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"THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU, THE MIGHTY WARRIOR WHO SAVES. HE WILL TAKE GREAT DELIGHT IN YOU; IN HIS LOVE HE WILL NO LONGER REBUKE YOU, BUT WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH SINGING." - ZEPHANIAH 3:17



It's time
for the

NORTHEAST FLORIDA FAIR

Dawn S. West

Due to Hurricane Milton, the Fair will not open until Friday, October 11 at 5 p.m. The Northeast Florida Fairgrounds continues to impress as they follow their vision and complete projects throughout each year. Last year, there were many changes made at the fairgrounds. This year, most of all the sidewalks have been completed joining all the separate venues together.

The main entrance to the fair is on Musslewhite Road and parking is in the paved lot. Handicap parking is on the front service road. The main entrance is covered with a nice big pole barn with lots of lighting. To exit the fair, drivers will be directed to a new road that leads to a gate directly onto US 1 north. There is also a new, large parking lot available located north of the paved parking area.

As you enter, you will see a wide sidewalk that eventually will make a large T. As you walk about halfway down the sidewalk, to the right will be entertainment shows: racing pigs, chainsaw artist, etc. Following the sidewalk to the right, past the shows, are the animal barns. The first barn has the barn animals (4-H, FFA) cows, chickens, pigs; the second is the show barn; and the third barn is for the



horses and longhorns.

To the left side of the main sidewalk, is the entrance to the midway of rides, games and food vendors. Straight ahead on the main sidewalk will be the entertainment barn complete with seating and picnic tables.

The fair will be in town for 10 days: Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 20. The fair opens at 5 p.m. each weekday and noon on the weekends. The complete fair schedule and daily specials are located on page 16 of this week's paper. For more information, visit: www.neffair.org.

I always look forward to all the good smells of all the food cooking. It's a great time to see so many families out together, and the smiles on the children's faces are priceless. One of my favorite events is the Barnyard

Olympics, which will be held Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The entertainment will be held at the entertainment pavillion. Entertainment includes: Saltwater Gypsies Band; Royal Amelia Dance; Nassau Community Concert Band; Callahan Male Chorus; Double Down Band starring Teresa Mask; Community Bluegrass Group; Hilliard High School Band; West Nassau High School Band; Tyson Love & Band; Bluff 5 Band; Callahan Dance Academy; Nassau Community Jazz Band; Robin Braddock's Musical Showcase; and ELVIS: A Tribute by Ted Torrez & Band.

The Market Animal Sale, steers, swine and lambs, will be held Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m. The Youth Parade of Champions will be held Sunday, October 13 at 4 p.m.

At the main entrance you will be greeted with brightly lit ticket booths and helpful attendants. Admission prices are: Adults: \$8 (13+); Youth: \$5 (6-12); 5 & under, Free; Military: (with ID) \$5; and Senior Citizens \$5 (65+). These prices are only for admission. Make sure to look at all the special prices and dates on page 16 of this week's paper.

See you at the Fair!

Hilliard Proclaims October Blood Clot Awareness Month

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first meeting of October. The first item was a proclamation read by Hilliard Mayor John Beasley concerning proclaiming the month of October Emily Adkins Blood Clot Awareness Month. The proclamation included: Whereas, the nonprofit Emily's Promise works with medical professionals and the public to educate Floridians about the life-threatening risks associated with blood clots; October is a significant month as Emily Adkins, the namesake of Emily's Promise, passed away on October 21, 2022, from a pulmonary embolism caused by a preventable blood clot; and Emily Adkins was a rising star in Nassau County health care, a dedicated



community volunteer, and a proud graduate of Fernandina Beach High School and the University of North Florida; and according to the National Blood Clot Alliance, an estimated 900,000 Americans are affected by
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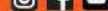
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A Word
From the Publisher

As our country continues the recovery efforts from a catastrophic hurricane, here we go again preparing for yet another one. I am old enough to remember Hurricane Dora that actually came directly into our east coast for a direct hit. I was a young child and really the part I remember is the preparation my parents tried to do to protect themselves and their young children. Of course, the storm came through during the night, which we all hate. There's almost nothing worse than not being able to see what's going on outside but sometimes I guess it's best. I just remember mom and dad placing mattresses in our small hallway and we all piled up there. The sounds were frightening as my parents lay awake listening to the crashing on our home from all sides. My mom shared that we made it through with a hole in the roof over the kitchen and no power for several days. God is good.

On another occasion, we also had a tornado come through Callahan. This was when we lived in our two-story home on Mickler Street. It was early afternoon. I remember being at home with Gus and Mom. Mom realized the skies darken quickly and the clouds were ominous. Mom directed me to go inside and she and Gus went out and pulled the clothes off of the clothesline. I went inside and went upstairs. Within a few seconds, I actually felt the top floor of our house shake. I started screaming and here came my mom up the stairs to rescue me. As fast as it came through it left. Mom had a pretty nice cut on the top of her foot where the front window blew out when she went by to come and get me. We assumed the tip of the tornado must have bounced off of the viaduct and bounced on the top of our house and moved on. Again, God is so good.

By the time you are reading this, we have already been through whatever Hurricane Milton has done. I prayerfully continue to ask for God's protection for our state. These storms are a great reminder of life. We go through many storms in our lives that can completely knock us off our feet...if we allow them too. We must remember that we have a loving and faithful God who is right beside us through each storm. We can ask for no better comfort than His love and protection. Take a moment to look back through some of the storms of life.

At that time, you were in turmoil. But if you think back, God pulled you through it. The sad part is many times we don't even realize His great hand upon our lives.

I have learned so much, with age, that I can do nothing without my loving, caring God. Do I suffer hard times, of course. But finally, I've learned that the tough times draw me even closer to my Lord and Savior. He will never leave me or forsake me. He is my constant guide and a friend like no other. People will fail you but God remains the same. He will never leave you.

I share these stories of storms that I have lived through as a reminder or the preparation for a storm. We make sure we have the water, food, generator, etc. These are wise things to do. However, are you prepared for eternity? I know that sounds like a downer but...we don't know what tomorrow will bring. You don't have to have a storm to take your life. Now is the time to make your preparation for eternity. God is the best choice. He has promised to give us life eternal but we have to ask forgiveness of our sins and ask Him to come into our lives completely so we can live for Him. I certainly don't want to spend eternity in Hell, and yes, there is such a place. Why not choose Jesus today? He is the only way. Now is the time. Please feel free to come and ask me about my Jesus or I can direct you to others that can share with you.

Remember: God is good ALL the time!
Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

Callahan Approves Community
First Credit Union Site Plan

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first meeting of October. The first order of business was the Second and Final Reading concerning the Town of Callahan applying for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. The council agreed to apply for the Neighborhood Revitalization Category in the amount of \$650,000. The grant would help for the rehabilitation of 36 manholes; and the replacement of several sewer lines in town. The council approved to move forward with the grant.

The next agenda item was the approval of Resolution 2024-R09 which concerns authorizing the implementation of the long-term and short-term objectives of the CDBG.

The following item, Resolution 2024-R10, was approved which concerned approving the match payment of \$25,000 for the town's portion of the grant.

Resolution 2024-R11 was also approved, which concerned the submission of the application by the Town of Callahan for the CDBG Grant in the amount of \$650,000.

The next agenda item concerned the council's approval on the Site Plan for Community First Bank. Barbara Bartley, representing Community First Credit Union, was on hand, along with their chief marketing officer, contractor, engineers, etc., to answer any questions the council might have concerning Community First or the



project. "Community First was actually in Callahan back in 2010. It was following the collapse of the economy and wasn't a very good decision," said Bartley. "Currently, we (Community First) still have 1,700 members in the Callahan area, that are still banking with us. We feel it's time to come back. Community First is very community focused and likes to be involved in what's happening around the area."

The following item was a request for Mickler Street to be closed from US 301 to Second Avenue on Saturday, October 26 for The Old Farmhouse Fall event. Callahan Mayor Randy Knagge said, "I've looked this over and the only concern I have is that closing the Mickler to Second Avenue will block a resident's home driveway. If they can make sure to not block their driveway, I think it is okay."

Town Clerk Shawna Gugliuzza advised the council she would contact The Old Farmhouse.

The next agenda item was the approval of Resolution 2024-R12 which concerned the approval to hold the Callahan Christmas Parade Saturday, December 7 at 11 a.m. hosted by the West Nassau Historical Society.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, October 21 at 7 p.m.

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Hilliard Proclaims

blood clots each year, with 100,000 lives lost to this preventable condition annually; and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that blood clots can strike anyone at any age, with risk factors including surgery, pregnancy, and cancer treatment-killing more Americans than car accidents, AIDS, and breast cancer combined; and recognizing emerging medical advancements, such as medical thrombectomy, can lead to improved detection and removal of blood clots, ultimately saving more lives; and I, John P. Beasley, Mayor of the Town of Hilliard, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as "Emily Adkins Blood Clot Awareness Month" in the Town of Hilliard. Beasley presented the proclamation to Douglas and Janet Adkins, Emily's parents.

"I just want to thank the mayor and the council for this proclamation. The proclamation really helps us to get the word out," said Douglas Adkins. "Blood clots are a serious threat to our health. With any surgery, you should ask your doctor, What's my blood clot prevention plan?"

The first agenda item was the approval of Resolution 2024-17 that concerned authorizing the Hilliard Middle-Senior High School Homecoming Parade, which was held Friday, October 4.

The next agenda item was to set a workshop for the Hilliard Elementary School to have a 'Mock Town Council

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Meeting' in honor of City Government Week October 21 – 27. The workshop is set for Tuesday, October 22 at 6 p.m. where the 3rd Grade Essay winners will be announced with their essays, "If I was Hilliard Mayor I would..." The winner of the essay (3rd grader) will serve as the mayor in the mock council meeting while the council will consist of 5th graders. The public is invited to attend.

The following item concerned the council's approval to adopt the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2029, for the Town of Hilliard.

The town council approved the Town Employee Grade/Step Pay Increases and benefits for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

In closing comments, Town Land Use Administrator Lee Anne Wollitz, advised the council that County Manager Taco Pope along with members of the County Planning Department will be here to give a presentation on the 2050 Vision Plan. "I'm asking you all (council) to meet them prior to the October 17 meeting to hear the complete presentation," said Lee Anne Wollitz.

The council approved a workshop at 6 p.m. prior to the October 17 meeting to listen to the 2025 Vision Plan from the county.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, October 17 at 7 p.m. with a workshop at 6 p.m.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Here we go again. By the time our paper is delivered to you we will be in the midst of another hurricane. Hopefully the mad-scientists won't mess with this one! Yes, I said it. As long as I have lived, I have never witnessed anything like we all have seen from hurricane Helene.

My suspicions began with the wild fire in Maui and now Helene. It's all too coincidental for me to believe. The supposed wildfire in Hawaii was not a normal wildfire! Nothing about that fire that killed residents and destroyed that quaint town follows anything that I have studied and/or witnessed in my career as a firefighter. I am totally in belief that the fire was manipulated by manmade actions. Many times, I have wanted to write about it, but didn't due to how absurd it may sound. Take a look at the video logs on YouTube, look at what was destroyed and wasn't destroyed. Look at the cars that were abandoned on roadways and burned so hot that the aluminum wheels melted and right next to them are cars that are perfectly fine. Also notice how anything blue didn't burn. I whole heartily think this was planned and carried out utilizing Directed Energy Weapons (that actually do exist), or commonly known as lasers. For the skeptics, ask yourself how can a 12-inch steel beam melt and less than 20 feet away, blue umbrellas and wood and fabric seat cushions not be totally destroyed?

Now take a look at Helene, most hurricanes start to fizzle upon making landfall. This storm traveled hundreds of miles north across Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia leaving a path of total destruction and hundreds of lives taken. No, I do not

in any way believe this is a cause due to climate change. I do believe in weather manipulation through Eco-Engineering. Yes, that's a real thing also. When man starts messing with the weather under the guise of climate change, I am relatively sure bad things are going to occur. I also believe when a population becomes corrupt and evil, God turns His head and allows tribulations to fall upon the masses.

In November, we will decide our future, as Bishop Alton Williams of the WorldOverComers church said, "I can't vote for a party that is for all kinds of sexual perversions, I can't do it. I can't vote for a party that's gonna accept transgenders going into women's restrooms, I can't do it. I can't do it. I can't go with a party that wants to cut little girls breast off to make them boys. I can't go with a party that says you can be a boy today and a girl tomorrow, I can't do it, I can't do it. I can't support a party that wants to remove God from its party platform, you're in trouble when the nation forgets God. I can't follow a party that wants to sexualize our children in school, put drag-queens in front of them reading them little children's stories, I can't do it. I can't support a party that wants to take the rights of parents away, in California right now parents are being arrested because they won't go along with the sexualization of their children, but there are many parents that are compromised. Y'all got to make a decision, is it God or the devil?"

I firmly stand behind Bishop Williams! Vote wisely!


As always...that's just my opinion! Trump 2024

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Freedom Starts in Your Mind

Pastor Walter Cooper, He Changed My Mind Ministries, Callahan



After spending the day feeding livestock, I let one of my calves out of the holding pen and re-introduced him to the herd. As I approached his pen, as always, he greeted me with a hello and anticipated some sweet feed in his feeding trough, but I didn't have any. I didn't inform him that yesterday was the last day he would eat in that pen, with his brother approaching the entry gate at a glance. To my surprise, I opened the gate and encouraged him to come out. He waited to walk to the gate that was open. He looked around in amazement that something was different, but he could not understand why Tim had opened the gate for him and his brother.

Freedom is a state of mind that we can choose to experience in any given circumstance. We always have a choice to "be" free. Nothing or no one should control our minds to prevent us from being free, and no despair should ever make us feel like we didn't have a choice to be free. Countless stories in the word of God give us great examples of how we can be free. The Apostle Paul tells the Galatia church in Galatians 5:1, *"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us accessible, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."*

Paul, the apostle, reminds the church that we can stand fast in the freedom we have gained through Christ's precious blood. He also encouraged the church to be not entangled again with the yoke of sin. We can take advantage of one of the greatest gifts once we change our minds to come to Jesus and live for him. He gives us John 8:36, *"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."* This is a powerful scripture that Jesus Christ speaks, emphasizing that true freedom is found in him. Whatever you're going through, life may be challenging. Situations may be grave, but you can still be accessible. You can experience the peace, love, and enjoyment that Christ wants to give to all of us by simply asking him to help you endure the grief and suffering you are experiencing.

We are no different from a cow or any animal, and we can choose to walk in that freedom today to have liberty by taking a leap of faith. Psalms 119:45, *"I will walk in freedom, I have devoted myself to your commandments."* These verses remind us daily that true liberty comes from walking with God as he helps us to live a spirit life, not only serving him but serving others and our lives, giving him glory.

As we reflect on our lives, the spirit of God reveals to us some things that have had us bound for years. Let us embrace what has been given to us through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and his love so that he can live in our lives and have the freedom God has graciously bestowed upon us.

Eventually, when the herd began to get closer to those two cows that were separated, they realized as they greeted one another that they had the opportunity to be free. God always sends us help and comfort through someone through a spoken word that reminds us that we do not have to live our lives defeated and bound. We can be free from bondage and sin.

We understand that a lot is going on in the world. Today, would you be encouraged? Freedom starts on the inside of you. You have the power to choose, just as the woman did with the issue of blood. I can stay in the same predicament I am in or do something different about it. You chose to be a child of God so you can experience the freedom he gives, and it only comes through him. You belong to the king of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Be free today; it starts in your mind.

Grace And Peace from Our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ

Buford Grove Baptist Church Welcomes New Pastor

Buford Grove Baptist Church Hilliard, is proud welcome Pastor Keith Carringer, his wife Bethany and their children Ashton, Avonlee and Wesley, this Sunday, October 13. The Carringers are native Floridians and are moving north from Highlands Baptist Church in Lake Placid, Florida. The young family are very excited about the opportunity to serve with the wonderful fellowship of Buford Grove Baptist Church.

"With all my heart, I want to reach Nassau County for Christ," said Pastor Keith. "My vision would be to see God do great things at Buford Grove. I believe He can and I believe He will."

Service times at Buford Grove Baptist Church are: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and Wednesday at 7 p.m. The church is located at 553274 US 1 - N, Hilliard. For more information call (904) 845-3656.



Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

It's the spooky season. Do you have skeletons, witches or wizards in your family closet? In 1962, the town of Salem, Massachusetts, executed 20 innocent victims, six men and 14 women for practicing witchcraft. Five of these people had no children, the other 15 victims left descendants for several generations. One was Rev. George Burroughs, his most famous descendant was Walt Disney, his sixth great-grandson, pioneer of the animation industry, and developer of Disneyland and Disney World.

Burroughs is a direct descendant of King Edward I of England. Because of this relationship he and Disney are related to many other famous people. They are distantly related to 18 presidents, six U.S. Generals, 15 signers of The Declaration of Independence, two Mayflower passengers, and many more famous people.

What do the skeletons in your closet reveal? Want to find out how to search through that family closet?

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

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Generic-Brand vs. Name-Brand

As a financial coach I discovered one area of over-spending is typically in the food category of the budget. Years ago, I took a deep dive into this and found that an easy way to save money when buying groceries is to buy generic brands.

It is time to really put generic and name-brand prices to the test: Can you save more by buying generic ingredients for meals? Most of the time you can. The only time I buy brand-named items are when they are on sale, or a coupon makes them cheaper than generic brand.

I compared three dinner recipes for a family of four based on today's prices at Winn Dixie. Here is the breakdown:

Recipe #1: Spaghetti (93% savings choosing generic)

Ingredients	Generic Price	Name Brand Price
Ground beef (1 pound)	\$3.79	\$5.99
Sauce	\$1.89	\$4.59
Noodles	\$1.79	\$3.89
Total:	\$7.47	\$14.47

Recipe #2: Creamy Chicken and Rice Casserole (50% savings choosing generic)

Ingredients	Generic Price	Name Brand Price
1 can of chicken	\$4.29	\$5.39
Instant white rice (1 Box)	\$1.99	\$3.59
Cream of chicken soup	\$1.19	\$1.99
Cream of celery soup	\$1.19	\$1.99
Cream of mushroom soup	\$1.19	\$1.99
Butter (4 ounces)	\$2.99	\$3.99
Frozen Veggie Mix (1 Bag)	\$2.99	\$4.89
Total:	\$15.83	\$23.83

If you buy the generic for these two meals, you will save \$15. To me, that extra \$15 could help me fill my gas tank up halfway or pay for a haircut. And that is not even counting how much you could save by buying store brands for breakfast and lunch items, cleaning supplies, toiletries, and snacks. I encourage you to spend time looking at various generic brands when shopping.

If you are frustrated and have not been able to make ends meet with your grocery budget, try going completely generic for a couple of months. You might be surprised by the extra cash you have at the end because it all adds up!

Yvette Outler is a Dave Ramsey's Solution Master Financial Coach. If you are in over your head in debt and need hope and help, contact her at Fiscallyfree7@gmail.com.



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Obscene Books

Dear Editor,

Madeline Murray O'Hare, anybody out there remember that name? Well, this should jog your memory! She was a notorious atheist who managed single-handedly to drive God out of our schools. That worked well didn't it? She worked for the American Atheist, along with several other people who worked for this publication. If anything, at least we can say she was an atheist. By the way she (at age 76) and her son and her granddaughter were kidnapped and murdered and dismembered by some of her atheist friends (nice friends).

The people who have brought Satan into our schools now, claim to be Christians (some of them anyway). They have thrown away their Christian souls and their supposed knowledge of the scriptures to settle a lawsuit?! I am a different religion than most of you out there but I can remember stories of people who gave their lives, being thrown to lions and torn apart, being beheaded and thrown in dumps rather than give up their Christian lives.

I'm not going to name names here because they know who they are and you know what they are. They are putting pornographic books back in our schools for our children to read. In my religion, pornography is a great sin against God. Nikita Khrushchev said he would spoon feed Communism to our children... Now NCSB is passing out the spoons! PS Communism is an atheist belief.

If what is prophesied in the Bible takes place, a lot of people will have to claim their Christianity or be killed. I can tell you that there are several people in Nassau County who will run for cover if anybody comes after Christians.

How dare you? Put pornographic material in front of our children? How dare you those that voted for these traitors of our youth not to go to their faces and confront them on these decisions. I don't have any children in school right now but if I did, you can bet I would be right there with you. Lose a lawsuit or lose your soul, let's see which should we do? NAMES? If you want them just look them up!

If you want mine here it is,
Jackie Sikes

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.

In Response

Dear Editor,

While I do not think either candidate for president has spelled out enough specifics on what they plan to do for the next 4 years as opposed to their spending too much time attacking their opponents, I did find the statistics in your recent 'Just My Opinion' piece interesting: 'The upper half pays 97.7% of income tax paid in and the top 1% pays 42.3% of the entire total'. Speaking of that top 1%, it is also interesting to note that for the highest-earning 1% of Americans at the end of 2022, their share of the country's wealth grew to 26% from 17% in 1990 - nine percentage points. So, the richer get richer as well have always known but that is a large concentration of wealth in the hands of such a small percentage. Also makes me wonder what else those 1% elite control?!

Tom Taylor

Our Broken Country

Dear Editor,

If you believe the Kamala Harris and Tim Walz ticket, you will also believe there is ocean front property for sale in Arizona.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." Psalm 33:12. "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God," Psalm 9:17

When a nation forgets God/Jesus, it has no standards at all. The attitude toward life is if it sounds good, let's go for it, especially if it's ungodly.

"This know also, that in the last days, perilous times shall come," II Timothy 3:1

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived," II Timothy 3:13

"And don't forget the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and their neighboring towns, which were filled with sexual immorality, and every kind of sexual perversion. Those cities

were destroyed by fire, and are a warning of the eternal fire, that will punish all who are evil." Jude 7 (The Living Bible paraphrased)

Our culture is so terribly broken, pitifully sick and rotten.

Jack Lewis

Election 2024

Dear Editor,

Upon growing up in the 1940s and 1950s, my family was democrats, because that party took care of people that worked for a living. In 1952, I graduated from high school and joined the US Air Force. In 1954, I turned 24 years old, and became a Democrat and that was the age Kentuckians were allowed to vote. I supported my party for years and had stayed in the USAF as a career. Years later, a democratic politician named Barack Obama became president and things in the democratic party changed for the worse. I then changed by party affiliation to Republican.

The democratic party did not support the military as they should have and made people in the military feel like second class individuals. Now I am 91 years old and we need to elect a new president. The present democrats in charge will tell you anything they think will make you vote for them. Strange things happened during the election of 2020 during the voting process which were questionable. The Republican party was leading by large margins and during the early morning hours, suddenly the democrats were leading. There were discrepancies of vote counting in several states and can be found online.

When former President Trump mentions this, his is chastised. Now we have cackling Kamala running for president and you know when she is lying because her lips are moving. To quote a good writer of another article in this weekly paper, 'That's just my opinion.'

Dick Sharp

Policies?

Dear Editor,

People have to admit the real Trump is at his rallies and in the interviews. You can do your research on YouTube. He never specifically states a policy while rambling about nothing related to the topic. How is he going to create jobs for the middle class? What is his policy on child care assistance? Health care? How will he fight against enormous corporate greed? Why does he want to deport legal immigrants in addition to illegal immigrants? Why does he feel he needs to speak lies of our declining society? Why is everything he says so negative? How does he think he can end the war in Ukraine with a phone call?

I see the Trump signs around town and wonder how different I am from the people that live there? I'm sure many of you reading this woke up just as I did this morning - in a beautiful town, where your kids have good jobs, your grandkids go to great schools and you will probably watch them play ball this week. Your stocks are worth more than ever before and it's just going up. You didn't have to see an immigrant, gay person or transgender person all day. What more could you want?

I think the difference is, I believe in everyone's rights. Even the ones that are not like me. Project 2025 provides for the government to take away many rights of all minorities and women. Yes, prices are much higher than they were. That is not due to inflation, it is because of corporate mergers and greed. And the interest rates are set by the Federal Reserve, not the President. Four years ago, you were happy to have toilet paper and hoping you didn't lose a family member. We would love to be farther forward, but we definitely do not want to go backwards.

Bonita Collins

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Our special friend, Dana Yoachum, who makes Blanket Buddies (stuffed animals wrapped up in a handmade baby blanket) and donates them to The Nest, Women's Center, is working on another project. This time, she wants to make special fall and Christmas lap blankets for the residents at the Life Care Center of Hilliard. She sent a picture of the ones she has already done! She is in need of any fall or Christmas colored yarn to help with the project, if anyone would like to donate some.

Donations of yarn may be brought to the Westside Journal office, 450032 SR 200, and we will make sure Dana receives them in a timely fashion. Thank you to all that will help with this special project!



Hilliard Middle School Homecoming



King Kaleb Hilliard
Queen Brogen Pinker

October Tea Party Held

The Callahan Garden Club's members enjoyed an October Tea Party at the home of Barbara Wheeler. Following a brief business meeting, Barbara shared information on camellias. She highlighted the history of camellias from China to the southern United States and instructions on best planting and care methods, growth habits and how to select the best plant for your garden. One lucky member received a camellia japonica, Rosea Plena, as a door prize. Following lunch, the members shared in a plant exchange.



The Callahan Garden Club meets the first Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. at the Garden Club, 45251 Fourth Avenue in Callahan. Anyone interested in horticulture or gardening is welcomed to attend. Please make plans to join us...you'll be inspired!

Poker Run Held to Support The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall



Michael Mekara, BCS

The Blank Check Society (BCS) of America, Nassau County Chapter sponsored a Fundraising Poker-Run for the VFW Auxiliary Post 10095, located in Hilliard. The theme for this special event was: The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall. All proceeds collected, were donated to the VFW Auxiliary to ensure the funds are used for the incoming wall. Any funds remaining over budget will be used for Veterans, children and families of Veterans/ Nassau County. The BCS was happy to announce that over \$4,000 was donated from this event.

Over 75 Riders joined our efforts, including members of the American Legion Riders, VFW Riders, AmVet Riders and many more. We were saddened that we didn't have any Vietnam Veteran Riders on hand to share their stories. All enjoyed a wonderful meal, numerous raffles and a Live Auction. Special thanks to Lowes of Fernandina Beach for donating a Tailgating Package for the Auction, Pop's Creations for the awesome wood work pieces donated, Callahan Barbecue for their amazing coleslaw and to ALL the other businesses/ organizations that donated items. We greatly appreciated ALL the Volunteers,

especially the individuals who prepared the pork dinners.

Along with the kind assistance of the Town of Hilliard and the NE Florida Fairgrounds, The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be arriving at the NE Florida Fairgrounds April 17, 2025 (Easter weekend). The VFW Auxiliary Post 10095 worked on this project for over 2 1/2 years. It's very exciting to see so many individuals willing to help. Our country is indebted to these Vietnam Veterans for their sacrifices and loyal dedication to this great country.

This Traveling Memorial stands as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War. It was made for the purpose of helping heal and rekindle friendships and to allow people the opportunity to visit loved ones in their home town who otherwise may not be able to make the trip to Washington. The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall consists of names listed by day of casualty. As of May 2021, there were 58,281 names on The Wall.

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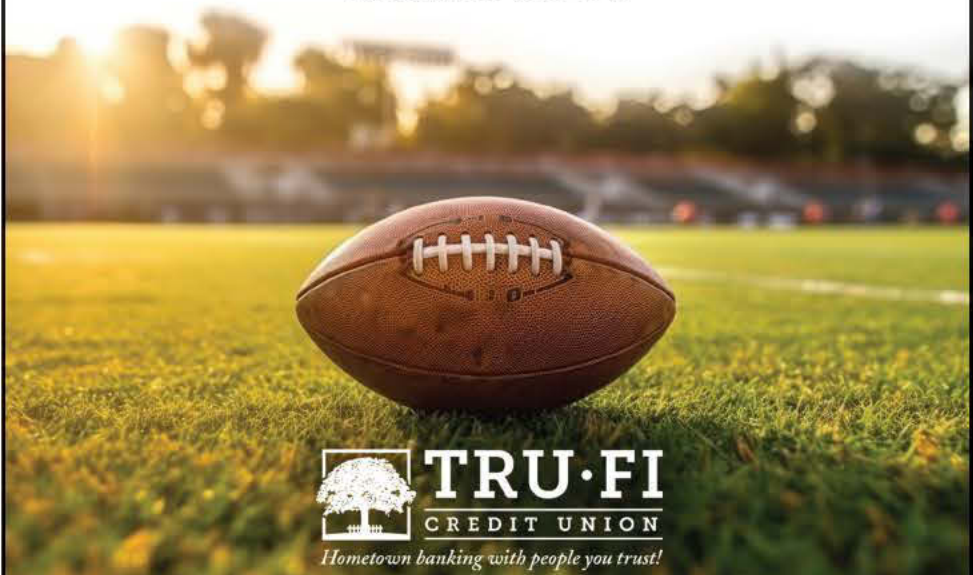
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Digital Danger Zone: Protecting Your Children in the Online World Recap

Alicia Tarancon,
Public Affairs

Sheriff Bill Leeper would like to extend his heartfelt gratitude to Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns and the Nassau County School District for hosting our crucial information session, "Digital Danger Zone: Protecting Your Children in the Online World."

Recently, parents and guardians gained invaluable insights from our experienced team of professionals at Yulee Elementary School. Detective Josh Carter presented a sobering local case study, demonstrating how electronic devices were used to exploit a minor in Nassau County. This real-world example underscored the very real dangers that exist in the digital space.

Adding to the wealth of knowledge shared, Detective Devin Spivey, a specialist in human trafficking and child exploitation investigations, offered his expertise gained from working with the Northeast Florida INTERCEPT Task Force. He shed light on the collaborative efforts of local, state, and federal agencies in combating online predators, providing a comprehensive view of the ongoing battle against digital threats to our youth.

Adding to this presentation, our Victim Advocate Madrina Addison outlined the essential resources



available through the sheriff's office. In today's interconnected world, our children face unprecedented online risks.

Sheriff Bill Leeper emphasized the importance of this initiative by stating, "This session aimed to equip parents with the knowledge to identify potentially dangerous apps lurking on children's devices, recognize warning signs of online exploitation, and implement strategies to safeguard their families in the digital space." Sheriff Leeper adds, "it's not about fear but about empowering parents through education."

For those who missed this critical session, we encourage you to stay tuned for future events. The Nassau County Sheriff's Office remains committed to empowering our community with the tools to protect our youth in the digital age. Remember: Awareness is our first line of defense against online threats to our children.

Veteran Benefits & Resource Fest



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The American Legion Post 54 and Northeast Florida Women Veterans, Inc. are proud to host a Nassau County Veterans Benefits and Resource Fest this Saturday, October 12 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. the event will be held at the American Legion Post 54, 626 South 3rd Street in Fernandina Beach.

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PATRICIA COURSEY BOWLES

 Patricia Coursey Bowles (also fondly referred to as “Pat” “Trish” “Tricia” “Mama” and “Nana”), 82, passed away peacefully Friday, October 4, 2024, following a strong fight against a lengthy illness while in the care of Community Hospice. Patricia was a lifelong native of Jacksonville and graduated from Jean Ribault High School. She always shared great memories growing up in Panama Park and Lake Forest and water-skiing on the Ribault River behind a boat that her dad, Bud Coursey, had built by hand.

She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. She treasured time spent with her family and enjoyed tending her flowers, shrubbery and bird feeders. In her adult life, she was a homemaker and also worked in banking for many years. She really enjoyed working and interacting with the credit union members. She worked fulltime until she was 72 years old when she decided to retire from the State Employees Credit Union. She is preceded in death by her husband Robert “Bobby” Gray Bowles, Jr.; parents Dallas and Elizabeth Coursey; siblings Mary Alice “Poodle” Strickland and Buddy Coursey.

She is survived by her children, Travis Gray (Tracy) Bowles and Angie (Jerry) May; grandchildren Travis “TJ” Bowles, Aubrie Bowles, Mia Jady Cribbs, Blayne Cribbs, Devin Hartley and Dylan Hartley; sister Betty Ann (Keith) Gordon; sister-in-law Janice Coursey; as well as many loving extended family members and friends.

Our mother requested to be cremated and no service to be held. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers for our family during this difficult time as we honor her wishes. Her memory will forever be cherished by our family.

Arrangements by Peeples Family Funeral Homes, Jacksonville. Condolences may be expressed at: www.pffh.com.

OBITUARIES

RONNIE EUGENE CREWS



Ronnie “Whitey” Eugene Crews, 72, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away Sunday, October 6, 2024 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born September 3, 1952 in Folkston, to the late Owen Crews and Joyce Johnson Crews. Ronnie was a heavy equipment operator and did site prep for over 30 years for St. Regis, Union Camp and International Paper Company. He later worked for the following Timber Companies: John T. Lee Logging Company, Taylor Timber and Sandbed Operations. He loved hunting, being outdoors, football games, baseball and softball. He coached recreational softball and played on a men’s team. Most of all, Ronnie loved his family, grandchildren and his beloved wife of 45 years. He was a member of Camp Pinckney Baptist Church and Charlton County Saddle Club.

Ronnie is survived by his wife, Robin Crews of Folkston; daughter Kayse Reese of Atlanta, GA; son Dustin “Dusty” Crews of Folkston; granddaughters Whitney Bailey, Mara Crews and Olivia Reese; grandsons Payton Reese and Carson Woolard; siblings: Effie Walker, Lori Nettles, Judy Crews and Mike Crews, all of Folkston and Frank Crews of Bryceville; mother-in-law Nell Lang; and numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

The family received friends Wednesday, October 9, prior to the funeral service at Camp Pinckney Baptist Church with Rev. Tim Hall officiating. Burial followed at Camp Pinckney Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to: Gentiva Hospice Memorial Fund; or to: Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home for Ronnie Crews.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardrobersonfh.com.

ROBERT “BOB” FISHER



Our Brother in Christ Jesus, Robert “Bob” Earle Fisher, 70, of Callahan, fell asleep Tuesday, September 24, 2024. Bob lived most of his life in Florida and resided in Callahan for the last 54 years. He was a member of the Live Oak Baptist Church of Callahan. Bob was born August 23, 1954, in Danbury, Connecticut, to Robert and Elizabeth Fisher. He was raised by Robert and Ruth Fisher in Callahan and was a graduate of West Nassau High School Class of 1973. Bob entered the United States Air Force in August of 1973, where he worked as a Vehicle Operator Dispatcher and Aircraft Maintenance Specialist. He served until being honorably discharged on August 30, 1977.

Bob held a commercial driver’s license for over 40 years and worked as a commercial driver until he retired in August 2024. His career took him to all corners of the continental U.S. You may have seen him on the roads, as he usually traveled with a pet cat and a pet Chihuahua. Bob’s truck could be identified by the front license plate stating, “Trucking for Jesus.”

Bob also held a private pilot’s license for many years. He enjoyed flying Cessnas, especially the 150 Aerobat for flying aerobatics. Bob especially loved spending time with his family and friends flying, playing chess, boating, scuba diving, hunting, fishing, camping, and riding ATVs in Florida and the low country of South Carolina. He loved listening to gospel music, political radio and playing the guitar with friends.

Bob is survived by his sister Mary Fisher (Richard) Brown of Terrytown, LA; former spouse and close friend, Pam Fisher of Martinsville, IN; stepsons John (Melissa)

Zimmerly and Matthew (Jessica) Zimmerly and their two sons Matthew and Jacob.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, October 15 at 10:30 a.m. prior to the celebration of Bob’s life service at 11 a.m. at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor David King officiating. Interment will follow at Jacksonville National Cemetery at 1 p.m. where military honors will be rendered.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bob’s memory to Live Oak Baptist Church, Callahan.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US-1, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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DOTTIE JEAN McDONOUGH



Dottie Jean McDonough, 78, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord September 26, 2024. She was born July 18, 1946, in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Hubert and Doris Dobbs. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In her spare time, Dottie loved time with her friends and playing and listening to gospel music. She is preceded in death by her parents; and grandson John Kilgore, Jr.

Dottie is survived by her loving husband, James ‘Buddy’ McDonough; daughters Cindy (John) Kilgore and Karen (Brian) Lacey; grandchildren Bailey (Emma) Morrissey, Jacob Lane and Brooke (Cliff) Geiger; great-grandchildren Olive and Bexlee.

A graveside service was held Friday, October 4 at Jones Cemetery with Chaplain Jim Cox officiating.



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OBITUARIES

GLORIA SMITH STEWART



Gloria Dorothy Smith Stewart, 80, passed away peacefully in late September, at her home, on her own terms. She was the daughter to Andrew Alex Smith and Helen Hoppers Smith and sister to Andrew James Smith and Patricia Smith McMillan.

Gloria lived a simple life with most of her professional career as a real estate agent, and in her later years as a childcare provider. She loved the Lord and studied religion extensively and privately. Gloria was a kind person who gave to others with nothing expected in return, especially to her sons. She focused her efforts on her grandchildren and made sure to do her best by them during the rough times. Gloria lived her life in the best way she could, never perfect, never quitting, and never

losing hope. She led with her heart, and we all loved her for it. Gloria will be forever loved and missed by everyone.

She is survived by her three sons, Adam Anthony Roman of Longmont, Colorado, David Christopher Roman of Traders Hill, Georgia, and Bryan Scott Roman of Jacksonville; five grandsons Hans Roman, Jacob Roman, Jordon Roman, Donovan Roman and Dylan Roman. She was fortunate to watch them all grow up into young respectable men. She was here to witness her great-grandchildren, Wyatt Roman and Wynter Roman, enter this world. A part of her will live on within each one of us.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US-1, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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HILLIARD LIBRARY event Hidden History of Amelia Island

Join us next Thursday, October 17 at 6 p.m. at the Hilliard Library for a presentation on Jeff Suwak's book, Hidden History of Amelia Island, which the Florida Writers Association has recently named as a finalist for the 2024 Royal Palm Literary Award! This local Hilliard author will take you on a tour of the often overlooked and all-but-forgotten components of Amelia Island history.

BES Bobcats of the Month



Shown are the Bryceville Elementary Bobcats of the Month for the month of September. September's trait was "ALL About Honesty." Students have been learning about the difference between a truth and a lie.



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Who is "Turning the Page" Backward?

Douglas C. Pearson, Sr.

A flashback, to the days of "Yesteryear," brought me to this analogy. We all, in our youth, watched those westerns at the movies and on TV. There was always a common theme in them, which was the "Bad Guys" against the "Good Guys." I also recall that a lot of the "Bad Guys" had secret hide-outs, where they could go and escape the attention of the "Good Guys." But it always, in fiction and in real life, ended where the "Bad Guys" were caught by "The Good Guys" and cleared from their ability to inflict harm to the communities.

Today, the hide-outs are not so secret. As a matter of fact, they are published, advertised and wrongfully financially supported by a lot of reluctant "Good Guys." The Tax Paying Public! They are now called "Sanctuary Cities" and "States." The difference between "Yesteryear" and today is those politicians that administer these locations are actually breaking the law, by failing to comply with the services that are out there to protect the public. Now, illegal Aliens, felons and fugitives are creating havoc in those "Sanctuaries" and those hired to prevent them from doing so are being denied the opportunity to do just that. Who turned the page back to the mid-1800s and who wants to just restore the status-quo back to a time when law enforcement was respected and supported, just 4 years ago?

Another recent news story line that has surfaced is about the incursions, which have occurred between US Air Force interceptions with Russian and Chinese Aircraft. To be clear, these only

happen when the incursion is detected by Air Defense systems, into US Protected airspace and the US Aircraft are launched to intercept, identify them and, if necessary, escort them away from US Airspace. As someone who was an Intercept Control Technician, during the days of the late '60s and early '70s in the cold war, I can say that this is a return to a time 50 + years ago. Who has permitted the lack of respect that encourages this behavior, and who just wants to establish the security that we had a mere four years ago that would discourage this form of activity?

Finally, we have all experienced inflation at some point during our lives. No, we are not relegated to the selling of pencils and apples (yet) on a street corner (circa. 1929 to 1939) in order to make enough to supplement our meager abilities to eat and live. But, the soup kitchens and "Food Banks" are making a strong comeback! Study history and you'll find that the way we got out of that was WWII. We are now seeing conflict arise around the world, with an economy that is teetering on failure. Whose lack of foresight has created the need for a repeat performance of another World War and whose desire is it to just restore the respect and strength of a nation that will avoid such a circumstance?

The choice is easy! I'll vote, every day, to restore law enforcement, to restore the economy and to restore the preventive strength of a Great America. It is easy to understand that; "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it!" George Santayana - 1905

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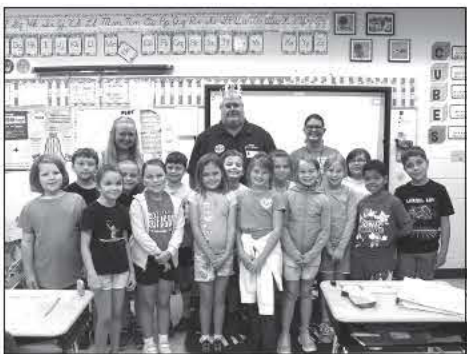
Hilliard Mayor Visits HES

Hilliard Mayor John Beasley visited some of the 3rd Grade classes at Hilliard Elementary School Friday. Mayor Beasley wanted to personally thank the students that participated in writing essays titled, "If I was Hilliard Mayor I would..." The Town of Hilliard holds the event each year and announces the winner the week of Small City Government Week October 21 – 25.



This year, there was a first, second and third place winner.

The winners will be announced at a workshop meeting Tuesday, October 22 at 6 p.m. At that time, the First Place winner will be acting Mayor during a mock council meeting. The council members will be 5th graders from Hilliard Elementary School chosen by their teachers.



POLICE REPORTS

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

Tuesday, October 1

Joe Eugene Loving, 55, Callahan: Failure to Appear Felony

Wednesday, October 2

Willie Ervin Nobles, Jr., 59, Hilliard: Sex Offender Provide False Registration Information; Sex Offender Failure to Register as Required

Thursday, October 3

Devon Eugene Popham, 54, Hilliard: Driving While License Suspended Habitual Offender; Possession of Methamphetamine; Violation of Probation Community Control Felony (x 3); Contempt of Court (x 5)

Friday, October 4

Anderson Jerome Holland, IV, 44, Callahan: Violation of Probation Community Control MM

Sunday, October 6

Charles Robert Matthews, III, 46, Bryceville: Battery Touch or Strike Domestic Violence

Miss Warrior 2024



West Nassau High School held their Miss Warrior pageant Sunday, October 6. The winners were:

Miss Warrior
Nicky Cooley

Senior Queen
Alyssa Kornegay

Junior Queen
Kaycie Turner

Sophomore Queen
Blakely Crews

Freshman Queen
Kylee Smith

Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Nassau County Solid Waste Management will hold a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection for Nassau County residents on Saturday, October 19 from 8 a.m. to noon (or capacity) at the Nassau County Road Department, 86200 Gene Lasserre Blvd., Yulee. Proof of residency is required.

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Defenders Spoil Hilliard Homecoming

Coach Matthew Yancey

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Following the half, Old Plank held Hilliard to a quick three and out. After a Flashes punt, the Defenders used a ground and pound rushing attack to push the score to 12-0. Hilliard's best



chance at a comeback was squashed with an endzone interception at the end of the third quarter. The Flashes' defense again came up big and gave the offense a chance, but Hilliard was unable to capitalize. Old Plank added their last touchdown with under a minute to play to put the game away.



The Flashes were led defensively by Jake Crews, Brent Leung and Jeffrey Smith who all had double digit tackles. The Flashes will continue searching for win #1 on the season as they travel to Jasper this Friday to take on the Hamilton County Trojans with a 7:30 p.m. kick off.

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It is our honor to recognize our local Armed Service members. We would like to update our 'Pray for our Troops' list, adding those who have recently joined our Armed Services or removing those who no longer serve. Please read over the list. If you need to make a correction, addition or deletion, just give us a call, 879-4180. You may also email changes to news@westsidejournal.net.

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Warriors Scalp the Indians

Coach Waylon Cox

The Warriors had a turbulent week, as they were on the field prepared to play Fernandina Beach Monday night, September 30, but lightning forced a reschedule of the game to Monday, October 7. The Warriors traveled last Friday night to Keystone Heights to take on the Indians and were able to



keep their winning streak alive by the score of 42-10.

The Indians struck first with a field goal that bounced off the upright and in to take a 3-0 lead. The Warriors responded with a touchdown as Pryce Arnold found Colby Gay for a 21-yard touchdown pass to take a 6-3 lead. After trading punts, the Warriors were able to extend their lead before half as Skyler Freeman ran for a 31-yard touchdown to bring the score to 14-3 at the half.

The Warriors received the ball in the second half and got a jolt of energy as Gaven Carter had an explosive 43-yard run on the first play of the second half. Andi Ataiza was able to punch it in to bring the score to 21-3. The Indians were able to find some special teams



luck as they were able to recover a fumble for a touchdown after their punt to make it 21-10. It was all Warriors from that point on. It started with Pryce Arnold connecting with Colby Gay for another touchdown. Mo Green added two more touchdown runs to make the final 42-10.

The Warriors were led on the ground by Mo Green who had 4 carries for 66 yards and 2 touchdowns; Skyler

Freeman had 8 carries for 65 yards and a touchdown; Gaven Carter added 6 carries for 61 yards; Pryce Arnold was 3 of 10 passing for 62 yards and 2 touchdowns; and Colby Gay had 3 receptions for 62 yards and 2 touchdowns.

The Warriors' defense was led by Levi Bowler who had 10 tackles; Garrett Rica, Nash Batrous and Nick Braddock each added 8 tackles; and Nate Batrous had 7 tackles. Stetson Brown and Kayden Thompson both added sacks. Taylor Revels and Ryan Blanchard-Murphy both had fumble recoveries.

This week, the Warriors played county rival the Fernandina Beach Pirates Monday night. The Warriors have a bye this Friday night.

Go Warriors!



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Saturday, October 12 - Open Noon - 12:30 a.m.

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Feed The Hungry Monday (4 Canned Goods = Free Admission For One Person)

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Moonlight Madness - All Day Unlimited Rides: 5 p.m. - 1 a.m. - \$30

Midnight Madness - Unlimited Rides: 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. - \$25

Saturday, October 19 - Open Noon - 12:30 a.m.

Family Day - Matinee Unlimited Rides: Noon - 6 p.m. - \$20

All Day Unlimited Rides: Noon - 12:30 a.m. - \$30

Sunday, October 20 - Open Noon - 11:30 p.m.

(No Livestock, Exhibits or Entertainment)

Final Fling - Free Admission

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