



# WESTSIDE JOURNAL

"GOD BLESSES THOSE WHO PATIENTLY ENDURE TESTING AND TEMPTATION. AFTERWARD THEY WILL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE THAT GOD HAS PROMISED TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." - JAMES 1:12

## WNHS Holds Induction Ceremony for Hall of Fame



Shown (l to r) are Mrs. Kay Reynolds (accepting for Don Reynolds), Coach Jim Stearn, Hilda Alderman, Coach Johnnie Green and Ryan Haugh (accepting for Howard Kendrick).

Dawn S. West

Friday night, prior to the West Nassau football game, West Nassau Athletic Director Randalyn Bryant along with Assistant Principal Richard Pearce, presented awards to the new members of the West Nassau High School Hall of Fame. This year inductees were: Ms. Hilda Alderman, Coach Johnnie Green, Don Reynolds, Coach Jim Stearn and Howard Kendrick.

The late Don Reynolds award was accepted by his wife, Kay Reynolds and daughters. Mr. Reynolds served as a Band Director in Nassau County for 35 years. Reynolds' bands achieved Superior Rank for 21 years in a row, 28 overall. He served as the FBA Chairman and adjudicator for the State of Florida, and received the Otto J. Kraushaar Award for 2 perfect seasons at District and State. He was a teacher to the lucky ones, mentor to many and a friend to all.

Ms. Hilda Alderman accepted her

award with her family by her side. Ms. Alderman taught at West Nassau for 33 years and was responsible for organizing female sports at West Nassau High School. She served as Head Coach for girls Basketball, Track and Volleyball and was Assistant Softball Coach from 1973-2000. While coaching, the team achieved winning Volleyball Districts & Sectionals in 1997, and went to State in Track in 2000. She was a mentor to many students at West Nassau, at church and in the community.

Coach Johnnie Green accepted his award with his wife Yvonne and his family by his side. Coach Green retired after serving 30 years in education and is also a Vietnam Veteran. He coached football, baseball, track and basketball and was the first African American Athletic Director in Nassau County. He was also selected as 1998 Teacher of the Year. Coach Green is also an ordained Minister serving as Pastor at St. James



Early Voting continues through Sunday, November 1 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. each day at all county locations:

Callahan Library  
450077 SR 200, Callahan

Hilliard Community Center  
37177 Pecan Street, Hilliard

**ELECTION DAY**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**  
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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Baptist Church in Lessie.

Coach Jim Stearn accepted his award with his wife Julia and several members of his family surrounding him. Coach Stearn began his career at Callahan High School and transitioned to West Nassau High. At Callahan High School his teams achieved Football Conference Champions in 1966 and at West Nassau High School in 1970. He was selected as Coach of the Year for Football in 1966 & 1970. At Callahan High School his Baseball team was Conference Champions in 1966 and reached the Final 4 State Tournament. He was selected Baseball Coach of the Year in 1966 and also 1978, as his 1978 West Nassau Baseball team were

District V Champions. Coach was surrounded by family members that wore Warrior shirts with the number 68 on the back in honor of their brother, Dub, who recently passed away.

Howard Kendrick's award was accepted by his longtime friend Ryan Haugh. Howard was a 2001 graduate of West Nassau High School. Howard was selected as the 2019 National League Championship Series Most Valuable Player and played on the 2019 World Series Champion Washington Nationals. While in high school, Howard was selected as All-State and the County MVP. He was also JUCO All-American.

Congratulations to you all!

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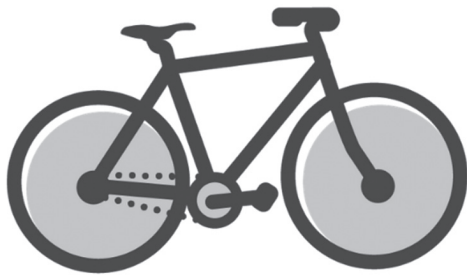
Pastor Lee Whitaker, KRBC

“...In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Matthew 25:40

After over 75 years of service in the Dinsmore community, the questions members of Kings Road Baptist Church ask themselves are, “How can we continue to serve? What can we do to reach the under-served? What unique method could we employ to reach people in both physical and spiritual senses?” Our membership is aging. Concerns over the pandemic and all that goes with it are constraining. “What can we do?”

The men of the church formed a group known as “The Armory.” With the help of Bro. Lee Whitaker, Pastor of Kings Road Baptist Church for over 30 years, The Armory reached out to Bro. Bill Clayton, Pastor of He Said Go Ministries, Inc. Bro. Bill pastors the homeless in the Riverside area of Jacksonville. His ministry provides many of their needs including food, clothing, and bicycles. BICYCLES!

It turns out...a reliable bicycle, much like an automobile, can be very important not only for basic transportation, but it can provide an opportunity for employment. Many of Jacksonville’s homeless rely on day labor or casual employment as their only means of support. Getting hired means having to be where the employer is and being there in time to be selected for work. Competition for these jobs can be stiff. Walking to the hiring location, or waiting on a bus can mean missing an opportunity and possibly going hungry



one more day.

With this understanding, The Armory of Kings Road Baptist Church went to work, collecting bicycles to provide to the Homeless by way of He Said Go Ministries.

The Armory accepts donations of working adult bicycles, or bikes that need only minor repairs, such as new tubes/tires, new seats or kick stands. The men clean the bikes, make the repairs, and deliver them, along with cable locks for security, to Bro. Bill Clayton of He Said Go Ministries, where they are distributed according to need. One can easily see that these bicycles are eagerly and enthusiastically received.

In order to continue this outreach, The Armory welcomes donations of adult bicycles. If you have bicycles to donate, there are a number of ways to contact Kings Road Baptist Church: 904-551-9617 between 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday – Thursday; email [krcadm@gmail.com](mailto:krcadm@gmail.com); message on FaceBook: Kings Road Baptist Church Group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/101570587632>.

On behalf of those served by this bicycle ministry, we of Kings Road Baptist Church, thank all of you who support us with your donations!

## Letters to the Editor

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

### Just My Opinion, Thanks

Dear Editor,

I moved here from Washington State in 1993. I am retired from the US Air Force and long distance Telephone Company in Alaska. I was born 30 days after FDR took office in 1933 and was raised as a democrat and became one when I got old enough to register (in Eastern KY). In the early days the democrats took care of the working people, that we all appreciated, but when JFK took office the democratic party started downhill! First, they had a law passed and JFK was able to spend all our Social Security funds on Peace Corps sending our young people overseas.

The final straw was when Obama spent 8 years as President, running down America. I was always told, “If you can’t say anything

good about someone don’t say anything.” Well, Obama was responsible for thousands of people changing from Democrat to Republican Party (I’m, one of them). I have read your column, Just My Opinion, in your paper ever since you started doing that. You and I seem to have the same outlook on life!

The most important decision I ever made was to accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and try my best to live like the Holy Bible tells me to. I believe that Satan has control of the leaders of the Democratic Party. The Democratic Party seems to be against everything our Holy Bible tells us to do! Please continue to write your column as long as our God tells you to!

God Bless,  
Dick Sharp

## Rayonier Donates \$80,000 for Disaster Relief

Rayonier (NYSE: RYN) announced today an \$80,000 donation to the American Red Cross, the Marion Polk Food Share, and the Oregon Food Bank for disaster relief assistance to the communities impacted by the recent wildfires in the Pacific Northwest and the recent hurricanes in the Gulf Coast.

“Many rural communities, already struggling in the face of the global pandemic, are now dealing with the devastating impact of these natural disasters,” said Doug Long, Sr. Vice President, Forest Resources. “Families have lost loved ones, their homes, and

their jobs. Rayonier is committed to support the relief efforts and help these communities where we live and work get back on their feet.”

The donation is earmarked for seven local chapters of the American Red Cross in Alabama, Louisiana and Oregon, and for the Marion Polk Food Share and Oregon Food Bank in Oregon.

“Our hearts go out to all the people impacted by these disasters, the first responders and volunteers for their continued work on the frontlines helping rural communities,” said Long.

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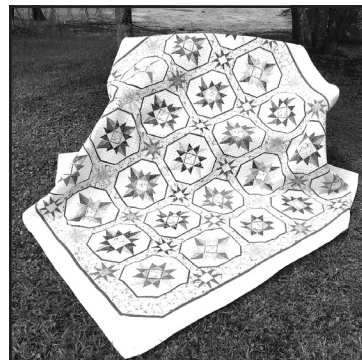
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Additionally, there will be less spread of the flu and COVID-19 if everyone continues to: Stay home if you're sick; Cover coughs and sneezes; Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly; Wear a face covering when around others or if social distancing isn't possible.



## Quilt Guild Raffle

The Country Star Quilt Guild is raffling off this 'one of a kind' beautiful quilt. The quilt is displayed at the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, where you can also purchase your tickets! Tickets are \$1 each; or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held December 14, 2020.

## God Bless America Yard Signs!

The AMVETS of Nassau County are holding a fundraiser selling God Bless America yard signs complete with yard stakes for **\$10** each. Signs may be purchased at the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, Callahan.



## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

West Nassau County High School Advisory Council Organization Meeting will be held Thursday, November 5 at 4:30 p.m. in the media center; social distancing will be observed.

Callahan Lions Club Turkey Shoot happening every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Club Building on US Hwy. 1, Callahan.

### In the Kitchen...

2 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup long-grain rice, uncooked  
1/2 cup vermicelli, uncooked and broken into 1-inch pieces

Melt butter in a saucepan; add rice and vermicelli. Cook over medium heat until golden; add broth. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Cover; simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. Stir in lemon zest and parsley.

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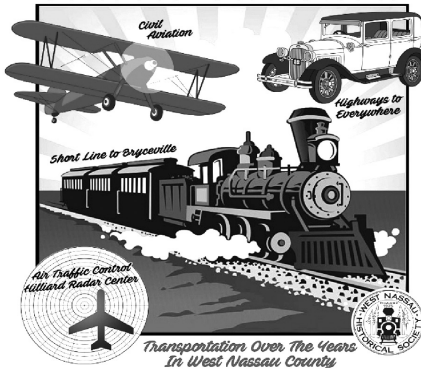
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As always, that's just my opinion.

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# Who Loves Ya Baby?

Pastor Steve Wolgamott, Live Oak Baptist Church



Hey, how many of you remember Kojak? He was that bald detective who, because he was trying to quit smoking, always had a Tootsie Pop in his mouth. At one time or another in every show he would wink and say, "Who loves ya baby?" He was always reminding others that he could be trusted to solve their problems. I guess that is why the show was such a hit.

Do you, if you are a believer in Jesus Christ regularly remind others that you do love them and that you can be trusted to help meet their needs? We should all be doing that. People need to know that there is someone who can come alongside them and help them in their time of need. That is what one of the two greatest commandments that Jesus spoke about means. Jesus said, "And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:39

Sadly, there is great anger and animosity being fomented in society and respect for others has been totally destroyed. BLM, Antifa, Bully Boys, and many others seek to destroy society mores and laws bringing anarchy, socialism, communism and many other 'isms.' The idea of loving one another, loving our neighbor is scorned and laughed at. The family structure, societal structure, religious structure, all pillars of society, is being done away with.

How can this change? Many might say something as crude as, "Kill them all and let God sort them out." Others blame government, or the police, or the breakdown of the family for all the wickedness in the world today. They say, fix government, police and the family, but when asked how it can be done no answer is forth coming.

I have the answer. It is not original with me but rather is found in a promise to the Children of Israel and I believe that promise is still in effect for believers today. The Bible says in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

God gives us here four steps toward seeing a great change in our world. We must humble ourselves, that is, seeing ourselves in comparison to the holiness of God. Then we must pray, confessing our sinful condition before God and then asking Him to equip us to be an instrument of change to change the world. When we are seeking to humble ourselves and praying as God says we should then we must seek His face. Seeking the face of God involves studying the Bible and applying it to our life. We are seeking to walk, talk, think and act like Christ. And finally, we must know what God in His word says about our sin and turn from our wicked ways. If we do these things God will hear, will forgive us our sins and then change will begin to occur in our land.

Then, like Kojak, we can say, "Who loves ya baby?" God does and He wants to prove it.

# Callahan Library Changes

The Callahan Branch of the Nassau County Public Library system will serve as an early voting and voting day location. Library services will not be available at the branch from October 19 – November 13 for the election and staff training on the new Polaris online system.

Polaris is coming on December 10th! The Nassau County Public Library System will be closed November 2 through November 13 for staff training on the use of the new, online Polaris

System. The Polaris system enhances and creates a more streamlined, efficient user experience. New features will include smart searches, easy renewals, increased functions on all devices and more. Visit the Library website at [www.nassaureads.com](http://www.nassaureads.com) for a detailed list of exciting new features.

During the staff training, book drops will remain open and library phones will be answered from 4-6 p.m. Digital resources are available 24/7 on the library's website.

# Honoring First Responders

In Honor of First Responders, the First United Methodist Church of Callahan will host a FREE Sloppy Joe lunch the first Tuesday of each month. All First Responders all encouraged and welcomed to come and have enjoyable free lunch the first Tuesday of each month.



The next luncheon will be held Tuesday, November 3 from 12-2 p.m. in the church Social Hall. The church is located right beside Callahan Elementary School.

# Barnabas in Top 1% of Charities Nationwide

Barnabas Center was recently recognized with achievement of the coveted four-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator. Four stars is the highest rating possible, demonstrating strong fiscal health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Barnabas has received the four-star evaluation for 14 consecutive years; only one percent of rated charities nationwide achieve this status, indicating that Barnabas Center outperforms most other charities in America. Wanda Lanier, President and CEO of Barnabas Center states that, "We are very proud to receive the coveted four star rating by Charity Navigator, which is indicative

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loss of childcare, or other circumstances. Individuals who have received previous assistance from Barnabas or the Nassau County CARES Act program may qualify. For more information, call 261-7000.

**Medical and dental care:** We provide affordable primary medical and dental care to adults who are uninsured and/or recently uninsured due to COVID-19. Please contact us to discuss qualifications for receiving assistance.

For more information, please contact Barnabas at (904) 261-7000 or [info@barnabasnassau.org](mailto:info@barnabasnassau.org). For your safety and others, please call us for a telephone pre-screening for financial assistance, food stamp and/or Medicaid applications before visiting our office.

## Dinwiddie Appointed to NCCOA Board

Geoff Clear, Chair, Nassau County Council on Aging (NCCOA) Board of Directors, is pleased to announce that Dr. Bernita Dinwiddie has been appointed to the organization's board. Dr. Dinwiddie's appointment is particularly timely given that NCCOA has initiated a year-long project to substantially upgrade its west side facility and programs to better serve Nassau County seniors living west of I-95.



Dr. Dinwiddie joins NCCOA's Board with more than 50 years of experience in administration in both education and corporate settings. Most recently, she served as Communities in Schools Site Coordinator for Hilliard Middle Senior High School for 10 years. In this position, she helped establish a school strategy to implement the organization's mission of helping at-risk students stay in school, graduate and lead a productive life. In addition, she provided academic

assistance, enrichment and motivational opportunities, college/career preparation and life/social development skills.

Prior to this position, Dr. Dinwiddie served as principal, assistant principal and teacher for several schools in Chicago, Illinois. During her tenure as principal at Richard Edwards Elementary School, she formed a partnership with Roosevelt University and gained entry into Board-sponsored initiatives to improve student literacy through professional development for principal and staff; received a \$300,000 Reading First grant; recruited two Fine and Performing Arts and Pre-IB Middle Years Magnet School Programs into the curriculum; and was instrumental in creating the first band program.

Dr. Dinwiddie is a resident of Hilliard, where she lives with her husband, Theodore.

## Supply Distribution for Local Businesses

The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners recently designated a portion of the funds from the CARES Act to be used for the distribution of sanitizing supplies to local businesses and reimbursement funds for disinfectant foggers to certain qualifying businesses. Sanitizing supplies will be available to all local businesses free of charge on a first-come-first-serve basis. "Providing these programs for the Nassau County business community is critical to the ongoing efforts to assist our citizens, community partners, and businesses recover in these unprecedented times. We are extremely appreciative to the Chamber Board of Directors for the opportunity to partner and execute this program," said Taco Pope, County Manager.

Distribution dates and locations have been established, making it easier for all businesses throughout Nassau County to access difficult to acquire sanitizing supplies. Each business will be provided supplies based on the number of employees and materials will be available until all supplies have been distributed. Businesses must bring a copy of either their utility bill or Florida Division of Corporations 2020

registration to receive free supplies. The provided document must show the name of the business and a Nassau County address.

Supplies will be distributed Tuesday, November 10 from 9-11 a.m. at the West Nassau Historical Society, 45383 Dixie Avenue, Callahan.

Daycares and Hospitality businesses may participate in the reimbursement program by submitting a receipt for a disinfectant fogger. For more information and restrictions, please contact the Chamber of Commerce.

According to Regina Duncan, President of the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce, "This program, coupled with the recent distribution of small business grants, will play a significant role in the recovery of our business community. We are pleased to partner with Nassau County to aid the entire business community."

Supply distribution is available for every Nassau County business. For more information about this program, please contact the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce at (904) 261-3248, [www.nassaucountyflchamber.com](http://www.nassaucountyflchamber.com) or at [info@NassauCountyFLChamber.com](mailto:info@NassauCountyFLChamber.com).

## CHURCH NEWS

First United Methodist Church of Callahan will hold a Trunk or Treat Sat., Oct. 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For those wishing to participate with their trunk, call 879-3877. A meeting will be held at 4 p.m. that day. All trunks should provide candy and a pump hand sanitizer.

Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church will have a booth at the Railroad Day Festival on Sat., Nov. 7. We will be selling homemade crafts and homemade baked goods. Stop by and pick-up early Christmas gifts as well as buy a chance to win a beautiful yard nativity set. See you there!

### First Baptist Church of Bryceville is planning a

## CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY!

For this event, they are looking for **DONATIONS of New or Gently used Children's Clothes and Toys.** Call Tammy at 904-400-1296 to arrange for pick-up of donations!

Be on the lookout for an early December event date!

## FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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## Southeastern Bank Promotes Lorra Britt to Vice President

Lorra Britt, Branch Manager of Southeastern Bank's Callahan office, was recently named Vice President. With nearly 30 years in banking, Britt's expertise lies in customer service and branch management. And in those three decades, there's not much Britt hasn't seen or done, whether it's helping customers build their first home, open a deposit account for their new business or navigate mobile banking.



Britt is passionate about her job and taking care not only of customers but staff, too. When asked what she finds most rewarding about managing a bank branch, Britt responded, "Watching employees learn, grow and advance their careers because of my training and encouragement is what I love about my position. Molding and building a team is so rewarding. I know our team is best when we all work together and that's what we want to be for our community – the best."

In addition to her leadership positions within Southeastern Bank, Britt serves as a board member and treasurer of Nassau Public Private

Partnership, Inc. (NP3). NP3 is an organization that assists communities who have suffered from natural disasters. The organization prides itself on connecting needed resources to people with home and property damage; in just their first year, NP3 put \$500,000 in the hands of Hurricane Irma survivors! Britt also previously served on the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce board and the Nassau County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. Britt and her husband, Jimmy, enjoy travelling and spending time with their children and especially, their five grandchildren.

Britt's goal is to continue positioning Southeastern Bank as the "bank of choice." She added, "With our level of personal service and the relationships we build, the possibilities are endless!"

Stop by the Callahan branch today and visit with Lorra and the rest of the team. Learn more about Southeastern Bank online at [southeasternbank.com](http://southeasternbank.com) and check us out on Facebook for product and service information, tips and more!

## Distance Learning Day November 3 for Some Students

*West Nassau & Hilliard Middle-Senior High Schools*

*Dr. Kathy Burns, Superintendent*

COVID 19 has brought about many changes and adjustments for businesses, communities, families and our schools. We have all adjusted to doing many things differently. The Supervisor of Elections Office also faced this challenge as they worked diligently to identify November 3rd voting locations that would allow for social distancing, and adequately address the most recent legislation concerning polling locations.

Nassau County's August primary voting locations included three school sites: Yulee Middle School, West Nassau High School and Hilliard Middle-Senior High School. Over the last few weeks, our school district team, along with appropriate leaders from the Supervisor of Elections office has explored many options for both voting and learning on Election Day. Factors considered were: Safety for students/staff; Accessibility

for voters; 2020-2021 School Calendar and meeting state required instructional hours required at every grade level; and Meals for students on this date.

To ensure the safety of our students as well as provide adequate accommodations for voting, we must plan for an alternative day of learning for students at these sites.

On Tuesday, November 3, students currently attending Yulee Middle School, West Nassau High School, and Hilliard Middle-Senior High School, will participate in a day of distance learning. Teachers and support employees will work on-site providing the required services and supports. All other school campuses will continue with on-site learning. Thank you for your flexibility and support as we continue to navigate the challenges and opportunities of this unprecedented time.

## Warrior

*Mary Flowers*

*"If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses?"*  
Jeremiah 12:5

The scripture above is among many of my favorites. I seem to call on this verse more than some. That's because when I whine or complain, this verse makes me take check of myself and realize I truly don't have anything to whine or complain about. Just watch the six o'clock news, there is always someone worse off than ourselves. Even on my worse day God has truly blessed me and He has truly blessed this nation of ours even though most fail to see that. At this place in time we are only running with the "footmen." The question that I'm scared to ask, or if you will, get the answer to, is what will we do when the horsemen come?

I believe at this time we have to ask ourselves what type of leader do we want on the battlefield and do we want to be footmen or horsemen? Do we want a leader that we like or a leader that we know will win on the battlefield?

I'm reminded of when I chose the

surgeon for my knee replacements. He was very aloof when meeting him for the first time in the exam room. When he completed the exam, he walked out without a word. I had to ask his assistant if the exam was over and if I was free to go. My surgeon would not have won a personality contest that's for sure! I chose him because he was an orthopedic surgeon who had worked with many athletes and he had many surgeries under his belt and was considered one of the best. Because of his skill, not his personality, my knee surgeries were a success and I recovered quickly. I'll take an unfriendly 'Great' surgeon over a friendly 'Mediocre' surgeon any day!

As with picking a surgeon, when I pick a leader, I want a "Warrior," one who will draw first blood on the battlefield. He doesn't have to be kind, friendly or someone you would want to write home about. What he does have to be, however, is fervent, un-ashamed and committed altogether to victory and to the army he will lead onto the battlefield, even if it means he draws first blood because he is a Warrior and we are not the footmen, we are the Horsemen!

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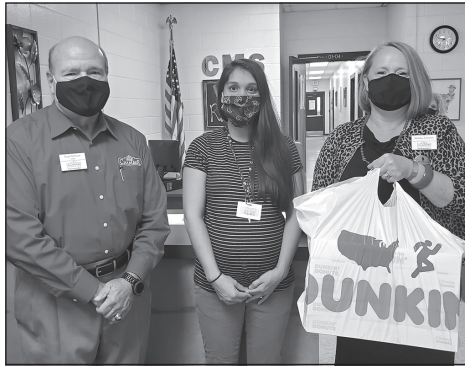


## Showing Appreciation for Teachers

Nassau County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Ambassadors helped deliver 400 donuts and bags of goodies for Nassau County teachers in Yulee, Callahan, Hilliard and Bryceville. The gesture was just showing Teacher Appreciation.



Brean Powell (Wildlight) and Mary Pitcher (Sea Horse Properties) delivering bags and donuts to teachers at Callahan Elementary



Hugh McLean (SCORE Jacksonville) and Wendee Ashmore (First Federal Bank) at Callahan Middle School



Chelsea Cook (Amelia Island Vacations) and Laurie Holmes (Little Lambs Child Care Center) at Callahan Intermediate



Chasta Moore (Moore Amelia Island Rentals) with a staff member from Hilliard Middle Senior High School

## Millennial's Point of View

Levi C. West

As we are on the brink of the 2020 Presidential election, Tuesday, I felt it necessary to write about President Donald J. Trump. Many wonder how a man who grew up, in Queens, NY and lived in New York City his entire adult life, has captivated the hearts of the 'Deep South' and the majority of small town USA in this country. Even with the heavy New York accent and being a billionaire, we feel like he is one of our own. As I was watching the local Trump Train Road Rally parade a couple of weeks ago, I saw firsthand the passion that people have for our President. There were young children, teenagers, families and senior adults in the parade. It was an unbelievable event and showed where our county stands on this election. The passion across the country for Trump is something politics have never seen.

Why? Because Trump speaks directly to the American people when he talks, whether it's in the White House press room or at a rally. He doesn't speak like a politician and that's why he connects with the American people the way he does. Blue collar workers, like me, want as little government interference in our lives as possible. We want a safe country, low taxes and our constitution to be upheld.

Some Americans are still a bit weary of Trump because he is a little rough around the edges and mostly because of his tweets. I do sometimes cringe when I read some but he owns them and we the people know where he stands and what he is thinking. You might not like it or agree with his tweets but he has an honest stance on what he believes. We have never had an election where the candidates were so polar opposite on issues and here's where they stand: Lower taxes vs. Raising taxes; Silence on Rioting & Looting vs. Law & Order; and Capitalism vs. the first steps to Socialism.

I encourage everyone whether you are a Democrat or Republican, to not pass on your right to vote. As for the young people, listen to your parents and/or grandparents for wisdom, as they have lived through many presidents and policies. Most colleges paint a picture of an America that fits the narrative they like and isn't an accurate portrait of the land we love.

Before you cast your ballot, do some non-partisan research on facts about the two candidates to see what kind of country you would rather live in. I will be casting my vote for 4 more years of service for Donald J. Trump! Thank you for reading and God Bless America!

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# New Beginnings and Milestones

## Ms. Clara Hunter to Celebrate 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Ms. Clara Beall Hunter, of Callahan, will celebrate her 90th birthday October 30. She was born October 30, 1930 in Columbia, South Carolina. She later moved to Florida with her family. She met and married Aubrey L. Hunter, Sr. They were married 63 years prior to his death. She continues to love cooking, sewing, spending time with her family and going to church. She gives to everyone and is loved by everyone! She is a faithful member of Lannie Road Baptist Church. She will celebrate her special milestone with a trip to the mountains with her daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Rich.

She has six children, Warren (deceased) and Debbie Hunter, of Hilliard, Janice (David) Marvin of North Carolina, Karen Connor, Kenny Hunter, all of Callahan, Sandy (Rich) Turner of Yulee and Aubrey L. (Brenda) Hunter, Jr., of Jacksonville. She also has 16 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.



## Halloween Happenings

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

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# JUST MY OPINION COLLECTION

Dawn S. West

Anyone who reads, and I mean reads, the Westside Journal is familiar with the page 3 column, Just My Opinion. The column is well written by none other than my husband Roger R. West. Following his retirement from Nassau County Fire Rescue he began lots of reading and studying this great country of ours. Through his study he has learned so much about his true love for our country the United States of America. It can be seen in his column each week. Roger has always been extremely crafty in all things but has found his enjoyment in working with wood.

One day I came home from work and he had created the most beautiful American flag with wood. Each of the pieces are cut and painted individually. The stars are also carved not painted. Since the first one, he has branched out and made smaller versions and also the thin blue line and thin red line flags. From the advice of his precious mother who suggested he sell them, he is. Naming his designs the Just My Opinion Collection, which is carved into the back of each flag along with the date, are now displayed in the Westside Journal office. Perhaps you might come by and just look or perhaps you might



want to purchase one. The prices range from \$35 - \$60. Roger also posts on his Facebook page when he designs a new look, so make sure to keep up with them there also. Again, this is just a hobby that he thoroughly enjoys. I'm so thankful that my husband is Proud to be an American!



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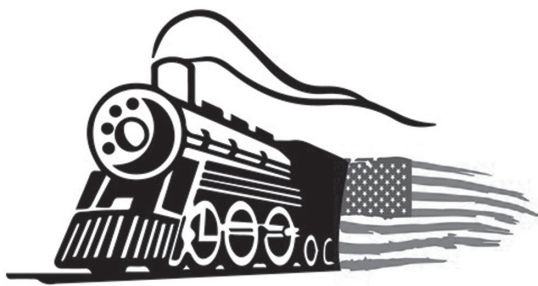
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## Second Trump Train Road Rally to be Held Sunday

This Sunday, November 1, 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! A donation of \$10 per car will be accepted to pay for the cost of the NCSO deputy escorts. Remaining monies will be donated to the Westside Republican Club.



The Road Rally will begin at 2 p.m. at the NE FL Fairgrounds, with a Nassau County Sheriff's Office escort leading: travel east on Musslewhite Road to Griffin Road; turn right on SR 200; turn right in Callahan on US Highway 1; head north on US Highway 1 to Hilliard; turn around and head back to the fairgrounds.

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## Farmer Sworn into Office



Klynt Farmer was officially sworn into office of County Commissioner District 5 on Tuesday, October 20 with his dad, Kenny Farmer by his side. Farmer was sworn in at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department by Nassau County Judge Steve Fahlgren. Farmer will not actually begin his position until November 18, 2020.

## 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 20

William Shannon Wagner, 56, 45063 Mickler Street, Callahan: Dealing in Stolen Property (x 2); False Verification at Pawn (x 2)

Somer McKendree Edwards, 41, 5572 Pittman Road, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

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**LINWOOD KENNETH BOND**



Linwood 'Candyman' Kenneth Bond, Sr., 93, passed away October 26, 2020 in Jacksonville. He was born February 19, 1927 in Albemarle County, Virginia, to the late Edward and Estelle Bond. He was a Chartered Member of Wingate Road Baptist Church. He was a Veteran of the United States Navy during World War II. He loved gardening, fishing and anything outdoors but most of all he loved spending time with his family. He was known to everyone as the 'Candyman.' He will be dearly missed.

Linwood is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Elizabeth (Pugh) Bond; three brothers; two sisters; and his grandson Kendall Bond.

Survivors include his son, Linwood K. (Judy) Bond, Jr.; daughters Patricia (Jim) Wade and Mary Kay Wasdin; eight grandchildren, Chris (Reese) Bond, Alicia (Chuck) Dunn, Jeremy Barry, Elizabeth (AJ) Cummings, Elizabeth (David) Stevens, Kristen Barry, Justin Wasdin and Daniel Wade; 35 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other friends and family.

The funeral service will be held Friday, October 30 at Cedar Bay Chapel at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow with Military Honors at Jacksonville National Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. The family will receive friends Thursday, October 29 from 6-8 p.m. at Cedar Bay Funeral Home, 405 New Berlin Road Jacksonville.

**DAISY COBB**



Daisy Cobb, 78, of Hilliard, passed away October 11, 2020. Daisy was born on June 21, 1942 in Callahan, to Leon and Bertie Sikes Cobb. She was a member of Buford Grove Baptist Church, where she served faithfully. She was a loving sister, aunt, great aunt, great-great-aunt, cousin and friend. All who knew her loved her. In addition to her parents, Daisy is predeceased by two brothers Daniel Cobb and Lance Cobb; and a sister Lillian Miller.

She is survived by a sister Loretta Higginbotham; and her brother Melton (Jeani) Cobb.

A funeral service was held Thursday, October 15 at Buford Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Curtis Harrington and Bro. Mike Pruitte officiating. Burial followed in Mill Creek Cemetery, Hilliard. The family received friends Thursday, October 14 at Callahan Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were Hal Merritt, Kerry Davis, Dennis Perkins, William DiMaria, Ronnie Cobb and Randy Cobb.

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

Callahan Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**OBITUARIES**

**JACKSON 'JACK' COLLINS**



Jackson 'Jack' Davis Collins, 78, of Callahan, passed away on October 21, 2020. He was born on July 24, 1942 in Hilliard, to the late Albert



Jackson Collins and Bertha Nancy Lee Mcintosh Collins. Jack joined the United States Army on June 18, 1961 before later joining the National Guard, and he proudly served his country as a Senior Radio Relay Operator. After his honorable discharge, Jack started his own business, Jack Collins Collision & Painting. He was also a Shriner and a Mason and had taken the Scottish Rite. Jack enjoyed boating, fishing, diving, traveling around in his motorhome, and entertaining his friends. More than anything, Jack loved spending time with his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be dearly missed. He is preceded in death by his parents; and a brother Charles Douglas Collins.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, Peggy Anderson Collins; his daughter Annette (Mike) Bowers of Yulee; his son Albert (Stephanie) Collins of Hilliard; his granddaughters Marissa Larue, McKaela Collins and Kaydence Collins; his grandson Jackson Collins; and many extended family members.

A celebration of Jack's life will be held Friday, October 30 at 11 a.m. at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Hal Mcintosh officiating.

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

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**PATRICIA DONLEY GREENE**



Patricia Ann Donley Greene, 60, a former resident of Hilliard, and current resident of Folkston, passed away Saturday, October 24, 2020 at SE GA Healthcare Camden Campus. Patricia was born on October 4, 1960 to the late Holman and Beatrice Webb Donley, Sr. in Folkston. Patricia was educated in the public school system of Hilliard, where she graduated from Hilliard High School in the Class of 1978. She was a member of Mt. Charity Baptist Church in Hilliard, since she was a child. Patricia was a former employee of the Marriott Hotel in Jacksonville before becoming disabled. Patricia was a kind, loving person that will be missed dearly by her family and friends. She was preceded in death by both parents, Holman and Beatrice Donley, Sr.

Those left to cherish her memory are: her caretaker and companion Ricky Mason of Hilliard; her loving children Takilah Roberts of Albany, Teisha Donley of St.

Marys and Cedric Greene of Hilliard; her sister Demitra (Willie) McCrae of Hilliard; her brothers Holman (Yvonne) Donley, Jr. of Callahan, Thomas (Sharon) Donley of Jacksonville, Leonsy (Patriche) Donley of Orlando, Randy (Ardra) Donley of Yulee and Lamont (Patrina) Donley of Hilliard; her aunts Leola Coachman, Mable Riley-Donley and Lula Mae Swinton; an uncle Arthur (Janie) Webb; her grandchildren Jazmine Greene, Yazmine Frazier, Naziya Melton, Zaniya Donley, Cedric Davis, Carter Hicks and Justic Alexander; special friends Diane James, Ida Jones and Julius Henderson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, October 31 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Charity Cemetery, US Highway 1 in Hilliard.

Final arrangements entrusted to Royal Funeral Home Inc., Jesup, Georgia.

**CURTIS JONES**



Curtis Jones, 74, passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at UNF Shands, North Campus in Jacksonville. Curtis Jones was born August 21,



1946 to Arthur Jones, Sr. and Ethel Mae Hannans Jones, who preceded him in his death. He was also preceded in death by his brothers Arthur Jones, Jr.; and grandsons Ashton Jones and Nyles Jones.

Curtis was educated in the Charlton County Public School System. He was a 1965 graduate from Bethune High School. He also received his Real Estate license from the Georgia Institute of Real Estate Inc. in Atlanta, in 1970.

Curtis joined the United States Army and served active duty for several years. He was also employed by Ford Motor Company; and worked as a wood producer for Jenkins BBQ in Jacksonville, for 30 years. On March 24, 1984 he joined in holy matrimony to Eleanor Peterson Jones. Born to this union were three children. He was a proud devoted grandfather who he had a special bond with both grandchildren, by whom he was affectionately known as "Popa." He was also called Popa by the community kids. He was a member of Greater Faith Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Van Baker.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his devoted and loving wife Eleanor Peterson Jones; children Lana (Curt) Jones, Candice

Jones and Curtis Devin (Venir) Jones; granddaughters Marlie Jones-Ervin and Kaelyn Jones; brother Richard (Rosa Mae) Jones; nieces and nephew Renae (Matthew) Henry, Veronica Jones and Kevin A. Jones; one Uncle Lawrence (Ruby Lee) Hannans; special niece/sister Nedra Philmoe; like a son, Fredrick Taylor; special friend Alvin Taylor, Sr.; sisters-in-law Rose Peterson Anderson, Georgia Peterson, Carolyn Peterson, Vanessa Peterson, Sylvia Peterson, Wanda (Kenny) Cash, Marsha (Larry) Young and Ayesha Wong; brothers-in-law George (Melody) Peterson, Charlie Peterson, Kelvin (Gloria) Peterson, Joe (April) Peterson, Kenneth (Maxine) Peterson and Kenneth Newsome; god children Curtis Smith, Clarence Adamsom, Jr., Mathew Alberlie, Darrel Spatcher, Jr., Brandi and Brandon Doles, Jacan Peterson, Cortez Reed, Amber George, Charles Davis, Brailyn Shaw, Roger Ingram, Lyla Dylan Clarday, Jackson Smith, Neil Lushington, Colby, Chloe and Colt Bryant; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Graveside services were held Sunday, October 25 in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

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

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

Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home assisted the family.

**MARY SKINNER LANHAM**



Mary Maxine Skinner Lanham, 80, passed away October 20, 2020 in Hilliard. She was born April 22, 1940 in Sutton, West Virginia to the late Cecil James Skinner and Ruth Ann Thompson Skinner. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Sun City, Florida.

In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Herbert John Lanham; two grandchildren Kenneth Landon Viar and John Robert Viar; and two brothers Lonnie Skinner and George Skinner. Just hours before Mary's passing, her sister, Betty Mae Paugh passed away. They met at heaven's gates.

She is survived by her daughter Paula (Charlie) Hahn; her son James (Melissa) Lanham; and a brother James Skinner.

Memorialization was by cremation.

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**PRISCILLA BRADLEY MOORE**



Priscilla Ann Bradley Moore, 55, of Callahan, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at her residence. She was born on July 31, 1965 to Lucious Bradley and Albertha Bamberg Bradley in Norfolk, Delaware. She was educated in the public schools of both Folkston and Jacksonville. Priscilla was a member of Mount New Home Missionary Baptist Church. She served many years employed with Folkston Park Convalescent Center in housekeeping and also with her recent job with McDonalds in both Yulee and Callahan. Priscilla enjoyed coloring, working her puzzle books and spending time with her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father Lucious Bradley; and two brothers Bernard and Dennis A. Bradley.

Those left to cherish her memories are her husband Willie Moore of Folkston; her mother Albertha Bradley; her children Belinda Alderman, Bradley Alderman and Ronald Alderman, Jr., all of Folkston; four grandchildren Christopher Alderman, Dometreis Alderman, Brianna Alderman and Bradley Alderman; her close cousin and friend Edwina Brewer; a stepdaughter that was like biological child, Scheryronda Albertie; close family and friends Ronald and Racheal Alderman; and a host of other relatives and coworkers and friends that will miss her dearly.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, October 31 at 11 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Folkston.

Final arrangements entrusted to Royal Funeral Home, Inc., Jesup, GA.

**JAMES NORMAN MORGAN**



James Norman Morgan, 80, of Callahan, met God face to face on October 23, 2020. He was born on May 10, 1940 in Dalton, Georgia, to Hudson and Thelma Morgan. Norman was the owner of Morgan Box Company which opened in 1976. Norman was a Godly man and a loving and supportive husband of 64 years. Norman's family said next to Christ he was the greatest man that ever lived. Norman loved his family with all of his heart and cherished the time he spent with them. Norman also valued his friends. He will be dearly missed by all that knew him. He is preceded in death by his parents; infant child; granddaughter Caila Cornett; sisters Claudell Gifford, Linda Faye Elrod, Geraldine Hanes, Debbie Clayton; and a brother J.E. Morgan.

Norman is survived by his loving wife, Clementeen Morgan; children Connie (Troy) Salis, James (Linda) Morgan and Shelia (Earl) Bright; a brother Larry (Barbara) Morgan; sister Aileen Ingles; grandchildren Randall, Bradley (Amber), Tiffany (Daniel), Trisha (Noe) Bright, Bo (Rachel) Bright, Kendra (Tommy) Cornett, Kaitlyn (Ricky) Jackson and Julia Bright; great-grandchildren Caileb, Zachary, Breydon, Tyler, Hudson, Houston, Maverick, Ella, Klayton, Kaiyah, Kenzy, Aiden, Emmett, Carter, Denver, Waylon and Declan.

**OBITUARIES**

Active pallbearers were Daniel Conger, Breydon Morgan, Ricky Jackson, Royce McCloud, Troy Rauch and Algerie Johnson. Honorary pallbearers were the Deacons of Dinsmore Baptist Church.

A Celebration of Norman's Life was held Wednesday, October 28 at Dinsmore Baptist Church with Dr. E. Winson Butler and Reverend Larry Morgan officiating. The family received friends prior to service. Interment followed at Friendship Congregational Church Cemetery in Baxley, GA, with Brother Wayne Williamson.

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

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**VALARIE VIOLA MYERS**



Valarie Viola Myers, 50, of Callahan, passed away unexpectedly on October 19, 2020. She was born on July 20, 1970, in Jacksonville, to the late Norman R. and Sandra J. Allen. Valarie was a people-person and the life of the party. She spent her career years as a waitress at many different restaurants and she had a way of calling every customer by their name and treating them like a friend. Valarie enjoyed the beach, collecting sharks' teeth, laying out by the pool, fishing, shopping at The Avenues, and singing karaoke, whether it be at a bar or in the shower. She loved to make people laugh. She treated her dogs, Max and Chico, like they were her children. More than anything, Valarie loved her family and her friends. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Valarie leaves behind her soulmate of over 20 years, Tom Bennett; her sisters, Deborah (Albert, Sr.) Wilkes and Laura (Albert, Jr.) Wilkes, both of Callahan, FL; her brothers Norman "Ronnie" Allen of Callahan and Ethan Allen of Jacksonville; her nieces and nephews Ayden (Taisha), Christopher (Jessica), Ashley (James), Nicole, Bradley and Josh; and many other family members and a zillion friends.

A celebration of Valarie's Life was held Friday, October 23 at Nassau Funeral Home. The family received friends prior to the service.

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

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**BERTHA LEE WAITE**



Bertha 'Bert' Lee Waite, 79, of Bryceville, accepted her invitation to Heaven October 19, 2020, surrounded by her immediate family in her home. She was born December 26, 1940, in Jacksonville, to John Quincy Jones and Lilly Mae Jones. Bertha was a wonderful woman full of life and love for her family. Bert was diagnosed with Lung Cancer briefly before her passing in

the late summer of this year. The family as well as herself, accepted the diagnosis with hope and prayers. After hanging up her apron from O'Steens Pharmacy, she was able to spend time with her husband of 63 years. Always known to have a zest for life she enjoyed spending her time playing a competitive game of scrabble with those who would join her, crossword puzzles, Saturday morning garage sales, vacations to Cancun, Mexico yearly, cooking and baking for her immediate family, as well as church family. She valued and took the time she could to spend her days with her family, both young and old especially celebrating her most loved holiday, Christmas. She will be sorely missed by her shadow and comfort companion "Sugar."

Bert is survived by her loving husband Wallace 'Buck' Edward Waite; three children John (Maureen) Waite, Hal (Valerie) Waite and Cheryl (Mike) Carr; brother George (Delaine) Jones; sister Vivian (Manny) Ortega; sister-in-law Pat Waite; grandchildren Bo (Samantha) Waite, Jennifer Curry, Scott (Connie) Waite, Jason Carr, Danielle (Brandon) Ennis, Andrea (Josh) Grennell, Jared (Lindsey) Waite; and wonderfully blessed with 14 great-grandchildren.

Bertha is preceded in death by a brother Madison Jones; sisters Barbara Jowers and Johnnie Mae Pierce; and a special niece Tammy Babich.

A Celebration of life as she entered her eternal home was held Saturday, October 24 at Hardage-Giddens Riverside Funeral Home, Jacksonville. Visitation was held Friday, October 23. A graveside service followed at Brandy Branch Baptist Church Cemetery, Bryceville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her honor to Community Hospice.

**LANCE THOMPSON**



Lance Thompson, our "Bubba," has made his way home to heaven October 24, 2020. He left us all with a hole in our heart that will never be filled. Lance was born May 16, 1996. During his 24 years with us here he always brought a smile to everyone he met and he never met a stranger. Lance loved spending time with loved ones at the river. Lance also loved playing high school football for the Indians and even got to play a little college ball with his best friend Trae Harrington. After college, Lance joined the Marines which he loved very much. He made impressions on many of his Marine brothers that will never be forgotten. Lance was loved by many and enjoyed bringing happiness to others.

He is survived by his daddy & moma, Rodney and Tina Thompson; his mom and step dad Rebecka and Ronnie Gallups; his siblings Heather Hunter, Ethan (Hodgie) Hunter, Kalee (Daniel) Gould and Kaden Gallups; his nephews Brantley & Gavin Graham; his grandparents Papa (Dwight Thompson), Papaw & Gege (John and Debbie Downs) and his Nana (Carrie Proctor); his aunts and uncles Brain & Mickey Thompson, Tift & Shirley Thompson and Travis & Brandy Thompson; along with many more loved ones.

A celebration of Lance's life will be held Thursday, October 29 from 5-8 p.m. at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held Friday, October 30 at 11a.m. at Boones Creek Cemetery. The family requests that donations be made in Lance's memory to: Bridges of Hope of Homerville, GA, 1326 Antioch Rd., Homerville, GA, 31634 or [www.bridgesofhope.org](http://www.bridgesofhope.org) or by calling 912-487-2576.

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## Warriors Lose to Baker County!

Kyle Pipkin

Last Friday night, the West Nassau Warriors fell to Baker County 28-12. We all know that this is a down year for the Warriors. They had a tough task going into Friday night's game against Baker County even during a good year. Baker is one of the top five teams in the district only losing to Bolles this season.

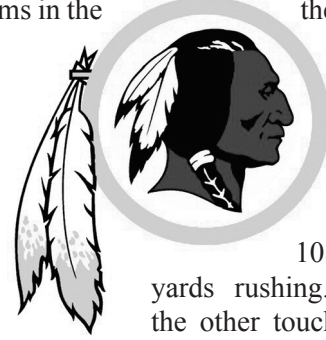
This year, the Warriors have played some very good teams, having played numerous teams that could be easily ranked in the top of the first coast area teams all while keeping some of those games close. There are some bright spots for this team moving forward. Over the last few seasons, the Warriors have had many talented players graduate. As we have seen this year, they have some underclassmen really performing at a high level.

Now let's get into Friday night! Defensively the Warriors gave up 355 yards on the ground on 48 carries. Baker

scored two touchdowns on the ground and one through the air. The leading tackler for the Warriors was Christian Bailey with 13 solo tackles and assisted on 5 more giving him a total of 18 for the game. Carson Murray was second with 15 total tackles and one of them was for a loss.

The two touchdowns scored for the Warriors were by Chaz Davis who caught one touchdown. Davis finished the night with 108 yards receiving 46 yards rushing. Brady Wright scored the other touchdown by running it in himself. He finished the night with 185 passing yards and 36 rushing yards. He also had one interception.

As the season comes closer to an end we are glad that the Warriors have a relatively safe season thus far. Although this hasn't been the season we hoped for, we hope to finish strong! This Friday night the Warriors travel to Jackson for a 6 p.m. kick off! Go Warriors!



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God Bless our Troops!



# JV Flashes Sweep Eagles

Holden McMillen

Riding the tidal wave of a 4-game winning streak, the Hilliard JV Flashes returned home last Thursday to play the Episcopal Eagles. The Eagles opened the game with the ball and were able to get something going, but the Flashes defense rose tall and put a stop to the drive. Both teams struggled to get anything going offensively and there was no score at the end of the quarter. The Flashes showed signs of life on offense with a little trickery when Braydon Holley found a wide open Bradyn Matto for a 65-yard touchdown. After a failed 2-point try, the Flashes jumped out to an early 6-0 lead. Things were starting to get better for the Flashes when the defense forced a turnover with a fumble recovery. Holley bolted to the end zone from 16-yards out. With a failed 2-point try, the Flashes went into halftime with a commanding 12-0 lead.

The Eagles went down the field with a drive that was capped off with a perfect throw from 30-yards out. With a successful 2-point conversion, the

Eagles cut the deficit down to 12-8. The Flashes responded when Rocco Miranda connected with Tucker Pickett for 49 yards to set the Flashes up with prime field position inside the 10 yard line. The Eagles held the line and forced the Flashes into a 4th down situation as the quarter ended. On fourth down from the 2 yard line, the Flashes were able to score thanks to Holley's 2-yard run. With a successful 2-point conversion, the Flashes extended the lead to 18-8. The Flashes defense made another big play when Pickett forced a fumble that ended up being recovered by Chase Chavarria. The scoring slowed, but the Flashes looked poised to put the game out of reach. The Flashes relied on Holley to churn out yards and chew up clock. The Eagles stood up and



yards.

Defensively, the Flashes were in the Eagles backfield all night. Vining led the charge with 6 tackles and 2 sacks; Colton Conner had 3 tackles and a pass breakup; Billy Moore, Chance Morgan and Billy Cassidy each had 3 tackles; Holley, Andrew Brown and Klayton Bright each had 2 tackles; Chase Chavarria had a tackle and a fumble recovery.

The Hilliard JV Flashes close out their season Thursday by hosting the Lanier County Bulldogs at 6 p.m. Come out and support your hometown team. Go Flashes!

Offensively, the Flashes were clicking and showed some promise with big plays both running and throwing the football. Rocco Miranda went 9/12 for 110 yards; while Holley completed a pass for 65 yards and a touchdown, had 27 carries for 89 yards and 2 touchdowns; Chance Morgan had 6 carries for 11 yards; Matto had 4 catches for 95 yards and a touchdown; Nathanael "Gloves" Vroman had 4 catches for 33 yards; and Pickett had a catch for 49



stopped the Flashes advance on 4th down. The Flashes defense continued to frustrate the Eagles offense with a sack by Ricky Vining and stopped the drive on 4th down. The JV Flashes continued their winning ways, brought out the broom, and swept the Episcopal Eagles 18-8 and winning 5 of their last 6 games.

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# Flashes Win an Instant Classic



Holden McMillen

It's Friday night in Hilliard, the parking lot is filled to the brim with cars and pickup trucks. Both the home and visiting stands are packed with hopeful fans and the band is playing. This is picture perfect to what shaped up to be an epic battle, between two rivals ready to write another chapter. The challengers: the Hilliard Flashes, a team that puts their undefeated record on the line; and on the other side the Fernandina Beach Pirates, who were fresh off their double overtime victory against West Nassau. The eyes of Nassau County watched with anticipation as two gladiators ready to do battle.

The Pirates offense took the field with quarterback Cam Miller and running back Khamari Barksdale leading the charge. Led by explosive plays in the run game and a 19-yard pass, the Pirates struck the first blow when Miller landed a 24 yard dime into the back corner of the end zone. After a failed extra point, the Pirates jumped out to an early 6-0 lead. The Flashes offense failed to gain any traction and was forced to punt however

the Flashes defense stalled the advance of the Pirates thanks to Carson Newkirk securing a crucial sack inside the Pirates 5 yard line. Following, the Flashes offense got going and was in position to answer as the first quarter came to a close.

The second quarter featured explosive plays on the offensive side of the ball. The Flashes, led by a powerful surge of

the offensive line, Tywuan Lee sprung out to daylight, galloping 36 yards untouched into the end zone. With a successful extra point, the Flashes took the lead away 7-6. But, the Pirates answered back, returning the ensuing kickoff 82 yards for 6. Paired with a successful extra point, the Pirates answered back with a 13-7 lead. This time the Flashes defense got into the mix when Newkirk caused a fumble that led to a recovery by Cameron Chavarria. The Flashes capitalized off the turnover with a drive that led to Lyle Bennett sneaking up the middle for a 1-yard score. And like a flip of a light switch, the Flashes retook the lead 14-13. The Pirates offense, carried by Miller, single handedly willed the Pirates to answer back. Miller did with a 29-yard bomb to the far corner of the end zone. After trading blow-after-blow, the Pirates went into halftime with a slim 20-14 lead.

The Flashes entered the

third quarter with the ball and looking to retake the lead. They did just that when D.J. Coston won the tip drill off of a deflected pass by Bennett and took it 57 yards for a house call. With a missed extra point, the Flashes evened the score at 20.

Summoning the energy and fight left remaining, the Flashes held the line and forced the Pirates to settle for a 28-yard field goal. The Pirates retook the lead 23-20. The Flashes, needing to answer, were clicking on offense. Bennett found Jason Sheffield for a 65-yard score. With Bennett's 3-yard run for the 2 point conversion, the Flashes retook the lead 28-23. But, the Pirates would not go down without a fight. The Pirates were clicking and orchestrated a drive capped off with Miller's 1-yard touchdown run up the middle. A successful 2-point try, the Pirates retook the lead 31-28. The Flashes had all the answers. The Bennett-to-Sheffield connection worked so well, they decided to connect again, this time with an 81-yard touchdown pass. With Bennett finding Newkirk for the 2-point try, the Flashes regained the lead 36-31. Needing a stop, the Flashes defense rose to the occasion and ended another promising



drive with Lee's interception in the end zone. The Flashes came out with their heads up, avenging last year's loss, and defeating the Pirates 36-31 in a game that will go down as one of the greatest games in history.

Offensively, the Flashes pillaged their ships with 413 yards of total offense and outscoring the Pirates 16-11 in the fourth quarter. Bennett went 4/7 for 233 yards, 12 carries for 34 yards and 3 touchdowns; Lee had 21 carries for 133 yards and a touchdown; Coston had 7 carries for 11



yards and a reception for 57 yards and a touchdown; and Sheffield had 3 catches for 176 yards and 2 touchdowns.

The Flashes defense rose to the occasion, forcing 2 turnovers and sacking Miller 3 times. Newkirk led the charge on defense with 7 tackles, 2 sacks, and 2 forced fumbles; Brantley Hengerer had 6 tackles; Blake with 4 tackles and a sack; Huntley Moore with 4 tackles; D.J. Coston had 3 tackles and a pass breakup; and Josh Johnson and Lane Beasley both had 3 tackles; and Chavarria had 2 tackles and a fumble recovery.

This Friday night the Hilliard Flashes will travel to Ormond Beach to take on the Halifax Academy Knights at 7 p.m. Go Flashes!

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