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"SO JOSEPH BOUGHT SOME LINEN CLOTH, TOOK DOWN THE BODY, WRAPPED IT IN THE LINEN, AND PLACED IT IN A TOMB CUT OUT OF ROCK. THEN HE ROLLED A STONE AGAINST THE ENTRANCE OF THE TOMB." - MARK 15:46

Meet Gold Medal Congressional Award Winner Katie Gates

Dawn S. West

Katie Gates, of Callahan, is not your average senior in high school. Katie is home schooled and she is focused on what direction she wants her life to go. Last Friday, Katie received her final Congressional Award, her Gold Medal. The Congressional Award Program is a program that any student can apply for however it has a lot of requirements and you must be committed to the program.

The Congressional Award Program is about challenge. The Award offers young people the opportunity to set a personal goal and achieve it. Along the



Shown (l to r) are Congressman John Rutherford, Katie Gates, Linda Twiggs and Lisa Gates.

way, you will learn about yourself and about qualities like responsibility, trust and the ability to plan and organize. There are six levels of Award: Bronze, Silver, and Gold Certificates and Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals. Each level is cumulative, this means time spent on one award is carried with you to the next level. The minimum age to register is 13 1/2 and you must accomplish your goals by your 24th birthday.

Katie is 17 and will graduate this year and she has already achieved all the levels. Her parents are Douglas and Linda Gates of Callahan, who have encouraged her throughout her life. Her grandmother, Mrs. Linda Twiggs, also of Callahan, has also encouraged Katie and traveled with her, last summer to Guatemala. This was part



Shown (l to r) are Ramiro Sicre, Congressman John Rutherford, Katie Gates, Dawn Hagel and Kelsey Irvine.

of the expedition portion of the program. Katie and her grandmother spent 3 weeks in Guatemala where she worked in a medical clinic, entertained children, worked in a nature preserve and learned Spanish.

Katie is very involved in 4-H and is thankful for what she has learned through

her years there. She achieved most of her volunteer hours (for the program) through 4-H. She taught several of the classes and assisted with day and summer camps. "Katie has been to several state 4-H events and has numerous volunteer hours," said 4-H Agent Kelsey Irvine. "She had a sheep, pig and steer in the NE FL Fair this year and did amazing."

"This year, I studied the nutrition

part for the animals. What would make them grow healthier and faster," said Katie. "It was a lot of studying but it worked. Both my steer and my sheep won Grand Champions!"

The physical part of the program, Katie chose to run and horseback ride. She ran in the Donna 13.2 run but has decided she prefers horseback riding over running.

Congressman John Rutherford was on hand to present Katie with her final Gold Medal last Friday. He also advised her he would be looking for her at the Official Awards Ceremony that will be held June 19-21 in Washington, D.C.

Katie was also pleased to find out that the Fernandina Beach Optimist Club will be paying for her plane trip to and from Washington, D.C. "We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments," said Ramiro 'RJ' Sicre representing Florida Public Utilities and also the F.B. Optimist Club along with Dawn Hagel. "You have accomplished many things and we plan to hear about many more!"

Katie has already been accepted to Berry College, where she plans to study Veterinarian and dietary medicine for animals. Congratulations Katie!

Knagge and Mandelbaum Finish in Top 5 at State Competition

Brent Lemond

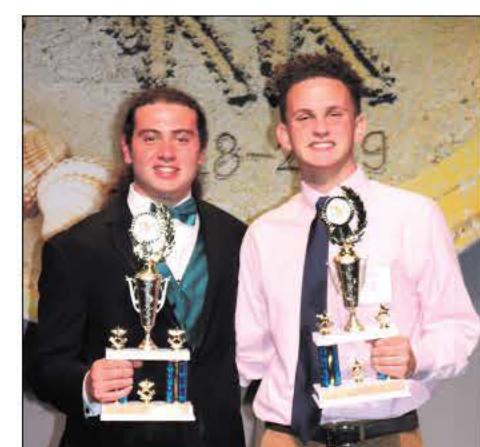
Ethan Knagge, a senior at West Nassau High School, has been an FBLA member for three years. He is the son of Randy and Stephanie Knagge of Callahan. He competed in different events each year and took a variety of career education classes to help him decide on a career path. Having a strong aptitude for mathematics, he considered programming and engineering before settling on actuarial science. As he narrowed in on his goal, he became a full-time dual enrollment student at Florida State College at Jacksonville

and focused his Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) efforts on the Insurance and Risk Management competition. He finished 4th in the State Competition.

"I didn't like programming, but I'm really good at math," said Knagge as he explained his choice to pursue actuarial science. His research of salaries had an impact as well. "You can make six figures and if you make it to Chief Financial Officer or Senior Actuary you could top out as high as \$300K."

While the results of competitions

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Shown (l to r) are Brody Mandelbaum and Ethan Knagge.

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Letters to the Editor

Another Response

Dear Editor,

This is in response to a letter in last week's paper written by Mark Willis. The letter was very well written and he supported his argument with much credible evidence and documentation. Nowhere did he insult or demean those who disagree with him. This opinion was a breath of fresh air.

Like the letter writer, I am a former Republican (Mr. West would probably have called me a RINO), but I left the party when it became so radicalized and mean spirited. I totally agree with every point Mr. Willis made.

Thank you, Mr. Willis, for your letter, and thanks to the Westside Journal for publishing an opposing point of view.

Josh Smith

Cautious Driving

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to vent some frustration with the way everyone drives. The two main areas that are a problem are Lem Turner in Callahan and Bay Road in Hilliard. I am sure there are other areas too, but these are the main ones my husband and I travel to go to our business in Oceanway and to drop my son off at the elementary school in Hilliard.

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driving the speed limit, going 5 miles over the speed limit and cars come driving up on you way too fast and ride your tail weaving in and out just to get a split second of a chance to pass you, just so they can get one car length ahead of you. Like that one second is going to make a difference. Last week, I was on Lem Turner heading to our business, when two cars were racing each other and I swear only by the grace of God I was not killed. By the way they were on my tail trying to get around me. By the time I got to our business I was a nervous wreck. I just want people to start thinking a little about how driving dangerously can affect other people.

Sandra Street

Thank you!

Dear Editor,

Louis and I would like to thank everyone for the love, support and donations that we received when we lost our home in a fire. We would especially like to thank all the fire departments that came to our rescue. A special 'thank you' to the people who came out to help us tear the house down and haul it off and to the people that helped us salvage what we could. We appreciate your help and kindness more than you could ever know.

Janice and Louis Hodges

Callahan 'Friends' Receive \$500 Donation



Shown (l to r) are: Nancy Bethea (Secretary), Alice Pehlke and Beth McKibben-Nee, Callahan Librarian.

The Friends of the Callahan Library were happy to accept a \$500 donation from the Town of Callahan Friday afternoon. The resolution was approved at last Monday (April 1) night's council meeting however the check wasn't ready until Friday.

Each library has a 'Friends' group that helps to grow and assist the librarian in any way they can. The

Callahan Friends have many plans for this year that they hope to achieve. "Receiving this donation from the town is such a great thing," said Alice Pehlke, Treasurer of the Callahan Friends. "It is great to have the support of the town. We are currently planning to purchase new audio books. With this donation, we can purchase 12 new audio books."

In the Kitchen...

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make for good headlines, students receive many benefits from their involvement. They gain exposure to numerous career fields, become familiar with the business environment and as they prepare for competitions they learn the relevance of their coursework and may be inspired to do self-study and take other courses. Finally, they grow in their appreciation of teachers and chapter advisors.

Two years ago, Brody Mandelbaum joined Fernandina Beach High School's FBLA chapter as a sophomore. He placed 4th at the state competition for Securities and Investments that year and his involvement in FBLA grew from there. Last year he won an open competition at the Fall Conference and in the spring he won a state leadership position. This year he served as both the Florida FBLA Vice President representing Region II and also as FBHS's chapter president. He capped his senior experience last week by placing 4th in the Economics competition.

As Mandelbaum reflected on his past three years in the program, this full view of the experience was

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evident. "Mrs. Landtroop has been asset to me the entire time in FBLA. Our chapter has grown, and we had another member run for state office this year. It's been amazing," he said. Regarding the competitions, he outlined his preparation. "I took Mr. Rathmen's (FBHS Economics teacher) class and he's really animated. I also took a macroeconomics class online and did a lot of reading on financial news." Finally, he offered some advice to future members. "You have to pick something you are interested in for competition. You really can't crunch the material in a few days; you need to passively learn the content over time."

As for future plans, Knagge is headed to Florida State University. Mandelbaum is also pursuing a career in Finance and is considering several schools such as the Wharton School of Business (Penn), the University of Florida and Duke. As for Nassau County's six FBLA chapters, look for continued growth. WNHS Sophomore Jamie Elmore was recently elected FBLA District IV's President and is looking to make his mark!

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The Nassau County Library Advisory Board will meet Tuesday, April 16 from 3-5 p.m. at the FSCJ/Nassau Center Yulee Branch Library, Room T106, 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Yulee. The public is invited to attend.

FREE Chronic Pain Self-Management class: Do you have chronic pain? Are you 60 years or older? Nassau County Council On Aging, 1901 Island Walkway, Fernandina, Mondays 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Dates: May 6 through June 17. Register at (904) 482-0189.

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Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) meets every Wednesday at 6-7:30 p.m. at the Hilliard Library Conference Room. PAL provides hope through education and support to parents of addicted loved ones. Visit: www.palgroup.org to learn more. Free educational support group for parents and families.

The American Legion Post 401 plays BINGO every Thursday at 6 p.m. at their post, 37405 Henry Smith Rd., Hilliard. Everyone welcome! For more information call 845-7300.

FREE Dinsmore Bluegrass Jam Sessions are held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Dinsmore Historical Museum, 7330 Civic Club Dr., Jacksonville, behind Dinsmore Elementary School. Everyone is welcome, pickers and listeners! For more information call 514-1514.

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

For whatever reason, I was struggling to find something I wanted to write about this week. I think it was just an over-load of travesties in our country and there was no way to pick just one. As I was surfing the internet on a social media site, I started just reading some of the headlines and memes and I thought, why not just copy some of these and share them. Now there are a lot of fake headlines but there are some one-liners that are right on the mark. So here are some to read and enjoy and also some food for thought:

The ugliest thing that I have ever seen is a human being without compassion.

BREAKING: Closing the border will create a shortage of Meth, Heroin, MS13 and New Democrat voters. It also prevents the left from overwhelming the US Financial System.

"If ever there was a time this country needed the intervention of God, it is now." -Billy Graham

Clean Living may keep you out of jail, but it takes the Blood of Jesus to keep you out of Hell.

"Today we have 15 million assault weapons in the U.S. These are guns modeled after military weapons and then sold to civilians. For What? You can't use them for hunting. You don't need it for defense. What do you really need it for?" - Senator D. Feinstein

Today we have 47 Democrats in our Senate. These Democrats are modeled after Socialists and work to spread this ideology. What do we need them

for? To drag us down? To destroy this nation? What do we really need liberal Democrats for? - Mark K. Robinson

Have you ever noticed that anyone driving faster than you is a maniac and anyone driving slower than you is an idiot?

She is 11 and has been married for 2 years. Her husband is 38 years old. This is the part of Islam that liberals ignore!

You send us to the Middle East to fight, suffer and die...then you turn around and invite these scumbags into the USA...my home country...to live beside me! What kind of Stupid are you Democrats?

Democrats 2017: Republicans must accept Mueller's findings.

Democrats 2019: We do not accept Mueller's findings.

We cannot allow a single person who isn't vaccinated to go school, but we allow 4,000 people who aren't vaccinated into our country every day. The Globalist Socialist Left and their Democrat Party are traitors to America. There is no other way to say it.

Jesus isn't a way to Heaven, He is THE way. The people who mock Him now will beg for Him later.

When six corporations own every single newspaper, radio station and TV channel...It's all fake news buddy!

In 20 years there will be enough Muslim voters in the U.S. to elect the President!

These all hit home with me.

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

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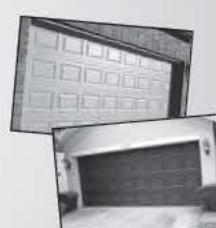
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The Passion Week

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The last week of Jesus' life here on this earth before His resurrection is known as the Passion Week. This Friday will begin the remembrance of the week of Passion. In the article today I want to share some of the memorable events that took place during that week of the passion of Christ.

On Friday: Jesus arrived at Bethany. Often when Jesus was there in Bethany He stayed with Lazarus and his two sisters Mary and Martha. On this particular Friday the Bible records in Matthew 26 that Jesus was having dinner with Simeon the leper. It was on this occasion that Mary the sister of Lazarus came and washed Jesus' feet with her tears and anointed His head and feet with a costly perfume.

On Saturday: It was the Sabbath and there are no recorded events in the Gospels for this day. The Sabbath was a day of rest.

On Sunday: The first day of the week as Jesus and the disciples were approaching Jerusalem, Jesus asked Peter and John to go on ahead of them into Bethphage and bring back a young colt that they would find there for Him to ride into the city of Jerusalem (Mark 11). On this day Jesus makes His Triumphal Entry into the city of Jerusalem. During His entry the people praised Him. Some placed their cloaks on the road while others used fresh cut palm branches. This Sunday is called "Palm Sunday".

On Monday: On His way to the temple Jesus speaks a curse over a fig tree because He was hungry and it is barren. When Jesus arrives at the Temple He overturns the tables of those who were buying and selling in the Temple area and drives them out. This is when he declared "My House will be called a house of Prayer for the Nations", "But you have made it a den of robbers".

On Tuesday: This was the last day of His public ministry and His last day in the Temple. On the way to the Temple that morning as they passed by the fig tree, Peter remembers the curse that Jesus had spoke over the tree and sees that it had withered overnight. At that point Jesus gives a lesson on faith. Once Jesus arrived at the Temple, His authority is questioned by the Chief Priest and the Teachers of the Law. But Jesus returned their question with a question about the baptism of John, "was it from heaven or from men?" So because they were in fear of what the people might say they left Him alone. Jesus then spends the rest of the day teaching the people.

On Wednesday: There is no record in the Gospels on Jesus ministry.

On Thursday, This was the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Jesus and His disciples meet for what we now call the "Lord's Supper". This is when Jesus tells His disciples that one of them was going to betray Him. After the supper Jesus leads them all out to a place called Gethsemane to pray where Judas betrayed Him. It was in the garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was arrested and then carried away

to be tried before the High Priest. This is only one week after His triumphal entry that He suffers rejection by the same people who praised Him.

On Friday: Very early in the morning Jesus is taken before Pilate where He is tried and sentenced to death. Jesus suffers a terrible beating and is crucified on a cross in public disgrace on a hill called "Golgotha". Later that day His body is buried in a borrowed tomb.

But thank God the story doesn't end there.

On Saturday: Guards are placed around the tomb to make sure that no one tries to take his body in fear that His followers would say that He had risen from the dead.

On Sunday: (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20) Very early in the morning when the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome brought spices to anoint Jesus body. When they arrived at the tomb they found that the stone had been rolled away and that Jesus body was gone. All of a sudden an Angel appeared to them and said that Jesus was no longer dead but that He had risen from the dead and was alive.

This Friday, as we approach the "Passion Week," keep in mind that Jesus suffered and died for you. He took your place so that you could have eternal life. Because He lives you too can live. I pray you have a great "Resurrection Day" this year as we celebrate Our Risen Savior.

Callahan Library Teen Book Club: Fun with Fantasy



Callahan Teens: Read a book by your favorite author of fantasy (or try a new one!) to share with other teens at the Callahan Library's next Teen Book Club meeting scheduled for Friday, April 12, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Snacks provided. The Callahan Library is located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15, 904-530-6500 (#3), www.nassaureads.com.

CHURCH NEWS

Fusion Youth (Anchor Church Callahan) BBQ Fundraiser this Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. across from the Callahan BP Gas Station, food including: Full slab ribs: \$25; whole Pork Butt: \$30; Pork Sandwich Dinner: \$8; and Rib Dinner: \$8.

Mt. Horeb Baptist Church, 58552 Cooperneck Rd., Kings Ferry, will celebrate Ladies Day Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m. with special guest speaker Sister Phyllis Alderman. Come celebrate with us!

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For those not familiar with the concept, a "Reverse Job Fair" is exactly what you might guess. Job seekers are stationed throughout the room, and employers work the room to meet their potential hires. It's great for employers because the participants are all legitimate job-seekers prepared with a resume and the short introductions serve as an effective pre-screening before

committing time to the formal interview process. It's great for students and adults seeking employment for many reason – they will meet many potential employers in a short period of time, practice their formal communication skills, learn of numerous opportunities in the area, and be introduced to hiring managers.

"We're excited to be holding this event again," said Brent Lemond, the Nassau County's Career Education Director. "Last year's event was a great success, and we're planning specific improvements based on observations and feedback. We're also honored to have two sponsors for this year's event, Rayonier and VyStar Credit Union."

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For registration and information, call Northeast Florida AHEC 904-482-0189.

Funding Available for Hurricane Victims

Nassau P3- Public Private Partnership has joined with Nassau County Emergency Management in partnering with the Red Cross to assist Hurricane Irma survivors and Nassau County. New funding is available to provide financial assistance for some of those survivors. We are searching for families who sustained damage to their dwelling in excess of \$17,000 and maintained insurance on their property at the time of the hurricane, September 2017.

If this describes your situation please contact the Endeavors Corporation for assistance with qualifications. Please contact: Case Worker William Poole, 904-502-7087 or email wpoole@endeavors.org.

LANDSCAPE MATTERS

On Wednesday, April 17 at 10 a.m., UF/IFAS Master Gardener Karl Shaffer will conduct a Landscape Matters class on irrigation, at the County Extension office in Yulee (Pages Dairy Road). He will share ways to practice water conservation by managing your irrigation system. He will demonstrate how easy it is to set your irrigation system timer, number of days water to water, and the importance of having a rain gauge. Participants will have opportunities to practice on a control unit. We will also talk about how to calibrate your irrigation system to reduce run-off of water and potentially lower your water bill. Micro-irrigation will also be demonstrated for shrub and flower beds to reduce water usage. The class is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Nassau Extension at 904-530-6353.

TOWN OF HILLIARD ANNUAL GREATER HILLIARD CLEAN-UP Saturday, April 13 • 8:30 a.m. Keep Nassau Beautiful

The Town of Hilliard will be having its Annual Town Clean Up on Saturday, April 13, 2019. The clean up will begin with sign ups, free "I ♥ Hilliard" t-shirts and refreshments at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon with a free cookout and chances to win prize drawings for all those who volunteer.

Containers will be located at Town Hall for free disposing of appliances, tires, yard debris and household trash (no liquids or dry chemicals). Free disposing of tires will be limited to 4 tires per household with no rims or commercial tires allowed (please no businesses). Free disposing will end promptly at noon. – No exceptions.

Town employees will provide pick up services for disabled or senior adults unable to bring items to Town Hall for disposal. You must pre-schedule for pick up by Thursday, April 11. Items must be at curb-side ready for pick up on date of clean up.

The Town of Hilliard will be providing FREE SHREDDING at its Annual Clean Up from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Worried about Identity Theft? KEEP IT PRIVATE! What to Shred: personal papers, old bills, statements, receipts, envelopes, letters, folders, etc. (no need to remove paper clips, rubber bands, staples or folders). What not to Shred: cardboard, CDs, DVDs, plastics, binders, electronics, x-rays, etc. (please no businesses).

Oneblood will have the bloodmobile at our Town Clean Up again this year from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Make an appointment online at www.oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code #33717 or call 1.888.9.DONATE (366283). All donors will receive a Free Gift and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening, ID required.

For additional information or to pre-sign up as a volunteer please contact Town Hall at 845-3555. Donations to this event are welcomed and appreciated.

This is a wonderful way to work together to spruce up our town, so bring a friend, your family, a group or your entire organization and we will work together to make a difference.

**Volunteering is a great way
to show pride in your Town!**

* Bring your chairs or blankets for the Cook Out! *

Hilliard Weightlifters are Headed to State

Holden McMillen

This past Wednesday, the Hilliard weightlifting team traveled to Pedro Menendez High School in St. Augustine to compete in the annual FHSAA Regional 1A meet. The Flashes represented well during the meet and it came with rewards.

Seniors Landon Conner, Cade and Cole Johns have automatically qualified for the upcoming State weightlifting meet on April 12-13. Conner placed 1st in the 154 weight class with a lift of 275 on bench press and 225 on the clean and jerk, giving the combined weight total of 500 pounds.

Cade Johns placed 1st in the 139 weight class with a lift of 215 pounds on both the bench press and the clean and jerk, combining for a total of 430 pounds.

His brother, Cole, wrapped up the 183 class with a lift of 285 on bench press and 255 on clean and jerk for a combined total of 540 pounds.



Sophomore Huntley Moore placed 2nd in the 129 class, but his lift of 185 on both the bench press and the clean and jerk propelled him forward and will also participate in the State meet.

As a team, Hilliard was regional runners-up in the Region 1A with 34 total points. What determines the points is



the finishing order of each lifter on each team. If a lifter placed first in a weight class, the team receives 6 points and points are awarded in descending order.

Palatka High School took 1st Place with 41 total points.

Good luck to our lifters representing Hilliard Middle-Senior High School as they travel to Arnold High School in Panama City for the FHSAA State Weightlifting Championships on April 12-13. Keep calm and go Flashes!





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New Beginnings and Milestones

Silas William May



Matt and Courtney May, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their son Silas William May. Silas was born January 5 at 3:30 p.m. at UF Health North in Jacksonville. He weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces and measured 22 inches.

Paternal grandfather is Robert May of Callahan.

Maternal grandmother is Lisa Baggarley of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents are David and Martha Driggers of Jacksonville; and David Baggarley of Lamar, South Carolina.

Silas was welcomed home by his siblings Carson, Caroline, Ella and Ellison!

Lincoln Arthur Llanes



Kayla Ulrickson and Bobby Llanes, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their son Lincoln Arthur Llanes. Lincoln was born March 21 at 8:47 a.m. at UF Health North in Jacksonville. He weighed 9 pounds 10 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Rodolfo and Jocelyn Llanes of Jacksonville.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Melinda Walker of Callahan; and the late Arthur Ulrickson.

Proud great-grandparents are Oris and Joan Andrews of Callahan.

Lincoln was welcomed home by his big sister Hayden Holman!

Ms. Galloway and Mr. Miller Announce Engagement

Michael and Donna Galloway, of Woodbine, Georgia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Amanda to Ewald Miller, III, who is the son of Ewald Miller, II of Jacksonville and Sheila Garland of Waycross, Georgia.

The bride elect is a 2004 graduate of Camden County High School and is employed with Vitas Healthcare.

The groom elect is a 2001 graduate of West Nassau High School and he is employed with Bug Out Services.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 1 in Jekyll Island, Georgia.



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Callie Kay's General Store & Deli Grand Opening Saturday!

Dawn S. West

Ashley and Lewis, owners of Callie Kay's General Store & Outfitters, keep amazing me with their ideas and goals! It was just one year ago that I visited the Outfitters store to do a story on their new Sports & Outdoor Department. Now, the newest adventure of the duo is the Grand Opening this Saturday of Callie Kay's General Store & Deli! They have already been doing business however the official grand opening will be at 9 a.m. The normal hours will be Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., and the number to call is (904) 845-7435.

The General Store & Deli is located beside the Outfitter Store. You can do your shopping then stop by and pick up a delicious sandwich to sit and eat or take home. When you enter the Deli you have that calming feeling of stepping back in time, however the delicious aroma draws you to the counter! They are carrying Boar's Head meats, cheeses and sauces. Meat can be purchased by the pound or fixed just like you like it on fresh white or wheat Village Bread. They serve a great selection of Boar's

Head meats: Turkey, London broil, ham, beef bologna and more. I must say, "The London broil was amazing. I've never had one before but the flavor was delicious and the meat was sliced thin! And the sauce just finished it off!" The cheeses are Provolone, Gouda, Pepper Jack, American and Cheddar. They have a small dining area, should you choose to sit there and eat, and then shop!

The General Store part of the name is truly that. There are several antiques that are available for purchase and some that are not! Ashley's mom allowed Ashley to use some of her pieces for the décor and they certainly add that extra touch. When you first walk in, the smell is amazing! The first thing that caught my eye was the barrel full of candy, just like a General Store used to have in my day. There are many 'old time' candies in the store that takes you back



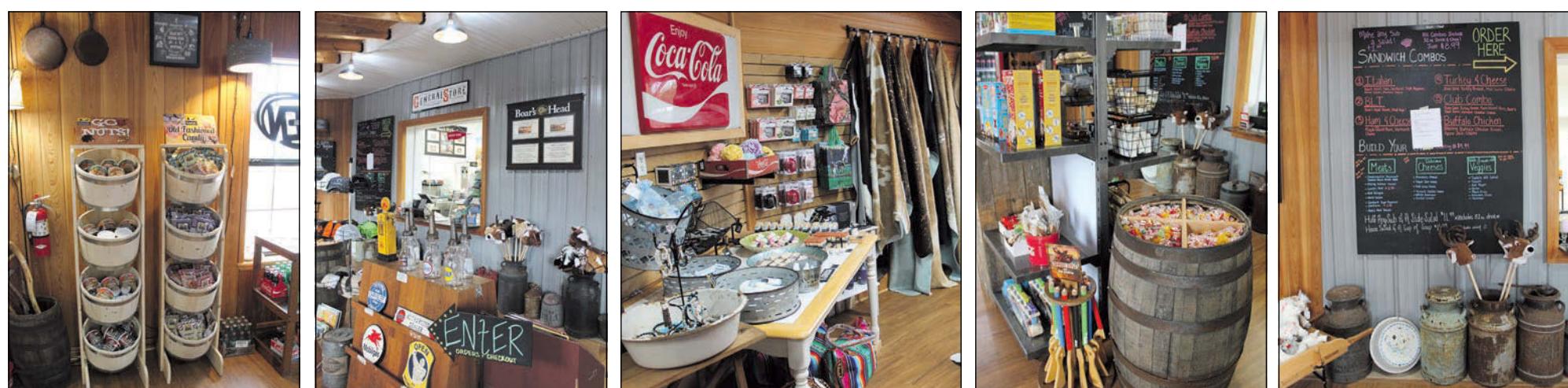
to the 'good ole' days! A working Coke machine is also another unique sight, there are many in the store.

They are stocking Krispy Kreme donuts, which right now are delivered on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. If the demand keeps up, Ashley will get a regular daily delivery! A rack of honey packaged in cool bottles and a display of sauces are all handpicked by Ashley. "When I find something I like, I don't want to have to drive forever to get it again," said Ashley. "Most of the items in here are from small vendors that love

what they do and it's good stuff!"

There is also a 'kids' play area so the children can have something to do while the parents shop. They also have a good selection of little toys. The stick horses caught my eye!

As the Grand Opening happens with the Deli, the Outfitters Store will also be celebrating with specials! Make sure to try some samples, register for door prizes and free gifts and have fun! It is a great place with a whole new Deli! The address is 552995 US Highway 1, Hilliard, (904) 845-7435. If you can't make the grand opening, it is well worth the trip to see the store and enjoy the aroma!



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Monday, April 1

Jeremy Michael Rawlings, 43, 36630 Patsy Lane, Callahan: Duval County Capias Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

Tuesday, April 2

Jesse James Fromknecht, 20, 54093 Explorer Trace, Callahan: Contempt of Court

Wednesday, April 3

Robert Thomas Lyons, 49, 54212 Armstrong Road, Callahan: Possession of Child Pornography (x 23) Counts

Thursday, April 4

Dwayne Ray Rageth, 32, 151064 CR 108, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Violation of Injunction for Protection against Repeat Violations

Colton Chase Mullis, 22, 171382 Bay Road, Hilliard: Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance; Possession Marijuana less than 20 grams

Friday, April 5

Keela Lynn Watkins, 43, 2655 Crenshaw Lane, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Aggravated Assault

Fatal Accident Tuesday Morning

Tuesday morning, a single vehicle fatal accident occurred on US 1 north of Callahan. According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, Lynzi Teagle, 27, of Jacksonville, was driving her 2018 Hyundai southbound on US north of Landfill Road in the outside lane. The driver, for unknown reasons, failed to maintain control of the vehicle as it

traveled off the roadway to the right and down into the embankment. The driver's side of the vehicle collided with a tree and rotated clockwise. The vehicle came to final rest down the embankment facing northeast. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene by Nassau County Fire Rescue personnel.

Saturday Accident Takes Two Lives

Two Bryceville men lost their lives early Saturday morning in a two-car accident. According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, a 1997 Ford F-150, driven by Roger D. Carlton, 53, of Bryceville, was traveling south on CR 121. Vehicle 2, a 2004 Dodge SXT, driven by Matthew Warren Potter, 31, of Bryceville, was traveling north on CR 121 near Horseshoe Circle with a passenger Paul James Slay, 30, of Bryceville. Carlton failed to maintain his lane and traveled

into the northbound lane making contact with the oncoming vehicle. Upon impact, Carlton's vehicle entered the west shoulder overturning and coming to final rest on its roof facing west. The Potter vehicle traveled northeast into a ditch, overturning and coming to a final rest. Both drivers were pronounced deceased at the scene. The passenger, Slay, was transported to UF Health Jacksonville with minor injuries.

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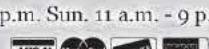
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ANTHONY RANDALL ARNETT

 Mr. Anthony Randall 'Randy' Arnett, 61, of Jacksonville, passed away Friday, April 5. A native of Jacksonville, Mr. Arnett was a long time diesel mechanic and was employed by Huntley Stemwood, Inc. in Middleburg. He was a hardworking man who enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his children Randall Arnett and Shawana Arnett, both of Starke; sister Penny Arnett of Jacksonville; nephew Michael Manning; and mother of his children Lajuana Arnett. He was preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Edith Arnett; and his brother Kyle Arnett.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 10 in the chapel of Prestwood Funeral Home with Reverend Chris Drum officiating. Burial followed at Long Branch Cemetery in Maxville. The family received friends prior to the service.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Prestwood Funeral Home, Baldwin, 904-266-0072. Please sign the online guestbook at www.prestwoodfuneralhome.com.

EUNICE SHAY BROCK

 Eunice Shay Brock, 50, of Hilliard, passed away at her home April 7. Shay was born January 23, 1969 in Jacksonville, and is the daughter of Myra Jane and Sidney Shep Brock of Hilliard.

In addition to her parents; Shay also leaves behind her brothers Rev. Sidney (Merideth) Brock, Jr. of Fruitland Park, Florida and Chad W. (Lisa) Brock of Hilliard; nieces Abigail and Anna Grace, of Fruitland Park and nephews Trenton, Trevor and Evan Brock of Hilliard. Shay is preceded in death by her grandparents Irene

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One truly-final note: Form 4868 extensions grant only an extension of time to file but the estimated 2018 taxes due must be paid by or before April 15th or taxpayers face IRS interest and penalties costs for late payment after that date; (forms and form instructions remain available at www.irs.gov)

Remember that an extension can grant you time to file and also helps you avoid late filing penalties until the second filing deadline date of Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Next Monday, April 15th our office plans to be "manned" until midnight, if necessary, to assure a maximum effort to help last-minute-procrastinators. We can most-likely only deal with e-filing of extensions and final returns together with estimated federal tax payments online, with payments made through their debit cards that day and evening.

These tax year 2018 absolutely-last-minute tax preparation appointments are limited to 15 minutes each, and so far as we know at this writing, the USPS will NOT BE OPEN late that evening, so e-filing appears to be the only option besides filing late and paying the resulting additional taxes, interest and penalties. Note also that in the event that we do not have any appointments by 6:00 p.m. that day, we will simply "call-it-a-day" and go home.

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OBITUARIES

and Vernon Brock; and Loyce and Gilbert Hinson.

The family received friends Tuesday, April 9 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 10 at First Baptist Church of Boulougne. Burial followed in Trader's Hill Cemetery in Folkston.

On behalf of the family, please accept our sincere thanks for the outpouring of sympathy and love. We would like to recognize physicians, caregivers and Community Hospice of Northeast Florida who have taken care of Shay during her illness.

Contributions, in honor of Shay, can be made to ARC of Nassau, 86051 Hamilton Street, Yulee, FL 32097 or Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston, 912-496-7388.

DURELL R. CREWS

 Mr. Durell R. 'Bob' Crews, 77, of Bryceville, passed away Thursday, April 4. A lifelong resident of Nassau County, Mr. Crews was born to the late Alan R. and Wilma Smith Crews. He was a devout Christian and a charter member of Liberty Baptist Church in Callahan. Mr. Crews was in the logging business from a young age and owned D. R. Crews and Son Logging for over 40 years. An avid golfer, he was said to have "put down the logs and picked up a club" upon retiring from the logging business. Mr. Crews enjoyed golfing with friends at Bent Creek Golf Course in Jacksonville, watching

classic western movies, and woodworking, especially crafting picture frames. He will be remembered as a giving man and a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Pat Crews; sons Robert (Karen) Crews of Callahan and Ricky (Gloria) Crews of Bryceville; daughter Robin (Kevin) Hampton of Yulee; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother Jr. (Bea) Crews of Bryceville; and sisters Myrtle Caldwell of Bryceville, Brenda Stalvey and Caron Sanders, both of Statenville, Georgia.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 8 in the chapel of Prestwood Funeral Home with Reverend Adam Pierce officiating. Burial followed at Riverside Memorial Park in Jacksonville. The family received friends Sunday, April 7 at the funeral home.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.prestwoodfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Prestwood Funeral Home, Baldwin.

CECIL ROBERT HAGAN, SR.

 Mr. Cecil Robert Hagan, Sr., 83, of Glen St. Mary, passed away Monday, April 8, at Community Hospice of St. Vincent's Riverside surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Hagan was born in Callahan, on May 9, 1935 to the late Mr. Gervin and Dora Lee (Braddock) Hagan. He grew up in Callahan and later moved to Baker County, where he would spend nearly 55 years. Cecil was known by all as a caring and giving man, always willing to lend a helpful hand to anyone in need. He could always

be found with his trademark smile on his face and ready to hug your neck. Mr. Cecil never met a stranger. In his free time, Mr. Cecil enjoyed the outdoors, gardening and farming in particular. He loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren.

He owned "Hagan Express Transportation" for over 30 years. He also was known to mow anyone's yard who either needed the extra help or was unable to do so themselves. He attended Christian Fellowship Temple in Macclenny and was a member for over 17 years. Mr. Cecil will ultimately be remembered by anyone who knew him as a loving, caring man who had a pure soul.

In addition to his parents; his is preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Mrs. Donna Faye Hagan.

He leaves behind to cherish memories, his wife Ms. Judy Hagan of Glen St. Mary; son Cecil "Bob" Robert (Kathy) Hagan, Jr. of Glen St. Mary; grandchildren Krista (Josh) Higens, Jessica (Brad) Rhoden and BJ Hagan, all of Glen St. Mary; four great-grandchildren; his brother Don (Ann) Hagan of Callahan; his sister June Miller of Texas; as well as a multitude of other family members and friends who loved Cecil like family.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 11 from 5-7 p.m. at Christian Fellowship Temple, Macclenny.

The funeral service for Mr. Hagan will be held Friday, April 12 at 11 a.m. at Christian Fellowship Temple with Pastors David and Timmy Thomas officiating. Mr. Cecil will be laid to rest at Oak Grove Cemetery, Macclenny.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Forbes Funeral Home, Macclenny, 904-259-4600.

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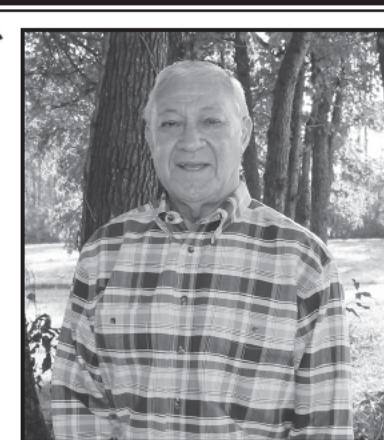
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OBITUARIES

JACQUELINE SIMMONS

Jacqueline Simmons, 88, of Hilliard, passed away April 3. She was born in Vancouver, British Columbia Canada on August 12, 1930 to the late John T. Donohue and Beatrice R. Donohue. Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years James R. Simmons; a brother Terrence Donohue; and a granddaughter Stephanie Simmons.

She is survived by her son Terrence (Becky) Simmons; a daughter Glenda Simmons; a grandson Chris (Amy) Simmons; and great-grandchildren Mikayla and Caleb Simmons; and many extended family and friends.

Memorialization will be by cremation. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

IRIS ACOSTA TAYLOR

 Iris Acosta Taylor, 90, went home to be with Jesus Tuesday, April 2. She was the daughter of the late Emmett Antonio Acosta and Bonn Ellen Hart Acosta. Iris was a school bus driver for Duval County Schools for many years.

The years she enjoyed driving most were for ESE Special Needs Children. At the age of 63, she received her GED. Iris was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was the best self-taught southern cook and baker you'd ever met. Her joys in life were cooking and baking for her family and friends. Iris was preceded in death by her husband Jake L. Taylor; and her brothers Robert, Arthur, Michael and Logan Johnson.

Iris is survived by her eight children, Jim (Susan) Taylor of Jacksonville, Cody (Sharron) Taylor of Hilliard, John (Chrissy) Taylor of Jacksonville, Iris (Daryl) Day of Yulee, Leslie Taylor of Jacksonville, Beverly Taylor of Ocala, Nina (John) Redman of Bryceville and Anthony (Herida) Taylor of Covington, Georgia; 19 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; sisters Bonita McCall, Nina Coumbe and Jessie Jean Johnson; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Sunday, April 7 at Mandarin Cemetery with Pastor Duke Graham officiating. The family received friends Saturday, April 6 at the funeral home.

Arrangements were under the direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services, Macclenny, (904)259-5700. Visit: www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

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McCosh Awarded First Place

Kanaan McCosh doesn't bat an eye when it comes to taking center stage. The sixth grade honor student from Callahan Middle School may be small in stature but has a big voice! Kanaan attended the National Association of Teachers of Singing North



Florida Chapter auditions in January at the University of North Florida. Despite being a novice to the event, he was awarded First Place in the 10-14 age division in Musical Theatre and Second Place in Classical Voice. Kanaan has been working with vocal coach Megan Friese-Kaufman of the Friese Studio of Music in St. Mary's for over a year. It was her idea that he enter the competition along with her high school aged vocal students. He performed three musical numbers, as well as three classical songs. He was invited back that evening to perform at UNF with other winners, where he sang, "Red Rider Carbine Action BB Gun" from the Broadway musical A Christmas Story.

Although, competitors in the 10-14 age division are not eligible to move on to regional or national competitions, this event is good preparation for when

he does enter high school at which time he will have to perform songs in either: Italian, French or German. NATS competitions award thousands in college scholarships and grant singers access to music and vocal professors from around the country. Kanaan says, "My friends are all playing baseball and football, but none of them are being seen by college scouts. I have already gotten feedback from some of the more prestigious music professors in the country and I'm only 12."

Kanaan can be seen performing in an upcoming production of Sondheim's "Into the Woods" with St. Mary's Children's Theatre on April 26, 27, 28 as Jack from the Beanstalk. Previous roles include LeFou from Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Corny Collins in Hairspray, Marcellus Washburn in The Music Man, and Charlie Bucket in Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased online at www.stmaryschildrenstheatre.com or by calling the box office at 912-576-6801. There are three additional performances the following weekend, although he will not appear in those shows.

PLANT CLINIC

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Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first regular meeting of April. The first item was a presentation by Mr. Richard Powell, representing Powell & Jones, Certified Public Accountants for the Town of Hilliard. Mr. Powell was on hand to go over the current audit, which was condensed down to 80 pages. The audit had no findings. "The staff was very cordial and cooperated with any and everything we needed," said Powell. "The town had a financially successful year and operated within the budget."

The next order of business was a proclamation read by Town Attorney Christian Waugh. The proclamation was to celebrate the month of April in the Town of Hilliard as Water Conservation Month. The proclamation is to make the citizens aware of the importance of water conservation.

The proclamation was presented by Mayor Floyd Vanzant to Geoffrey Sample representing St. Johns River Water Management District.

The next agenda item was a request for a septic tank exception by Mr. Michael Franklin. Councilwoman Callie Kay Bishop excused herself from the vote due to the fact that Mr. Franklin is her father.

Mr. Franklin requested an exception as there is no sewer hook-up in the area he is building. The council approved the request.

The following agenda item was a request for a septic tank exception extension by Mr. Ryan Hern. "Mr. Hern was unable to attend the meeting," said Town Clerk Lisa Purvis. "He received the extension last year and has been unable to get his home started. He feels sure he will have it done this year and just needed an extension." The council approved the extension.

The next agenda item concerned a sponsorship for Hilliard High School Football. Billy Moore, President of the Pride of Hilliard Football Club addressed the council. "The Pride of Hilliard Football Club was formed in August 2018 and is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We have already accomplished many projects including installing a new washing machine in the locker room; provide pre-game meals for the teams; purchased a new Gatorade hydration system as well as many other things," said Moore. "We, along with

players, plan to participate in the Town Clean-up. You each have sponsorship packets and we are asking for the Town to also support us as we support our Flashes. We still have many goals for 2019-20. Thank you for your time."

Councilman Kenny Sims made a motion to donate \$250 to the Pride of Hilliard Football Club. The council approved the donation.

Ordinance 2019-03 was approved on First Reading which concerned amending Chapter 62 of the Zoning & Land Development Regulations of the Hilliard Town Code. The ordinance would amend Section 62-67 destruction of a nonconforming use building; amending Section 62-360 residences destroyed by acts of God. The section is trying to clarify to include residences that are currently in the commercial district and if they should be destroyed by a storm, fire, etc. could not rebuild in that location.

Resolution 2019-03 was also approved which concerned accepting a FDOT offer of a Public Transportation Grant agreement to build a maintenance building at the Hilliard Airpark.

The following agenda item concerned LED light conversions. Councilman Kenny Sims advised the council that he had talked with Florida Power & Light who would like to convert all of the town lights to LED. "This would be no additional cost to the

town for FPL to install them," said Sims. "We could have the same wattage for \$40 extra or get double the wattage for \$60 extra per month. We have 177 fixtures in the town. I make a motion that we do double the wattage." The council approved the upgrade.

Councilman Jared Wollitz advised the council that he would like to have a workshop with all the department heads to see how everything is going. The workshop was set for Monday, April 8 at 6 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Department Director Kyle Malucci requested approval to hire Destin Reliford for a Kid Attendant. The council approved the request.

Malucci also requested approval for the school bus rental agreement for Summer Camp. "The bus rental will be \$1.35 per mile from NCSB. They (NCSB) don't have a driver at this time," said Malucci.

The council approved the contract while Malucci continues his search for a driver.

In closing comments, Mayor Floyd Vanzant reminded the council and audience that the Annual Hilliard Clean-Up will be held Saturday, April 13. Sign-ins begin at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts and the clean-up begins at 9 a.m. There will also be OneBlood for opportunities to give blood; Shredd-It for all your home shredding and lunch back at the town hall lot at noon.

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m.

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This year, the Hilliard Marching Band performed at "The Battle on the Border" marching competition and Florida Bandmasters Association Music Performance Assessment (MPA) and received excellent ratings at both.

The Jazz band performed at FBA jazz MPA and scored Superior. The Concert Band also performed at the Concert MPA and received Superior. This is the first time the concert band has scored Superior in more than 20 years.

We had a student make All-State Band, one of only three in Nassau County. Six students played in the All-

District Honor band and we have 22 that will participate on April 13 in the Nassau County Honor Band.

There were many students who participated in Solo and Ensemble festival and all scored Excellent or Superior. Our Saxophone Quartet performed at Christmas for the Life Care Center in Hilliard. Our Drum Major and Student Conductor (the same person, Amelia Underwood) scored Superior for both events.

Most recently, the band traveled to Orlando and received First Place and Superior at the Music Festivals USA.



Amelia Underwood



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The Pumas organized in late December 2016 around a grand idea to teach women the great game of tackle football while empowering them to develop as in many areas outside of the game. Myself and Jordi Granger along with a few other good friends decided that we would serve the community by bringing spring football to North Florida and show the community that women could also play this wonderful sport. We are bringing viable family entertainment to the community and our home games are played at West Nassau High School in Callahan.

The North Florida Pumas opened the 2019 season with a huge win over the

New Orleans Hippies. Yes, I said Hippies! Your big cats brought home a 47-0 victory. The Pumas were led by their powerful offensive line that opened lanes for all of the great running backs for the Pumas. Tradition continues as it was another game of tremendous defense. The Pumas defense rotated in waves of aggressive hard hitting defenders. Or should I say "Avengers," that allowed only 66 yards of total offense, scored a safety and pitched a shutout.

Your Pumas are now preparing for the home opener this Saturday, April 13 at West Nassau High School on Warrior field. It is battle for first place versus the Atlanta Phoenix. Come see your powerful offense make exciting plays and score points.



Come and watch your smothering defense continue to make big hits and force turnovers. Come tailgate before the game. Come enjoy the music. Come see your cheerleaders.

Come be a part of the excitement and the action of your hometown team!

Kickoff is Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m. and gates open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12/adults; \$6/kids (13-16) 12 and under free. Like our page on Facebook/North Florida Pumas. See you Saturday!

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BES 2019 D.A.R.E Graduates



Last Friday, 5th grade students at Bryceville Elementary School celebrated their D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Graduation. To open the graduation, the students enjoyed a great motivational speech by BES Principal Amber Bovinette reminding the children that each of them is a treasure. Sheriff Bill Leeper also addressed the children. "I still go by a saying my father said to me when he was coaching my baseball team: Don't whine; Don't complain; Don't

quit; just always do your best!"

Two previous D.A.R.E. graduates, Carson Mitchell and Olivia Drake, who are now 8th grade students at Callahan Middle School, addressed the students. They advised the students that they will soon be going to CMS and it will be a big change. They encouraged the students to refer back to their D.A.R.E. class when they are met with peer pressure.

Several of the students read their essays, which all were awesome. Each

student from each class received a medal of completion as they were each called up on the stage. At the end of the graduation, the students got a surprise visit from NCSO mascot Daren!

The D.A.R.E. Program is a 10-week course of instruction taught to children at the 5th grade level in Nassau County. Research suggests that children are more likely to be exposed to

alcohol, tobacco and drugs following their 5th grade year, which makes this

a great target year for the D.A.R.E. Program.

The D.A.R.E. curriculum equips kids with the tools that will enable them to avoid negative influences and pressures and allow them to focus on their strengths and potential for the future.

Each week the students are engaged in learning activities which involve responding to pressures, risky situations, communication styles and resistance strategies. They evaluate consequences to both positive and negative choices and demonstrate, through role playing, how responsible choices can be beneficial in their own lives. The program is taught by Nassau County Sheriff's Deputy Lisa McCumber, who does an amazing job with the students!

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