

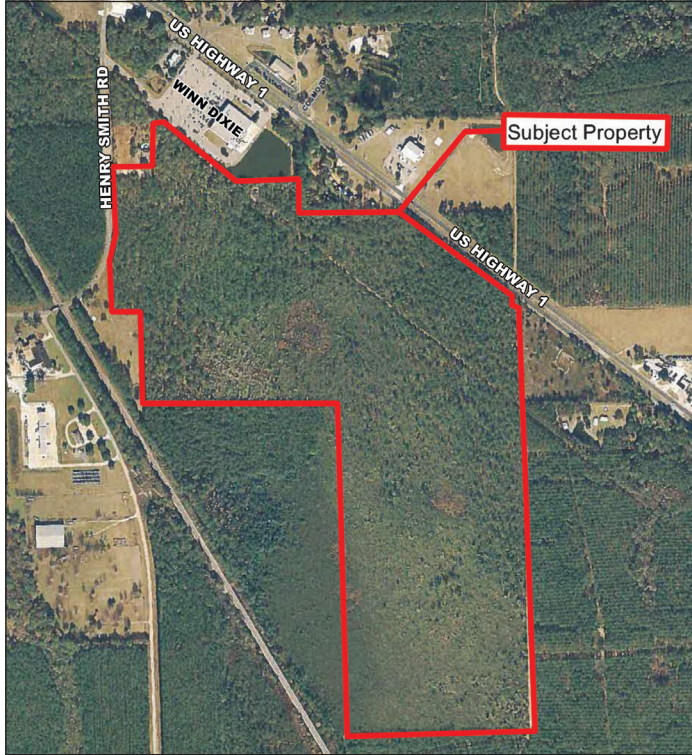
"WHEN I AM AFRAID, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU. IN GOD, WHOSE WORD I PRAISE, IN GOD I TRUST AND AM NOT AFRAID. WHAT CAN MERE MORTALS DO TO ME?" - PSALM 56:3-4

Hilliard Approves Rezoning for Greenbrier PUD

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first meeting of November. The meeting had a full agenda and was well attended. The Public Hearing and First Reading on Ordinance 2021-09 was the first topic of a long discussion. The ordinance, which concerned PUD Rezoning for the Greenbrier PUD located on the west side of US 1, to the south of the intersection with Henry Smith Road and west of Old Dixie Highway, will be a Planned Unit Development of single family homes. The applicant, Rogers Towers, P.A. and National Land Partners II, LLC, authorized agents for Hilliard Equity Resources, Property Owner, gave a very in depth presentation of the entire PUD.

The property is a total of 161.25 acres with 126.04 acres set for mixed use and the remaining 32.21 for wetlands. "The entrance to the property will be off of US Highway 1. There will be three commercial buildings at the entrance and the homes will begin behind that area," said Courtney Gaver, of Rogers Towers, P.A. "There will be a traffic study done that may include placing a traffic light at the entrance. The complete build out will be 350 single family homes. There will be no entrance to the development off of Henry Smith Road however there will be a buffer of woods between the road and the homes."



After much conversation and questions, the council approved first reading with a few conditions and set the Final Reading and public Hearing for Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Wanda Nichols, representing Relay for Life of West Nassau County, was on hand to present the town with a letter of appreciation for their support for the 2021 Relay. "Even though we had to deal with the pandemic issues, we still managed to raise over \$22,000.00," said Nichols.

The first order of business was a request for a letter for Legislative Appropriation Funding for the construction and paving of Sixth Street by Douglas Adkins of Dayspring Health. "I am requesting to have 353 ft. of Sixth Street to be paved. I received an estimate in the amount of \$180,000 to have it done," said Adkins. "This is Sixth Street on the east side of US 1. There is a lot of money right now in the Florida Legislative Funding from the American Rescue Plan. Now is the time to send in a letter requesting funding. I work with lobbyists that can assist in pushing the funding through."



"I would rather ask for money for issues we need to address now," said Councilman Jared Wollitz. "Why not try to get funding for sidewalks on US 1 for residents that have to walk to Winn Dixie for food?"

"Why try to get money for paving a road that won't help anyone right now?" added Councilman Lee Pickett. "As we continue to grow, our infrastructure is in need of expanding. Why not ask for money for something we really need?"

"You can ask for anything. You never know, all they can say is no or yes," said Adkins.

"If we write this letter with your request and add money for our needs, you will give it to your lobbyists and handle the cost for us," asked

Councilwoman Callie Bishop.

"Once you send the letter, I'll do my best," said Adkins.

The council set a special meeting for Monday, November 8 to decide what town projects to include in the letter. The deadline to accept appropriation letters is November 17.

In the special meeting Monday, the council voted send a letter of support for Adkins project, along with a letter including town projects. The Town will add the paving of Sixth Street to their list of requests and the Town will file the applications. Adkins' lobbyists, The Legis Group, LLC, will support all of the Town's requests.

In other business, the council approved town hall Administrative Assistant Alicia Head from Introductory Probationary to Regular fulltime status.

The council also approved the donation of \$10,000 to the Nassau County Council on Aging for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to assist seniors in Hilliard with their Water & Sewer bills.

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, November 18 at 7 p.m.

Callahan Home Destroyed in Fire

A Callahan homeowner came home last Wednesday to find smoke in his home when he opened the door. He entered the structure and found a small fire in the corner of his son's bedroom. The fire began where his son's charger was plugged into the wall. He quickly exited the structure and called 9-1-1.

Several Nassau County Fire Rescue units responded to the scene, however the home burned quickly. The homeowners



told firefighters of valuables in the home which were quickly retrieved. The Red Cross was called to assist the family, as the home was a total loss. The community is reaching out to help the family at this time.

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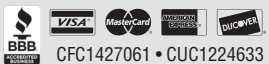


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You Are The Problem!

Dear Editor,

In the short 10 months that "Uncle Joe" has been in office our independence in the Oil Industry has been stripped; our country has been invaded by an army larger than that which China sent into North Korea in the 1950s; Our workforce can't gain any jobs without being offset by the ever increasing numbers of people dropping out of the workforce; Our supply lines have been compromised by a state that only has two ports, which consistently cannot keep up with the demand due to its limited hours of operation; and the cost of items needed for everyday life are increasing at a rate that is rapidly approaching the numbers that we've not experienced since the disastrous presidency of Jimmy Carter.

I recall, in those days of malaise, there was a billboard on I-75 just outside of Perry, GA, that read; "We, the farmers of Georgia apologize to the farmers of America for helping to get Jimmy Carter elected to the White House." Today, similar billboards, tweets and essays are cropping up around the country, in ever increasing numbers, criticizing the lack luster abilities of this current failed administration. "Uncle Joe" can't even hold a reliable Town Hall on CNN, without his own people providing immediate corrections to his gaffs before that event is even over.

Now comments out of the White House and Washington and being parroted by the main stream media, are telling us that our "Expectations are too High" and that we must lower them. Every man, woman and child alive today have been brought up, schooled and trained by personnel that demanded high

expectations. Without them, businesses would fail, entrepreneurs would never have been successful and families would not ever have been able to raise themselves from varying levels into the successful people they have become. Including "Uncle Joe". Without those expectations, this nation would have never achieved the title "Leader of the Free World."

OK, so our expectations are high. Let's lower them and be satisfied with an annual inflation rate of 5.5% (or higher) while our income levels continue to fall short of those numbers. Transportation costs will continue to rise at more than twice those figures, further relegating us to travel restrictions by the mere inability to afford that luxury. Lower expectations just might help take the stress off of Air Traffic Controllers, as they would no longer have to ensure that all aircraft might miss each other in the skies. Police and Firefighters won't have to respond to 100% of 911 calls, just getting to those that they can fit into their shifts. Our military and country no longer would need to worry about "No one left behind." (Oops, we seemed to have already lowered those expectations!) Every industry and endeavor would be relegated to the success rate of the National Weather Service and the meteorologists you depend on in your local news with a reliability rate of less than 50%, with the ability to still keep their jobs and achieve awards/promotions.

So remember, in this "Build Back Better" economy, that was supposed to be better for you, it is now defined that YOU are the problem. No, Mr. President! We are the solution, which you can't recognize.

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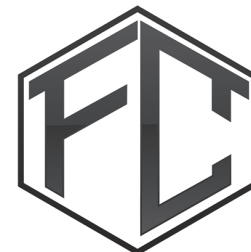
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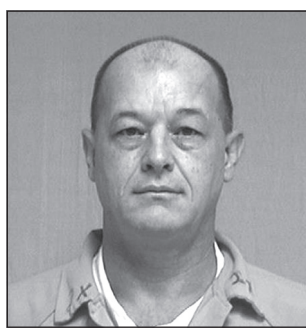
This Saturday, November 13, the Blank Check Society of America, with the generous support of the VFW in Hilliard, will be hosting the 6th Annual

Pork-Butt Cook-off. During the event, there will be a Blood Drive, a Raffle drawing for amazing items and a Live Auction. Those donating blood will receive a free dinner.

There will also be an opportunity for guests to purchase Wreaths for JNC. ALL proceeds will go directly toward these much needed Christmas Wreaths. Festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. at VFW Post 10095 in Hilliard, across from the Hilliard Airpark. Please, come and help this great cause!

Hilliard Man Arrested for Burglary

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a residence on Lorena Drive in Hilliard in reference to a burglary that just occurred. Upon arrival the victim stated that she woke up and observed a male standing next to her bed. The suspect appeared startled and ran through the kitchen and out the back door.



While at the scene, deputies retrieved several of the stolen items and returned to the victim. The security video of the incident was placed on social media and several calls were received about the suspect's possible identity.

The incident was captured on security video, which showed between 5:45 a.m. and 6:10 a.m., the suspect entered an unlocked back door of the residence and went through the kitchen and then dining room and removed a couple of items and placed them outside the back door. The suspect reentered the residence and proceeded to the bedroom area where the victim was sleeping and once she woke up the suspect fled.

NCSO detectives found the possible suspect at his residence off of Swearingen Road in Hilliard and brought him back to the sheriff's office for questioning. The suspect admitted to entering the residence unlawfully and stealing items that were inside. He said he took his son trick-or-treating on that road a few days earlier and decided to go back, but didn't realize anyone was home.

John Robuskie Sallas, Jr., 49, from Hilliard, was arrested and charged with Burglary to an Occupied Dwelling and Theft from a Dwelling.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

My main focus in this week's column is about the biased liberal media, even though the topic is on the Biden family. Candace Owens is a conservative black female commentator that will never shy away from controversy. She wrote a story concerning the "stolen" diary belonging to Ashley Biden, the daughter of Joe Biden. She states that the diary was published by some conservative websites last week and among its entries were written accusations of being molested when she was younger and a comment about taking showers with her dad that she felt were "probably not appropriate." She describes being hyper-sexualized at a young age.

The diary and the part that has been reported has not been corroborated, however the FBI and the Justice Department has raided the offices and homes of Project Veritas journalists who supposedly had the diary. The President of Project Veritas has openly admitted that he had the diary at one point in time and did not publish it because he had no way of substantiating its authenticity. He stated he attempted to give it to Ashley Biden's personal attorney but she would not accept it. He said he finally turned it over to the police in New York. It is not certain that the diary was actually stolen either, supposedly Ashley left it in an apartment she shared with others and when she moved out, she left the diary

and other property in the apartment. Owens added that "more importantly Ashley Biden is the second person in the Biden family that has made incestuous sexual allegations. Do not forget about Hunter's laptop and text messages about his niece. These are accounts 'Directly From' the Biden family. Not conspiracies. The first reporting was allegations that Hunter Biden's laptop contains photos of him together with his topless niece, age 14 at the time.

Now here is my beef! Just think about the above information, how much have you heard of these from mainstream media? The proper answer would be very little. Now, just imagine if this story was about Donald Trump and Donald Trump, Jr. There would be non-stop coverage; it may even have been reported on more than the Corona Virus. I can go farther, what if it were Rand Paul or Ted Cruz or any prominent Republican? The biased news outlets would be all over it. I think we all know that unbiased news is gone as America ushers in the Woke mentality and Cancel Culture crowd. Be careful where you obtain your information; do not rely on 'big media outlets', research and research some more, there are many websites that can be found online. God Bless us because we are in a heap of trouble down here.

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

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

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Nominations must be received by the Nassau County Planning Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 31, 2021. Nominations received after the nomination period will not be considered. CLAM documents and nomination forms can be found at the following website or can be picked up and dropped off in person at the address listed below:

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Can you believe that 'Thanksgiving' is only two weeks away? Before I say too much about Thanksgiving, I want to take just a moment and give thanks to all the Veterans who have served to defend our Country. You, men and women who served, are worthy of thanks and praise especially on this Veterans Day. So, Thank You, from the bottom of my heart.

Now, as we begin to think on Thanksgiving, we should all take time to give thanks to the Lord now more than ever. I want to give thanks to the most important person in my life. No, it's not my wife, nor my children, although they are very important to me. The most important person in my life is Jesus Christ who gave His life for me. He is my Lord and Savior. For if it wasn't for Him, I may not even be here today to give Him thanks this year. Jesus Christ is not only my Savior, but He is my Healer, my Redeemer, my Hope, my Peace and my soon coming King. He is my everything! Without Him I would be lost. The psalmist said in Psalm 106:1-2, "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?" (NIV84)

There are a lot of things that we can be thankful for if we just take a moment and look around us. However, some of those things that we have surrounded ourselves with from this world will pass away. The Bible says in Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." (NIV84)

It's kind of like the preacher said at a funeral one day: "You'll never see a U-Haul following a hearse to the cemetery." Jesus said in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (NIV84)

The things of this world should have no eternal value to the Christian. The things that we should be looking forward to are the eternal rewards. I pray that as you sit around the table this year and share what you are thankful for, that it will include your thanks for what God has done in your life.

I close with this thought. If Jesus Christ is not your Savior and the Lord of your life yet, why don't you ask Him to come into your life today? You'll be so thankful that you did?

Warriors Win Tuesday Night Blowout!

Kyle Pipkin

Last Tuesday night, yes I said Tuesday night, the West Nassau Warriors football team, were in action, at home, against the Hollis Christian Academy Eagles. Tuesdays seem to be a good day to play for the Warriors because they absolutely beat down the Eagles. This was the most complete game the Warriors played all season.

It was a great bounce back win after the loss to the Tigers the previous Friday. One thing about this Warrior team is they have not given up all season long. After a very slow start losing the first three games they went on to win three in a row. Now they sat at 4-4 heading into the last regular season game of the season.

The Warriors set the tone for the game in the first quarter jumping out to a 21-0 lead. It was at this point everyone knew the route was on. The Eagles had no answer for the Warrior offense. Plus the Warrior defense was dominant for the game. You couldn't have asked for a better start for the Warriors in the first quarter. In the second, the Eagles were able to get on the board after a touchdown run and successful two-point conversion making it 21-8. But just before halftime Conner Nobles punched the ball in on the ground extending the lead once again to 28-8 at the half.

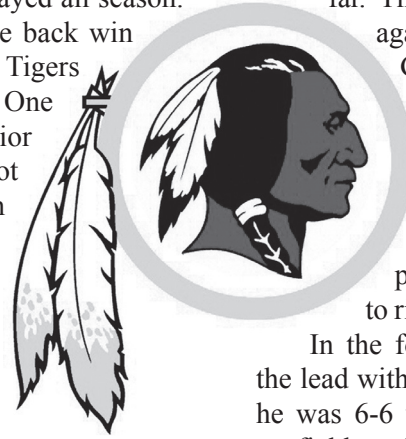
The second half was much of the same with Leon Whitley scoring the

second of his two touchdowns of the night. Leon had a touchdown reception from Brady Wright and also a pick six in the game on defense. Catching touchdowns, it didn't matter what team was throwing the ball. This touchdown put the score at 35-8. The touchdown was followed by another McDuffie extra point, his fifth for the game thus far. The Warrior defense scored again with a safety by Malik Green making the score 37-8. The Warriors scored again in the third with a rushing touchdown from freshman Josh Bruton. With McDuffie's extra point, the score continued to rise for the Warriors at 44-8.

In the fourth, McDuffie stretched the lead with a field goal. For the night he was 6-6 with extra points and 1-2 on field goals. The final score for the Tuesday night showdown was Warriors 47; Eagles 8.

Conner Nobles lead the team in rushing with 10 carries for 109 yards and 2 touchdowns. Brady Wright lead the team through the air with 177 yards and 2 touchdowns; Grayson Abels and Leon Whitley each had 1 touchdown catch.

The Warrior defense was dominant in this one. The defense as a whole had 5 tackles for loss and 1 sack. They scored on a safety and interception returned for a touchdown and recovered a fumble. It was a great game for the Warrior defense and a great game for the Warriors as a whole. The Warriors played their final regular season game three days later on Friday.



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Fouraker Holds Book Signing



The Bryceville Library and the Friends of the Bryceville Library sponsored a talk and book signing for Bailey Fouraker, local author, Thursday night. The event was held at the Bryceville Community Center. Fouraker has published four books: *The Edge of History*, *Walking Sam*, *Walking Sam 2*, and her newest book, *Linger*.

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The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Nassau County Property Appraiser's office to create street maps of Nassau County. These new, updated, full color and detailed street maps include Fernandina Beach, Amelia Island, Yulee, Wildlight, Callahan, Hilliard and Bryceville.

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Maternal grandparents are Jeffrey and Angela Lee of Hilliard.

Paternal grandparents are Roger and Kathy Denmark of Hilliard.

Ava Elizabeth Harrison

Allan and Chloe Harrison, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Ava Elizabeth Harrison. Ava was born September 26, 2021 at 8:37 a.m. at UF Health Jacksonville. She weighed 5 pounds 4 ounces and measured 18 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Red and Kristi Harrison of Bryceville.

Maternal grandmother is Christina Dixon of Jacksonville.



Happy 1st Birthday Camilla Renay Odom



Camilla Renay Odom celebrated her first birthday October 26. She celebrated her special day with a pumpkin themed party held in her honor with lots of family and friends joining in the fun. Her proud parents are Ben and Kayla Odom of Callahan!

Proud grandparents are Kenny and Brenda Norton; and Jim and Sherryl Coleman, all of Callahan!

Happy 1st Birthday Aspen Faith Tison



Aspen Tison will celebrate her first birthday November 12. She will celebrate her special day with a party in her honor at her house with her sister Sawyer and lots of family and friends joining in the fun! Her proud parents are Kyle and Sarah Tison of Hilliard!

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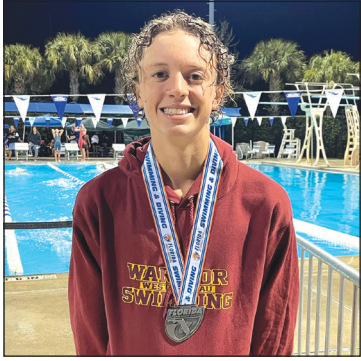
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Led by Retired United States Navy Rear Admiral James Stevenson, FSCJ Military and Veteran Services will serve as a strategic internal partner to existing academic and

co-curricular programs within the College, catalyzing enrollment growth and modeling excellence in support of and engagement with active duty military and veterans.

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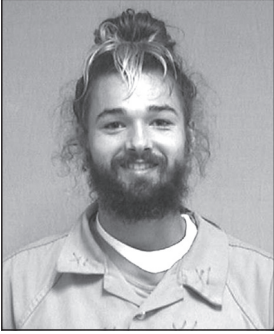
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During the search of the residence detectives located a large bottle containing THC concentrate wax, several pre-packaged baggies of THC concentrate wax, a digital scale, edible gummies laced with THC, glass pipe with THC residue, numerous glass syringes and over \$9,000 hidden in boxes. The investigation revealed the suspect had been ordering marijuana and THC concentrate products from

California and selling them locally by taking cash and utilizing the CashApp.

Jacob Preston Vass, 24, from Fernandina Beach, was arrested and charged with two counts of Purchasing/Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Sell, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Keeping a Place Where Controlled Substance is Kept, Sold or Used and Declared a Public Nuisance.

Anyone with knowledge of someone dealing in illegal drug sales can contact the NCSO and we will follow up.



Local Teacher Arrested

According to Nassau County Sheriff's Office reports, an in depth investigation beginning June 15, 2021 finally ended in the arrest of a West Nassau High School teacher October 22, 2021.

The investigation was in reference to a juvenile victim at the school who received inappropriate text messages from the suspect, Shari Braddock. Braddock was a teacher and also the Tennis coach. Braddock has since resigned her position. After months of investigation, Braddock was arrested October 22, 2021 and charged with Transmission of Material Harmful to Minors by Electronic Device or Equipment.

Operation Highway to Jail

On October 21, 2021, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, along with the Fernandina Beach Police Department, Florida Highway Patrol, DEA, and North Florida HITDA conducted a traffic enforcement operation in Nassau County. A total of nine people were arrested on various charges.

Items seized were various narcotics from marijuana, cocaine, fentanyl to meth. A Ruger semi-automatic handgun was also recovered.

Arrested were: Ashlaun Roberson, 23, from Fernandina Beach, charged with Possession of Marijuana; Bobby Finely, 49, from Yulee, charged with Resisting Arrest without Violence and Outstanding Warrant for Domestic Battery; Jonathan Roberson, 29, from

Fernandina Beach, charged with Violation of Probation and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue; Jorge Bardaji, 35, from Jacksonville, charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance and Carrying a Concealed Firearm by a Convicted Felon; Joseph Johnson, 33, from Yulee, charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance; Joshua Glenn, 29, from Fernandina Beach, charged with Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Fentanyl; Lesa Tison, 50, from Callahan, charged with DUI; Rebecca Brantley, 41, from Jacksonville, charged with Out of County Warrant for DUI; and Steven Smith, 30, from Gainesville, charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Marijuana.

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Logan Arthur Bowen, 52, of Jacksonville, passed away on November 7, 2021. He was born on May 30, 1969 in Jacksonville, to William Arthur Bowen and Carol Janice Thien Bowen. Logan attended Lighthouse Prayer Center on Ratliff Road in Callahan. He was a skilled mechanic and carpenter that could build and fix just about anything. In Logan's spare time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, but more than anything he loved spending time with his family. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather that will be missed immensely.

Logan leaves behind his loving wife, Kristien Kattrein Bowen; children Trevor Bowen, Trey (Desiree) Bowen, Trent Bowen, Tori Bowen and Tobias Bowen; siblings Kim (Danny) Barlow and Lorne (Patti) Bowen; grandchildren Ava Nicole Bowen and Sophia Lee Bowen; and extended family and friends.

A memorial service will be held for Logan Friday, November 12 at 2 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Gary R. Linn officiating. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

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

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

MARGARET LOUISE GRESSMAN



Margaret Louise Bodden Gressman, 88, went home to be with her Lord and Savior November 6, 2021 in Jacksonville. Margaret was born on September 24, 1933 in Grand Cayman, BWI. She graduated from Triple C High School, also in Grand Cayman in 1956 and would marry later that same

year. Margaret was married to Bradford Gressman, the boy across the street. He was a Merchant Seaman. Their first year of marriage, they spent only 3 months together. Sadly, in 1986, after 30 years together, he passed away unexpectedly. She never remarried. As a result of his job and passing, she played the role of both mother and father to their two sons. She was employed at Seacoast Appliance; and later at Walmart as a People Greeter for 15 years, until she retired in 2007. She provided a Christian and loving home with no complaints or back talk. They were everything to her. Her pride in them and their five grandchildren showed in her beautiful smile.

In 1958, they were blessed with their firstborn "Jr." aka Marcus. In 1971, they were blessed with their miracle, second born Ronnie. Marcus married Tami and gave Margaret her first of five "Precious Ones", Corbin her "miracle angel." Three years later, Ronnie married Kim and blessed her with four more beautiful babies: Clay, Jace, Brett and Hayden "Baby Doll". They were her world. There was nothing she wouldn't do for any of us. In addition, she was survived by her beloved nieces and nephews: Vernon, Larry, Randy, Charlie, Patsy, Gail, Helen, Catherine, Jane, Lana, Robert, Margaret, Dorothy and Kathleen. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Bradford; her parents Ainsley and Louise Bodden; her sister Betty (Ralph) Jackson; and her brother Lionel "Bumps."

The family received friends Tuesday, November 9 at Corey-Kerlin Funeral Home. A memorial service was held Wednesday, November 10 at Dinsmore Baptist Church Family Life Center, Jacksonville. Interment followed at Jones Road Cemetery, Callahan.

OBITUARIES

DONNA LYNN JASKIERNIA



Donna Lynn Jaskiernia, 61, of Callahan, passed away on November 1, 2021. She was born on November 19, 1959 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee to Clarence Luther and Deloras Colleen Harmon Webber. Donna enjoyed baking peanut butter cookies and spending time with her cats. More than anything she enjoyed spending time with her family and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Donna leaves behind her loving husband of 28 years, Frank Jaskiernia; parents Clarence and Deloras Webber; sister Cheryl (Dan) Schieber; brother Dana (Dianne) Webber; four nieces, one nephew and one great-nephew.

The family received friends prior to the memorial service held Friday, November 5 at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

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

CHARLES V. MCCRACKEN



Charles "Chuck" Vernon McCracken, 40, of Callahan, passed away October 30, 2021 unexpectedly in his sleep. He was born on May 26, 1981. He graduated from West Nassau High School in 1999 and was currently employed by Register Roofing. He enjoyed country music, his truck and spending time with his family, especially his son, Trace. Chuck will forever be in our hearts and missed by

all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his parents Robert and Sandra McCracken; his son Trace McCracken; and Trace's mother, Courtney Brown; his aunt Peggy Thompson; and cousins Tara and Tiffany Thompson; his girlfriend Chastity Ayonon; and lifelong best friend/brother Ron Braddock. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Charles and Mary McCracken and maternal grandparents Cecil and Dorothy O'Berry; and uncle Wailian Thompson.

There are no funeral services scheduled.

JACQUELINE T. WESTERMAN

Jacqueline Turner Westerman, 85, of Jacksonville, passed away October 29, 2021 at her residence.

She was born on April 26, 1936 in Jacksonville to William and Mary Royal Payne. She was preceded in death by a grandson Christopher A. Hutto.

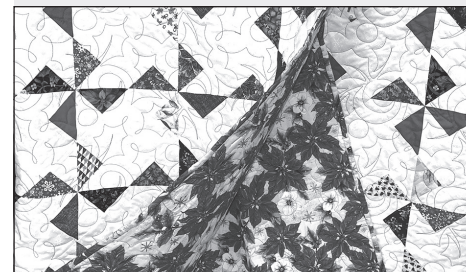
Survivors include her husband George Westerman; children Bonnie Peyton, Tambria (Bubba) Chancy, and Roy Britton Turner; grandchildren Jason (Emily) Hendricks, Christy (Chris) Brauda, Michael (Julie) Hendricks, Leslie (Mike) Register and Ian Turner; great-grandchildren Michael Hendricks, Kristen Brauda, Jason Hendricks, Lauren Wortman, Georgia Hendricks, Evie Hendricks, Kaiden Register and Avery Register; and a great-great-grandchild Malia Hendricks.

A visitation and memorial service was held Friday, November 11 in the Chapel of Callahan Funeral Home.

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Warriors Defeat the Panthers!

Kyle Pipkin

For the second time in three days, the Warriors showed up and showed out on the football field. This time they traveled to Orange Park to take on the Ridgeview Panthers for their final regular season game. Friday night the Warriors delivered another blowout win beating the Panthers 42-15. This is the first time this season that the Warriors have had a winning record. The Warriors finished the regular season 5-4 after starting 0-3. It has been the tail of two seasons for this Warrior football team that has kept fighting and been on the cusp all year long. The last two games have been the best two games of the year for this team. The cold and wet conditions didn't slow down the Warrior offense down in this one. The way that the Warriors run the ball actually helps in these types of conditions.

In the first quarter the Warriors jumped out to a 7-0 lead over the Panthers with a Jackson Strickland touchdown. This entire season the Warriors have been a very good team in the first quarter. The first quarter they scored more points on average than any other quarter of the game. This is always a plus, being able to start with a lead. This has been even more noticeable in the second half of the season.

Prentiss Davis added to the Warrior lead with a touchdown of his own and Devon McDuffie hit his second extra point of the game making the score 14-0, Warriors. AJ Miller scored to stretch the lead to 20 and a McDuffie extra point made 21 before the Panthers got on the board making the game 28-7. This was the quick start that the Warriors often do well with. They play very well when they have the lead and use the momentum to follow through the rest of the game.

With a little over 5 minutes left in the third quarter, Davis was able to get in the end zone yet again. McDuffie kicked it through the uprights and like that it was 28-7, Warriors with the lead. Miller scored again for the second time in the game stretching the lead to 28 after the extra point.

This season you cannot have a Warrior football game without a Conner Nobles rushing touchdown. He has been the bell cow for this rushing offense all season long. Friday night was no exception. He has lead the way on both sides of the ball all year long. So like every other article this season Nobles rushed for a Warrior touchdown. The Panthers scored late in the game with a successful two point conversion to make the final score at the buzzer West Nassau, 42; Ridgeview 15.

Offensively, Brady Wright was 16 of 23 for 200 yards and 3 touchdowns; Conner Nobles had 9 carries for 70 yards and 1 touchdown; AJ Miller had 7 carries for 47 yards; 1 touchdown and 5 receptions for 58 yards; and Prentiss Davis had 6 receptions for 101 yards and 2 touchdowns. Defensively, Brooks Miller had 5 solo tackles and 2 assists.

The Warriors played the best two games of the season in the last week of the season. After the slow start they finished as one of the hottest teams on the first coast winning 5 of their last 6 to finish the season. This was a great year to look at what that coaching staff and the players did to turn this season around. To finish in that fashion really shows the resolve of this Warrior season.

The Warriors did not make the playoffs however will play in the Warrior Bowl game, sponsored by McDonald's, this Thursday night at home against Flagler Palm Coast with a 7 p.m. kickoff!

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Nassau County Council on Aging (NCCOA) announces a new collaboration with Florida Blue Medicare and the Florida Blue Foundation through its "Build Healthy, Strong Communities" program. Through this effort, the Florida Blue Foundation and Florida Blue Medicare are reaffirming their commitment to improving Nassau County seniors' health through funding and support. "We are so appreciative to Florida Blue Medicare and the Florida Blue Foundation for helping to ensure Nassau County seniors live happy, healthy lives," said Janice Ancrum, NCCOA President & CEO. "Community partnerships are essential to our mission success, enabling us to serve even more of our Greatest Generation."

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Healthy, Strong Communities initiative strives to make a positive impact in the community and is firmly rooted in the company's mission to help people and communities achieve better health. Working in collaboration with nonprofit organizations – such as Nassau County Council on Aging – the Florida Blue Foundation addresses critical issues in local communities, opening new windows of opportunity to better enable our neighbors to reach their potential. "Florida Blue Medicare is dedicated to supporting the health and well-being of Florida's older population," said Darnell Smith, Florida Blue market president. "Nassau County Council on Aging helps ensure the senior community can access health care services in addition to addressing the growing issue of senior loneliness and social isolation. Our Florida Blue Foundation is proud to support their efforts through its Building Healthy, Strong Communities program."

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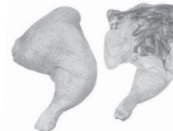
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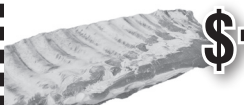
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Flashes Roll Past Holmes County in Redemption Game

Holden McMillen

With the Nor'easter taking residence in northeast Florida, the feeling of football weather was prevalent as ever. The bone chattering cold temperatures combined with the beach breeze made for perfect conditions for playoff football. For the Hilliard Flashes, they looked to rebound back on the right track after losing their playoff opener to Blountstown as they traveled on the road 4 hours near Panama City to take on the Holmes County Blue Devils in a game where victory was vital to keep their playoff hopes alive.

The Blue Devils opened the contest with the pigskin first and drove the ball past midfield. The Flashes defense rose up and forced a turnover when Damon Kibler punched the ball free and found Braydon Holley at the bottom of the pile with the ball. But, the Blue Devils forced a turnover of their own with a recovered fumble off a botched handoff from the Flashes. Both offenses stalled and the quarter ended scoreless. The Flashes broke the scoring drought in the 2nd quarter on a scoring drive that featured big plays from the passing game. DJ Coston found pay dirt for a 4-yard touchdown run. With the extra



point no good, the Flashes jumped out to an early 6-0 lead. But, the tide began to turn when the Flashes had a punt blocked and set the Blue Devils up inside the Flashes 20 yard line. The Blue Devils feasted on the change in fortune and were able to find the end zone from a yard out courtesy of a quarterback sneak.

With the extra point good, the Blue Devils took their first lead of the night 7-6. The Flashes were able to respond with a scoring drive of their own and it was done by the feet of Lyle Bennett who found the end zone from a yard out and with a little help from his friends. With the 2-point conversion no good, the Flashes entered halftime regaining the lead 12-7.

In the 3rd quarter, is where things started to roll for the Flashes. After both teams had their first drives stall out, the Flashes used their aerial attack to move the ball down the field. They needed a big play to build on their momentum. The Flashes were able to do just that when Bennett was flushed out of the pocket, rolled to his right, and connected with Bradyn Matto in the right corner of the end zone for a 13-yard touchdown strike. With the 2-point conversion good, the Flashes extended the lead to 20-7, but the fun didn't stop there. After the defense forced a stop, the aerial attack was relentless for the Flashes as Bennett connected with Matto again, this time mossaing a Blue Devil



defender for a 20-yard strike. With the 2-point conversion good, the Flashes stretched their lead a little bit further to 28-7, and to close out the quarter, the Flashes forced another turnover on special teams when Brandon Matthews recovered the fumble off a mishandled kickoff.

Feeling better with a comfortable lead, the Flashes took advantage of the turnover forced by their special teams. They were able to do just that when Coston found some space on the left side on a toss play and scored from 5 yards out. With the extra point no good, the Flashes started to pull away 34-7. As the game was put out of reach, the Flashes earned sweet redemption from losing the playoff opener to put away the Blue Devils 34-7.

Offensively, 344 yards of total offense but it was done through the passing game. Lyle Bennett was efficient in the winning effort, going 16/26 for 241 yards and 2 touchdowns

on the night. On the receiving end were Bradyn Matto with 5 catches for 105 yards and 2 touchdowns; Dylan Coston with 4 catches for 61 yards; DJ Coston with 3 catches for 33 yards; and Billy Moore with 2 catches for 33 yards. DJ Coston led the charge in the rushing department with 12 carries for 43 yards and 2 touchdowns; Bennett had 10 carries for 40 yards and a score; and Braydon Holley had 7 carries for 25 yards.

Defensively, the Flashes forced 2 turnovers, generated 5 sacks, and pitched a shutout in the second half. Leading the way on defense was Holley with 7 tackles and a fumble recovery and Tucker Pickett with 7 tackles and 3 sacks; Damon Kibler and Carson Newkirk had 5 tackles; Matthew Goolsby had 4 tackles; and Brandon Matthews and Prestin O'Quinn had 3 tackles each.



The Hilliard Flashes will have a bye week this week as they are seeded 2nd and await the winner of the "Tiger Bowl" between Union County and Trenton. The next game for the Flashes will be Friday, November 19 at home with a 7 p.m. Go Flashes!

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