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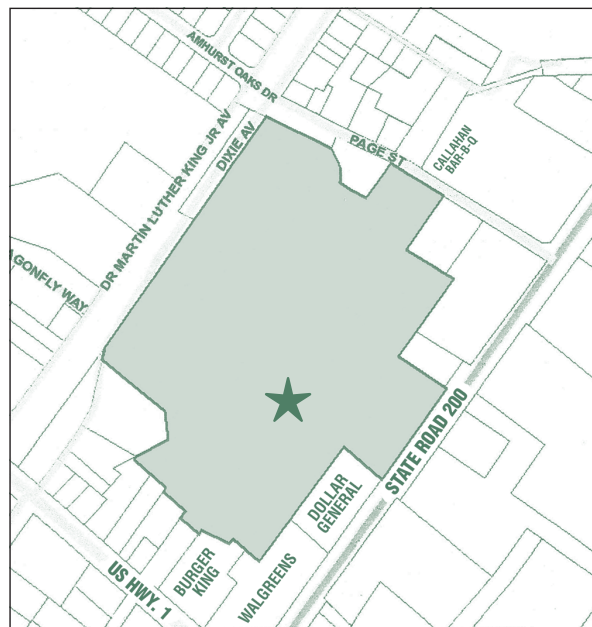
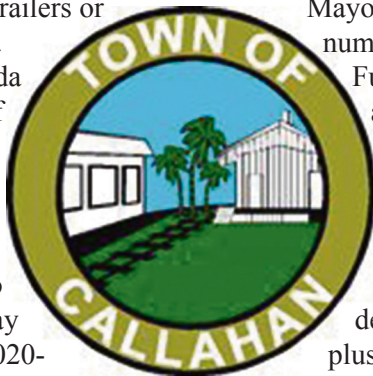
"LET US THEN APPROACH GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE WITH CONFIDENCE, SO THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP US IN OUR TIME OF NEED." - HEBREWS 4:16

Wyndham in Callahan...Maybe

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met last Tuesday night, due to the Monday holiday, for their final meeting of February. Council President Ken Bass and also Town Clerk Stephanie Knagge were absent so Mayor Marty Fontes took charge of the meeting while Town Manager Mike Williams took the minutes and taped the meeting. The first order of business was the approval of Ordinance 2020-001 which concerns an ordinance to enact an Article IV of Chapter 73 of the Callahan Code to regulate unsafe structures within the town limits. These unsafe structures include a building: temporary or permanent, tents, sheds, trailers or manufactured homes, etc.

The following agenda item was the approval of rezoning the parcel of land located on the north side of SR 200, between US Highway 1 and Page St. from Mixed Use to Commercial Highway zoning. Ordinance 2020-



O02 was approved which concerned adopting a small-scale amendment to the Comprehensive Plan by designating the Future Land Use of approximately

9.5 acres to Commercial Highway. The property concerns approximately 9.5 acres total and is the property located between Callahan Dollar General and the strip mall. Approximately, 2 acres of the property is being considered for a small scale Wyndham Hotel. The property has now been approved for the rezoning; now it will go back before the Zoning Board for site plans.

Resolution 2020-R02 was approved which concerned donating \$1000 to the West Nassau Historical Society for their upcoming 15th Annual Railroad Day Festival. The Festival will be held April 18 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Historical Train Depot.

Mayor Fontes went through numerous changes to the Future Land Use map and also the COMP Plan for the council to consider. The council members in attendance requested having a full council before making the decision on the changes plus they (members) wanted time to look over all the changes.

During the council discussion, Councilwoman Janet Shaw advised the council that once the AXIS Plex apartments are completed, the Ewing Park Road will be paved from the complex to the first speed bump. After talking with contractor Brenton Franklin, Shaw advised the council that Franklin would pave the road all the way to US Highway 1 for a price of \$10,330. "Franklin said he would be happy to split that cost with the Town of Callahan if we agreed to that," said Shaw. "I think it's a good plan."

The council agreed to split the costs to have the road completely paved and split the cost.

The next council meeting will be Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

Tragedy Strikes West Nassau High School



Dawn S. West

Clouds filled the sky Tuesday and also covered West Nassau High School after students returned to school following a deadly afternoon. A heavy police presence greeted students as they arrived at school. The normalcy of school had quickly changed for many. The past three weeks have been trying for the administration and staff of the school as they have dealt with two other students' untimely death. Counselors and pastors have been on hand and will continue to be to assist students and staff with anything they need.

At approximately 4:45 p.m. Monday, February 24, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office received a call to West Nassau High School in reference to a shooting. Responding deputies determined the incident occurred at another location and the victim was taken to the school following the shooting. Upon arrival deputies found five people in a vehicle, the victim included.

The victim, Trenton Fort, a 16-year-old, was found to have a single gunshot wound to the chest. Nassau County Fire Rescue transported him to UF Health with critical injuries where he later passed away.

Detectives determined the shooting occurred in Spring Lake Estates at the intersection of Spring Lake Drive and



Deer Run Road. The shooting was the result of a drug deal gone bad.

Witnesses identified the shooter, also a juvenile, who will be charged later. He was detained at McDonald's in Callahan. He will face charges of Violation of Probation, Possession of a Firearm of a Delinquent Minor and then eventually could face a charge of Second Degree Murder.

A second suspect involved, the shooter's brother, will be charged with Felony Battery on a Person over 65, his grandfather (separate location than the shooting). He will also be charged with Possession of a Firearm with an Altered Serial Number, Possession of a Firearm by a Minor, Tampering with Evidence and pending charges of Accessory after the Fact to Second Degree Murder. He was found in a wooded area near the neighborhood, the same wooded area where deputies found the handgun (9mm).

Another suspect involved, will be charged with Felony Battery on a person over 65 years old. Everyone involved is either 16 or 17-years-old so information is still limited on what will be released.

NCSO is continuing to work this case alongside the State Attorney's Office. If you have information about this incident, call Detective Mark Murdock at 904-548-4067.

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A Word From the Publisher

My heart is heavy as news has spread about the teenager that was shot by another teenager Tuesday, here in Callahan. As more information continued to be shared, the more tragic the story got. This young teenager lost his life over probably some petty, little nothing.

We live in a broken world that is getting worse by the day. I talked with my dad on the phone Monday night as he had also heard about the tragedy. We both discussed how horribly things have changed with our youth and the world. When I was in school, there were fights with fists and pulling hair and it was over. Maybe I lived under a rock but we never thought about a gun or knife at our age. The boys that knew about guns were really hunters, born and raised. That is what a gun was used for.

It's so sad that 'things' can get so out of control so fast. Both of these young people and their friends had their entire lives ahead of them. Now that's gone. And look at the many people this has involved for one person's selfish act. All had families and friends...tarnished forever.

This is a time for our community to come together and pray for these families, our students and schools. People...we need Jesus! There is no better time than now to hold your children and grandchildren and let

them know how much you love them. I don't care how old they are! While my children were at home, I loved on them when I wanted to, we ate supper together and we talked! (I still talk to them almost every day!) Spend time with them. Share your life with them. Make time for them. Time goes by so fast and you can't get it back. Pray daily and find a church or fellowship that you can be a part of. Get in your Bible. It's amazing how God's word never changes. God never changes! He is the same today, yesterday and tomorrow. God is the only answer for the brokenness of this world.

If you need direction, come and see me! We'll find you a place to fit in just right. There are so many loving people and churches of all kinds that are just waiting to fill you with God's goodness. Let's all pray for our community to be healed and grow in the Lord.

My heart was filled with joy as I later found out that Monday night The Anchor Church opened their doors for anyone wishing to come. The parking lot was filled and the inside full of students and parents. We are blessed with pastors in our community that care about our students and families.

Have a blessed week.

Dawn S. West

Letters to the Editor



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

Linda Jean's!

Dear Editor,

My husband and I would like to publicly wish Mrs. Linda Morgan of Linda Jean's a happy retirement. Linda Jean's has been a "staple" of Callahan since we have lived here since 2005. We always looked forward to going there, as we knew we would be welcomed with a smile and great service. We love our little city of Callahan and try

to support our small business owners. Linda Jean knew us by name by our second visit; and would stop for a chat when we saw her out and about in Callahan. We just want her to know that as she moves on to the next chapter of her life, we will be cheering her own and wishing her the very best.

Sincerely,
Noel "Tony" and Mary Perez

Chili Cook-Off Benefit for Marvin Sloan

Longtime Callahan residents Marvin and Cheryl Sloan have had some difficult times lately. Marvin had a serious stroke and their home is in need of remodeling to accommodate his needs. The Sloans have been longtime members of the First United Methodist Church in Callahan. They have always been on the other end of the helping and assisting others. It's time for us to step up and assist them in their time of need!

The Methodist Church is hosting a Chili Cook-Off for the Sloans. The entry is \$10 and \$5 to judge. Dinner will follow the cook-off for \$10. For more information or to enter, call Gerry Snipes at 904-766-9996 by February 29!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 AA Meeting 904-399-8535 7 p.m.	2 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Hilliard Hookers Knit/Crochet - 6 p.m. Hilliard Library Callahan Town 7 p.m.	3 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Westside Republcan Club 7 p.m. Hilliard Community Bldg	4 AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings 6:30 p.m. FBC Boulougne Callahan Garden Club 10 a.m.	5 AA Meeting 8 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m. Hilliard Town 7 p.m.	6 Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin	7 Callahan Farmers Market 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
8 AA Meeting 7 p.m. <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	9 AA Meeting Callahan Eastern Star - 7:30 p.m. Masonic Lodge WN Genealogical Society 10:30 a.m. Country Star Quilt Guild 7 p.m. FBC Hilliard Hilliard Hookers Knit/Crochet - 6 p.m.	10 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Gardening Club of Hilliard - 11 a.m. Lions Club 7 p.m.	11 AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings 6:30 p.m. FBC Boulougne Hilliard VEW 10095 7 p.m.	12 AA Meeting 8 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m. WNHS SAC Meeting 4 p.m.	13 American Legion Post 401, Hilliard 7 p.m. Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin	14 United Daughters of the Confederacy 11 a.m. Hilliard Library
15 AA Meeting 7 p.m.	16 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Hilliard Hookers Knit/Crochet - 6 p.m.	17 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Bryceville Club 11 a.m. Callahan Town 7 p.m. <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings 6:30 p.m. FBC Boulougne	19 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Hilliard Town 7 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m.	20 Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin	21 Food Giveaway Gateway to Life Ministries Hilliard 10 a.m. - noon
22 AA Meeting 7 p.m.	23 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Callahan Eastern Star - 7:30 p.m. Masonic Lodge Friends of the Hilliard Library 7 p.m.	24 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Lions Club 7 p.m. NC Library Advisory Board 3 - 5 p.m. Yulee Library FSCI/ Nassau Center	25 AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings 6:30 p.m. FBC Boulougne	26 AA Meeting 8 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m. Historical Society 6:30 p.m. @ Depot	27 Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin	28
29 AA Meeting 7 p.m.	30 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Hilliard Hookers Knit/Crochet - 6 p.m.	31 AA Meeting 8 p.m.	 Enjoy Spring Break March 13 - 22			

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Last week was a whirlwind for the Democratic Party. I actually watched part of the Democrat debate and I really am at a loss as to how to explain what I watched. In all honesty, I would really hate to be a Democrat if that is the best they can offer America. Saturday Night Live could not have written a more comical script than what the Democrat candidates displayed on that stage. Mini-Mike Bloomberg was totally in the dark. He acted like a lost puppy as he stood there in the spotlight for the first time. Pocahontas Warren surely had to rub her arms down with Ben-Gay after the debate. Her arms were flailing around all night trying to get her two cents in. Bernie Castro, I mean Sanders, continued with his socialistic desires for America. The only good thing I can say about Bernie is at least he is honest about his vision to turn America into a Socialist country, while the others hide their agenda behind Progressiveness. I have nothing to say about Pete except, disgusting. Amy is probably the most moderate of the entire gaggle of candidates, but she has no chance at the nomination.

The DNC went into full panic mode Saturday when Sanders overwhelmingly took Nevada in their caucus. The DNC does not want Bernie to be their Presidential candidate. They know that his socialistic views are not going to be

accepted by many moderate democrats and a large majority of Independents. Another problem facing the DNC is Sanders has now been endorsed by a top Muslim group. Emagage PAC, which claims to be the biggest Muslim PAC in America, says it is backing Sanders because of his inclusive campaign. Wa'el Alzayat, Emgage PAC's CEO stated "More than any other presidential candidate, Senator Sanders has built a historically inclusive and forward-thinking movement: one that represents America as a set of ideas grounded in the belief that all humans are equal and worthy of a dignified life. Our endorsement is intended to galvanize Muslim Americans at the polls to ensure that our voices are heard. Furthermore, we hope that this endorsement marks a new era of presidential candidates including Muslim American voices in the political process and policy-making decisions." RED-FLAG-RED-FLAG!

I cannot stress enough how crucial this 2020 Presidential election is! I hear all the time that Trump is going to win by a landslide. That is a dangerous mind-set to have. That type of thinking is what has the tendency to make voters complacent and say there is no need to go vote because my choice is going to win. Every vote counts and every vote is needed to save our Republic.

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



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Looking for Love

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



I was reading an article about the Hopi people. To be honest with you, I don't even know where this tribe is located, but an observer of their culture was struck by the lyrics and the chants of their songs. Most of their songs have to do with the desire for rain. The individual that kept hearing these songs and the way that they sang about rain was interested in what was going on. So he asked them why they sang about rain so much. The answer was simple: because water was scarce, this answer lead the observer to think about the content of the songs that Americans sang.

As he reflected on the sheer volume of songs that were sang about love in our culture, he made a startling connection. In our culture, we write about love because love is scarce. When you consider the culture, we know this to be true. Just get Apple radio out and listen to as many albums as you like. Almost every album is going to have multiple songs about love. These songs reveal the culture's deepest yearnings. People are looking for love and people want to be loved. This is unmistakable, but what is so heartbreaking about all of this is that the culture is looking for love in all the wrong places.

When you look at the Scriptures, there are three primary places that love is radically and uniquely demonstrated. These three places include God, the church, and the family. These are the only three spheres that unconditional love and security exist. I know that some people reading this are going to think that I have lost my mind. That is OK. You will see that the Scriptures are right in due time. I have looked for love in all the wrong places before. This was an endeavor that did not end well. I have followed the path of Scripture and looked for love where the Bible says that love is present and I have found the Bible to be true. When the three spheres of love are abandoned, there is nothing but heartbreak and disappointment in the future. Regardless of what the culture says, true love is only found in these arenas. This is why it is such a tragedy that the culture is abandoning real love for a knock-off version of love.

Top Dollar for Colonial Dames

President Sherry Harrell proudly displays the award the Princess Amelia Chapter National Society Colonial Dames of the XVII Century received during the annual Florida State Society conference in Orlando. The Princess Amelia Chapter donated the largest amount of money for the State President's project, which is placing historical markers at Florida landmarks.



Colonial Dames XVII Century is a national, lineage-based organization of women with documented ancestors living in the country before 1701. Its primary mission is the preservation of historic sites and records, promotion of heraldry and coats of arms, support of charitable projects and the education of the nation's children.

Olde Tyme Camp Meeting Sunday

Live Oak Baptist Church will be hosting an Olde Tyme Indoor Camp Meeting beginning this Sunday at 6 p.m. The meetings will be held through Wednesday.

The Bible tell us that it is through the 'Foolishness of Preaching' that men will be saved. Also, "...so then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." The purpose of these meetings is to boldly proclaim the Word of God; to glorify God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit; to give an opportunity for weary pastors to be refreshed by the preaching of fellow pastors; to provide fellowship and encouragement for pastors; to pray for a change of heart and mind of those around us and for revival in our churches to impact the world; to learn more about Jesus through His Word and how to better walk with God on the daily path; and to be encouraged and better prepared to preach the Word

"It will be a time of powerful preaching!"

"in season and out of season."

There will be preaching times Sunday evening through Wednesday evening at the church located at 36178 Congregation Lane, Callahan. Sunday preaching times are 6 and 7 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday times are 10 a.m. Prayer time; 10:15 a.m. Music and first preaching; 11 & 11:30 a.m. preaching; and 12:15 lunch. 5 p.m. Dinner; 5:45 p.m. Prayer time; 6:15 p.m. Music, praise, and testimony; and preaching begins (there will be 2 or more preachers each evening). If you wish to participate in the preaching (and we want you to), please come dressed in a coat and tie and use the KJV as your preaching text in the tradition of preachers of the past. Everyone is welcomed to attend!

Please come and be a part of these renewing, feeding, enriching and soul stirring preaching and praise services.

Battle of Olustee Reenactment Held

The 156th Anniversary of the Battle of Olustee was remembered at the reenactment held February 14-16 at the Olustee State Park. John Ruff, a member of Kirby-Smith Camp 1209, Sons of Confederate Veterans, explains to visitors the use of observation balloons during the war for Southern Independence.



Law Enforcement & First Responders Appreciation Day

Brandy Branch Baptist Church, 1906 Brandy Branch Church Place Bryceville, will host a Law Enforcement & First Responders Appreciation Day this Sunday, March 1 at 10 a.m. This will be a time of recognition for all Law Enforcement & First Responders (active, present & retired) that are present. A meal will follow the service.



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Hilliard Employee Dispute Settled

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final meeting of February. The first order of business was the opening of the sealed bid for the town owned property at 3775 Fifth Street, east of Oxford Street. The town only received one bid from Joseph LaPorte for a price of \$13,105. The town approved the purchase. The land is a 105 x 105 lot that was not usable for the town.

The town approved Resolution 2020-08 which concerned amending the water & sewer rates. The council approved the rate increase by a vote of 4-1 with Councilman John Beasley voting no. The increase will be about 3%.

Building Inspector Larry Hogan gave a quarterly report of services from October – December 2019. Hogan reported 74 inspections and Building Permit Fees during that quarter totaled \$10,331.

Code Enforcement Officer Del Miley gave his quarterly report from the same time frame. Miley reported 2 Mobile Homes Condemned; 4 Inoperative Vehicles Removed; 10 Miscellaneous Inspections; 6 Pool Permits completed; 6 Pool Permits active; 2 Lien Letter Inspections; 2 R/W Inspections for tree debris; and 7 Business Tax Letters delivered.

The council set up a workshop to have a joint meeting with the Nassau County School Board on Monday, March 23 at 6 p.m. at the Hilliard Town Hall.

Town Attorney Christian Waugh handled the next agenda item which concerned the Town Clerk's office to terminate the position of Dawn Carroll. Waugh advised the council, "During the last meeting I (Waugh) was asked to do an investigation getting facts from all parties of the circumstances. These are my conclusions and recommendations: Should the council decide to terminate, it would be legal. In my findings, the issues that occurred did not cause the town money, but time. My recommendations would be to transfer Ms. Carroll to the Public Works

Department for the position of Public Works Clerk," added Waugh. "But ultimately it is the council's decision of what you choose to do."

The council approved transferring Ms. Carroll to the Public Works Department effective Friday, February 21, 2020 to fill the Public Works Clerk position. The job description of Public Works Clerk includes: Recording information for the new Backflow Prevention Program; Maintain the water parts inventory (brass fittings, pipes, sleeves, etc.); Assist with Human Resource issues (insurance, trade schools); Contact contractors for scheduling, tracking job status; Work with vendors in emergency situations (lightening damaged parts, hurricane damage time spent, liaison between town and FEMA); Call in excavation locates; Assist in lab work with daily tests and more.

In other business, Town Clerk Lisa Purvis requested approval to advertise to replace the employee transferred. The council approved the request.

Purvis also requested to add another position to the clerk's office. "We need more people because we are overloaded with all the new projects coming into town," said Purvis. "The additional revenue we are handling is a lot. We could use another person."

"Maybe we should distribute the jobs a little different?" said Councilwoman Callie Bishop.

"I'm not ready to hire anyone else right now," said Councilman Kenny Sims. "Why don't we schedule a workshop about this and talk about it. How about a part time person? It's something to consider."

A workshop was scheduled for Thursday, February 27 at 6 p.m. about the position.

In closing comments, two residents, John Russell and Jimmy Davis, approached the podium to express their frustration over the water rate increase, with both stating the rates are high enough.

The next council meeting will be Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m.

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Pinky Promise Foundation Revisited

A Resource Center for Women

Dawn S. West

The Pinky Promise Foundation will celebrate their 5th Anniversary in June. Somehow though, I don't feel like we have gotten the word out enough just what Pinky Promise is all about! Pinky Promise is a resource center for women that have been diagnosed with cancer of any kind. It's not a hand out or a way to embarrass anyone. It's a special comfy place where women can come and feel beautiful! The boutique is decorated so cute. It's small so you

don't get confused of what to look for; it's all right there for you to see. They have resource material if you need it and have volunteers who are there to help and to listen. Most volunteers are cancer survivors and have been there.

There is a nice selection of wigs, very stylish ones, head wraps, chemo beanies, sleep caps and camisoles for mastectomy patients. The boutique is very relaxing and everything is confidential. On your first visit, bring your pathology diagnosis and your ID. Everything you receive is complimentary including a super cute chemo bag. The Pinky Promise boutique is located directly across from Callahan Elementary School in the cute Harper Rose Cottage, 449595 US Highway 1, Callahan. Their hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information call Sybil at 904-626-2855.

The Pinky Promise Foundation survives on donations and fundraisers. February 1st Sybil held her Annual Bowling for Boobs at the Yulee Bowling alley. There were 99 bowlers

that joined in the fun. There were raffles for lots of gifts and sponsors that helped. Donations are always accepted and may be brought or mailed to: Pinky Promise Foundation, PO Box 1934, Callahan, FL 32011.



There is also another Quilt Raffle going on for the Pinky Promise. The quilt was made specially for the Pinky Promise by the Country Star Quilt Guild. The quilt will be

on display at the Westside Journal office and tickets are only \$1! The drawing will be held the Thursday (May 7) prior to Mother's Day! Get yours now. It's a beautiful quilt!

The Pinky Promise has also started a Support Group meeting for those going through cancer and also survivors. It's a great time to spend with some great ladies having fun, snacks and sharing stories. The group meets the fourth Thursday of each month (February 27) at 6:30 p.m. at Harper Rose Cottage, across from Callahan Elementary School. This



Thursday they will have a pizza and pie celebration. We will also learn how to make small pretty boxes out of old greeting cards. I (Dawn) will be teaching this unique craft so bear with me! Normally, I make them at Christmas but there is no reason they couldn't be given any time of the year! Bring a few of your old cards and join us! It's a fun craft to learn.

If you haven't visited the support group, join us Thursday night! Just RSVP Sybil at 94-626-2855 so we have plenty for everyone!



Ferst Readers Coin Drive in March

Ferst Readers of Nassau County is partnering again this year with Nassau County Schools for their 2nd Annual Coin Drive!

All the elementary schools in Nassau County will be collecting coins from March 2-6, during Read Across America Week honoring Dr. Seuss. A flyer (along with a photo of one of our Nassau participants) will go home with children along with a small Ziploc bag to bring the coins to school. Anyone can participate by donating their coins to any elementary school during that week. The class in each school which raises the most money will receive an ice cream party!

The monies collected will help to promote early literacy in Nassau County through Ferst Readers which provides a free book every month to registered children from birth to 5 years old. Currently there are over 700 children receiving books each month!

This year, the middle and high schools have been asked to participate in their own way through either a club or their faculty to sponsor a fundraiser, but it doesn't have to be done during that week.



Westside Journal Visits Ireland!

Here's a picture of John and Gail Bowen, of Callahan, with a copy of the Westside Journal on the grounds of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. The Bowens visited Ireland in August 2019 for a 12-day driving tour around Ireland. We started at Trinity College in Dublin to view the Book of Kells and the Old Library. The Book of Kells is a 9th century manuscript that documents the four Gospels of the life of Jesus, written in Latin. The Old Library has 250,000 books which are still being used today. The people in Ireland are exceptionally friendly, even the drivers are courteous. We also visited Waterford of Waterford Crystal fame in the South and the Giants Causeway in the North and many places in between. Driving on the left side of the road was exciting!



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New Beginnings and Milestones

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Sheppard to Celebrate 65th Anniversary



James and Joan Sheppard, Jr. will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary February 28. They were married February 28, 1955 in Richmond, Virginia. James served in the US Army for 3 years. He retired as a Journeyman Lineman. They will celebrate their special milestone with a romantic dinner together.

They have three children, Buck of Jacksonville; and Kathy and Sarah of Callahan; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

They are two wonderful people who have been in love for over 65 years. They

have been a blessing to each other and their family. We love you!

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pyles Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Wayne and Donna Pyles, of Callahan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary February 7. The Pyles were married February 7, 1970 at St. Johns Catholic Church in Bellaire, Ohio. Wayne served 6 years in the US Navy. Following his service, he worked 10 years in the coalmines in Ohio until they were shutdown. He worked in the vehicle body shop industry where he owned his own shop in Ohio. After moving to Florida, he worked at Kings Bay Naval Base for several years. Donna worked for Lil Champ and eventually

becoming a manager. They now enjoy spending time with their family.

They celebrated their special milestone with a trip to St. Augustine and a special family dinner. Helping celebrate this joyous occasion were their three children Yvonne Pyles Schraeder of Mandarin, Robert and Alea Pyles of Goldsboro, North Carolina and Duane McClung of Yulee; and their grandchildren Kate, Dakota, Kristen and Kara.



Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Denmark



Allison Lee and Tyler Denmark were united in marriage November 9, 2019 at the home of the bride's parents in Hilliard.

The bride is the daughter of Jeffrey and Angela Lee of Hilliard. She is employed by Wells Fargo.

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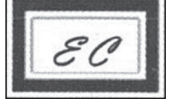
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GreenPointe Developers Break Ground on Tributary Park

GreenPointe Developers, LLC, in partnership with the Nassau County Board of Commissioners, recently celebrated the groundbreaking of Tributary Park, a Nassau County Regional Park. Tributary Park is located on Edwards Road, just west of Interstate 95. The new public park is adjacent to the community of Tributary, a master-planned, mixed-use community located in one of the area's fastest growing corridors.

"Tributary Park will be wonderful addition to the Nassau County community park system and a place where residents and visitors can gather, play and enjoy nature," said Grady Miars, President, GreenPointe Communities. "In partnership with Nassau County, we have truly outstanding park designs and we are creating a place where the community can enjoy recreational pursuits and connect with Tributary's exceptional natural surroundings."

GreenPointe Developers donated more than 40 acres to Nassau County for conversion into a community park for use by residents and businesses. Tributary Park will be a new regional complex for sports fans and outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. The new park will feature baseball and multi-purpose fields, concessions, a multi-purpose trail, and a future dog park. Completion of the park's first phase is anticipated in 2021.

Board of County Commissioners Chairman Danny Leeper stated, "We are excited to welcome another GreenPointe Community to Nassau County. Not only are their communities aesthetically pleasing with exceptional architectural styles and landscaping, their communities also offer an array of amenities. Tributary Regional Park will truly have something for everyone and we are excited to partner with them on this project."

The community of Tributary has been thoughtfully planned to highlight the community's premier location and

geographical features. Tributary will include residential neighborhoods offering resort-style amenities, dog park, a comprehensive trail system, neighborhood parks with riverfront access, commercial and office space, and approximately 3,200 home sites. In addition to building a park and preserving a significant portion of the community's uplands and wetlands, GreenPointe will be donating a site for a Nassau County public school and building a fire station.

District Five Commissioner Justin Taylor echoed Chairman Leeper's comments adding, "I am thrilled to partner with GreenPointe Communities to construct much needed recreational space for current and future residents. Because of the thoughtful planning that took place, there is a clear and explicit phasing schedule for these improvements. It's great to partner with developers who share our vision."

Homes in Tributary will include single-family homes, townhomes and multi-family properties offering innovative floor plans and home designs ranging in size and style to meet the homebuyer's lifestyle. Homes are anticipated to be priced from the \$200s.

Nassau County's Planning Director Adrienne Burke stated, "The development program includes homes, as well as office, commercial and industrial space. With this mix of uses, combined with the park and future school site, Tributary will be a part of the Nassau County community for years to come, and will provide opportunities for residents to live, play and work."

The community will be served by top-rated schools in the Nassau County School District. Tributary will offer a premier location near shopping, dining, recreation, medical centers, business centers and more.

Community construction is underway. Sales are anticipated to open in Summer 2020. For more information, visit www.TributaryLiving.com.

POLICE REPORTS

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

Saturday, February 15

Robert Mark Head, 68, 2764 Garth Lane, Hilliard: Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams; Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon

Tuesday, February 18

Virginia Dale Long, 41, 37063 W. Fifth Street, Lot 213, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon

Thursday, February 20

Clayton Michael Keen, 28, 29860 Mulberry Landing Road, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Reckless Driving when MIS/Reduced from DUI

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Mary von Mohr, Health Strategist

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Information on where to obtain or make a Stop the Bleed Medical Kit will be provided. Limited number of kits will be available for faith-based organizations being represented at the training that register in advance. Please register in advance to secure your participation. For more information or to register: call Barb Baptista at 904-753-1258 or email barbara.baptista@flhealth.gov.



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CLARENCE JOSEPH DEAN



Clarence Joseph Dean, 72, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord Friday February 21, 2020, surrounded by his family. Clarence served in the United States Marine Corps and is a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He retired from the United States Postal Service after 29 years of service. Everyone who knew him, knew of his love for laughter, practical joking, travel (especially cruising), college football (Go Mountaineers), and for making America Great Again (Trump 2020), his love for his family, especially his grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

Clarence is survived by his wife of 50 years, Edna; daughter Angela; and son Joseph (Heather); grandchildren Cody, Peyton, Landon, Hunter, MaKayla and Seth; as well as many extended family members and close friends who loved him. Clarence was preceded in death by his father Riley Dean; mother Ollie; and stepfather Lee Levengood.

A Celebration of his Life was held prior to the memorial service held Tuesday, February 25 at Nassau Funeral Home in Callahan. Interment will be held at Jacksonville National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the 121 Church of Hilliard or Community Hospice of Northeast FL.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

ROBERT LEE EVERLY



Robert Lee Everly, 83, passed away on February 18, 2020 in the comfort of his own home. He was born in Callahan on March 5, 1936 to the late Corbitt Everly and Effie Mixon. Robert spent 20 years of his professional career working for the Nassau County Road and Bridge Department. Upon retiring, he liked to spend his time relaxing at home and

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tending to his remarkable farm. He also enjoyed telling stories about the old days with family. Robert is preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife Bertia Everly (Cheshire); his daughter Sara Everly; and his step brother Kenneth Everly.

Robert is survived by his children, Robin (Joe) Latham of Panama City, Billy (Angie) Everly of Callahan, Richard Everly of Pace, Florida and Ryan (Alyssa Burris) Everly of Callahan; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and his brothers Corbitt Everly, Jr. of Hilliard and Johnny (Maxine) Everly of Callahan.

The family received friends prior to a Celebration of Life held Monday, February 24 at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Darren Wesley officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery in Callahan.

Active pallbearers were Ray Barns, Gary Thompson, Billy Fouraker, Tommy Chapman, Scotty Bishop, and Dustin Cheshire. Honorary pallbearers were Bryan Phillips and Chris Carroll.

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

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

BETTY FAIRCLOTH



Betty Faircloth, 87, of Callahan, a faithful prayer warrior, was welcomed home by Jesus February 20, 2020. Betty Faircloth was born in Gainesville, Florida, March 22, 1932 and completed her time on earth in Callahan. Loved ones already present to greet her were her husband, Wilson Faircloth Sr.; her parents George Lee, Sr. and Effie Mae Hodges; her brothers James, William and George Hodges, Jr.; sisters Mildred Gladden, Ruby Marguerite Horne, Mary Llewelyn Rinehart, Sammette Henderson, Cathy Hodges and Judy Berghman.

As well as a wonderful wife, daughter,

mother, sister and friend she was employed at Duval Medical Center, Winn Dixie and Publix. Later she was employed at Wendy's for over 25 years. Her favorite hobby was people. She loved people and being with people.

After retiring from work outside the home she found her true calling. Betty was called to pray. She would pray most days 6 hours a day then asked God's forgiveness concerned that she missed someone's needs and would ask Him to bring their name to mind when it was needed. As strong as her prayer life was, her time in her Bible was just as remarkable. Betty truly loved and served her Lord. She was in church most anytime the doors opened. Whenever she met someone new at the stores or offices she'd attend she'd ask, "Do you know the Lord Jesus?" Then she'd say, "I do." Who will take her place praying for us and spreading the Good Word? By the way, do you know her Lord Jesus? We miss and love you Betty Faircloth.

Left on earth to love and remember her are her sons Wilson, Jr., George and William Faircloth, their families and extended families; siblings John Hodges, Sr., Bernice Williams, Sarah Truax, Donald Hodges, Sr. and Kandayce Jones.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 26 from 6-8 p.m. at Hardage-Giddens Riverside Funeral Home, 7242 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville. Her Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, February 27 at 9:30 a.m. at North Jacksonville Baptist Church, 8531 North Main Street. Burial will follow at Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Rd.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks for donations to the Gideons for Bibles <https://www.gideons.org/donate> in her memory.

Hardage-Giddens Riverside is serving the family.

CAROLYN B. MADDOX



Carolyn B. Maddox, 81, passed away peacefully February 22, 2020. She was born in Wrightsville, Georgia on April 21, 1938 to the late John 'J.W.' Blount and Montez Lawrence. Carolyn was a teacher for the Duval County Public School system. She was a very good crafter who loved spending time at the library and was a huge fan of Alan Jackson. Most of all, she was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Carolyn was a sweet Christian woman who loved the Lord.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her brother, Larry L. Blount; sister Judy Blount (Youmans); and granddaughter Amanda Gail McCance.

Carolyn is survived by her daughters Gail (Everett) McCance and Patricia Barber, all of Jacksonville; sisters Jacey Sarrells and Linda Dale; grandchildren Matthew McCance, Miranda (Brandon) Nelson and Amy (Jared) Kidd; and great-grandchildren Rylen McCance and Carter Nelson.

A Celebration of Carolyn's Life will be held Friday, February 28 at 11 a.m. at Nassau Funeral Home in Callahan. The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 27 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

MARK RUSSELL MANGUM



Mark Russell Mangum, lovingly known as 'Pa', 64, of Jacksonville, passed away Friday, February 21, 2020 under the care of Hospice of South Georgia. The Florida native was a truck driver who loved the Lord, his family and especially his wife of 38 years. Pa enjoyed spending time with his family, telling stories, laughing, working on antique cars, and collecting "treasures" to restore.

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He led his family humbly by example through his faith and his legacy will live on. He was predeceased in death by his parents Roy and Margie Mangum; and his brother Glen Carson Mangum.

Survivors are his wife, Sherri Colson Mangum of Jacksonville; four daughters, Krystal Watson of Jacksonville, Rebecca (AJ) Nace of Macclenny, Jessie (Jason) Morris of Lake City, South Carolina and Faith Mangum of Jacksonville; grandchildren Glen Mangum, Layton Fridley, Madalin Fridley, Audrey Nace, Benjamin Nace and Jasper Diaz; his siblings Nancy (Bob) Sikes of Macclenny, Coleen Catrett (Bob) Ammiano of Callahan, Wayne (Nicole) Mangum of Callahan, Jackie Langford of Callahan, Mitchell (Tracy) Mangum of Orange Park and Doyle (Brandi) Mangum of Callahan; and many nieces, nephews and very dear friends.

Private memorial services will be held by the family. Rinehart and Sons Funeral Home of Jesup, is in charge of arrangements.

VIRGINIA LOUISE MIZELL



Mrs. Virginia Louise 'June' Mizell, 81, of Lawtey, passed away Thursday, February 20, 2020. She was born in Lawtey, Florida to the late Willis and Letha Denmark Starling. Having worked in retail until her retirement, Mrs. Mizell became a homemaker. She thoroughly enjoyed taking care of her grandchildren and spending time with friends. She loved traveling, spending time outdoors and shopping. She was a woman with a helpful, sweet demeanor and always put others first.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Lonnie Amos Mizell; daughters Sharon (Terry) Mizell-Smith and Jeanne Hodge, all of Lawtey; son Lonnie David (Tanya) Mizell of Raiford; brother Donnie (Lynda) Starling of Callahan; sister Bonnie Faye Ellison of Jacksonville; and

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grandchildren Bruce Siemer, Cody Smith, Shannon Ash, Jennifer Lee and Kristen Newman; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 24 at Otis Road Church of God, Jacksonville with Pastor Stephen Thomas officiating. Interment followed at Sellers Cemetery, Jacksonville. The family received friends prior to the service.

Warren Funeral Services served the Mizell family. Sign the family's guestbook at www.warrenfuneralservices.com.

BETTY JEAN TISON

Our Mother, Betty Jean Echols Tison, 91, passed into her Savior's arms on February 23, 2020. She was born on October 12, 1928 to Willie Belle Callahan Echols and Mack Echols. Betty loved children. She worked in the First Baptist Church of Callahan for many years in her younger years. She also enjoyed doing handiwork and spending time with her family. May she rest under the shadow of His Wings.

She is survived by her children Lynn Fox and the late Danny Fox, Larry Tison, Kathy Smith and the late Roland Smith, Aaron Tison and Travis (Zandra) Tison; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday, February 27 at 10 a.m. prior to the memorial service held at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Callahan Funeral Home, 617365 Brandies Ave. Burial will follow at Jones Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 879-2336.

ANNA LOIS WHITE



Anna Lois Hocutt White passed away peacefully on February 18, 2020. Anna was born July 8, 1933 in Corinth Holders, Johnston County, North Carolina to Eunice Sewell Hocutt and Florence L. Creech Hocutt.

Anna graduated from Corinth Holders High School as Salutatorian and completed coursework at Meredith College. While working at an insurance company in Raleigh, she was introduced to Reginald White at a church Christmas party. After a five-month courtship she married him and moved to Jacksonville, his family home. Anna was married to Reggie, the love of her life, for 66 years until his death. Anna spent her entire career with Independent Life

Insurance Company, rising to the position of AVP of Human Resources. Singing in the church choir brought her much joy and her soprano was a great complement to her husband's tenor.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Reggie; two sisters, Neva Crowley and Janice Hocutt; and grandson William Shawn White.

She is survived by sisters Lillian Beacham and Faye Ruth; children Iris (David) Julian, William 'Bill' (Katie) White and Timothy 'Tim' (Marlene) White; grandchildren Daniel White, Kyle (Kendrick) Julian, Rachel Julian (Chris) Blevins, Chelsea White Henson, Heath White; and great-grandchildren Gabrielle White, Logan Blevins, Paisley Henson and William Julian.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at Wakefield Central Baptist Church in Zebulon, North Carolina.

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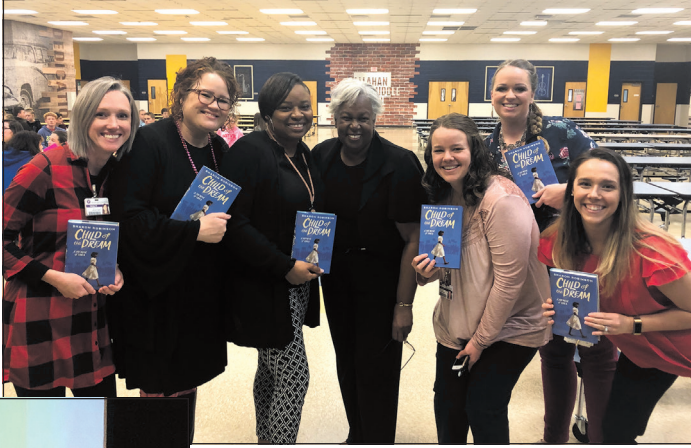
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Laura Mock

The Amelia Island Book Festival shares a love for reading with all students in Nassau County by giving each student a book. Not only are they putting books in the hands of children, but they provide a unique



and practice of inventor Nikola Tesla to life.

Seventh and eighth grade students were delighted to meet the author of "Child of the Dream," Sharon Robinson who is also the daughter of late, baseball legend, Jackie Robinson. Students were captivated by her story of being a twelve year old girl in the midst of the fight for Civil rights in America. Many students were able to get their books signed. It was an amazing event that students are sure to remember for a long time!

opportunity for students to hear from and meet the authors of those given books at their schools.

Callahan Middle School was honored to host two authors. Sixth grade had the pleasure of meeting Amy O'Quinn, author of "Nikola Tesla for Kids." Her presentation was truly electrifying as she brought the life story



CMS Teacher Spotlight... Lauren Debolt

Laura Mock

Callahan Middle School would like to begin spotlighting the amazing and talented educators that go above and beyond every day for your student. This month's teacher spotlight is on Mrs. Lauren Debolt. Lauren is a sixth grade Language Arts teacher and teaching runs in her blood, as she is the third generation educator to work at Callahan Middle School.



She writes, "My greatest passion, besides teaching, would have to be traveling. After living and teaching overseas it has sparked the desire to always want to explore and learn new cultures and places. The most interesting or funny thing that has occurred while teaching for me, would have to be that most of the time people believe that I am one of the students! This happens almost on a daily basis, but I will say that it's always fun on the first day of school because the students aren't quite sure who I am either. I've learned over the years to have fun with it!

Something I try to instill in my students every year is grace and forgiveness. We all make mistakes and it's okay. Rather than getting upset by those mistakes we can show grace and forgiveness because most of the time those things are not really worth being upset over. I always make sure that when mistakes are made, even if I make those mistakes, that we talk about them in my classroom to show students that it can always be resolved and getting upset over things most of the time only make situations worse."

She says that her motto is, "Whatever it Takes." I will always do whatever it takes to ensure that I am doing the best by my students. I love each of them as if they were my own and would do anything for each of them to succeed. When people ask me, how many kids do you have? I always reply with 68!"

CES Students Enjoy Author



On Friday, February 14, Callahan Elementary School celebrated Authors in Schools Day. This event is supported by the Amelia Island Book Festival. Every student received a copy of Little Miss Grubby Toes Steps on a Bee! in the weeks leading up to the event. Then, Mr. Eddie Price and Miss Grubby Toes came to visit CES. Mr. Price read the book and then brought out Miss Grubby Toes to meet the students. There was lots of singing and laughter to go around. Teachers and students alike enjoyed the presentation!

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