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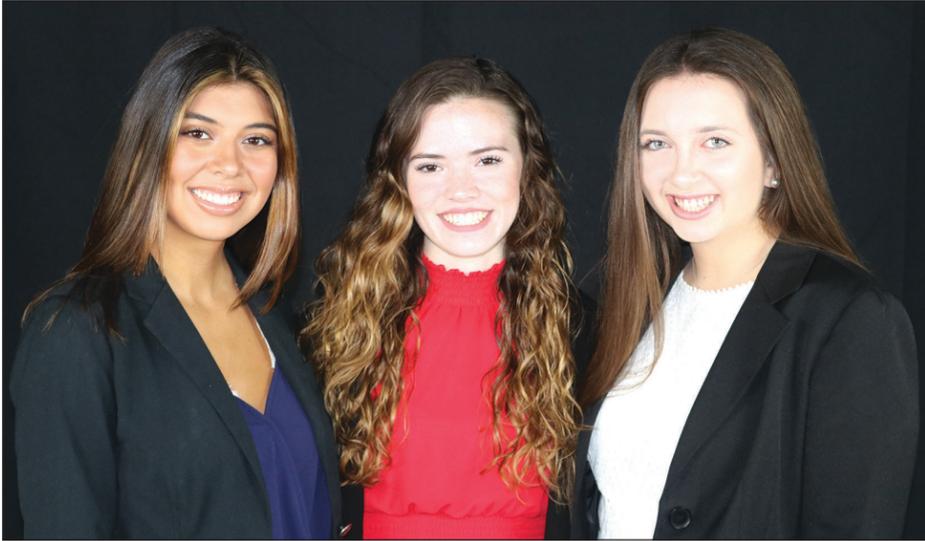
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THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

"THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SHIELD; MY HEART TRUSTED IN HIM, AND I AM HELPED; THEREFORE MY HEART GREATLY REJOICETH; AND WITH MY SONG WILL I PRAISE HIM." - PSALM 28:7

County FBLA State Competition Successful



State Champion WNHS Public Service Announcement Team: (Left to Right) Ashton Bacon, Destiny Armstrong, and Lacey Libby.

While most Nassau County students were enjoying their spring break, it was all business for the 51 Future Business Leader of America (FBLA) students that had earned a spot in the state competition. When the conference ended, Nassau County was well-represented at the awards ceremony. Leading the way was the Public Service Announcement Team from West Nassau High School (WNHS). Team members Destiny Armstrong, Ashton Bacon and Lacey Libby built upon the success of their district competition win, they took first place and qualified to compete this summer in the national competition.

Students from the Hilliard Middle-Senior High (HMSHS) chapter and

the NTCC (Bean Center) chapter also placed. HMSHS 8th grader Aiden Johnson placed 4th in the Digital Citizenship – Middle Level event. Tristan Roddenberry (HMSHS, 11th grade) placed 5th in the Computer Applications event. Logan Douglas (WNHS senior and NTCC Entrepreneurship student) placed 5th in E-Business.

FBLA chapter advisors from Nassau County schools work hard to coach students, providing leadership and technical skills to prepare students for success after high school. Faith Sims (WNHS), Paul Mizenko (HMSH), and Brian Simmons (NTCC) sponsored this year's crop of champions.



Aiden Johnson



Tristan Roddenberry



Logan Douglas



COMMUNITY SERVICE NEXT THURSDAY

Dawn S. West

As our country continues on a downhill spiral, I can't think of a better time for people to gather together and pray! Each year, our nation celebrates the National Day of Prayer on the first Thursday in May. Next Thursday happens to be the day. This year's celebration will be held Thursday, May 6 at Ewing Park in Callahan at 6:30 p.m. The Town of Callahan has made Ewing Park a beautiful place, and also a great place to have an outside service. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy this special event. Each year it is better and better.

Many of our businesses are continuing to struggle from this year-long pandemic. Now the worries have begun for businesses to find employees to work. The struggles continue. We need prayer. Our schools are back in, thankfully, however we continue praying for our students, teachers and administrators. Our churches have also suffered. We need prayer.

I am not ashamed to say, that God provides the way for my business to continue. I know without a doubt,

should I decide to take over myself, there would be no paper. Prayers are needed for all of us in the business world as we make critical decisions each day that not only affect our lives but others. Prayer is the only thing that keeps my head straight. The Bible clearly says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

I don't know about the rest of you in business, but this has been a difficult time but these words have comforted me more than once. Rejoice always, that was pretty hard many days. Pray without ceasing, that is the only way I made it through and it continues. Give thanks in all circumstances...that's the easy part. God always makes a way and shows the way.

Nothing would make my heart happier than seeing Ewing Park filled next Thursday. I promise you will receive a blessing. Let's join together and celebrate National Day of Prayer, next Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Ewing Park in Callahan!

Last Chance for Mother's Day Drawing

The Pinky Promise Foundation is holding a drawing for a beautiful lap quilt and a bag, filled with goodies (Alhambra tickets, gift cards, etc). Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Pinky Promise (on Tuesdays or Thursdays) or at the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, Callahan, where the quilt will be on display. Get your tickets now!

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A Word From the Publisher

What a special weekend! We celebrated my dad's (Coach Stearn) 89th birthday! I am so blessed. I'm thankful to say my daddy is doing well. He continues to amaze me. He continues to go to the recreation center to work out and exercise three times a week. He always asks me, "What happened to my children? Why don't y'all do that?"

I think we all do okay but we aren't quite as disciplined as our dad! He is constantly on the go doing things. He continues to teach his Sunday school class, even though he was a little discouraged through the pandemic, as they did not meet. However, Daddy continued to call each of his men every week to check on them. When he could finally visit, he begin visiting the homes of the ones he could. As things have opened up a little, his sweet class of over 80 year old men has grown back to an average of 8 each Sunday. It was up to around 20. I told you he was amazing. That continues to be his ministry and he loves and cares for his class and those men. He is constantly scanning the church for visitors to invite them to his class. He loves the Lord and loves to share that with others.

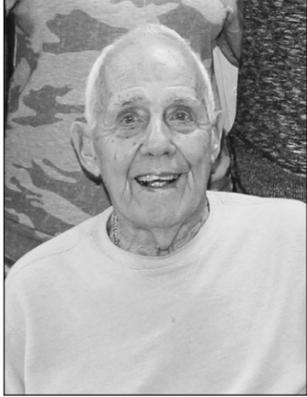
All the siblings and spouses (except Carol) were able to make it to my parents home Sunday afternoon for lunch and celebration. Yes, it continues to be different without our sweet Dub being present. There is a void in our

lives but we know that he would want us to continue to do what we have always done where our parents are concerned. Daddy loves family time, anytime! We had a great visit with the parents but also each other. We laughed as we (siblings) were talking about retirement and getting social security. My, how our conversations have changed! I can remember when my grandmother (Mom's mother) said she couldn't believe that both of her children were on social security! There are only two of five left to join that group in my family!

I'm thankful for my dad who instilled in me to be a productive citizen. As long as I can remember, I have worked and enjoyed it. Yes, there are tough days but I still give my all every day. That's the way I was taught. More than that, Daddy (& Mom) taught us to trust the Lord in our everyday life. I have listened to my dad's prayers and they are as genuine as they ever were. From a very young age, they made sure all five of us were in the church. Thank you, Jesus, for allowing me to have my daddy (& mama) for this many years! No matter how old I get, or him, he will always be my daddy! Happy Birthday Daddy!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West



Letters to the Editor



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Look to the Past!

Dear Editor,

We should look back at the wisdom of some of our great leaders of yesteryear like the one following: *Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people, the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endow with Thy spirit of wisdom those whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer*

not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Signed: President Thomas Jefferson, Washington D.C., March 4, 1801

How far we have drifted from the wisdom that God gave them to create the greatest nation in the history of the world? How did we allow this to happen? We chose to follow our desires for the things created by man and forgot who created the human race for the purpose of serving Him and trusting Him for all our needs. Instead, we have chosen to follow the great lies told us by the father of lies, Satan, the one who wants to destroy everything that is good and lead us down the path of destruction. He has done a pretty good job of accomplishing that. Is it too late for us to correct our course in this life? Only God knows. We will not find out unless we decide as a nation to turn to Him and seek His will for us as one nation under God. People of America, you decide, what will it be?

Hank Martinez, Sr.

American Legion Luau Fundraiser

The C.W. Hilliard American Legion Post 401, 37405 Henry Smith Road, will host a Summer Luau this Saturday, May 1 beginning at 5 p.m. Dinners will be available for a \$10 donation which includes: Pulled Pork or Ham on a bun, zesty pasta salad and Hawaiian Ambrosia salad. Take-out meals will be available. There will also be tropical drink specials. The Silent Auction will also begin at 5 p.m. There will be live music by the Band on the Run from 6-10 p.m. The event is open to the public.



EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Mill Creek Cemetery Association will hold a meeting and clean up Saturday, May 1 at 9 a.m. Make sure to bring your tools and gloves to work!

ARMS (Abuse Recovery Ministry Services) offers a class in your area where women will learn how to recognize, understand, and heal from issues of domestic abuse. We use biblical principles to encourage beliefs and behaviors that heal. Call 503-846-9284 or 866-262-9284 for locations and time.

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Confederate Heritage Celebrated

Kim Hoeffcker

April is Confederate Heritage Month and Sons of Confederate Veterans camps everywhere conduct Memorial Services to remember the military service and sacrifices made by our ancestors.

Kirby-Smith Camp 1209 held a service Saturday, April 24 at Camp Mooney Cemetery in Jacksonville. The ceremony began with prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance



to the U.S. Flag and a salute to the Confederate Flag. Camp Commander Calvin Hart explained the importance of Confederate Memorial Day. He also spoke about present and upcoming camp projects, all of which are done to keep alive the memory of the Southern Soldier. Camp members rendered a 21 gun musket salute, followed by the firing of the camp's artillery piece. The ceremony was closed with a prayer.

Giving Back to Mr. Danny!

When you say the name Callahan Barbecue or The Chicken House, most people know what you're talking about and the 'who' behind the names, Mr. Danny Murray. Danny has owned and operated Callahan Barbecue for over 25 years. He not only serves regular lunch and dinner meals but has always been the 'go-to' place (person) for parties, office parties, weddings and for many benevolent (deaths) times. People from all around have either been there to eat or had meals catered through them.



Recently, Danny's wife, Kathy, has been ill. This causes a lot of hardship for the family. Danny has always gone above and beyond for all of us when we have asked. I think it's time that we pull together and donate money to Mr. Danny and Kathy at this difficult

time. He would never ask anyone for help but we sure have asked him numerous times.

We would like to surprise Danny with this gift of love from our community to him and his family. I'm asking for those that wish

(businesses, residents, etc.) to donate a love offering. You can bring cash or a check (made out to Danny Murray) to the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, Callahan; or mail it: PO Box 607, Callahan, 32011. Monies don't need to be taken to Callahan Barbecue, as we don't want to disrupt their business. We would like to anonymously take the collection and present it to Danny on Monday, May 10. They are in need now, so we don't need to delay! Danny has always been there for our community, now it's our turn to be there for him!

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Let me be straight forward in saying, George Floyd is not an Angelic person nor is he a martyr to be praised. Ma'Khia Bryant is not an innocent little girl. Daunte Wright made a serious mistake in his decision to resist arrest. Officer Kim Potter is not a murderer. Officer Nicholas Reardon is a hero.

The death of George Floyd is tragic as are all deaths and I do not condone the actions of Officer Derek Chauvin. However, the death of George Floyd is directly related to his own actions. I have always been taught that there are consequences for every action and decision we make in life. Floyd had made his life full of bad decisions. He was a career criminal, not a good citizen. While living in Texas prior to moving to Minneapolis, he was arrested nine times in a ten year period. Arrests ranged from drug abuse, theft, criminal trespass, aggravated robbery and entering a pregnant woman's home and pointing a gun at her stomach while looking for drugs and money. At the time of his death, Floyd was under the influence of fentanyl and methamphetamine. Had he complied with the police officers that day, chances are good he would still be alive, but he resisted, therefore bad consequences for his actions and decisions.

The death of Ma'Khia Bryant is yet another tragedy. What was going through that young girls head as she was lunging at another female with a knife? She brought forth her own senseless death over a minute disagreement with other people, another bad decision with fatal consequences. If it had not been

for the quick and justifiable actions by Columbus Police Officer Nicholas Reardon, an innocent female would have likely been killed by Bryant's rage. Officer Reardon is a hero for saving the life of the other female.

Daunte Wright is directly responsible for placing himself in the situation that led to yet another tragic death. Wright decided to resist arrest and fight with a police officer. Officer Kim Potter, a 26-year veteran with the Brooklyn Center, Minnesota Police Department shouted two times, "I'll tase you!", and yelled "Taser!" 3 times as Wright struggled with another officer. That's when Potter pulled the trigger. The tragedy is she had pulled her handgun instead of her Taser. She had no intention of shooting Wright; it was a terrible accident in the heat of the moment. Just as the others, Wright and Potter's actions led to terrible consequences for them both. Wright is dead and Potter is charged with murder.

Not the first one of these three officers went to work on those dates thinking they would be placed in a situation to take a human life. However, due to poor and stupid decisions of the three victims, the consequences are tragic to all involved.

The law enforcement community is not the one needing more training. The adults in this country need to train their children right from wrong and how to react in life situations. It's really very simple...comply when encountered by a law enforcement officer!

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

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The psalmist David makes a great statement when he said, "I've been young and now I'm old but I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread." It is great to know that we serve the God David served. It is great because he is no respecter of person. With Christ there is no racial tension but there is a sin tension. David was saying no matter what the season of my life may be whether old or young, "I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread."

America has experienced one of those pressure points that great nations experience from time to time. There was great concern over what was going to happen when the verdict for George Floyd was read. Tensions were an all-time high. People boarded their businesses and the National Guard was brought in to assist the police in keeping peace and protecting lives.

There are arguments on both sides as to whether this was the right thing to do or not. The purpose of the writer today is not to debate the right and the wrong of decisions that were made concerning Mr. Floyd. The purpose of this message today is to remind you that when the world seems out of control, when tensions are at their greatest, we must never forget that our God is in control, and gives us peace that passes all understanding.

Jeremiah 1:5 says, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." Jeremiah reminds us that before we were even born He knew us. He knew what was going to be taking place in our nation when the verdict was read. He knows exactly what your day is going to be like today, He knows the good parts and the bad parts but He has promised us that He would never leave us or forsake us. There are some people in life I would just as soon leave me, but never do I want God to leave me. When I don't know the answer He does. When I don't know what to do He gives me a plan. To put it bluntly God is bigger than our storms and He's bigger than our anxieties.

We are again reminded in the Old Testament that his eyes are over the righteous. We're never out of his sight, he knows exactly what our plight is and always has a solution for it. Not only does he see us but his ears are open to our cries. The promise is he hears us. So he is a seeing God and a hearing God. The lives of everyone would be awfully bleak if he saw and heard but could not take care of us. Again the Scripture reminds us that his hand is not so short that he cannot reach out and touch us. I will remind myself that no matter what I face his grace is sufficient.

At 25 years of age, I had buried a child. To complicate matters, I lost my right leg below the knee. I did not know how I was going to provide for my wife and three children. But He saw my plight, and He heard my prayer and with the long arm He became my provider. What an amazing God we serve!

Beach Blanket Bingo at BES

Recently, students and families enjoyed an evening of Beach Blanket Bingo outside at the campus of Bryceville Elementary School. Everyone enjoyed the time of being outside with their friends and family enjoying Bingo for Books! Many books were taken home and lots of fun was had by everyone that attended. Who knows...this may be an event next year!



OREMC Introduces New "Pay Where You Shop" Option

Beginning Monday, May 3, Okefenokee REMC consumer-members will have a new bill payment option: paying their OREMC bill where they shop. Authorized payment locations will include stores such as Dollar General, Family Dollar, CVS Pharmacy and Walgreens, accepting cash payments only.

The three-step process is simple. First, OREMC consumer-members need to have a barcode. That barcode can be found on the back of their printed bill or retrieved online with their OREMC account number at oremc.sedccheckout.com. Next, on the same website, search for the nearest authorized payment locations. Then, present the OREMC barcode to the cashier at the register and pay cash for the desired amount on the OREMC bill. The payment is credited immediately to the OREMC member account. It is important to note that a \$1.50 convenience fee is charged at the

time of transaction.

OREMC Customer Service Supervisor Nancy White notes, "Adding the 'pay where you shop' option makes it much more convenient for them as the participating retailers are typically places they already shop at on a regular basis."

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A Caregiver's Perspective...

Meet Don Nichols

My name is Don Nichols and I am honored to tell why I relay. Imagine if you will, that you are sitting in your office on a normal Tuesday afternoon and you receive a phone call from your wife. I will never forget the words she spoke to me, "Don't panic, but the doctors think I either have leukemia or lymphoma." I do not remember the rest of the conversation, but I do know that those words began a journey that would change my life forever.



My wife, Wanda, was diagnosed with leukemia on August 14, 2014. Neither of us had any idea what to do, but we began our journey with a phone call to Cancer Specialists of North Florida. They arranged for Wanda to start her treatment at St. Vincent's Hospital. She started treatment with 30 consecutive days of chemotherapy. This is where our first interaction began with American Cancer Society.

During Wanda's treatment, we were sent to Gainesville for her bone marrow transplant. This was going to require an extensive stay in Gainesville. In stepped the American Cancer Society. They have a residential facility in Gainesville called the Hope Lodge. We stayed there during the entire transplant process, which took nearly 4 months. It cost us nothing and made Wanda's recovery process

easier. Hope Lodge was made possible by donations to ACS. During our stay, ACS provided a counselor to host group sessions that allowed caregivers a place to discuss their feelings.

As a caregiver, I made meals, took care of her and went to all appointments. I was treading in unknown territory. It was a tough job and a full-time job that lasted a couple of years. I learned a lot about administering medicines, medical terminology/ records, and insurance stuff. Wanda was always the one who handled such things. I felt lost sometimes, depressed and did not sleep well at night. I seriously thought I was going to be a widower at 46 years old with kids. As her caregiver I tried not to show these emotions to my wife. She did not need to worry about me. However, I shared my feelings with others in our caregiver support group at the Hope Lodge and I quickly realized so many other people felt the same way. It was comforting to know I was not alone.

The more I learned about ACS, the more I wanted to help. I learned that they provide free wigs and bandanas to those in treatment that have lost their hair. They provide free rides to medical appointments, counseling services to those struggling, money to research to

Upcoming Kindergarten Students:



HES Kindergarten Fun Day

Hilliard Elementary will hold Kindergarten Fun Day Wednesday, May 5 from 2-3 p.m. Upcoming Kindergarten students and one parent or guardian is invited to HES for Fun Day. While parents participate in a brief orientation, students will visit Kindergarten classrooms and complete fun activities! Afterwards everyone will join back together and take a tour of the school. Please pre-register by calling 845-4471 to confirm your participation.

BES Bobcat Prowl

Bryceville Elementary School will hold their Bobcat Prowl for their upcoming Kindergarten students on Tuesday, May 4 from 5-6 p.m. at the school. Students will have the opportunity to visit a kindergarten classroom, have story time and complete a craft, visit the café for a snack and tour a school bus. Parents will have a time for question and answers up front while students are in class.

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The Relay for Life of West Nassau County will be held Saturday, May 22 from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. at the NE FL Fairgrounds. For more information about our Relay, call (904) 294-2088.

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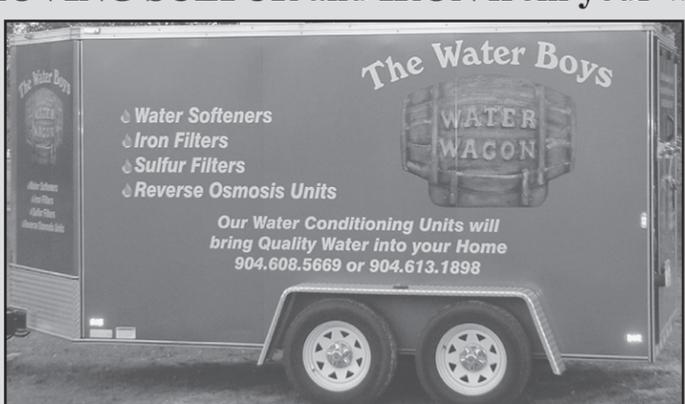


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New Beginnings and Milestones

Josiah Blake Lowe



Adam and Taylor Lowe, of Hilliard, are proud to announce the birth of their son Josiah Blake Lowe. Josiah was born April 10, 2021 at 6:05 a.m. at UF Health North in Jacksonville. He weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Bryant and Kathy Lowe of Somerset, Kentucky.

Maternal grandparents are Victor Eibach of Jacksonville; and Janet Elliott of Hilliard.

Proud great-grandparents are Billy Eugene and Dora Lee Butler of Albany, Kentucky; Darlene Gibson of Yulee; and Arthur Robert and Paula Elliott of Hilliard.

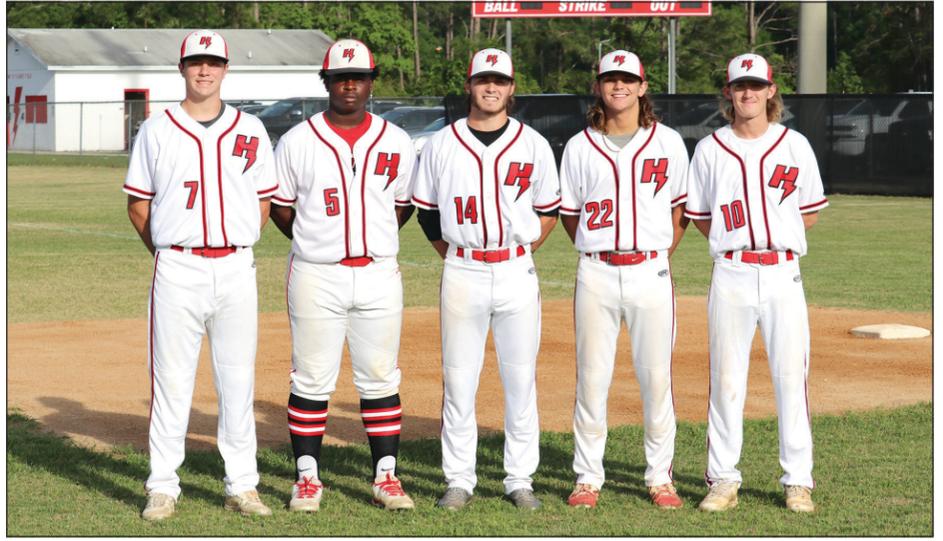
Josiah was welcomed home by his siblings Kylie Brooke, Conor Gregory and Madelyn Mae Lowe!

WNHS Lady Warrior Softball Seniors



Recently, the West Nassau High School Lady Warriors Softball team recognized their graduating seniors. The senior players are: Regan Lee, Makhayla Moore, Emma Devevo, Bailey Studt, Hope Epps, Thi Stone, Kaleigh Clay and Bree Hartman.

HMSHS Flashes Baseball Seniors



Hilliard High School senior baseball players were recently recognized at their home game. Congratulations! The seniors are: Brantley Hengerer, Leggarius Johnson, Kolby Dybalski, Bryant Crews and Trenton Bentley.

HMSHS Lady Flashes Softball Seniors



The Hilliard High School senior girls softball players were recently honored at a home ballgame. Congratulations ladies! The Lady Flashes seniors are: Jessica Patterson, Chalee Strickland, Jaden Holley, Avre Holton and Madison Howard.



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Taylor Sets World Record

Dawn S. West

David Taylor, 58, of Hilliard, set a World Record on the bench press during the 365 Strong National Championship event held last weekend in Greensboro, North Carolina. David suffered several injuries in a fierce car accident a few years ago that almost took his life. Through much rehabilitation and coaching with his mentor and friend Jim Hoskinson (Iron Works Gym), he has continued his weight lifting journey. David had a group of friends that traveled with him to cheer him on.



"I really wouldn't be where I am without the support of Jim. He has encouraged me and taught me so much," said David. "I enjoy working out. It's like therapy. My buddies (Bryain & Reed) and I encourage each other when we're working out."

David plans to compete again in December for the 365 World Meet. Congratulations!

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WN Drama Presentation Friday



The West Nassau High School Theatre group is proud to present their production of Guys and Dolls! The shows began last week however the final shows will be held Wednesday, April 28 through Friday, April 30 with each presentation beginning at 6 p.m. in the WNHS cafeteria. Admission is \$10 per person and \$5 per student. Make sure to come out and support our students and the Theatre Program!



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Wednesday, April 14

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Thursday, April 15

Monique Delores Kish, 34, 54177 Bea Road, Callahan: Clay County Warrant Retail Theft

Friday, April 16

Michael Landon Johnson, 48, 27426 W. Tenth Avenue, Hilliard: Writ of Attachment Child Support

Monday, April 19

Pamela Rose Miller, 49, 542766 US Highway 1, Callahan: Misuse 911 or E911 System

Friday, April 23

Bryan Keith Hyers, 47, 56269 Colby Drive, Callahan: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended/Revoked with no Motorcycle Endorsement

Sunday, April 25

Jason Lynn Mosley, 30, 45080 Eula B Road, Callahan: Nassau County Warrant Deposit with Intent to Defraud; Petit Theft

Callahan Man in Fatal Accident Saturday

A Callahan man and his passenger were both killed in a tragic motorcycle accident early Saturday morning. According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, at 2:36 a.m. Saturday, Danny Mathis, 43, of Callahan, was driving his motorcycle eastbound on I-10, east of the I-295 interchange in the outside lane. Mathis failed to maintain control of his vehicle and traveled right off of the roadway and onto the outside

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RICHARD 'RICK' BUTLER



Richard 'Rick' Butler, 90, of Jacksonville, went to be with the Lord on April 24, 2021. He was born May 28, 1930 in Cleveland, Ohio to Charles and Betty Butler. He retired from the United States Marine Corp in 1967, serving in both the Korean War and Vietnam. He was a proud Marine! He also retired from the US Postal Service in 1986. Mr. Butler was a faithful member of North Jacksonville Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents; he is preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Susan; and his brother Robert Butler.

He is survived by two children Karen (Steve) Holmes and Keith (Tina) Butler of Callahan; two grandchildren Kaitlyn (Tyler) Loyd and Brody Butler.

The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at Hardage-Giddens Riverside in Jacksonville. The funeral service will be held Monday, May 3 at 10 a.m. also at the funeral home. Burial will be held at the Jacksonville National Cemetery with Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home is assisting the family.

LEON DAVID CARROLL



Leon David Carroll, 93, of Hilliard, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, April 24, 2021. He was born on March 15, 1928 in Hilliard, to Sampson

William Carroll and Minerva Ann Crews Carroll at the family homestead located at Carroll's Corner. Leon was a graduate of Andrew Jackson High School, class of 1948 and honorably served his county in the US Army National

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Guard. Leon was a Master Mason for more than 60 years out of Woodstock Lodge in Jacksonville. Leon was retired from Jacksonville Electric Authority where he worked as Operating Engineer. Following this career, he retired from Getz/Bug-Out Pest Control as an exterminator, where he especially enjoyed serving his customers. Leon is preceded in death by his parents; and all of his siblings Wilson, Cecil and Rosalee Hickox; and his loving wife of 57 ½ years, Dorothy Lee Bowers Carroll.

Leon is survived by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren: Alan David and Dianne Carroll, (Michelle & Bubba, Rileigh, Kolton King) (Michael & Molly, Mackenzie, Madelynn Carroll); Nancy Lee and Rusty Johnson, (Jake/Leah, Kaylin Lee Johnson) (Kyle Wood Johnson); Ronald Leon and Sallie Carroll, (Ashley/Dustin, Destin, Ashlyn, Logan Reliford), Kadie/Freddy (Gabriel Meeks, Gunner, Mackenzie Dillingham) Eric/Marie (Karoline, Teagan, Jack Greene); and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service for Leon will be held Friday, April 30 at 10 a.m. at Nassau Funeral Home with Dr. Benjamin Loyd of River Road Baptist Church officiating, where Leon was an Honorary Deacon.

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

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

ROY SCHNELL DAVIS



Roy Schnell Davis, 97, of Callahan, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2021 in Jacksonville. He was a kind, honest, hard-working man that always put his family first and instilled

strong Christian values in their everyday life. He was born in Hilliard, to Avner Hampton and Leah Ellen Connor Davis. He spent most of his adult life with his loving wife, Clara Davis, living in Callahan. As an avid gardener, he was well known around town as The Onion Man, and retired from Florida Gas Systems.

He is preceded in death by his adored wife Clara Davis; and sweet daughters Darlene and Royalne Davis; and brothers and sisters Rena Nettie Hodges, Annie Lillian Fewox, Mabel Louise Griffin, Deborah Leah Wingate, Hilary Cleveland Davis, Arthur Hampton Davis, Virgil Columbus Davis and Zelton Lester Davis.

He is survived by his children Mary Ellen Coppola, Donna (Gerard) Thomas, Marlene (Jerry) McCain, Alvin (Shirley) Davis, Sherry (David) Hodges and Perry (Arlene) Davis; and his 19 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The children of Roy Davis thank you for your loving support during the loss of their Daddy, who will be dearly missed.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, April 21 at Nathalene Cemetery in Hilliard.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Nathalene Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Sherry Hodges, 11400 Old Plank Road, Jacksonville, FL 32220.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 879-2336.

RAY MILEY, SR.



Ray Miley, Sr., 90, of Callahan, passed away on April 22, 2021. He was born on April 2, 1931 in Jacksonville, to Huzy and Queen Harrison Miley.

Ray enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with family and friends. He will be dearly missed. He served his country in the US Army during the Korean War. He is preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Eudena; his parents; brother Hugh Miley; and sister Mary Inclin.

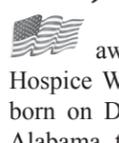
Ray is survived by his son Ray Miley, Jr.; daughter Brenda Miley; brother Delvin Miley; and his sister Dolores Mims.

The family received friends Monday, April 26 at Nassau Funeral Home. A Celebration of Ray's life was held Tuesday, April 27 also at the funeral home, with Pastor James Conner officiating. Interment followed in Jones Cemetery.

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

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JIMMIE R. RAYBURN



Jimmie R. Rayburn, 77, passed away April 20, 2021 at Community Hospice Warner Center. Mr. Rayburn was born on December 21, 1943 in Florence, Alabama to Johnny Mack and Margaret Jo Collins Rayburn. Mr. Rayburn proudly served his country in the US Army and was a Vietnam Veteran.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, April 27 at Jones Cemetery Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Thomas Family Thank You

The family of Shirlene Sandel Thomas would like to send a heartfelt Thank You for all the phone calls, text messages, love and support that we received at the time of her passing. It was truly amazing and very much appreciated. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

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DONALD M. REINHARDT



Donald Morrison Reinhardt, 64, of Jacksonville, passed away peacefully April 22, 2021. He was born on January 25, 1957 in Jacksonville, to Raymond Kenneth Reinhardt, Sr. and Joann Larimore Reinhardt. Donald was always a hardworking man. He loved woodworking, his tractors and landscaping. Donald was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was preceded in death by his parents Joann Larimore and Raymond Kenneth Reinhardt, Sr.; and his brother Ernest Allen Reinhardt.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Laura Lee Taylor Reinhardt; his children Sarah Reinhardt (Shane), Jessica Brooke (Joe) and Michael (Kristy) Reinhardt; five grandchildren Joyce, Travis, Maykia, Alexis and Michael; brother Raymond Kenneth (Kathy) Reinhardt, II; and many nephews, nieces, family and friends. He was loved by many.

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

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JOHN PATRICK TALLMAN



John Patrick Tallman, 36, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, April 19, 2021. He was born December 17, 1984 in Jacksonville. John graduated

from high school in 2004 and entered an apprenticeship with Whittington Plumbing Company. Shortly after, he began his career as a plumber. John was employed by several plumbing companies in the Jacksonville area, as well as Riverside Homes as a Construction Superintendent. He recently moved back to Jacksonville from Warrensburg, Missouri where he was employed by Benjamin Franklin Plumbing. John was a kind and loyal friend to so many. He would drop everything to help a friend in need. His favorite role in this life was that of father, to his beautiful 12-year-old daughter Julia, whom he loved with all his heart.

John is survived by his daughter Julia Tallman; his parents Mike and Yvette Tallman; brother Michael (Halee) Tallman; sister Jamie Tallman; brother Corey Quigley; grandmother Genevieve Tallman; uncle Brady Tallman; other loving family members, Isabel (Paul) Kasper, Melissa Wood; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 29 prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 552290 US Hwy 1, Hilliard, with Pastor Jesse Pickett officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard.

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

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The Purpose of Early Childhood Education

Debra Kato

Early childhood education is the foundation of all young children. It introduces all the learning skills and abilities children need to be successful. During the early childhood years, children develop different abilities: the ability to learn through play; the ability to share with others; and the ability to help others. In early childhood education children also learn how to use social, emotional, fine motor and gross motor skills. It is the beginning of all learning. Being the teacher, I set different rules and regulations for the children to follow. One of the important things I do is to create lesson plans for the children and myself to follow. These lesson plans are on a week to week basis and are different activities for each subject we focus on. In my classroom we have reading, music, art and outside time; and also make time for math, science and social studies.

The way my class runs is simple. We have the classroom set up into different centers. The children get to spend an equal amount of time in each center. We are learning new things every day, thanks to our centers! The centers give the children plenty of learning activities to do each day. While in the centers and throughout the day with me, the children work on their colors, numbers, letters as well as problem solving.

Something many do not realize, teachers also teach the children about behavior. We want our children to be star students. In order to do this, we must watch their behavior. As a teacher, I need to be sure I correct incorrect behavior and display what is acceptable in the classroom. This also goes for how we treat others. We must remind the children to 'treat others the way you would like to be treated.'

At the beginning of the year, children are tested on what they already know. This is so I have a clear idea of what we, as a class, are working with during the school year. It helps me see where we need to start and where we don't need to focus too much of our time. Around December, the children are given

another test to see if they are learning what has been taught. I have to meet with parents during this time so they have a chance to see where their child is academically. The end of April, the children are tested again. This is so I can see if the children have learned what is needed before they attend Kindergarten. I will, again, meet with the parents to over how their child scored. The parents and I will discuss where the child is struggling and their strong points. This will give parents a chance to work on their weaknesses during the summer.

One thing everyone should know is that not all children learn the same way or at the same speed. Some may pick up a skill quicker than another. It is my job to keep working on those skills so everyone will master it. I may have to show the skills in different ways so each child has an equal opportunity to learn it. It is worth it all to see them grow.

I, as the teacher, will do what it takes to watch my students grow. I love seeing the smile on their face when they learn something new or conquer a new challenge. It is important to remember that children are still children, and I need to make sure they enjoy learning.

The director's job is a little different than being a teacher. It is required for a director to oversee everything the staff and children are doing. They need to be able to make sure the teachers are teaching the children what needs to be taught. It is their job to take care of the entire school and all of its needs. The director must make sure all files are kept in order in case of an emergency or if the state were to come in and evaluate the center. As the director, they must also collect payments and answer phone calls. A director has basically all the jobs to keep the center afloat. They must make sure all the teachers have their requirements to be a teacher. The director also has to make sure that there is enough staff to cover all the classrooms. The requirements of being a director may be a lot more than some can handle but this is the joy of working in childcare.

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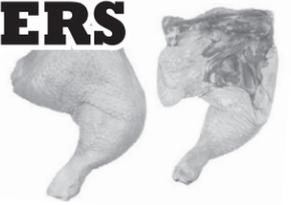
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Hilliard Lady Flashes Champions



Hilliard Youth Cheerleading's Competition Squad consists of girls ages 7-10. This season they have competed at several competitions throughout Florida and Georgia, where they received a bid to compete at The One National Competition in Biloxi, Mississippi. Last weekend, the girls competed in Biloxi where they took First Place and received The One Champion title in their division. Congratulations!

The team includes: Lily Carr, Kinley Balance, Kenadie Balance, Kiley Lafleur, Amelia Balance, Ziya Lewis, Peighton Lewis, Maddie Badger, Chloe Rhoden, Aaliyah Wainwright, Kenzie Loveland, Kylie Bell and Cece Lewis.

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