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Homecoming



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vs Fernandina
7 p.m.

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HOMETOWN PEOPLE...HOMETOWN NEWS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020

"I URGE, THEN, FIRST OF ALL, THAT PETITIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING BE MADE FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR KINGS AND ALL THOSE IN AUTHORITY, THAT WE MAY LIVE PEACEFUL AND QUIET LIVES IN ALL GODLINESS AND HOLINESS." - 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

GET OUT AND VOTE! Early Voting has Begun!

As of Monday morning, early voting began in Nassau County. Make your vote count! Early voting allows registered voters to vote anywhere in the county. Early voting is now through November 1.

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HOURS: 9 AM – 6 PM



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Popeye's Opens in Callahan



Yes people... the wait is over! Popeye's in Callahan officially opened Monday! It didn't take long for people to realize it either. For pretty much most of the day Popeye's stayed busy. People enjoyed eating inside, while the drive-thru stayed busy throughout the day! Make sure to stop in and check out this new business in Callahan!



WNHS Homecoming Friday with Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony



Shown are the King and Queen candidates: Destiny Armstrong, Dylan Olive, Thi Stone, Jordan Rosepiller, Dravyn Hill, Logan Martinez, Jaycie Turner, Samuel Profit, Brendan Hagan and Abigail Fahlgren (not pictured).

This Friday, October 23, West Nassau High School will celebrate Homecoming with the annual parade through Callahan at 1:30 p.m. WN will also celebrate the new inductees for the West Nassau Hall of Fame. This year's inductees are: Coach Jim Stearn, Coach Johnnie Green, Hilda Alderman, Howard Kendrick and the late Don Reynolds. The inductees will serve as Grand Marshals of the annual parade. The parade will begin at West Nassau

travel to Mickler Street where it will go through the Callahan Elementary bus loop, then turn right on US 301 to US Highway 1, turn right and go to Fifth Avenue and back to the school.

The Hall of Fame ceremony will be held prior to the game at promptly 6:30 p.m. on the football field. The West Nassau Warriors will host the Baker County Wildcats at 7 p.m. Homecoming festivities and the crowning of the King and Queen will be held at halftime.

BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Benefitting Police Unity Tour

A BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser will be held next Saturday, October 24. The dinner is a fundraiser for the non-profit Police Unity Tour for the families of Police Officers killed in the line of duty. Tickets are on sale now for \$10. Dinners can be picked up in the parking lot of AA Bottled Gas, 450044 SR 200, Callahan, on Saturday, October 24 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Local officers participating in the event are volunteering for this BBQ Fundraiser event!

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A Word From the Publisher

Have I written lately that I'm so thankful to be a child of the King Lord Jesus? Oh my... He has carried me so many times in these last few weeks. When I look back, I do see it was then that He carried me. As I shared some two years ago, my oldest brother Dub was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. It's with a heavy heart to share that my sweet brother went home to Jesus, October 8. He fought the 'beast' with everything he had. He continued to be positive about any new procedure he might have. He was amazing.



As our brother, he was always there if we needed him. Jokingly, we (siblings) always called him the perfect one. He was so smart and outgoing. Always was slim and trim and was a runner. He tried to encourage me to run by telling me I would soon love it... that never happened! He never even had a cavity and had the most beautiful straight teeth! Now our 'perfect one' is with the only perfect one, Jesus. His salvation was unwavering and he loved the Lord with all his heart. What a blessing it was to hear how many people's lives he has touched in Ft. Walton. He and his wife Carol were the 'go-to' couple for young couples in the area. What a special ministry they shared.

Although this was quite a blow to our family, we have found strength with each other. We've always been strong but this has brought us yet stronger. A new realization, that each day is important. When we have

an opportunity to call each other, we take it; see each other, do it. Our parents, God bless them, are the anchor to our family. Even they continue to encourage and uplift us, their children.

I have been so blessed to have many people send a card or drop by with condolences. God has truly blessed me with a wonderful job and great people that surround me and my family with love. We, as a community, have suffered many losses recently. There's no better time than the present to continue to pray for each other.

On a happy note, my dad was one of the five chosen for this year's West Nassau High School Hall of Fame. He will be inducted on Friday night prior to the game. Daddy coached and taught at Callahan High School beginning in 1964. He was on the committee that made decisions concerning West Nassau County High School while it was being built. The committee decided the school mascot, Warriors; colors, garnet and gold; etc. Once West Nassau was built he continued to coach and teach there. Daddy loved his players and students. He was a coach that taught respect and character over everything else. His desire was for you to be the best person, student and player you could be. And he also followed those rules. Daddy never used foul language but his 'Golly Dang' could make you feel like a dog real quick. Those who played for him or studied under him, continue to this day to hold the utmost respect for him. I, along with all my siblings, am so proud of him and his many accomplishments. He continues to uphold the Lord above all in his everyday life. Congratulations Daddy! I love you! Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

Letters to the Editor



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

Thank you!

Dear Editor,

I want to thank Hank Martinez, Sr. and Roger West for voicing their support of our Sheriff's Department. Most people agree with them but it means so much to those putting their lives on the line every day to know most do! They don't know what they will have to face each day so we, as supporters, should be Prayer Warriors for them each day. That also goes for all our First Responders: Fire, Rescue, Police, etc.

God Bless you all,
Clarice Trawick

Fire Bible Golf Tournament Nov. 6

Hilliard First Assembly of God is proud to announce their 5th Annual Fire Bible Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for Friday, November 6 at the North Hampton Golf Club in Fernandina Beach. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with tee times starting at 11 a.m.

The golf tournament is a fundraiser to purchase Fire Bibles. The Fire Bible is a study Bible that has been translated into many different foreign languages to help pastors in foreign countries to study God's Word. Many of these Pastors will never have the opportunity to attend a Bible college, which is why these bibles are so important. The study notes in these bibles will help the pastors to properly teach God's word without straying into false doctrine. For more information, visit firebible.org.



Tournament and Hole Sponsors along with players are needed to make this event a successful one. Your sponsorship and participation in this event will allow your business to receive publicity and recognition to a worthy cause. All proceeds are given directly to the Bible Alliance to help purchase Fire Bibles to be distributed overseas to Pastors. Sponsorships include: Platinum: \$1,500; Gold: \$1,000; Silver: \$750; Bronze: \$500; or Hole Sponsor: \$125. Players are \$100 per player or team of 4, \$400.

All sponsorships, player and teams can send registration to: Hilliard First Assembly of God, PO Box 670, Hilliard, FL 32046. For more information or questions, please call the church office, 845-8642 or Pastor Arlie Johns at 904-424-1998. Checks may be made to Hilliard First Assembly of God.

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

I received an email concerning the 2020 Democratic Platform. My first reaction was this may be false information or somewhat inflated so I researched the DNC website and opened their 2020 Platform. It's 92 pages long and is totally mind boggling as to what the Democrats plan on doing to our Republic if they gain control of the White House. We are doomed as a Republic under a Biden/Harris (Harris/Biden) Presidency. It is straight Socialism with a pinch of Communism stirred in.

I cannot stress enough that if you vote for the Democrat party, you are totally voting against America. I encourage you all to google the "2020 Democrat Platform" and read some of it for yourselves. It is very, very scary! Below is a portion of the email I received.

The 2020 Liberal Democratic Party Platform is now posted on the Internet. No matter whether you are Republican, Democrat or independent, if Biden wins it will be the end of our Constitutional Republic. Note the censoring by having the government verify what is "true." It's 92 pages telling how a Liberal DNC House, Senate and President would run the United States. It clearly states exactly how the Liberal DNC proposes to handle every problem faced by America and its allies and foes. You can download it.

It includes: Universal healthcare and Medicaid for all Americans and illegal aliens; \$15 minimum wage; Immediate citizenship for illegals; Free college; Forgiveness of student loans; Eliminate border walls and Immigration Enforcement; Make Washington D.C. the 51st State; Abortion for "all women

& girls"; \$70 trillion Green New Deal, where the USA would be "net-zero greenhouse gas by 2050." But CLOSE all coal & natural gas power plants by 2035. By 2030 all new construction in the USA must be net-zero greenhouses; Create a U.S. Agency for Global Media "to ensure that only accurate information is reported in the news or on the internet;" Rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement; Create a new federal agency of 100,000 people to trace every American; Immediately restore voting rights for convicted felons; Provide funding to facilitate vote-from-home and mail-in-voting; Create a new Federal Credit Bureau (to replace Equifax, et al) and require banks to use this new credit reporting service that will be set up to assist low-income people in buying houses and cars; Make gun manufacturers responsible and liable for how their guns are used. (Destroy gun manufacturing); Declare and treat drug use as a mental illness instead of an illegal activity; Declare the support for the Rights of BLM, multi-gender, and preferential treatment for gays wanting to immigrate to America.

DO NOT believe the Biden/Harris ads, their ticket is once again pure socialism. There is no way on God's green earth that we the people could pay for the things these people are proposing. If you really want to know what America will look like under Democratic control, I once again say to you, look at Venezuela. Then vote according to what you believe is God's will for America. The Democratic Party has gone totally insane!

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

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Depressed and Conflicted

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



The year 2020 has taken a toll on all of us in some capacity. 2020 is a year like no other. This year will go down in history as one of the most bizarre years in history. I still do not know what to make of most of the events that have occurred this year, but we have all been affected by these events. As I was doing sermon prep for the series in Psalms that I am working through, I was studying Psalms 42-43. I was amazed at how eerily similar the psalmist's situation was to what churches have found themselves in this year. The background behind this Psalms is that the psalmist is evidently being sent off into Babylonian captivity (42:6). This is leading to the depression and the inner turmoil that he is experiencing (42:5, 11, 43:5).

I don't know about you, but I find an incredible amount of encouragement that an inspired writer of scripture is honest enough to say three times that he is depressed and he is experiencing deep inner turmoil. As we work through these Psalms we unearth why he is depressed and conflicted, but we also see how he works through his depression and conflict. For the sake of time, I will just list the causes of his depression, because I want us to see how he works through his conflict/depression: Disrupted worship: 42:1-2; Verbal assaults from opposition: 42:3,10; Pleasant memories: 42:4; Overwhelming circumstances: 42:7; Spiritual conflict: 42:9; Hostile opposition: 43:1.

If this doesn't sum up 2020 to a tee, I don't know what does. So what does he do about it? What should we do about our emotional and spiritual state? For starters, we do not quit on God. The psalmist has not abandoned God, even though he feels that God has abandoned him. He longs for God like a deer pants for water. He affirms that God lives (42:1-2). So the psalmist is fighting. He is questioning, he is struggling, he is reflecting and he is praying. He has plenty of negative feelings but he doesn't listen to himself, he talks to himself. He preaches to himself. If we look at how these Psalms progress, we see a progression to his struggle and his thought world. In 42:1, God is absent, in 42:9 God is his rock, and in 43:2 God is his strong refuge. After he asks his two dreaded questions three times each: why am I depressed? Why is this turmoil within me? He addresses himself and speaks to himself saying "Put your hope in God." This profoundly changes his psyche.

For all that we don't know about this year, we know that God is alive and well. We must focus on what is certain in the midst of uncertainty. We must affirm what is true instead of being governed by our feelings. God can and will get you out of the funk that you may find yourself in. God is alive and if you're thirsting for him, he is certainly able to satisfy your thirst in any circumstance.

Preschool Learns About Fire Safety



I Am A Promise Preschool spent time learning about Fire Safety last week. Although the class missed their annual Fire Station fieldtrip, they were thankful that Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief & JFRD Firefighter/Paramedic Dallis Hunter was able to visit our preschool. Chief Hunter shared fire safety tips with the students and showed them all the cool gadgets on the fire truck!

Colonial Dames Dedicate Legacy Tree

The Princess Amelia Chapter Colonial Dames of the XVII Century gathered around a legacy tree at Egan's Creek Park on a recent Saturday morning to honor Vice President Lucinda Jo "Cindy" Glenn. The legacy tree dedication ceremony was held on the one-year anniversary of her death. The historical marker in the background denotes the park as the original site of Egmont Plantation. The marker was erected under Miss Glenn's leadership as Regent of the Amelia Island Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, with research by Chapter Historian Claudia Naugle.



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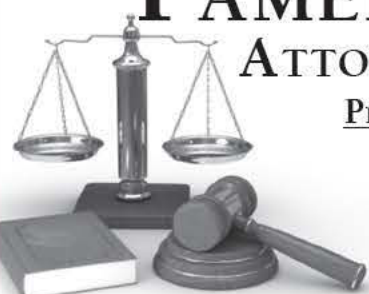


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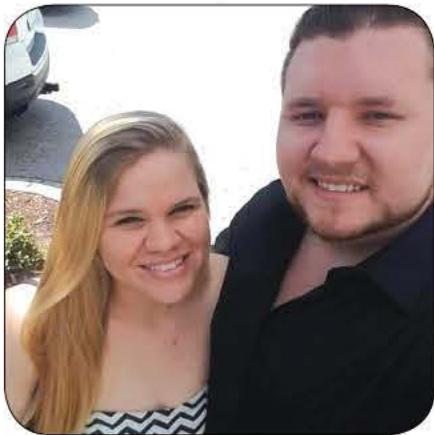
Mr. Elliott Jones Celebrates 97th Birthday

Mr. Elliott Jones, of Callahan, celebrated his 97th birthday, October 12. He celebrated his special milestone with his granddaughter Lindsey Jones whose birthday was October 14. Also joining in the celebration were his son Scott and family along with daughter Debby and wife Marilyn and Martha Tomlin.

Mr. Elliott is the oldest native who attended Callahan School grades 1 through 12. He also holds the title for oldest member at Callahan First Baptist Church; and oldest Callahan WWII Veteran. He also built the first fair building including the arena and offices. The buildings were paid for by the State of Florida through Senator Harry Stratton. The pig building and arts & crafts building was funded by Mr. Elliott and Kelly Walker of Hilliard. Mr. Elliott is looking forward to riding his motor powered wheel bike in the Callahan Christmas parade, which he enjoys!



Ms. Martin & Mr. Harrison Announce Engagement



Red and Kristi Harrison along with Christina Dixon are proud to announce the upcoming wedding of their children Allan Harrison and Chloe Martin.

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King Josh Coleman & Queen Molly Dean



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Monday, October 12

James Russell Moore, 30, 54877 Church Road, Callahan: Theft Over \$300 under \$5,000; Resist without Simple Assault; Violation of Probation Controlled Substance; Possession of Controlled Substance with Paraphernalia; Resist LEO

Tuesday, October 13

Christopher Shawn Turner, 32, 54115 Sunshine Drive, Callahan: Failure to Appear No Motor Registration; Attached Tag Not Assigned

Tristin Zane Sisson, 21, 55362 Bear Run Road, Callahan: Failure to Appear Violation of Probation, DUI Alcohol

Wednesday, October 14

Jessie Allen Brown, 22, 37074 Cosmos Trail, Hilliard: Putnam County Warrant Burglary Unoccupied Dwelling; Grand Theft; Dealing in Stolen Property

Charles Vernon McCracken, 19, 45002 Warrior Drive, Callahan: Violation of Probation Domestic Battery

Harold Guy Crawford, 21, 44149 Lee Drive, Callahan: Violation Pretrial Release Dating Violence

Thursday, October 15

Cody Aaron Kea McCullough, 26, 55303 Deer Run Road, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

William David McCullough, 43, 45284 Dixie Avenue, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

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KATHY BALDWIN



Kathy Baldwin, 62, of Callahan, entered heaven's gate October 14, 2020. Kathy was born to Jesse and Betty of Jacksonville, on a rainy Easter Sunday morning. Kathy grew up in Jacksonville, where she met her high school sweetheart Dale Baldwin. Dale and Kathy spent 45 amazing years together and had two daughters. Kathy loved to spend time with her family and any free time was always spent with them. Kathy is preceded in death by her daddy, Jesse M. Hunt and her loving mother-in-law Gloria J. Perdue.

Kathy is survived by her husband Dale Baldwin; daughters Christy (Marrell) Cery and Melissa Cabal; grandchildren Cody, Haleigh and Kadin Cery and Zoey Cabal; mother Betty Hunt; sister Cindy (Richard) Youmans; nephew Jeremy Youmans; niece Brittney Miller; several great nieces and a nephew; and last but not least, her loving dog Gerty.

Active pallbearers were Billy Whitaker, Wayne Higginbotham, Earl Howell, Jason Smith, Jeremy Youmans and Cody Cery. Honorary pallbearer was Kadin Cery.

A celebration of Kathy's life was held Monday, October 19 at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Marvin Lee officiating. The family received friends prior to service. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery.

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

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

MARJORIE CAMERON



Marjorie 'Maggie' Cameron, 83, of Callahan, passed away peacefully on October 19, 2020, at Life Care of Hilliard. She was born on September 18, 1937 and was married to the late Tommy Cameron for 58 years. She worked by his side for 17 years at

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Jax Custom Canvas and continued their upholstery and boat work for several years after. She also worked at Mobley Sundries with her brother Herman in Grand Crossing. She loved being outdoors in her yard and spending time with her family and friends especially around the holidays. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Tommy Cameron; and three brothers Marvin, Alvin, and Herman McNeill.

She is survived by her daughter Tina (Joe) Blanton; three sons Tommy E. Cameron, David (Subrina) Cameron and Tracy Cameron; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; and her sister Evelyn (Wylie) Sapp.

The family will receive friends Thursday, October 22 at Riverside Memorial Park and Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. A graveside service will be held Friday, October 23 at 11 a.m. at Edgewood Cemetery.

Please leave words of comfort at www.hgriversidefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Riverside Memorial Park and Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

MELVIN WILSON COX, SR.



Melvin Wilson Cox, Sr., 81, of Jacksonville, went home to be with the Lord on October 15, 2020. He was born on May 2, 1939 in Darien, Georgia to Toolie and Janie Cox. Melvin and the love of his life, Annie Lewis Cox were married on August 23, 1959 and have shared 61 wonderful years together. Melvin was a member of Bible Christian Fellowship Church, where he loved to worship and serve the Lord. Melvin enjoyed fishing, hunting, acting silly and making everyone laugh. He will be missed dearly. Melvin is preceded in death by his parents; son

Melvin Wilson Cox, Jr.; brother Bruce Cox; brothers-in-law JB Drawdy and Rev. JW Griffin.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Annie Cox; son Daniel (Genesis) Cox; daughter Pam (Tim) Roskie; brother Henry Cox; sisters Irene, Jonelle, Franny, Glenda and Diane; brother-in-law Robert (Linda); daughter-in-law Roxanne Cox; grandchildren Bruce (Rochelle), Eric (Ashley), Shane, Emily, Danielle (Bradley), Lexi, Daniel and Crystal; great-grandchildren Tamia, Robbie, Carsten, Astrid, Freyja, Skylar, Ryar, Dakota, Isaiah, Lena and Myra; and the entire church family.

A celebration of Melvin's life was held Tuesday, October 20 at Victory Celebration Church, Jacksonville, with Pastor Ken Henderson and Pastor Jim Matthews officiating. The family received friends Monday, October 19 at Nassau Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks to make a donation to Mrs. Annie Cox.

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

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

MICHAEL DONALD DAVIS, SR.



Michael Donald Davis, Sr., 52, passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Michael was a native of Jacksonville where he lived until marriage when he moved to Callahan. He was a graduate of Andrew Jackson Sr. High School, Class of '86 and worked for JEA at the Northside Generating Station in the Control Room. He was a diehard Seminoles and Dodgers fan, and he loved and enjoyed carpentry projects

and woodworking with his wife Deborah. Michael loved the Lord and spending time with his wife and family. Michael was preceded in death by his parents Joseph Benjamin Davis and Evelyn Faye Edgar Davis.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Deborah Griffin Davis; two sons Michael Donald Davis, Jr. and Zachary Austin Davis (Julia Creel); a brother William David Davis; and a grandson on the way in December, Jack Michael Davis.

A memorial service was held Saturday, October 17 at The Event Center at Peoples, with Dr. Herb Reavis, Jr. officiating. Michael's family received friends prior to the service.

Peoples Family Funeral Home served the Davis Family.

FANNIE RUTH HARPER



Fannie Ruth Carver Harper, 90, of Jacksonville, passed away peacefully October 13, 2020, from a long battle with dementia. She was a cherished wife, loving mother and the best grandmother and great-grandmother you could ever want or have.

Ruth was born to wonderful parents, Alfred and Ruby Batten Carver, on March, 17, 1930 in Douglas Georgia. She was raised with three brothers, Wilbert, Lebern and Grady.

At the age of 17, Ruth eloped with her sweetheart, Sibbett Harper, to a neighboring town, Pearson, Georgia to tie the knot. After marrying, they moved to Macclenny, and Ruth decided on her career, a beautician. She attended school and worked locally in Macclenny before moving to Jacksonville. She and Sib moved to Marietta and opened a salon, Sib and Ruth's Beauty Shop; first in their home, then to Hwy 90, then to Lakeland Street. She was a hairdresser for 38 years before retiring in 1987 to spend time enjoying her home and family.



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.

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She was also owner of HiWay Market on Sunbeam and Phillips Hwy on the southside of Jacksonville. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville and a member of Janet McKinney's Sunday School Class. She enjoyed working in her home, gardening and entertaining family.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Sib; and her parents and brothers Wilbert and Lebern Carver.

She is survived by two daughters, Renee (Ronnie) Dorminey of Jacksonville and Sybil (Billy) Purvis of Callahan; five grandchildren Blake, Dusty, Winnie, Betsey and Maddison, all of whom she loved and adored; six great-grandchildren, Harlyn, Clara, Davis, Cain, Will and Glo.

We would especially like to thank Dorothy and Carlotta for many devoted years given to care for Ruth. She loved them and they loved her. Also, a special thank you to Johnson, Tamara and Jackie who were a daily caregivers for her as well... you will never know how much you were appreciated. Ruth was a resident of Harbor Chase on San Pablo Rd. We would like to thank the staff for their dedication to her along with Vitas Hospice who showed love and compassion in her final days.

Graveside services were held Friday, October 16 at Oaklawn Cemetery, 4801 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville. The family received friends prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Pinky Promise Foundation, PO Box 1934, Callahan, FL, 32011 in Ruth's memory.

OBITUARIES

(Tammy) Harris, A.J. Henderson, Helen Harris, Priss Harris and Michelle Jones; a brother Carl Harris; sister Helen Sikes; 27 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many others that called him Papa Dub; and a host of nieces and nephews. He loved each of them dearly and in their own special way.

The family received friends Thursday, October 15 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Friday, October 16 in the Chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Mitchell Jones officiating. Burial followed in Bethlehem Cemetery in the Bachlott Community of Brantley County.

Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest registry at www.shepardfh.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston, Georgia.

MARCELLA C. MORGAN

Marcella C. Morgan, 85, was received into the loving arms of Jesus on September 23, 2020. She was born January 8, 1935. Marcella enjoyed going to church at Callahan First Baptist Church, reading and spending time with family. She is preceded in death her parents; her loving husband of 62 years, Henry; her oldest son Mark; and siblings. What a joyous reunion.

She is survived by her children Brenda Howard, Lori (Kenneth) Hodges, Carol (Mark) Veilleux, Micah (Amy Kay) Morgan and Amy (William) Scheibe; grandchildren Kyle, Justin, Marci, Holly, Mark, Suzy, Mandy, McKenzie, Zachary, Gracie, Sierra and Brittany; and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, September 26 at Callahan First Baptist Church.

SUE ELLEN RICE

Sue Ellen Rice, 80, of Callahan, passed away Saturday, October 17 at the Warner Center in Fernandina Beach. She was born February 25, 1940 in Flovilla, Georgia, to the late Ernest and Lucy Vickers Smith. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Callahan.

In addition to her parents; she was

preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Henderson Rice; three sisters Frances Ann Smith, Virginia Walker and Georgia Dodd; and a brother Robert Smith.

She is survived by her children Dr. Kenneth Rice and Karen (Don) Brydon; grandchildren A.J. Rice, Erin Rice and Megan Johnson; two sisters Pat Chambers and Peggy Wolfe; and a brother Larry Smith.

The family received friends Tuesday, October 20 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 21 in the Chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home with Justin Chambers officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Shepard Roberson Funeral Home assisted the family.

RONALD 'RON' RIDENOUR

Ronald 'Ron' Ridenour, 79, of Hilliard, went to his new home on Friday, October 16, 2020. He was born to Glen and Thelma Sherman Ridenour in Auburn Iowa. Ron was preceded in death by his parents; sister Glenda Lou Robb; his daughter Carol; and foster son Matt.

Ron spent 44 years as an owner operator over the road with the help of the Lord. He drove over 3 million miles, accident free across this beautiful country. He had many stores to tell and moved lots of very unusual freight.

Ron is survived by his wife, Shirlene Rowe Ridenour; one sister Jan (Dick) Bennett; a niece daughter Charla Jordan and nephew son Eric Conner (Best Man); special friends Gerald Guynn and Rod Martin; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Ron's life was held Tuesday, October 20 at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Marvin Lee officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Community Hospice 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

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

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

ROBERT WARREN SMITH



Robert Warren Smith, 30, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2020. He was born in Jacksonville, on December 16, 1989 to Warren and Rhonda (Crawford) Smith. Robert was raised in Callahan, and spent 5 years in Baxley, Georgia.

He was a 2009 graduate of West Nassau High School. Robert was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Baxley, Georgia. He was an avid Gator football fan, he loved fishing, hunting, and spending time with his friends and family. Robert never met a stranger and would help anyone in need. He is preceded in death by his father Leonard Warren Smith; grandparents Charles and Sonja Smith and Robert and Nell Crawford.

Robert is survived by his mother Rhonda Crawford; sister Jessica (Jeffrey) Mershon; brother Charlie Smith; grandparents Milton Beck and Nadine Smith; nephew Corey; nieces Addisyn and Avalyn.

Funeral services will be held Friday October 23 at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Cedar Bay Funeral Home, 405 New Berlin Road, Jacksonville, with Pastor Jason Masters and Pastor Steve Mequiar officiating. Interment will follow in Anderson Cemetery, Jacksonville. The family will receive friends Friday starting at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Cedar Bay Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JAMES 'DUB' W. HARRIS, SR.



James 'Dub' Waustein Harris, Sr., 80, of Hilliard, passed away October 13, 2020 at his residence. He was born in Folkston, Georgia on August 24, 1940 to the late Riley Harris and Harriett Lake Harris. In his spare time, he loved to fish and enjoyed working in his garden. In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by a son James W. Harris, Jr.; and two brothers Curtis Harris and Dave Harris.

He is survived by his loving companion Lois Henderson; his children James 'Rowdy' (Trish) Harris, II, Robert 'Bob'

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Warriors Fall to Pirates

Kyle Pipkin

If you didn't make it to last Friday night's game you missed a show! The game came down to the last possession. It looked like a Big 12 match where both offenses seemed to score at will, but it was fun to watch as long you didn't coach defense. When the dust settled it was the Pirates left standing 56-50. Yes, you read that right, 106 points were scored in a high school football game with 2 overtimes. The first quarter was proof that the game would definitely be a defensive battle with the quarter ending with both teams tied at 7. After a huge second quarter by the Pirates scoring 27 total points, the Warriors fought and added two more scores to their total. The half ended with the Warriors 21; and the Pirates 34.

The Warriors made a comeback in the second half scoring the only touchdown in the third quarter to tighten up the score, 29-34 with the Warriors in the lead. The fourth quarter had both teams battling hard to take the win. The Pirates refused to give up and scored. The Warriors also fought hard scoring twice in the fourth to tie up the game, 42-42. On to overtime it went. With each team scoring, the game went to the second overtime. The Pirates scored and the Warriors were unable to follow ending with a score of Pirates, 56; West Nassau, 50.

Offensively Chaz Davis put on an absolute clinic finishing the game with 299 all-purpose yards, 151 rushing yards with 3 touchdowns. He also caught the ball twice totaling 89 yards, one being a 49-yard touchdown reception. Brady Wright threw the ball for 104 yards and

a touchdown, and ran the ball in twice for touchdowns. The running game for the Warriors set the stage for this offense. As a team, they ran for 477 yards. Three different backs, Chaz Davis, Conner Nobles and Jesse Rochay all had over 110 yards rushing. Conner Nobles had 1 touchdown on the ground. Devon McDuffie added four points on kicks.

The offensive line deserves a huge shout out. Wyatt Butler had 5 pancake blocks; Trent Pinkston had 3; Francisco Jimenez had 5. Max Harrison and Ethan Arm each had 3 pancake blocks. Blocking like this is why this offense went off the way it did.

Defensively, Carson Murray had 8 solo tackles and 7 assists; Conner Nobles had 7 tackles and 3 assists; Christian Bailey had 6 tackles and 3 assists; and Michael Thorn added 4 tackles and 4 assists. The defense had a workout in this game and did a great job!

At the end of the game, the Warriors ended with 577 total yards. Even though they did not come away with a win this was a fun game to watch. The Warriors battled back throughout the game but the Pirates just got the better outcome this year. Rivalry games like these are what make football the best sport out there. Again, a huge shout out to the offensive line that often don't get enough recognition!

This Friday, the Warriors will celebrate homecoming with a battle against the Baker County Wildcats. Homecoming festivities will be held at halftime. West Nassau will also hold their Hall of Fame induction ceremony prior to the game at 6:30 p.m. with a game kickoff at 7 p.m.

Go Warriors!



JV Flashes Beat Indians

Holden McMillen

The Hilliard JV Flashes traveled to Keystone Heights last Thursday to battle the Indians. The Flashes started off with a bang when Braydon Holley connected with Braden Matto for 40 yards. The Flashes were on the doorstep of the end zone instead, the Indians forced a turnover deep into their own end. Because their drive chewed up the majority of the clock, the first quarter ended with no score. The Indians put up some points courtesy of an 18-yard touchdown run. With a successful 2-point conversion, the Indians sprung to an 8-0 lead. The Flashes responded with a good kickoff return by Chance Morgan. The Flashes offense capitalized with good protection, Rocco Miranda found Matto for a 14-yard score. With a failed 2-point try, the Flashes went into halftime down by 2 with a score of 8-6.

In the 4th quarter, the Flashes defense stopped the Indians. Pinned back at their own 10 yard line, down by 2, the Flashes leaned on the running game. The Flashes showed promise as they marched down the field with Holley exploding to a 35-yard run inside Indians territory. The Flashes used the legs of Holley to churn out yards on consecutive carries. To put the finishing touches on the drive, Miranda connected with Matto for a 25-yard score. With a failed 2-point attempt, the Flashes took the



lead away and found themselves up 12-8. The clock ran out and the JV Flashes took a 12-8 victory and improved their record to 3-1.

Offensively, Holley became the work horse in the ground game with 25 carries for 112 yards, 1/2 for 40 yards; while Miranda went 3/6 for 39 yards, 2 touchdowns and an interception. On the receiving end was Matto with 3 catches for 79 yards and 2 touchdowns; and Nathanael "Gloves" Vroman caught a pass for 9 yards.

Defensively, leading the charge was Colton Conner who ended the game with 8 tackles; Damon Kibler had 6 tackles and a game clinching sack; Trenton Haddock had 3 tackles and a fumble recovery; Morgan had 3 tackles; Seth Moore had 3 tackles; Holley had 2 tackles and an interception.

The JV Flashes welcome a rematch with the Episcopal Eagles on Thursday at 6 p.m. The Hilliard Varsity Flashes host the Fernandina Beach Pirates Friday night at 7 p.m. Come out and support your hometown team.

Go Flashes!



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