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HOMETOWN PEOPLE...HOMETOWN NEWS

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"ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN." - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

D-DAY: June 6, 1944

Editor's note: Ms. Magna Hull is a Hilliard resident and lived through and witnessed D-Day. She is a true American and so thankful for that day. Her vivid memories of those days follow.
Magna Hull

I remember the day very well. It came 4 years after the Germans had invaded Belgium on May 28, 1940.

After the brutal invasion and occupation of Poland in 1939, the people in Western Europe (France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg) anticipated Hitler's attack. It was only a matter of time and preparations for the coming war began. As most still remembered the starvation and hardships during the German occupation of the 1914-1918 war, stockpiling of basic survival needs began. We gathered foods like rice, green coffee, grains, wine, chocolate, condensed milk, and other basic items like blankets, towels, knitting yarn and sewing materials.

D-DAY could not have come soon enough. We had run out of everything. The occupation had taken its toll. Grandma was shot by the SS near our front door; she had wandered off after curfew. My older brother was in hiding from the Gestapo; they had unsuccessfully tried to round him up for forced labor in German factories. Dad had been gone for over a year after his arrest by the SS for his "underground

activities." Luckily he had escaped from a train destined for Germany. Our two cats had disappeared - most likely stolen for food.

D-DAY news came to us from the London BBC. Our government-owned radio station was managed by the Nazis. There was a lot of German propaganda, including speeches by Hitler himself. He had that mad shrilly voice which prompted us to name our yapping dog after him. We had no radio news from anywhere else as the technology to transmit over long distances did not exist. However, in 1941 the BBC was able to transmit from offshore locations. The Nazis promptly confiscated all radios which was easy to do since we paid a radio license tax. One of my brothers built a secret galena stone radio system and that is how we had daily news from the BBC and the announcement of the D-DAY invasion.

On D-DAY we celebrated with some of our remaining supplies and what we raised ourselves. We feasted on rabbit, carrots, rice, canned peaches and mom brewed the last of the coffee.

Although liberation did not come until February 1945, there were immediate changes: The Nazis dug up their dead for repatriation to Germany. The local SS Kommandatur offices were vacated; it allowed us to be outside after

See 'D-Day' on page 7

Fire Ravages Hilliard Building



A massive fire raged through the Stokes building offices and old garage in Hilliard last Wednesday. Smoke could be seen for miles. Fortunately no one was in the building at the time. Two business occupied the building, Lewis Stokes Sanitation and 3MC Mobile Mechanical. Both businesses were able to relocate.

Numerous units from Nassau County Fire Rescue responded to the scene. Traffic was rerouted for approximately 5 hours due to the fire.



No Interest in Callahan Garbage Workshop

Dawn S. West

The Town of Callahan held a workshop prior to their regular meeting Monday night concerning garbage costs for the upcoming fiscal years 2019-2022. No residents attended the meeting to address their likes or dislikes concerning garbage pick-up within the town limits. Town residents' garbage fee is added to their water bills each month. The town has a franchise agreement within the town limits for one company to handle the garbage pickup.

Formerly, the agreement was for both

residential and commercial. The new franchise will only be for residential pickup; commercial accounts will be responsible for their own garbage.

For numerous years, Advanced Disposal has held the franchise agreement with the town. Three bids were received for the franchise: Advanced Disposal; Meridian Waste; and Waste Pro. The council will make a decision on the bid winner possibly at the next meeting and residents will just have to accept the choice they make.



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A Word From the Publisher

THANK YOU!

Last week, I celebrated my birthday! Little did I know, Jessie, our graphic designer, second daughter and great friend, placed a little article on Facebook concerning my birthday! She got me good, as she knows I really don't do Facebook, except to look over Roger's shoulder at his Facebook sometimes! Something to the tune of: If you see Dawn out anywhere tell her Happy Birthday or maybe send her a card to the office! Well, I had people tell me Happy Birthday before my birthday in random places and just out of the blue. I received a couple of birthday cards and thought that's strange. I called out Roger on it and said did you put something on Facebook about my birthday? He quickly replied no! Then it hit me... Jessie! She didn't want to fess up but one day I got about five cards at work, I knew then.

First of all, thank you Jessie for thinking of me...it was pretty cool, even though I thought I was losing my mind! Second, thank you to everyone



who said Happy Birthday to me, it was really appreciated. And to those who mailed me birthday cards, and sweet, sweet cards, thank you so much! I also received a Ziplock bag full of cards from the Westside Senior Center, so precious they are! I was really touched to receive so many! I taped them all up on the window at work so I could admire them this week, too! Thank you again for making me feel so special for my birthday! What a special birthday it was! Thank you again!

Dawn S. West

Letters to the Editor

God's Love Letter

Dear Editor,

I was listening to the local news recently when it was reported that a school in Duval County was teaching the kids music in order to cut down on crime. It caught my attention! I'm always looking for ways to bring the name of Jesus/God to the forefront! Music is fine if it's the right kind of music. Our children and also our grown children need to get in tune with the correct music, which is about Jesus/God the creator of the universe. II Timothy 3:7 speaks of the last days and says, "People will be ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." The truth is if the Bible, prayer and spiritual songs are put back in our schools, crime would decrease. God is speaking to the country of Israel through Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

The fact is, the average person knows very little or nothing about what God says in the Bible. The Bible is our instruction book and also the love letter of God to us. God said to Israel how to live and be successful and he's also saying the same thing to us or it wouldn't be in the Bible. The law in our country needs to be changed to where the Bible, prayer and spiritual songs are taught as a requirement. If this is done, the USA could move forward.

I know there are people who don't believe the Bible. If that is you, you need prayer and I'll pray for you. The devil wants us Christian's to say nothing and let him have full range. If you are a Christian, and Christian means Christlike, please speak up and stand up for God every chance you get. Let's give the devil a fight with God's help!

In Jesus' Name,
Jack Lewis

Husband and Wife Arrested for Sexual Assault of a Minor

On May 21, 2019, NCSO received information from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Child Protection Team of a complaint and subsequent interview of a minor female, over the age of 12 and under the age of 18, that she was being forced to drink alcoholic beverages and made to have unlawful sexual conduct with an adult male member of her family and his wife on multiple occasions between December 2018 and April 2019.

On May 29, 2019, an NCSO Detective interviewed both male and female suspects independently at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office. Both suspects were arrested immediately after the interview for unlawful sexual



conduct on a minor child and booked into the Nassau County Jail.

Aurthur Brian Hastings, 29, from Yulee, was charged with Sexual Battery on a Minor Child over the age of 12 and under the age of 18; Incest; and Contributing to the Delinquency of a

Minor.

Danielle Alyse Kirchenbauer, 29, from Yulee, was charged with Sexual Battery on a Minor Child over the age of 12 and under the age of 18; and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

Kirchenbauer had been a 911 Call Taker for Nassau County since April 2018, prior to her termination subsequent to her arrest.

In the Kitchen...

- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

In a large bowl, stir together the garlic, olive oil, tomato sauce, and red wine vinegar. Season with basil, salt, and cayenne pepper. Add shrimp to the bowl, and stir until evenly coated. Cover, and refrigerate for 30 minutes to 1 hour, stirring once or twice. Preheat grill for medium heat. Thread shrimp onto skewers, piercing once near the tail and once near the head. Discard marinade. Lightly oil grill grate. Cook shrimp on preheated grill for 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until opaque.

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Fish Talk

Fun for all! Shady Bream Tournaments!

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Shady Bream Tournaments are comprised of a good group of friends who enjoy our outdoors, there's no other way to put it. All of them are from close knit families, most of which have been born and raised right here in Northeast Florida. They say, yes ma'am and yes sir and respect each other just as we all should. But, when a little fishing competition arises, they are good at talking trash. With that being said, don't we all like a little competitive banter? That's what makes the anticipation of weighing your stringer that much more exciting.

So, where do they fish? Right here in the St. Mary's River! Most of the tournaments have been held at the King's Ferry boat ramp. They have an early check in and always take off at safe light. The targeted species are pan fish. That includes shell cracker, specks, war mouth, blue gill, red breast and so on and so forth. They weigh a 10-fish aggregate and the biggest fish. As you can imagine, it's anyone's game, they even have a prize for the smallest aggregates as well. Who has the luck, who holds the technique or who maybe it's who has the best spots, heck it's any one's game.

If you're interested, stop by Callie Kay's General Store, 553027 US Highway 1, Hilliard. Lewis is a contributing sponsor and can set you up with contacts and equipment. He carries crickets, minnows and all the artificial bait you need. Never know you could go home with a little extra gas money and have fun doing it. Congrats to Shady Bream Tournament's month of May top 3 winners: 1st Place with 6.10 lbs., Robert and Tucker Hyers; 2nd Place with 6.9 lbs., Dale and Emma Anderson; and 3rd Place with 6.8 lbs., Clark Higginbotham and Bubba Cribb.

Remember...obey all No Wake Zones! Klynt Farmer we love you brother! Be safe out there guys. Have a great weekend everyone!

Local Apprenticeship Program Now Accepting Applications

The Nassau Building Trades Apprenticeship Council (NBTAC), a group of local contractors, collaborating with the Nassau County Schools Office of Career & Adult Education and the State of Florida's Apprenticeship Office is now accepting applications for its four-year training programs for Electricians and Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Technicians.

Apprenticeship combines On-The-Job Training (OJT) with local contractors during the day and Related Technical Instruction (RTI) classes at night. Apprentices are paid during their OJT hours and the RTI classes are free of charge. Apprentices can get 24 hours of college credit for completing their program, and typically can finish a degree at the same time as they complete their apprenticeship.

For applications or additional information contact NassauApprenticeship@outlook.com or visit the office at the FSCJ campus in Yulee, 76346 William Burgess Blvd, Room T-102.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Short and sweet this week because I am growing weary of the same old song and dance from the liberal socialist democrat party and the liberal socialist lame stream media. Honestly, how can people not see what is happening in this country? How can they not see that we are so very close to losing our once great republic? The lying, cheating, spying and espionage by the democrats and media, is that of a third world country and that is what we will become if the democrats regain power.

It became very clear last week when Robert Mueller gave his eight minute speech to the blood thirsty media and socialists. His true colors were revealed that yes, indeed he is a democrat operative, just as I have suspected ever since he began the great "witch hunt." Thirty million dollars of our hard earned money was spent to bring down Donald Trump. All the kings' horses and all the kings' men searched and prodded and went way beyond the legal realm of the investigation and found nothing. This infuriated the socialist democrat party. You can bet your last dollar that they (socialist democrat party) pressured Mueller to make his last statements before retiring just to fan the quickly fading embers. It did just

what they wanted. Now a new flurry of flames roars for the impeachment of the greatest American President in decades and decades. Why? Robert Mueller cleverly stated the following words, "If he or his team had had confidence that the President clearly did not commit a crime, we would have said so." That statement is about as broad of a statement that anyone could make. He could have just as easily said that he and his team had found that the President had committed a crime we would have said so. However that isn't what the socialists wanted, they wanted a little bit of doubt proclaimed and he gave it to them. I guess I'm confused, I thought you were innocent until proven guilty in this country! After over two years of investigating they could not find anything to prove a crime had been committed.

Dear Democrats, Move on, pay attention to our country's needs. Do what you were hired to do and that is to keeping our country great, not act like spoiled little brats that just can't get over losing what you thought you had bought and paid for.

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I would caution the enthusiastic apologist/evangelist not to argue. We have all seen it on Facebook where a well-intentioned Christian gets downright ugly defending their view on an issue. It never works out well, no one changes their mind or position, and no fruit comes out of it. The old saying rings true: "If you can argue someone into the Kingdom of God, someone else will be able to argue them out." In sharing Christ, we are not merely imparting knowledge (although we must be knowledgeable about what we believe) we are proclaiming Jesus with the hope of bringing others to an experience with God.

So how do we do that? One way that rarely leads to an argument is sharing the experience we have had with Christ. It is the one we know best. It also leaves little room to get into an argument. When you are sharing what God has done in your life, very few will argue, "No he didn't." It allows us to approach people the way 1 Peter instructs us to, "with gentleness and respect."

Keep in mind, Jesus did not instruct us to convince, persuade, or argue people into His Kingdom; He told us to, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15, NIV.

We are called to proclaim. "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free." Luke 4:18, NIV. "We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ." Colossians 1:28, NIV. But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim." Romans 10:8, NIV.

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3, NIV. "For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God." Acts 20:27 NIV.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

The Depot is Coming Your Way! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Dr. Kathy K. Burns,
Superintendent of Schools

Depot: is defined as a place for the storage of large quantities of equipment, food, or some other commodity. The Nassau County School District's first ever Teacher Supply Depot will soon be open for business. Thanks to the initial financial contribution of \$5,000 from First Federal, this dream will become a reality. Teachers often spend their own money to buy extra supplies, support classroom projects, or provide for the needs of a fellow teacher. We want to help!

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CHURCH NEWS

Ephesus Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming Sunday, June 9 in the 11 a.m. worship service. Pastor Bryan Herrington will bring the message and the Christian Hoyle Family will bless us with special music. Dinner in Fellowship Hall will follow after the service.

Gateway to Life Ministries will have a Food Giveaway Saturday, June 8 for families in need from 10 a.m. - noon. The church is located at 37837 Eastwood Rd., Hilliard.

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Property Values Reach Record Levels

The Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office released the 2019 estimated preliminary market values showing an increase once again for all taxing authorities.

According to Property Appraiser Mike Hickox, the real estate market in Nassau County continued to steadily increase in value due to strong demand and limited supply in most market segments. Hickox said, "The total market value for the County has reached a new record high and the taxable value has also surpassed any previous year in Nassau County. This includes a continuation of new commercial and residential construction projects completed during 2018. Overall the market is stable to increasing but showing signs of cooling off some in 2019 due to increased inventory levels."

Nearly 28% of the total \$1 billion market value increase from the previous year was a result of new construction completed last year and a second year in a row of adding over \$250 million to the countywide taxable value. The 2019 total market value for Nassau County is now a record \$14 billion, up over 7.5% from the previous year. The market value includes all property before any exemptions, classification reductions or capped assessments.

Hickox presented the 2019 estimated values to the taxing authorities on May 29, so they can begin their budget process using actual values in place of the less accurate State Revenue Estimating Conference figures. They will use the values to help determine their tax rate for the property owners in

Nassau County later this summer.

Although taxable values have increased countywide, many property owners are protected by the Save Our Homes (SOH) amendment which caps the amount the assessed value can increase. "Homestead properties can increase no more than 3%, or the consumer price index (CPI), whichever is lower," said Hickox. "Based on the CPI used for 2019, previously homesteaded properties will increase no more than 1.9% this year." Non-homesteaded properties are capped at 10%.

In 2019, Nassau County's taxable value is estimated to be about \$9.2 billion, up about 8.5% compared to last year.

The City of Fernandina is projected to see an increase of 10%, bringing their taxable value to above \$2.4 billion.

The Town of Callahan is estimated to have an increase in their taxable value to over \$98 million, up by over 3.5% from last year.

The Town of Hilliard is expected to see about a 6.5% increase in taxable value, bringing their value to slightly over \$99 million.

The official preliminary tax roll is expected to be released to the taxing authorities and the Department of Revenue by July 1st. Property owners are encouraged to visit the property appraiser's website, www.nassauflpa.com, in mid-July to view their 2019 property values.

For more information, please contact the Property Appraiser's Office at (904) 491-7300.

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Meet Dr. Mark Dawley

The Narducci Dental Group is honored to highlight specialists that are a part of the Callahan Family Dentistry office. Callahan Family Dentistry is located at 449621 US Highway 301, directly across from Callahan Elementary School. Their office is located upstairs in the Conviva building, and yes they do have an elevator! A few weeks ago we highlighted Dr. Fields, Orthodontist, who will be in the Callahan office every 2 weeks for all of your orthodontic needs. For more information, call their office at 879-1893.

Dr. Mark Dawley has been part of the Callahan Family Dentistry team for many years as the General Dentist of the practice. As a double gator, Dr. Dawley graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelors in Science Degree in 1984; and also from the UF



College of Dentistry in 1989. He has been married to his lovely wife, Teresa, since 1993. When they first met, Teresa was his dental assistant. Dr. and Mrs. Dawley have three wonderful children. Their son, Jordan, graduated from the University of Florida as a Civil

Engineer. Their first daughter, Hannah, another Florida Gator, is attending the University of Florida also studying civil engineering. Their second daughter, Sarah, broke Dr. Dawley's UF heart, as she heads to FSU this year to major in humanities.

Dr. Dawley also has his two beloved Italian Greyhounds, Dexter and Damian. His children often joke that Dr. Dawley loves the dogs more than the children. In his personal time, he loves to cook and surprises his office staff with homemade cakes and desserts. He also enjoys spending time in South Carolina in his family cabin, where he and Teresa plan to retire.

Keep watching for information on other specialists that will be a part of the Callahan Dentistry family. To find out more about the Narducci Dental Group see their ad on page 7.



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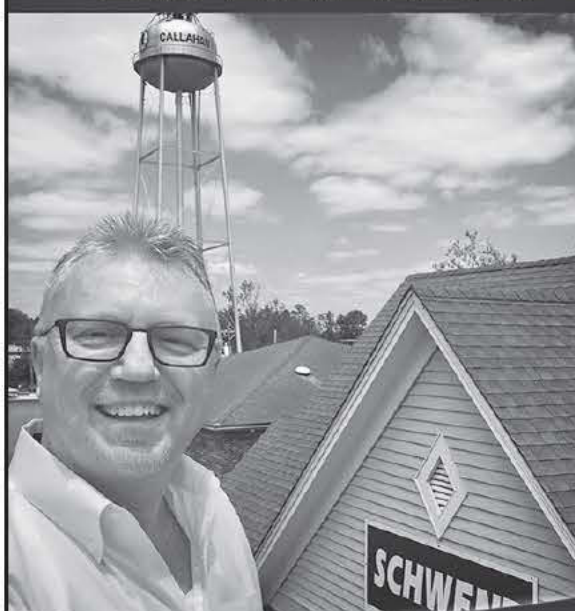
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Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first regular meeting of June. Mr. Milton Locklear, representing the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization, approached the podium. "I appreciate the council's time, as I know I was not on the agenda tonight. I have four projects to tell you about tonight," said Locklear. The projects included: Dyal Road, planning stages to do Road Reconstruction from US Highway 1 to Cottonmouth Lane in 2020; River Road (CR 115) from US Highway 1 to CR 121, 10.952 miles, Pave Shoulders, 2019-2022, cost \$233,476; US 301 & SR 200 from Overpass to Stratton Road, Resurfacing, .759 of a mile, FDOT, 2019/20 (currently being done), cost \$20,520; and SR 200 from Stratton Road to Griffin Road, 6.130 miles, FDOT, Resurfacing, 2019-2022, cost \$13,322,098. "Again, thank you for your time," added Locklear.

The first order of business was first reading on Ordinance 2019-004 which concerned to repeal and replace Chapter 190 of the Callahan Code by removing outdated provisions, updating fees, updating connection requirements and

updating superseded language. The council approved the ordinance

The next item was also first reading on Ordinance 2019-005 which concerned changes to Chapter 195 in the Callahan Code concerning Zoning. The council approved the ordinance.

The following item concerned Resolution 2019-R13. This resolution concerned a donation of \$500 for the Backpack Giveaway Day, sponsored by Second Baptist Church. The council approved the \$500 donation. The Backpack Giveaway Day will be held Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. – noon at West Nassau High School in the bus drop off sidewalks. There will be stuffed backpacks for every age group and the students must be present to receive a backpack. There will also be bounce houses and other giveaways!

In closing comments, Council President Ken Bass advised the council that he talked with FDOT workers as they placed new eye level school zone signs on US 301. "We've wanted these for a long time! I was happy to see them," said Bass.

The next meeting will be held Monday, June 17 at 7 p.m.

Callahan Library Build a Better Shuttle

Use your engineering skills to "Build a Better Shuttle" for test competition at the Callahan Library on Tuesday, June 11, from 5:30-7 p.m. All materials provided. This program is a part of the "Universe of Stories" Summer Reading Program and is sponsored by the Friends of the Callahan Library. The Callahan Library is located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15, Callahan, 904-530-6500 (#3), www.nassaureads.com.



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Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

According to Certified Genealogist, Amy Johnson Crow, there are five photos you should take when visiting a cemetery. The first being the Cemetery Sign; the second the entire tombstone including the back and sides; the third group of pictures should be close up detail of the tombstone from different angles; the fourth, the wider shot, get photos of the tombstones and stones around it, this helps give you landmarks for finding it again. And finally, number five, the neighbors our ancestors are often buried near other relatives, get photos of the surrounding tombstones.

The program at the West Nassau Genealogy Society Monday, June 10 will be Genealogy 101, presented by Michael Lawson, a member of the West Nassau Genealogy Society and current president of the Southern Genealogical Exchange Society in Jacksonville.

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

Palm Class Held



Rebecca Jordi, UF/IFAS Nassau Director had her Horticulture Agent IV hat on as she conducted a Landscape Matters class on palm trees, and discussed selection of palms that grow well in Northeast Florida, as well as proper care and maintenance to ensure healthy specimen. Homeowners throughout the county attended to learn more about these trees, motivated in part by the expense of purchasing the icons of Florida living. Jordi conducted

the lecture segment of the Landscape Matters Palms Class outdoors, in a covered area, shaded by Confederate Jasmine vines growing along the side of the structure. Homeowners came to see and learn about palm trees in the UF/IFAS Nassau Palm Demonstration Garden. They were able to see nearly two dozen different kinds of palm trees that will grow well in their landscapes.



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D-Day

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sunset. We said goodbye to our coal potbelly stove as the gas lines had been reconnected.

We could gather outside in groups of more than four. This had been a problem for our large family going to church. We had to walk in two groups. The “fat” collaborators were on the move to Germany. Everyone was skinny during the war except the collaborators. The SS rewarded them with extra ration stamps and plenty of food.

The BBC kept us informed. It was extremely sad to hear that 9000 GIs died for us on the Normandy beaches. The U.S. troop movement was proudly marked on our war map. Russia was making great strides on the Eastern front as well. The occupied territories became smaller every day. The setback, due to the von Rundstedt offensive in the Ardennes during Christmas of 1944, was heartbreaking. Uncle Benoit and his son had been shot by German soldiers because they had prematurely displayed the American Flag.

Then came February 4, 1945! Our church bell rang in the middle of the night. All the other bells in the bell tower had been removed by the Nazis in 1943 to make ammunition. Anyway, the next morning, GIs on top of monster tanks came rolling in. It was overwhelming. There was dancing in the streets. Some people cried.

For us the war was over and things got better every day. We had electricity and water after dark. Radio stations came back on line. Grocery items began

to flow. After a couple of weeks even tropical fruits arrived. I recall eating my first banana; as I was a toddler when the war broke out, I did not remember how to eat bananas so I took a bite and did not like it. I had left the peel on.

The next few months were like a dream. Dad came home; other than some scars he seemed fine. He celebrated with Champagne and a Cuban cigar. My brother was home 3 weeks later.

The U.S. Army set up a post in a nearby meadow. That was the place where the GIs came for rest and recreation after being relieved from the front lines. They invited visitors. They had even started a soup-kitchen. They played cards and a game called “baseball.” We would hang out to listen to the radio. Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters were favorites.

Today and every year on June 6, I remember that day 75 years ago, when my family was saved from the brutal Nazi occupation. It is not a Memorial Day shopping spree but a day of remembrance and to be thankful to the American Veterans and pay tribute to thousands of American soldiers whom had perished for my freedom.



Amelia Island DAR Presents Award

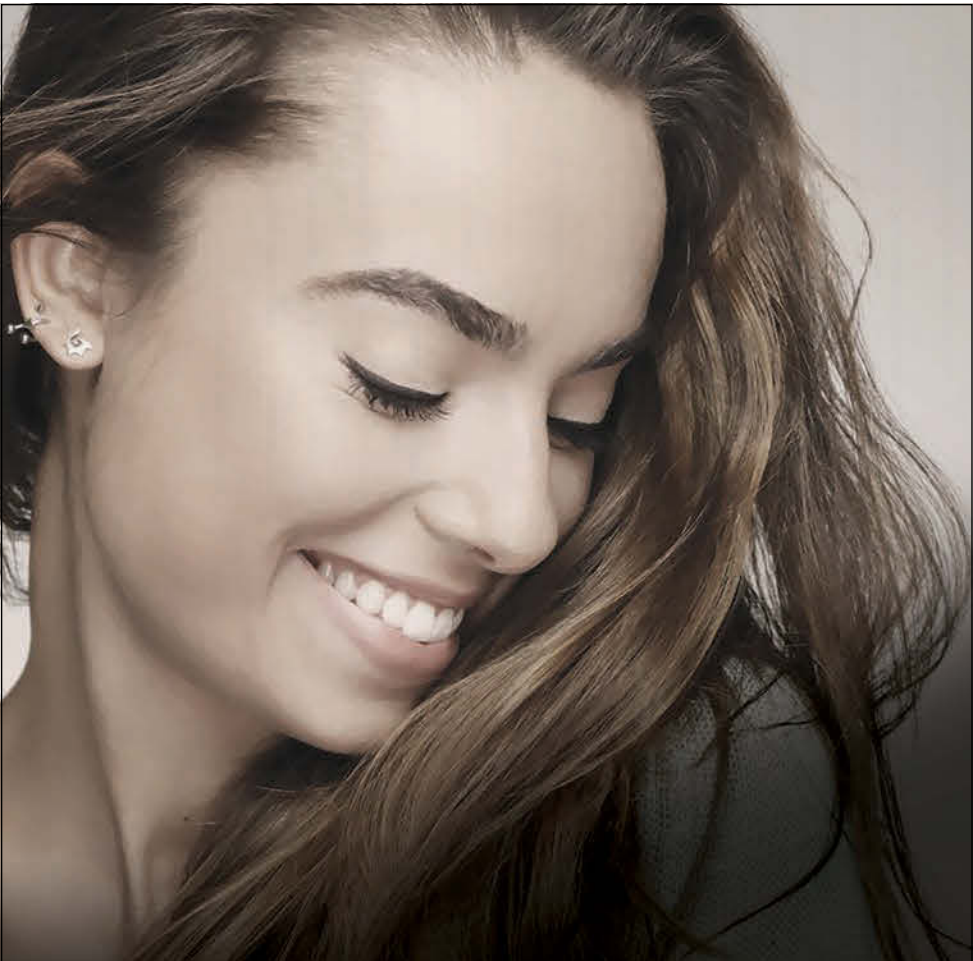


Amelia Island Chapter DAR Chaplain Sherry Harrell presented the DAR JROTC Bronze Medal, certificate and a check for \$200, to West Nassau High School JROTC Cadet Sarah McGuire at the unit’s recent dining out.

Under the leadership of U.S. Air Force Colonel (Ret.) Gregg Kline and U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sergeant (Ret.) Edward Spiezio, West Nassau High School JROTC Unit 955 ranks in

the top 5% of the 900 JROTC units nationwide. More than 100 West Nassau High School students participate in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program, which is designed to train and educate high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, instill personal responsibility, character, and self-discipline.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is the largest women’s service organization in the world and contributes over one million volunteer hours a year. The approximately 200 members of the Amelia Island Chapter contribute 5,000 volunteer hours and \$5,000 in scholarships and awards in Nassau County each year.



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New Beginnings and Milestones

Judy Lovvorn to Celebrate 99th Birthday



Judy Lovvorn, a resident of the Life Care Center of Hilliard, 3756 West Third St., formerly of Callahan, will celebrate her 99th birthday June 8. If you see this beautiful lady, please wish her a very Happy Birthday!

She is the youngest of 8 girls and 1 boy born to Cleo and William Hopper in Washington, Georgia. She and her husband, the late Tex Lovvorn, bought 80 acres in Callahan and pursued their dream of having a farm. She worked as a secretary/bookkeeper at Callahan Elementary School until she retired. Her passion has always been reading, sewing and quilting.

She has two daughters Carolyn of Salt Lake City, Utah and Margie Haynes of Callahan. She also has six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Vernice Wahus Celebrates 98th Birthday



Mrs. Vernice Wahus, a resident of the Life Care Center of Hilliard, celebrated her 98th birthday May 29. She was born May 29, 1921 on her family's farm in Wedar, North Dakota.

She spent most of her life in North Dakota but moved to Florida several years ago. She grew up on a farm and worked very hard. She is the last living member of the Holden Congregation that her parents started in Rural Mass Bass, North Dakota. The church is gone, but the church cemetery still remains. She loves to share her memories of those days.

Her stories are amazing but not as amazing as she is. She enjoys visits from friends and family and loves to go out for lunch. She has a heart of gold and cares about everyone more than herself. She never complains and leans on the Lord for all her cares. She is truly an angel.

She has three children Eileen and Terry Von Fossen of Callahan, Roger and Penny Wahus of Minot, North Dakota and Karen (deceased). She also has 10 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Peyton Ziva Rollings

Andrew and Elizabeth Rollings, of Hilliard, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Peyton Ziva Rollings. Peyton was born May 14, 2019 at 12:34 p.m. at St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside. She weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Lee and Kay Rollings of Jacksonville.

Maternal grandparents are Riley and Sherry Surrency of Bryceville.

Proud great-grandparents are Larry Baker and the late Helen Baker; the late Everett and Estelle Surrency; the late Evan and Ellen Rollings; and the late Melvin and Elizabeth Brundage.

Peyton was welcomed home by siblings Abigail and Keith!



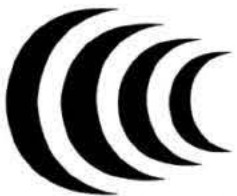
Estelle Louise Bedran

Alex and Megan Bedran, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Estelle Louise Bedran. Estelle was born April 10, 2019, at UF Health North in Jacksonville. She weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce and measured 19 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Salim Bedran of Jacksonville; and Carla Beverly of Hilliard.

Maternal grandparents are Rick and Cheryl Raulerson of Hilliard.

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Boy Scouts Hold Court of Honor



On May 23, 2019, Callahan Boy Scout Troop 351 celebrated their successes for beginning 2019 at their Court of Honor, a formal recognition ceremony. The Scouts collectively earned 23 merit badges along with 2 advancement ranks.

Wayne Steven Anderson earned the rank of Scout; and Carson Watts earned the rank of Second Class. The rank of Scout is earned when a Scout demonstrates a rudimentary knowledge of the Scout Oath, Law and general scouting ideals. The rank of Second Class is earned when the Scout demonstrates progressively harder



requirements in Scouting, physical fitness, citizenship, personal growth and the Scout spirit.

For information on Troop 351 visit: www.callahantroop351.com or on Facebook at Callahan Boy Scout Troop 351. The troop meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Callahan Masonic Lodge. Congratulations!

Shown front row (l to r) are: Carson Watts, Brent Sikes, Charlie Ryan, Wayne Steven Anderson and Alex Waltman; back row (l to r) are: Scoutmaster Tim Waltman, Tucker Shuler, Joseph Donohue, Cody Collins and Asst. Scoutmaster Christine Waltman.

FLAG DAY...June 14

Part 1

Mike Mekara, USN Veteran
BCS National President/Chaplain

What is Flag Day? Each year on June 14, we celebrate the birthday of the Stars and Stripes, which came into being on June 14, 1777. At that time, the Second Continental Congress authorized a new flag to symbolize the new Nation, the United States of America.

The Stars and Stripes first flew in a Flag Day celebration in Hartford, Connecticut in 1861, during the first summer of the Civil War. The first national observance of Flag Day occurred June 14, 1877, the centennial of the original flag resolution. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of Flag Day on June 14. It was not until 1949 that Congress made this day a permanent observance by resolving "That the 14th day of June of each year, is hereby designated as Flag Day..." The measure was signed into law by President Harry Truman.

The United States Flag Code, first adopted in 1923, prescribed flag etiquette for a variety of circumstances ensuring that our national symbol is treated properly. A few minor changes were made a year later during the Flag Day 1924 Conference. On June 22, 1942, Congress passed a joint resolution which was amended on December 22, 1942 to become Public Law. Exact rules for use and display of the flag as well as associated sections, conduct during playing of the National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Manner of Delivery were included.

"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God Indivisible with Liberty and

Justice for All." The Pledge of Allegiance received official recognition by Congress in an Act approved on June 22, 1942. However, the pledge was first published in 1892 in the Youth's Companion magazine in Boston, Massachusetts to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of America, and was first used in public schools to celebrate Columbus Day on October 12, 1892.

In its original version, the pledge read "my flag" instead of the "flag of the United States." The change in the wording was adopted by the National Flag Conference in 1923. The rationale for the change was that it prevented ambiguity among foreign-born children and adults who might have the flag of their native land in mind when reciting the pledge.

The phrase "under God" was added to the pledge by a Congressional act approved on June 14, 1954. At that time, President Eisenhower said: "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, State flags, and organization or institutional flags are to be dipped as a mark of honor. The US Flag should always be treated with the utmost care and respect. Remember, the flag represents a living country and, as such, is considered a living thing.

There will be a public Flag Retirement Ceremony held Friday, June 14 at 6 p.m. at Callahan Speedway.



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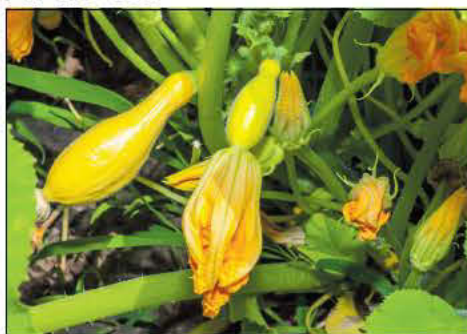
Spotlight on Nassau Gardens

Rocky Lynn lives in Bryceville in a neighborhood where one of his dear gardening friends is living nearby, Linda Clemons. They both lived in Jacksonville years ago and moved to Nassau, as did seven other friends with children. Together, they all enjoyed being far away from the traffic and busy, noisy city. One of Rocky's favorite things is enjoying his hunting dogs, plus raising chickens, pigs and cows, and planting a special garden in his yard. He was very active with the 4-H Club for several years. After his wife passed away, friends and family came together and planted a crape myrtle in her honor at the Bryceville Community Center.



combination. Deer come around at night and eat what they want. Rocky often sees them in the wee hours of the morning feeding. Sections of white clover will be covered with native bees and other pollinators. Chickens are busy bustling around his yard hunting for tiny insects. Some of his hens are sitting on 16 eggs soon to be hatching baby chicks. The large, healthy pig is in an area nearby. Linda feeds him cookies to make him plump. All their neighbors enjoy living in Bryceville surrounded by friends, beautiful flowers, delicious vegetables and the occasional natural Florida critter!

"Spotlight on Nassau Gardens," is a monthly recognition program of the UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service, featuring the beautiful gardens and plants grown by Nassau County residents. To be considered, send a digital photo with a description of your "Spotlight," along with your name, address, and phone number to ncmg@nassaucountyfl.com. For more information, call the Extension office at 904-530-6353.



Rocky enjoys daily working in his vegetable garden. Those who grow vegetables know you must scout for insects and disease on a regular basis. He often shares the fruit of his labor with his friends and family. He calls sharing the vegetables his "heart medicine." He grows corn, bell pepper, cucumber, eggplant, yellow squash, zucchini, and three different kinds of tomatoes. Next, he wants to try his luck at planting potatoes and watermelon.

Tall stalks of corn were started in the fall and winter in his greenhouse. The smaller stalks of corn are the result of seeds planted directly in the ground. There is an advantage to starting your spring crop in greenhouses - they are protected from insects, cold and disease. Eggplant has purple flowers and zucchini has yellow flowers - a beautiful

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4-H Summer Fun Guide



Are you looking for a fun and educational experience for your kids this summer? 4-H summer camps offer unique, hands-on experiences and are open to all youth ages 5-18. All day camps meet at the Callahan Extension office (543350 U.S. Hwy 1) except for Marine & Aquatic Ecology, which will meet at the Yulee Extension office (86026 Pages Dairy Rd). All camps require closed toed shoes and a packed lunch. Spaces are limited and filled on a first come, first served basis. To register or for more information, call 904-530-6353.

Exploring the Great Outdoors – June 11-14
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$60 Ages: 5-7

Calling all Cloverbuds! This summer we will explore the world around us through games, activities, and adventures. We will take a hike in the woods and have an indoor camp out. Bring your sunscreen and bug spray and get ready to explore the outdoors! *All youth must be age 5 as of 9/1/18*

Love a Horse Level 2 – June 18-21
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$75 Ages: 11+

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Teen Life Skills Boot Camp – June 25-28
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$60 Ages: 12+

Are you a teen hoping to learn how to be more independent? Join us for Life Skills Boot Camp and learn a wide variety of essential skills you'll need in life all in one place. Topics will include cooking, car maintenance, finances, scheduling, and more. Lunch will be provided.

Marine & Aquatic Ecology – July 15-18
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$75 Ages: 8-11
Location: Yulee Ext. Office (86026 Pages Dairy Rd)

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VALERIE BLAKE



Valerie Blake, of Callahan, passed away after a brief illness on May 25, 2019. She was born in West Hartford, Connecticut.

She enjoyed raising her daughters, Claire and Deb, in rural Thomaston, CT. She was a true entrepreneur, who was extremely talented in interior design. She had a successful fine draperies and upholstery business in Connecticut for many years. She retired to Callahan, in 2012. In her retirement, she enjoyed landscape gardening, volunteering and spending time with family, friends and neighbors.

Valerie is survived by her daughters Claire (Skerstonas) (Sean) Lescelius of Monterey, CA and Deb (Skerstonas) (Beni) Lagana, of Portland, CT; her grandchildren Gregory and Jenna Lagana; her cousin and dear friend, Jean Kelsey. She is preceded in death by her mother Valerie Innis Blake.

The family would like to extend their love and gratitude to Jean Moran, an amazing friend, who afforded Valerie a beautiful and comfortable retirement home, who also provided peace and love as she passed into heaven. We offer heartfelt thanks to the in-home Nassau Community Hospice team as well as the inpatient staff at the Jane and Bill Warner Center in Fernandina Beach, the level of care and compassion that all of you provide is truly amazing.

Services will be private.

Please send contributions to your favorite charity.

JACQUALYN ROSE DEGUTIS

Final resting place for Ms. Jacquelyn Rose Degutis will be in the family cemetery on the property of her family in Callahan. A memorial service will be held in September at the family cemetery. Details will be posted on Facebook and by phone calls.

Ms. Degutis, 84, formerly of Vinegrove,

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Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord on May 29, 2019.

She was born on October 24, 1934 in Janesville, Washington to Henry and Beatrice Ahrbecker. Ms. Degutis spent the last 25 years with wonderful friends in different areas of Kentucky. Her best friends of those years were Carol Milstead and family (her adopted family) and many others whom she had to leave so she could come home and spend the rest of her days with her family. She was back in Florida for five weeks prior to her passing. She was preceded in death by her parents; son Michael Degutis; and nephew Stanley Scott Ahrbecker.

She is survived by her loving daughter Dana (Jerry) Rietesel; grandchildren Ashley Bailey and Jason (Nicole) Degutis; great-grandchildren Jason Degutis, Jr., Malia Degutis and Aubree Dunn, Christian Jones, Kayla Kwisser and Colten Kwisser; sister Diane Ahrbecker; niece Becky VanZant (Gene) Davis; and loving great-nieces and great-nephews.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

MARY FRANCES FUSSELL



Mary Frances Fussell, 82, of Callahan, passed away Friday, April 26, 2019. Frances was born in Jakin, Georgia on October 10, 1936 to William Fred and Mandy Viola 'Bobbie' Thompson. She was a longtime member of Highlands Baptist church for over 50 years and an active member of the Tuesday Ladies Prayer Group since 1992. She was preceded

in death by her husband of 43 years, Jay Z. Fussell; and daughter Deborah Pyles.

Survivors include her children, Tina Marie (Marty) Brannen, Terry Lynn (Kent) Wilson, Ashley Judy Adams, Ronald W. 'Ronnie' (Rebecca) Fussell; grandchildren (whom she dearly loved) Steven Kent Wilson, Samuel Allen Wilson, Brittany Nicole (Robert) Barron, Chandler Fussell and Heather Hutchinson; two great-grandchildren Railey and Samuel Barron; one sister Ouida Beach; and many loving nephews, nieces, cousins, family members and dear friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 8 at 11 a.m. at Highlands Baptist Church, 2159 Broward Road, Jacksonville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Highlands Baptist Church Capital Improvement Fund.

LOWELL D. HOLLIE



Lowell D. "Buddy" Hollie, 76, of Jacksonville, went home to be with the Lord on June 1, 2019. Buddy was born on September 7, 1942 in Fayette, Alabama to James and Jenny Hollie.

He is survived by his children, Harry Hollie, Al Hollie, Ben (Rebekah) Hollie and Sheila (Ralph) Hollie Halkard; 20 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents James and Jenny Hollie; children Jim Hollie, George Hollie and Annette Hollie Page; and grandson Conner Hollie.

A viewing will be held Wednesday, June 5 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel from 5-7 p.m. A graveside service will be held Thursday, June 6 at 10 a.m. in Jones

Cemetery, Callahan, with Margaret Hagan officiating.

Pallbearers will be Chris Jordan, Daran Hollie, Alan J. Hollie, Reese Hollie, Michael Haddock, Joe Thompson, Gage Ladson and Donald Brooks. Honorary pallbearers will be Ben Hollie, Harry Hollie and Al Hollie.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in his memory be made to Wolfson's Children's Hospital.

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LINWOOD JOHNSON



Linwood Johnson, 73, of Yulee, went home to be with the Lord on May 27, 2019. He was born on July 8, 1945 in Jacksonville to Dave and Dorothy Johnson. Linwood worked hard his whole life taking care of his wife and children whom he loved so much. Together, they raised five wonderful sons and later became grandparents and great-grandparents. They were there for all of their family in the good and the bad times. They had a love for each other that helped them accomplish many wonderful things.

Linwood is survived by his sons, Mike, Terry, Curtis, Linwood, Jr. and Brad; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his loving wife, Shirley Jean Johnson.

A viewing was held Friday, May 31 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. A graveside service was held Saturday, June 1 at Jones Cemetery with Jackie Hayes officiating.

Pallbearers were Michael Johnson, Brad Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Michael Johnson, Jr. and Richard Hall. Honorary pallbearers were Brad Johnson, Jr. and Jeremy Johnson.

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DAVID PAUL MARKHAM

David Paul 'Buddy' Markham, 69, passed away to be in his mother and father's loving arms May 27, 2019. He was born August 17, 1949 in Jacksonville. His father, David Grandville Markham was born in Fernandina Beach and his mother Ruby Goolsby Markham was from Baldwin. Buddy was born and raised in Jacksonville. He attended Andrew Jackson High School and was a very avid Florida Gator fan. Buddy had a hard life but that is over now. He never turned his back to God and now he is in His holy embrace and his burdens have been lifted.

He is survived by his daughter Jeana Lawrence; his son Paul Markham; four grandchildren; two great-grandsons; two sisters Ella Fay (James) Calhoun of Jacksonville and Donna Carolyn (Fred) Kriete of Callahan; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements will be at a later date.

GWENDOLYN M. MILLER

Gwendolyn M. Miller, 85, of Fernandina Beach, passed away at her home Thursday, May 30, 2019.

Born in Jacksonville, she was a daughter of the late Schluy Dewey and Elizabeth Tiner Mathews. She lived all of her life in Fernandina Beach and was a member of the 1950 Fernandina High School graduating class. In 1952, she met and married a young sailor, William L. "Bill" Miller. Their marriage lasted 61 years until his passing in 2014 at the age of 85.

Mrs. Miller worked for nearly all of her life. Beginning at the age of 15, she worked at the A & P Grocery on Centre St. where her father was the manager. She later worked for Fernandina Fuel and Fertilizer as an accountant and eventually went to work for Ira Hall in the Tax Collectors office.

In the early 1970's Mrs. Miller was appointed by the Governor as Tax Collector for Nassau County. She continued that position for 33 years until her retirement in 2006. She was a longtime member of the Association of Tax Collectors and longtime member of First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach. Even with her busy

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work life, Mrs. Miller enjoyed tending to her rose garden at home and every summer she always grew a good crop of tomatoes.

In addition to her husband; and parents; she was predeceased by a brother Dewey Mathews; and two sisters Mary Price and Sandra Ward.

She leaves behind her children, William L. "Bill" (Tina) Miller, Jr. of Apopka, Sandy Miller Frank of Fernandina Beach and Jay (Marie) Miller of Yulee; six grandchildren, Karen Helms, Cassandra Miller, Emily Miller, Hayley Bryant, David Miller and Iona Miller; four great-grandchildren Tristen, Emma, Brady and David; as well as several nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 4 at First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach. The family received friends Monday, June 3 at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home. She was laid to rest beside her husband at Bosque Bello Cemetery.

The family asks donations be made, in her memory, to the Lymphatic Education & Research Network, 261 Madison Ave., 9th Floor, New York, New York, 10016.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors in Fernandina Beach were in charge of arrangements.

MARY SUE NEWMAN

Mary Sue Nutter Newman, 78, of Callahan, passed away June 1, 2019, following a battle with cancer. She was born May 24, 1941 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. While living in Harrisonburg, Mary Sue was a beautician and still has family there. She became a resident of Florida in 1975 and married her sweetheart, Franklin, on August 14, 1976. She was preceded in death by her parents Fargo and Ruth Nutter; and a step-son John Randall Newman.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Franklin L. Newman; two sons Jeff Mowbray and Mike Mowbray; four stepchildren; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; as well as other family

and friends. Her closest friends were Janice Barnhart and Louise Lee (Rachel Ray).

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 4 at Buford Grove Baptist Church with Pastor Curtis Harrington officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were the men of the church.

Donations may be made to the Buford Grove Baptist Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

LINDA FAYE SILCOX

Linda Faye Silcox, 75, of Jacksonville, passed away on June 3, 2019 in Jacksonville at Community Hospice in St. Vincent's Hospital. She was born on October 10, 1943 at home in Jacksonville, to the late Gloria and Oscar M. Silcox. Along with her parents; she is preceded by her sister Gail Silcox.

Linda was loved by all of her family and friends. She loved her Bibles, purses, pens, and of course The Waltons. She was a member of Murray Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by siblings Matt (Cynda), Melissa (Natalie), James (Tina), Timothy and Phillip; seven nieces and nephews; and five great nieces and nephews.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, June 7 at Nassau Funeral Home at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, for those who prefer, donations may be made to Community

Hospice in memory of Linda Faye Silcox.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

REGINALD WHITE

Reginald White, 88, of Zebulon, North Carolina (formerly of Callahan) passed from this life into eternity on Saturday, May 25, 2019. He was born November 12, 1930 in Jacksonville, to John E. White and Ena Roberts White.

He proudly served in the US Army during the Korean War. Reggie was a Christian and used his musical talents to praise the Lord in various churches throughout his life by singing in the choir or playing French horn in the orchestra. He was a quiet, gentle, loving man who will be greatly missed by family and many friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Anna H. White; three children, Iris W. (David) Julian of Holmes Beach, Florida and VA Beach, Virginia, Billy (Katie) White of Cartersville, Georgia and Tim (Marlene) White of Zebulon, North Carolina; six grandchildren, Kyle (Kendrick) Julian of Denver, Rachel J. (Chris) Blevins of Gainesville, Virginia, Daniel White of Jacksonville, Chelsea W. Henson and Heath White of Zebulon and Billy White (deceased); four great-grandchildren, Gabrielle White, Logan Blevins, Paisley Henson and William Julian; three brothers Johnny, Carl and Richard White; and three sisters Carolyn Clarke, Janie Voss and Mildred Click (deceased).

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

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NCSO Arrests 16-year-old



Pierce Cribbs

On May 25, 2019, an armed robbery and attempted murder occurred at 35157 Goodbread Road in Callahan. Two suspects (one a runaway juvenile who lived at the address) entered the residence and were met by the 71-year-old male homeowner, Charles Cribbs, who is the grandfather of the runaway.

One suspect pointed a .22 caliber revolver at the homeowner and then gave the weapon to the second suspect as he went into another room to search for additional weapons. A .38 caliber revolver was found and taken from the residence. The suspect holding the .22 caliber handgun then shot the homeowner in the face and both suspects left the scene in a white Chevrolet pickup truck driven by a third suspect.

The homeowner was transported to UF health in Jacksonville and was treated for his injuries.

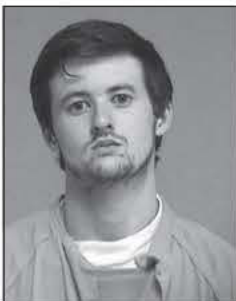
One suspect, Pierce Nugent Cribbs, 16, from Callahan, was arrested for Attempted Murder and Armed Robbery. He was booked into the Nassau County

Jail and subsequently taken to Juvenile Detention in Jacksonville.

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office had an active warrant for Joshua Levi Carroll, who is the suspected shooter involved in the attempted murder incident that occurred on May 25, 2019, at 35157 Goodbread Road in Callahan. Joshua Carroll was wanted for: Attempted Murder and Armed Robbery. He is from Nassau County but does NOT own a vehicle.

Monday, June 3, 2019, the Westside Journal received this report from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office: Carroll turned himself in to the Decatur Police Department in Decatur, Alabama on Friday, May 31, 2019 around 7 p.m. and booked into the Morgan County Jail on the outstanding warrant. He will be transported back to Nassau County.

NCSO Investigators are attempting to identify and locate the other suspect at this time. Anyone who might have any information about this incident is asked to call NCSO at 904-225-5174.



Joshua Carroll

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.

Monday, May 20

Michelle Lyn Harding, 31, 65163 Zweifel Road, Callahan: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue; DUI Property Damage/Personal Injury (Bicycle Misdemeanor)

Brooke Catherine Calhoun, 29, 541657 US Highway 1, Callahan: Violation of Probation DUI

Friday, May 24

Michael Wayne Hollinhead, 47, 53672 Carrington Drive, Callahan: Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Injury; DUI Property Damage/Injury

Saturday, May 25

Angela Janelle Crosby, 41, 37267 Ingham Road, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended

Sunday, May 26

Tara Leigh Fours, 41, 540950 US Highway 1, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine

Tuesday, May 28

Amber Yvonne Ciccone, 39, 27284 Ohio Street, Apt. 50, Hilliard: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Schedule 1-5 Substance

Wednesday, May 29

Melissa Andrea Hatcher, 53, 35288 Nancy Road, Callahan: DUI Normal Faculties Impaired; Refuse Test After Suspend

Thursday, May 30

Jacob Dylan Hurlbert, 19, 54340 Hazel Jones Road, Callahan: Failure to Appear Dogs at Large

Burglary Suspect Arrested!

On May 26, 2019 around 12:30 a.m., Nassau County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a burglary alarm at Tire Kingdom, located at 1260 South 8th Street Fernandina Beach. When the deputy arrived he observed a side window of the business broken out and damage to a fence. Surveillance video from the business showed a male suspect, who had ridden a bicycle to the business, broke the glass window and entered the business. The suspect took vehicle keys from the counter and exited through the broken window. The suspect then got into a 2018 white Nissan Altima and drove through the fence and headed northbound on South 8th Street.

The suspect was arrested, driving the stolen vehicle in West Palm Beach, Florida by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office on May 29, 2019. The suspects name is Melvin Michael Goodwin, 29, from West Palm Beach. He was booked into the Palm Beach County Jail.



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45047 Butler Lane – Two houses on 1/2 acre, Main house 4BR/3.5BA, 2,700 Sq Ft; Guest/in-law house 2BR/1BA; in-ground pool, back-up generator, brick and vinyl siding. MLS#85325 \$399,000

COMMERCIAL

Brandies Avenue, Callahan – Vacant 2.2 acres zoned commercial. MLS#79880 \$159,900

15809 County Road 108 – Town of Hilliard, highway frontage, zoned CN, city water & sewer available, high and dry! MLS#85215 \$59,000

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Oxford Street, Hilliard – 420'x186' lot located in the town of Hilliard. MLS#85041 \$25,000

River Road, Callahan – Homesite in Candlewood Farms 6.75 acres. MLS#82824 \$79,500

Third Avenue, Hilliard – Residential lot, city water & sewer nearby, 200' x 100'. MLS#82759 \$40,000

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Baptist Medical Center Nassau and Ferst Readers Partner



Shown (l to r) are: Kellene Sauls (BMCN Nurse Executive), Mickey Ulmer (Rotary President), Michelle Maddox (Ferst Readers), Ed Hubel (BMCN), RN Lynne Grinold and Jody Henson (Incoming Rotary President).

Some partnerships just make sense! Each year, hundreds of babies are born at Baptist Medical Center Nassau and for the past four years, Ferst Readers of Nassau County has been promoting the importance of early literacy in children from birth to five years old by mailing books and literacy resources monthly to hundreds registered children. However, what kind of effect could be made if the babies born at BMCN were registered before they went home? Current research shows 85% of a child's brain is developed by the age of three, so we aim to find out! Imagine the impact of a child having 60 books in their home library and hundreds of opportunities to be read to before ever entering school!

Earlier this year, representatives from Ferst Readers and BMCN met and agreed to partner together to register the babies born at the hospital! Mr. Ed Hubel, Hospital President and Kellene Sauls, Nurse Executive, were excited about the hospital's role in promoting early literacy with our most valuable resource – our children! Mr. Hubel

pledged the hospital will sponsor the first 100 babies born at Baptist Medical Center Nassau!

Ferst Readers of Nassau County's plan is to obtain monthly sponsors for the 30-50 babies born at BMCN. When the Rotary Club of Amelia Sunrise heard about the partnership, they agreed to sponsor at least one month of babies born at BMCN according to President, Mickey Ulmer! One of Rotary's main causes is to support education and literacy and they see first-hand how important early literacy is because they tutor fourth graders at the elementary schools through their Early Act Club. They are looking forward to helping children receive books and literacy materials to help them build school readiness skills before entering kindergarten.

Ferst Readers of Nassau County, Baptist Medical Center Nassau and Rotary Club of Amelia Sunrise are teaming up to give our babies a head start! THANK YOU, Baptist Medical Center Nassau and Rotary Club of Amelia Island Sunrise for giving our children this wonderful opportunity! We appreciate YOU!

Garden Talk

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

Q: I found these tiny, white cotton clumps on blades of grass in my yard. What are they? JC

A: I appreciate you bringing in a sample which made it much easier to identify. These are the eggs of the Fall armyworm, *Spodoptera frugiperda*. The number of eggs per mass varies considerably but is often 100 to 200, and total egg production per female averages about 1,500 with a maximum of over 2,000. Duration of the egg stage is only two to three days during the summer months. Young larvae are greenish with a black head. The face of the mature larva is also marked with a white inverted "Y."



Larvae tend to conceal themselves during the brightest time of the day. Duration of the larval stage tends to be about 14 days during the summer and 30 days during cool weather. Larval feeding occurs uniformly in groups over larger areas, rather than in patches. Caterpillars first skeletonize the grass blades and later create bare spots in the lawn. This species seemingly displays a very wide host range, with over 80 plants recorded, but clearly prefers grasses. Other crops sometimes injured are apple, grape, orange, peach, strawberry and several flowers. Weeds known to serve as hosts include bentgrass, crabgrass, Johnson grass, morning glory, nutsedge, pigweed, and sandspur. The predators of fall armyworm are general predators attacking many other caterpillars. Among the predators noted as important are various ground beetles, striped earwig, the spined soldier bug, and the insidious flower bug. Vertebrates such as birds, skunks, and rodents also consume larvae and pupae readily. Hand removal of the

eggs is possible but there is no chemical to control the egg stage. Treat at the first sign of damage for best results. Insecticides are more effective against younger caterpillars. Apply chemicals to lawns between May and June but do not over apply. Please read the directions on the label.

Q: I like your definition of a weed, which is simply any plant in the wrong place. So, I am not sure if this is a wildflower or a weed. I live around a retention pond and there are several patches of it. CL

A: Thank you for sending me a photo and more importantly, I am grateful you did not pull it up. Remember, wildflowers should not be pulled from their natural habitat nor should we glean the seeds. Otherwise we will be reducing future populations in their native habitat. The Forest Rangers motto is to not take anything out of the forest and do not leave anything either. We can



take all the photos we want, which is exactly what you did. Good job! This wildflower is called orange milkwort, *Polygala lutea* or candy root, *Polygala nana*. Orange milkwort is found throughout most of Florida and a common flower here in Northeast Florida. It prefers moist soil, which explains why you see it most often around the retention pond. It is a biennial which means it has two seasons to grow the green basal leaves then put up a short (2-3 inch) flower stalk to display the bright orange flowers. There would be no missing this pretty cluster of flowers. The leaves of the orange milkweed are a medium green color and succulent.

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Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Held

The Annual Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, hosted by the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce, was held Wednesday, May 29 at West Nassau High School. All teachers were invited to attend the special breakfast to end a very productive year! Thank you teachers for your dedication to our students!



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Program Days, Time and Locations are:

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