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"EVEN YOUTHS GROW TIRED AND WEARY, AND YOUNG MEN STUMBLE AND FALL; BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT." - ISAIAH 40:31

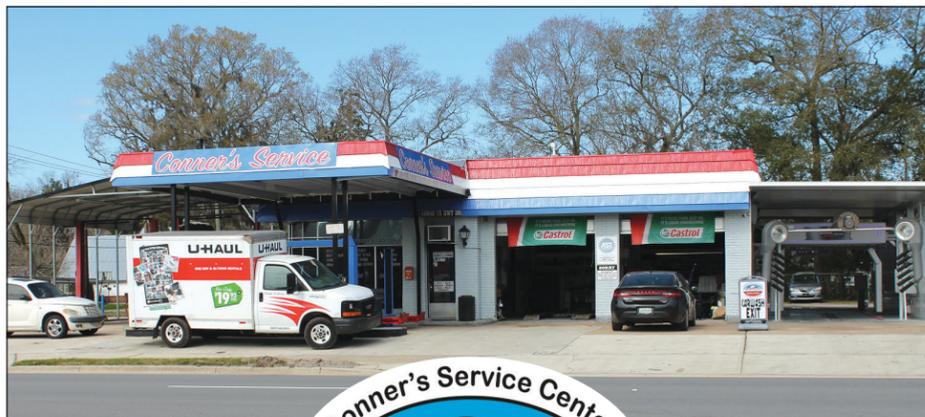
Conner's Service Center to Hold Grand Re-Opening Saturday

Dawn S. West

Anyone that has lived in Callahan any amount of time is familiar with Conner's Service Center. Well, back in the day when my family moved to Callahan (1964) there were only about three service stations open and Conner's Amoco (at that time) was one of them. The owner, Robert Conner, was a friend to all and was passionate about the 'service' you received at his station. Robert and his wife Dorothy owned the station and I think Robert stayed there 24/7. Not only did he care about his community but he also cared about the young students around town. He hired many of them, including his own son Robbie, to come to the station and work after school. He taught these young men how to work and how to be a productive part of their community. Robert also found time to serve as an EMT on the ambulance service in town. Robert unexpectedly passed away in May 2016.

Conner's Service Center, located on the corner of US 301 and Green Street in Callahan, was taken over by his son Robbie. "It hasn't been easy to go on without Daddy being here. He was always here. That was probably the biggest struggle," said Robbie. "This station was his life and heart! He loved Callahan, as do I, and loved serving the people here."

This Saturday, Conner's Service Center will hold a Grand Re-opening Celebration to introduce their new drive-thru Car Wash. The celebration will be held from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. with free hot dogs, chips and drinks and a tour of the center and car wash area. The car wash will be open and operating. Conner's Service Center owns all the property from Booth Street over to the Dixie Motel. "The extra property gave us room to finish clearing off the area to place our U-Haul trucks there," added



Robbie. "It also gave us extra room to pave an area to drive-thru and extra space to add vacuums."

Patrons for the Car Wash will enter off of Booth Street (between Conner's and Conviva) at the rear of the station. There will be a stop area to clean off bugs if necessary before entering the car wash. There will be 3 choices of washes for \$14, \$10 and \$8. You choose the one you want and can pay with cash or credit cards. Directions will be over the loud speaker of what to do next. Just follow the directions. If you wish to vacuum your car, you turn to the left and do it; if not, you can drive directly out onto US 301 or turn left and go out the way you came in.



Conner's will also be offering local businesses a pick up and return service that would include: any services on your vehicle (oil changes, brake job, air conditioning, transmissions, etc.); or

car wash and hand detail. The car wash will be open 24/7 and a completely new security system complete with cameras has been added all around the center for safety purposes. For more information you can call 879-3459. Robbie is happy to have some of the familiar faces people know and a reliable group of people taking care of your vehicle: Pam Childers, Office Receptionist; Gene 'Headhunter' Croy, Manager; and Daniel Kirchens and Justin Croy, Mechanics.

Robbie and his wife Bettina have been hard at work sprucing up the center. There was a lot that needed to be done and Robbie sends accolades to Harry Pittman, Richard Young, Farris Melton and Manny! "None of this could have been done without these people stepping up and helping out! We have put a fresh coat of paint on the inside and updated our bathroom. Of course, the bays have been completely cleaned along with adding some new lifts outside," said Robbie. "The Car Wash is a great addition to the center."



Robbie and Robert

It is a state-of-the-art touchless system. I did a lot of research and felt this was the one that would work best."

Hamp Conner, Robbie's 10-year-old son, was responsible for designing the new logo for the station and did a great job. In the office, there are t-shirts available for purchase, with the logo on them. Hamp is really proud of his creation! It won't be too long before we see him up there working!



Conner's Service Center is truly your one stop shop! You can get your vehicle picked up from your office, have the oil changed, car washed and detailed and brought right back to your office. It's all about convenience and time. Conner's also offers Veterans, Military and First Responders discounts.

So don't forget to stop by Conner's Service Center this Saturday for the Grand Re-opening Celebration from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be giveaways throughout the day!



Hamp and Robbie

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Last week was a rough weather week for us with all rain. The days were gloomy and chilly and the rains came down. Yes, we are so blessed compared to other parts of the United States who were under blizzard and heavy snow conditions. We are blessed to live in Florida and that's why we choose to live here! We have some cold, rain and lots of sunshine! I was so excited for Saturday to come because the forecast was to be sunny all day and it was. After sleeping in a little, we enjoyed our coffee on the porch sitting in the sun watching all the birds in and out of the birdfeeder. I gulped my coffee down, changed clothes and came back out to work outside! My heart was happy!

Those days are great days to reflect on God's goodness to us. We need the rain and He provides. We (I) need a break from the normal...He provides. What an awesome God we serve. I say this to remind us (me included) that God remains in control. We are in some changing times in our world but I need to remember that God is bigger than the world he created. Many times it's easy for me to let the problems of the world overtake my mind rather than relying on the things of God, which is much more pleasing. Instead of being problem-centered try being God-centered...it sure makes life sweeter!

A Word From the Publisher



I am reminded of my childhood and what awesome days those were. I know it was probably difficult for my parents with five young children but we never knew it. Believe it or not, we didn't have cell phones, iPads or computers. We were outside ninety-nine percent of the time. We had rules and we followed them. If not, we got spankings...yep with a belt or switch! Yikes! That was never a pleasant experience however we learned from that. While doing the story on Conner's Service Center, I was reminded of walking up to the station many times (by myself). I guess I just

went to see Robert and get a piece of candy then go through the neighborhood. I, pretty much, enjoyed visiting with people even way back then. The funny thing, I can still hear my mama's whistle or yell when it was time to come home, and that was that. I did!

What fun times we had. I can remember playing 'war' in the back yard with Gus and his friends. I don't think he let me play many times because I couldn't make the right sound of a bomb exploding! Ha ha! We rode our bikes all over the place. As we grew up, if we wanted a vehicle, we had to pay for it...as to why I didn't get a car until I was a senior. In fact, I walked (yep) to school with Daddy (he was the Dean) most of my senior year in high school. Fast forward several years, as the older siblings graduated and began working I also learned from them. My parents gave two options upon graduation: go to college and they would help pay for it; or get a job and gave us some money. There weren't too many options, which

was great. There was no gray area, choose option 1 or 2.

The most important memory of growing up was our home was centered on Christ! Each meal was held at the kitchen table and began with a blessing, Sunday morning and evenings were at church and that was that. We all attended youth activities, yes they had youth activities back then. Daddy was a deacon and Mom sang in the choir. I can still remember seeing her 'giving me the look' from the choir when I was talking in church. Saturdays were spent at the beach with the car loaded with PB&J sandwiches, Chek drinks and children! I'm so thankful for godly parents and influence they continue to have in my life. What a blessed child I was to have such an awesome childhood.

I share these thoughts to remind us that we can take a step back and remember to enjoy the simpler things in life. God has provided such a beautiful place to enjoy that we so many times take for granted. As the world is concerned, we must do our part to stand up for our convictions but remember to keep God as the forefront of our thoughts! God remains on his throne and in total control!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

In the Kitchen...

Earthquake Cake

- 1 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 1/2 cup coconut
- 1 pkg. German chocolate cake mix

- 1 stick margarine
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 (8 oz.) cream cheese

Spray sheet cake pan with Pam. Sprinkle nuts and coconut in bottom of pan. Mix cake mix according to directions and pour over nuts and coconut. Mix margarine, confectioners' sugar and cream cheese. Drop by spoonfuls over cake and bake at 350° until done.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

West Nassau County High School Advisory Council Organization Meeting will be held Thursday, March 4 at 4:30 p.m. in the media center; social distancing will be observed.

QUIT SMOKING! Free Tools to Quit Tobacco Classes in Nassau County! Free 4-week supply of nicotine patches, gum and lozenges. Wed., March 24, from 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Barnabas Center Fernandina, 1303 Jasmine Street, Suite 101. To register call, AHEC at (904) 482-0189.



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Letters to the Editor



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Thank you Nassau County!



Dear Editor,
I wanted to send a personal thank you to all the Veterans organizations, Businesses, Clubs and individual citizens of Nassau County. A letter was published last week from John Page, a friend of our program, explaining a recent funding cut that was affecting sending 33 cadets to a summer leadership program. Response to the article has been amazing resulting in several businesses, organizations and individual citizens sending donations that ensured all 33 cadets would be able to attend. These donations came from Callahan, Hilliard, Bryceville, Yulee and Fernandina Beach. This truly was a countywide response to support our cadets.

I always knew we lived in a special community, who comes together to help those in need and usually, our cadets are on the helping side. I wish I could express the gratitude and excitement that was felt when I told our cadets they would all be able attend. The best I can do is share a truly heartfelt THANK YOU!

Col. Kline and the West Nassau HS AFJROTC Cadets

Highest Praise for NCCOA!

Dear Editor,
I would like to publicly recognize and thank the Nassau County Council on Aging for their outstanding staff and teamwork, especially in Hilliard. I am a 68-year-old caregiver for my 87-year-old mother. My mother suffers from Parkinson's, dementia, and the resulting mobility issues. I had a heart attack and several strokes 15 months ago. Linda Rogers, my mother's Case Manager, has been a Godsend to us.

We were worried about getting the COVID vaccines - how? Where? How long would the wait be, and would we have to stand in a line for hours? We had heard about these things in other areas. Well, before I even started calling around to find out, Linda called me!

She had already scheduled our vaccinations to be done at the fairgrounds in Callahan!

She met us at the door. We were taken right in with no waiting and no lines either time! No complicated process, nothing to worry about at all! Linda made it the best experience possible!

Linda and her staff are seriously committed to their clients. They really care about us, and want to help in any way they can.

Melinda Hinds is the COA Home Health Provider for my mother. She assists with bathing and personal hygiene. She engages Mama in conversation, keeps a diligent eye out for changes, and is personable as well as professional.

I have nothing but the highest praise for Linda and her staff in Hilliard. They provide an invaluable service, for which we are truly grateful. Thank you, NCCOA!

Kathi Atwater Turner

Thank you!

Dear Editor,
A Valentine's Day 'thank you' to the couple that recently got married and treated us to breakfast at The Pig for our 61 years of marriage! It was wonderful to briefly meet them. We wish they had stayed around and visited with us. What a sweet thing to do and we will always remember their kindness and happy wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

I thought I would share a letter U.S. Representative John Rutherford sent me in response to my concerns of H.R. 127. We should all remain vigilant as to what is going on in Washington and contact our elected officials that work for us.

Dear Mr. West,

Thank you for your contacting me about H.R. 127, the Sabika Sheikh Firearm Licensing and Registration Act. I appreciate you taking the time to share with me your thoughts on this important matter.

The right of every American citizen to keep and bear arms is enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. I am a strong supporter of the Second Amendment. As a former sheriff, I have seen how law-abiding citizens have used legal firearms to stop dangerous people from harming themselves, their families, their neighbors, and other innocent people. It is important that gun owners' rights are not infringed upon by the federal government.

While we must ensure criminals do not gain access to firearms, we must do so in a way that does not burden law-abiding citizens with ineffective laws and regulations that overstep the rights of legal gun owners. As you may know, H.R. 127 was introduced by Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-

18) on January 4, 2021. This bill would create a federal firearm registry to be maintained by the Attorney General in coordination with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

Please know that I oppose any form of a national registry for firearms. As your Representative in Congress, I am committed to preserving the Second Amendment rights of all Americans and will continue to advocate for policies that help strengthen safety in our communities without infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens. I will be certain to keep your thoughts in mind should any legislation pertaining to firearms come before me for a vote.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me. It is my hope that you will continue to keep me apprised of your thoughts on legislative issues important to you. Please also consider signing up for my e-newsletter by visiting my website at rutherford.house.gov, so that I may keep you updated regarding legislation, events, and other information you may find useful.

I don't always agree with Rutherford, however on this item we are in solid agreement. This assault on our 2nd Amendment rights has to be stopped.

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

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Monotony is the death of wonder. Monotony will lead to boredom. Do you agree with those two assertions? I hope not. Monotony can reveal how jaded and ungrateful we are, but monotony does not lead to boredom. Think about this from the perspective of what it was like to be a child. When we were young, we had a sense of wonder that a door would open. When we got a little bit older, we needed a dragon to be behind the door to give us a sense of wonder. So, in the beginning of our lives, we found wonder in the real world. As we progressed, we needed to behold wonder from the realm of imagination. This is not progress. My kids used to say to me: "do it again" or "just one more time." They were not bored. They still had the capacity to find wonder in the monotony. When was the last time you cried out one more time for anything?

I am not just ranting; I am reflecting on why wonder is essential for our lives. I am meditating on Psalm 92:4-5, "For you have made me rejoice, Lord, by what you have done; I will shout for joy because of the work of your hands. How magnificent are your works, Lord, how profound are your thoughts." I was gripped by these words and I decided to try them out of my mile ride home from work. This was an exercise in wonder.

I got up and I walked to my car. My body parts all worked and I did not collapse to the ground and my life was sustained as I walked to the car. I put a key in the ignition and the engine started. I have no idea how wires, gasoline, tires, sparks and cylinders make me get from point A to be B, but it did. I got onto a paved road that was a wonder in itself. How do tar and gravel and an asphalt crew made a road like this? I turned onto a dirt road and I thought about how dirt was hauled in and rearranged in order to make a road to drive on. I met cars on the road that stayed in their lane and did not kill me by hitting me head on. I saw trees on the journey. How did those seeds become giant pine trees? Nobody ever went and watered them, they just sprang up. I pushed a button inside my car and the gate opened to let me in the driveway. I have no idea how that worked. The sun was out, like every other day. My health held up as I exited the car and entered into the house. Once I was in the house, I was greeted by the family that God has graciously given me. These are just the highlights of the one-mile commute. There is nothing boring about this. Slow down and meditate on the wonder of God's works. His world is full of wonder.

CHURCH NEWS

KIDZ Jam Adventure! Friendship Alliance Church, Callahan! Wednesday nights through March 10, 6:30 - 8 p.m. All children ages 5 and up are welcome! For more information call 879-1907 or email Kidz@FriendshipCMA.org.

Hilliard First Assembly of God will host Encounter Worship Circle on Sat., March 13 from 6-8 p.m. The church is located north of the Hilliard Winn Dixie at 550920 US Highway 1. For more information call 845-2642.

CES Warriors of the Month



Pictured are the Callahan Elementary School Warriors of the Month for January. Their character trait for the month of January was Citizenship. Students were chosen by doing their part to make our school, community and the world a better place!

Bandy Receives 2021 Champion of Professionalism Award

On January 12, Ms. Rebecca Bandy, Director of the Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism was awarded the 2021 Champion of Professionalism Award presented by Ita M. Neymotin, Regional Counsel for The Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel for the Second District Court of Appeal. This award was



created by Regional Counsel, Second District, in 2019 to recognize an individual who has shown exemplary professionalism and ethical qualities in his/her work environment and in his/her interactions with the other members in the legal profession, as well as community partners. Ita M. Neymotin hosted the annual Champion of Professionalism Award ceremony (by Zoom). In attendance were distinguished speakers and guests including judges and elected officials. Friends and family members of Ms. Bandy were

also in attendance at this event. During the award ceremony, all the speakers had wonderful things to say about Rebecca.

Rebecca currently lives in Tallahassee where she is the Director of the Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism at the Florida Bar. She is the daughter of Mitchell L. Bandy of Hilliard; and

Steve Wingate and the late Charlotte (Cheshire) Wingate, formerly of Callahan and Hilliard. She is a 1994 graduate of Hilliard Middle/Senior High School. Rebecca is active in her church, is a community volunteer at an area elementary school, and she has supported causes including the March of Dimes, Epilepsy Association of the Big Bend, the Holocaust Education Resource Council (HERC), the Kearney Center, and Honor Flight Tallahassee. Congratulations Rebecca!

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The month of February is widely recognized as Career and Technical Education Month® by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) as an opportunity to celebrate the value, achievements and accomplishments of programs across the country. Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ), along with the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and its 28 Florida College System institutions and 48 technical colleges, will celebrate by sharing the stories of their students who have successfully graduated from Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs into rewarding careers.

“At FSCJ, our students receive the highest quality of instruction from instructors who are industry professionals, which is an incredible benefit to graduates as they prepare to enter the workforce,” said College President John Avendano, Ph.D. “Each of our short-term programs were carefully developed for students who are ready to advance their career or step into a new one in a year or less.”

In September, FDOE launched its workforce education initiative Get There, aimed at raising awareness of short-term career and technical education programs and highlighting \$35 million in funding made available to state and technical colleges in the form of rapid credentialing grants. These grants were designed to increase Florida’s capacity to enroll and graduate students quickly and to aid in accelerated recovery for residents and the economy. “CTE Month provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the great work of our school districts and state colleges as they educate and help to prepare the future of Florida’s workforce,” said Chancellor for Career, Technical and Adult Education Henry Mack. “With the pandemic impacting the lives of many residents, there is no better time to highlight how CTE can

make a difference. CTE is equal parts engaging, exciting and transformative, and leads to better academic and employment outcomes.”

The current disruption has propelled the demand for CTE programs as many Floridians seeking reemployment are looking for opportunities to match their current skill sets to demand from employers. While the pandemic sparked a renewed focus on the importance of CTE, there are also opportunities to reach beyond those impacted and educate all Floridians about educational offerings available in the state.

“With CTE, there is something and somewhere for every Floridian,” shared Chancellor of the Florida College System Kathy Hebda. “No matter age, ethnicity, educational background or employment and financial circumstance, we are committed to each student’s success and future, all while ensuring a talented workforce for our great state.”

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“As a working mom of four boys, pursuing a college degree is no easy feat. FSCJ has offered the support and convenience needed for me to be successful,” said FSCJ Student Shameeka Clark. “Knowing that education is the key to change any circumstance, I hope my experience can inspire others to work toward achieving their goals, too.”

Floridians can learn more about CTE and workforce training programs available locally at <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/short-term-programs>.

BEHIND THE BADGE: Phil Davis

Inmate Work Crew Supervisor



“I work for the Nassau County Sheriff’s Office as the Inmate Work Crew Supervisor. I work the Sheriff’s inmate work crew out of the jail,” said Davis.

Phil has one of those infectious laughs that just makes you feel good to hear it. He’s one of a kind around the department. Phil was retired, but realized quickly that retirement wasn’t for him, yet! Sheriff Leeper visited him at home a couple of times asking if he could help in this department. “I told him I’d do it and it’s been one of the best things I ever did,” added Phil.

Davis works with the inmates in the jail who qualify to work outside of the detention facility. In doing that, he

becomes a listening ear.

“They (inmates) tell me their stories and they’re all pretty sad. I try hard to try to show them what I know about life, how they ought to be acting, what they’re doing wrong. I think sometimes it gets through, sometimes it don’t. When you work with somebody four days a week for a year, 10 hours a day, they’re all the time telling you about their situations, their problems, their problems at home. You’re giving advice constantly on maybe what they should do, what they shouldn’t do and teaching them,” continued Davis. “I get some that have never done anything, never worked, never had a job. They come to me and it’s so rewarding to see them start doing things. They’re amazed. They’re just plum amazed when they learn how to run a weed-eater, as simple as that seems. Then they get on a mower and they can actually mow. It’s very rewarding for me. I’m just glad I’m able to do that.”

Phil volunteered as the NCSO Santa at the Santa with a Badge event! He volunteers a lot of his time. He’s not a sworn employee but he shows that civilian employees are just as special and valuable. NCSO is lucky to have Phil!

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Paternal grandparents are Connie Canaday of Hilliard and the late Kenny Canaday.

Maternal grandparents are LeeAnn Hutchinson of Hilliard and the late Doug Hutchinson.

Proud great-grandmother is Bonnie McInturff of Hilliard.



Happy 1st Birthday Truett Lee Nelms

Truett Nelms celebrated his first birthday February 12, 2021. He celebrated his special milestone with a party held in his honor with his big sister Marlee and lots of family and friends joining in the fun! His proud parents are Johnny and Amber Nelms of Callahan!

Proud grandparents are Keith and Cindy Russ of Callahan; and John and Melanie Nelms of Jacksonville.

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Buy your tickets now to support the Agriculture Program at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School and you could win a whole hog, processed as you'd like. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$20. Tickets are available for purchase from the school or at the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, Callahan, 879-4180. The drawing is Monday, March 1.



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WNHS Boys Basketball Win Again!

The West Nassau High School Warriors hosted Paxon High School Tuesday night and came out the victor! The entire game was close as each team fought for the win! In the last seconds of the game, Paxon took a 3-point shot, however the referees ruled the shot was after the buzzer. The Warriors held on to win the game, 53-51. The Warriors will now advance to the Regional Championship hosting Marianna this Friday at 7 p.m. Tickets are sold online only and are limited. Go Warriors!



Nassau County Operation Greenlight

Do you have outstanding traffic tickets, or criminal fines and fees in collections with Nassau County?

The Nassau County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller's office announces participation in Operation Greenlight, a state-wide initiative to help our citizens save while clearing their accounts with Clerk's offices. This special one-week program will be held March 1-5, 2021 in Nassau County.

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FSCJ's Culinary Management Program Receives Accreditation



Florida State College at Jacksonville's (FSCJ) Culinary Management Associate in Science (A.S.) degree program was recently identified as "Exemplary" and accredited by the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation's Accrediting Commission (ACFEFAC) through 2026. To qualify as Exemplary, a program must be confirmed in full compliance with ACFEF standards. Through a comparison to nationally recognized ACFEF standards, an evaluation team determined that the program had substantially met all eight required areas: Eligibility, Program Mission and Goals, Organization and Administration, Faculty and Staff, Curriculum, Facilities, Student Services and Assessment.

"We are so proud of our entire Culinary and Hospitality Management team, including our students who inspire us through their work and the dedicated faculty and staff who share their passion

and knowledge for the culinary arts," said College President John Avendano, Ph.D. "I am continually impressed by the high-level of cuisine and service this team of students and instructors provides and am pleased they have received this well-deserved honor."

FSCJ's A.S. in Culinary Management educates, trains and develops students for employment in production line and supervisory positions in the culinary arts industry. Student competencies are developed through theory, laboratory and retail restaurant experience and in their work in the College's simulated restaurant environment, Cafe Frisch, and culinary internships in local restaurant and hotel kitchens.

For more information on FSCJ's Culinary Management A.S. program, visit: fscj.edu/academics/areas-of-study/culinary-arts-hospitality/culinary-management-as.



Westside Regional Park Informational Meeting March 4



The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Community Meeting Thursday, March 4 at 6 p.m. at the multi-purpose building in Callahan. A conceptual plan will be presented to residents concerning the Westside Regional Park located on US Highway 1 north of Pratt Siding Road. This park will be constructed with the ideas of residents so your attendance is important if you care about what kind of park it will (or can) be. This is the planning stage so public input is encouraged.

Citizen feedback will be used to establish the Goals, Objectives, and Statement of Intent and will guide the design solution created for the park. What amenities and features would you like to see included in this park? Please take this opportunity at the upcoming

meeting to get involved!

The Westside Regional Park is located on the west side of US 1, beginning at the intersection of US 1 and Pratt Siding Road and is approximately 110 +/- acres. The County is currently under contract with Prosser, Inc. for the first phase of the Westside Regional Park project which includes master site planning, programming and design for the full site. Community input will help create the design.



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Barnabas Receives Non-profit Business of the Year Award



The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce awarded Barnabas Center the Nonprofit Business of the Year. Wanda Lanier, President and CEO of Barnabas accepted the award on behalf of Barnabas Center.

The purpose of the chamber awards is to highlight individuals and businesses who work hard to provide important services to the Nassau County community. Barnabas extends its appreciation to those who continue to support its mission to provide help and hope to the many people in need in our community, especially throughout the coronavirus crisis.

Maureen Paschke, Barnabas board member, nominated Barnabas Center for the Nonprofit of the Year Award. "Barnabas has been and continues to be a lifeline for vulnerable Nassau residents," said Paschke. "As people struggle to maintain their quality of life during this unanticipated and extraordinary national crisis, Barnabas is keeping them afloat as they navigate income loss, health concerns, food insecurity and economic strife."



Barnabas Center is Nassau County's only comprehensive service organization that addresses critical issues of access to affordable health care, hunger and homeless prevention for individuals and families with incomes at 200 percent or below the Federal Poverty Level. Its programs collectively address the short- and long-term needs of individuals and families in crisis so they can become healthy, productive citizens, thereby strengthening the entire community.

For more information about Barnabas' programs, please visit: www.BarnabasNassau.org.

2021 Railroad Day Festival Planned for April 17

The West Nassau Historical Society has selected Saturday, April 17, for their signature fundraising Railroad Day Festival. The all-volunteer nonprofit's 16th Annual celebration is an all-day event held in and around the historic 1881 Callahan Train Depot and adjoining 1856 Florida Railroad bed. This year's event will include a commemoration of Florida's 200th anniversary of becoming a US territory. Other photos and maps of interest will be on display inside the museum of local history section of the 140-year old wooden train station.

The arts/crafts vendors and food vendors will be open from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The kids' area will include Joel Pace hands-on music zoo and Hobo scavenger hunt. Local live entertainment will perform on the main depot stage. The Callahan Cruisers will host a Classic Car Show at Cochrane's Collision Center next door to the depot. Various citizens and sponsors will be honored and car show and contest winners announced during the festivities. Antique engines, tractors, and scaled trains will be exhibited

outside the depot while model train layouts will be on display inside the Depot Annex. This is an outdoor event so please bring your lawn chairs. COVID-19 guidelines that are in place during April will be followed.

The West Nassau Historical Society is an all-volunteer non-profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to the preservation of Nassau County's rich and diverse history and entrusted with the upkeep of the historic Callahan Train Depot. Donations to the 501c3 organization are tax deductible in accordance to current IRS rules. Sponsors and volunteers are needed to help make this year's festival a success. For additional information, visit www.wnhsfl.org or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, vendor, sponsor, member, or donor call festival co-chairs John Hendricks or Emily Baumgartner at 904-879-3406.



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PHILLIP C. HIGGINBOTHAM



Phillip Curtis Higginbotham, 71, of Bryceville, went home to be with the Lord on February 20, 2021. Phillip was born on June 23, 1949 in Jacksonville, to the late Robert Lee and Georgia Burney Higginbotham. As a US Army Veteran, Phillip served in Korea in the A Battery 1st Target Acquisition Battalion 25th Artillery from 1969-1970. Through his adult years, Phillip pursued a mechanical career retiring from Publix in 2019. Phillip enjoyed a lifetime of salt and freshwater fishing as well as hunting year-round. He loved his family, fried fish, baked beans and French fries. Phillip was a faithful, joyful Christian and witness of Christ for more than four decades; serving St. George Church of God the last 20 plus years of his life. Phillip's Christian leadership, love, smile and joy will be missed by his children and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife Cynthia Marcel; siblings Albert Lee, Mildred Georgia Smith, Andrew Jackson, Lois Catherine Ammons, Mary Jane Higginbotham, Edna Mae Turbeville and Albert Lee Higginbotham; and grandchildren Melissa Raulerson and Lowell Stanley.

Phillip is survived by his wife, Hellon Higginbotham; children Tony (Stephanie) Higginbotham, Cheryl Hendrix, Dot (Steve) Raulerson, Vickie (Herbert) Schmick and Michael Lee (Diane) Stanley; siblings Francis Hazelbell Richardson, Franklin Edward Higginbotham and Winifred Elaine Higginbotham; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Phillip's life will be held Thursday, February 25 at 10 a.m. at St. George Church of God, Highway 94 East Street, St. George, Georgia with Rev. Grady Albritton officiating. Interment will follow at Jones Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 24 from 5-7 p.m. at the church.

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

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

OBITUARIES

JACKIE SCOTT HOLTON



Jackie Scott Holton, 80, of Hilliard, passed away on February 17, 2021. He was born in Dehue, West Virginia to the late Bernard Kenton Holton from Dehue, West Virginia and Ruby Elizabeth Rutherford of Leyburn, Nebraska.

He loved to deer hunt and fish. He started his own hunting camp in Georgia with the help of many good friends and this became a second home and family to him. Although Jack loved to hunt and fish, he was an excellent mechanic. He worked as a mechanic for Nimnicht Chevrolet before becoming a Master Mechanic for the Auchter Company, where he worked for approximately 10 years before he moved on to become head of the maintenance yard at Johnson Crane Service where he retired. In retirement, he continued to enjoy his hunting, made two trips to Africa and a trip to Alaska. Jack was a kind and generous person. He was always looking at the good side of people.

He is preceded in death by his second wife Cheryl Millner Holton; his brother Darrell (Toad) Holton; his three sisters Iris Higginbotham, Jane Miller and Patty Ann Powers; his son Jackie Holton, Jr.; and his grandson John Kilgore, Jr.

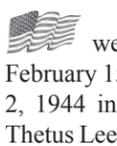
He is survived by his two daughters Lisa Holton and Sherrie (Eddie) Hall and Bobby Holton (regarded as a son); brother Cecil (Carol) Holton; his first wife Erma Holton; three stepdaughters Jeri (Mike) VanZant, Donna (Mike) Kirkus and Dawn Williams; two granddaughters Brooke (Clif) Geiger and Kinley Hall; five step-grandchildren, Erica VanZant (James) Lloyd, Jessica VanZant (Tyler) Geiger, Ciara Chapman (David) Penland and Cheyenne Carroll (Robert) Mencner, Wyatt (Jessalyn) Williams, and Harlee Williams; one great-granddaughter Bexlee Geiger; two great-step-grandsons Nolan Mencner and David Vincent Penland, IV; and two more great-granddaughters on the way.

The family will receive friends Thursday, February 25 from 5-6 p.m. prior to the memorial service at 6 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

JAMES THETUS PARSONS



James Thetus Parsons, 77, went home to be with the Lord on February 15, 2021. James was born January 2, 1944 in Etowah, Tennessee to the late Thetus Lee and Essie Alene Cornette. James was honorably discharged from the United States Navy in 1972. While serving in the U.S. Navy, he received many achievements including his most favorable the title of USS Navy Diver. James was a man that wore many hats. He was a Florida Forest Ranger, Deputy Sheriff in his hometown, and then went on to pursue a career and retire from the United States Postal Service. James met and married the love of his life, Jo Ann Sims in 1963. James and Jo Ann had three children; Donna Elaine Parsons, James Christopher Parsons and Sharon Faith Parsons Davis. James was a great Papa to his many grandchildren.

The family received friends Monday, February 22 at Nassau Funeral Home. A celebration of James's life was held Tuesday, February 23, also at the funeral home. Interment followed at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

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

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MARGARET ANN WARREN



Ms. Margaret Ann Warren, 79, of Jacksonville, passed away Sunday, February 21, 2021. She was born in Jacksonville to the late Avery T. and Iva Lee (Jones) Green, Sr. Ms. Warren was a longtime homemaker, caring for and raising her family until she went to work as a registrar for the Northeast Florida Safety Council in Jacksonville, where she was employed until her retirement. She was an exceptional cook and enjoyed cooking for her family. Known to have a giving nature, Ms. Warren enjoyed sharing with others, whether it be providing a meal, sharing her time and love, or assisting financially whenever she could. She enjoyed attending Hope for Life Baptist church, where she was a member. Gathering together with her siblings for "brothers and sisters" luncheons was especially enjoyable for her. Ms. Warren loved attending concerts and dinner theatre at Alhambra in Jacksonville. She especially loved spending time with her family, most especially her grand and great-

grandchildren.

She is survived by her children Ann (Darren) Huffty of Jacksonville, Alex (Linda) Warren of Baldwin, Douglas (Angela) Warren of Jacksonville and Bruce (Lucretia "Scooter") Warren of Bryceville; grandchildren Jamie Phillips, Sedona Huffty, Hilary Berry, Amber Stepp, Andrew Dove, Mathew Dove, Nathaniel Dove, Nathan Warren, Erica Rosario, Jake Warren and Alexis Warren; 20 great-grandchildren; sisters Donna (Larry) Bruce and Lorraine Chapman; and brothers Avery T. (Jennie Lou) Green, Jr. and Lonnie (Juanita) Green; and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister Linda Graham.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 27 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Callahan with Rev. Billy Bray officiating. Interment will follow at Brandy Branch Cemetery in Bryceville. The family will receive friends Friday, February 26 at 6-8 p.m. in the chapel of Warren Funeral Services in Baldwin.

Please leave online condolences at www.warrenfuneralservices.com.

Warren Funeral Services of Baldwin is honored to serve the Warren Family.

SUSAN JOHNSON WRIGHT



Susan Gail Johnson Wright, 63, of Hilliard, passed away February 17, 2021, leaving to mourn family and friends. She was born October 8, 1957 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Susan was a US Army Veteran who served our county with the utmost pride. Susan was always a strong woman of faith in the Lord and always had a heart full of love. She would go out of her way to ensure she helped someone before herself. She will be missed by all she touched but forgotten by none.

She was preceded in death by her father Bobby Johnson; mother Nancy Brown; her brother Bobby Wayne Johnson; and a sister Linda Johnson.

Susan is survived by her husband Randy Wright; her son Joseph Wright; stepson Kevin Wright; grandson Kaiden Wright; her brother Michael Johnson; sister Tammy Brown; and stepmother Betty Johnson.

A funeral mass will be held on Monday, March 1, from 10-10:30 a.m. at the VFW Post 10095, 37965 Eastwood Road, Hilliard. A funeral service will be held Monday, March 1 at 11:30 a.m. at Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Road. A reception will follow at VFW Post 10095 in Hilliard at 1 p.m.

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This Sunday, February 28, there will be a joint celebration of the lives of two brothers, Dale & Phillip Guess. The celebration will take place at Ewing Park starting at 1 p.m. in the pavilion in the back. Guests are welcome to bring a covered dish, but in lieu of flowers donations can be made to help the family with final arrangements.

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Keep Nassau Beautiful celebrates Arbor Day by Distributing 500 Trees



More than 40 volunteers assisted in the three drive-through events held in Fernandina Beach, Callahan, and Yulee. The volunteers provided 180 hours of service to load trees into vehicles for safe travel to their new homes in Nassau County.

Liberty Landscape Supply of Fernandina Beach sourced the seven species of trees, cared for them until their scheduled distribution date, and delivered the trees to each of the three distribution locations. Many residents commented on the quality of the trees noting their size and health as superb.

Florida Arbor Day is celebrated annually on the third Friday in January. In 2021 Keep Nassau Beautiful (KNB) celebrated the day with their second annual Adopt-A-Tree project. During the inaugural event in 2020 KNB distributed more than 340 free trees to Nassau County residents. The goal for the 2021 project was increased to distribute 500 free trees to Nassau County residents. Residents responded enthusiastically and reserved all 500 trees in advance!

To ensure the safety of participants and volunteers KNB utilized an on-line educational program and tree species reservation process. Residents were asked to view a video recorded by Rebecca Jordi, former Nassau County Extension Director and certified arborist, to learn about proper planting and maintenance of trees



in the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone for Nassau County. UF/IFAS Tree Specification Sheets were provided via an on-line link for the initial seven species of trees available through the event. After viewing the educational video and the tree specification sheets, residents used an on-line form to reserve their preferred species of one or two trees from those available at the time of their reservation. Residents had the option of picking up their trees from three locations in Nassau County on subsequent Saturdays in January.

Lodge, individual donors, and our many hearty volunteers,” said Kelley McCarter, KNB Board Member and Adopt-A-Tree Project Chair.

With on-going support from the community for an annual Florida Arbor Day event, Keep Nassau Beautiful plans to continue the Adopt-A-Tree project in 2022 to help off-set the loss of trees in Nassau County due to development, weather events, and age. If you would like to learn more, donate, or to register for notification of the next Adopt-A-Tree event call 904-261-0165.

Remember to Pray for Our Troops

The Westside Journal would like to pay tribute to all the brave servicemen and women. Please take time to remember each of these service members in your daily prayers.



Gabriel Albert (Hawaii), Jewel Rene Barron (Virginia), Timothy Beasley (Cuba), Cody Beaver (Virginia), Jessica Bell (Hawaii), Chad E. Black (South Carolina), Kevin & Brooke Blanton (Georgia), Sgt. Caleb Bohannon (Oklahoma), Israel Marcos Bonilla (Missouri), Derek Borden, Benjamin Black (Iraq), Hunter Brannon (Africa), Conrad Braawn (Afghanistan), Ryan Brooks (Connecticut), John Brookshire (North Carolina), Aaron Brown (Japan), Branden Brown (USS Nimitz), Anthony Broekema (Virginia), Ethan Bulford, (Virginia), Calen Burnette (North Carolina), Thomas W. Burnette (North Carolina), Ahmad Butler (Japan), Brayden Lamar Carroll (North Carolina), Allen L. Carter (Alaska), John Coltrane (NAS Jax), Scott Cooper, Dustin Corum (California), Trevor Corum (Nebraska), Charlie I. D. Cox (South Korea), Quinn Coxwell (Georgia), Gavin Crews (Germany), Tison J. Crews (Korea), Charles 'CJ' Cribbs, III (Washington, DC), Dennis L. Davis II (Alabama), Joshua M. 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God Bless our Troops!

Congratulations NCSO New Hires and Promotions



Congratulations to the Nassau County Sheriff's Department newest promoted members: Deputy Jennifer Hires to Detention Sergeant; Sgt. Joy Edgy to Detention Lieutenant; and Lt. Kay Lynn Crews to Captain of Courts and Corrections.



Also a warm welcome to the newest members of NCSO: Aaron Johnson, H. Lee Holmberg, Daemon Barnes, Marco Aragon, Devin Spivey and Scott Millan.

Callahan and Hilliard Partnering for Fireworks Workshop Held

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council and some members of the Callahan Town Council met last Thursday night for a workshop to discuss fireworks. Members of the NE FL Fair Association were also present for input concerning fireworks at the fairgrounds. Hilliard has been doing fireworks on July 4th for several years; Callahan has been doing fireworks prior to New Years for the past 3 years.

The workshop gave each of the members a chance to discuss partnering together to have one big fireworks show possibly at the fairgrounds. It's a neutral spot for each and definitely plenty of room for a community

gathering. Several ideas were discussed from different members from: Where to have it? What date? Parking? Adding a Festival? It was a great gathering of people joining ideas. The consensus of the group was to try for July 3, 2021 at the fairgrounds. The final thought was that a couple of members, along with a couple of residents meet together to make some final decisions. Each council hopes to be able to add the event on their next meeting agendas which are Callahan March 1st and Hilliard March 4th. Keep watching for more information on the Community Fireworks Display!



We'd like to have community input also, so visit our Facebook page: Westside Journal, and participate in a quick survey; or email us at: news@

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