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"THEREFORE, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, STAND FIRM. LET NOTHING MOVE YOU. ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN." - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

Proud of our Hilliard Flashes



The Hilliard Flashes Boys Basketball team finished their season with quite an impressive record, 24-4. The team defeated Vernon 80-59 in the state semifinals on March 4 sending them to the Class 1A State Championship.

The Flashes took on the Hawthorne Hornets last Friday night in a tough, back and forth battle. Two filled student buses, along with cheerleaders and fans traveled to Lakeland Friday to support the team! It was a great defensive game however the Flashes fell just short of the title losing the battle, 38-42.

What was a heartbreaking loss should not overshadow the fact that the 2020 Flashes are only the sixth boys championship team in school history; definitely no small feat. Congratulations to the players and coaches! Go Flashes!

Fire Destroys Mobile Home

Nassau County Fire-Rescue personnel were challenged last week with a structure fire on Thursday, March 5 on Vera Lane in the town limits of Callahan. Upon arrival by the first fire company, reported heavy fire showing from the single wide mobile home. The Engine 50 crew extended a hose line to the front of the structure and quickly knocked down the exterior flames. They then proceeded to the north side of the home and knocked down the flames issuing from the end of the home. They were then able to make entry into the home and totally extinguish the fire. The single wide home was a rental home.



The owner/property manager advised that the tenants were under writ of possession and were in the process of

moving out. Red Cross was requested to assist the two adults and three children whom were displaced by the fire.

Callahan Elementary School is accepting donations of clothing for the three children and the mother. The sizes follow: little girl, size 5T clothes, 4T panties, shoe size 12; little boy (special needs), 7/8 clothes, shoe size 3, pull ups needed; and little boy, 9/10 clothes, shoe size 3; adult woman, M/L shirt & leggings, shoe size 7 1/2.



VOTE! Presidential Preference Primary

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Fire Consumes Home off Ratliff Road

For the second day in a row, Nassau County Fire-Rescue personnel were dispatched to a structure fire. The second fire occurred on the afternoon of Friday, March 6. The home was located on Woodridge Road off of Ratliff Road. Responding units had to proceed south on US 301 to Thomas Creek Road in order to get to Woodridge due to Ratliff Road being closed due to a sink hole the previous day.



Battalion 2 arrived and reported a single story wood-frame residential structure to be about 40% involved with heavy fire on the right side of the home. The garage was fully involved and the flames had extended to two vehicles in front of the home and a RV camper in the back yard. High winds were responsible for pushing the flames and smoke from the right side of the home to the left side. All the occupants were safely out of the home.

Firefighters placed two fire hoses in

use immediately and began attacking the fire from the exterior. A third hose line was used to make entry to the home. Once the home, camper and two vehicles were totally extinguished, firefighters found the family's dog deceased under a baby crib. The Red Cross was notified to assist the three adults and three children.

The cause of the fire was not noted on the report however the home owner stated she heard what sounded like an explosion in the garage.

Currently, the families are living with other family members.



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A Word From the Publisher

How quickly we forget that God is in control! Regardless of how much we say we believe that...we've allowed the thought of the coronavirus to take over our lives. I'm not saying the virus isn't scary because it is but we must do our part to protect ourselves (always wash your hands good; don't put your hands on your face or your mouth; if you're sick stay home, etc.). These are really simple everyday things that we have always done (common sense). God has also given us wisdom to use common sense in everything we do even though ultimately He is in control. Just be conscious of your health and listen to your body signals. Be smart and use common sense!

Roger and I attended Sportsman's Sunday at Liberty Baptist Church Sunday. It was a wonderful day in the Lord with a great group of people. Tables and chairs were set filling the entire area under a huge tent on the church property. A podium was set in the middle and around the area were gifts (most donated) to be given out to people that attended the special service. It's such blessing to see so many businesses and people that stepped up to donate items for this event.

Pastor Adam Pierce presented a powerful message that touched my heart. He talked about when you're out hunting you have so many decisions to make. Do I want to get in my tree stand? Sit in the blind? Did I bring everything I need? How long am I going to hunt? Think of all these questions and that's just for a day of enjoyment...hunting. I began to think of how many questions I go through each day in my everyday life. It can sometimes be overwhelming. As Pastor Adam went on to remind us, "We

all have many decisions in life but the most important decision we make in our life is the decision to ask Jesus into our hearts and lives."

Wow! How right Pastor Adam is. It's as simple as that. Jesus is the most important decision in our lives. I think in our fast paced world, I am guilty of pushing Jesus to the back burner. It's those times that I get so stressed and wound up. It's like God smacks me on the head and says, "Remember me?" I'm thankful that I have Jesus in my heart and thankfully I'm learning to lean on Him to direct my paths. I do have a planner and normally have a plan for each day... but God has shown me that my ways are not always the right ones. That's when He allows 'grace' to walk through my door or stop me in the post office. These are all divine appointments that I am learning to accept and embrace.

It is amazing that the older I get, the smarter I get in my walk with the Lord. I definitely still need His divine intervention in life circumstances and thankfully He is there. He is always there when I call. Starting each day in my Bible has made a huge difference in each day. Thank you, Pastor Adam for your wise words from God's word about my decisions in life. All of those decisions are so trivial compared to the decision to ask Jesus into my life. I'm so thankful I did years ago and am still learning to embrace all that Jesus has to offer for my life. Is today the day you make that decision? You will be forever blessed!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

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In Education,
Kathy Burns, NCSB Superintendent

Piano Students Perform

Joel Pace's music students performed Friday at the Historic Train Depot during the West Nassau Historical Society's Ice Cream Social. The students will be involved in many events throughout the community during the next few months including a Spring Festival at the Fernandina Library on March 28; sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt



on Saturday, April 11 at the Historic Train Depot; and also running the children's play area at the 15th Annual Railroad Day, Saturday, April 18. For more information about Joel Pace Piano or to volunteer visit facebook.com/joelpacepiano.

In the Kitchen...

Double Corn Hush Puppies

- 2/3 cup plain flour, sifted
- 3/4 cup plain cornmeal
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt

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- 1 small can cream-style corn

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An Ode to My Hometown

Justin Braddock

Callahan, Florida...Where? Many ask...well, it's in the northeast part of the state. But allow me to show you WHO Callahan is...

I moved here when I was 10 years old, just after the completion of my 4th grade school year. This was after spending 1st grade in Jeffersonville, Kentucky; then 2nd-4th in Zion, Illinois (just NE of Chicago). So it was certainly a bit of a culture shock for my adolescent psyche. I don't say that in any way negative, but I don't believe it takes too much thought to understand NE Florida & NE Illinois are two very different places.

The people certainly spoke in a different dialect than I was used to. There were a lot more trees, dirt roads, big trucks & cow pastures...which obviously leads to the sweet, pungent smell of manure. The people were a little less outspoken (unless you got to know them...). There were, most definitely, much fewer traffic lights. And to go shopping or enjoy a fancy sit-down dinner, you might have to endure a 30-45 minute drive.

But oh how quickly did they become MY people. How appreciative I came to be able to call this place HOME. Now, as I enjoy my 27th year calling Callahan my hometown and living right slap in the middle of it. I find great joy as I recall so many great memories. Not even memories per se, but a constant atmosphere that remains now as it did then, even in this ever-changing society.



The polite waive as you pass another on a narrow country road. The muddy boots found prevalent in the local eateries & the hard work they signify. The conversations enjoyed in aisle of the local grocery store that start with a simple, but heartfelt, "How ya doin'?" The sweet taste of a chicken sandwich from 'our' chicken emporium, 'the Chicken House.' The English spoken may not always be perfect, but the hearts are pure and beautiful. So, if you're not from here, maybe this will give you a little insight as to why I'm so very grateful to raise my beautiful daughter here.

As I struggled through a drug addiction and arrests in a place where I was also the Homecoming King years ago; and endured the death of my wife while behind bars. How this place and the people that reside in it have been instrumental in my personal and spiritual recovery, His presence is thick here. They have loved and accepted me through it all. We always come together.

So, Callahan...

I love you and thank you...

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Another interesting week of politics is in the books. Last Tuesday's primaries placed Uncle Joe in a narrow lead in the delegate race to secure the Democratic nomination. Bloomberg suspended his campaign as did Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar and Pocahontas Warren. The internal war amongst the Democratic Party is beginning to show. Remember, in 2016 the Clinton campaign and the DNC worked together to prevent Sanders from winning the nomination. Well the same is occurring again in 2020.

Note that the candidates that have left the campaign trail have merely announced that they are "suspending" their campaigns, not dropping out of the race. By just suspending their campaign they can assure that the delegates they won are bound for them and cannot be defected to Sander's count. All but Warren have pledged their support for Biden.

So once again the Democrat Party is in full tactical mode to prevent Bernie from being the nominee and nominate an established candidate without

turning off the 18-30 year old voters they need to win the election. Another misconception would be to think Mike Bloomberg is out of the picture now. Not even close, Bloomberg never expected to win the nomination, nor did he want to. He will now push for a brokerage convention and will continue to spend millions of dollars to secure a Biden victory. This would leave Biden beholding to Bloomberg. Mini Mike would have control of the White House without all the responsibilities associated with being President.

The Democratic Party is now stuck with a proud socialist that will transform America into another Cuba or Venezuela, and Biden, who can't remember who he's running against and is too busy fondling and sniffing women and children.

Once again I state; we are just one election away from becoming a socialist country. Vote! Vote! Vote!

May we all Bless God so that He can Bless America.

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

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, located at 541668 US Highway 1, Callahan, is having a St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. Traditional Irish food will be served. Tickets are \$15/adult; and \$7/children ages 13 and up; \$30/family (2 adults and children 12 and under). For more information, call 904-879-3662.

The Bryceville Community Club will have US Rep. John Rutherford as guest speaker at the Tues., March 17 meeting at 11 a.m. at Bryceville Baptist Church, US 301, in the Fellowship Hall. The location changed due to elections being held at the community building. The public is invited to attend and bring a covered dish to stay for the meal.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold their monthly meeting Monday, March 16 at the Pig Barbeque Restaurant in Callahan at 7 p.m. If you are interested in the history during 1861-1865 you are invited to attend.

Day Out on the Ranch Retreat, Sat. March 14, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.! Hosted by Crossbow Ranch, 11990 Old Kings Rd., Jacksonville. Come and enjoy art, music, dance, bass fishing, gun safety course and visit with traveling missionaries Philip & Sharon Buss. Wear: jeans, t-shirt & closed shoes. Fun for the entire family \$5 per person with 2 meals included. Register at www.ranchretreat.eventbrite.com.



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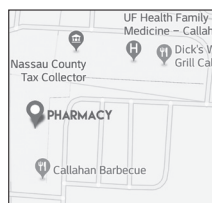
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Faith Is Necessary

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Hebrews 11:1, 6 *“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see...And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”*

What happens to those who have a lack of faith? First, a lack of faith can negatively influence others around you. Look what happened in Numbers 13, when the twelve spies returned from exploring the Promised Land. Ten of them brought back a bad report. Even though the land was flowing with milk and honey just as the Lord had said, they were afraid of the giants in the land. These ten spies had a lack of faith that caused the Israelites not to enter into the Promised Land. They didn't have enough faith to believe that God could give them victory over their enemies. Because of their lack of faith, God caused the Israelites to wander in the wilderness for 40 years. Only Joshua and Caleb were permitted to enter the Promise Land 40 years later because of their faith.

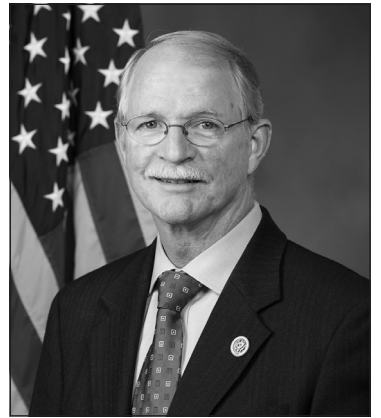
Secondly, a lack of faith can hinder a miracle. In Matthew 17 and Mark 9, we read about Jesus coming down from the Mt. of Transfiguration when he saw a large crowd gathered around his disciples arguing. *“Jesus asked, “What are you arguing about?” A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.” Jesus said, “O unbelieving generation” “how long shall I stay with you?” After Jesus had cast out the demon, the disciples asked Jesus why they couldn't drive out the demon. And in Mathew 17:20 Jesus replied, “because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”*

But what happens to those who step out in Faith and trust God? They can trust that God's going to show up and bring about a victory. According to Hebrews 11:30, *“...by faith the walls of Jericho fell down when the people had marched around them for seven days.”* The Israelites had to step out in Faith and trust God that He would do what He had promised. In 1 Kings 17, we see the faith of a widow that lived in Zarephath. When she was asked to feed Elijah until the drought was over, she only had a handful of flour left in her jar and a little oil, but she stepped out in faith and fed Elijah until the end of the drought. God honored her faith and supplied her every need. In Mark 5:27-34, the Bible tells us of a woman with an issue of blood, that had been plagued for twelve years. *“When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘who touched me?’” but Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, “daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”*

Let me close by saying, if you're in need of a victory or healing in your life today, Faith is necessary! God is still in the miracle working business, but you have to have Faith. If your faith is running low, get into the Word of God. Romans 10:17, *“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* Keep this in mind, when faith comes in fear goes out. Nothing is impossible with God. Build your faith by reading God's Word. Your victory is on the way, you've just got to have faith.

Bryceville Club Welcomes Congressman John Rutherford

The Bryceville Community Club is pleased to welcome Congressman John Rutherford to their March 17 meeting as their guest speaker. The meeting location has been changed due to the community club being a voting location. The Tuesday, March 17 meeting will be held at Bryceville Baptist Church in the fellowship hall. The church is located at 7732 US-301, south of the fire station and near Bryceville Elementary School. The meeting begins at 11 a.m. and guests are asked to bring a covered dish for the meal following the meeting.



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Family History and Temple Appreciation Presentation

The Kingsland Georgia Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will present "Do You Have My Name?" on Sunday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. This program portrays the need to include all family members in

the family circle when doing genealogy and completing your family history. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. The church is located at 6632 Laurel Island Parkway, Kingsland, Georgia. Refreshments will be served.

CHURCH NEWS

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Hilliard First Assembly of God will be hosting Trinity River Band on Sunday, March 15 at 10 a.m. Come and be blessed by their music. Hilliard First Assembly of God is located on U.S. 1 south in Hilliard.

Going Beyond Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer (The War Room & Overcomers), Sat., April 25 at True Believers Church of God by Faith, 45083 White Road, Callahan. \$20 per person, lunch provided. Call 904-742-6942 to register.



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Nassau Students Compete in Gate River Run



On Saturday morning these five (5) Nassau County students crossed the finish line of The Gate River Run 15K. The friends started training together in December and kept each other motivated as they increased their mileage each week. Their finish times ranged from 1:27 and 1:57. Each one of them is looking forward to running again next year and hope to have more friends finish with them in 2021. Congratulations!

Shown are (top l to r): Mikhail Sawyer (12), Nathan Davis (15) and Henry Sawyer (14); and bottom Grace Davis (12) and Hannah Border (12).

Meet the Mega Mavericks Lego Team

Lesley Rester

I am the coach to a First Lego League team, the Mega Mavericks, based in Hilliard. The team is made up of six local home educated students, ages 8-12 years old.

On February 29, the Mega Mavericks competed alongside 59 other first Lego leagues team from the Northeast Florida region at the 2020 Regional Tournament. The Mavericks received the Judges Award (one of the 26 awards). The team is part of Edison Kids Inc. (www.edisonkidsinc.com) a non-profit group providing STEM education to home educated students based in Hilliard.

Shown (l to r) are: Coach Lesley, Chloe (11) and Team Mentor James (15); front row shown (l to r) are:



Matthew (9), Elijah (8), Nathan (12), Timothy (9) and Titus (9). Timothy is a cardboard cutout, as he had open heart surgery on February 17 and was only able to attend the event for an hour due to his recovery. The team is looking forward to the next season which will kick off August 1!

Relay for Life Pageant



Crowns for the Cure



The West Nassau County Relay for Life is hosting a Miss West Nassau County Relay for Life pageant called Crowns for the Cure! The pageant will be held Saturday, April 4 at 1 p.m. at the Callahan Middle School Cafetorium. This pageant is to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. All proceeds after production cost will be donated to the American Cancer Society. This is a not for profit event.

Age categories include: Baby Miss: 0-12 months; Tiny Miss: 1-3 years old; Little Miss: 4-6 years old; Junior Miss: 7-9 years old; Pre-Teen: 10-12 years

old; Junior Teen: 13-15 years old; Teen: 16-18 years old; and Miss: 19 years old & up. (Age groups may be combined depending on participation.)

Enter all categories following for \$65: Beauty (Sunday dress or pageant dress); and Awareness Wear (any outfit that includes purple).

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Being Blessed in Israel

Alice Shaw

Recently, members from Crossroads Church in Callahan traveled to Israel and had a wonderful time. It was cold and it rained a couple of the days, but we soldiered around and saw the sights. It is so unbelievable to visit the places where so much history took place. The Old Testament and the New Testament events overlap in so many places. Everywhere you put your feet is a spot where several Biblical events happened. I visited Israel about 20 years ago, so I was anxious to see how things might have changed since then.

Our travels took us to the Dead Sea where several of our group was able to enjoy floating in the water. I'd done it before, so I passed since it was winter! We had a baptismal service at the Jordan. About half of our group (50) was baptized. We rode a boat on the Sea of Galilee and about halfway across the Sea the crew raised flags and played the anthems of America and Israel. We

sang and it was amazing and so special. Many rode a camel for the first time! We ate St. Peter's fish in Tiberius, close to Caesarea where Peter lived and climbed Masada...such a powerful place. No words can describe it. We visited many sites and churches where events had happened in antiquity. We walked around under the arch in the Western Wall in the extensive excavations that have been done. We visited the Western (Wailing) Wall and I put prayers in the wall for my friends. We visited the Holocaust Museum, which is a moving experience. I think we owe it to the Jews to visit the Holocaust museums, especially since there are those in the world who claim it never happened.

We visited the American Embassy in Jerusalem. We had the opportunity to purchase a commemorative coin bearing the likenesses of President Trump and Cyrus the Great, each with his own seal. Neither man was a Jew, but they were used by God to accomplish things in Israel. When God wants to do something, whether in Israel or not, He gets the job done using whomever He chooses. Both men have mightily blessed Israel.

It was amazing to visit places that had been excavated and see the actual synagogue floor in Magdala where Jesus would have stood as he taught. We were on the Mount of the Beatitudes where He had been and visited the Church of the Nations. The Garden of Gethsemane is beside the church with its ancient olive trees. At St. Peter of Gallicantu, the place where it is said Peter denied Christ, there was uncovered a pathway that Jesus would have walked on. Under that church are the ruins of Caiaphas' palace and a room carved out where Jesus could have been held during His trial...a

very lonely place. We walked on the Via Dolorosa and you could almost hear the crowd hurling their insults at Our Lord as He made His way to Golgotha to purchase their salvation and ours.

We were given the opportunity to help in the reforestation of Israel. I invested in planting trees. Now my family has actual roots in Israel. It was so wonderful to be a part of that grand scheme.

Ezekiel 36 is a prophecy to the land, not to a people. The 7 R's of Israel: RETURN of the people (1948); REVIVAL of the language. Dead languages don't usually return; REBUILDING the cities,



8 out of 10 rebuilt in the same place using the same stones; REFORESTATION; REVEGETATION. Best fruit in the world; fourth in the export of flowers; RETURN to God's Law; and REBUILDING the Temple. They are just waiting on the Lord for when to start building. Shalom, and may the God of Israel bless you.

We were all glad to be home and thankfully, no one got sick or hurt, even though there were several spills. The flights were all on time and without incident.

God is good!



Earth Warriors 4-H Club News



Amanda Thien

Do you know what sustainability, hydroponics or aquaponics are? Do you know what color attracts insects? Last Thursday, thirty students gathered in a science classroom after the final school bell rang at Callahan Middle to learn more about a state-of-the-art farm located in Hilliard.

Rachel Clark, of Traders Hill Farms, shared with students the mission of Traders Hill Farms, how they first started in a rundown chicken barn when Tyson went out of business, and where there company is today. She informed students that the majority of the produce they purchase from the supermarkets is shipped from California and Arizona, and yet we have an opportunity to purchase from a local producer.

Traders Hill provides delicious romaine lettuce to the Nassau County School Board so students and faculty, countywide, have an opportunity to eat it daily. Many students sampled romaine

leaves with a healthy alternative to ranch style dressing. One young man remarked, "I don't like lettuce or dressing but this isn't too bad." Upcoming opportunities to visit and possibly intern at Traders Hill Farm were shared. Several students

remarked how they looked forward to asking for their own growing system like Mrs. Clark brought to show as a miniature example of how they are raising romaine on the farm.

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The Country Financial Credit Union officially opened their Callahan Branch Monday, March 9. The (temporary) location of the branch is at 450027 Old Dixie Highway (corner of Old Dixie Highway and US 1). Plans for a new state of the art branch are already in the design phase. "We would love to have the new building up and running by the end of the year," said Anita Crews, President/CEO of Country Financial Credit Union. "We'll just have to see how the construction moves along. But for now, we have a great facility and super staff to handle all of your banking needs."

The Callahan Branch has



some familiar faces to greet you. Susan Patterson, Branch Manager, is a longtime Callahan resident and has been in the banking industry for over 30 years. Terri Felch and Paula Nettles, tellers, are also Callahan residents and have banking backgrounds.



The temporary hours of the Callahan Country Financial Credit Union are: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The branch offers a full suite of financial products and services for you, the member. Stop by and see us, we look forward to serving you!

New Beginnings and Milestones

Mabri Faith Hall



Andrew and Ashli Hall, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Mabri Faith Hall. Mabri was born February 20, 2020 at 3:12 p.m. at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville. She weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and measured 20 ½ inches.

Paternal grandparents are Steven and Rhonda Hall of Bryceville.

Maternal grandparents are Greg and Donna Holton of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents are Pam Cray of Callahan and the late Buddy Cray; Pete and Susie Holton of Callahan; Donna Hall of Bryceville and the late Joseph Hall; and Betty Maynard of West Virginia and the late Gilbert Maynard.

Colton Wayde Hardemon

Tiffany and Shawn Hardemon, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their son Colton Wayde Hardemon. Colton was born January 17, 2020 at 4:15 a.m. at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. He weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces and measured 18 1/4 inches.

Paternal grandmother is Peggy Johnston of Callahan and the late Gary Johnston.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Tammy Lee of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents are Mert and Sam Turner; the late Clarence Miller; Bill Kilgore and the late Jackie Kilgore; the late Paul Lee, all of Callahan; the late Rev. W.H. and Coravell Dodds; Vella Johnston and the Late Waddell Johnston; Joan Slaton and the late Harold Slaton, all of Valliant, Oklahoma.

Colton was welcomed home by his sibling Chloe, Kash and Korbin!



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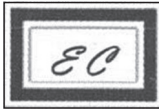
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Christopher Shawn Leung, 36, 20076 Pope Drive, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle

Tuesday, March 3

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Saturday, March 7

Vincent Edward McCollum, 26, 37111 W. Fifth Street, Hilliard: Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card in Excess of \$100

Sunday, March 8

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Jordan Tyler Hemmingway, 21, 33155 Oak Hill Lane, Callahan: DUI Normal Faculties Impaired

NCSO Announces Domestic Security 'Florida See Say' App

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce a new free mobile app called Florida See Something, Say Something (Florida See Say). The mobile app allows citizens to report suspicious activity, specifically items related to terrorism and homeland security. Citizens can also access educational materials and PSA videos to learn what is considered suspicious activity and how to stay safe.

"The public plays a critical role in keeping our county safe," said Sheriff Bill Leeper. "One person who submits one tip can minimize or even prevent an attack." To protect the community from domestic security threats the Nassau County Sheriff's Office is encouraging citizens to download the free app ahead of any potential suspicious activity. To download the app, search "Florida See Say" in your phone's app store (Google Play Store for Android users and App Store for Apple users). Users may also access valuable educational materials from suspicious activity indicators to creating plans in the event of an emergency. For more information or



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When a citizen opens the app for the first time, the app will automatically detect the closest law enforcement agency via the phone's location settings. If the citizen does not have location settings enabled, the app will prompt the citizen to enter their city, county, or zip code. Once a citizen submits a tip, it is automatically sent to the local law enforcement agency.

Another feature of the app is the ability for law enforcement to send push notifications to all app users within the county or all app users within a specific area. This will be an especially useful tool for agencies to use during local events like parades, festivals, or other events to remind attendees to stay aware of their surroundings and remain vigilant.

Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Town Council of Hilliard met Monday night for their first meeting of March. The first item was a proclamation for the Take Stock in Children Program. The proclamation confirmed that the Take Stock program has been in Nassau County for 23 years. Currently, the program has 137 pre-college students and 135 college students enjoying a 4-year college scholarship due to the program. Students in the program agree to visit with a mentor weekly, keep their grades up and stay out of trouble. This is a life changing opportunity for the students in the program.

The first agenda item concerned a lot split between Mr. Wayne Bishop and Ms. Patricia Sullivan. The item had already been recommended for approval by the Zoning Board. The council approved the recommendation.

The next item, the council approved adding 5 working hours for Land Use Administrator Janis Fleet. She will now have 5 extra office hours and meetings will be additional time.

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis requested to hire a part-time position for the clerk's office. "This person could help with following advertising information through, maintaining the website, ordinance and resolution books and more," said Purvis. "I don't think I can keep up the pace I'm going without some help."



"I just hate to hire another fulltime person (to be trained) and also hire a part-time at the same time," said Councilman Jared Wollitz. "Maybe we could wait a month once we get the fulltime person going and discuss it again."

The item was tabled until the April 2 meeting to discuss again.

Public Works Director Ritchie Rowe advised the council that he received three bids for the Mikkelsen Property Estate Mulching. "I recommend Warren Vining at a cost of \$160 per hour for the project with approximately 30 hours of work to do," said Rowe. The council approved the recommendation.

In closing comments, Councilman Kenny Sims reminded everyone about the great job the Hilliard High School Flashes did in playing basketball for the State Championship. "They came up 4 points short but we're (Hilliard) still proud of them!" said Sims.

The next council meeting will be Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

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DWAYNE LEONARD BOWEN



Dwayne Leonard Bowen, 25, of Jacksonville, passed away on February 24, 2020. Dwayne was born June 29, 1994 in Jacksonville. Dwayne is preceded in death by his grandmothers Angelita Bowen and Diana Davis Watford; and his brother Dwight Smith, Jr.

Dwayne was such a sweet baby boy. He was so loving and caring. He loved to be outdoors, playing sports, riding his bike, playing video games and surfing the net on the computer. He loved to fish and swim in any type of water ever since he was a baby. He also had a love for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and for Superman. Most of all he loved his time with his boys, family and friends. Dwayne had a good heart and will forever be missed.

Dwayne is survived by his sons Bruce Smith and Elijah Smith; their mother Katelyn Ferrier; his mother Margie Bowen (Terra Leonard) and Frankie Bridge; father Dwight Smith, Sr.; brother Joshua (Brittany) Bowen, Walter (Elaine) Hughes, Jayden Leonard and Devin Carter; and his sisters Karoline Leonard, Tia Smith and Tabitha Smith; and many loving family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 21 at 2 p.m. at Faith Memorial Baptist Church, 6371 Ramona Blvd., Jacksonville, with Pastor Bob Anderson officiating.

Following the service there will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

BETTY JOYCE HAMLIN

Betty Joyce Hamlin, 86, passed away Friday, March 6, 2020. Mrs. Hamlin lived to care for others before herself. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was predeceased by her

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husband Joseph D. Hamlin.

Mrs. Hamlin is survived by her daughter Sherry (Terry) Carter; her sons David (Regina) Hamlin, Mark (Rhonda) Hamlin and Danny (Kelly) Hamlin; her seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, March 11 at the Mill Creek Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

BERTIE MAE CASON MILLER



Bertie Mae Cason Miller, 82, of Callahan, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on February 15, 2020. She was surrounded by her daughter, Cherie Miller Conner, precious niece she called "Sis" Cindy Miller Harper along with her nieces Kathryn Giard and Lyndzie Rugg. She was born July 7, 1937 and raised in Patterson, Georgia to the late John Emanuel Cason and Mary Arellia Clark Cason.

Bertie began her career after graduation from Patterson High School. She moved to Jacksonville, taking a position at First Union Bank on Main Street. She married the love of her life, John Troy Miller, Jr., in March 1957. Together they raised two children: her daughter Cherie Miller and son, Robert Channing Miller. As they reached school age, she returned to her career at First Baptist Church of West Hollywood and Hollywood Christian School as Accounts Receivable Specialist. Her work ethic was so vast that upon retirement it took three individuals to fill her position. She then moved to Melrose

on Big Lake Sante Fe and joined Trinity Baptist Church of Keystone Heights. She was a faithful member for many years and it was there that she accepted the position of Sunshine Committee Chairman.

From 1987 through the day before her last day of hospitalization, she sent cards to the sick, shut-ins, family and friends, thinking of you cards, birthday, anniversaries, holidays, for the Hope and Joy Sunday School classes, and along the way added the men's Sunday school class. Millions of cards have been sent to lead people to Christ, send condolences, encourage, and let them know they are thought and prayed for daily and cared for by other fellow Christians. She was a beacon of light to hundreds that needed a touch from Jesus. Her quiet, behind the scenes, ministry reached all over the U.S. and abroad. All of this being done in the quietness of her home and in later years even on vacations. This ministry was life to her and she loved serving her Savior Jesus Christ with all her heart.

Bertie was a dedicated, faithful, sweet wife, a loving Christian mother, and the baby of 15 siblings. Her life was huge, special, and her heart was filled with Godly love and wisdom. Her whole being radiated all that God wants His children to be. She was a Prayer Warrior with a lifetime of prayers spoken; some answered and some she told Cherie were still waiting to be answered. "He will answer them too in His perfect time."

Bertie is survived by her daughter, Cherie Miller Conner of Callahan; her granddaughter Christina Eliane Williams; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews plus countless cousins.

Along with her parents John and Mary

Cason; she was preceded in death by her faithful husband Nick; her son Robert; all 14 of her siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and Christian friends from all over the U.S. and abroad.

A Celebration of Life service was held Monday, February 24 with Pastor Marc Allen officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Interment followed at Riverside Memorial Park.

Hardage-Giddens Riverside Memorial Park and Funeral Home, served the family.

Visit www.hgriversidefuneralhome.com to leave condolences and memories on the guestbook.

WALTER S. MOONEYHAN



Walter S. Mooneyhan, 94, passed away on March 4, 2020. He was born to James and Susan Mooneyhan on May 31, 1925 in Elliot, South Carolina.

He served in the United States Army with honors during World War II in the Asiatic Pacific Theater from 1944 to January 1946. Prior to moving to Callahan, he owned and operated Burton and Company Electronics in Jacksonville, which later became Discount Electronics in Callahan. He was known as the CB shop man in Callahan. Walter was a member of North Jacksonville Baptist Church and Riverside Masonic Lodge #266.

Due to a medical mishap, Walter became a paraplegic at the age of 41. He was highly respected and admired by his peers for his courageous battle with his disability over the past 53 years. Sherriff Dale Carson recognized Walter in 1984 for his meritorious service rendered to the Office of the Sherriff and the citizens of Jacksonville.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years,



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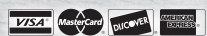


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The funeral service was held Monday, March 9 at North Jacksonville Baptist Church, 8531 N. Main Street. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed with Military Honors at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Peoples Family Funeral Home is serving the Mooneyhan Family.

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sisters Cheri Hicks and Kayla Blitchington Speke (Nelson); and many other beloved family members, too numerous to name.

A Celebration of Mellisa's life was held Sunday, March 8 at Dinsmore Baptist Church in Jacksonville with Dr. E. Winson Butler officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Dinsmore Baptist Church, 10500 Old Kings Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32219, in Mellisa's name. These donations will be used to help fund summer camp for children less fortunate.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

MELLISA NAULT



Mellisa Nault, 38, of Callahan, was taken from this world way too soon on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Mellisa was born on July 10, 1981 in Jacksonville. She graduated from West Nassau High School in 1999, GO WARRIORS! Mellisa was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece and friend. Her favorite hobbies included arts, crafts, helping the needy, homemaking and entertaining. She was a champion for the LGBTQ Community. Mellisa never had a friend with a need or a craft too big or too small. She never met an animal she didn't want to bring home and save. Mellisa's most important role in life was to care for her family. Mellisa was an incredible example of womanhood. She is preceded in death by her grandparents James "Poppi" Stokes and Levonina "Meme" Bertie Brown Stokes and Gladys and Thomas Hicks; and one of her fathers Harold Blitchington.

Mellisa is survived by her husband Robert Nault; daughter Victoria Lindsey; son Austin Nault; mother Penny Stokes Blitchington; father Donald Ray Hicks;

LANA JEAN TANNER



Lana Jean Merritt Tanner, 46, of Jacksonville, passed away Friday, March 6, 2020, in Jacksonville. She was born May 27, 1973 in Jacksonville.

She was preceded in death by her sisters Dana Merritt and Jana Stoner.

She is survived by her children James Tanner, Jessica Tanner and Jaden Tanner; her parents James Dayton Merritt, Sr. and Judith Barber Merritt; sisters Gina (Neil) Bolen, Donna (Joey) Dale and Marlena (Randy) Michael; brothers James (Sherry) Merritt, Jr. and Jonathan Merritt; in-laws Robert and Katrina Gay; sister-in-law Nichol Jones; and brother-in-law Brian Gay.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 11 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. The funeral service will be held Thursday, March 12 at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Sardis Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

Join the Movement

As 2020 continues to roll on, Movement 2020 classes are still being offered at Advance Rehabilitation Callahan. The FREE community program is designed to promote a comprehensive approach to improving your health. Classes are offered at different times to try and make it accessible to all and most are an hour in length. The March calendar (on page 2) shows that classes are held daily!

The center piece of the program is the strength training classes which are available 3 days a week. Prior to participating in the strength training there is an introductory class Movement 101 that is required to explain the strength program, breakdown fundamental movements, and educate on the importance of strength training. The strength training class uses a variety of different exercises and setups to stress the body to promote an overall stronger individual who can tolerate all of life's daily stresses.

There are also classes available for those who want to improve their performance in many areas. Cardio class is a circuit class where you can get exposed to multiple forms of cardio and is a great way to get moving. Balance class is designed to educate on what makes up your balance and implement interventions to improve safety during everyday activities. Squat school is a class to assess mobility, educate on common deficits and practice interventions that can improve



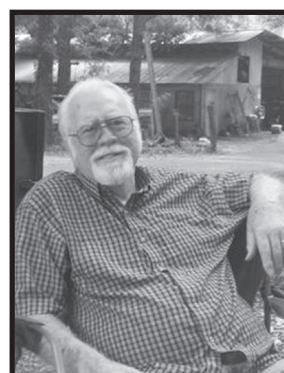
a person's ability to perform this very functional activity. There is also an Olympic lifting class to expose people to the benefits of Olympic lifts and improve performance for those already experienced with the Olympic lifts.

There are two educational classes offered in the form of nutrition and pain education. The nutrition series is a three-part course offered by Natasha Mannel, a certified nutrition counselor and resident of Callahan. In the course she breaks down aspects of nutrition, provides tips to promote healthier eating, and address FAD diets. Pain 101 is an educational class designed to educate the community of the issue of pain and chronic pain. The class is designed to try and help you understand what can contribute to pain and other ways to try and treat pain without the use of opioids.

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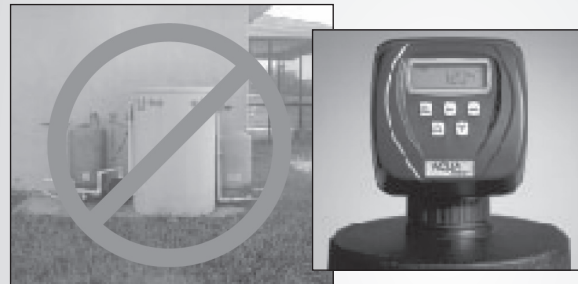


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Dawn S. West

For the past three weeks, 2nd grade classes from Callahan Elementary School enjoyed a walking field trip to Brandies ACE Hardware store. The weather (rain) plagued the trips causing them to be cancelled a few times. This was not only a cool trip because the students walked but also was a huge history lesson!

The students (3 classes) were greeted in the main parking lot by Brandies owner Raymond Fachko, who told the group that Brandies was celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year! The history this building has is amazing. Of course, the building itself is over 100 years old. Fachko told the students prior to the building being a hardware store it was a movie theatre...silent movies!



The students quickly asked, "What's that?" At one time, there was also a boxing ring.

The group was split up into three groups with each having a guide: Mr. Raymond; Mrs. Stephanie Henderson and Mr. Mickey Henderson. These guides were great and super with the children! The students enjoyed 'hands-on' activities while touring the store. They pumped water with a hand pump to show the students that's the way we used to get water...not by turning on a faucet! The students stopped by the chain section in the store and saw the many sizes of chains you could purchase.

They also learned how to cut them with a special tool. The same was done with ropes. Further back in the store they stopped by the smoke detectors where Mrs. Stephanie asked, "Do you have a plan in your home if your house catches on fire? We do! My children know to meet at our mailbox if there is a fire," she said. "I want you all to go home today and make a plan with your parents. That's your homework!"



They got to watch a key being made and how they carefully score (cut) glass. At the end of the tour, the students got to go upstairs, where not too many people get to go, and make a craft. Each student decorated a clay pot, then added dirt, seeds and more dirt! The pots were collected and later delivered by Brandies employees to the school and classes!

Thank you to Mr. Raymond and your staff for a wonderful learning experience and a fun trip! We appreciate your patience, time and wisdom!



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