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"AND WHATEVER YOU DO, WHETHER IN WORD OR DEED, DO IT ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIM." - COLOSSIANS 3:17

NCSO Trains New School Guardians



Shown (l to r) are: District School Safety Specialist Glenn Virden, Guardians Kyle Kane, Laurie Baughan, William Schmelling, School Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns and Sheriff Bill Leeper

Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper handed out certificates to three people at a recent graduation ceremony, officially certifying them as the first ever Nassau County School guardians.

The Guardian Program was approved by the Florida Legislature last year and signed into law by Governor Rick Scott after the school shooting occurred at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

After a thorough background investigation and psychological exam, the guardians were hired by the Nassau County School District and began their intensive four-week training program hosted by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Training Division on January 14. A combination of basic firearms instruction, CPR/TECC certification, defensive tactics education, active-shooter scenario-based drills and classroom instruction about diversity, legal issues and concealed carry laws, the training program was designed to prepare trainees to respond to active assailant incidents on school premises. The state mandated curriculum required 144 hours of instruction however these new guardians were given 156 hours of training by NCSO deputies to make sure they are more than capable of protecting our schools.

While guardians are armed with a handgun, body armor and a flashlight,

unlike NCSO school resource deputies or school safety officers, they do not have arrest powers.

After one more week of training with School District Safety Specialist Glenn Virden, the guardians will be taking their posts assigned to elementary schools across the county along with school safety officers. The NCSO will continue to provide training in various capacities throughout the year.

Sheriff Leeper said the sheriff's office and school district have been working very closely together over the past year in order to make sure every county school has security on campus and this is just another step in that direction. "The training program went really well," said Leeper.

Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns stated her goal was to make sure the School District was doing everything possible to allow students to learn and teachers to teach in a safe and secure environment.

The sheriff's office will continue to provide school resource officers at high schools and middle schools as contracted by the school board.

Nassau County still needs more school safety officers and guardians to cover every school with built-in relief. If you or someone you know is interested in one of these positions, contact the School Board at 904-491-9900.

John Grisham Visits Students

Friday morning, Hilliard Middle-Senior High School was buzzing with excitement as students awaited the arrival of famed author John Grisham. Grisham, well known American novelist, attorney, politician, and activist was in the area for the Amelia Island Book Festival. Grisham is best known for his legal thrillers *A Time to Kill*, *The Firm*, *The Pelican Brief* and *The Client*, among others.

Grisham has written one series, which begins with *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer*. The Authors in Schools program, which is supported by the Amelia Island Book Festival, donated a copy of *Kid Lawyer* to every middle and high school student in Nassau County. Since the students received the book and have been reading it in class, they were excited to meet the author.

About 75 CMS students traveled to Hilliard and along with the HMSHS student body were treated to an informative Q and A session with Grisham. He was asked questions about his career as well as some of his books. Following the prepared questions, Grisham asked the students if they had any. Many of them had very good questions relating to the *Kid Lawyer*. They were curious whether characters were based on actual people in his life

and how he came up with character names.

During the intimate visit, Grisham shared with students how he'd never planned to become an author. As a practicing lawyer, he began to explore the idea of alternate endings to cases he'd actually witnessed. This idea led to his first novel, *A Time to Kill*, which he admitted during the visit, is his favorite. He emphasized to the students to have a career and then if writing is a passion of theirs, to pursue it.

High school students were also visited by J.R. Sharp, author of *Feeding the Enemy*. The high school Language Arts and Reading students have been reading *Feeding the Enemy* which is a family recollection of actual World War II events and oppression and survival of Europeans during the war.



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A Word From the Publisher

A dear friend of mine recently lost her father. I can't even imagine the feeling. She stopped by the office and talked with us for a while about him. It was so precious to see her smile when she talked about her daddy, his life and the things she remembered from her childhood about him. She also talked about another family member that she has spent time with and found out even more about his (her dad) childhood. "I would have never known this stuff if I hadn't asked her about it," she said. Once again, there are those opportunities that we must not take for granted.

When she left, I couldn't help but reminisce about my own childhood and better yet, my parents. We visit with them (parents) often and each time we learn something else about their lives. I am one of the worst about talking however I've tried to take some lessons in listening. Do you know how much you can learn by listening? When I listened to what they accomplished right after they were married, it just blows me away. Daddy was in the US Air Force. He came home long enough to get married and drug (she went willingly of course) Mama all over the country. No, they weren't living with their parents for four years until they decided what to do, they moved far away and began their lives together. The only people they had to talk with was each other. I guess it was a pretty good thing! So far, their marriage has lasted only 67 years. Were times hard, yes, but they leaned on each other and the Lord! They lived in several 1-bedroom apartments and shared a bathroom with other families many times. Can you imagine a young married couple doing that today? Yep...no way!

Then I think about the fact that we had five children in our family. That's five children in seven years...yep, my mom was crazy! Were there crazy times? Sure, but somehow we always seemed put together.

You know, clean, all dressed, to school and church on time. As I was the baby of five, I got to watch everything and try to figure it all out. We got whippins' (that's what my parents called it) when we were bad. Seems like we weren't bad too many times! Pretty sure we all had soap in our mouths one time, because that's all it took! We were taught to be respectful and polite and still are. We played outside until the sun went down, no phone, no tablet...just dirt, ditches and bicycles. Well, I did have a Barbie or two. Yes ma'am, I have some awesome parents.

My how times have changed! Cell phones have taken over the world. No one likes to have a conversation anymore because we can text. Even at special outings, you see more cell phones than people talking. I don't know what you can look at on your phone so much. I guess I'm just not with it and I'm glad I'm not! Roger and I do not take our phones with us when we are eating out. It's because we are enjoying each other's company! How can we do that when we're staring at our phones? You can't! We do enjoy looking around and seeing how many couples (or families) are on their phones while waiting to eat. So sad! Maybe we should all take a lesson in being polite especially when we're with others. I enjoy my cell phone to make and receive calls.

I think we could all take a lesson out of the 'good ole' days because lucky for me, I was there. Life was complicated back then but not like it is now. I used to be hurt (or feel really old) when younger people would say yes ma'am to me. Then I realized I do the same thing. It's called being respectful and polite. So thank you for your manners! I'll take them every day!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

Letters to the Editor

A Fence?

Dear Editor,

I have a question. Do you have a fence? I mean around your property. Some have their entire yard fenced or some have just a portion. Why do you have it? A fence can be a dividing line between you and your neighbor. Remember good fences make good neighbors. As I drive around I see a variety of fences, some tall, some short, some made of vinyl, wood, wire and posts. I had a new fence put up last year. My old one was getting dilapidated. It helps keep my things in my yard and things I don't want out of my yard.

The reason for the question is...why should our country not have a fence across our southern border? It only makes sense, common sense. You would not want people wandering through your yard when you are not home. Well, it is that simple for our country. There are people, maybe some are unwanted, coming into the southern portion of our country. A fence may not be the complete answer but it is a deterrent. We, as a country, would be so much safer, as would be your house or your yard. This has nothing to do with which political party you belong to but common sense. We need the extra protection that the fence would give us. This is my personal opinion, but I like my fence and I think the country would like its fence.

JoAnn Sorrells

Why Christianity is the Right Way!

Dear Editor,

To get started, we all surely agree that eternity is too long, to get it wrong. Good works is the proof of salvation, but not the path to salvation. The path to salvation is accepting Christ Jesus as your Savior; then the good works come into play. So why is Christianity the right way?

1. Any of these other religions ever raised

anybody from the dead? Jesus died on the cross, was buried and rose from the grave on the third day. Religion without Jesus is worthless!

2. Things that Jesus did while He was on the earth: Matthew 11:5, The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed; and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up; and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

3. You don't have to work yourself to Heaven!

4. Christianity is the only religion that the devil attacks!

5. People are drawn to the scripture!

6. The impact that the Bible has on people's lives!

7. Bible prophecy: It was prophesied that Israel would become a nation again in Isaiah 66:8, and it came to fruition May 14, 1948.

8. No other religion has prophecy with such accuracy.

9. Matthew 24 is a good chapter to read that gives us signs of the second coming of Jesus. If the Bible wasn't true, it wouldn't have so many events that have happened with such accuracy. Things you'll find in Matthew 24: verse 5, "Many shall come in Jesus' name saying they are Christ"; verse 6, "You will hear of wars and rumors of war"; verse 7, "Nation shall rise against nation", etc.; verse 10, "Many shall be offended and shall betray one another and shall hate one another." Have you ever heard of so many people being so easily offended? Have you heard of so many mothers abandoning their children? Just trying to get you in to reading the entire chapter. "In the last days, people will be ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of truth," II Timothy 3:7.

10. "And ye shall seek Me and find Me when you shall search for Me with all your heart," Jeremiah 29:13.

Just thought I would share the 'Good News' of Jesus!

In Jesus name,
Jack Lewis

In the Kitchen...

Meatloaf

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup bell pepper, chopped
- 1 egg, beaten

- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- salt & pepper

Brown beef and onion together and drain off excess fat. Mix in remaining ingredients except ketchup. Place in baking dish and cook at 350° for 30 minutes. Top with ketchup and cook for 10 minutes more. Serves 4-6.



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Fish Talk

Northeast Florida Speck Fishing

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Round here, there's been a lot of discussion as to which freshwater pan fish is the best table fare. Now you can argue that with the old timers if you want, but I'd bet the odds won't turn out in your favor. Many know them as crappie and white perch to our north, 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 because of the warmer water temps. You can find them congregating in depths of 3-8 feet of water, with the big fish sometimes deeper.

B "n" M makes a great rod called Sams Super Sensitive 11 footer. Fit that with a B "n" M Prostaff Spinning Reel. That's the perfect combination for these thin mouthed fish and it'll work for a variety of scenarios. Spool it with a 6 to 8 lb. test gama line. Rig a 1/8 ounce jig with a Southern pro stinger skirt, or just tip it with minnows for the go-to. Just like anywhere else, minor adjustments can make a huge difference. Adjustments can be 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 laydowns 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!

Be on the lookout for the next "Fish Talk." I'll do my best to throw some more freshwater tips in the mix this year. I hope you all have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you on the water!

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Sometimes we have to look behind us in order to see where we are headed. If we look at the past 10 years, it makes our forward path much clearer. The Democrat Party was well on its way to achieving their goal of turning America from a thriving Republic to their dream of America being a full-fledged Socialist State. Time and time again throughout history, the socialist/communist sympathizers have proclaimed that they will take over America from within. They almost had us, until Donald Trump showed up on the scene and wrecked their plan, at least for now.

Under Obama's reign the stage was set. He alone weakened America's resolve to maintain a strong capitalistic Republic. Not with a powerful military coup, but with subtle actions and smooth moves he tore the fabric of our nation to shreds. He in his eight years of war on America, more than doubled the national debt. Think about that. He placed this country in more debt than all the Presidents before him combined. Just as in your personal finances, extreme debt will finally catch up to you and you lose everything. So be it with our national fiscal condition. Then he weakened our Military to the weakest state in modern times. No money, no military strength is an open door for transition to socialism/communism. Of course, the Democrats thought they had paid for and secured the Presidency to Hillary, whom would place the finishing touches to destroy our Republic. Once again I say... then Donald Trump showed up!

There are two points I want to stress. First, our children are being indoctrinated in public schools all across America and further brainwashing in our Universities. This is not new; this is why the Millennials are so against Capitalism. They are not being taught the real truth about Socialism. They are being brainwashed into thinking everyone should be on equal ground. If you

have a large brick home with a new four-wheel drive truck pulling a trailer with your ATVs, then they should be able to have the exact same thing. It does not matter that you have worked hard to make your money; they want the same regardless and without working their fingers to the bone to achieve your goals. They are not being taught the real facts of Socialism. Do you think for one minute they are discussing Venezuela?

The second point is this, since America chose Donald Trump, the Democrat's plan incurred a major setback. Therefore they have had to regroup and find a way to combat the Patriotism of Americans who saw through their plan. This is why they have embraced the influx of illegal aliens from our southern border. This is why they would prefer to spend thirty times the amount of money to comfort and support the illegals than to spend six billion to secure our border. They look at every illegal coming across our border as a potential vote so they can once again put their socialistic plan back in place.

Pelosi and Schumer, along with a long list of others, including some Republicans are hell bent to comfort people who are criminals by entering our country illegally than they are to comfort the thousands and thousands of American Veterans and American families that are in dire straits. Like it or not, illegal aliens are an enemy to the Republic of America. They are stealing our citizens' tax dollars by the billions each year and are being led to believe that the Democrat party will coddle them forever. As soon as the Democrats gain total control of this nation, they are going to drop the illegals and other minorities like a hot potato. They are simply using these people as pawns.

Keep fighting President Trump; we (America) need you!

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

Callahan Library Fun Toby's Travel Tips

Local travel agent Toby Byrd shares advice for international travel, including safety tips, luggage packing, preparing your home for your absence, and much more at the Callahan Library Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. "Toby's Travel Tips" is a program in the Library's "Around the World in 80 Days" series of events. The Callahan Library is located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15, Callahan.



EVENTS AROUND TOWN

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

AUDITIONS for Sound of Music presented by St. Marys Little Theatre, will be held Feb. 28 from 6-8 p.m. at the Theatre by the Trax, 1000 Osborne Street, St. Marys, Georgia, 912-729-1103. For information, email barbara@stmarysmagazine.com.

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Is Your Mind Full?

Pastor Ted Heglund, First Alliance Church, Hilliard



There are things in life that you never seem to live down. One was a comment I made many years ago. We were buying our first PC for our office and I ordered the biggest hard drive available. It was a huge 40-megabyte hard drive! I made a mistake of saying "I don't think I will ever fill it up!" Judith, my wife, likes to remind me of that profound statement every time I have gotten a new hard drive. Now wristwatches have more capacity than that first hard drive I bought.

I heard someone jokingly say they thought that they had maxed out their brain. Could that be one reason we do not remember what we study, especially God's Word? Is it because our brains are so crowded with other data there is no room? So I did a little research and found this by Professor of Psychology, Paul Reber, at Northwestern University.

"Yet neurons combine so that each one helps with many memories at a time, exponentially increasing the brain's memory storage capacity to something closer to around 2.5 petabytes (or a million gigabytes). For comparison, if your brain worked like a digital video recorder in a television, 2.5 petabytes would be enough to hold three million hours of TV shows. You would have to leave the TV running continuously for more than 300 years to use up all that storage."

So you and I do not have an excuse for not learning, studying and remembering God's word. No matter how much we try to put in our brains, there is always room for more. When God is speaking He often refers to the "heart" which can also be equated with our minds. This is the place where we think, reason and store knowledge. When our heart and mind is focused on and filled with God, we better understand what God wrote to us in the Bible. "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." (Isaiah 26:3 NKJV)

The Bible is full of "data" that we need to be processing in the incredible mind God has created in each person. But it is more than mere knowledge that God wants. God wants us to, by faith, put our trust in His Son, Jesus, who forgives our sin as we receive Him as our Savior and Lord of our lives. "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart." (Psalm 26:2 NKJV)

So what is the advantage of learning and remembering God's Word? The Psalmist gave the answer: "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (Psalm 119:11 NIV)

Is learning and remembering God's Word still active for our hearts and minds today? "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12 NIV)

"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge..." (2 Peter 1:5 NIV)

Are you adding to your knowledge of the Lord Jesus and the wisdom, guidance, love and instruction for living for Christ? Read your Bible and don't forget there is always room in your heart and mind for more of His word for you.

Hilliard First Assembly Welcomes Chris Mikkelson



Pastor Arlie Johns of Hilliard First Assembly invites everyone to come hear Evangelist Chris Mikkelson.

Chris Mikkelson is an international evangelist who preaches the Gospel at churches across the USA and in some of the most unreached and dangerous nations on the planet near the Middle East. His sermons are distinctly marked with the presence, power and authority of God where many are saved, healed and delivered. Often, miraculous miracles of healing and deliverance confirm the gospel message when Chris preaches domestically and abroad.

Chris Mikkelson will be speaking this Sunday, February 24 at 10 a.m. at Hilliard First Assembly of God, 550920 US Highway 1, a quarter of a mile south of the caution light at Eastwood Road in Hilliard. For more information, call the church office at 904-845-2642.

Relay for Life Queens



Saturday, the Crowns for the Cure pageant was held at Callahan Middle School. The pageant was held as a fundraiser for the Relay for Life of West Nassau County coming up in March. There were 42 contestants from all different ages. Relay collected \$3500 from the proceeds of the pageant. Thank you to all those who participated and came to the pageant!

Shown are the 2019 Relay Queens: Tiny Miss Relay Queen Areyna Lee; Little Miss Relay Queen Braelynn Rogers (4-5 year olds); Little Miss Relay Queen Taylin Dalton (6 year olds); Jr. Miss Relay Queen Maecie Turner; Pre-Teen Relay Queen Kaycie Turner; Junior Teen Relay Queen Laura Conner; and Teen Relay Queen Tori Coleman.

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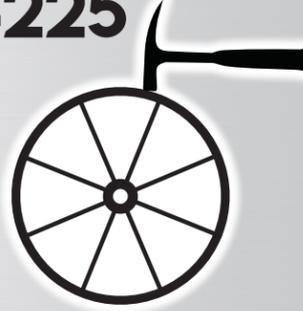
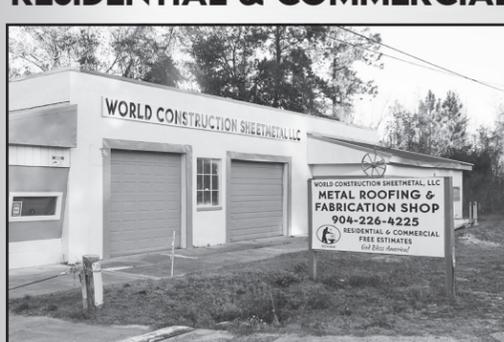
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BES Celebrates Literacy Week



Bryceville Elementary School celebrated Literacy Week with a poster contest. The five winning posters are displayed in the front office. They also had a Principal Choice Award.

The winning students shown (l to r) are top row: Jessica Bennet (Principal's Choice), Dallen Pearce and Leona Arowood; bottom row (l to r) are: Eli Higginbotham, Carson Howard and Kaiea Neville.

CMS Students Attend Regional Fair



Seven students from Callahan Middle School's sixth grade class recently traveled to the Regional Science Fair. Teacher Ruth Duncan accompanied the following students: Reese Lundquist, Dakota Rozier and Kanaan McCosh, all Environmental Science; Kate Harris and Preston Coker, both Chemistry, Paisley Romeka, Engineering; and Brayden Wolfe, Physical Science.

PLANT CLINIC

On Monday, February 25 Rebecca Jordi, County Extension Director/Horticulture Extension Agent will conduct a Plant Clinic from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Yulee Extension Office on Pages Dairy Road. All residents are invited to bring plant samples showing problems in their landscapes. Problems will be identified and solutions offered for correction. There is no fee for this service. For information call 904-530-6353. Master Gardeners are on phone duty Fridays, at 904-530-6350, ext. '1' for the Yulee office.

New Attorney in Callahan

Callahan recently welcomed a new attorney to town, Mrs. Micolle Rosenberg Davis. She currently practices primarily in the areas of family law, adoption, traffic tickets and car accidents. She also practices criminal defense and assists with hearings on injunctions (restraining orders). In addition, Mrs. Rosenberg Davis practices estate planning and probate law.



From 2006 to present, Mrs. Rosenberg Davis has handled hundreds of family law matters and numerous traffic and car accident cases. She is concerned for the personal matters of each of her clients and handles their issues with confidentiality and respect. Her goal is to serve the local community with professionalism and ethics.

Prior to opening her own law firm in 2006 in Jacksonville, Micolle Rosenberg Davis was an attorney at the firm of Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy, Graham & Ford in Jacksonville which specializes in medical malpractice and insurance defense litigation.

She gained over three years' experience in criminal defense litigation. She has criminal jury trial and bench trial experience handling a wide variety of misdemeanor, DUI and traffic cases. In addition, Mrs. Rosenberg Davis has researched, drafted and successfully argued numerous motions to suppress physical evidence in criminal cases. She also has trial experience in family law matters, divorce, dependency and other child related legal issues.

Micolle, her husband Matthew Davis, their twin daughters and son live in Callahan. She kept her maiden name of Rosenberg for her law firm as that had been established prior to her marriage. They worship at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, where she serves as an active volunteer.

Her new office location is 45023 Mickler Street (at the end of Mickler and US 1), Callahan. Appointments may be made by calling (904) 805-8881 or by email: micollerose@bellsouth.net. Visit her website www.micolleroselaw.com to find out more information.

Fundraiser Vendor Event for Annette Saturday



A fundraiser will be held for Annette Cribbs-Adams, of Hilliard, who has been diagnosed with Papillary Carcinoma Thyroid Cancer. A GoFund Me account has been set up for those wishing to make monetary donations for Annette.

The Fundraiser Vendor event will be held Saturday, February 23 from noon - 7 p.m. at 55542 Deer Run Road (Spring Lake Estates), Callahan. There will be all kinds of vendors: Tammy's Baked Goods, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, LulaRoe, Color Street Nails, Thirty-One and many more! Come out and support this great event and help this sweet lady out. All donations will go towards assisting the family with medical expenses.

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New Beginnings and Milestones

Lillee Raine Greene

Lee Greene and Yesny Winkels, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Lillee Raine Greene. Lillee was born January 17 at 5:51 p.m. at St. Vincent's Riverside Jacksonville. She weighed 7 pounds 2.6 ounces and measured 18 ¾ inches.

Paternal grandparents are Ken Greene, Sr.; and Dana Greene, both of Callahan.

Maternal grandmother is the late Veronica Mraz.

Lillee was welcomed home by her big sister Breanne Winkels!



Samuel Taylor Hogan

Taylor and Rebecca Hogan, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their son Samuel Taylor Hogan. Samuel was born January 17 at 6:25 a.m. at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville. He weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce and measured 20 ½ inches.

Paternal grandparents are Todd and Teresa Hogan of Jacksonville.

Maternal grandparents are Danny and Lisa Foreman of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents are Max and Ruth Walker of Jacksonville; Bessie Foreman; and Byron and Ann Walker, all of Callahan; Richard and Sharon Hogan of Jacksonville; Linda Nunez of Yulee; and Carl Forlines of Middleburg.



Lucas Alan Gomillion



Shane and Tori Gomillion, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their son Lucas Alan Gomillion. Lucas was born December 21 at 9:07 p.m. at Baptist Nassau Hospital in Fernandina Beach. He weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Paternal grandparents are David and Dottie Gomillion of Bryceville.

Maternal grandparents are Tabitha Rewis; and William Simmons, both of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents are C.L. and Doris Thornton of Bryceville. Proud great-great-grandmother is Betty Steffan of Jacksonville.

Lucas was welcomed home by his big brother Layne!



Piper Jean Watson

Dakota and Morgan Watson, of Memphis, Tennessee, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Piper Jean Watson. Piper was born on September 18 at 12:16 p.m. in Memphis. She weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces and measured 19.25 inches.

Her proud grandparents are Ms. Pamela Hoover; and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Watson, all of Hilliard.

Her loving great-grandparents are Leo and Melanie Hoover and the late Mirtie Crews Hoover of Hilliard; James Harris and the late Janice Nettles Harris of Hilliard; Charles and Beverly Smith of Callahan; and the late Dave Watson.

Piper is also blessed to have her great-great grandmother, Mrs. Barbara Johnson and the late C.L (Dickie) Johnson, of Hilliard.

Happy 1st Birthday Layah May Bright

Layah Bright celebrated her first birthday February 21. She will celebrate with a 'Sophia the First' party in her honor with her siblings Brysen, Jaxsen and Adalynn and lots of family and friends joining in the fun! Her proud parents are Michael and Karie Bright of Callahan.

Proud grandparents are Joseph and Brenda Sandiford; Lisa Cline; Kenneth Nettles; and Earl and Sheila Bright. Proud great-grandparents are James and Linda Nettles; Nancy and Keith Higginbotham; Tommy and Rose Bright; Charles and Maggie Register; and Agnes and Joseph Sandiford.



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Arrests Made for Cashing Stolen Checks

Between November 2018 and January 2019, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office received several reports of mail being stolen from mailboxes on the eastern side of Nassau County. Businesses that received checks via mail, such as landscapers, surveyors, etc. seemed to be particularly targeted. Checks that were stolen from the mailboxes were then forged and placed into other accounts.



Victoria Wegener

As a result of NCSO's investigation, Victoria Lynn Wegener, 27, Fernandina Beach, was arrested and charged with Forgery and Uttering a Forged Instrument on four separate stolen checks that she deposited into her bank account.

The amount on the checks stolen were \$571.63 from J.I. Taylor Court, Fernandina Beach; \$250.00 from 942668 Old Nassauville Road, Fernandina Beach; \$250.00 from 942668 Old Nassauville Road, Fernandina Beach; and \$500.00 from 2166 Rockdove Lane, Fernandina Beach.

The investigation revealed that the suspect was given the stolen checks to deposit into her bank account from those who were stealing from the mailboxes and in return she would receive a portion of the proceeds.

On December 6, 2018, NCSO detectives began investigating a case involving theft of



Larysa Klingbeil

checks from mailboxes within Nassau County. Specifically, a \$580 check, that was taken from a victim's mailbox on Hurricane Lane in Yulee. The victim was anticipating a check from her employer, but the check never arrived at her address. She contacted her employer to ascertain when she would receive the check, but was advised the check was mailed to her address and was actually already cashed.

Through investigative techniques, detectives learned that the stolen check was deposited into Larysa Marie Klingbeil's (suspect) bank account and cash was withdrawn from two separate ATM transactions.

A witness advised that a bag with several pieces of mail from several different people and addresses was observed inside the suspect's home on Alene Road in Yulee.

Larysa Marie Klingbeil was arrested and charged with Uttering a Forged Instrument and booked into the Nassau County Jail. She also had an outstanding warrant for her arrest out of Jacksonville for retail theft.

NCSO detectives are working with U.S. Postal Inspectors on other mailbox thefts within Nassau County and additional charges and arrests are expected soon.

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Robert Adrian Tipton, 39, 54080 Pelican Road, Callahan: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

Tuesday, February 12

Thomas Joseph Allgeyer, 22, 34401 Hathaway Drive, Callahan: Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams

Thursday, February 14

Daniel Wilson Hodges, 32, 542963 US Highway 1 #32, Callahan: Duval County Warrant Driving While License Suspended/Revoked with Knowledge

Hilliard Baseball Boosters Skeet Shoot



The Hilliard High School Baseball boosters will host a Skeet Shoot to help raise money for the baseball team. They are currently looking for teams for the event. The event will be held Friday, March 8 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Amelia Shotgun Sports (86300 Hot Shot Trail, Yulee). Details: \$400 per team (4 man team); Bring your own gun & shells (around 100 shots per person); Lunch included; Door prizes, Raffles and Silent Auction. Station sponsor: \$150 (includes a sign displayed at a shooting station and will also be displayed at the Hilliard baseball field during home games). Call Larry West at 509-6069 to register your team!

NCCOA Hosts Making Advance Planning Easier

Nassau County Council on Aging's (NCCOA's) Caregivers Support Group is hosting a free seminar, Making Advance Planning Easier...with a Florida POLST (Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment), Tues., February 26, 6-8 p.m., The Life Center at 1901 Island Walk Way, Fernandina Beach.

The seminar will feature presenter Ronnie Genser, President and Founder, Bereavement Navigators, with a welcome and introduction by Caroline H. Sheppard, MSW, award-winning author of When Family Calls: Finding Hope in the Chaos of Long-Distance Caregiving. Being prepared with advance planning will save you stress, confusion and heartache, and will help you know your loved one's "end-of-life medical wishes" (in addition to your own), and learn the differences between and complete all five of Florida's end-of-life planning documents.

To make reservations and obtain additional information, call 904-261-0701. Please RSVP no later than February 22.

Fatal Accident on Lem Turner Road

Early last Thursday morning a motor vehicle crash on Lem Turner Road led to the death of one and minor injuries to another. According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, at approximately 12:30 a.m. Renita Pinkney Murray was heading north toward Callahan in her Chevrolet Colorado. Murray's listed address is from Jacksonville. For unknown reasons, Murray traveled into the southbound lane, causing a head on

collision with a Nissan Frontier driven by Donald Francis Lewis, also with a listed address from Jacksonville.

Both drivers were utilizing their seatbelts and both were transported to UF Health Jacksonville. Murray sustained only minor injuries, however Lewis passed away from his injuries. The Florida Highway Patrol is still investigating the crash and charges are pending.

Eat at R & R Wings Tuesday to Support the HHS Band

R & R Wings in Hilliard has partnered with the Hilliard Middle-Senior High School Band to help raise funds for their new uniforms. Next Tuesday, March 5 proceeds (10%) from the entire day's business will be donated to the band! Everyone come out and have lunch and dinner at R & R Wings to help support the band!

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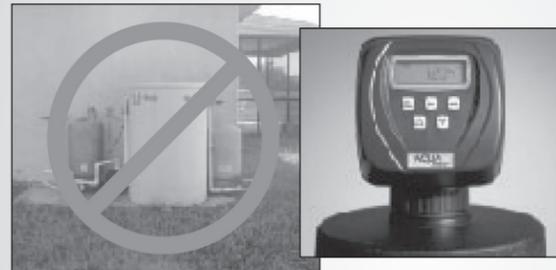
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OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH MURRAY BURCH

Elizabeth Ann Murray Burch, 82, of Folkston, went home to be with the Lord on February 16 at the Life Care Center of Hilliard. She was born in Lake City on April 22, 1936 to the late Holmes Nelson Murray and Grace Murray. She was a faithful member of the Ephesus Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, LeeRoy Burch; two sons Keith (Carmen) Burch and Kelly (Tammy) Burch; a daughter Joye Burch; two grandchildren Rebecca Burch and Adam Davis; a brother Donald (Barbara) Murray; two sisters Alice (Joe) McCroan and Ruby Jo (Gary) Arbogast; along with several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Monday, February 18 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, February 19 at Jones Cemetery in Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www.sheparfh.com.

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

ELIC CAUDILL

Elic Caudill, of Jacksonville, went home to be with the Lord on February 13. He was born on July 12, 1926 in Whitesburg, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his wife Elsie; son Hughie; his parents; six brothers and five sisters.

Mr. Caudill is survived by his loving daughters Loretta May Agresto of Woodbridge, Virginia and Mary A. Dupee of Fredericksburg, Virginia; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 16 at Lannie Road Baptist Church with visitation held prior to service. Interment followed in Dinsmore Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

R. CALVIN HIGGINBOTHAM



Riley 'Calvin' Higginbotham, 86, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on February 16. He was born on January 15, 1933 in Jacksonville to Otis and

Jessie Higginbotham. He proudly served his country in the US Army. Calvin was a member of Live Oak Baptist Church, Dyal Road Hunting Club and Fraternal Order of Police Association. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He had formerly worked at Terminal Bag Company and was a dairyman for many years of his life.

Calvin is survived by his loving wife Delorese Atkinson Higginbotham; sister Jessie Evelyn Atkinson; children Judy Higginbotham (Robert) Fields, Rosemary Higginbotham (Wayne) Mayhall, William Randall (Christine) Higginbotham, Brian Keith (Lisa) Higginbotham and Mark Andrew Higginbotham; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Earl Otis Higginbotham,

Elwood Cecil Higginbotham, Neal Wallace Higginbotham and James Marvin Higginbotham.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 20 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel from 5-7 p.m. The funeral service will be held Thursday, February 21 at Live Oak Baptist Church in Callahan at 1 p.m. with Pastor Steve Wolgamott officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be John "Hank" Sawyer, Brian Higginbotham, Jacob Higginbotham, Chuck Higginbotham, Mike Higginbotham and Kevin Whiten. Honorary pallbearers will be Kennedy Sawyer and Jackson Higginbotham.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

HUBERT NOLAN VANZANT



Hubert Nolan VanZant, 91, of Hilliard, was called to Glory February 16. He was born May 24, 1927 in Kings Ferry, Florida to Henry Harrison

VanZant and Ella Marie Braddock VanZant. He was born and raised on the homestead where both his father and grandfather were born and raised. He graduated from Hilliard High School in 1945. He was a lifetime church member at Ephesus Baptist Church. He served in the US Army.

Mr. VanZant was employed with ITT Rayonier and served faithfully for 40 years from 1946-1986 when he retired. He also served on the Nassau County School Board for 28 years from 1956-1984. He was the youngest person (29-years-old) to serve in a county elected position at the time. Following his retirement, he worked full time on his farm for 50 years in timber and cattle.

Hubert is preceded in death by his parents; siblings Josie VanZant, Deborah VanZant, Howard VanZant, and Ada VanZant McKinney; the mother of his children Patricia Falana VanZant Haddock; and his second wife Patricia Thrift O'Quinn VanZant.

Hubert is survived by his sister Gladys VanZant Strucko; his children Janice (Peter) Corbin, Larry (Sue) VanZant and Catherine VanZant, all of Hilliard and Henry VanZant of Yulee; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter; a stepdaughter Chanda (Brian) Nelson; and two step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 20 at Ephesus Baptist Church, Kings Ferry with Rev. Marvin Lee officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Interment followed at Brickyard Cemetery, Kings Ferry/White Oak.

Honorary pallbearers were Dean VanZant, Nathan VanZant, Jackson Young, Gage Fossick, Ronnie Cook and David Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Community Hospice of NE Florida.

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

LOTT FAMILY THANK YOU

We are extremely grateful and appreciative to everyone for your prayers, phone calls, flowers, food and any act of kindness extended to us during the passing of our loved one, Bro. Tony Lott. We covet your prayers for our family.

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During Read Across America Week - February 25 thru March 1 - Nassau County Elementary Schools (K-5) will be partnering with First Readers of Nassau County to raise money to help promote early literacy in Nassau County by hosting PENNY WARS!



Children are asked to bring in spare change to their classrooms during the Read Across America Week. The class that collects the most money during the week will win an ice cream party!

All the funds raised will support children registered in the First Readers program. First Readers of Nassau County has been mailing a book each month to children in our community for the past three years. Since 2016, over 900 children have participated and over 13,000 books have been mailed to their homes!

Our mission is to strengthen the community by providing quality books and literacy resources for children and their families to use at home during the earliest stages of development. Research shows 61% of low-income homes do not have an age-appropriate book in the home for their children.

It is also imperative for children to be exposed to quality literature and conversation because 85% of a baby's brain development occurs before three years old.

Many of the children in Nassau County School's Pre-K program are First Readers participants. So, this fundraiser will go to help sponsor them and siblings of other students in the school system!

We would like to invite anyone in the county who would like to donate change to our Penny Wars fundraiser to give them to a child who attends one of the Pre-K-5th grade schools or drop their coins off at their local elementary school.

A HUGE "THANK YOU" to Dr. Kathy Burns, the School Board members, Kristi Simpkins, Brenda Murray, all the principals, faculty, staff and students at: Bryceville Elementary, Callahan Elementary, Callahan Intermediate and Hilliard Elementary.

Also, we would like to thank Wesley Hurlock and the Fernandina Beach VyStar Branch for helping us count all the coins and Mr. Skip at the UPS Store in Yulee for cutting our flyers!

Convoy of Hope Event Successful

Saturday, West Nassau High School was buzzing with volunteers wearing t-shirts that said, 'Kindness Crew,' and that's just what they were! They were setting up and preparing for a wonderful few hours with the people of our wonderful community! The event was hosted by the Convoy of Hope which provided groceries for everyone attending however, there were numerous volunteers, residents and churches represented that joined together to make the event a wonderful success.



Callahan Lions Club was on hand doing child IDs, which was a real hit. Probably the busiest group was from FSCJ School of Cosmetology. Guests enjoyed having a free haircut and/or a manicure. A hot dog lunch was also provided. Outside a 'kid' area was set up with bounce houses for the children, face painting, games and more. The Callahan Volunteer Fire Department and also Florida Forestry Service were on hand. Members of Mrs. Tammy Roberts' career class and the WN JROTC cadets took a huge part in making the event what it was. As people exited the track area, they were greeted by teams that had a word of prayer with them before they got their groceries and headed out! It was truly a special event with so many joining together to help others! What a wonderful community we live in!



Guests attending the event were welcomed to a guest tent where they were given information on where to go and what all was happening. As you entered the cafetorium, there was a place to have your blood pressure taken from the HOSA students at West Nassau and many other health related vendors.



Callahan Library Book Club Travel Destinations

Pick a book set in a place you have been (or a place you'd like to go!) to read and share with the Callahan Library Book Club at its next meeting to be held on Thursday, Feb. 28, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Refreshments provided. This special meeting is a program in the Library's "Around the World in 80 Days" event series. The Callahan Library is located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15, Callahan, 904-530-6500 (#3), www.nassaureads.com.



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Congratulations to Davian Williams, a senior at West Nassau, for signing his letter of intent to attend and play football at Independence Community College in Independence, Kansas.



Congratulations to Madison Armstrong, a senior at West Nassau, for signing her letter of intent to play softball at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

West Nassau High School sophomore Deebo Coleman was recently recognized for surpassing the 1,000 career points milestone while playing basketball for the Warriors. Can't wait to see what kind of future this amazing athlete is going to have! Deebo also plays football for the Warriors. Congratulations Deebo!



HHS County Weightlifting Champs



Last Wednesday, a countywide Weightlifting meet was held at West Nassau High School. The Hilliard High School Weightlifting Team came out the victor beating West Nassau, Yulee and Fernandina Beach. Shown (l to r) are: Coach Jason Collins, Tyler Browning (kneeling) back row-left Josh Johnson, Anthony Holland, Gage Fossick, Huntley Moore, Chance Morgan, and Nicholas Bieker; front row- Nate Dowling, Cade Johns, Cole Johns, Chas Bryant and Landon Conner. Not pictured Dusty Williams



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