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## Callahan Recognizes West Nassau National & World Champion Cheerleaders

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Tuesday night, due to the Monday President’s Day holiday for their final meeting of February. Mary Middleton O’Brien, representing Meridian Waste, advised the council that Meridian has recently opened a location at the Nassau/Duval County line on US 1 south. Meridian has partnered with Partner Disposal, here in Nassau County.

Mayor Marty Fontes was joined at the front of the council chambers by the West Nassau Cheerleaders who recently brought home not only a State Championship but also a National and



World Title this year. Mayor Fontes read a proclamation recognizing the cheerleaders and their coach Samantha Beazley for their accomplishments and proclaiming the month of February 2019 West Nassau High School Cheerleaders month in the Town of Callahan. Each member of the team received a reduced version of the proclamation along with a key to the city and a pin with the town insignia.

In other business, Resolution 2019-R03 was approved which concerned donating \$360 to the First Readers of Nassau County organization to sponsor 10 children for one year.

The next agenda item, Resolution 2019-R04 was also approved which concerned donating \$300 to the Nassau County Sheriff’s Color Guard for an upcoming trip to Washington, DC. The group will travel to Washington and place a marker for fallen NCSO Deputy



Eric Oliver during the National Police Memorial Service held each year.

The next agenda item was the first reading and public hearing on Ordinance 2019-001, which concerns changes to the purchasing code. In previous meetings, Mayor Fontes has

upgraded the code, which hasn’t been done for about 15 years. Councilwoman Janet Shaw advised her displeasure of changing anything on the code. “I don’t think we (council) need to change anything on the code,” said Shaw.

“I’m not sold on the \$20,000 open

to the mayor to spend as needed,” said Councilwoman Kathy Smith. “It just concerns me. To jump from \$5,000 to \$20,000 seems to be a huge increase.”

“Sometimes there is a need for an immediate approval of funds especially in the water/sewer department,” added Town Clerk Stephanie Knagge.

“I think we (council) all live close enough if there was an emergency for funds needed,” added Shaw.

“Monies of that amount would still come before the council before it is released,” added Fontes. “Don’t forget, this is only in an emergency situation.”

The council approved the ordinance on First Reading.

Town Clerk Knagge advised the council that the joint meeting with the Nassau County School Board would be held Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fire Station. The public is invited to attend.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m.

## Monday Semi Accident Halts Traffic for Hours



For unknown reasons, a tractor trailer lost control of his rig when making a sharp right turn onto CR 121. The fertilizer hauler tipped over smashing into the XPOLogistics tractor trailer, hauling paint thinner, that was sitting at the stop sign. The accident caused a hazardous material clean-up of 570 gallons of paint thinner on US Highway 1. The hazmat team was called for the extensive clean-up.

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Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$25 for VIP ringside seating. Tickets can be purchased, in advance, at the Morocco Shrine Center or by calling (904) 642-5200 ext. 37 or by visiting our website at: www.moroccoshrine.org.

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4 - 6 potatoes, peeled and chopped	1 cup sour cream
2 large onions, chopped	1/2 tsp. salt
6 slices of bacon, cooked	1/2 tsp. thyme
1 cream of chicken can soup	1/4 tsp. pepper
1 soup can of milk (about 10 oz.)	1 can whole kernel corn

Brown bacon in large kettle. Add onions and potatoes. Cook and stir for 10 minutes. Add thyme, pepper and salt. Stir and add corn, chicken soup, sour cream and milk. Blend together well. Cook for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

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# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>March 15 - 22</b>					1 Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin	2 Kruisin' 4 Kids Car Show Dinsmore Baptist Church 11 a.m.
3 AA Meeting 904-399-8535 7 p.m.	4 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Hilliard Hookers Knit/Crochet - 6 p.m. Callahan Town 7 p.m.	5 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Westside Republican Club 7 p.m. Hilliard Community Ctr. YOGA @ Callahan Garden Club 6:30 p.m.	6 AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings Parents of Addicted Loved Ones 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	7 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Hilliard Town 7 p.m. TOPS Callahan 7 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m.	8 American Legion Post 401, Hilliard 7 p.m. Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin	9 United Daughters of the Confederacy 11 a.m. Hilliard Library
10 AA Meeting 7 p.m.  Daylight Saving Time Begins	11 AA Meeting 8 p.m. WN Genealogical Society 10:30 a.m. Country Star Quilt Guild 7 p.m. FBC Hilliard Hilliard Hookers Knit/Crochet - 6 p.m. Callahan Eastern Star - 7:30 p.m.	12 AA Meeting 8 p.m. Gardening Club of Hilliard - 11 a.m. Lions Club 7 p.m. YOGA @ Callahan Garden Club 6:30 p.m.	13 AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings 6 p.m. Hilliard Library Hilliard VFW 10095 7 p.m.	14 AA Meeting 8 p.m. TOPS Callahan 7 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m.	15 Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin	16 Food Giveaway Gateway to Life Ministries Hilliard 10 a.m. - noon
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## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The West Nassau Class of 1969 is having an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at The Pig restaurant to begin planning their 50th class reunion. If you are interested and would like to be involved in this process, please attend this important meeting.

NACDAC is offering a Responsible Beverage Server Trainings for Servers and the retailers that serve/sell alcohol Wed., March 13 from 1-3 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. at the Fernandina Police Office, 1525 Lime St. Free event. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion. To attend, RSVP to (904)277-3699 or email at rachelstokes@nacdac.com.

## JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

As Special Counsel Robert Mueller begins to wrap up his nearly two and a half year witch hunt concerning Russian collusion by President Trump with the Russians, nothing has been found. Yes, he did find some illegal doings by some of President Trump's friends and co-workers, but nothing even close to any wrong doing by our President. The arrest and convictions that were brought about by this investigation, though was borderline illegal in its self, I have no problem with it. Wrong is wrong and illegal is illegal and should be dealt with appropriately. I, for one, will be glad to see this waste of tax money finished, and would really love to see the same in-depth investigation conducted on Bill and Hillary Clinton, Loretta Lynch and a few of the top Justice and FBI officials. It shouldn't take nearly as long because most of the truth is already known. What the Democrats and Mueller failed to investigate is the real reason President Trump won against all odds. It was not collusion; it was intervention.

Yes, I truly believe President Trump won the Presidency of the United States of America because of intervention outside of party affiliation and outside of the United States. I firmly believe that God intervened to give America another chance at being the country it once was. This country was founded on Godly principles, a country that gave God the credit for its prosperity from sea to shining sea. All throughout Washington D.C. are

constant reminders that our forefathers firmly believed in Christian values and the importance of God. When Barack Obama made his infamous statement that America was "no longer a Christian Nation", that was blasphemy against my/our God who has provided and protected us from our beginning. It was God that held our fibers together until the end of Obama's reign. It was God who brought forth men and women all across this great nation to support the most unlikely person to save our nation. Throughout the Bible, God used the most unlikely of men to do His work. Just look at the Disciples. Jesus did not go to the Temples and choose the high-ranking Priest and Scholars; he chose hard working fishermen and laborers to help save the lost. The same as here; America did not chose a high-ranking political figure to preside over our country, we chose a hardworking man with no political background.

Since President Trump assumed the role as our President, Satan has unleashed his fury like never before. The liberal left is consumed with destroying President Trump by whatever means it may take. However, as the Bible states in Romans 8:31, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

God is still for America, but America needs to open their hearts and eyes so that God will continue to bless this nation. It is up to us.

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

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## Reflections from Israel

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



It seems like it has been forever since I have written an article. I wrote the article for January early because I knew I was going to be in Israel when the article was supposed to be written. This month, I would just like to share a few reflections from my time in Israel. If I am being perfectly honest, I have to confess that I was not that excited about going on the trip. I am a homebody, but my wife is the adventurous one. So we went together with some of my friends back in my seminary days. The trip did not disappoint. In fact, this was the best trip that I have ever been on in my life.

It's one thing to read the Bible, but it another thing to see the land that much of the Bible was written in. Israel is about the size of New Jersey, but it so full of significance. We saw some amazing sites. We saw David's palace, Nazareth, Capernaum, the city of Jerusalem, walked on the Via Della Rosa, stood in the place where Jesus was condemned to the cross. We visited the place of Peter's denials and his restoration. We took a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and floated in the Dead Sea. We were able to visit the place where Jesus was crucified. We stood in the place of the empty tomb where Jesus' body was laid. The way I read the Bible now has been forever changed as a result of seeing the land that is spoken of in the Scriptures.

It was breathtaking to be in the synagogue in Jesus' hometown of Nazareth and be in the synagogue that Jesus announced that he was the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah. When Jesus made this announcement in his hometown there would have probably been about 80 locals present for the announcement from the lips of Jesus that their deliverer was here. It was amazing to stand and teach the Bible in the same place that Jesus prayed and was arrested in Gethsemane. The site of the crucifixion and the empty tomb were heavy to say the least. This is the place where the most important events in human history went down. The Jesus of history is the Jesus of our faith.

I am not a travel guide, I don't work as a booking agent, but we are going to be taking a group to Jerusalem next year. If you are interested or want more information about it, feel free to contact me on Facebook or call the office at River Road Baptist Church, 879-1007. Nothing about seeing the land that Jesus inhabited will disappoint. This exceeded all my expectations and has deepened my understanding of the Bible. My only regret is that I did not go sooner.

## CHURCH NEWS

Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church (541668 U. S. Highway 1, Callahan) is having a St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, March 16. Traditional Irish food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15/Adult; and \$7/Child ages 13 and up; \$30/Family of 2 Adults and children 12 and under. For more information call 879-3662.

## WIMSA Ambassador Addresses VVA 1088



Cara Curtin delivers her presentation about the Women in Military Service for America Memorial to members and guests of Vietnam Veterans 1088 at its January meeting.

The Women in Military Service for America Memorial is located at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. It is the only memorial dedicated to all women who have served or are serving in the country's armed services,

as well as several adjunct organizations. Ambassador Curtin's presentation was part of the memorial's mission to register the 2.5 million women who have served the country in some capacity since the Revolutionary War. Contact her at wordsmythe1776@gmail.com for more information or to request a presentation.

VVA 1088 is a non-profit open to all Vietnam-era veterans. It offers information, compassion, and brotherhood to veterans as well as their spouses and friends. Its community projects include scholarships, peer support and education, highway clean-up, and hands-on help to disabled or at-risk veterans and their families.

VVA 1088 meets the last Monday of the month at The ARC Nassau, 86051 Hamilton Street (just off North U.S. 17). Social hour is at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Contact Dave Roeser at 904-432-7006 for more information.

## Rose Class Held

Nassau homeowners came to learn how to grow and maintain roses in their landscapes. UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardener Carol Ann Atwood has led this class for several years and she teaches from experience. Ms. Atwood has a rather large collection of roses in her landscape and has maintained them beautifully.



Attendees of the class had the opportunity for hands-on practice learning how to prune their roses before planting. Atwood observes as a homeowner determines where she'll prune the rose shrub.

Ms. Atwood includes lecture, demonstration and hands-on elements in the Landscape Matters class. A class attendee got the opportunity to identify where to prune and how to angle the pruning cuts.

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## Open Enrollment

Kathy K. Burns,  
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With a few months remaining in the 2018-19 school year, many families are making plans for the 2019-20 school year. Parents and guardians want to know what school their child should attend as well as what school their child "may attend" based on options provided through In-County Transfers, Out-of-County Transfers and Controlled Open Enrollment. School leaders are already receiving requests for students to attend schools outside their designated attendance zones. The Nassau County School District has an Administrative Rule (5.12) and Controlled Open Enrollment Policy that will assist you in planning for the upcoming year.

**In-County Transfer** – The parent or guardian requesting a transfer within Nassau County to a school outside the student's attendance area must complete the Student Request for Transfer In-County form and obtain the approval of both the releasing school's principal and the receiving school's principal. The recommendation for approval of an in-county transfer by the receiving school's principal will be based, in part, on available space at the school, comparing the current student enrollment to the number of students used in determining the teaching staff allocations. The transfer request then requires approval by the School Board. The student applying for an in-county transfer may not enroll or attend classes at the new school until the School Board has approved the transfer.

You will be notified by May 15th if your in-county transfer was approved. If

there is space available prior to and up to the time school starts for the 2019-20 school year, you may also be notified.

**Out-of-County Transfer** – The parent or guardian must complete the Student Request for Out-of-County/State form and submit it to the Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement at the Nassau County District Office. After initial evaluation at the district level, the request will then be reviewed by the receiving school's principal. If approved by the receiving school's principal, the request will be sent to the Superintendent for recommendation to the School Board. The Superintendent's recommendation for approval of an out-of-county transfer will be based, in part, on available space at the school, comparing the current student enrollment to the number of students used in determining the teaching staff allocations. The student applying for such a transfer may not enroll or attend classes until the School Board has approved the transfer.

**Controlled Open Enrollment (COEP)** – Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, applications for COEP for the following school year will be available on the District website no later than January 10th of each year. Applications will be accepted for 45 days beginning January 10th of each year.

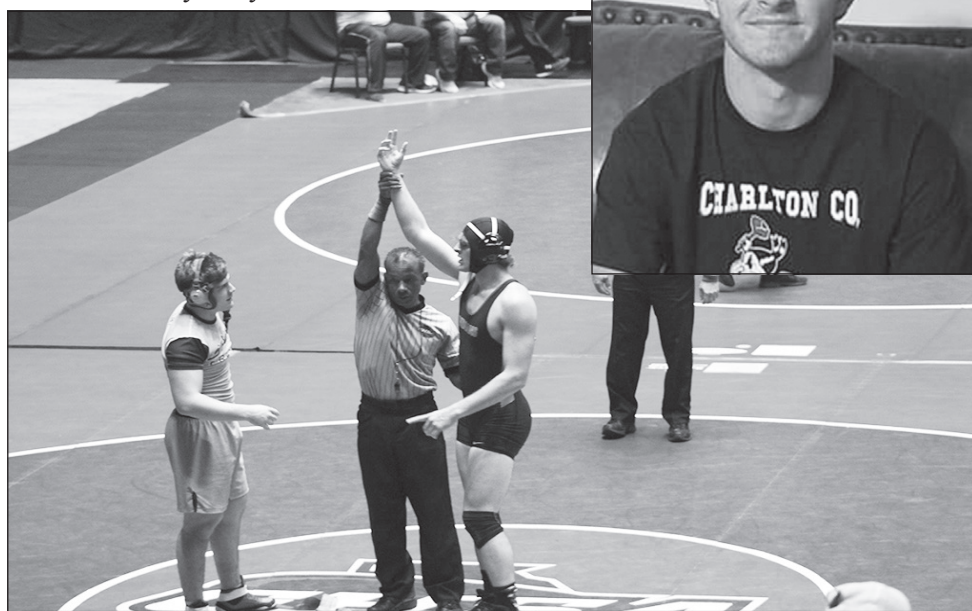
Parents will be notified by March 15th of each year concerning their student's COEP status.

Priority for enrollment under the COEP will be given to the following groups:

1) Dependent children of active duty military personnel whose move

## Congratulations Tommy!

Congratulations to Tommy Layden on his 5th place finish at the Georgia High School State Wrestling Championship in Macon, Georgia. Tommy is a senior at Charlton County High School in Folkston, Georgia. His proud parents are JR and Tonya Layden of Hilliard!



results from military orders; 2) Children who have been relocated due to foster care placement in a different school zone; 3) Children who move due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent; and 4) Students residing in Nassau County.

Only the following schools have space available and may be considered for Controlled Open Enrollment:

1) Callahan Intermediate School; 2) Bryceville Elementary School; and 3) Hilliard Elementary School.

All other schools are "at capacity" and are not eligible for consideration under the COEP for the 2019-20 school year.

The School District understands the disappointment of parents and family members when their requests are not immediately honored however, as we continue to experience growth throughout the County, it's important that we provide space for students in their designated attendance zones.

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## Baptist Health Announces Promotion

Reflecting the strategic importance of physician alignment in providing the best quality, safety and outcomes for patients, Baptist Health has announced the promotion of Timothy G. Groover, MD, MBA, CPE, FACHE to Senior Vice President of Baptist Physician Partners (BPP).



Formed in 2013, BPP is a clinically integrated partnership of Baptist Health hospitals and local providers working collaboratively to improve quality, patient experience, and efficiency while reducing the total cost of care. As of January 2019, BPP has grown to include more than 1,100 physicians in its network, who care for nearly 70,000 people covered under its value-based contracts.

“With his extensive clinical expertise, leadership experience, and advanced business degree, Dr. Groover is uniquely qualified to lead this transformational work,” said Baptist Health president and CEO Hugh Greene. “His promotion not only recognizes his invaluable contributions to our health system, but also reflects the trust and confidence of his physician colleagues throughout the community.”

Dr. Groover added, “Thriving in a values-based environment requires tremendous collaboration and alignment from every part of the care continuum. It’s an honor to work alongside so

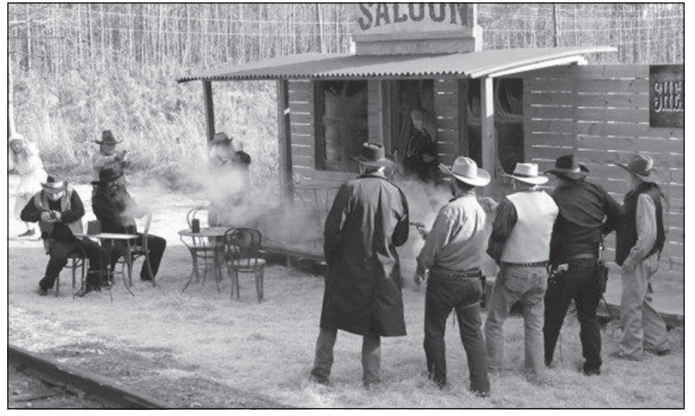
many talented and committed providers who are partnering to design the future of health care.”

Dr. Groover currently serves on the Baptist Health system board of directors as well as the board of directors for Coastal Community Health. He is a member of the board of directors for the Duval County Medical Society. During his long tenure as a physician leader at Baptist Health, Dr. Groover has served in many leadership roles, including chief of staff of Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville, chief of the Department of Anesthesiology, Medical Board and Executive Committee chair and served as the inaugural chairman of the board of managers for Baptist Physician Partners.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) and serves on the Regent’s Advisory Council and a member of the Physician Executives Forum. He is a board member of the Jacksonville KIPP Schools. Dr. Groover holds an MBA from the University of Tennessee and his medical degree from the University Of Miami School Of Medicine. He is a Certified Physician Executive by the Certifying Commission in Medical Management and a Diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology.

## Ride the Wild West Express in St. Marys

Looking for a fun adventure in your own back yard? Why not plan to ride the Wild West Express in St. Marys on Saturday, March 2 and 9. For ALL ages! If you come on March 2, you can start your day with the Mardi Gras Parade just a few steps from the train



station. Then ride the train and enjoy the all-day Mardi Gras Festival before or after your ride. The first train rolls out at noon on March 2 and at 10 a.m. on March 9. Both Saturdays feature Wild West characters aboard each train and a showdown shoot-out at Frontier Land.

Come face to face with the good guys and the bad guys as you ride the rails through woodlands and over marshlands. Then at the midway point, dramatic shootouts will be performed by members of the nationally renowned Single Action Shooting Society.

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personal thrill, St. Marys Express offers the “At The Throttle” experience whereby people (16 or older) get to actually run the diesel locomotive.

To ride the Wild West Express open air railcars, tickets are \$20 for adults and \$14 for children 12 and under; children 2 and under ride free on laps. Rides in the diesel locomotive are available for \$50 per person, and the At The Throttle is \$150 per person.

Tickets to the Wild West Express should be purchased in advance at [www.stmarysrailroad.com](http://www.stmarysrailroad.com) or by calling 912-200-5235. Groups of ten or more can get a discount code by calling 912-729-1103. At The Throttle experiences can be reserved by calling 912-729-1103 as well. Trains run at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on March 2 and at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on March 9.

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## Matthews Presented 60 Year Pin



Recently a few members from the Callahan Masonic Lodge visited Hilliard Life Care Center to present Brother Gordon Matthews with his 60 Year Membership Pin and Certificate. The ceremony was led by Brother Thomas Kutz, Worshipful Master of Callahan Lodge who is a great-grandson-in-law of Brother Matthews. Brother Douglas Matthews, son of Mr. Matthews, Brother John Page and Brother Herb Ray, both Past Masters of the Lodge were present. A group

of relatives spanning four generations were also present.

To quote a line from the certificate, "...in grateful recognition of his many years of faithful service and his loyalty to Masonry," was given along with the pin.

Mr. Matthews passed away Monday, February 25. A memorial service will be held this Friday, March 1 at 1 p.m. in the Event Center at Peoples Funeral Home, 14165 N. Main Street, Jacksonville.

## Hilliard Baseball Boosters Skeet Shoot



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

## Leeper Recognized for Leadership

On Thursday, February 21, Sheriff Bill Leeper was recognized by Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches (FSYR) President Bill Frye for his leadership as FSYR Board Chair for the past two years.

During Sheriff Leeper's time as chair, the youth ranches expanded their operations to include girls at



Shown (l to r) are: FSYR President Bill Frye, Sheriff Leeper and incoming FSYR Board Chair Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell.

the traditional "Boys Ranch" north of Live Oak in Suwannee County in order to provide services to all children who are from broken homes and neglected to provide security, guidance and assistance so they are able to face the future with a sense of direction, ability and hope. They opened a scholarship house at the FSYR Villa in Polk County to serve former residents who are pursuing their college degree and they expanded their six resale thrift stores around the state to raise additional funds for the ranches organization.

FSYR serves kids from all 67 counties in Florida and has programs in Live Oak, Bartow, Safety Harbor, Parrish, Pierson and Inglis and served nearly 7,700 kids last year.

The Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch was started by sheriffs in 1957 and has been serving the youth of our state ever since as a non-profit organization providing children with a nurturing

family structure through cottage homes, including a full-time house mom and dad, who work with each child to develop a strong work ethic, respect and a sense of responsibility. In addition to family-style living, they use a clearly defined model of care, making sure the children in their programs are given the same opportunities to attend school and participate in extracurricular activities as their peers. Ninety percent of the youth graduate from high school.

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Maternal grandparents are Ashley and Melissa Coxwell of Callahan.

Paternal grandparents are Troy and Diane Arnold of Callahan. Proud great-grandmothers are Jane Bossert; and Dorothy Michew. Adrienne Jane was welcomed home by her big brother Pryce!

## Kaiden Bryce Hutto

Cody and Heather Hutto, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their son Kaiden Bryce Hutto. Kaiden was born January 18 at 8:05 p.m. at Baptist Hospital Jacksonville. He weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce and measured 19 inches.



Paternal grandparents are Roy and Lisa Hutto of Bryceville.

Maternal grandparents are Paul and Laura McKinley of Callahan.

## Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Overstreet



The children of Micheal E. Overstreet and Tennette I. Foster are proud to announce the marriage of their parents on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14.

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# CES Second Graders Visit Brandies Ace

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If you visited Brandies Ace Hardware in Callahan from Tuesday through Friday mornings last week, you saw lots of second graders from Callahan Elementary School there! The students, which were 12 classes in all, walked from the school each morning to Brandies. Brandies Ace Hardware has been a Callahan icon from way back. Students not only enjoyed walking through and learning about the store but also took in a lot of Callahan history! I even learned quite a bit on my visit with



the students on Friday.

As the students gathered at the side parking lot of the store, they learned that the actual building (Brandies)

was built in 1915, there used to be a train track in front of the store and the Callahan jail building still stands near the back west corner of Brandies. Store owner Raymond Fachko told parts of the story of the historical building that his grandparents, Cliff and Lucille Brandies, once owned. The store remains one of the most historical buildings in Nassau County and filled with numerous antique items. Did you know the first television set (in

Callahan) is in the store? Also, they have a Maytag gas powered washing machine and an old photo of students (the entire student body) in front of Callahan School (the current Callahan Elementary School).

Fachko along with his daughter, Stephanie Henderson and store Manager Mickey Henderson, each took groups of students through the store exploring the many items available at our local Brandies Ace Hardware. After the children finished their tour, they were invited upstairs as special guests, where they enjoyed working on a project! "We have been offering these field trips for several years and really enjoy having the children!" said Fachko. "The children seem to enjoy their time here and we do too!"





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## Tuesday, February 19

Henry Craig Caudill, 35, 19526 Chance Lane, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended/Revoked 2nd Conviction

Kelsey Morgan Caudill, 26, 22634 CR 121, Hilliard: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

## Thursday, February 21

Howard Michael Brandon Culpepper, 26, 54163 Cravey Road, Callahan: Duval County Warrant Violation of Probation Burglary

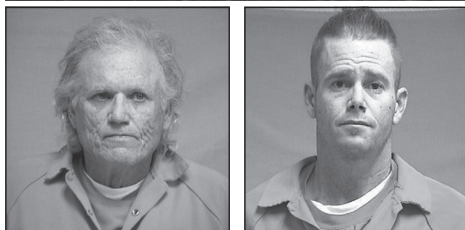
# NCSO Seizes Drugs on Traffic Stop

On February 15, a traffic stop was conducted by NCSO on a 2007 Toyota Avalon with an obscured license tag (Georgia PD7BBU). The driver of the vehicle was not wearing a seatbelt and changed lanes abruptly (failing to signal) in front of a semi-truck just south of the Florida/Georgia line on I-95, which caused the driver of the truck to brake suddenly.

The driver (Sharpe) and right front passenger (Blevins) acted very nervous while talking to the deputy and the deputy observed the right front passenger open the glove box and close it quickly. NCSO Deputy Ryan Goethe and his canine Diesel were in the area and requested to conduct a free air sniff around the vehicle. Diesel had positive reaction to illegal narcotics emitting from the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle was conducted and a plastic bag with 3.69 pounds (1 1/2 kilos) of crystal methamphetamine, with a street value of over \$100,000.00, was found inside the glovebox.

Both occupants: Edward Ray Sharpe, Jr., 65, Fernandina Beach and



Edward Sharpe, Jr. Robert Blevins

Robert Alan Blevins, 37, Fernandina Beach, of the vehicle were arrested for Trafficking Methamphetamine over 14 Grams; Bringing Contraband Substance into the State; and Attempt, Solicitation and Conspiracy to Sell Illegal Substance.



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**MAXIE C. BARBER SR.**



Mr. Maxie C. Barber Sr., 74 of Bryceville, passed away Monday, February 25. Mr. Barber was born and raised in Bryceville, the son of the late Carl and Mamie Hickox Barber. He was a truck driver and retired from UPS after 30 years of accident-free driving. He was a member of the Teamsters Union and a regular at Everybody's Restaurant in Baldwin. Mr. Barber enjoyed working on his property and classic and antique cars. He especially enjoyed attending car shows and driving his 1957 Ford Fairlane in the Main Street Cruise in Jacksonville.


He is survived by his son Maxie Barber Jr. of Oklahoma; daughters Karen Hicks (John Porter) of Callahan and Dawn (Phillip) Clark of Middleburg; grandchildren Maxie "Trace" Barber III, Karissa Cole, Danielle Baugh, Kelsey Green, Symphany Baugh, Nelson Hicks, and Nathan Baugh; six great grandchildren; sisters: Dejaun Rowe of Bryceville and Judy (Jimmy) Merritt of Hilliard; sister-in-law Lorice Barber of Hilliard; and his special friend Charlotte Skelton. He was preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, March 1 in the chapel of Prestwood Funeral Home. Burial will follow at River Road Baptist Church Cemetery in Hilliard. Mr. Barber's family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Thursday, February 28 at the funeral home.

Arrangements are entrusted to Prestwood Funeral Home, Baldwin, Florida. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.prestwoodfuneralhome.com](http://www.prestwoodfuneralhome.com).

# OBITUARIES

**DUNCAN WINSTON BOSTICK**


 Duncan Winston Bostick passed away February 17. He was born October 7, 1941 in Waycross, Georgia. Mr. Bostick was a retired tugboat seaman and a US Army Veteran. Duncan was a very beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend.

Mr. Bostick is survived by his wife Birdie Bostick; sons Tony (Tammy) Bostick and Marcus (Yvonna) Bostick; sister Kathy Bostick (Jeff Gassen); brother Grover (Pat) Bostick; grandchildren Adam Bostick, Aaron Bostick, Brandon Bostick, Tony Bostick, Jr., Ruby Bostick, Sara Bostick and Shannon Bostick; great-grandchildren Emma Bostick, Chloe Bostick, Carter Bostick, Henry Klingner and Felix Klingner; and many friends. Duncan was preceded in death by his parents Duncan and Ruby Bostick; and a brother John Bostick.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Giddens-Reed Funeral Home, Baldwin, (904) 266-2337, [giddensreedfh.com](http://giddensreedfh.com).

**JACK ELMER COWART, SR.**

 Jack Elmer Cowart Sr., 81, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on February 22. He was born on May 10, 1937 in Waycross, Georgia to John and Ellen Cowart. He worked in logging at

the age of 16 and married the love of his life Myrtle at the age of 17. He was a devoted worker of the Railroad for over 32 years and had his own gas station in Fernandina Beach. Jack loved cooking, gardening, fishing and hunting but his greatest passion was his family.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Myrtle Cowart; children Sarah (Victor) Hatton, Jack E. (Irene) Cowart, Jr. and Vivian (James) Miller; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Friday, March 1 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel from 5-7 p.m. The funeral service will be held Saturday, March 2 also in the funeral home chapel at 10 a.m. with Bill Crane officiating. Interment will follow in Verdie Cemetery in Bryceville.

Pallbearers will be Boogie "Jack III", Colton, Dusty, Jason, Junior and David.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.nassauafh.com](http://www.nassauafh.com).

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

He is survived by his daughters Pam (David) Lutins and Deanna (Carl) Richard; his fiancée Wanda Mallard; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Joyce Crawford; parents Fred and Meda Crawford; a brother Larry Crawford; and sisters Evelyn Swisher and Wanda Carter.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Sunday, February 24 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Chuck Ward officiating. Interment followed in Oakwood Cemetery, Hilliard.

Pallbearers were Tony Thomas, Scott Bishop, Ryan Lutins, Caleb Richard, Alex Richard and Nelson Keefer.

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**MARY MILDRED FREEMAN**




Mary Mildred Freeman, 90, of Fernandina Beach went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, February 21. Born in Hilliard, she graduated from Jones College. In 1959, after marrying her husband James Powell Freeman, she moved to Fernandina Beach where they raised their sons. She retired from the Nassau County Clerk of Court in 1991.

Mrs. Freeman had a strong faith and was devoted to serving God. She was a longtime member of Five Points Baptist Church. She loved her family dearly. Family was extremely important to her. She had a strong love and protectiveness for her immediate/extended family. After retiring, she raised her two granddaughters, instilling values and a love for the Lord. Her ability to make anybody smile was one of her many endearing qualities. Mrs. Freeman treasured nature and animals. In her younger days, she was an avid gardener. You could always find her outside working in her yard. She had quite a collection of beautiful plants. Gardening was therapy for her, it lifted her

**EUGENE VERNON CRAWFORD**



Eugene Vernon Crawford, 74, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord on February 19. He was born on December 9, 1944 in Blackshear, Georgia to

 Fred and Meda Crawford. Eugene proudly served his country in the US Air Force He was a member of Tall Tines Hunting Club and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was affectionately known for his sense of humor, telling jokes, kidding around and of course his "true stories." His greatest passion was his family! He was a family man and loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

## Railroad Crossing Closing

The Nassau County Road & Bridge Department is issuing a Notice of Intent to Begin Construction for CSX on the railroad crossing at River Road in Callahan due to emergency repairs needed. The crossing will be CLOSED Thursday, February 28 beginning at 7 a.m. until Sunday, March 3 at 12 p.m. (closed all night). Proposed Detour: Old Dixie Highway to Bypass Road to River Road.

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Not only did she have a big heart when it came to family, that love extended to animals, especially her beloved cats. She took in and cared for many stray dogs and cats over the years. She enjoyed many trips to the mountains with her family. Mrs. Freeman went on adventures, exploring Franklin, NC. She even walked the loop trail at the Joyce Kilmer Forest about 20 years ago. Her declining health prevented her from traveling over the years, but she loved sharing the fond memories made with her family while visiting the mountains. Whether at the mountain house or her home in Florida, she really loved sitting on the porch just admiring God's creation.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Marquis "Mark" and Mildred "Millie" Tomlinson, husband James Powell Freeman, sister Nellie Strickland, Eva Vanzant, and brother Frank Tomlinson.

She leaves behind her sisters Lilian Freeman, Stella Davis and Ruby Carter, all of Fernandina Beach; Delaine Tuggle of Hilliard; brother Robert Tomlinson of Hilliard; sons Shane Freeman and Scott Freeman both of Fernandina Beach; granddaughters Chelsy Freeman (Kyle) Day of Yulee; Marcie Freeman of Fernandina Beach; Amanda "Mandy" (Adam) Salzborg of Fernandina Beach; Christina Foster of Kingsland; great-granddaughter Alaina Garcia; great-grandson Maddox Freeman, and multiple nieces, nephews and step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 am on Friday, March 1 at Five Points Baptist Church. She will be laid to rest at Bosque Bello Cemetery. The family will receive friends at 10 am at the church. If you desire, in lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mrs. Freeman can be made to the Nassau Humane Society 639 Airport Road, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034.

Please share your memories and condolences at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

# OBITUARIES

## JOHN GORDON MATTHEWS, JR.

John Gordon Matthews, Jr., 88, the only child of John Gordon Matthews, Sr. and Pearl Rambo Matthews went to his eternal rest on Monday, February 25. Mr. Matthews was born in St. Petersburg, Florida on August 16, 1930, and moved to Jacksonville at an early age. After he retired, he moved to Callahan with his wife, Betty. Mr. Matthews and his parents were long time members of Central Christian Church in Jacksonville until it was dissolved.

He was a member of Ezra Masonic Lodge before moving to Callahan and becoming a member of Callahan Masonic Lodge #32. He was also a member of Scottish Rite and Morocco Temple Shrine where he was a Past President of the Drum and Bugle Corp. He was a Charter member of the West Nassau Genealogical Society and this led him to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. Mr. Matthews was an electrician by trade and retired as a supervisor in the Building Maintenance Department of the City of Jacksonville.

He is survived by his wife Betty Joan Dukes Matthews; two sons Gordon Alan (Connie) Matthews and Douglas Michael Matthews; three grandchildren Michelle (Chris) McDonald, Amanda (Robert) Harrison and Kyle Matthews; four great-grandchildren Victoria (Thomas) Kutz, Veronica Smith and Emma and Henry Harrison; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Friday, March 1 at 1 p.m. in the Event Center at Peoples, 14165 N. Main Street, Jacksonville with Chaplain Jackie Hayes officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Shriners Hospitals of Children Tampa, 12502 USF Pine Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612.

## MARY HARRIS ROBINSON



Mary Harris Robinson, 76, passed away on February 19 at her home in Dunedin, Florida. Mary was born on August 12, 1942 in Jacksonville to Thomas James Robinson and Minnie Kathryn Robinson.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 1 at 2 p.m. at Hardage-Giddens Riverside Memorial Park and Funeral Home. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service beginning at 1 p.m.

Hardage-Giddens Riverside Memorial Park and Funeral Home is serving the family.

## MARLENE PAGE YOUNG



Mrs. Etna Marlene Page Young, 78, of Callahan, passed quietly February 19, in the home of two angels, Ed and Cheryl Shanafelt, in Jacksonville, of a respiratory illness.

Marlene, never known as Etna, was born to James Peyton Page, Sr. and Etna Louranah Ogilvie on October 10, 1940 in Callahan. The seventh child of eight, she grew up and graduated from Callahan High School in 1958. She played on the basketball team and belonged to the Beta Club. After finishing her training with National Airlines, she went to work as a flight attendant based out of Newark, New Jersey. Eventually, she moved on to working and retiring from Eastern Airlines in Washington. She led a worldly life traveling to points around the globe. Eventually she found her way back to Callahan in 1998 and remained there when she retired a second time from Memorial Hospital.

In retirement, Marlene loved to work

in the nursery at the Callahan First Baptist Church, where she was an active member. A common sight in Callahan and Nassau County, she was a member of the Callahan Chapter #154 Order of the Eastern Star. She became a Master Gardener while living in Washington and loved all types of flowers, especially her favorite, the lily. She was a member of the West Nassau Genealogical Society, which fed her interest in all things historical. Through her long family history, she belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She was a past board member of Keep Nassau Beautiful and a very active member of Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS). She was also a past member of the Callahan Lions Club, Callahan Garden Club and the West Nassau Historical Society.

Marlene was preceded in death by her husband Floyd; and her siblings Jimmy, Thomas and Evelyn.

She is survived by two sons, Greg Smith of Hot Springs, Arkansas and Mark (Jenny) Isserman of Meridian, Idaho; step daughters Lisa, Julie and Linda of Washington; grandchildren Melodie, Dawn, Carrie, Doug, Christy and Ted; in addition to her great-grandson Dominik; her siblings Annie Laurie of California, Marvin Page of Pueblo, Colorado, Ronald (Carol) Page of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Johnny (Sheila) Page of Callahan.

A memorial service was held Saturday, February 23 at Callahan Funeral Home. Following the memorial, a Celebration of Life service was held at the Callahan County Building.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to Community Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257 or give online at: [www.communityhospice.com/give](http://www.communityhospice.com/give).

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# Hilliard Town News: Census Coming in 2020

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final meeting of February. The first order of business was the agenda item request by agent Bobby Franklin concerning a water connection exception for a building on US 1 north of Eastwood Road. Currently, town water (a connection) is not available at this time. The item was tabled from the last meeting until the council could get an estimation of the cost for the town to get the connection in that location. At the meeting, Councilman Kenny Sims asked Public Works Director Ritchie Rowe if he had a cost to get water to that location. "We have talked with the county concerning boring a 2" line under Eastwood Road," said Rowe. "It looks like it will be around \$500 for that and a total of around \$1000 to complete the job. The engineer is looking at the project now."

Sims made the motion to go ahead and bore the line. The council approved the request.

Mr. Victor Cora, representing the US Census Bureau approached the council concerning the upcoming Census. "The census will begin in April 2020. We are doing the work prior to making sure all the municipalities understand how important it is that everyone is counted," said Cora. "Municipalities or counties receive \$1,445 per counted person. This includes anyone breathing legal

or illegal. The census totals provide monies for 16 government programs."

Cora went on to say, residents will receive a card in the mail, in March 2020, concerning the census. On that card is information to complete the census online, on your phone or if you request by calling and receiving the information and returning it by mail.

The next two agenda items concerned site approval or not, to place surplus items on the GovDeals Service Marketplace. The council approved the site and approved placing items from the Parks & Recreation Department, Public Works Department and Fire Department.

In other business, Town Clerk Lisa Purvis requested a Capital Purchase approval for window treatments for the council chambers. "We need this to help with the sound in the building and also to keep the sun out during our meetings," said Purvis. "I have three quotes but I am recommending Sunhee's Drapery and Linen Rentals. I know it's not the cheapest however, they responded to my call immediately and are the only ones that came out to measure everything."

The council approved the purchase for window treatments at a cost of \$13,856.32 by a vote of 4-1 with

Councilwoman Callie Kay Bishop voting no.

Another Capital Purchase was brought before the council by Dallis Hunter, representing the Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department. "We have budgeted for two more radios, which we want to get," said Hunter. "We (HVFD) also applied for a 50/50 grant from the Florida Forestry Service and got it. So we are asking to purchase four radios instead of two at the same cost."

The council approved the purchase. A final Capital Purchase and regular operating costs (annual) was brought before the council concerning technology upgrades by Guy Riner, IT person for the town. Riner went through a huge conglomeration of items and changes from workstations in all departments to monitors for presentations, to upgrades in security systems and cameras to time keeping software to phone systems to video monitoring to archive retention and revamping the website, all for a cost of \$131,426.64 for Town Hall upgrades; Remote Buildings upgrades; and Annual Recurring upgrades. The council approved the purchase.

In closing comments, resident Skip Frye questioned why are you using a 2" bore versus a 6"? Also, I saw where

some millings were placed on some roads and skipped others to get there. Was there no treatment before the millings were laid down and then no one even rolled them (millings).

"I also questioned the 2" line versus the 6" Skip," answered Sims. "We'll definitely look at that with the engineer of the project."

"We have done the best we could with the millings," said Rowe. "We tried to use what we had to the best we could. We plan to get more and will get the other area needed."

Following, resident Charles Chevalier asked for the culverts near his home (5th Street) to be cleaned out and the ditches dug. "We suffered major flooding during the hurricane. I don't want to have to go through that again," said Chevalier. "I would like someone to come down there and look at what I'm talking about. I think cleaning out the large culvert would make a huge improvement."

Councilman Sims also added, "I want to thank Michael Franklin who brought a lot of his equipment down there when our town employees were putting down those millings. Michael helped out a lot and did it at no charge to the town. I appreciate that!"

The next regular meeting of the town council will be Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m.



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- Records of any and all recent contributions made to IRAs, Roth IRAs, pension plans, 529 plan or Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)
- Records or statements of other income and/or expenses (alimony, gambling, jury duty, odd 1099s)
- Records of business and/or rental income and all qualified related expenses that offset those incomes in part or in whole (when in doubt bring it anyway)

**EDUCATION**

- Reported education 529 plans, fellowships, scholarships, substantial gifts and/or inheritances
- Records of tuition and education expenses and always Form 1098-T from higher education sources
- Student loan interest paid (Form 1098-E)

**ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS**

- Forms 1098 Mortgage Interest + Mortgage Escrow Statements related to residences and investment properties, etc.
- Prior year federal and state tax returns with all related tax forms and amortization statements.
- Records of all charitable contributions made via cash, check, "gifting" and payroll deduction
- Records of miles driven for Business, Charity, Medical Purposes, Military, Moving
- Records of casualty losses of any property lost or damaged due to either natural disaster, mischief or theft

**HEALTHCARE**

- Forms 1095-A -B-C if you have medical insurance coverage (either ACA or otherwise) or an exemption
- HSAs (Health Savings Accounts) Forms 5498-SA and/or 1099-SA you paid and/or those paid by employer(s)
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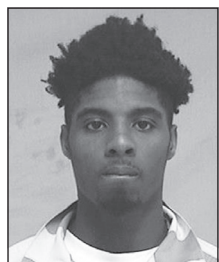
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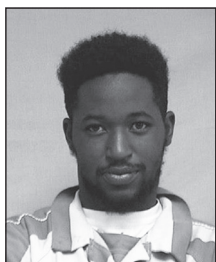
## Four Arrested for Theft at Hibbett Sports



Patterson



Beasley



Holloman



Green

On February 19, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office was notified by Hibbett Sports in Yulee of a retail theft by four males. The individuals walked out of the store without paying for several items of clothing and left the parking lot in a silver colored Chevrolet Cobalt heading toward State Road 200.

While observing westbound traffic on SR-200, an NCSO deputy observed a vehicle matching the description and also observed four males inside. A traffic stop was conducted on I-95 and the items stolen from the store

was observed inside the vehicle on the floorboard. An employee of Hibbett Sports identified all four as the ones who stole the items.

The clothing recovered was: 3 pairs of Adidas pants, 1 Adidas shirt, 2 pair of NIKE shorts, 1 NIKE shirt and 1 NIKE jacket. The total value of the items stolen was \$520. The arrested were: Darius Jahron Patterson, 24; James Crisaun Beasley, 18; Deonte Daishaun Holloman, 25; and Lance Ortaveus Green, 24; all from Jacksonville.

## Callahan Man Arrested for Aggravated Child Abuse

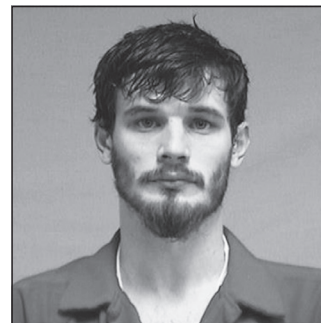
On June 23, 2018, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office was notified by Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville about a 6 year-old child with life-threatening injuries, which occurred at a home in Callahan. Doctors had determined the child needed immediate surgery to save his life.

Due to inconsistencies of how the injuries occurred to the child by the mother and her boyfriend, hospital officials contacted NCSO, the Department of Children and Families and the First Coast Child protection Team.

Investigators from NCSO interviewed the mother and boyfriend, who were the only adults at the home when the child's injuries occurred. Each gave similar accounts of what happened during separate interviews. The child was playing in the backyard of his home with the suspect running back and forth between two vehicles. While running, one of his shoes came off and he fell and hit his head on the bumper of one of the cars. He immediately got up and continued to run. Afterward the child went to his room to take a nap. A short time later the suspect went into the child's room and found him unresponsive.

There were inconsistencies with the mother and suspect on how long the child continued to run after striking his head, how long he slept before being found unresponsive and how much time

elapsed after he was found unresponsive and calling 911. The mother did not actually see the child fall and strike his head only relaying what she had been told by the suspect.



Michael Devon Shiver

The head injury was described by doctors as being consistent with being punched in the face and then having his head shaken. He also had bruising all over his body to include his face, ear, pelvis, abdomen, back, thighs, buttocks and shoulders. The child also

had a blown left pupil and lacerated liver, as well as a severe head injury that required life-saving surgery.

NCSO Investigators determined that the child was being punished by the suspect because he was apparently misbehaving. He was spanked and then forced to run laps between the vehicles and spanked again after he got out of the shower before going to his bedroom to take a nap.

As a result of NCSO's investigation, as well as investigations from DCF and the First Coast Child Protection Team, Michael Devon Shiver, 27, from Callahan was arrested for Aggravated Child Abuse.

The reason for the delay of the story was due to the length of the investigation between several different agencies, as well as the State Attorney's Office. The child has since been placed into foster care.

## Upcoming Natural Resources Programs

### Horseshoe Crab Watch Training Workshop: March 7 - Noon - 4 p.m. (\$10)

This is a hands-on training workshop, volunteers will learn about basic horseshoe crab biology, procedures for sampling breeding populations of horseshoe crabs, and procedures for measuring and tagging horseshoe crabs. Volunteers will be familiarized with sampling procedures, gear and understand how the data they collect is used by the FWC and other agencies. Volunteers who complete the workshop will be eligible to volunteer for the Florida Horseshoe Crab Watch Citizen Science program, but are not required to do so. Volunteer commitment involves weekdays over the course of a few months.

### Hike with the Naturalist: March 23 - 10 a.m. - Noon (FREE)

Join us for our first Hike with a Naturalist event in Cary State Forest of Northeast Florida. We will hike the Nature Trail for about two hours covering wildlife, the ecology, and the history of the area.

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# Garden Talk

*Rebecca Jordi, UF/IFAS Nassau County Horticultural Extension Agent is a University of Florida faculty member. Mail questions to: Garden Talk, c/o Rebecca Jordi, Nassau County Extension, 543350 US Hwy. 1, Callahan, FL 32011 or email [rjordi@ufl.edu](mailto:rjordi@ufl.edu)*

branched, broadly pyramidal, about 35 feet tall when mature; 'October Glory'—above average fall color, excellent tree, retains leaves late, 60 feet tall; 'Red Sunset'—above average orange to red fall color, does well in the south in USDA hardiness zone 8, probably the best cultivar for the deep south, oval, 50 feet tall; 'Scanlon'—upright growth habit; 'Schlesinger'—good fall color, rapid growth rate; 'Tilford'—globe-shaped crown. Variety *drummondii* suitable in USDA hardiness zone 8. There is a recently introduced hybrid cross between red and silver maple called hybrid maple (*Acer x fremanii*). Cultivars of this hybrid include 'Autumn Blaze' with an oval crown to 50 feet tall, 'Celebration' with a narrow upright crown and a strong central leader to 50 or 60 feet tall, 'Celzam' with

a narrow oval crown to 50 feet tall, and 'Scarlet Sentinal' with great fall color, and oval crown to 40 feet tall. The culture of these trees is probably like the red maple.

**Q: Now that you taught me nandina or heavenly bamboo is an invasive plant for our area – what else should I use? IG**

**A:** *Nandina domestica*, heavenly bamboo, is considered a Category I invasive plant according to the Florida Exotic Plant Pest Council (FLEPPC). We have discovered it in wildlife areas mostly because it is such a prolific producer of seeds. However, it also spreads by rhizomes and suckers. This plant is not native, in fact it originated from China and Japan and was introduced to the United

States in 1804 as an ornamental plant. *Nandina* is an evergreen or semi-evergreen woody shrub growing 6 to 8 feet in height. The tri-pinnately compound leaves are alternately arranged. There are alternatives to the standard heavenly bamboo and we would recommend one of these cultivars:



*Nandina domestica* 'Firepower' or 'Pink Blush'. They both are dwarf reaching average heights of 2.5 to 3 feet tall and do not produce flowers or seeds. We currently have 'Firepower' in our demonstration garden at the James S. Page Governmental Complex. It has been in the garden for about eight years and we have had no problem with it. The leaves change color (reds, yellow and/or orange) in the fall. It only receives rain water and is planted in full sun. We have had no disease or insect issues with this it – just the kind of plant most of us want and need in our gardens.



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