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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10

## Callie Kay's to Celebrate Anniversary & Expansion Saturday

Dawn S. West

Callie Kay's General Store & Outfitters will hold their 17th Anniversary Sale this Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. There will be sales throughout the store and customers will receive a FREE gift with every purchase. There will be raffles to enter with no purchase necessary. All FR clothing from Ariat will be on sale and all boots in the store will also be

on sale! As the weather will soon be

cooling down, don't forget to check out

the Carhartt jackets, bibs and coveralls,

which are all on sale! Make sure to visit

the General Store and Deli, located in

the small building beside Callie Kay's,

to try some FREE samples from their

the store has under gone a renovation.

The entire sportsman section has been

expanded to include some additional

The Sports and Outdoor section of

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Carhartt



3,000 square feet. In fact, the Sports and Outdoors section is also getting a new entrance on the end of the building located closest to the Deli. Entry can still be accessed from the front of the store but also the end. Inside you will find a complete section

with tree stands, all kinds of feed and entirely new location for guns and ammunition. They continue to carry a complete selection of fishing equipment including rod & reels, lures, jigs, bait (plastic & live). Plans are to add more off shore fishing equipment.

This is actually the 4th year anniversary since Lewis and Ashley took over ownership of Callie Kay's. The two, along with a huge support staff of family and friends, have continued to

make additions along the way. It seems with each addition, it only makes the store better! The two get a vision and then build on it. The General Store & Deli was a vision with the building already on the property. Ashley loves Boar's Head meats and cheeses and saw the vision for the

deli. Once the word got out it became a hot spot for eating a great sandwich. Lewis had the 'extra' area in the back of the store and saw a vision. The area has been transformed from a storage area to comfortable place to display all types of outdoor merchandise. The area has been

accented with rough cut cypress that was locally cut and milled. "We couldn't have done all these things without help from friends and our associates," said Lewis. "When we purchased this store we had three associates. Now we have 19. We love what we do and enjoy serving people."

Make sure to attend the 17th Anniversary Sale at Callie Kay's General Store & Outfitters and Deli this Saturday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. The store is located at 553027 US Highway 1, north of Hilliard. For more information, call 845-6924.







## Trump Train Road Rally This Sunday

This Sunday, October 18 a Trump Train Road Rally has been scheduled. Those wishing to participate are encouraged to meet at the NE FL Fairgrounds at 1:30 p.m. to line up. All vehicles are welcomed (cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc.) with your Trump flags flying!

The Rally will begin around 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds, with a Nassau County Sheriff's Office escort leading, and go to/through Hilliard, turn around and head back to Callahan turning left on SR 200. The rally will go to Griffin



Road and follow back to the fairgrounds.

People not wishing to ride are encouraged to line the streets of Hilliard and Callahan with your signs and flags to wave the rally through! Let's Keep America Great!

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## Barnabas Receives Support from Publix



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needed food for the food pantry and mobile food distributions throughout Nassau County to help people in need, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the last year, Barnabas provided food to over 20,000 men, women and children who are food insecure or experiencing hunger. Thanks to its supporters, including Publix Super Markets Charities, Barnabas is helping to address hunger in Nassau

County. For more information about Publix, please arnabas visit the company website at www.publixcharities. org. For more information about Barnabas' programs, please visit www.BarnabasNassau.org.

## 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.

#### **Judge Confirmation**

Dear Editor,

Well, it seems that as soon as President Trump selected a replacement for Justice Ginsburg, the radical left immediately went into a tizzy ready to deface Judge Amy Coney Barrett because she is a Catholic and is against the abortion of millions of the unborn human lives. The president-wanna-be Kamala Harris is ready to jump in and exercise some of her expert prosecutorial knowledge and rake her over the coals. They are thinking: we can't have a Supreme Court Justice who is against the abortion process.

All I want to say about the likes of Kamala Harris and the likes of those doctors and nurses that take part in these abortions (Kamala and ALL pro-abortionists are just as guilty as those that wield the scalpel) is that God will hold them accountable. Don't accuse me of being judgmental...just read God's Word, it says it all. And by the way, Judge Barrett, if she is confirmed, and she will be, doesn't change the law all by herself. She's not responsible for the GOP holding the majority. Things just work out that way sometimes. My question, where is the church on this matter? We hear very little from the pulpits.

Hank Martinez, Sr.

#### NFL

Dear Editor,

Why does the NFL continue to celebrate criminals as if they were heroes, especially when they should celebrate a real hero who was one of their own? Pat Tillman left his career in the NFL to join the Armed Forces of his country. He lost his life fighting for his country. He is what I call a real hero who should be celebrated. Let's think about it!

> Bobby Keen Bryceville

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## Cold Fronts and Hot Bites

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Quick sigh, now this is my favorite time of year! Everyone is in the woods hunting, the boat traffic has slowed and the bite is on fire! Red fish are thick all along the Intracoastal waterways. The back creeks of our ICW have seen an excellent outgoing bite as well as the first of the incoming. Cut mullet and quartered crab are the go to baits at the moment. That being said, plastics are just as productive and at times more effective. I have been using both moulting and new penny gulp shrimp tipped on a chart green 1/4 ounce jig head. The shrimp are still in our river so these baits are matching the hatch to a tee!

Moving on to trout, wow, two weeks ago you couldn't buy one. Now, they are all over our region and they're feeding very aggressively. They are hammering a variety of suspending baits and just turning on to top water baits such as skitter walks and spook Jr's. You will find that trout have acquainted all of our creek mouths. Fish the first of the outgoing tide around structure. Look for clean water and make sure your water is moving. Trout love using tidal flow as an advantage to feed. Another useful tactic is a popping cork and an 18" leader with live shrimp to float over debris. This will give you a huge advantage over a plain jig head while targeting oyster beds, rock piles and a multitude of structure.

Next, flounder are thick in the downtown Jacksonville area. Although it hasn't been a banner year, there are still some big fish being found. Most of those flounder are being

caught around the Mayport inlet. I look for there to be a decent run following behind the cooler water temps and upcoming cold fronts. Doug Loyd told my wife that I needed to be more specific on a location. I'll give everyone a small hint, if you fish Jacksonville and get on a plane while leaving the Arlington boat ramp, you'll pass these fish. The St. Johns River still has a bunch of shrimp hanging around. That's a major factor in keeping flounder in our river, so find the shrimp! As I've said many times, be sure to focus on clean water and fan cast structure to cover more ground. So that is my Hot Spot for the week!

Lastly, I see a small dip in the forecast temperatures for this Saturday. This should set us up for a great bite on the incoming tide. I hope to see you on the water and good luck Doug! Shown is TJ Altman with a doormat!



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### JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

If you watched the Vice Presidential debate last week for the full 90 minutes, my hat comes off for you. I lasted a little less than 45 minutes and could no longer tolerate looking and listening to Kamala Harris. My mother always says if you can't say something nice about someone then its best not to say anything. I haven't been very good at that lesson, but I will do so today concerning Ms. Harris. The good I see in her 

I have a concern on the Nassau County Judge in Group 1 election that will be decided on November 3rd. One of the candidates, John Cascone, has been a long time attorney on the east side of Nassau County. There are only a few things I know of John Cascone prior to his bid for Judge. One is what my ex-son-in-law had told me previously. He has always respected Cascone. Second, Cascone was the only candidate that did not respond to our (Westside Journal) candidate questionnaire. Last week I was sent a news article from eyeonjacksonville.com. The article was written by Billie Tucker Volpe, Founder of Eye On Jacksonville and Leadership Consultant to CEO's/Executives.

In Volpe's article she states that Cascone is campaigning as a conservative and claims on his website to "...upholding The Constitution and All Amendments without legislating from the bench." This is the way a judge should always conduct themselves. However, if Cascone's past political stance is still his current stance, then conservative is far from any description of him. In 2016, Cascone posted on social media a post from Occupy Democrats. The post stated, "Voting is just like Driving. If you want to go backward choose 'R'. If you want to go forward CHOOSE 'D'." Volpe stated she was curious why he would post something from "Occupy Democrat" because their mission is far from what the Constitution provides. Another post on social media in 2016 was a drawing depicting Donald Trump as a baby in a soiled diaper dragging a world globe off a table. In Other Words, Trump would destroy the world by being President. One other post Cascone entered on his social media platform in 2016 was a statement that began with, "As a liberal..." Maybe he has changed, I certainly don't know. So who is the real John Cascone? I encourage you to research him prior to voting for him. Visit: https://casconeforjudge.com.

My stance on all the other races are really simple, Vote Republican, they may not be perfect, but the other side is Insane!

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



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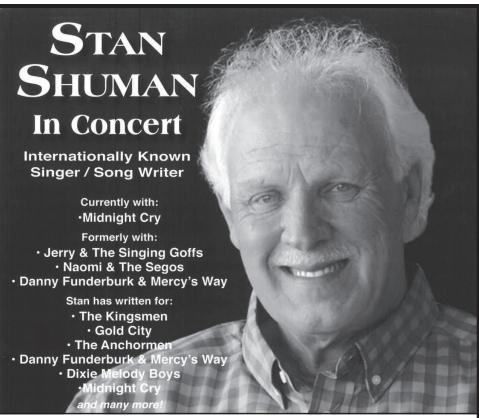


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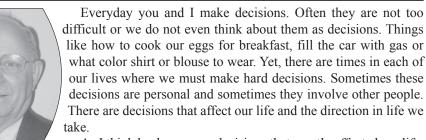
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## Decisions of Life

Pastor Ted Heglund, First Alliance Church, Hilliard



As I think back on some decisions that greatly affected my life, the first life changing decision was as a young boy to ask Jesus to forgive my sins and be my Savior. Later, decisions involved decisions about obeying the call to missions and the ministry, which college to attend, being Chaplain in the armed forces or going as a missionary, who to marry, types of ministry service whether in Indonesia or in the USA and even now about retirement. Yes, there have been wrong decisions when I have forged ahead without prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit. And again, yes, there have been times when my wife Judith, my children, friends, co-workers and others have helped guide the decisions.

What makes for a good decision? It is emotions? Is it pure logic? Is it some five-step guidebook, horoscope, or tea leaves? There has been one constant factor in all the important decisions that have affected my life. It has been taking time to read God's Word, to pray and listen to the Holy Spirit speak into my life and be willing to follow the leading of the Lord each time. God's Word tells us in James 1:5 (NIV) "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 3:17 (NIV) "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

Are all decisions easy? No, most of the time we have to evaluate, consider the pros and cons, family, friends, work, schedules and many other factors. The Lord has given you and I a brain to use. Sometimes, either choice might be right, and the Lord gives us the opportunity to decide using our common sense, logic, etc.

What I am saying is that we should never make a decision without the eyes of our hearts and mind focused on Jesus. I can truthfully say that the Lord has always led to the right decision. Sometimes as we prayed and sought the Lord's direction it was clear what we should do while other times the Lord lead even when we had to make the choice without clear direction.

All of us are facing decisions each day. Are you taking time to pray about your family, and work? Are you praying about who you feel God is leading you to vote for, be it federal, state, county or local personnel or issues?

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:5–6 (NLT)

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## King Announces Candidacy for Hilliard Council

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to my life that I strive to live by every day. I am a God loving family man that wants to do more for my community and their families.

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"As our nation recovers and reopens, we want to ensure that children continue to receive the nutritious breakfasts and lunches they count on during the school year wherever they are, and however they are learning," said Secretary Perdue. "We are grateful for the heroic efforts by our school food service professionals who are consistently serving healthy meals to kids during these trying times, and we know they need maximum flexibility right now. I appreciate President Trump for his unwavering commitment to ensuring kids receive the food they need during this pandemic and for supporting USDA in continuing to provide these unprecedented flexibilities."

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## Nassau County CARES Grant Monies Given to Help Feed Families

Pastor Gerald Wollitz

Every Wednesday night, local church and community volunteers suit up in appropriate PPE and begin preparing for the 150 people or so who will be pulling through the Callahan Methodist Church parking lot to pick up a freshly prepared hot meal. For a number of years churches and individuals in western Nassau County have been sponsoring weekly hot meals prepared by Callahan Barbecue for anyone in our community who had need. In the past, the dinners were located at the fairground's county building, but when the COVID crisis came, the building became unavailable. Pastor Dan Search and the Callahan Methodist Church



available to help meet the growing financial cost of this ministry to the community. Commissioners Aaron Bell, Justin Taylor and Thomas Ford were instrumental in helping navigate the process to get the funding approved. Taco Pope, the new County Manager,

was also of great assistance in making sure these funds were accessible.

Through their efforts and support, the Westside community hot meals program was able to receive \$17,500 to cover the cost of food, paper products, PPE, sanitation supplies, other related expenses for the months of September, October, November, December. Hot meals will also be provided during the weeks of Thanksgiving and

Christmas with holiday foods and all the sides and desserts expected for these special days. All meals are first-come, first-served starting at 5 p.m. every Wednesday. Be on the lookout for information about the Thanksgiving meal day and time soon.



Shown (I to r) are Commissioner Aaron Bell, Pastor Dan Search, Becky and Gordon Gresch and Commissioner Justin Taylor.

opened their facilities so the dinners could continue. COVID also brought an increase in demand for the dinners as many families in our community lost jobs or had hours reduced.

Recently, as part of the Nassau CARES grant program, funding became



# TOWN OF CALLAHAN, FL

## REFERENDUMS

On November 3rd the Citizens of Callahan will have the opportunity to choose the future governing of the Town by voting "yes" or "no" on two referendum questions.

**Referendum 1:** Should the Charter of the Town of Callahan be amended to make the Mayor an office held by a member of the Town Council who is chosen by the Town Council, with the chief administrative duties that the Mayor used to perform being transferred to a Town Manager employed by the Town, along with the former Mayor's veto power over ordinances being eliminated, with all changes happening when the current Mayor's term ends?

**Referendum 2:** Should the Charter of the Town of Callahan be amended to make the Town Clerk an employee of the Town instead of an elected official, with the change happening when the current clerk's term ends?

Referendum 1 would have the Town Council select one of the Council members to be a ceremonial Mayor. The duties of the Town's chief administrative officer, that the Mayor, currently performs will be performed by a Town Manager. A majority vote of the Council will be needed to hire or fire a Town Manager.

#### Implications of a yes vote:

The Town Manager would be directly responsible to the Council. The Council could remove the Manager at any time. An elected Mayor has a term of four years and is extremely hard to remove. The Mayor is not directly responsible to any other elected officials. The Town Manager would not have the residency requirement that the Mayor has so the pool of qualified persons is greatly increased.

#### Implications of a no vote:

The Citizens get to pick the Town's chief administrator. The Mayor is not a fulltime position and less expensive.

Referendum 2 would have the Town Clerk also become an employee hired and fired by the Council. The implications for and against are virtually the same as those for referendum 1.

Callahan's future is very uncertain with the growth of the Town and County affecting what Callahan will be in the future. The Citizens will have the opportunity to decide how they want their officials to be chosen.

## \*\*Congratulations\*\*\*\*

#### PFC CARSON WILLIAMSON

Congratulations to PFC Carson Williamson who graduated from Recruit Training on September 25 and is currently in North Carolina in the Marine Corps School of Infantry. Williamson graduated from West Nassau High School class of 2020 and immediately went to Marine Corps Recruit Training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Carson's proud parents are Kent and Tonya Williamson of Callahan.

#### **Warrior Band Fundraiser**

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The Warrior Band is hosting a BBQ Fundraiser Saturday, October 31 from 12-2 p.m. at the West Nassau High School parking lot next to the football field and gym. The band will be selling the food that everyone knows and loves that you normally purchase at the NE Florida Fair.

Due to this year's cancellation of the Fair, there will be an online BBQ pre-sale. Please visit the Warrior Band Facebook

Page at: West Nassau Band Boosters or the links: https://givebutter.com/ WarriorBand. For more information email: wnbbtreasurer@gmail.com. BBQ orders will be able to be placed now until October 24, please bring proof of purchase for pick up. We will have everyone's favorites: BBQ Cheese Fries \$8, Pork Plates \$10, Rib Dinners \$12, Chicken Dinners \$10 and Sweet Tea. All plates and dinners include French Fries and Baked Beans. Donations can be mailed to: WNBB, PO Box 1308, Callahan, FL 32011. Get something good to eat before Trick or Treating!

### **NCSO Promotions**



On Friday, October 9, a promotion ceremony was held at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office. Detention Deputy Jason Jones was promoted to Sergeant in Corrections, Detention Sergeant Josh Hyers was promoted to Lieutenant in Corrections and Lieutenant Robin Patterson was promoted to Captain in Administrative Services. Congratulations to each on their accomplishment.

Shown (1 to r) are: Sergeant Jones, Captain Patterson and Lieutenant Hyers.

### Crock Pot - Pot Luck for Relay for Life

Relay for Life of Nassau County will hold their Crock Pot-Pot Luck fundraiser Saturday, October 24 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Callahan Masonic Lodge, located behind the fire station. Volunteers will serve food from crock pots for \$3 per bowl or \$5 per plates. Many varieties of food to choose from such as chocolate lava cake, apple pie or pizza just to name a few dishes,

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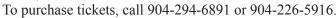
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#### **Tuesday, September 29**

Destiny Lee Roberts, 25, 58323 Timmons Road, Hilliard: Violation of Probation, Retail Theft

#### Friday, October 2

John Dennis Mulligan, 56, 551424 US Highway 1, Hilliard: Failure to Appear No Valid Driver's License; Possession of Controlled Substance and Paraphernalia **Sunday, October 4** 

Lantz Nathan Sullivan, 20, 458409 Old Dixie Highway, Callahan: DUI .150 or Higher with Minor in Vehicle

#### Friday, October 9

James Willard Batten, 27, 36624 Patsy Lane, Callahan: Violation of Probation, Burglary

#### Saturday, October 10

Austin Ryan Pruett, 24, 553784 US Highway 1, Hilliard: Violation of Probation, Resist without violence

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#### NICHOLAS REGINALD BROWN



Nicholas 'Nick' Reginald Brown, 34, departed this life on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, due to complications from a lifelong battle with Cystic

Nicholas was born October 23, 1985 at NAS JAX in Jacksonville and grew up in Nassau County. He was a graduate of the Class of 2004 from West Nassau High School. He was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis when he was one month old and eventually received a double lung transplant on March 9, 2013 at the age of 27. Nicholas never let Cystic Fibrosis stop him from living his life. He enjoyed woodworking, traveling and making others laugh. He also loved sports, especially football and baseball. His favorite teams were the Jacksonville Jaguars, Florida Gators and the Boston Red Sox. He was also quite active. He played baseball from the age of 5 until he was 14, even going on to coach his brother's baseball team when he was 20 years old.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, the late Nola Gail Brown (1991); and his grandfather, the late Frank Sumner Stevens (1981).

Nicholas leaves behind a beautiful and loving family who will miss him dearly and cherish the memories they had together forever; his wife and high school sweetheart, Amanda Howe Brown, who graduated with Nicholas and later married on November 10, 2007; two wonderful daughters, Emmarae Corina Brown and Kynslie Elise Brown; his mother Betty Ann Brown; his father Wallace Reginald Brown, Jr.; his maternal grandmother Juliette Corina Stevens; his paternal grandfather Wallace Reginald Brown, Sr.; two sisters Courtney Ann Brown and Meagen Nicole (Kellen) Clemons; and one brother Tyler Wesley (Jessica) Brown; and a host nephews and nieces, Trace McCracken, Kino Levin, Elijah Levin, Gracelynn Howe, Nicholas R. Brown and Myles Brown; his loving cousins, James, Emily, Tonya, Andrew, Greg, Nicole, Luke, Ricky and Sara; and his wonderful pets, Jag, Diesel, Brady and Binx Brown.

A celebration of life service was held Monday, October 12 at Cottonwood Ranch in Callahan. Interment will be held in Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire.

"When you see something you want, go and get it." – Nick Brown

## **OBITUARIES**

#### KENNETH 'STEVE' HINES



Kenneth Steven Hines, 59, of Leesburg, Georgia, lost his battle with COVID-19 on October 5, 2020. Steve put up the hardest fight

of his life, but winning wasn't an option as God wanted him in heaven. He fought hard and strong.

Steve was born in Jacksonville on March 20, 1961 to Kenneth W. Hines and Janice B. Hines. He was the third child and only boy of 5 children. He was raised in Jacksonville in his early years and moved to Albany, GA in his teenage years, where his heart found the love of his life. On June 16, 1979 Steve and Shari Alpire, at the young age of 18, married in Albany. Steve and Shari lived in Hilliard and Callahan in the early days of marriage, but felt like Albany was where they wanted to start their family, so they returned to build their forever life there where they would start the growth of their tree and enjoy all of the sprouts that took root.

If there was anything needed, Steve was your go-to guy! There wasn't anything he didn't have, that he wouldn't give to his friends or family. For most that knew him around Albany, he wasn't Steve he was "Half Fast Steve." He loved to race cars on a dirt track where he found enjoyment in younger years. That passion carried over into his and son's love for Go-cart racing where many races where won under Steve's direction and the owning of the Oakfield Go-Cart Racing Track in Oakfield, GA. When he became a grandfather he knew that one of the things he enjoyed doing would also be something the grandkids liked, that happen to be playing billiards, so he went out got a pool table and taught the grandkids how to shoot pool in their early years. He loved his grandchildren and they adored the gentle giant they called Papa. Steve was known as a son, brother and friend but in his world the most rewarding was him being known as a husband, father and grandfather. Steve was very well known around Albany and Leesburg for his Arm Wrestling Skills beginning at the young age of 16. He is considered a Legend! He has never been beat. Not many competitors can say that!

Steve is survived by his soul-mate of 40 years, Shari Hines; daughter Stephanie

Burrows; son Sawyer Hines; grandchildren Tony Burrows, Samatha 'Sammy' Burrows, Dominic 'Duck' Burrows, Kylie Langford and Shane Hines; mother Janice (Billy) Bennett of Callahan; his siblings Phyllis (Paul) Ladson, and Bobbie (Rick) Boatright, all Callahan, Tori (Billy) Harris of Augusta, IL and Lori (Dallas) Morris of Charleston, SC; brother-in-law Jeffrey (Angela) Barrett of Atlanta: his mentor Daniel E. Bell of Callahan; and many nieces, nephews and family members. Steve is predeceased by his father Kenneth W. Hines; and his mother-in-law Janice Lee.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, October 24 in Leesburg, Georgia.

#### IRIS 'JUNE' JOHNSON



Iris 'June' Johnson, 71, of Folkston, passed away October 8, 2020, in St. Marys, Georgia. She was born June 17, 1949 in Folkston, Georgia to the late

Reginald John Henderson and Vernell Reed Henderson. She was a member of Sand Hill Baptist Church. She retired in 2016 as a custodian at Folkston Elementary School with over 30 years of service.

Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Charles L. Johnson; three sisters Jeanine Stephens, Cheryl Henderson and Janice King; and a brother Mitchell Henderson.

She is survived by her children Denise Johnson, Melissa Wilson and Jody (Nicki) Johnson; five grandchildren Hanna (Travis) Moss, Caleb Wilson, Brandon McDonald, Riley Johnson and Brystle Johnson; a sister Judy (Jimmy Ray) Shaffer; and brothers Mickey (Karen) Henderson and Joey (Lisa) Henderson; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A graveside funeral service was held Monday, October 12 in Homeland Cemetery with Rev. Trent Long officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston, Georgia.

#### **CRYSTAL STARLING MCCLINTON**



ER#13015431

Crystal Renee Starling-McClinton, 48, of Hilliard, passed away October 6, 2020. She was born on July 9, 1972 in Jacksonville, to Allen "Pete"

Starling and Joan Anderson-Starling. Crystal grew up in Hilliard and eventually raised her family there. She was always involved in her children's activities, whether it was sports, rodeos, school, or even just watching Netflix and chilling. Crystal enjoyed horseback-riding and taking care of animals. More than anything, she loved spending time with her family and being her grandchildren's "YaYa." She will be dearly missed.

Crystal is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Esta Mae and Mather Anderson; and her paternal grandparents Nita and Gaston Starling.

Crystal is survived by her parents Allen "Pete" Starling and Joan Anderson-Starling; her children Chance McClinton, Chessie McClinton and Ceegan McClinton, all of Hilliard; her grandchildren Cannon McClinton, Adeline McClinton and Dax McClinton; and her sister Alana Starling-Jensen.

The family received friends Tuesday, October 13 at Nassau Funeral Home. A graveside service was held Wednesday, October 14 at Roberts Cemetery in Nicholls,

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

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

#### PATRICIA B. SISK



My sweet momma, Patricia B. (Smith) Sisk, 69, passed into the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Sunday, September 6, 2020. She has

lived in Hilliard, for the last 15 years. Momma grew up in Gaston County, North Carolina. She was a huge part of our lives and will be missed dearly. Momma loved her family with all her heart, and she would do anything that was within her ability for them. She always encouraged me, and we had a great relationship, she was my best friend. I am thankful that she knew Jesus and that this is just a temporary separation.

Her parents Hoyt and Bernice Smith; and her brothers David Smith and James Smith preceded her in death.

Her family that will miss her are her daughter Connie (Martin) Dunlap; son-inlaw Tommy Dunlap; grandchildren Sara and Gabe Dunlap; her sister Phyllis Smith (Mark) Cagle; and her sister Rhonda Smith Hamilton. She was also very close to her niece Lisa Lankford (McAbee).

A celebration of life was held Saturday, October 10 at Callahan First Baptist Church.

Condolences may be expressed at www. nassaufh.com.

Nassau Funeral Home handled arrangements, 879-1770.

#### JAMES E. 'DUB' STEARN, JR.



James E. 'Dub' Stearn, Jr., 67, of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, passed away October 8, 2020, surrounded by the love of his family. He was raised in

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Dub loved the Lord with all his heart which was evidenced by the way he led his life. He served faithfully as an elder of Destin Church of Christ until the time of his passing. Dub studied the Word of God diligently and was a wonderful Sunday school teacher and small group Bible study leader.

Dub is survived by his wife of 42 years, Carol; his two daughters Risa and Evan Knock of Pensacola and Selena and Trevor Lafferty of San Diego; his four grandchildren Stella, Escher, Maddox and Colin; his beloved parents Jim and Julia Stearn of Kingsland; his siblings Marci (David) Scott of Thomasville, Mark Stearn (Stephanie) of Callahan, Gus (Christie) Stearn of Fernandina Beach and Dawn (Roger) West of Hilliard; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to celebrate Dub's life was held Sunday, October 11 at the Destin Church of Christ in Destin, Florida. A reception followed in the church multipurpose room.

Make memorial donations to Hope Medical Clinic: www.hopemedclinic.org.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.daviswatkinsfuneralhome.com.

Davis-Watkins Funeral Home & Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

## **OBITUARIES**

#### **BEA THOMPSON**



Bea Thompson, 82, of Callahan, was welcomed home by Jesus on October 10, 2020 at Life Care Center of Hilliard. She was born on June 7, 1938

to the late Claude and Erma Lee Hutto. She was a graduate of Andrew Jackson in 1956, and worked diligently for Atlantic/First Union Bank for 30 years before retiring in 1997. She enjoyed worshipping her Savior at Callahan First Baptist.

Bea's life verse truly was Romans 12:11 which says, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." Legacies like Bea Thompson's cannot be fully realized on this side of Heaven...for the world holds little value in them. Bea loved Jesus and that love flowed first to her husband, children and extended family, and then out to those who daily crossed her path. She lived a simple life but exhibited an extraordinary love. Her children continue to reap the benefits of a childhood home where love dwelt. Her friends continue to relish the precious memories of her as one that is a true friend. Her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren inherit memories of a Mema who will be remembered by her love of Jesus, love for others, and her hardworking

True obedience is shown by how we work when no one is looking but the Lord. The seeds of love for Jesus that Bea scattered during her day by day ministry on earth are not those that can be measured through fame, money, attention or position. Her service in the Lord was steady, humble and tender. Even in her last years at Life Care she continued to bubble the love of Jesus out to everyone she met. She was faithful to the end and was loved by all who knew her. May her life challenge you, as it

challenges us, to live each day humbly unto the Lord for His Glory, Honor and Praise.

Bea is preceded in death by her husband Russ Thompson; her two sisters Doris Wiggins and Iris Fryer; and her brother Jerry Hutto.

Her love lives on in her brother Terry (Frankie) Padgett; her children, Darrell (Paula) Thompson, Gay (Richard) Ross, Debbie (Bill) Hagan, Randy (Julie) Thompson and Keith (Paula) Thompson; her 14 grandchildren; and her 10 greatgrandchildren. Bea's grandsons will be pallbearers.

The family will receive friends Thursday, October 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Callahan First Baptist Church. A Celebration of Bea's Life will be held Friday, October 16 at 10 a.m. at Callahan First Baptist Church, with Pastor Lynn Hyatt officiating. Interment will follow at Jones Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the FBC Food Pantry, PO Box 605, Callahan, FL, 32011.

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

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

#### WILLIAM 'BILL' WALLACE, SR.



William 'Bill' Hagood Wallace, Sr., 87, of Bryceville passed away October 8, 2020 after a lengthy and hard-fought battle with cancer. He was born

in Halifax, Virginia on August 27, 1933 to William Thomas Wallace and Elnora Loyd Wallace. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bill enlisted in the US Navy in 1950,

serving in the Korean War on the Heavy Cruiser, USS Rochester, where he remained until his honorable discharge in 1957. He was proud of his service to his country.

He moved to Jacksonville in 1959 and worked for Jacksonville Paper Company, more recently known as Unijax or Unisource for 25 years as a supervisor in their envelope division. He announced retirement, but then worked another 10 years for Maywell Paper Company before finally hanging up his work goggles. After retirement, he lived on his houseboat on the west side of Jacksonville for several years before settling down in Bryceville in 2007. His neighbors often saw him mowing his lawn with his dog riding in a basket on the hood of the lawnmower.

Bill loved all types of sports, especially fishing and Nascar. He named his pet poodle Rusty Wallace. At every chance he got, he would talk to total strangers in the grocery store about his dog, Rusty, and the fact that he had been on 87 cruises. He loved to gamble and the cruise lines loved him. He loved life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Prince (Annie) Wallace; his son Jerry (Tammy) Horton; and his daughter Peggy (Jack) Crews.

He is survived by three sons Joel (Linda) Horton, Randy (Nancy) Horton and William (Anne) Wallace, Jr.; daughter Kathy (Gene) Auton; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; his brother Lewis (Mary) Wallace; his sister Ruth (Thedford) Spencer; and generations of nieces and nephews; and his faithful dog Rusty.

The family received friends Tuesday, October 13 at Giddens-Reed Funeral Home in Baldwin. Interment was held Wednesday, October 14 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on Lannie Road.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.giddensreedfh.com.

Giddens Reed Funeral Home, Baldwin, was in charge of arrangements.

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## **Warriors Fall to Clay**

Kyle Pipkin

This was a rough one for the Warriors, falling to Clay last week 50-22. This is the fourth loss in a row for the Warriors. After keeping it close in the first half, the wheels fell off in the fourth quarter as they gave up 22 points in the fourth quarter alone.

Offensively, the Warriors stuck with the

running by committee approach with six different ball carriers throughout the game. Jesse Rochay carried the ball 11 times for 58 yards; Chaz Davis lead the team in rushing with 66 yards on seven carries. Brady Wright was the only Warrior to score on the ground on Friday.

The Warriors did pass the ball more than usual, and effectively. Senior Devin Law lead the way through the air for the Warriors, passing for 137 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Chaz Davis did lead the team with 69 yards. Prentiss Davis had the only touchdown reception.

Defensively, the Warriors did some things well. The defense did force three turnovers, forcing two fumbles and added another interception. Leondrel Whitley returned a fumble for 75 yards for a touchdown. They also had



a blocked field goal attempt by none other than Chaz Davis.

Daniel McDuffie did add four points himself. He was one of two with his PAT attempts; and made a 23-yard field goal. Prentiss Davis had a very impressive 40-yard punt return.

Look, let's be honest! This has been a rough four games for our hometown Warriors. Hopefully this week will



be the week they turn it around. Coach Armstrong and his staff have done such a good job over the years, so we can have confidence they will turn this season around. Come out and support your Warriors this Friday as they travel to face county rival Fernandina Beach. Go Warriors!







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