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"FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY." - MARK 10:45

## Tremendous Railroad Day Festival



If you didn't get a chance to go to the Annual Railroad Day Festival, you missed a treat! The weather was just right and people were shopping and visiting. It was so good to see so many people walking around checking out the vendors and the Historic Depot. It was cloudy most of the day but not so hot that people couldn't stand it. Showers came in later in the day but I think all the vendors did pretty good. The entertainment was so good and enjoyable to hear throughout the area. The Classic Car Show didn't disappoint

either. There were some beautiful machines! We're sharing just a few shots from Saturday!

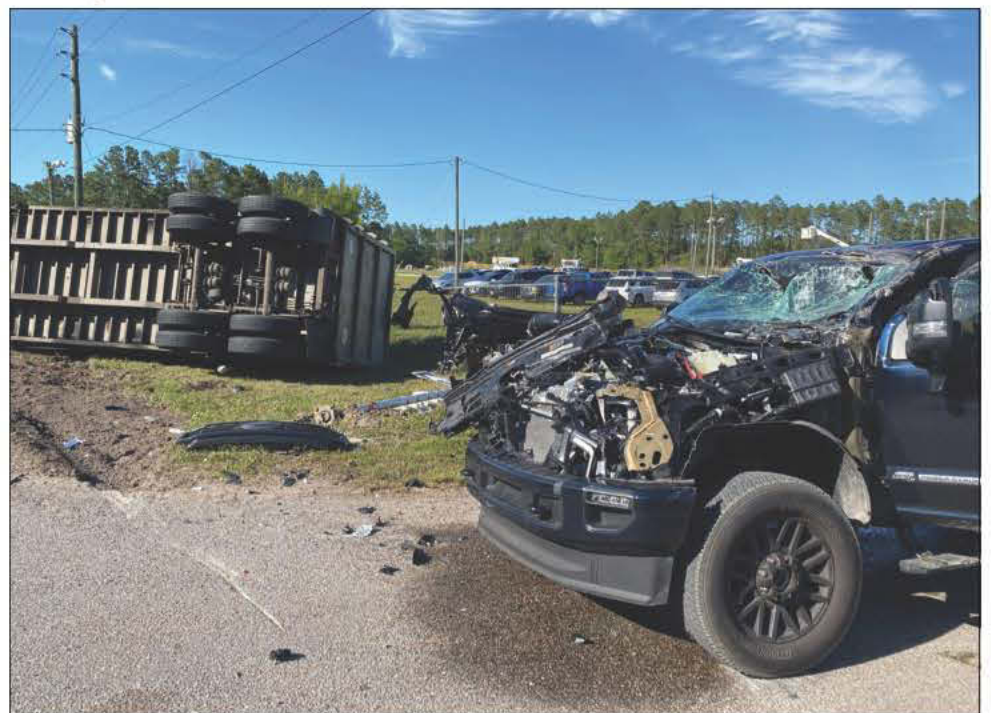
A huge thank you for the West Nassau Historical Society for continuing to do the festival each year. The society is made up of volunteers and they work extremely hard to continue the history of west Nassau County, and for that, I'm very thankful!

Thank you for all you do and the hard work you put in to get the job done! Your community appreciates you and the events you do!



## Huge Accident Friday Stalls Traffic

A huge traffic accident Friday afternoon, at the fairgrounds, stalled northbound traffic on US Highway 1 for hours. The accident involved several vehicles and a tractor trailer that turned on its side dumping its load of piping. It took several hours to clean up the accident but thankfully no one was fatally injured. Traffic was re-routed down Musslewhite Road for a few hours until the accident was cleared.



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## A Word From the Publisher

Can I hear an AMEN about our weather lately? I have so enjoyed these cool mornings with a light breeze all day. The Lord is blessing us with a few extra days of spring, and for that I am thankful!

Two weekends ago, our family held our annual 'Steam Meeting' together at Crooked River State Park in St. Marys, Georgia. We have stayed at many locations for the 'meeting' but have decided that Crooked River is the easiest by far. We rent two 3-bedroom cabins and they are one floor. We didn't have the meeting in 2020 due to the pandemic. That is also the year my brother, Dub, passed away. Last year we did meet in Woodbine however everyone did not stay the entire time. We have all noticed, as the years pass by the changes that happen with each of us (siblings).

This year we, once again, had a wonderful time. One of our cousins couldn't make it due to a health issue with her husband but everyone else was there. Friday night, we had Sloppy Joes, coleslaw and chips. It was a great meal and brought back memories of growing up. With five children in our family, Mama always made the meals



stretch. Sloppy Joes were a regular at our house. Following the meal, we celebrated Mama's (March 12) and Daddy's (April 26) 90th birthdays. Marci got a cake that weighed about ten pounds...it was amazing. The cake was a huge 90, chocolate and vanilla with chocolate frosting with all kinds of candy and cookies on the top. Even though everyone was full we still tried to put down at least one piece of cake.

Saturday morning, everyone was asked to bring something they liked for breakfast. Man oh man, what a variety we had! Donuts, danishes, burritos, bagels, quiche, turnovers and sausage balls! It was so much fun just having coffee, eating and of course visiting with everyone. The kitchens in the cabins are

really large with a large living area and screened in porch with a big picnic table. Needless to say, we had plenty of room for everyone to find a seat and eat. After eating, everyone went to their rooms and prepared for the dreaded picture time. We made it simple and easy by just staying in one location. The afternoon was spent with some taking a nap; taking a walk; or spending time visiting with others. It was very relaxing and enjoyable. The weather was not too hot or too cool. Just right and no rain...thank you Jesus!



Saturday night we had a huge spread from Moe's Grill. It was all set up buffet style and everyone just fixed what they wanted and continued to go back for more. It was enjoyed by all!

Daddy's Razorbacks (Arkansas basketball) played their elite 8 game Saturday night so we tried to plan

around him as we wanted him to be involved in whatever we were doing. Marci wanted to play a game with our parents. She thought up several questions and we put them back to back in chairs. Marci asked the questions and they answered by raising their hands. It was funny seeing how many questions they both thought they were right! We laughed and laughed. Not even sure who won but it was a fun way to spend time. The Razorbacks didn't win but it was fun to watch the game with Daddy anyway. He was proud of his team for making it that far. Go Razorbacks!

Sunday morning was coffee, breakfast and Daddy's devotion. Each time our family meets together it's a gentle reminder of how blessed we are. We would have never imagined Dub being the first of our family to go. Sunday would have been his 69th birthday. We each share in the grief we still carry from his passing. My only hope is I know without a doubt he is in glory with Jesus and not in pain anymore. I also know I will see him again someday.

Family is an amazing gift and I am so blessed to have the special parents I have. They continue to lift me anytime and encourage me through life's ups and downs. Their foundation is built on Christ and they shared that joy with their children. I'm thankful for another 'Steam Meeting' in the books and pray for many more!

Have a blessed week!

*Dawn S. West*

### In the Kitchen...

4 lg. eggs, separated  
1 can condensed milk (Eagle Brand)  
1/2 cup lime juice

Beat the egg yolks of 4 eggs and 1 egg white until thick. Add condensed milk. Beat well. Add lime juice. Beat well again. In a separate bowl, beat the remaining 3 egg whites until dry and holds a stiff peak. Add above mixture. Add a few drops of green food coloring. Pour into a graham cracker crust and bake about 10 minutes. Let pie cool and top with Cool Whip to serve.

### Key Lime Pie

Graham cracker crust  
green food coloring  
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## OREMC Lineworker Earns Journeyman Lineman Certification

Congratulations to Lineman Will Testone who works out of Okefenoke REMC's Hilliard office. After hours of bookwork, nearly four years of on-the-job training and laboratory testing, Testone is celebrating his completion of the Northwest Lineman College's Lineworker Certification Program and designation as a Journeyman Lineman.

Presenting Testone his certificate of completion and a commemorative statue of Willie Wiredhand, the national mascot of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's member co-ops, was OREMC's Human Resources Manager David Smith. Smith applauded Testone's commitment and dedication to the program and for setting a positive example for OREMC's other apprentices working toward their certifications.



## WNHS Class of '72 Reunion



The West Nassau Class of 1972 will hold their 50th Year Class Reunion Sat., June 11 at 12 p.m. at the home of Pat and JoAnne Hardcastle (Kingsley Lake), 753 SR 16 W, Starke. Class picture, 12:45 p.m.; lunch 1 p.m.! Outdoor sports and swimming, bring your family! Cost \$25/per person; ages 7 and under free. RSVP by May 1.

For more information, call Pam Buchanan Hicks at 904-583-5304.

## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The Youth of Hilliard First Assembly of God will sell Barbeque Pork Sandwiches Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the traffic light in Hilliard. Sliced pork sandwiches, chips and a soda for \$8.

Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, 541668 US 1, Callahan, will host a FREE Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Saturday, April 9 from 9 - 11 a.m. There will be Easter crafts and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny. Call 879-3662, for more information.

The Nassau County Library Advisory Board will meet Tuesday, April 12 from 3-5 p.m. at the Hilliard Library, 15821 CR 108. The public is invited to attend.

Callie Kay's General Store will have FREE Easter Bunny Photos Saturday, April 9 at their Hilliard location, 553027 US Hwy. 1 from 2 - 4 p.m. and at their Waycross location, 210 Plant Ave. from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

What I have been saying about the Walt Disney Company for several years now has finally hit the spotlight. Their "wokeness" has exploded and their true colors are vibrantly showing! The Walt Disney Company is upset with the law that was just passed here in Florida. The Florida HB 1557, "Parental Rights in Education" bill that Gov. DeSantis signed into law last week is being attacked by Disney. Now understand, this bill prohibits teachers from providing instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through third grade classrooms. The statement from Walt Disney Company was as follows: "Florida's HB 1557, also known as the 'Don't Say Gay' bill, should never have passed and should never have been signed into law. Our goal as a company is for this law to be repealed by the legislature or struck down in the courts, and we remain committed to supporting the national and state organizations working to achieve that. We are dedicated to standing up for the rights and safety of LGBTQ+ members of the Disney family, as well as the LGBTQ+ community in Florida and across the country."

First off, there is nothing in the bill that even comes close to saying, "Don't Say Gay." In a video leaked from inside Disney's all-hands meeting about the Florida parental rights bill, executive producer Latoya Raveneau says, "... her team has implemented a "not-at-all-secret gay agenda" and is regularly "adding queerness" to children's programming. Disney's Diversity and Inclusion Manager states that the company is ditching the words ladies,

gentlemen, boys, and girls in its theme parks in order to not alienate transgender children." Disney officials explained, "...the company is committed to pushing more "queer stories" and putting in place procedures to ensure that the company is creating enough "gender-nonconforming characters." Disney's corporate president Karey Burke said, "She would like to see at least 50% of Disney characters in the future identify as LGBT or a racial minority."

"For Disney to come out and put a statement and say that the bill should have never passed and that they are going to actively work to repeal it, I think, one, was fundamentally dishonest, but, two, I think that they crossed the line," said Gov. DeSantis. He added, "This state is governed by the interests of the people of the State of Florida. It is not based on demands of California corporate executives. They do not run this state. They do not control this state".

Schools have no business teaching or instructing on sexual orientation and gender identity in any grade level. We need to refocus on teaching students about reading, writing, mathematics, civics, true history, social studies and Americanism versus Communism. Our public school system needs an entire revamping. Children are not capable of understanding gender identity unless they are coerced by adults. DO NOT mess with our children! I will go as far to say, anyone who visits Disney World or subscribes to Disney+ or purchase any Disney product is no better than the ones pushing this warped agenda.

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

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# Who We Were, What Has Christ Done, And for What Purpose?

Pastor Marty Paparo, Friendship Alliance Church, Callahan



With Resurrection Sunday coming up on April 17, I thought it would be a good thing for us to look at what takes place in the life of one who has begun a relationship with Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul does a great job of laying this out for us, so we will look at a passage from Ephesians 2.

**Who Were We?** *“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience; among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”* Ephesians 2:1-3.

Before we met Christ, we were described as dead in our own sin. At first, sin looks incredible and attractive. But after, it turns out to be not as rewarding as we thought it would be. It promises big and delivers little. It leaves us empty, hopeless and worse yet, sin leaves us spiritually dead.

**What Has Christ Done?** *“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”* Ephesians 2:4-6.

I love that this section starts off with “But God.” We were this, “But God” stepped in and changed it all. Christ made us alive. By the grace of God, we are saved. We can boldly join Him. All of this is a gift that we simply accept. We don’t do anything to earn it; we just open the gift.

**For What Purpose?** *“...so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”* Ephesians 2:7-10.

This section starts with another important transitional phrase: “so that.” God has done all this not only to restore our broken relationship with Him, not only to save us from the punishment we deserve, but to put on display *“the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”* Verses 8-9 support Paul’s statement about grace in verse 7. Verse 10 continues the “so that.” Christ saved us; we are His workmanship; we were created for good works. Now, we should walk in those good works.

So, what about you? Have you opened the gift of God’s salvation? His desire is to have a relationship with you. It all starts with simply talking to Him about it.

# Hilliard Town Clean Up Saturday

The Hilliard Town Clean Up will be held this Saturday with volunteers asked to sign in at Town Hall at 8:30 a.m. It has been two years since the annual event has been held! We are hoping that our volunteers will be eager to come out and help make Hilliard clean! The cleanup will begin with signups, free “I ♥ Hilliard” t-shirts and refreshments at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon with a FREE cookout and chances

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to win a prize from drawings for all those who volunteer. Volunteers will be given directions for an area to clean in Hilliard. All bags must be filled and collected and back to Town Hall before 11 a.m.

Containers will be located at Town Hall for FREE disposing of appliances, yard debris and household trash (no liquids or dry chemicals). Free disposing will end promptly at 11 a.m. – No exceptions. Tires will need to be taken to Landfill Road in Callahan where they are having the annual Tire Amnesty Day.

The Town of Hilliard will also provide FREE shredding from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 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

For more information, call Hilliard Town Hall at 845-3555.

# SAVE THE DATE: A Gathering of Veterans

The Veterans Council of Nassau County proudly hosts a gathering of Veterans4Veterans from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at West Nassau High School, 1 Warrior Drive, Callahan. All veterans in northeast Florida are cordially invited to attend this FREE event.

Information booths staffed by veterans’ organizations and support personnel within the county, such as Nassau County Veterans Service Officer and Veterans Treatment Court, will provide information and guidance. Lunch will be at no cost and will be catered by Callahan Barbeque.

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## Fusiform Rust on Pine Trees

James Tootle, Nassau County Forester

Orange or yellow are not considered unusual colors in most settings. However, when you see it on pine trees, it can be a startling and puzzling sight. Just what exactly is it, why is it on my pine trees and should I be doing something about it?

The cause of the appearance of the bright color is probably fusiform rust. The bright orange (sometimes yellow) spores often appear on galls (swollen areas) on pine trees in the spring. Fusiform rust



is caused by a fungus that spends about half of its life cycle on various oak trees and half on pine trees. Loblolly and slash pine are particularly susceptible. Getting rid of the oak trees to break the cycle is usually not a practical option. The good news is that the fungus does no significant harm to the oak trees.

However, the bad news is that the fungus can do significant harm to pine trees. Depending on the setting (plantation, nursery, or yard tree), fusiform rust can have varying degrees of impact and require different responses. With a yard tree, it may be feasible to prune infected limbs to decrease the chance of a main stem infection. If a main stem infection already exists, the tree may become a

hazard due to the weakened stem and should be removed.

In the nursery, prevention by spraying with fungicides may be effective but costly.

In the plantation setting, there is little (that is economically feasible) that can be done to treat infected trees. If a stand is severely infected, the best course of action often is to harvest the stand as soon as possible and reforest with rust resistant trees. During reforestation, rust resistance can be achieved through species selection (longleaf) or through genetically improved seedlings that are "Rust Resistant".

If the stand is not too severely infected, a thinning may allow for removal of the infected trees while still leaving an adequately stocked stand of healthy trees.

Fusiform rust has been infecting our pine trees for a long time and will likely remain a part of our landscape for a long time to come. If you notice bright orange on your pine trees this spring and are not sure what to do, contact your county forester. The setting and severity of the infection will determine what you need to do (if anything). Call your county forester at 904-845-7238 for more information.

## Living Financially Free

### Freezer - Pantry Challenge

Yvette Outler

In the spirit of saving money, try NOT to go grocery shopping next week. Your goal will be to use what is currently in your pantry, refrigerator, and freezer.

If you accept the challenge, replace your shopping time with spring cleaning your pantry, refrigerator, and freezer. Throw away outdated items, re-organize the items you plan to keep and set aside the items you plan to give away. If you have the space, an open card table is a convenient place to put the food you are sifting through while you make decisions. Have a cooler on hand for the frozen food you plan to give away.

Fun Idea: Have a swap party with family and friends! If the entire group accepts the challenge, everyone will have a small pile of items to trade. Agree on the location, date and time and everyone brings their giveaway items they are not going to use and exchanges their stuff with something they would use. Bring one get one, bring five get five. If you are going to include freezer items (which I personally think is a great idea) have everyone, bring their own cooler or cooler bag. This is another way to re-stock your resources for free. Look at it like, "Grocery shopping without grocery shopping."

If you do this challenge, please let me know. I would love to hear your success stories because they are very encouraging!



Organizational Tips:

1. Freezer - Put like meats together. For instance, put all your beef together, pork together and chicken together. The small plastic bins at dollar tree work well for organizing. I also have a small separate spot for steaks. Likewise, put all similar vegetables together in the freezer. It saves time when I can see and know what I have in my freezer. Create an inventory spreadsheet, place it on the outside of the freezer and mark off every time you pull something out.

2. Pantry - When organizing your pantry put all the breakfast items together, all the vegetables together, sauces together, seasoning packets in a small plastic bin, and paper products together. Rotate stock. Place the oldest food up front or on top, to use first. Use a sharpie to write the expiration date on top of the cans.

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"Whereas, the Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the supreme authority and just government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National Prayer and humiliation; And whereas, it is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truths announced in the Holy Scriptures, and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord;

And, inasmuch as we know that, by his divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power; as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God, we have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some

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superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power; to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

Hank Martinez, Sr.

Memorial Day

Dear Editor,  
April brings the anticipation of May as we begin to look forward to Memorial Day. If we're not too busy planning a getaway, we might want to be reminded it is also a day of remembrance, which could also be a day of thanksgiving for all those who came before us. Yet one day seems hardly enough. After all, they are an integral part of our histories, living in our genes, both our legacy and our destiny.

Everyday an estimated seven to eight thousand Americans march in unison, strong and determined to the land of the unreachable. Unlike a parade, there is a breathtaking silence, voices stilled, strikingly singular unaware of those who file around them. There are sad faces, blank looks, looks of relief, weariness, some smiling, some look peaceful. Every nationality, religion, age, gender and race are represented because their mandate exempts no one.

Is one of this legion in your thoughts or in your heart today? Are you thinking about

something about them you liked, enjoyed, loved? It makes you smile. Pleasing memories have that effect. Unlike us, people of the Eastern world accept death. We see it as a failure and fear it. Can it be another layer of the ozone we call life? The last adventure? A better life? All stages of life have meaning. Even the passing.

B. R. Mc Connell

Celebrating Easter

Dear Editor,  
As I read last week's paper and saw how the bunny rabbit and the easter egg is being celebrated instead of the resurrection of Jesus; I know God's heart is grieving and I am too. People don't realize that if you forget God/Jesus, our country turns into hell. Psalm 9:17 will tell you that.

If anyone wonders how much God/Jesus loves them, just look at the cross. Jesus died on the cross, so you could be saved from eternal damnation in hell. That is what the celebration of Easter is about. Instead, easter is used as

a day to glamorize the bunny rabbit and the easter egg. At the resurrection of Jesus, there is no mention of a bunny rabbit or an egg.

The cross and resurrection of Jesus gives a free gift to all who accept Jesus as their Savior. The free gift is salvation with an eternal home in Heaven. People take so lightly what God/Jesus has done for mankind.

Easter and Christmas are so commercialized that it's hard, very hard, to see if there is any inclination of what the real meanings are. No wonder our nation is going down the sewer at such a rapid pace. Our government wants no Bible, no Bible in schools, no prayer in schools, etc. So, if our country forgets God/Jesus, he'll forget us as well.

Many people wonder where God is. God is only a prayer away...repent and turn back to Him. For our nation to survive, it is imperative to put God and Christian values in our society. If our nation does not do this, we will destroy ourselves as a nation. America has sown to the wind and we're going to reap the whirlwind (Hosea 8:7). How sad!

The true meanings of Christmas and Easter must be taught now so future generations will know and pass it on.

In Jesus' name,  
Jack Lewis

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## Giving Tuesday Can Be Every Tuesday

Tuesday turned out to be a day of giving at Barnabas Center. Recently, St. Peter's Episcopal Church and their congregation raised funds during a "Raise the Roof" titling campaign. The church community came together not only funding their roof replacement but also raised enough to donate



additional funds to a variety of local charities, including Barnabas. Other non-profits receiving gifts included Habitat for Humanity, America's Youth, and Interfaith Dinner Network through Hope House.

Barnabas was also blessed with a surprise visit from Quinn Garber, VP of Sales at River Valley Paper - South, who volunteers monthly in the Barnabas Nutrition Services programs. River Valley Paper - South donated \$12,500 to purchase healthy food for hungry families in Nassau County.

These generous donations will assist in providing healthy food options for those who use our nutrition service programs whether it's the Meal Pack program for homeless school children or one of our mobile food distributions across the county.

Barnabas is Nassau County's only comprehensive service center to help our neighbors in crisis, so they can become healthy, productive citizens. Through our partnerships, we reach even more people and maximize resources. We address critical issues facing our community, such as hunger, affordable health care, and prevention of homelessness.



Shown is Jamie Reynolds, CEO & President Barnabas Center with Quinn Garber, VP of Sales, River Valley Paper - South.

Our mission is to provide help and hope to individuals and families in need throughout Nassau County to improve their stability, health, and well-being. Our vision is every individual has an opportunity to lead a healthy and productive life, thereby strengthening our entire community. To learn more about Barnabas programs or how to get involved, call (904) 261-7000 or visit BarnabasNassau.org.

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## KNB Callahan Event Distributed Over 140 Trees



Keep Nassau Beautiful (KNB) kicked off its spring 2022 Adopt A Tree drive-thru by hosting an event at the NE FL Fairgrounds in Callahan. Nassau County residents reserved one or two trees from a list of five available Florida friendly species.

Thirteen volunteers, including Nassau County Commissioner Klynt Farmer, OHPA Commissioner and KNB BOD Chair Mike Cole, and Nassau County Arborist Garner Cox, were on hand to help residents load their reserved trees in vehicles. The 1-to-3-gallon trees were 4 to 6 feet in height.

During the event, KNB recognized Yulee High School student Jonah Blutcher with a gift card for his TSIC scholarship video project titled, Save The Trees. Blutcher's video highlights the benefits of trees and his volunteer work with KNB during Adopt A Tree events. The video is posted on YouTube <https://youtu.be/Y1bQ2YRHAf8>.

Adopt A Tree Drive-thru events are funded through dedicated grants, fundraising activities and private

donations. In partnership, the City of Fernandina Beach provides free trees for residents of the City of Fernandina Beach. Liberty Landscape Supply sponsors the supply of trees. UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension provides the educational component. Residents are asked to help the tree get its best chance at a healthy long life by following the

UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension recommendations for proper planting and maintenance including a watering schedule until the tree gets established.



Keep Nassau Beautiful, Inc. is working to inspire, educate, and equip individuals, groups, businesses and governments to take action to make Nassau County a place where residents, visitors and wildlife can thrive and experience the beauty of Nassau County, [www.KeepNassauBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepNassauBeautiful.org). For information, call 904-261-0165.

## TOWN OF HILLIARD ANNUAL GREATER HILLIARD CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 8:30 A.M. KEEP NASSAU BEAUTIFUL

The Town of Hilliard will be having its Annual Town Clean Up on Saturday, April 9, 2022. 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. Bring chairs or blankets for the cookout.

Containers will be located at Town Hall for free disposing of appliances, yard debris and household trash (no liquids or dry chemicals). Free disposing will end promptly at 11 a.m. - No exceptions. Tires will need to be taken to Landfill Rd. in Callahan.

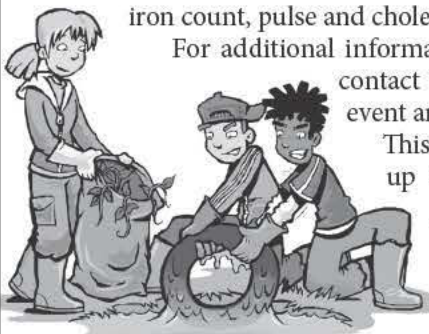
Town employees will provide pick up services for disabled or senior adults unable to bring items to Town Hall for disposal. You must pre-schedule for pick up by Thursday, April 7. Items must be at curb-side ready for pick up on date of clean up.

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](http://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.



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## CIS Teachers Transform Classrooms

Many teachers at Callahan Intermediate School recently transformed their classrooms. The classrooms were transformed into a basketball court, a Jumanji jungle, a bakery and a turtle exhibit. The students were so excited to walk into their "new" rooms. Lessons were full of engaging, hands-on activities that were themed to correlate with the classroom. The classroom transformations were part of the "Get Your Teach On" professional development that the CIS teachers attended in early March.



## Bryceville Sports Fun Day Saturday

The Bryceville Sports Association is hosting their First Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny this Saturday, April 9 from 10-11 a.m. at the Bryceville Sports Complex. You can purchase tickets to the breakfast at [www.brycevillesports.com](http://www.brycevillesports.com). The complex is located off of Motes Road in Bryceville.



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The Bryceville Sports Association is committed to ensuring every child with a desire to play baseball be afforded that opportunity in a safe, positive and encouraging space! Justin Hager is the new BSA President and is excited about the opportunity to involve as many players as possible into the Bryceville Sports family! The BSA is committed to becoming the premier baseball and sports complex in Nassau County and



Following the breakfast, there will be a FREE Community Easter Egg Hunt, Easter crafts, games and a bounce house! The Bryceville Home-Plate will also be open serving the



is excited for the growth and opportunity present on the west side of Nassau County! We want to be THE place families in Nassau County bring their children to play ball!

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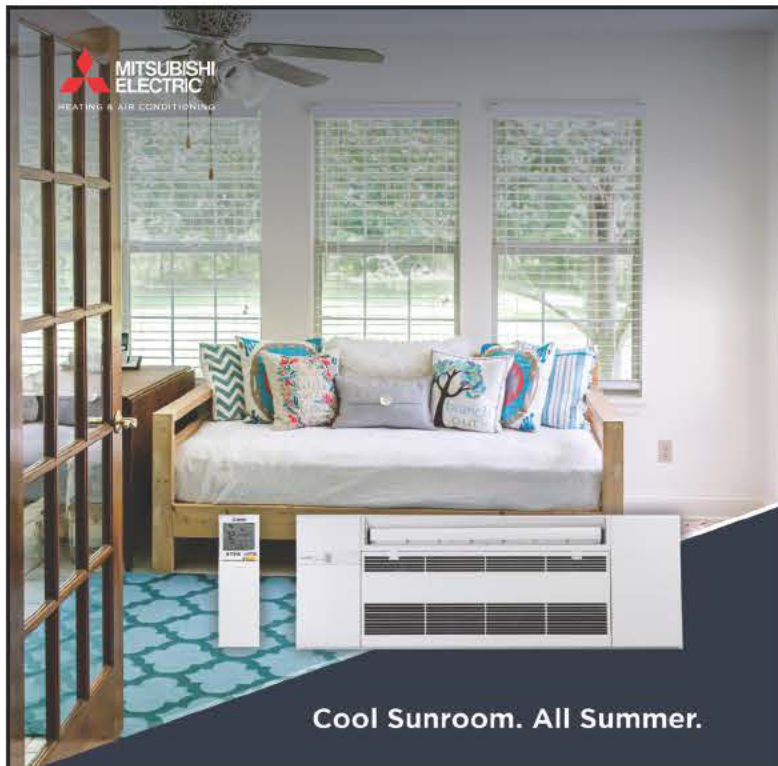
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# A Great Sportsman's Sunday at Liberty Baptist Church



*Dawn S. West*

I, for one, am so thankful to see so many events happening and lots of people coming out to support them. Last Sunday, Liberty Baptist Church, located off of SR 200 on Mount Olive Road in Callahan, celebrated Sportsman Sunday. They moved their entire service outside under a big tent and celebrated Jesus. The church

has met a lot of valleys with this event. They kicked off the event the first year and all went well. The next year, a hurricane came through and canceled it and the next two years the pandemic. These people are resilient and faithful. The event was once again organized and turned out wonderful.

With a word of prayer, the service began with a sweet song. Mitchell Johnston, a World Champion Turkey Caller, was the speaker and gave a wonderful message of salvation. He

also treated the group to a turkey calling with a couple of the youth. The service was followed by an actual 'dinner on the grounds' for everyone to enjoy. Following, everyone was invited to visit several booths surrounding the property. Ax throwing was also one of the events and highly attended! People were asked to bring their deer mounts to the event and have them displayed and there were some beautiful mounts.

The day was special and filled with God's presence.



## Spring Show-off

### Truck/Car/Dragsters Show Saturday

This Saturday, instead of racing go-karts at Callahan Speedway, there will be a Truck/Car/Dragster Show at the Speedway. Callahan Speedway owner David Hicken is always willing to help out anyone that needs it. He helped out with a recent Truck Show at the speedway last year and the organizer wanted to do something for him. Proceeds from the show will go to the new dragstrip that is coming to Callahan Speedway. The dragstrip is in the engineering stage now however construction should begin soon.

To enter your 'ride', the cost is \$25 per vehicle. Spectator admission for the show will be \$10 per person. The event will be held Saturday, April 9 from 2 – 6 p.m. at Callahan Speedway. Make plans now to attend and support our local Callahan Speedway!

To find out more information, visit the Callahan Speedway Facebook page!

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## Relay for Life...Meet Wanda Nichols

*Wanda Nichols*

My name is Wanda Nichols and I am a cancer survivor. I am also the Event Lead Chairperson for the Relay for Life of Nassau County. The 2022 Relay will be held at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds Saturday, May 7 from 3 p.m. – 10 p.m. This will be my last relay as the Event Lead Chairperson.

On August 9, 2014, I awoke with a fever and a massive headache. I thought I either had a sinus infection or the flu and I was in North Carolina. After a few days I ended up in the Emergency Room. They did an EKG and a breathing treatment. After the breathing treatment I felt fine. However, within one hour of my arrival my life would be changed forever. The doctor came in and told me the good news was he knew what was wrong with me; bad news it was either leukemia or lymphoma. A blood specialist came in and informed me, when you have leukemia or lymphoma and you have breathing problems chances of survival are slim.

From my release I went straight to St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville. When I arrived, I met doctors from Cancer Specialists of North Florida. I was told again I have Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). I had a bone marrow biopsy, prepared to start chemotherapy and started the medications to prepare me for chemo. Long story short, my only hope was to receive a bone marrow transplant.

I was sent to UF Health Cancer Center in Gainesville where Dr. Wingard informed me that they found a third leukemia. I was also diagnosed with Chronic Lymphoid Leukemia (CLL). Dr. Wingard also told me

that he did not know if the bone marrow transplant would work. He told me I was running out of time. So, the search for a donor began and soon I received a call from Gainesville saying that we had a match.

On April 6, 2015, I was admitted to the hospital in Gainesville for my transplant. On April 14, my donor went into surgery to have his bone marrow from his hips extracted. Once his bone marrow was extracted it was then put on an "Angel Flight" and sent to Gainesville for my transplant. On the morning of April 15 I started receiving my new bone marrow. Once I was released from the hospital, I stayed at the HOPE Lodge in Gainesville. The HOPE Lodge, is sponsored by Winn Dixie and the American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life events raise funds to provide for all those amenities. In 2016, a little over a year after my transplant I finally met my donor, Matt Gilmore. He lives in Bedford, IN.

In January 2019, I was diagnosed with CML again. However, after more treatments, I currently remain cancer free and am still off all medications. On April 15, 2022, I will turn 77 years old. I was given a second chance at life. Most of all, I'm thankful for my number one physician, GOD. HE has it all under control and HE is not done with me yet. I am excited to see what HE has for me in the next chapter of my life.

If you have been diagnosed with cancer, going through treatments, or just want information, call the American Cancer Society hotline at 1-800-227-2345. If you would like more information about our Relay for Life of Nassau County contact me at (904) 294-2088.



## Callahan Town News

*Dawn S. West*

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first meeting of April. Mr. Brad Mangold, of Callahan, approached the podium. "I would like to invite each of you to our 3rd Annual Hot Rodz for Kids Car & Bike Show. The event is sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Callahan," said Mangold. "The proceeds from the event will go to the Barnabas Center and also to provide proper attire for West Nassau High School students to wear at graduation. We have been informed that there are possibly 16 students in need of assistance. We are asking for a donation, if possible."

The council approved a donation of \$500 to the event however will have to place the item on the next agenda to do a resolution.

The first agenda item, Callahan

Building Inspector Larry Hogan addressed the council concerning the current building valuation data. "We (the town) have not updated this building data information in quite some time," said Hogan. "I am requesting that you base all your fees on ICC (International Code Council) Standards, which is normal and also goes along with what the county does. The ICC Standards are evaluated every 2 years."

The council agreed to direct the town attorney to add an amendment to the current code to add the ICC Standards for the next meeting.

The council reviewed and approved the Meridian Waste garbage contract for an additional three (3) years.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 542300 US Highway 1.

## Easter Fun Day at VFW 10095

VFW Post 10095 will hold an Easter Fun Day Saturday at their post, 37965 Eastwood Road, Hilliard, directly across from the Hilliard Airpark. They will be selling pork dinners for \$9 (adults); \$5 (children under 12): pulled pork, potato salad and baked beans. All proceeds will benefit the West Nassau JROTC Program.

There will be a bounce house; raffle tickets for a girl & boy bicycle; games and prizes. The Easter Bunny will be there at 3 p.m. for photos (bring your camera). They will have Egg Dying from 2-4 p.m.; and Egg Hunt at 4 p.m.



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Donald Gray Braddock, 73, of Callahan, gained his heavenly wings April 5, 2022, after a lengthy illness.

Donnie was born on July 24, 1948, in Jacksonville to Donald Pasco (D.P.) and Claudine Braddock, just minutes before his identical twin brother Ronnie.

Donnie was a lifelong resident of Callahan and member of Callahan First Baptist Church. He graduated from Callahan High School in the Class of 1966. Donnie excelled in sports, lettering in football, baseball, basketball and track. After high school, Donnie continued his education on a football scholarship to Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, playing linebacker, feared by many opponents. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Donnie made many lifelong friends at HSU, continuing to attend homecomings and other functions throughout the years. He was inducted into the Reddie Hall of Fame in 2006, along with his brother Ronnie.

Donnie will be remembered as a beloved high school teacher, coach and friend. After college, Donnie spent many years coaching and teaching in Nassau County, at West Nassau High School, Callahan Junior High and Fernandina Beach High School. He wore many hats as head coach, athletic director, and activities director at the schools. His love was in teaching and coaching, and he was an advocate for many students and players trying to navigate their next steps into adulthood and secondary education. Many local graduates from Nassau County continued their education at Henderson State University, and countless other universities, because of his love and knowledge of football and education and his desire to always help another succeed. Later, Donnie also taught and coached at University Christian School in Jacksonville, and was also an adjunct professor of Anatomy and Physiology at Jacksonville University.

Donnie's love of football was well known. He and his twin Ronnie were instrumental in organizing and continuing the "Old-timers" football games in Nassau County in the late 70's, where the east met the west side of the county for a healthy showdown of past players reliving their "Glory Days." He looked forward to the challenge each year, and was rightly feared and revered, even as the oldest player on the

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field. He was a fierce competitor. His love of the game made him many friends and the icon they all looked up to.

During this time, football led Donnie into another arena, the World Football League. He played semi-pro football for the Texarkana Titans, Chicago Fire, and eventually ended home in Nassau County playing linebacker for the Jacksonville Firebirds.

Donnie was also a pioneer in the women's semi-professional football league as owner and head coach of the Jacksonville Dixie Blues. He led them to national prominence, assisted by his nephew Bishop.

Along the way, Donnie's love for Biology led him to pursue a medical degree in 1987 from UTESA University in the Dominican Republic. He made many friends from different areas of the nation, learned to communicate in Spanish and introduced the "real" game of American football to the friends he made in the Dominican.

Donnie loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his nephews and nieces whom he nicknamed the "Pilgrims." They, along with their friends, will certainly remember his antics and games, as he was a staple in all of their lives and always made life fun and interesting. His personality and sense of humor was one of a kind and will be missed by all.

Donnie will rejoice in heaven upon seeing his grandparents; parents; and brother, and will embrace in a long-awaited reunion.

He is survived by his brother Dale "Spug" (Carol) Braddock; sister-in-law Lissa Braddock; nephews: Ronald, Jr "Biggs" (Kadie), Bishop "Kilroy, Dr. Detroit" (Ashley); nieces: Erin "Baby Erin" (Joe) Gray, Lauren "Lollipop" (Shea) Fellows, Blake "Blakey Pooh" (Tucker) Jenkins and Natalie "Nattie Frog" (Bryan) Armstrong; and numerous great-nephews and nieces.

The family will receive friends Thursday, April 7 from 6-8 p.m. at Callahan First Baptist Church. The homegoing service will be Friday, April 8 at 12 p.m. also at the church. Donnie will be laid to rest in the family plot in Jones Cemetery in Callahan. Following, the family will receive friends at the home of Lissa Braddock in Callahan.

**AUDREY MAUREEN McILWAIN**



Audrey Maureen McIlwain, 85, of Hilliard, passed away March 26, 2022, in Jacksonville. Audrey was born November 20, 1936 in Southampton England.

She lived all over the world as an Air Force wife, before settling in Tampa in 1978. Audrey retired from Sears in Tampa in 1991 where she worked in sales. She enjoyed flowers, gardening, animals and her family. She is predeceased by her husband Bruce McIlwain; mother Edith Kavanaugh; father William Henry Jeeves; and sisters Irene Gross and Doreen Taylor.

Audrey is survived by her three children Sandy (Frank Leal) McIlwain, David McIlwain and Tracy (TJ) Linder; and one beloved grandson Harrison Linder.

Audrey will be laid to rest with her husband Bruce, at Florida National Cemetery.

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

Visit [www.nassaufh.com](http://www.nassaufh.com) to sign the family's guest book.

**MARY LOUISE RAMSEY**



It is with great sorrow to announce the passing of one of God's children, Mary Ramsey, on March 29, 2022 in Gainesville. She was born in Jacksonville April 2, 1953 to Clyde and Pearly Mae (Todd) Howell of Waycross, Georgia. Mary was a devoted Christian to our Lord and Savior. She was one of 14 siblings born to the same parents. She was extremely proud of her four children and one stepson. Nothing gave her more pleasure than to see them grow up and begin raising families of their own. She enjoyed working part time with the Salvation Army in North

Carolina and Gainesville. She made friends at both locations and they will miss her as we all do. Please take comfort in knowing that Mary is in Heaven and she will be looking forward to seeing us all again.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Curtis A. Ramsey; her children William (Terri) Grimes, Victor (Mary) Grimes, Jesse (Mindy) Howard, Tonya (Jimmy) Howard and her stepson Christopher Ramsey; eight grandchildren Kaycee (Max) Grimes, Kayla (Greg) Meadows, Joshua (Brittany) Courchene, Joseph Courchene, Hannah Howard, Madison Howard, Dakota Howard and Alan (Laney) Sweatman; and five great-grandchildren Danica Courchene, Dallyn Courchene, Parker Courchene, Aiden Sweatman and Andersen Sweatman with a great-granddaughter due in May 2022; six siblings Barbara Jean Lewis, Marlene Winecoff, Debbie Howell, Erma Jean Holton, Gerald Howell and Jimmy (Amy) Howell; her mother-in-law Ruby A. Ramsey; brother-in-law Ted (Barbara) Ramsey; sister-in-law Pamela (Joe) Breidenstine; cousins Mary Katherine and Bobby Pennington; and being that she was so dearly loved by many, many people, it would be impossible to list you all, so I'll just categorize, neighbors, friends, more extended family, church members and in general, everyone she met. She loved you all!

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her father-in-law; a granddaughter Brittany Grimes; seven siblings Betty Joe Howell, Henry Howell, Vernon Howell, Johnny Howell, Ernestine Miller, David Howell and Gail Bohannon.

A gathering of family and friends was held Monday, April 4 followed by a celebration of life service at the Pine Grove Baptist Church, Gainesville. Interment followed at Forest Meadows Cemetery Central. Flowers are welcomed and/or donations to the Salvation Army. "Love from our family to yours."

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## Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

I have an old newspaper article from the Florida Times-Union dated November 6, 1949 that I found years ago when my wife and I were going through her grandmother's things. The article was about Isaiah David Hart, the founder of Jacksonville. Isaiah Hart was born on November 6, 1792. The date of his birth is recorded in a Hart Family Bible that was the property of Frank P. Dearing, at the time the article was written. The Bible was published in 1825 and belonged to Isaiah Hart's mother.

Hart and his wife Nancy had six children. Two streets in downtown Jacksonville are named for daughters Julia and Laura. His son Ossian was the 10th governor of Florida.

Frank P. Dearing was the grandson of Julia Hart. Descendants of the Dearing family still live in Jacksonville today.

Genealogy and History always go hand in hand as we learn about our ancestor's, their lives, and where they lived; we learn the history of that place and time.

To learn more, come join us at the West Nassau Genealogical Society meetings, held the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Callahan Lions Club, located on US 1 north of the fairgrounds. Visitors are always welcome!

## POLICE REPORTS

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

### Tuesday, March 29

Thomas David Nelson, II, 31, 36449 Elliott Road, Callahan: Possession of Schedule 1-5 Substance

Melton Farris Sinclay, 42, 45044 Luther Street, Callahan: Sale of Marijuana (x 2); Sale of Controlled Substance (x 2)

### Wednesday, March 30

Thomas Joseph Allgeyer, Sr., 44, 37176 Michigan Street, Hilliard: Habitual Traffic Offender; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Jennifer Nicole Spikes, 39, 241987 CR 121, Hilliard: Possession of Methamphetamine

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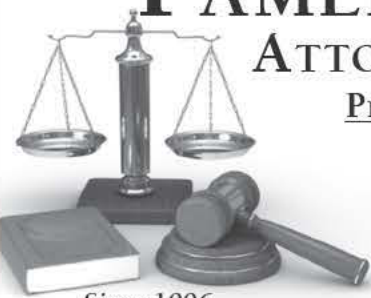
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The event will offer beginner classes in: Archery, Kayaking, Fishing, Beekeeping, Camping, Pie Iron Cooking, Outdoor Crafts, Nature Scavenger Hunt, Introduction to Hunting and an Air Gun Range. Your child will pick 4 classes he/she would like to participate in. The event begins at 9 a.m. and ends at approximately 4 p.m. Children between the ages of 6-14 years old are welcome. We require a parent to attend with the

child, throughout the entire event. The cost is \$45 per child. Parents and children can buy their lunch for approximately \$10 from the food trucks that will be on sight. During lunch we will have an age-appropriate, fun presentation on hydroponics and S.T.E.M. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Adults will love this presentation too! A fun new addition to this year's event is the "Farm to Table" farmers market. Parents can buy organic fruits and vegetables directly from Eden Gardens; 8 oz. bag of (lettuce, herbs, tomatoes, etc.) for a \$5 donation.

Pre-registration is required for this event. Please email Patti at: extremeoutdoorenterprises@gmail.com or call (904) 210-1110, to register and select the classes your child would like to attend.



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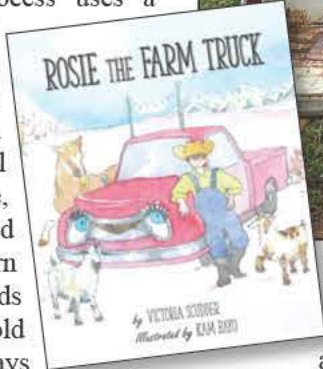
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## Former Callahan Resident Receives Mom's Choice Award®

The Mom's Choice Awards® has named local author and former Callahan teacher Victoria (Rozbora) Scudder's recently released book Rosie the Farm Truck as among the best in family-friendly media, products and services. The MCA evaluation process uses a proprietary methodology in which entries are scored on a number of elements including production quality, design, educational value, entertainment value, originality, appeal and cost. "I am thrilled to earn the Mom's Choice Awards Honoring Excellence Gold Seal of Approval," says Scudder. "I am proud to be a part of all the great things the MCA does to connect consumers, educators and caregivers with the best products and services available for families." To be considered for an award, each entrant submits three (3) identical samples for testing. Entries are matched to evaluators in the MCA database. Evaluators are bound by a strict code of ethics not only to ensure objectivity, but also to ensure that the evaluation is free from manufacturer influence. The three evaluations are submitted to the MCA Executive Committee for final review and approval. "Our aim is to introduce families and educators to best-in-class products and services," explains Dawn Matheson, Executive Director of the Mom's Choice Awards. "We have a passion to help families grow emotionally, physically and spiritually. Parents and educators know that products and services bearing our seal of approval are high-quality and also a great value. The MCA evaluation



program is designed to engage parents, children, educators, and caregivers because they are experts in knowing what is best for their families." Victoria is a homeschooling mom, multi-certified educator with extensive classroom teaching experience at the elementary, middle school and college levels, and a retired US Air Force officer. She spent 15 years serving the Air National Guard's 125th Fighter Wing in Jacksonville, and taught 3rd and 4th grades at Callahan Intermediate School. After completing her B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of North Florida, she relocated to the Florida Keys with her husband Trey and son Jack. Her parents, Nancy and George Rozbora, reside in Callahan. Victoria can be found at [www.Victoria-Scudder.com](http://www.Victoria-Scudder.com) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/scoutandcompanypublishing/](http://www.facebook.com/scoutandcompanypublishing/). Follow her page for updates on Rosie's next adventure, due for release this Summer 2022! Rosie the Farm Truck is currently sold on Amazon and available in both paperback and ebook versions.

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## Zen Your Business, From the Inside Out

ATTENTION Nassau County Businesswomen: The Eight Flags Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) invites you to join them next Tuesday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club.



Den and Zen Your Biz and offers Nonjudgmental Help to Busy and Overwhelmed People. In her talk, Zen Your Business, From The Inside Out, she'll cover the top six challenges to productivity, How to create an inspiring work environment, Home

The group will hear a presentation from Barbara Trapp, a Certified Professional Organizer® and Productivity Coach. Barbara has over 15 years of experience in Human Resources, Training and Development and Process Improvement, and holds specialist certificates in Residential Organizing, Life Transitions and Workplace Productivity. She is also a Certified DISC & Driving Forces Facilitator and a Full Focus Planner Certified Pro. Barbara graduated from FSU with a B.S. in Leisure (yes, you heard that right!) and has moved 20 times. In 2016, she quit a well-paying job in a toxic environment, packed her car, and drove around the country for three months, listening to many top business and personal development books. Twenty-two states and 52 books later, she was ready to start her own business.

office decluttering, Time management techniques, and How a professional accountability partner can help you declutter your space and life; there will be time for Q and A.

ABWA meets at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club on Bill Melton Road in Fernandina Beach, on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. beginning with networking, a light meal, and followed by a program starting at 6 p.m. The meetings provide a professional development speaker who imparts the motivation and the needed skills to foster success in today's competitive business world. There is also plenty of time to network with women from various backgrounds, industries, and experiences, after the program.

Please visit [www.abwaeightflags.org](http://www.abwaeightflags.org) to learn more and to register for the meeting. The cost is \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members.

Barbara is the owner of Zen Your



### Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration!

**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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# Woods & Water Family Fun Day a Successful Event



Organizers (and there were a lot) were so pleased with the attendance at the Woods and Water Family Fun Day held recently at Camp Sorenson, located off of CR 121 in Hilliard. Hundreds of families attended the event that lasted for six hours. "The only person I saw all day that was upset was a little girl crying because she didn't want to leave," said Bob Howard, one of the organizers. "That moment, and many others, just made me smile! It was so wonderful to see so many families enjoying time outside together. The only time I saw people on the phone was to take pictures. It was wonderful!"

The weather was perfect, not too hot, not too cool and no rain. Camp Sorenson, which is the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, is a beautiful place where it is hard not to enjoy yourself. The grounds are kept up so neatly. Everyone that attended followed directions, enjoyed several activities and enjoyed

the food! Once everyone had left, the grounds looked amazing. Over 300 people attended the fun filled day. There were 38 sponsors that included: individuals, businesses and several churches. There were over 80 door prizes. Several different organizations came out with representatives and equipment for everyone to enjoy: the Nassau County Sheriff's Office had their SWAT vehicle and team, K9 units with their dogs (which the children loved), and patrol vehicles; the Florida Forestry Service; Nassau County Fire Rescue; The Ark Wildlife Care and Sanctuary of Hilliard (Animal Rescue), that brought a raccoon and baby beaver that stole the show; Nassau Christian Pro Bass Club; and the Hilliard High School Band Boosters.

The day included free hot dogs and hamburgers, lots of fishing, canoeing, archery and games. Plans are already in the works to make this an annual event!





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