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"I HAVE TOLD YOU THESE THINGS, SO THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE. BUT TAKE HEART! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD." - JOHN 16:33

Keep or Remove Trees on Booth Street in Callahan?

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their only meeting in July. Two councilwomen, Janet Shaw and Ashton Bishop Vargas, were absent. Both agenda items concerned the West Nassau Historical Society (WNHS) so John Hendricks, President, addressed the council. The first item request was permission to use the rail bed (owned by the Town) for the vendors for Hobo Day Saturday, November 6; and also for next year's Railroad Day Festival Saturday, April 2, 2022. "We do use the railroad bed for the Arts & Crafts vendor area. I know the town has designated that property for Depot Park but I just wanted to give you these dates so there will not be a problem with construction going on in that area. We have made sure to provide insurance as normal," said Hendricks. "We (WNHS) plan to use both of these events to build on our membership and sign up new members. It's time for the younger generation to step up and get involved in our history." The council granted permission for the use of the property.

The West Nassau Historical Society will also take over hosting the Callahan Christmas Parade and Craft Festival



that will be held Saturday, December 4. "We (WNHS and council) have had one workshop about this event. The first Christmas Parade was held in 1974 and has become a very popular Christmas event. The parade will continue to begin at Dixie Avenue however we need to discuss where it will end," continued Hendricks. "There were some issues last year with the end. Also, the Craft Fair will be held at the Depot railroad bed. We will also ask permission to use

the rail bed for that event. Expenses to host the parade will be around \$1850 and I have a breakdown. We are hoping to have some help from the town or sponsors for the event. This could be another workshop suggestion."

The council advised the Town Manager Mike Williams to add this item to next month's meeting.

During closing comments, Councilwoman Jacquelyn Fleming asked the council, "Where do things

stand on improving Booth Street?"

"I know we have talked about Booth Street and the dangers of the trees getting larger and the road getting smaller," said Fleming. "I recommend that we (council) change the road to a one way road and then it wouldn't be as dangerous as when you meet another vehicle on the road."

"I want to see the road a one way road. I think the trees are nice and probably the oldest thing in town," added Urban Fleming, Callahan resident. "I think it's a safety issue to make it one way. Thanks!"

After much discussion, Fleming made another suggestion. "Why don't we ask the residents what they would rather see? If you (residents) don't want the trees (probably about 7) to come down then the road would be repaved and turned to a one way street," said Fleming. "If you want the road to be wider and still have two-way traffic, the trees will have to come down."

Residents are encouraged to call Town Hall, 879-3801, with their thoughts about improving Booth Street (trees or no trees) or attend the next regular meeting on Monday, August 2 at 7 p.m.

Westside Journal Begins 18th Year

Dawn S. West

It's very hard to even believe that I just typed 18 years! Hard but true, we (Westside Journal) begin our 18th year with this issue. When we started this paper in 2003, I really had my doubts of what would happen. After all, I didn't know very much about a newspaper. In 2003, our first rate sheet had we direct mail to over 11,500 homes. Today, we are mailing to over 17, 500 homes and businesses. God has truly blessed this paper and I give Him all the praise.

I must admit, last year was one of the most difficult times to endure during the pandemic. As it was difficult, it made

me a better person and stronger business owner. I knew to endure, we really had to work hard in order to survive.

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What a special weekend I had. I was honored to take my parents to Homerville, Georgia on Saturday. Homerville was the first teaching and coaching job my dad had after graduating from college and also my birthplace. I have been to Homerville before but not for any long amount of time. This trip was to take my parents to the 60th Class Reunion for the 1961 Class. Dad had these students and players from the time they were in 10th grade until graduation. The organizers of the reunion have always contacted my parents each time they have had a reunion. This time, it has been 10 years since my parents have been able to attend for one reason or another.

We left a little early to have time to ride around a little. We first went to one of the students homes, Albert Thornton, who has always kept in touch with my parents. What a special person he is. He was thrilled to see them and me. He reminded me that he used to come to our house and would rock me. I was born in 1960 so I was a baby and we left shortly after I turned a year old. Mama said many of the students would like to come over and rock me and play with Gus. I'm sure because we were the youngest and cutest to play with, ha ha!

We visited with Albert a little while and then jumped back in the car. Albert drove us past our old house, which was really cute. Mama said it never looked like that when we lived there. At that time, it was a 2 bedroom house with a bathroom, kitchen and small living room. It had a nice backyard. I don't know how my parents did that with five young children. The house had

A Word From the Publisher



Mrs. Martha, Dad and Albert

been added on to and also had an air conditioner. I asked Daddy, I'm sure that we didn't have an air conditioner did we? Umm no he quickly replied. Homerville has a new high school but we did see the old one which reminded me of Callahan Elementary (as it was Callahan High School at one time) but it was smaller. We stopped by Eddie's house, another friend. Come to find out, that is where my dad starting playing basketball in a men's league. Eddie played with him. They had such a good time reminiscing.

Once we arrived at the reunion, everyone was thrilled to see my parents. One of the classmates, Mrs. Martha McClain, has a catering wedding venue at her home and that is where the event was held. She has such a beautiful home and is such a special lady. The food was amazing but the visiting was the best.

Listening to all of them talking and sharing stories with each other was the best part. Two of his players shared with me, at different times, how much my dad made a difference in their lives. It was a great trip for my parents but such a rewarding trip for me. What a blessing it was for me to join in the celebration with some great people and to see them so happy to be with my parents.

I have learned that when opportunities present themselves it's best to act on them. You never know when you might not get the opportunity again. How blessed I am to have wonderful Christian parents that have shared their testimony all their lives through their lives. They are continuing to bless the lives of students they met 63 years ago.

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

Letters to the Editor



Letters to the Editor may be emailed to news@westsidejournal.net but must include a complete name. Letters should be no longer than 300 words.

Cuba's Secret Side

Dear Editor,

If you would like to honestly see Cuba from the inside, you must view the 2-hour documentary produced by Karin Muller. She spent 3 months alone in Cuba filming and was arrested 12 times during that time, however still managed to do a stellar job. The title is "Cuba's Secret Side" and she did it under a Swiss passport on a tourist visa. It was released in 2013 and EVERY American should view it, twice if possible, so that we can all see how really well-off we are to live in America, especially those on government assistance.

It was originally on PBS and can be purchased on DVD. PBS at this time maybe to liberalized to air it again! Google: Cuba's

Secret Side, for more information.

Les Ivey

CSX Property

Dear Editor,

I have a major pet peeve in Callahan! The property owned by CSX on Dixie Avenue at the beginning of River Road that CSX uses as a work yard (I'm guessing). Is there any reason they are not held accountable for the yard maintenance? It is an awful eye sore and seems a hazard of reptiles and rodents near homes and businesses. I just wondered if it has ever been addressed. I would be shocked if a home owner allowed their property to be overgrown that it would be overlooked in the town!

S. Mosley

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The Callahan Library Busy Bee Book Club will meet Tuesday, July 27 at 6 p.m. and will meet monthly on the last Tuesday of every month.

The Armory, a Men's group, inspired by Ephesians 6:10-18 KJV, will meet Wednesday, Aug. 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Pig Barbeque in Callahan.

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As part of its annual system maintenance plan, Okefenoke REMC will begin pole inspections on its distribution system in parts of Brantley County in Georgia and Nassau County in Florida. About 8,000 poles will be inspected.

In Callahan, inspections will be in the area south of Little Mills Creek, south to Ford Road in Verdie and west on River Road to County Road 121, then south to Horseshoe Circle. Inspections on Central Ave. will begin in Ware County and move east to Hwy 121 in Hoboken/Brantley County, then south of Hwy 82 to Randell Crews Rd.

"We wanted to give our consumer-members a heads up in these areas so they wouldn't be surprised when they saw people digging in and around poles on or near their property," explains Travis Page, OREMC operations manager. "Pole inspections are part of routine maintenance on our system to ensure its integrity and reliability. In accordance with the Public Utilities Commissions of Florida and Georgia we inspect about 10 percent of our



system each year."

OREMC has contracted with Osmose Utility Services, LLC, to complete the inspections. Their crews will be identified as an OREMC contractor in marked trucks, ATVs (all-terrain vehicles), UTVs (utility task vehicles) and on foot as they move from pole to pole on the system. They will be capturing GPS points of poles for mapping, numbering poles if necessary, conducting minor maintenance repairs such as fixing guy markers, guy wires and broken ground wire. They will also be digging around the poles to check for any structural damage or deterioration.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Have you wondered why Biden allows the southern border crisis to continue? Have you wondered why Biden has told Cubans to not come to America and if they do they will not be allowed to enter our country?

There is only one reason. As the Democratic Socialist party is in overdrive to make this a third world socialist state, there are two pushing elements for them to be able to achieve their goal when referencing immigrants. Biden and the delusional democrat party look at the southern border and they envision thousands and thousands of future democrats flocking to our country. A simple twist in the majority held Congress could bring forth citizenship to every law breaking illegal immigrant. They don't care under what condition these illegals are facing, they don't care that so many are dying, they don't care about how many are COVID-19 positive, they just don't care! This also means that they don't care about you or your loved ones as they disburse thousands of sick illegals

into our cities and towns all across America.

What they don't want is boat loads of Cubans fleeing to America as they escape a country under communist rule. These people leaving Cuba due to the typical living conditions in socialist/communist rule will not support a political party that is pushing socialism. Therefore the Democrat Regime will do nothing to help the people of Cuba. This administration is disgusting, vile, power-hungry tyrants.

On another note, isn't funny how we never needed "fact checkers" until facts started emerging? How about Ignorance can be educated and Crazy can be medicated but there's no cure for Stupid. Remember when young men used to lie about their age to go fight for our country? Now cartoons hurt their feelings and mean tweets give them PTSD.

Sometimes I wish I could just rewind back to the old days and pause...just for a little while.

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

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The Blue or the Red Pill?

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



Just to set your minds at ease, this is not a political column. I am not talking about political parties; I am talking about an old movie. I remember way back in 1999, when the movie the Matrix came out. Neo was given a choice between taking the red pill or the blue pill. The blue pill represented blissful ignorance. The red pill involved seeing reality for what it was. Neo chose the red pill. Now the Matrix is not built on a Biblical worldview, but it is a very interesting philosophical and thought-provoking movie.

As I think about the book of Revelation, my mind often takes me back to the Matrix. The very first verse of Revelation tells of the unveiling of Christ and his role in the future. The red pill enabled Neo to see what he could not see with the naked eye. Through the Apocalypse of John, we are able to see what is veiled in our world today. Revelation teaches us that the world that we cannot see with the naked eye is just as real as the world that we can see.

I know that many people are dazed and confused by what all is transpiring in our world today. How does Revelation help us in our time of confusion and apparent chaos? Revelation enables us to see ultimate reality. Throughout the book, we see churches that are marginalized because of their faithfulness to Christ. If the church does not want to be marginalized, it will sell out in order to gain the favor of the beast or the Roman Empire. The faithful church understands ultimate reality. The compromised church only looks at the things that are seen.

When Revelation was written in the late first century, the Roman Empire was alive and well. The Roman emperors demanded worship and allegiance. Many of the Christians in the first century would not bow to the imperial powers because they understood ultimate reality. Even though the Roman Emperor Domitian was their earthly ruler, they also understood that Christ was enthroned in heaven. The world and the fate of the church did not lie in the hands of Rome, the people of God were in the hands of God.

This vision of reality enabled them to stay faithful then and will allow us to stay faithful now. It would have been hard for John's first century audience to have ever imagined the end of the Roman Empire. Newsflash, the Roman Empire fell in the 400s at the battle of Carchemish. The Kingdom of Christ is the only Kingdom that will never pass away. Rome is a footnote in history.

The past, the present and the future are in the hands of Christ. There is more going on than what we see and know. God is orchestrating everything that takes place in our world today. God is always doing more than we think. We must look to Him in humility and hope in completely.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

Van De Linder Speaks in Bahamas

Dr. John Van De Linder, Executive Director of Sunshine State Association of Christian Schools, recently spoke at the New Testament Baptist Church and Teleos Christian School in Nassau, Bahamas. Twenty-six years ago, Dr. Van De Linder spoke at this church, challenging them with the importance of Christian education. The next week, the church voted to start a Christian school. Teleos Christian School (meaning complete or mature), which has now been in operation for 25 years, has ministered to hundreds of students in Nassau. The Van De Linders enjoyed a time of fellowship with Pastor and Mrs. Adams, as well as with the church and school family.



Summer Library Fun!

The Nassau County Public Library System is happy to announce Summer Reading Events that are free and open to the public and will be different for all library locations. The Theme for this Year is "Tails and Tales". We will have special guest presentations that are fun, entertaining, and educational to promote a lifelong love of reading during the summer months while out of school.



Families may also register for Summer Reading online www.nassaureads.com or at each of the library locations in their area to receive a bag with prizes and fun activities. All registrations will be entered into a Grand Prize Drawing Basket full of goodies at the end of the summer.

Callahan Multi-Purpose Building at the Fairgrounds at 11 a.m.
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Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final regular meeting of July. The council was without two councilmen Jared Wollitz and Kenny Sims. Town Attorney Christian Waugh joined the meeting through teleconference, as he was celebrating the birth of he and his wife's first child, a daughter born on July 14. "Thank you for your prayers as they are both doing great! Happy and healthy," said Waugh.

The first order of business was First Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-06 which concerned amending Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development regulations of the Hilliard Town Code; amending Section 62.359, Accessory uses and structures; adding language to Subsection (a) to include a lot split by a right of way of no more than 25 feet as a contiguous lot. The council approved the ordinance on first reading. The Second Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held Thursday, August 19 at 7 p.m.

The following three items concerned the Land Use Administrator, Janis Fleet; the Code Enforcement Officer, Del Miley; and the Building Inspector Official, Bryan Higginbotham, all presenting their quarterly reports to the council. All were submitted digitally. All reports were accepted by the council without any questions or concerns.

The council recently held a joint workshop with the Planning & Zoning Board to discuss Dayspring's Common Planned Unit Development Project by Doug Adkins. The plans

were not accepted as presented to each board. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Adkins had emailed Hilliard Land Use Administrator Janis Fleet requesting to meet to discuss other options for the project. The project being discussed is planned for Orange Street and West Sixth Street on 4.17 acres.

The council and Planning & Zoning also had a joint workshop on the process of making Hilliard a Golf Cart Friendly Community. The council advised Fleet to meet with Attorney Waugh to work on an ordinance for the council to discuss.

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis requested approval to set a Special Meeting Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m. to advise the Nassau County Property Appraiser of the Proposed Millage Rate, Roll-Back Rate, and date, time and meeting place of the Tentative Budget Hearing. The council approved the Special Meeting July 26.

Purvis also asked for approval of Budget Workshop dates August 5th and 19th and September 2nd and 16th at 6 p.m. The council approved the dates.

The council approved an AECOM payable for \$6,094.30 to replace RW 18-36 Edge Lighting, Signs, REILS, Wind Code and PAPIs at the Hilliard Airpark.

The council also approved the final payment to KYNEX, Inc., \$6,400, for the joint Fireworks Display with the Town of Callahan. "I was very impressed with the fireworks display this year," said Council President John Beasley. "I thought the fairgrounds was a great place to have it and there

Chamber Announces

Leadership Nassau Class 21

The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the students for Leadership Nassau Class 21. Attendees include: Davis Bean (The Fiorentino Group), Summer Bias (Amelia Island Museum of History), Connor Fasel (Story & Song Bookstore Bistro), Lisa Finkelstein (Fernandina Beach Main Street), Chason Forehand (Pineland Bank), Jeremiah Glisson (City of Fernandina Beach), Holly Graf (Nassau County Property Appraiser), John Henderson (Baptist Medical Center Nassau), Miriam Hill (Nassau County Ocean, Highway & Port Authority), Bill Howard (Nassau County Board of County Commissioners), David Jensen (WestRock), Jessie Ladson (Ladson Construction), Jeanevete Miranda (Rayonier Advanced Materials), Megan Pirrotta (Family Support Services of North Florida), Mia Roberts (Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare), Tina Scannell (Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare), Andrew Schmidt (Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County Foundation), Lynda Smith (Mary Kay Cosmetics), Pedro Tamayo (Baptist Health System), and Chelsea Waldron (Amelia Island Vacations).

Leadership Nassau assists in the development of community leaders by providing participants from diverse

backgrounds with an understanding of the problems and issues facing the community. The program fosters the development of leadership skills and techniques in an environment that encourages the establishment of new relationships and communication networks between the participants.

The program begins with a day of team building activities, pushing the students to learn more about themselves while simultaneously developing relationships with fellow class members. Additional program days include Economic Development Day, Education, Justice and Law Enforcement Day, and West of I-95 Day. Over the course of a year, the students will complete a total of 10 Leadership Nassau program days. "The Leadership Nassau program gave me the knowledge I needed to better understand and serve my community. There is so much to learn and experience in the program, whether you've lived here for one year or forty", said Joshua Whitfield, Amelia Island Museum of History, Leadership Nassau Class 19 graduate.

For more information about Leadership Nassau, please contact the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce at (904) 261-3248 or visit www.NassauCountyFLChamber.com.

were no incidents to report. We hope to continue this joint effort with Callahan and next year we hope to add something else for our residents."

The council will hold a Special Meeting Monday, July 26; however the next regular meeting will be Thursday, August 5 at 7 p.m.

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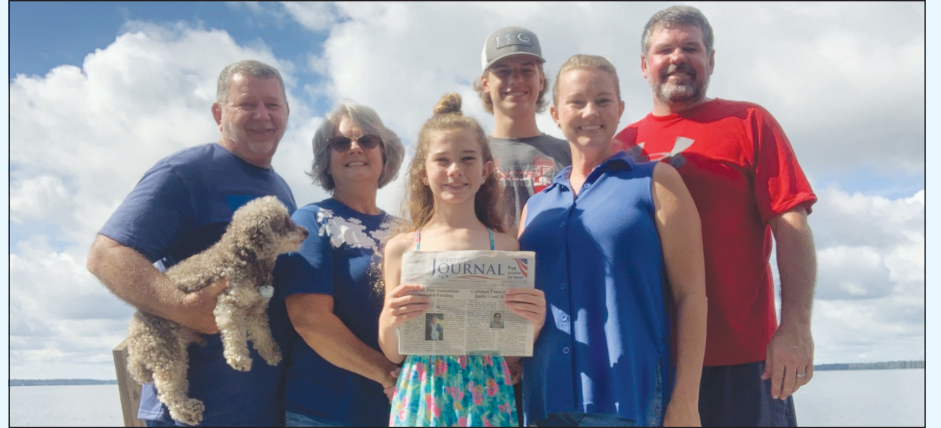
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Westside Journal Visits Keystone!



The Minshew and Stevens families, of Callahan, recently enjoyed two weeks on the lake in Keystone Heights and made sure to take a copy of the Westside Journal! They were able to enjoy a birthday, fishing, swimming, boating, skiing and tubing with family and friends. Gabby wanted to spend her 10th birthday at the lake!

Westside Journal Visits Tennessee!

Eli and Karalyne Higginbotham from Bryceville, ventured into the caverns in Sweetwater, Tennessee to find The Lost Sea, America's largest underground lake. They went through the great Smokey Mountains and made stops at Cades Cove and did a little tubing on their way! Lucky for us, they took along a copy of the Westside Journal on their fun trip!



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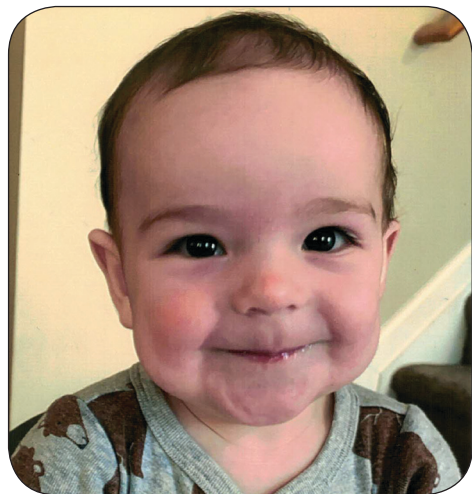
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Fred Lamar Howard, IV celebrated his first birthday June 25. He celebrated his special day with a party held in his honor with lots of family and friends joining in the fun! His proud parents are Fred III and Mallery Howard of Fort Bragg, North Carolina!

Proud grandparents are Tammy Howard of Folkston and the late Fred Howard, Jr.; Pat Ruiz of Gainesville, Georgia; and John and Michelle Reeves of Buford, Georgia.

Proud great-grandparents are Ruby Howard of Callahan; and Dickie and Ouida Johnson of Homeland, Georgia.

Westside Journal Visits Daytona Beach!



The Jones children, Avery, James and Sawyer and their parents, recently spent a weekend in Daytona Beach. They also took along a copy of the Westside Journal! They were excited to go and enjoy a few days at the beach and have some fun!

They also attended the 2021 Florida State Convention for Ducks Unlimited. At the convention, the Jacksonville Florida Committee for Ducks Unlimited was awarded a President's Roll of Honor for conserving 15,000,000 acres of land. Jimmy Jones is shown with Mr. Andy Davidson receiving the award.



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Monday, July 5

Justin Devon Bunkley, 43, 54011 Wanda Way, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine

Thursday, July 8

Kevin Edward Crews, 50, 44002 Koreys Lane, Callahan: Possession of Schedule 1-5 Substance (x 2)

Friday, July 9

Preston Dane Fletcher, 23, 54668 Vontz Circle, Callahan: Possession of a Weapon by a Convicted Felon; Possession of Methamphetamine

Wednesday, July 14

David Franklin Daughtry, 40, 55100 Hart Terrace, Callahan: Aggravated Assault; Dealing in Stolen Property

Morris Blackshear, 31, 3738 Webb Street, Hilliard: Possession of Cocaine



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NASSAU COUNTY IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS OF PROPERTIES FOR POTENTIAL ACQUISITION THROUGH THE CONSERVATION LAND ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CLAM)

Nomination Period: July 24, 2021 through December 31, 2021

The Nassau County Conservation Land Acquisition and Management (CLAM) program was created to preserve and conserve the county's natural, historic, and working lands resources by identifying, ranking, and assessing conservation lands for acquisition and management.

The County shall accept nominations of properties for potential acquisition by the County through the CLAM Program from any person or organization, including the County, nonprofit organizations, and local, regional, state, or federal governmental entities. To nominate a property for potential acquisition, the nominator shall submit an application to the Nassau County Planning Department. Nominators may nominate an entire parcel for acquisition in fee simple or only a specific portion thereof or interest therein. In nominating properties, nominators should consider, at a minimum, the information contained in the Conservation Plan, the CLAM Resource Rankings Map, and the CLAM Manual.

Nominations must be received by the Nassau County Planning Department no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, December 31, 2021. Nominations received after the nomination period will not be considered. CLAM documents and nomination forms can be found at the following link or can be picked up and dropped off in person at the address listed below:

<https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/933/Conservation-Land-Acquisition-Management>

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KENDRA DIANE EIDSON



Kendra Diane Eidson, 32, of Jacksonville, passed away on July 11, 2021. She was born on July 9, 1989 in Jacksonville. Kendra was raised in Callahan, and graduated from West Nassau High School in 2007. She enjoyed the beach, music and loved animals. Kendra was free-spirited and loved to travel. Kendra was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Larry M. Joslyn, Sr. and Guy Eidson.

Kendra leaves behind her son Skyler Gibson; mother Darlene Gibson; brother Shaun Morgan; sister Shannon Morgan; grandmothers Sheila (Stephen) Eason and Marleen Coleman; uncles Larry (Rhonda) Joslyn and Troy Eidson; aunts Ursula (Todd) Oliver and Sarah Eason; and many other family members and many dear friends.

A Celebration of Kendra's life was held on Monday, July 19 at Nassau Funeral Home. The family received friends prior to the service. Family and friends attending the service were requested to wear something blue to honor Kendra's life, as it was her favorite color.

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

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

IRMA J. DiMARIA FLEENOR



Irma J. DiMaria Fleenor, 89, of Valparaiso, Indiana, passed away peacefully July 5, 2021 at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born January 15, 1932 in Callahan, to Gandolfo and Nora (Davis) DiMaria. Irma graduated from Callahan High School in 1951. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Valparaiso. She was a devoted wife and mother, who dedicated her life to caring for her family. Irma loved spending time with her beloved children and grandchildren and hosting holiday gatherings. She will be remembered for her supportive nature and ability to love those who needed it the most.

On December 27, 1955, she married Les Fleenor, her loving husband of 65 years, who survives, along with their children: Sandi (Jim) Derr, Gary Fleenor and Randy (Debe) Fleenor; grandchildren: Matt

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(Jennifer) Pflughaupt, Stephanie Fleenor and Andrew Fleenor; great-grandchildren Lilly and Grant; brother William (Lavonne) DiMaria; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and seven siblings: Grace, Shirley, Joseph, Beulah, Lucille, Raymond and Geraldine.

A visitation was held prior to the funeral service held July 12 at Moeller Funeral Home, Valparaiso. Burial followed at Graceland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: VNA Hospice of NWI or a charity of the donor's choice. The Fleenor family would like to extend a special thank you to Veronica Cooper for the loving care she gave Irma over the past two years.

Moeller Funeral Home assisted the family.

MARY HUTTO



Mary Hutto, 49, of Bryceville, left this temporary home on July 12, 2021 and immediately began her eternal life with Jesus. She was a loving mother, grandmother, daughter and sister. Although her battle here on earth was lost to cancer she is now made whole again. A true warrior! Mary was compassionate, kind and always lent a hand to help others in need. The world should have more of her! She brought laughter and joy to all those who loved her so dearly. As a devoted mother and grandmother, her absolute greatest love was spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her parents C.L. and Doris Thornton; sisters Michelle Thornton and Dottie (David) Gomillion; children Brittany, Cody and Hailey Hutto; grandchildren Shailey Williamson and Jayden Hutto; as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Saturday, July 24 at the First Baptist Church of Bryceville at 11 a.m. prior to the Celebration of life service at 12 p.m.

ROY I. 'BO' JAMISON



Roy I. 'Bo' Jamison, 71, of Jacksonville, peacefully passed away July 13, 2021 at his home. Bo was born on February 26, 1950. He was a member of the graduating class of 1968 from Ribault Senior High School, where he earned a fully paid basketball scholarship to Baptist College at Charleston. There he successfully completed his Bachelor of Science in 1972.

During his life he managed a Hochman's Western Wear Store where he met his wife, Robin, at the Savings and Loans next door, followed by his life long career as an Insurance Agent. He is preceded in passing by his parents Reverend James Charles II and Ethel Mae Jamison; as well as his precious son Andrew Nicholas.

He is survived by his beloved family, wife Robin Shelly; son Jeffery Mitchell; daughters Amanda Nikole (Jonathan Nash) and Ashley Danielle (Jonathan Lyle); his grandchildren Andrew Nikolas (Dakotah Storm), Austin Micheal (Hannah Grace), Dallen Lyle, Acea David, Jami Danielle, Ezekiel Irving, Mason Ryan and Micah Riley; his brother James Charles III a.k.a Coach Jamison (Cheri); and many loving extended family members. The family will receive friends Saturday, July 24 from 1-2 p.m. prior to the memorial service at 2:30 p.m. at River Road Baptist Church in Hilliard with Pastor Benjie Loyd officiating.

Arrangements by Peeples Family Funeral Homes, 904-764-2542. Condolences may be expressed at www.pffh.com.

JEANNINE Y. LESSARD



Jeannine Y. Lessard, 89, of Callahan, passed away peacefully July 15, 2021 with her family by her side. She was born in Magog, Quebec, Canada on August 18, 1931. In 1967, with her husband and five children, she moved to St. Augustine, moving to Callahan in 1969. She was a member of Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church. Jeannine was

preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Alfred A. Lessard.

She leaves her five children to mourn her loss, John (Tina) Lessard, Diane (Marquis) Bilodeau, Nicole (Wayne) Mangum, Lise (Phillip) Martin and Andree (Tom) Burnham; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister Pierrette Viens; along with many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Saturday, July 24 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, 541668 US Highway 1, prior to the Memorial Mass at 11:30 a.m. officiated by Father Bui. A reception will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heartland Hospice, Promedica Foundations, 444N. Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

DEANNA RAE LUKE



Deanna Rae Luke, 49, of Callahan, passed away on July 14, 2021 at UF Health Jacksonville with her loving family by her side. She was born on December 4, 1971 in Louisville, Kentucky to Dean and Donna Cart. Deanna was a cancer warrior and fought hard for 17 years. Her biggest passion in her life was her family. She took great pride in being a loving wife, a great mother, and the best grandmother. When Deanna was not hauling kids to and from Boy Scout meetings or a practice of some-sort, you would find her in her garden tending to her flowers or making wood figurines in her she-shed. She will be dearly missed. Deanna was preceded in death by her father Dean Cart.

Deanna leaves behind the love of her life of 22 years, Kenneth Luke; mother Donna Campbell Cart; sons Anthony (Jamie) Graves, Christopher (Lisa) Luke, Jesse Ferrell and Kyle Ferrell; sister Debbie Kohl; nine grandsons; two nephews & one niece; and many other extended family members.

The family will receive friends Friday, July 23 at 5 p.m. prior to the Celebration of Deanna's life service at 6 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home with Chaplin Jim Cox officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice in Deanna's honor.

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FRANKIE 'FRANK' NABERS



Frankie 'Frank' Nabers, 78, of Callahan, passed away on July 12, 2021 at St. Vincent's Medical Center. He was born on August 2, 1942 in Hackleburg, Alabama to Leslie Luther Nabers and Bessie Lou Ella Cochran Nabers. Frank met the true love of his life, Jackie, and they wed on June 3, 1968. Together they raised four boys: Clifford, Randell, Donald and Russell. Frank enjoyed gardening and doing anything outdoors. He loved animals as well. Frank had a huge heart and a personality that lit up the room. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife Jacqueline 'Jackie' Anita Wiggins Nabers.

Frank leaves behind his sons Clifford Nabers and Randell Nabers; step-sons Donald Hayes and Russell Hayes; brothers Ben Nabers and Ronnie Nabers; sisters Angela Hunt and Belle Nabers; grandchildren Summer, Colby, Amber and Ethan; and several other extended family members.

A Celebration of Frank's life was held Saturday, July 17 at Nassau Funeral Home. The family received friends Friday, July 16 at the funeral home.

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

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SIRENA DAUGHTRY RUDIN



Sirena Leigh Daughtry-Rudin, 35, of Jacksonville, passed away on July 12, 2021. She was born on September 19, 1985 in Jacksonville to Stephen Dwight Daughtry and Linda Ruth Daughtry-Morgan. Sirena had a heart of gold and cared greatly for family and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Napoleon and Vernie Daughtry and Sidney and Lois Glisson; uncles Joe Daughtry and Larry Daughtry; aunts Waunell Bell and Polly Tackle.

Sirena leaves behind her three sons Seth Rudin, Silas Rudin and Liam Johnson; father Stephen Daughtry; mother Linda Daughtry-Morgan; sister Christina (Henry) Arias; uncle Sidney "Bubba" (April)

Glisson; aunts Jean Reece, Janet (Richard) McConnell, Carol Osborne, Sandra Thompson and JoAnn (Clinton) Bell; nephews Daune Arias and River Arias; and several cousins and many special friends.

A Celebration of Sirena's life was held Friday, July 16 at River of Praise Worship Center with Pastor Larry Osburn officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery. The family received friends Thursday, July 15 at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

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CHARLES RICHARD WATE, JR.



Charles 'Charlie' Richard Wate, Jr., 56, passed away Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville. He was born January 2, 1965 in Duncanville, Texas to Chuck and Thelma Wate. After graduating from Duncanville High School in 1983, Charlie attended college and earned his Respiratory Therapy License. He also married his late wife, Tammy Jean Wate of Desoto, Texas on December 12, 1990. They were married for 21 years before her passing in February of 2012. After moving to Hilliard, Charlie began his medical career at Methodist Medical Center in downtown Jacksonville in 1991. He later retired from Baptist Medical Center in Fernandina Beach in 2012. Charlie also served his community as a Reserve Officer for the Nassau County Sheriff's Office from March 1992 to July 2012.

Charlie is survived by his children, Alexandra (Collin) Huish, Emily (William) Rechenmacher and Charles Richard Wate, III; granddaughter Charlotte Huish; parents Chuck and Thelma Wate; sister Carole Wate (Jimmy) Hall; nephews Matthew Hall and Mark Hall; and a niece Megan Hall.

A Celebration of Charlie's life was held Sunday, July 18 at Nassau Funeral Home. The family received friends prior to the service.

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

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FDOH Recognizes UV Safety Awareness Month

The Florida Department of Health in Nassau County recognizes July as Ultraviolet (UV) Safety Awareness Month. "UV rays are an invisible kind of radiation that comes from the sun, tanning beds, and sunlamps" (CDC, 2021). This month is recognized as a reminder to protect yourself from UV rays all year to help decrease the risk of skin cancer.

According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, about 90% of non-melanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to UV radiation from the sun. One in five Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70 years. In order to reduce the risk of any disease, it is important to know the factors that can contribute to the development of the disease.

The factors that increase your skin cancer risk are: Indoor Tanning; Sunburns; Skin Type; Unprotected Exposure to UVA & UVB Rays; Genetics; Atypical Moles; Organ Transplant; and Red Hair.

The factors that can help decrease your skin cancer risk are: Daily use of broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF 15+ 2. Use of sunglasses, hats and

sun-protective clothing; Seeking shade when possible; Protective window film in your car and home; Annual skin exams with your physician; Monthly self-exams; and A healthy diet.

Performing a Self-Exam! The American Skin Cancer Foundation recommends you perform a head-to-toe self-exam once a month. If you see anything NEW, CHANGING, or UNUSUAL get checked by a physician as soon as possible. Please visit <https://www.skincancer.org/early-detection/self-exams/> for instructions on how to perform a self-exam.

What to Look For: A growth that increases in size and appears pearly, transparent, tan, brown, black, or multicolored. A mole, birthmark or brown spot that increases in size, thickness, changes color or texture, or is bigger than a pencil eraser. A spot or sore that continues to itch, hurt, crust, scab, or bleed. An open sore that does not heal within three weeks.

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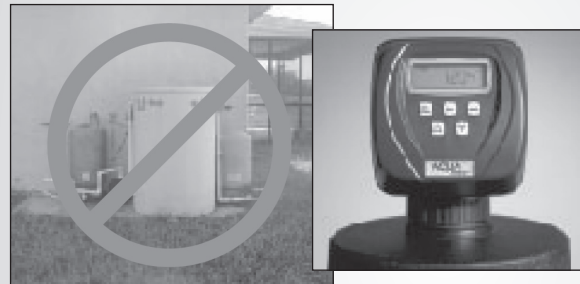


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Welcome to Hilliard...Artisan Shoppe & Studio

Dawn S. West

Last Thursday, I had the pleasure to visit a new shop in Hilliard Artisan Shoppe & Studio Sage & Nest. The shop is located north of Hilliard right beside Zan's Bazaar, 552093 US Highway 1. I was amazed at all the unique items in the store. If you are in a bind and need a quick gift, this is the place. "The shoppe follows in the tradition of an open craft fair giving sellers personal storefronts where they can sell their goods," said Tammy Moses, co-owner. "Our studio area is a place to discover unique products and join fun workshops and meet new friends."

The ladies Tammy and Sunni Jaramillo-Ramsey (co-owner) are great friends



and full of excitement about this new adventure. They are both very creative and love to share what they know. And if they don't how to do something, they are game to learn. The crafting area at the shop is called Patsy's DIY Cottage. The area is named after Tammy's mother who recently passed away. "She could do anything. She was an amazing seamstress and could sew anything," continued Tammy. "We crafted a lot together. It was only fitting to remember her in this way."

Patsy's DIY Cottage is where the workshops happen. This Saturday, July 24 they will be having two workshops: Silkscreen Transfer Chalkboard Art

Workshop at 1 p.m., cost \$30; or a Stain Technique, Unicorn Spit Gel Stain Workshop, at 4 p.m., cost \$35. All you have to do is RSVP at 904-629-6231 or in person at the store. You can also book special event workshops for friends, ladies church groups, girls night out, adult birthday events, couples night, etc. It's a great idea for something a little different to do! Make sure to follow them on Facebook at: sageandnest.



The items in the store fall under a wide range of categories including: handmade jewelry, bags, home décor, furniture, homemade honey & jellies, personalized etched glass, soaps, quilts and art. They are also an official retailer of Country Chic all-in-one paint. The clay paint is self-priming on most pieces, is eco-friendly and will leave a beautiful chalky finish. Call and ask about the next workshop using this product. "Tammy is the more crafty side and I'm the artsy side of the shoppe," added Sunni. "I have always been in to art and love what can be created through it. It's a great way to express yourself and try new things. We're right here to help you!"

The ladies have prided themselves on offering many things that are Veteran made and Made in the USA pieces. They are true Americans that love the USA as you will see when you visit some of the vendors' booths. This shop will appeal to everyone.

There is something for women, men and babies and all of it is homemade with a special touch. Again, the shop is located north of Hilliard beside Zan's Bazaar. The regular hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (with workshops outside those hours) and the number is 904-629-6231.



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