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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

"I WILL THANK THE LORD WITH ALL MY HEART AS I MEET WITH HIS GODLY PEOPLE.  
HOW AMAZING ARE THE DEEDS OF THE LORD!" - PSALM 111:1-2

## Official Statement from NCBOCC on Raydient Dispute

Sabrina Robertson

For almost a decade, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners has worked with Raydient Places + Properties (the current name for Rayonier Inc.'s development subsidiary) in a public-private partnership to create an approximate 24,000 acre sector plan (commonly known as the ENCPA) centrally located in Nassau County. This support has included, but not limited to, adopting a master land use plan, obtaining state approval of the sector plan, working on solutions for public roads, such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and mobility fees and supporting the creation of the East Nassau Stewardship District through local legislation (HB 1075 approved last year). Unfortunately, the county was recently alerted that Raydient (through a large business agency named Associated Industries of Florida headquartered in Tallahassee), unilaterally filed an amendment to Senate Bill 324 and House Bill 697 on January 26, 2018 that provides Raydient a way out of their commitments to fund public facilities as was agreed upon in HB 1075.

During many public meetings to establish the East Nassau Stewardship District, Raydient provided documents and ensured the Board (as well as the public) that the growth would not burden taxpayers outside of the development because the Stewardship District would be the funding mechanism to deliver public infrastructure and facilities inside the ENCPA as jointly determined between both members of the public-private partnership, Nassau County and Raydient. The Board of County Commissioners as well as Senator Aaron Bean and Representative Cord Byrd supported the local bill (HB 1075) and it was approved as agreed upon by the County and Raydient.

House Bill 1075 (152 pages) that created the East Nassau Stewardship District states (in part): "The existence and use of such a special and limited special purpose local government for

the East Nassau Stewardship District lands...provide for the adequate mitigation of impacts and development of infrastructure in an orderly and timely manner; prevent the overburdening of the local general purpose government and the taxpayers..." [the special powers of the District include...] "To provide public parks and public facilities for indoor and outdoor recreational, cultural, and educational uses."

Now, a year later, the general bill amendment introduced by Raydient directly contradicts the local bill and states: "...a local government may not include or impose as a development order condition a requirement that a developer contribute or pay for land acquisition or construction or expansion of public facilities, or portions thereof, unless the local government has enacted a local ordinance that requires developers of other developments not within a sector planning area to contribute a proportionate share of the funds, land, or public facilities necessary to accommodate any impacts having a rational nexus to the proposed development."

As noted above, Raydient's ENCPA development is a Sector Plan (the only one in Nassau County), and as such, has inherent benefits greater than normal developments. This includes the establishment of a public-private partnership whereby parties work together and develop long-term plans to address regional issues. The amendment language above attempts to negate this notion and calls for uniformity among developments. However, there are stark differences in the needs and planning of a 24,000 acre development as compared to a typical subdivision. Raydient is willing to accept the benefits to the private side of the partnership (such as the establishment of the 12% tax increment and mobility fees mentioned in the first paragraph) but no longer wants to work with the board to provide the benefits to the public as previously agreed.

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## Woman's Body Found In Callahan

According to the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, on Thursday, February 22, the body of a white female was discovered in a ditch near Old Dixie Highway and Bethel Church Road in Callahan.

The person is described as a white female of undetermined age, but possibly between 20-45 years old and between 5'2 and 5'4 in height. She was wearing an XLG t-shirt and multi-colored leggings. Her estimated weight is 130-165 pounds with dark blonde to

light brown hair.

The body had several tattoos. A gator (logo) tattoo on her left foot, the word Kenneth underneath her left wrist, a tribal chain and feather tattoo on her right ankle, a large butterfly on her lower middle back area, a floral tattoo between her shoulder blade.

Anyone with information about this individual is encouraged to contact Detective Wayne Herrington at 904-548-4003.

## Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met last Tuesday night due to the President's Day holiday on Monday. The council discussed and approved three resolutions: Resolution 2018-R01 was approved which concerned donating \$1,000 to the West Nassau Historical Society for their upcoming Railroad Day Festival. The festival will be held Saturday, April 21 at 9 a.m. (Historical Society members Emily Baumgartner and Jerry Peterson met with Callahan Mayor Bobby Rau Friday to accept the donation.)

Resolution 2018-R02 was approved which concerned donating \$500 to the Relay For Life of Nassau County West.

Resolution 2018-R03 was also approved which concerned agreeing to and returning the Local Mitigation Strategy for Nassau County.

In other business, the first public hearing on Ordinance 2018-001 which concerned amending the Callahan Code to Conditional Use in the Commercial District to include Funeral Homes and Crematoriums.

During the 'around the council table' Councilwoman Kathy Smith gave accolades to Code Enforcement Gary Garver concerning the mobile home parks around town. "They have cleaned up their places and looking much



better," said Smith. "Also, construction on the new pavilions at park should start April 1 and be finished by the end of April."

The council discussed in length the 'road' or driveway called Mayor Graham Way. "A resident was in danger of receiving a large ticket for cutting through that road. Is it a road or not," asked Councilman Marty Fontes. The council continued talking about it with some saying it was only a driveway and others a road. It will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Council President Ken Bass advised the council that since the new Nassau County Fire Chief (Rigdon) took over the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department has been used numerous times: 263 to be correct, with 61 of those being in Callahan city limits. The remainder was around Callahan and throughout the county.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 5 at 7 p.m.

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# Raydient Dispute

The Board has attempted to work through the differences but have been unsuccessful in getting all parties to the table. An email was sent to Raydient and Stewardship Officials on December 21, 2017, asking for dates and times a public workshop could be held. February 12, 2018 at 4 p.m. was mutually agreed upon and the meeting was set. Not a single representative from Raydient or the East Nassau Stewardship District attended. A few days later, the County was made aware of Raydient's amendment to the State bills which were filed on January 26, 2018. The Board set a second meeting for February 16 and extended an invitation to Raydient and the East Nassau Stewardship to discuss the amendment and the issues at hand. Once again, neither Raydient nor Stewardship representatives attended the

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meeting.

Raydient's amendment is a back-door attempt to renege on the commitments promised by Raydient to the Board and citizens as outlined in the approved Stewardship District bill. This dispute does not belong in Tallahassee or in a statewide general bill and should be settled here in Nassau County, by both parties coming to the table and working towards a solution. All County Commissioners, management and key staff have fought this week to prevent Raydient's amendment from being adopted in the finalized bills. Senator Bean has filed an amendment to the Senate bill that strikes the language added by Raydient and restores the bill back to the original contents and intent. The Senate voted on this amendment Tuesday, February 27.

# Bryceville Community Club News

The Bryceville Community Club met Tuesday for their February meeting. Lauren Goode of Micah's Place was the guest speaker for the meeting. Lauren spoke of the services provided by Micah's Place to battered spouses or children. Micah's Place provides a 24 hour hotline (904-225-9979) for persons needing help. Consultation appointments may also be made by calling 904-548-7312. Micah's Place also has two resale centers called The Purple Dove. One is located in Callahan on SR 200 (A1A) in the El Dorado's shopping center. The other is located in Yulee down from Woody's Barbecue.



# Hunter Safety Courses Offered in March



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering free hunter safety internet-completion courses in nine counties in March. Students who have taken the online course and wish to complete the classroom portion must bring the online-completion report with them.

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Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course and have a hunting license to hunt alone (unsupervised). The FWC course satisfies hunter-safety training requirements for all other states and Canadian provinces.

**Saturday, March 10**

**Callahan • 8 a.m. – noon**

**Bryceville • 1-3 p.m.**

The specific locations for these classes will be given to those who register in advance. Those interested in attending a course can register online and obtain information about future hunter safety classes at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling the FWC's regional office in Lake City at 386-758-0525.

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 <b>March 19 - 23</b>				<b>1</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. Hilliard Town 7 p.m. NAMI Connections 2 p.m. Mickler St. County Bldg. TOPS Callahan 7 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m.	<b>2</b> Hilliard VFW 10095 7 p.m. Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> AA Meeting 904-399-8535 7 p.m.	<b>5</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. Hilliard Hookers Knit/Crochet - 6 p.m. YOGA @ Callahan Garden Club 6:30 p.m. Callahan Town 7 p.m.	<b>6</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. Westside Republican Club 7 p.m. Hilliard Community Ctr. YOGA @ Callahan Garden Club 6:30 p.m. Bryceville CAT 6 p.m.	<b>7</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings Parents of Addicted Loved Ones 6 p.m. Hilliard Library Dulcimer Jammers 10 a.m. Hilliard Library	<b>8</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. GNCCC Lunch & Learn Noon NAMI Connections 2 p.m. Mickler St. County Bldg. TOPS Callahan 7 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m.	<b>9</b> American Legion Post 401, Hilliard 7 p.m. Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin	<b>10</b> United Daughters of the Confederacy 11 a.m. Hilliard Library American Legion Hilliard Grand Opening
<b>11</b> AA Meeting 7 p.m.  Daylight Saving Time Begins	<b>12</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. WN Genealogical Society 10:30 a.m. Country Star Quilt Guild 7 p.m. Kelly's RV Clubhouse Hilliard Hookers Knit/Crochet - 6 p.m. Callahan CAT 6 p.m.	<b>13</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. Gardening Club of Hilliard - 7 p.m. Lions Club 7 p.m. YOGA @ Callahan Garden Club 6:30 p.m. Hilliard CAT 6 p.m.	<b>14</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings 6 p.m. Hilliard Library Dulcimer Jammers 10 a.m. Hilliard Library	<b>15</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. NAMI Connections 2 p.m. Mickler St. County Bldg. TOPS Callahan 7 p.m. Hilliard Town 7 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m.	<b>16</b> Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin 70s Class Reunion 4 p.m. Plantation Oaks	 St. Patrick's Day
<b>18</b> AA Meeting 7 p.m.	<b>19</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. Hilliard Hookers Knit/Crochet - 6 p.m.	<b>20</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. Bryceville Club 11 a.m. Library Advisory Board Meeting 3 p.m. - Bryceville Callahan Town 7 p.m. Spring Begins	<b>21</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. PAL Meetings 6 p.m. Hilliard Library Dulcimer Jammers 10 a.m. Hilliard Library Nassau Single Senior Citizens The Pig BBQ 1 p.m.	<b>22</b> AA Meeting 8 p.m. NAMI Connections 2 p.m. TOPS Callahan 7 p.m. BINGO American Legion Post 401 6 p.m. Historical Society 6:30 p.m. @ Depot	<b>23</b> Reformers Unanimous Addiction 7 p.m. Grace Baptist, Baldwin	<b>24</b>
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# JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Guns. Once again the tragedy in Broward County was the fault of a gun! There is no other reasonable explanation of 17 innocent people being massacred at a public high school except that gun. I will tell you here and now that the gun is the least of the cause of those students and faculty members being murdered. The primary cause was a deranged, mentally sick, demon possessed teenager that had incidents with law enforcement officer 39 times in his teen life (BCSO states it was only 23 times). Does this not throw up a red flag to someone? The FBI was notified of a disturbing social media post describing Cruz's intent and they failed to react properly. The BCSO armed Resource Officer at the school hid behind protection outside of the building while the deranged murderer was shooting innocent people. Then, three more BCSO Deputies arrived and they too hid outside while the killings continued. Yet they want us to turn in our guns so these type of people can protect us? Not this ole boy!

Governor Mat Bevin of Kentucky summed it up in an interview that you will never see on the main stream media. He stated, "We, America, do not have a gun problem, we have a cultural problem. A culture that is desensitized to death desensitized to the value of life. We celebrate death through our musical lyrics, celebrate death through our video games that literally reward you with extra points for going back and finishing people off. The family, the communities and the churches have been told remove themselves from the children's lives and just be quiet. Those are the foundations upon which America was built and which made America great."

He is totally right. The media and other groups need to find another cause because it is not a gun problem.

According to the web-based news source "Constitution" there is even another side to this tragedy. It appears as though the Broward County School Administration and

the Broward County Sheriff's Office had an agreement to reduce the amount of criminal reports and arrests to school age children. There motive was to improve their statistics which in return increased their state and federal granny money for improvements. This essentially made students above the law. As the program first began, only misdemeanors were excused, but soon after, even felonies including crimes such as assault, armed robbery and worse were being excused, just to help the statistics. Had this not been happening in Broward County, chances are good that the 39 contacts law enforcement had with Cruz may have prevented him from purchasing a rifle. Just as a warning, Miami-Dade has the same program and actually was the first to do so.

Several companies have severed their ties with the NRA after this latest massacre; First National Bank of Omaha is not going to renew its contract to issue the NRA Visa Card. Delta and United Airlines ended their contract with NRA for discounted rates. Two moving van companies severed their ties with the NRA, Allied Van Lines and North American Van Lines stating, "...they no longer have an affiliation with the NRA effective immediately." Avis, Budget, Hertz, Alamo, Enterprise and National Rental Car companies have also ended their NRA discount programs. Among other companies to fall prey to the liberal agenda and snub over five million NRA members are Starkey Hearing Technologies, MetLife, Chubb, TrueCar, Symantec and SimpliSafe. I will not be using the services of these companies!

Just in case my point is not clear, It is NOT A Gun Problem! It is a sick and wicked worldwide cultural problem because the world has replaced God with Satan. Put God back in America, our schools and our daily lives and I guarantee this type of senseless killing will cease. The only way to make America great again is to Bless God so He can Bless America!

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

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- March 6, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida 32097
- March 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Callahan Multi-Use Facility, 543350 US Highway 1, Callahan, Florida 32011

The meeting agenda may be found at [www.nassaucountyfl.com](http://www.nassaucountyfl.com).

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Some folks say that they are on God's team. I can't see the Coach's clipboard but I wonder if they are on his list because I don't hear their names called out for practicing on the field. I don't see them participating in any of the other team functions. And they don't have a uniform that identifies their membership.

There are many statements in the Bible about how to know if a person is a true lamb of God or a wolf in sheep's wool. Jesus said, "They'll know that you're my disciples by your love for one another."

Paul said, "For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers..." 1 Thessalonians 1:4-7a

Yes, team members can be identified by their practice and participation, and the uniform sure does help, too!

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As a newcomer to Fernandina Beach, Baptista considered the move from South Carolina to be the next step in her longtime dedication to helping people gain access to quality healthcare.

"Barbara is focusing on not only spreading the word but growing the much-needed medical and dental programs to reach more low-to moderate-income adults in our community who need the services, but may not be aware of them," said Wanda Lanier, Barnabas Center CEO. "She is also recruiting and utilizing more skilled volunteers, such as dentists, registered nurses and medical assistants, who can help serve more people without decreasing the quality of care or increasing our costs."

Baptista's career path illustrates how she has been a leader in helping people have a better life, including in her most recent position as the executive director of the Andersen Free Clinic in Andersen, SC. She has also served in other management roles for health clinics, and recreation and community activities. In short, Baptista knows how to develop and oversee programs and services that benefit individuals and families in need.

"I was drawn to Barnabas by its incredibly high level of respect in the community and its vision," Baptista said. "We have a strong leadership team, a dedicated volunteer base, a valuable mix of provider partners and generous donors who truly believe in our mission to provide assistance to individuals and families in crisis."

One of Baptista's key goals is to increase outreach and collaborative efforts in the county so she can let people know how to access Barnabas' health services. For example, utilize first responders, such as police and fire professionals who are on the front lines of communication with individuals and families in crisis. Likewise, churches can be an ideal setting for sharing the news that folks in need are not alone; there is a range of help available through Barnabas' health services, food pantry and crisis services programs.

"Barnabas' services may be based under one roof in Fernandina Beach, but we want the entire community to know that we are here to help people in every corner, and on every street, in Nassau County," said Baptista.

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## Callahan Masonic Lodge Initiates New Members

Callahan Masonic Lodge #32 initiated five new brothers: Gary Burchfield, III, Jeremy Holmes, Dustin Pate, Robert Paul and Quintin Register into the Lodge on Tuesday, February 6. Don Nichols, Secretary of the Lodge, presided in the East during the Entered Apprentice Degree or the first of the three degrees in Freemasonry. At the

conclusion of the degree Brother Nichols delivered the "Charge at Initiation" to 4 of the new brothers and then a special "Charge at Initiation of a Soldier" to Brother Paul. Brother Paul is in the U.S. Army and deployed the following day for a military tour of duty in Korea.

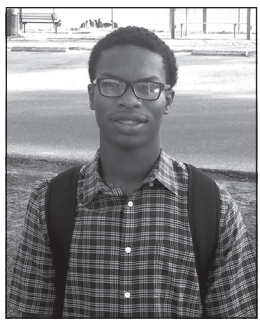


Shown are the new brothers with the degree team from (l to r): Paul Potrok, Eddie Bides, Bobby Prescott, John Wayne Nelson, Don Nichols, William Stewart, Robert Paul, Danny Johnson, Klynt Farmer, Dustin Pate, John Page, Herb Ray, Quintin Register, Charles Pope, Jeremy Holmes, JD Goodwine, Gary Burchfield, Brian Jahay, Dan Hare and Jerry Smith.

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This presentation is produced by the International Thespian Society Troupe (ITS) 5268. ITS is an honors organization for high school theatre students and is a



division of the Educational Theatre Association. The students will later travel to Tampa for State Competition in order to attain scholarships and college admissions.

The Jazz Cabaret will be held March 5-8 at 6 p.m. at West Nassau High School, 1 Warrior Drive, in the Black Box Theatre, Room 10-14. Tickets are \$7 for general population; and \$5 for students with ID. Children under the age of 5 not permitted. Dinner will be provided at a reasonable price.

## Westside Journal Visits Mahogany Bay!



Alzada Harrell Terry, of Hilliard, recently enjoyed 7 days of cruising with her coworkers on the Carnival Magic. The friends left from their fun trip out of Port Canaveral. They take a vacation together every year and this year didn't disappoint! They had a fabulous time visiting Cozumel Mexico, Belize, Mahogany Bay and Costa Maya!

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## Dempsey Awarded Adult Volunteer of the Year



Staten Dempsey was recently awarded the 2017-2018 Adult Volunteer of the Year award for the Nassau County School District. Staten was surrounded by the West Nassau girls softball team as he accepted the award. "Although Staten does not understand the significance of this award, he loved being with his people (softball team)...and at the end of the day said he was glad he went and had a great time," said his mother Dana Dempsey. "He does not understand he is a volunteer. He says working at the field is his job!" Staten is a 2013 graduate of West Nassau and has volunteered at the school since that time.

## Two Soccer Players Sign



West Nassau was proud to sign the first soccer scholarships from the school to two senior ladies! Congratulations to Logan Braddock and Shelby Durden who recently signed letters of intent to attend Brewton Parker College in Mt. Vernon, Georgia.

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# 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, February 19

Kayla Nicole Morris, 27, 38020 Holiday Drive, Callahan: Failure to Appear No Valid Driver's License

Johnny Dale Cash, 36, 3768 Hawk Drive, Hilliard: Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance; Driving While License/Revoked (No Prior Forcible Felony)

## Tuesday, February 20

Jacob Dylan Taylor, 56, 15641 CR 108, Hilliard: Burglary Structure/Occupied; Theft Over

David Allen Sallette, 28, 54019 Jerra Road, Callahan: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

## Wednesday, February 21

Joshua Ryan Crews, 36, 15635 CR 108, Hilliard: Sale of Controlled Substance (x2)

James Daryl White, 60, 15635 CR 108, Hilliard: Sale of Controlled Substance (x5); Possession Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell; Possession Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Matthew Dean McGlashing, 48, 45065 Dragonfly Way, Callahan: Felony Battery; Violation of Injunction for Protection

Jheri Juanell Miller, 27, 45030 Pumpkin Court 2, Callahan: Failure to Appear Criminal Mischief

Jamie Delaine Williams, 54, 15635 CR 108, Hilliard: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Leland Earl Wade, 72, 15635 CR 108, Hilliard: Unlawful Sell/Manufacturer/Deliver

## Thursday, February 22

Angie Megan Marie McKinney, 24, 45139 Arline Road, Callahan: Violation of Probation Public Assistance Fraud

Meghan Monet Wright, 25, 1050 Quail Ridge Road, Hilliard: Perjury by Contradictory Statements Official Proceed

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**CHRISTINA DIANE BARGERON**

Christina Diane Bargeron, 37, of Jacksonville, passed away on Monday February 19. She was born September 15, 1980. Christina graduated from West Nassau High School, class of 1999.

Christina loved her family deeply and enjoyed spending time with those she loved. Christina graduated from Orange Park Beauty Academy in 2005, becoming a fully licensed cosmetologist. She was an amazing stylist and took much pride in her trade and keeping her clients looking and feeling great. In 2016, Christina was able to live out another one of her dreams, opening her own barber shop, Christina's Shoppe Inc., in the town of Callahan that she loved dearly. Christina was such a beautiful light in the lives of everyone she met and loved them all.

Christina is survived by her loving husband of 18 years, David Bargeron; three sons Cody, Jacob and Jared; parents, Harry and Pamela Pickett; siblings Kenneth (Angela) Pickett, Heather (Chad) Butler, Ashley Franks, Benny Franks and Vincent Franks; and several nieces and nephews and many extended family and friends.

A visitation was held Thursday, February 22. Funeral services were held in the chapel at the funeral home Friday, February 23 with Bro. James Conner and Bro. Mark Woods officiating. Interment followed at Westview Cemetery on 5755 Pickettville Rd., Jacksonville.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.nassauhf.com](http://www.nassauhf.com).

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# OBITUARIES

**MYRTLE IRENE GODWIN**



Myrtle Irene Godwin, 96, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord on February 23. She was born on August 18, 1921 in Olustee, Florida to Aubrey and Bertie Williams. Myrtle was a member of Woodstock Park Congregational Holiness Church in Jacksonville. She enjoyed waking up early to read her Bible then start on her word search puzzle books which she absolutely loved. She enjoyed watching The Price is Right every chance she had. Her greatest love was her family and she adored her grandkids! She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Myrtle is survived by her daughters Janice (Billy) Smith and Kathryn (Bill) Stearns; grandchildren Morgan Fuson, Meghan Stearns, Annette Smith, Mark Godwin, John Godwin and Angela Godwin; six great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; five nieces and seven nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Gilbert Godwin; sons Marvin Godwin and Donald Godwin; sister Lavinia Daughtry; brothers Warren Williams, Francis Williams and Jennings Williams.

A viewing was held Sunday, February 25 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service was held Monday, February 26 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor George Dugger officiating. Interment followed in Memorial Cemetery in Lake City.

Pallbearers were Guy Williams, Dale Williams, Brent Williams, Ashley Fuson, Billy Smith and Bill Stearns.

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**WALTER FRANKLIN HUGHES**



Walter Franklin Hughes, 76, passed away peacefully at his home in Callahan on February 19. Walter split his time between Florida in the winters and Virginia in the summers. He enjoyed playing golf, planting and growing trees and loved music. He graduated from Luray High School in Virginia in 1960. Growing up in Luray, he taught himself to play guitar and harmonica and later on took an interest in keyboards and taught himself to play many songs on his electric organs. He retired in 1998, from Terminal Paper Bag Company in Yulee. Walter was a lifelong member of the Moose Club and was also a member of the Eagles Club for many years.

In his younger days, it was well known that Walt would be surrounded with his buddies having a good time shooting pool, playing music, going mud bogging and 4-wheeling on the sand dunes. He never met a stranger and would do anything for anyone to help out. Walt became much more reclusive in his later years and found joy in just staying home tending to his gardens, plants and trees and the occasional game of golf. He is predeceased by his parents Jennings Thurston Hughes and Beatrice Ellen Bailey.

Walter has three sons Jeffrey Hughes, Walter Hughes, II and Thurston Hughes; eight grandchildren Kristin, Kyle, Walt, III, Savannah, Curtis, Colin, Dillon and Emilee; three great-grandchildren Gabriella, Noah and Karoline; and a sister Barbara Ann Judd.

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**JANET MARIE MCKINNON**



Janet Marie McKinnon, 53, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord on February 19. Janet was born on October 7, 1964 in Salem, Virginia to James and Judy Carter. Janet had a love for animals, making flower arrangements and making crafts. She loved her family dearly and was a loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother.

She is survived by her loving husband Scott McKinnon; son Joseph (Jennifer) Kesler; daughters Jennifer (Tom) Kesler and Amanda (Jody) McKinnon; sister Jeanne (Robert) Adams; brothers Jack (Gayle) Farris, Billy (Jackie) Utt and Jamie (Marjoy) Carter; grandchildren Dallas Kesler, James Kesler, DJ Anderson, Alyssa White, Joshua White, Jr. and Jaydon White; brothers-in-law Mike (Penny) McKinnon and Buddy (Wanda) McKinnon; sisters-in-law Debra Montgomery and Roxanne (Wesley) McCord; her fur babies Mandy Jo, Levi and PomPom; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents James and Judy Carter.

A viewing was held Monday, February 26 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. A graveside service was held Tuesday, February 27 in Jones Cemetery with Pastor Tim Carpenter officiating.

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**TAYLOR OVERBY**



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and received a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources from Florida State University and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of North Florida.

Taylor was smart, beautiful, funny, talented and most of all kind. Her positive outlook through the most trying of circumstances was an inspiration to everyone who knew her.

Her family wishes to thank Dr. Ron Landmann, Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, Dr. Pashtoon Kasi, Jessica McMillan ARNP and Ashton Ritter PA-C as well as the other doctors and nurses at Mayo Clinic who provided exceptional care during her illness.

She is survived by her parents Joe and Kelly Overby of Jacksonville; siblings Justin (Kim) Carroll of Fernandina Beach, Philip (Katie) Overby of Jacksonville and Erika (Mike) Kelley of Nashville, Tennessee; her boyfriend Brian Long of Tampa; her grandparents Richard and Ceal Walker of Hilliard and Jean Overby of Neptune Beach; her aunts Kimberly Walker and Melanie (Grant) Denny; her uncles Jeff Overby and Richard (Christine) Overby; and her nephews and nieces Levi, Louis, Holden, Paisley, Caleb and Jennings.

Visitation was held prior to the Memorial Service held Saturday, February 24 at Oxley Heard Funeral Home. She was laid to rest at Bosque Bello Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Taylor's honor to First Coast No More Homeless Pets.

Please share your memories and condolences at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors.

### SSG-RET. COYLE REED, JR.



SSG-Ret. Coyle A. Reed, Jr., 88, of Hilliard, passed away February 24. He was born December 17, 1929 in Hilliard to the late Coyle A. Reed, Sr. and Vera Prevatt Reed. He proudly served his country in the US Army during Korea and Vietnam and retired in 1968. He was employed with Dixie Trucking and retired in 1985. Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by his wife Elfriede Christine Topfl Reed; a daughter Cynthia Ann Reed; his siblings Bobby, Carroll, Alene, Donald, Inez, Vernell and Althea.

He is survived by his children Gabriele Christine Burnsed, Charles A.

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Reed, Sandra Jane Wooten and Erika Knowles; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; four brothers Dallas, Cleveland, B.T. and Glen; and one sister Frances Rodenbarger.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 28 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home from 7-9 p.m. Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 1 at noon in the chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.shepardfh.com](http://www.shepardfh.com).

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

### LARRY EUGENE SCOTT



Larry Eugene Scott, 75, of Macclenny, passed away Tuesday, February 20. He was born in Morehead, North Carolina to the late Romain and Lola Scott. Mr. Scott was a resident of Baldwin, where he lived since the early 1970's. Larry enjoyed a career spanning many years as a truck driver, where he was known by his CB handle as "Singin' Poor Boy." He was a proud member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 2412 in Macclenny; VFW Post 7909 of Jacksonville; and also American Legion Post 83 of Macclenny. In his free time, Larry enjoyed fishing and the outdoors, as well as singing at the Moose Lodge in Macclenny. Larry was a very family-oriented man and will be remembered for being a friend to many. He loved being around people and making them laugh. Mr. Scott was also an avid fan of the Gators, Jaguars and Atlanta Braves. He will be missed by many for his sentimental spirit and quick sense of humor.

He is survived by his daughters Tammy (Mike) Harris and Corrina Howle, all of Bryceville and Julie Rousseau of Macclenny; his beloved dog Peewee; his brother William (Lu) Scott of Jacksonville; sisters Deana (Bill) Hadden of Callahan, Brenda (Buddy) Wright of Keystone Heights and Debbie (David) Luttrell of Jacksonville; grandchildren Michael Harris, Shane (Aleena) Howle, Amy Howle, Jessica (Jarrod) Mize, Cody Hodges, Andrea (John) Marecki, Kayce (Earike) Dobson and Colt

Rousseau; nine great-grandchildren; as well as numerous other family members. He was preceded in death by his parents; the mother of his children Phyllis Scott; wife Dorothy "Joyce" Scott; and his sister Sunny Nelson.

Funeral Services were held Friday, February 23 at Forbes Funeral Home, Macclenny with Rev. Bill Hadden officiating. His family received friends Thursday, February 22 also at the funeral home. Arrangements by Forbes Funeral Home, Macclenny, 904-259-4600.

Sign the online guestbook at [www.forbesfuneralhome.net](http://www.forbesfuneralhome.net).

### MILTON GREENE THIGPEN



Milton Greene Thigpen, 79, passed away on February 24. He was born on September 6, 1938 to John Milton and Nelle Sieg Thigpen in Jacksonville.

He was an entrepreneur at an early age. At age 18 he enlisted in the US Army and was in the Reserves for an additional 8 years. He was a local plumbing contractor in the Jacksonville area and surrounding counties for many years. Milton was a drag racer and a stock car racing track owner and promoter for many years. He ran races at the Golden Isle Speedway in Brunswick, Georgia and was a partner for a while at Jax Speedway. Milton

also bought and sold land and houses. After many successful ventures in various businesses, he reverted back to his roots and went to selling produce and Christmas trees in Jacksonville until his passing. Many will miss his kindness and helping hands...that he was always ready to give.

He was predeceased by his parents; two daughters Sandra Claire Proctor and Karen Marie Domin; granddaughter Lisa Marie Delaney; sister and her husband Jackie and Ronnie Hodges; niece Mary Jo Thigpen.

He leaves behind his wife of 27 years, Linda Gayle Thigpen; daughters April Devine and Christine Branch; step-daughters Andrea (Craig) Williams and Amy (Eric) Haddock; step-son Louie Durrence; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers John (Carolyn) Thigpen and Jim (Margaret) Thigpen; sister Lynn Roberson; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; dear friends Leroy (Donna) Ricketts, George (Linda) Smith and Bobby (Berniece) Griffin.

A viewing will be held Wednesday, February 28 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel from 6-8 p.m. Funeral service will be held Thursday, March 1 at 2 p.m. in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Jim Thigpen officiating. Interment will follow in Jones Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Milton, the family requests that everyone vote to re-elect President Trump in the 2020 election.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.nassaufh.com](http://www.nassaufh.com). Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

In Loving Memory of

*Taylor Michelle Overby*

February 6, 1992 - February 22, 2018



My Taylor Michele,

When I Lost You

I wish I could see you one more time, come walking through the door...but I know that is impossible, I will hear your voice no more. I know you can feel my tears and you don't want me to cry, yet my heart is broken because I can't understand why someone so precious had to die. I pray that God will give me strength and somehow get me through...as I struggle with the heartache that came when I lost you.

Always, Nannie Ceal

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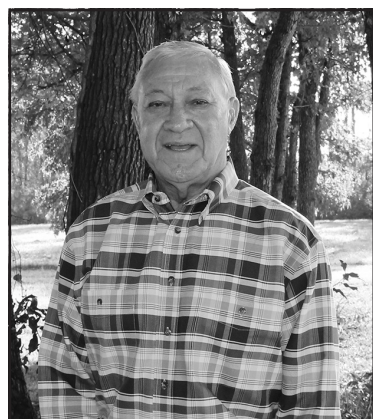


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*An open letter from Rayonier to the residents of Nassau County*



Dear Neighbors,

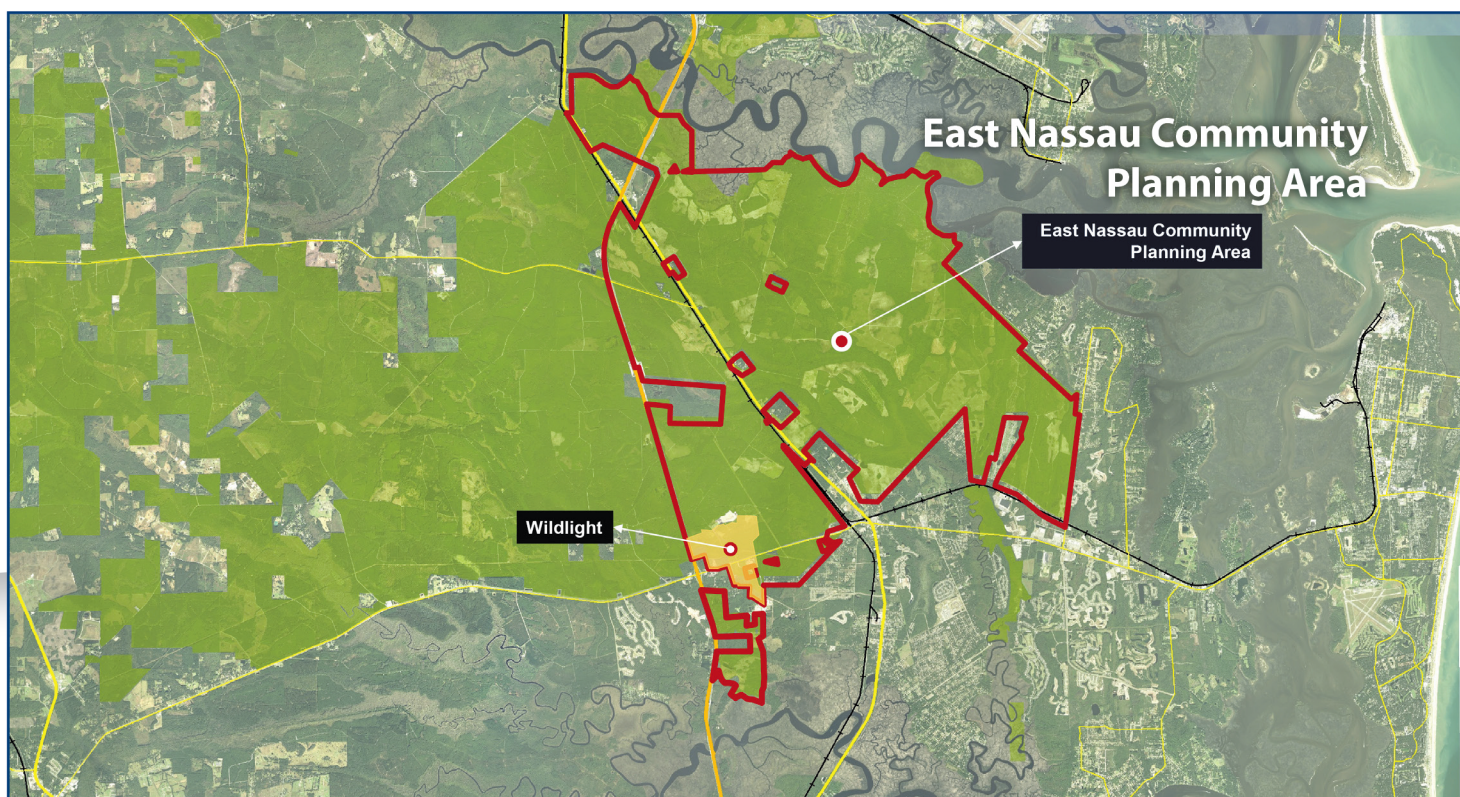
A lot has been said recently by Nassau County about Rayonier and its Raydient Places + Properties subsidiary's commitment to provide land for future parks in the East Nassau Community Planning Area (ENCPA) and the value of the impact fees to be paid by builders within the ENCPA as they relate to the future impacts of its growth. We thought it was time to set the record straight. We have, and will continue, to meet or exceed every commitment we've made to the County in this regard.

While we stand by our commitments, today no people live in the ENCPA or Wildlight Village. It should be obvious from the aerial photo below that the trees within the ENCPA are not what is putting a strain on County parks. Rather, it is the last 30-40 years of development in Nassau County without consistent growth management that created these conditions.

Our roots really do run deep in Nassau County. We've been here for over 80 years. This is home now to our global headquarters. We have many hundreds of employees and retirees who live here with their families. We stand prepared to work with the County, as we always have, to help solve problems through public-private partnerships—even those we did not create, like the overcrowded parks. All we ask is for a level playing field in which all developments across the County pay their fair share, just as we've committed to do.

Sincerely,

Rayonier and Raydient Places + Properties



*Nassau County's population is roughly 81,000 people. The ENCPA, outlined in red, has zero residents.*