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1 8 oz. Cool Whip (room temp)

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Fish Talk

Speck Fishing is HOT!

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Everyone I know is headed to the lake. 'Round here, there's always a bunch of discussion as to which freshwater pan fish is the best for table fare. You can argue that with the old timers if you want, but I'd bet the odds won't turn out in your favor. People up north know them as crappie and white perch. Around here we call them Specks.

Specks usually spawn in Florida from February to April. It's not uncommon for them to spawn year-round if our winter isn't harsh. You can find them congregating in depths of 3-8 feet of water. The big fish can sometimes be found in deeper depths. With that said, one foot of water may make all the difference so switch up.

Best tackle? Well, B "n" M makes a great rod called Sam's super sensitive. It's actually an 11' rod but, with that length, it allows you to get out past your trolling motor. You can fit that with a B "n" M pro-staff spinning reel. Overall, it's a great combination for these thin mouthed fish and it'll work for in a variety of scenarios. While you're at it, spool your reel with a 6 to 8 lb. test gama line. Rig it with a 1/8 ounce jig and a Southern pro stinger skirt. Keep in mind that you may need to adjust for depth, current if any, and wind. If you have no results with artificial, just tip it with minnows and use a cork to help find the depth where they're suspended. Just like most fish, minor adjustments could be the difference between catching fish and getting skunked. Adjustments can be as minor as colors, weights or even presentation.

As far as locations, there have been great reports between Lake Woodruff and Palatka. Lake George and everything south of the St. John's River is firing off. Find some Lilly pads and make some holes to drop down in. Give it a little time to produce and if nothing big comes from it move on. Numbers don't mean anything if the fish aren't very big. If the pads aren't producing you can simply find old lay downs and focus on the deeper points. Sometimes the difference between catching fish and not can be of a foot of water so keep that in mind. As the days continue to be warm, look for those fish to get bigger as the females move in!

I hope you all have a great weekend and as always, I look forward to seeing you on the water!



Capt. Chad Starling pictured with a nice Speck.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Normally I write my column on Monday, but I had other things that needed to be taken care of so my routine was interrupted. I was all set to start with a joke, that it was a wonder the mainstream media didn't blame President Trump's appearance at the Daytona 500 Sunday as the reason the race was postponed due to weather. I mean, why not, he's blamed for every other thing.

So the great American race was held Monday afternoon with perfect weather and Dawn and I watched it, like many others. We had certain drivers we were pulling for and a few we were pulling against. Then on the final lap, one of the most horrific crashes I have ever witnessed occurred near the finish line. Driver Ryan Newman's car lost control, hit the wall, was then broadsided which tossed the car into the air, landed on its rooftop as it slid down the racetrack with fire erupting. The accident scene was blocked off by black curtains so the spectators could not see the safety crews remove Ryan from the car. It appeared too similar to the Dale Earnhardt crash years ago. A couple of hours went by before it was finally announced that Ryan was in serious condition but not

life threatening. What a relief!

Back to the joke I was going to write, Twitter was on fire after the accident, and guess who many people were blaming for Ryan's crash? Yep, it was President Trump's fault. I could not believe some of the tweets that were being posted. They ranged from: "Trump jinxed the race with his presence"; to one that stated "If Newman is a southern Republican I hope he dies." Most of the hate-filled messages were from people that admitted they don't watch NASCAR but were avid Trump haters. In all fairness, there were some who admitted they didn't like Trump but condemned the hateful death wishes.

How, as a society, have we reached this level of hate? There are many celebrities that I have absolutely no use for, such as the women on the View and most all of Hollywood, but never would I even come close to suggesting that I hope they would be killed. The moral compass of the world is as sour as it can be when one wishes death upon a person because of whom they do or don't support in politics. I can't help but ponder why Jesus tarries his return. This country needs a spiritual revival.

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

OREMC Hosting Blood Drive in Hilliard

The OneBlood Big Red Bus will be at the Okefenoke REMC office in Hilliard from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25. Located at 458442 Old Dixie Hwy, the OREMC blood drive is open to the public. Donors must be age 16 years and older. Walk-ins are welcome, but donors are encouraged to reserve their appointment online in advance at www.oneblood.org/donate-now and entering sponsor code 34437.

The American Red Cross has issued a "critical need" for blood, and every donor that day will receive a free t-shirt and wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening. Drinks and snacks will also be available. Identification is required to donate, so please remember to bring photo ID. For more information, visit: www.oneblood.org or call 1-888-9-DONATE.



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Expressing Love

Pastor Ted Heglund, First Alliance Church, Hilliard



February has often been referred to as the month of love because of Valentine’s Day. There were cards, balloons and flowers in every store. At the Life Care Center on Valentine’s Day, there seemed to be special flowers in every room. It is a great day to express one’s love to someone. Everyone appreciates some expression of love – even the old grouch has a tender spot! Remember what God’s word says; “Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.” Romans 12:10 (ESV)

How do we love one another? Let’s face it some people are just plain hard to love because of the actions, appearances, vocation, family background, etc. The love that is spoken of in this verse is a love that is expressed by our words and actions because we have the love of Jesus Christ in our life and heart. “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...” Hebrews 10:24 (NIV) So, how can we “Out do” or “spur” someone toward love and good deeds?

This week our son, Scott, was coming out of a store and noticed a lady about his own age (middle-age) going over to a car nearby to help an elderly man who was trying to get things out of his cart into the car. It was very cold and raining and her kindness in helping the man touched him. He went over and spoke to the lady. He said to her that even though he did not know her he wanted to shake her hand or give her a hug for her expression of love and kindness there in the middle of a parking lot!

But the story doesn’t end there. She turned and looked at Scott and said, “Oh, I recognize you!” She said she remembered him from a while back “when you were in the store with your little girl and that fire department cap.” She shared that she watched him go over to an elderly couple and help them. The man was trying to shop but his wife had Alzheimer’s disease and kept wondering off. Scott and Aubrey began to talk and walk with the lady until the man finished his shopping.

This lady told Scott that because of the love shown to that couple she realized she was not doing even simple acts of love. Since then she started taking notice of things she can do. She also said that it blessed her that he noticed her, spoke to her and it didn’t make a difference that their skin color was different. They hugged each other and left, not even knowing each other’s name.

Expressions of love are not reserved for one day of the year. The greatest expression of love is that Jesus died to set us free from sin. It is important that the love we express is not just surface love but the genuine love of Christ seen in our lives. How can you show the love of Christ every day? Is it a word of encouragement or a pat on the back? Is it taking time to listen and pray? Is it a helping hand? Let us make the love of Christ always evident in our daily lives.

Hilliard First Assembly Hosting Evangelist Mayhan

Evangelist Gerald Mayhan will be holding Revival at Hilliard First Assembly of God located on US 1 South in Hilliard on Sunday, February 23 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Evangelist Gerald Mayhan (Graduate of Teen Challenge) and his wife, Phyllis, invite you to hear their testimony of the miracle working power of Jesus Christ in their lives and in their marriage. You will see how God transformed a drug addict who had lost everything including his marriage into a powerful man of God. Have you hit rock bottom? Come and see how God can lift you out and transform your life.



The Callahan First Baptist Church Food Pantry will be distributing non-perishable food (boxed meals, canned vegetables, fruits and grains) Friday, February 21, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the church gym (Family Life Center). For more information, please call the church office at 879-2172.

CHURCH NEWS

Bethany Episcopal Church will serve Spaghetti dinners for \$8 this Friday, February 21 from 5-7 p.m. The church is located on CR 108, across from Hilliard Town Hall.

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Garden Club Celebrates 79 Years

The Garden Club of Callahan celebrated its 79th Anniversary at their February 5 meeting. The guest speaker, Kevin Klee, provided timely information on lawn maintenance, including watering, planting and ways to deal with weeds and lawn pests.

The members enjoyed a covered dish lunch with a birthday cake for the Garden Club for dessert. All who are interested in gardening or horticulture are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings the first Wednesday of each month (Sept. through May) at 10 a.m. Meetings are held at the Clubhouse at 45251 Fourth Avenue, Callahan.



Sesquicentennial Landmark for Masonic Fraternity



The Callahan Masonic Lodge No. 32 held a special rededication and re-consecration ceremony on Saturday, January 25, in honor of their sesquicentennial anniversary. John W. Westerman III, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, F. & A.M., led the proceedings. The specific language in the ceremony was the same written and used by President George Washington during the dedication of the Capital Building in Washington, D.C., slightly modified to fit Callahan.

Masonry in Callahan has a rich history, something that comes with 150 years of continuous fellowship and fraternity. Our archives show that shortly after the Civil War 20 former Confederate War Veterans, who were Masonic Brethren, desired to form a new Lodge of Masons in Callahan. On July 4th, 1868, they were granted Dispensation by Grand Lodge F&AM of Florida to hold meetings "Under Dispensation" to begin the task of forming a Masonic Lodge in Callahan. This group consisted of Master Masons from various walks of life, many different Masonic Lodges and widely scattered jurisdictions. These men laid down the preliminary plans of organization, selected their officers and chose the name of Callahan Lodge. Consider at that time there were only 50 Masonic Lodges in the state with only 1,902 members. State population was 180,000 with Jacksonville population of about 5,000. Brother William Jackson Dopson was selected as Worshipful Master; James Fabius Clark as Senior Warden; and James Geiger as Junior Warden. Callahan Lodge number 32, Free and Accepted Masons, was granted a Charter by the Most Worshipful

Grand Lodge of Florida on January 14th, A.L. 5870, A.D. 1870. Daniel Callahan donated to Callahan Masonic Lodge #32 the property, on Dixie Ave, for its first Lodge. Daniel Callahan, for which the town is named, was a Charter Member of Amelia Lodge #47, F&AM at Fernandina, and was also a contractor with Florida Railroad, building the railroad from Fernandina to Cedar Key from 1856-1861.

Prior to the ceremony, Brian Jahay, our Lodge Worshipful Master gave welcoming remarks and introduced distinguished guests and visitors. He went on to point out the significance of the event and reflected that, "There are only two institutions in the town that are over 150 years old. So by celebrating our Lodge's sesquicentennial, we are really celebrating the rich tradition of Callahan and Nassau County."



Shown (l to r) are Brian Jahay, Master of Callahan Lodge and John W. Westerman III, Grand Master of Masons, F&AM of Florida.

Baldwin Masonic Lodge 217 News



Wednesday, February 5 the Baldwin Masonic Lodge 217 raised Brothers Joshua Moseley and Shane Dibble to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A special thanks to the degree team who helped put on the Degree Ceremony. A great ceremony and meal was had by all.

Traveling brothers in attendance included members from Duval, Sanderson, Dawkins, Armistead, Bradford, Raiford and Callahan Lodges. Your attendance helped make the night special for these newly raised Master Masons!

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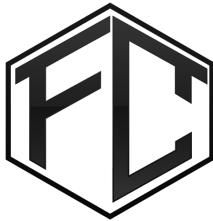
Kathy Burns, Superintendent

Earning a college degree just became a possibility for many Nassau County School District employees. The District, working closely with Florida State College at Jacksonville, initiated the first steps to earning a degree for over 40 employees last week.

Interested employees attended an informational session at Wildlight Elementary School where they heard from Dr. Burns as well as FSCJ leadership. Participants received

information on scholarships, grants and other affordable college options. They also met with FSCJ counselors and had the opportunity to complete a college application. Six of the employees in attendance already had a four-year degree and received information about the path to earning a teaching certificate! One of the focus areas of the district's strategic plan is "Recruitment and Retention." The district is excited to offer this program for employees interested in earning their degree and views this as a way to "grow our own" future teachers. Classes will be offered in Nassau County at the FSCJ Betty P. Cook Nassau Center.

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Nello 'Bob' Zortea Celebrates 99th Birthday



Mr. Nello 'Bob' Zortea celebrated his 99th birthday February 14. Mr. Bob was born February 14, 1921 in Johnston City, Illinois. His parents moved to the United States in the early 1900s from Italy. His actual birth name was Nello Zortea, however when he joined the US Navy, he was told he needed a middle name, so he chose Robert. He now goes by Bob! He proudly served his country for 4 years in the US Navy. He later was employed by GM Electric Motor Division as a Machinist for 30 years before retiring in 1984. He was a very skilled carpenter, building two different homes for his family. He was an avid hunter in his day and also enjoyed playing golf. Just a couple of years ago he gave up bowling because he couldn't drive anymore. He enjoys driving his golf cart around the property and enjoys meeting with friends at the Westside Senior Center.

On his birthday, he first enjoyed celebrating at the Westside Senior Center where everyone sang Happy Birthday to him and they all enjoyed cake and ice cream following their lunch! He also enjoyed a special dinner with his family at Down Under Restaurant with his daughters Gail and Jimmy Davis and Inez and Terry Humphrey; daughter-in-law Bertha Zortea, granddaughter and grandson-in-law Melody Zortea and Gregory Cole, and grandchildren Emma and Reese Humphrey. He also had four children that are deceased, Robert, Gary, Lornell and Lorain.

Aryiah Michelle Boldry

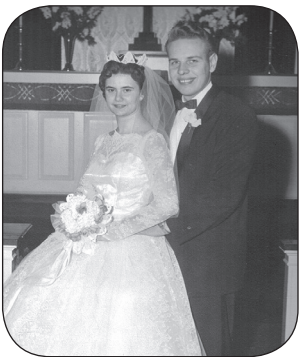
Ashlyn Elliott and David Boldry, currently residing in Glen St. Mary, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Aryiah Michelle Boldry. This beautiful little girl made her grand entrance into this world and into our hearts on January 18 at 4:40 a.m. at Ascension St. Vincent's of Clay County Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces and measured 20 inches. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Rhonda Melton of Callahan. Maternal grandparents are David Sr. and Lydia Boldry of Glen St. Mary. Aryiah was welcomed home by siblings Zander, Zayden and Whitney! "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:5) "Therefore choose life that both thou & thy seed may live." (Deuteronomy 30:19) Thank You Lord for this beautiful blessing that You have brought into our lives.



Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gustafson Celebrate 60th Anniversary



Oscar 'Gus' and Elaine Gustafson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary February 20. They were married February 20, 1960 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Gus retired from Moore Products Company after 33 years of dedicated service. Elaine was a top seller and owner of several real estate companies. They also managed rental properties that Gus managed to take care of in his spare time. Elaine remembers one day trying to scrap the snow and ice off of her car so she could get out of it. After fighting with the door she finally got it open. She went into the house and asked Gus, "Why are we doing this? We have a house in Florida and that's where our children are!" They immediately put their home on the market, packed up and have been here since 2003! They are very active members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jacksonville and love their church family!



They celebrated their special milestone last Saturday with their family and lots of friends with a dinner held in their honor at the Olive Garden. They have two sons Jimmy and Sandy Gustafson, and Artie and Jennifer Gustafson, all of Callahan. They also have three grandchildren that they are extremely proud of, Reese, Artie VI and Payton. Congratulations!

Joan Parsons Sheppard Celebrates 80th Birthday

Joan Sheppard, of Callahan, celebrated her 80th birthday February 18. Joan is a retired nurse. She and her husband James will be married 65 years February 28. They go to church at Callahan First Baptist Church. She celebrated her birthday with a family dinner. You are a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. You have been a success in everything you have done throughout your life and accomplished so many things! You are a wonderful Christian woman that loves God and our country.



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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Townsend to Celebrate 59th Anniversary



Thomas and Emma Townsend, of Callahan, will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on February 25. They met in Jacksonville and were married in West Florida February 25, 1961. They have lived in Callahan for the past 50 years.

They have two children and four grandchildren.

Thanks for all the Godly values you have instilled in us over the years. You are an inspiration to all of us. Happy Anniversary!

Love,
Your children and grandchildren

HHS Varsity Boys District Champs!



Last Friday, the Hilliard High School Varsity Boys traveled to take on the Fort White Indians. Congratulations to the Flashes as they won 78-50 to take the District Championship!

This Thursday, February 20, the team will play a sub-regional game at Hilliard High School at 7 p.m. Admission (for everyone) is \$7. No badges, passes, etc. can be used for this game. Go Flashes!



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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.

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Mark R. Bridwell is Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, for Rayonier, Inc.

He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and Authorized House Counsel by the Florida Bar. Mark served on the Family Support Services (FSS) of North Florida Inc. Board of Directors for the past six years, three as Board Chair. He and his wife, Susan, have six children – all of whom are adopted and three of whom were adopted from foster care. Prior to his board service at FSS, he volunteered at the Egleston Children's Hospital in Atlanta, and served on the board of a local athletic association.

Christina Bryan is a retired business owner in Fernandina Beach and Jacksonville. She



serves as Chairman of the Development Board of Baptist Medical Center Nassau and is on the Board of the Baptist Health Foundation.

Chris is a past Chairman and past Board member of Baptist Nassau. She is a Charter Member and Past President of the McArthur YMCA and presently a Board Trustee of the YMCA of Florida's First Coast. Chris is also Past President of the Gator Boosters and remains on the Gator Booster Board of Directors at

the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Karen L. Hackett, LFACHE, FASAE, CAE (Ret.), is the retired Chief Executive Officer of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (Academy) and the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (Association), collectively referred to as AAOS. Karen is board certified in healthcare management and a Life Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). She is a member of the Board of Directors for Baptist Medical Center Nassau and also volunteers at the Medical Center. In addition, Karen serves on the University of Central Florida's College of Business Dean's Advisory Board.



Oursula V. Knowlton, PharmD, MBA, is co-founder and President of Tabula Rasa HealthCare, Inc., a medication safety technology and services organization started in 2009. She also serves as TRHC's Chief Marketing/New Business Development Officer. Dr. Knowlton is a Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and has authored numerous publications focused on medication safety and personalized medication management. She has also served on several not-for-profit boards for the past 10 years, including Samaritan Hospice and HealthCare in New Jersey.



POLICE REPORTS

Names, Addresses and all information appearing in the Police Reports are taken from the Sheriff's Department files and do not necessarily indicate guilt, only that arrests were made or charges were filed.

Sunday, February 9

Christopher Allen Blount, 41, 7593 Horseshoe Circle, Bryceville: DUI Normal Faculties Impaired; Refuse to Sign Accept Citation

Monday, February 10

Charles Stanley Cooke, 45, 44432 Keme Road, Callahan: Violation of Probation Domestic Battery

Tuesday, February 11

Justin Devon Bunkley, 42, 44199 Osceola Way, Callahan: Duval County Warrant Failure to Appear Criminal Mischief

Wednesday, February 12

Terrell Jonathan White, 28, 45038 Marvin Street, Callahan: Baker County Warrant Write of Attachment Failure to Pay Child Support

Friday, February 14

Christopher James Nolan, 25, 56256 Colby Drive, Callahan: Writ of Attachment Child Support

Quilts by the Sea Quilt Show

The 2020 Quilts by the Sea Quilt Show, sponsored by the Amelia Island Quilt Guild will feature 200 guild members' quilted creations on display on beautiful Amelia Island at the Atlantic Recreation Center, located at 2500 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach is ADA accessible Recreation Center.

The show only comes around every three years and will be held Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. Admission is \$10 for both days; children under 12 are free, with tickets available at the door.

The show will display quilts demonstrating a variety of techniques from traditional to art quilts, hand pieced and appliqued to commercially

quilted works. Holiday quilts, quilted wearables and an exhibit of a quilt challenge honoring our 30th anniversary are of special interest. The show will also have a community quilt sew-in, offering participants of all ages the opportunity to work on a quilt for the Amelia Island community.

In addition to the quilts on display, a Quilt and Fiber Art Boutique will have items for sale. Fabric, patterns, sewing machines and other merchandise will be available in the Merchant Mall from a variety of vendors. A scissor and knife sharpening vendor will be on site. The Silent Auction features wall-sized beautiful quilted creations. There will be Door Prizes, Basket Raffles and Technique Demonstrations.

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RONALD LEE DIXON

Ronald Lee Dixon, Sr., 68, of Callahan, passed away Wednesday, February 12 in Jacksonville. He was born August 29, 1951 in Jacksonville, to the late Clifton Addison Dixon and Shirley Jean Mistler Dixon. He retired from St. Regis Paper Company.

Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by a wife Vanessa Carroll Dixon; a son Dustin Robin Dixon; a sister Vickie Lewis; and a brother James Lewis.

He is survived by his children Lee (Cari) Dixon, Jr., Mathew (Traci) Dixon and Colton Dixon; 4 grandchildren Sterling Paige Dixon, Lexi Dixon, Jace Dixon and Presley Dixon.

The family received friends Friday, February 14 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Graveside services were held Saturday, February 15 in Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston, GA.

ROBERT L. EVERLY

Robert L. Everly, of Callahan, passed away February 18, 2020.

The family will receive friends Monday, February 24 from 11 a.m. – noon prior to the funeral service at 12 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US Highway 1, Callahan.

Burial will follow at Jones Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

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JOHN MARK FOURES

John Mark Foures, 56, of Jacksonville, passed away February 14, 2020. Mark was born in St. Petersburg, on June 6, 1963 and was adopted to John and Annabelle Foures.

Mark was a big hearted person who loved Basset Hounds, fishing and baseball.

In addition to his parents; he was predeceased by grandparents Fred and Sidney Belle Foures; and T.C. and Jessie Sims.


Survivors include his brother William (Bill) Foures; one nephew, two nieces and 10 great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 20 from 6-8 p.m. in the Chapel of Callahan Funeral Home. The memorial service will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements by Ellis L. McAninch, Jr., L.F.D., Callahan Funeral Home, 879-2336.

PHYLLIS DANEY JONES



Phyllis Daney Jones, 76, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away Friday, February 14 in St. Marys, following a lengthy illness. She was born November 26, 1943 in Sanford, Maine to the late Stanley Daney and Gloria Swinerton Daney. Along with her parents; she was preceded death by her husband David Arthur Jones; a son Robert Allain; and a son-in-law Rick Handley.

She is survived by her children Carmen Handley, April (Robert) Normandeau, Lynn (Phil) Dunham and Roberta (Michael) Doherty; 10 grandchildren Jessica Mitchell, Joshua Goodwin, Nicole Smith, Jacob Normandeau, Gage Dunham, Cassie

Dunham, Justin Allain and Jeremy Allain, Megan Doherty and Michael Doherty, Jr.; 19 great-grandchildren; and eight siblings.


Memorialization will be by cremation.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, February 22 at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston, Georgia.

GABRIEL LOUIS POLLACK



Gabriel Louis Pollack, 72, of Callahan, passed away peacefully at Baptist Hospital on February 9, 2020 after suffering a heart attack several days before at his home.

Gabriel was born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 10, 1947 to Gabriel Michael Pollack and Barbara Pollack. After graduating from high school, he attended college prior to joining the US Navy, where he honorably served his country in the Vietnam War. Upon returning and during the remaining years of his 8 year tenure as a serviceman, he met Daniel McQuaig, brother of Vicki McQuaig. Gabe and Vicki would go on to get married in 1977 and have three children.

Gabriel was a loving family man, a highly intelligent electrical engineer who continued to serve his country as a civilian for the Department of Defense long after his time in the Navy was over. After retirement, he settled down in Callahan, with his partner and best friend, Susan Granger, to a more rural life, where he lived until his passing.

In addition to always being there for his family, Gabriel was a compassionate, thoughtful and kind man who helped anyone he could in any situation. He possessed a high level of empathy and understanding for the needs of others and always put them above his own. He was fiercely loyal, honest to a fault and above all, loving and kind. He touched more lives than can be counted. He was, truly, a great man.

Gabriel is survived by three sons Gabriel Joseph Pollack, Michael James Pollack and Matthew Allen Pollack; as well as Vicki Pollack; Susan Granger; his


brother Michael; and sister Paula; as well as all of the countless lives he touched in his 72 years.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, February 12 at Callahan Funeral Home. Interment with Military Honors was held in Jacksonville National Cemetery. A Celebration of Life followed at Gabe's home in Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

ALLEN L. VARNES



Allen L. Varnes, 71, of Hilliard, passed away February 6, 2020. He was the son of the late Claude and Lucille Varnes of Hilliard. Allen was a Vietnam Veteran and served 3 years in the US Air Force. He was preceded in death by his siblings Roy J. Varnes, Samuel Romie Varnes, David Felton Varnes, Kenneth Elton (Annetta) Varnes and Deloris (Richard) Musgrove.

He is survived by a sister Julia M. Hennessee; brothers Frank (Margaret) Varnes and Claude Varnes Jr.; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be announced at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

Conway Family Thank You

We want to thank the many people that visited, called, brought food, sent cards and flowers during the passing of our loved one Totty Conway. Thank you to Bro. Lynn Hyatt and Bro. Todd Carr for a beautiful home-going service. Thank you to all the Sunday school classes that helped with the meal following the service. We are so thankful for all of the wonderful people that prayed for our family during her illness and passing. We covet your continued prayers. Thank you to Nassau Funeral Home and Carrie's Florist for their compassionate service. Thank you to all the pallbearers. We are so thankful to those that went above and beyond. God's love was shown through all of you. With sincere love in Christ, thank you.





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death by his parents; loving wife, Evelyn Whitehead; and sisters Estell Crawford and Maybell Hughes.

Horace is survived by his daughters Sandra Hall and Elaine Whitehead, both of Hilliard; brothers Odis Whitehead of Bonifay and Lewis Whitehead of Keystone Heights; and a sister Lounell Duncan of Chiply.

A Celebration of Horace's life was held Tuesday, February 18 at Nassau Funeral Home where Military Honors were rendered. The family received friends prior to service.

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

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

JOSEPH RHEA WOLFE



Joseph 'Joey' Rhea Wolfe, 18, passed away February 13, 2020 in Callahan. He lit up every room he walked in and never knew a stranger. He was a beloved and devoted son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend. Joey was a National Honor Society student at West Nassau High School. In his free time, he loved being with friends, "The Callahan Hooligans", and his family, working on his

truck, playing with his dogs, volunteering for the Nassau County Maintenance Department and participating in the Law Enforcement Explorer Program.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Joseph Norman and Carol Mae Wolfe; maternal great-grandparents William and Alvenia Warren; and great uncle David Warren.

He is survived by his father Joseph Edward Wolfe; mother CarrieAnne Marie Wolfe (Bartmess); grandparents Wyman and Joyce Davis; sisters Eden Saylor (Wolfe) and Amber Wolfe; nephew Charlie Layfield; nieces Jersey Saylor, Elaina Saylor and Aria Layfield; aunt Susan Wolfe; great aunt Wanda Gad and Darlene (Trent) Collins; uncle David (Tamara) Bartmess Jr., William Andrew Bartmess, Russell Davis, Jeffrey (Melissa) Davis; cousins Carolanne Wolfe, Micah Bartmess and Jordan Bartmess; and numerous other family members.

The family will receive friends Friday, February 21 from 5-7 p.m. prior to the Celebration of Life service at 7 p.m. at The Anchor Church of God, located at 541798 US Hwy 1, Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

Rubio's Office to Host Meeting in Callahan this Friday

If you have a problem, complaint, or just want to speak to Sen. Marco Rubio's staff about an issue with the federal government, you can meet with them 10-11 a.m. Friday, February 21, in the Conference Room at VyStar Credit Union, located at 542277 U.S. 1 in Callahan.

The "Mobile Office" meetings are "meant to assist constituents with federal casework issues in their communities," according to Rubio's website. "These office hours offer constituents who do not live close to regional offices a more convenient way to receive federal casework assistance." For more information, visit: rubio.senate.gov.



Little Theatre to Debut 'Invisible'

An original dramedy written by MonaLisa Harris and Vernal Morrison will be the first production in St. Marys Little Theatre's (SMLT) 2020 lineup. Paying tribute to Black History Month, "Invisible" will be staged on February 28, 29 and March 1. The show focuses on accomplishments by African Americans that changed the world in many ways. "Riveting stories of unsung heroes will come alive through inspiring music, drama and lots of laughter," said Ann Walsh, director of the production. "SMLT's Black History Month productions have always been about sharing with our community the voices and stories that need to be told, that give people thought and at the same time entertain. 'Invisible' delivers a powerful message and honors those who have made a difference in our world."

Barbara Ryan, Founder and Chair

of St. Marys Little Theatre, said that like previous Black History Month productions, "INVISIBLE" will be an eye-opener for many.

"Learning is a powerful thing," she said. "When people walk out of the theatre after seeing 'INVISIBLE,' I'm sure we will hear remarks like 'I didn't know' and 'I learned something important today.'"

Ryan is expecting an early sellout of "INVISIBLE" with only 3 performances and advises people to get tickets early.

Performances are February 28 and 29 at 7 pm and March 1 at 2 pm at Theatre by the Trax in downtown St. Marys. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under and can be purchased at www.StMarysLittleTheatre.com or in downtown St. Marys at Once Upon a Bookseller. Cash or check at bookstore please. For more information, email Barbara@stmarysmagazine.com.

Barnabas Supports Healthy Hearts

Affecting people of all races and ethnicities, cardiovascular disease is the single leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States, responsible for one in four deaths in the United States each year. During American Heart Month, we remember those we have lost to this devastating disease, promote healthy lifestyles that mitigate its impacts, and pledge to continue our fight against it.

Though usually preventable, heart disease can manifest itself in sudden and unforeseen ways. Every person can take steps to reduce the risk factors associated with heart disease by encouraging healthy eating, physical activity, and by

discouraging the use of tobacco. Barnabas supports our neighbors to attain and maintain healthy hearts through its medical and dental programs that are focused on prevention and treatment. Primary medical care and a full range of dental services are available to uninsured adults residing in Nassau County at very affordable fees. For information or to request an appointment call (904) 261-7000. Barnabas Health Services is located at 1303 Jasmine Street in Fernandina Beach. With the recent opening of the Barnabas service center in Callahan, health services are now also being offered in west Nassau County.



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The installment process, as outlined in Florida Statute 197.222, requires that the total amount of estimated taxes be greater than \$100. Similar to the regular tax billing process, the installment method provides for discounts on taxes due. The combined discounts for the installment plan calculate to just over 3%. This is a great savings if you typically pay your taxes between December and March each year! If you prefer to take advantage of the full 4% discount for November payments, then you may decide that the installment method does not work best for you. Once you are enrolled in the installment plan and make the first payment you are only entitled to the discounts set forth in the plan.

The deadline to apply for the installment payment method is April 30, 2020. Applications are for an installment plan on the upcoming 2020 Tax Roll.

You can now submit your application electronically on the Tax Collector's website: www.nassautaxes.com. No paper forms to submit! Search for your property and click the link "Apply for the 2020 Installment Payment Plan". You may also still print an application to submit by mail or visit one of our four office locations listed below.

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For additional information, contact the Tax Department at taxes@nassautaxes.com or call (904) 491-7420.

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WN Wrestlers Medal in Competition



The West Nassau High School Wrestling team competed in Districts at Yulee High School Monday. WN had seven wrestlers who earned medals: First Place medals went to: Blayden Tharpe, Bradley Hulett, Jackson Rowell and Requan Works. Brenden Ferenchik and Gibreen Ahmad placed third; and Jackson Holcomb placed fourth. Congratulations Warriors!

College and Career Fair Tuesday

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