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PSALM 100:4-5

Change of Command at WN AFJROTC



Sarah Lucovsky

On Tuesday, November 10, 2020, West Nassau's own Air Force JROTC formed up for this school year's first Change of Command. This ceremony, fashioned after actual Change of Command ceremonies, took place in the West Nassau High School cafeteria. The entire unit, family and friends experienced this exciting event first hand.

The unit observed from their flights as Cadet Colonel Abigail Vienneau relinquished her command and presented the group guidon to Chief Spiezio. Cadet Colonel Dylan Terry assumed command, signaled by the presentation of the group guidon to him by Chief Spiezio. After Cadet

Colonel Terry had assumed command, he reviewed the troops by saluting each flight as the Air Force song was played. We would like to thank Abigail



Vienneau for her outstanding leadership and look forward to great things from our new Group Commander Dylan Terry!



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A Word From the Publisher

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, do we really have a 'thankful' heart? This week, why not try to put all our fears aside and truly just be thankful. Our minds have all been inundated with information on the virus, the election, testing, and it goes on and on. Now is the time to put aside our cellphones and televisions and really focus on how blessed we are. Again, it is so easy to focus on the bad because after all, that is exactly what Satan wants us to do.

Instead of grumbling about having to get up early and go to work, why not be thankful you have a job that God has provided for you. Make a difference at work! Instead of fussing with the children about going to school and homework, be thankful that you have healthy children that can go to school and learn with their friends. Instead of complaining about how small your house is, be thankful you have a home, a roof over your head and a safe place for your family. Instead of complaining about a headache, be thankful you're not in the hospital fighting a horrible disease. Instead of having a bad attitude because you have to get up early for work, be thankful that God gave you another day of life. I could go on and on and I too am guilty of some of these thoughts.

Yes, it's hard not to focus on the 'what ifs' of life. Try to begin each day with a smile and a 'thank you Jesus' before you get going. You will be amazed at the difference your day will be. As our world continues to change every day, God is the same always. He

never changes. He is always faithful, available and eager to hear from his children. Our circumstances may change, but God remains the same. His love for us is never ending. Never has there been a time that the words to the old hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness, been so alive and vivid in our lives. Just a few of the words: Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Morning by morning new mercies I see; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth. Maybe during this time of Thanksgiving, take time to Google Great is Thy Faithfulness. Look at the lyrics but better yet listen to someone singing it. It is a beautiful hymn and shares just a few of the blessings that God provides for us each and every day.

I pray that we all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with our family and friends. Try to remember ALL the many things that we have to be thankful for. Remember that our heavenly Father is waiting for us to call on Him. Again, the Lord is in control of everything. The most important thing you have to be concerned about is have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior? What a special time to make the most important decision in your life. Won't you ask Him now? Happy Thanksgiving!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

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Please come join us for refreshments and Christmas caroling around the tree. Santa will be visiting and will be available for a photo so bring your camera!

For more information please contact Town Hall:

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Cheer Competition Held

The North Florida Youth Cheer Competition Cheerleading was held at West Nassau High School Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15. All of the little Warrior teams placed! Congratulations!



6U Gold Level 1 Small: 1st Place in their division with overall highest score in 6U. The girls had the 5th highest score of the entire competition.



6U Red Level 1 Small: 2nd Place in their division.



8U Level 1 Large: 1st Place in their division with overall highest score in 8U.



12U Level 2 Large: 1st Place in their division with overall highest score in 12U.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

I still have a glimmer of hope for this crooked election to be given to the man that actually won in a landslide, but each passing day it seems as if it may not happen. Twenty four of President Trump's lawsuits have already been thrown out of court. As the socialists wait at the gate to invade the White House, their message to "We the People" makes me sick! The rest of my column is a piece that is floating around social media and it describes my feelings perfectly.

All of a sudden Biden wants us to automatically be "United" with the Democratic Party. Here is my little bitty, small issue with the whole, "Let us all be a United States again," from former Vice-President, Joe Biden. For the last 4+ years, the Democrats have gone scorched earth. You have salted the fields and now you want to grow crops.

The problem is we have memories longer than a hamster. We remember the women's march the day after inauguration. We remember the 4 years of attacks and impeachments. We remember "not our president" and the "Resistance..." We remember Maxie Walters telling followers to harass us in restaurants. We remember the President's spokesperson being kicked out a restaurant. We remember hundreds of Trump supporters physically attacked. We remember Trump supporters getting Doxed, and fired from jobs. We remember riots and looting. We remember "a comedian" holding up the President's severed head. We remember a play in Central park paid with public funding, showing the killing of President Trump. We remember Robert de Niro

yelling explicit toward Trump at the Tonys and getting a standing ovation. We remember Nancy Pelosi tearing up the State of the Union Address. We remember the "total in the tank move" on the mainstream media. We remember the non-stop and live fact checking on our President and his supporters. We remember non-stop in your face lies and open cover-ups from the media. We remember the President and his staff being spied on. We remember five Senators shot on a ballfield.

We remember every so-called comedy show turn into nothing but Trump hate fest. We remember 95% negative coverage in the news. We remember the state governors asking and getting everything they ask for and then blaming Trump for their problems. We remember a Trump top aid verbally assaulted in two DC restaurants. We remember people banging on the Supreme Court doors. We remember that we were called every name in the book for supporting President Trump. We remember that Hollywood said they would leave after Trump was elected but they stayed. This list is endless, but you get the idea. My friends will be my friends, but a party that has been on the attack for 4 long years does not get a free pass with me. And finally let's not forget they ridiculed our president for walking across to the church with his bible!

I assure you, I have not forgotten and I will resist my country being taken over by the socialist left. I will NOT unite with the thieving, conniving, anti-American, treasonous enemy!

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

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Thanksgiving and the Pandemic

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



This is shaping up to be one of the most bizarre Thanksgivings that we have ever had. My favorite verse for gratitude and thanksgiving in the entire Bible is James 1:17. James asserts: "Every generous act and perfect gift comes from above, coming down from the Father of lights; with Him there is no variation or shadow cast by turning."

In previous years, I have often reflected on God as the source of all the generous acts and every perfect gift. This year is different. I have seen God's mighty hand through good gifts and generous acts, but that is not what I am most thankful for this year.

In a year full of chaos and uncertainty, I am most thankful for the God who stands behind the generous acts and gifts. I am thankful for a God who does not change. Theologians refer to the unchangeability of God as the immutability of God. God is unchanging and immutable. The reason that I am thankful for the immutability of God this year is because everything in the world has been changing. Who would have ever thought in 2019 that we would have gone through everything that we would have had to through this year? 2020 has been a year of losses. We have seen lives lost, families shrink, schedules implode, the loss of normalcy, and the list could go on and on. Nobody has liked 2020 on the whole, but isn't it staggering to stand back and be able to say the most important aspects of life have not changed.

Why did the most important aspects of life not change? Answer, because of God's immutability. The Gospel did not change. The Word of God did not change. The one who sits on the throne did not change. The one controls time and eternity did not change. The laws of nature did not change. God's character did not change. God's purpose did not change. God's promises have not changed.

If you have put your hope in Jesus, that hope has not changed. We do live in a time of unprecedented change, but aren't you thankful that God does not change! Happy Thanksgiving!

Libraries Resume Normal Operating Hours

Currently, hours for in-person visits by appointment have been expanded to the original operating hours of the Callahan, Hilliard and Fernandina Beach library branches. In collaboration with the Nassau County Department of Health and the Office of Emergency Management, guidelines and best practices of the CDC will be followed. Face coverings are required, and social distancing will be observed. Appointments can be made online, www.nassaureads.com or by calling your local branch for an appointment. (904-530-6500, select your branch extension).

Callahan Branch: Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tues., Noon to 8 p.m.

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Nassau County Teen Court is Back!

This year, Nassau County Teen Court will celebrate 22 years with Nassau youth! Teen Court involves real teenage offenders, real crimes and real court sanctions handed down. Courts are handled by all Teen Attorneys, Jurors and Court Officers. The next session of Teen Court will be January 12, 2021. They are looking for volunteers to serve on the Jury. Call the coordinator at 904-548-4611 or email: nbeasley@nassaucountyfl.com for more information. Stay in touch by phone or with emails.

The sign-in for Teen Court is between 5:30-5:45 p.m. Jeans and collared shirts

are required for boys and modest dress for girls. Court begins promptly at 6 p.m. and is over by 7 p.m.

Participating youth can accrue 3 hours of Community Service for each court session! They are always seeking new students to serve as Attorney's in Court. Anyone wishing to learn and serve in this position can just serve on the jury and speak to the coordinator about joining the team. Court is held at the Robert M. Foster Judicial Center in Yulee. Simply show up, sign up and serve on the jury. For more information, call 904-548-4611 or email: nbeasley@nassaucountyfl.com.

Local Author Publishes Book

Mario Walker

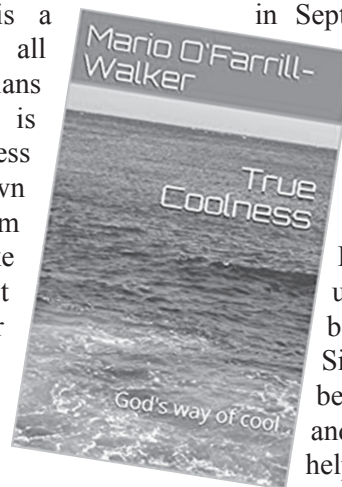
My name is Mario Walker and I recently published a book, True Coolness. The book is a Christian Poetry Book all about reminding Christians that True Coolness is Holiness. True Coolness was inspired by my own personal experiences from last year from feeling like a failure because I had lost my mother from cancer in August of 2019. My family was being hard on me for not having a job, despite pursuing a goal of being a fulltime poet.

I ended up leaving Hamlet, North Carolina (where I was living before my mother passed) and moved in with my aunt in Jacksonville.

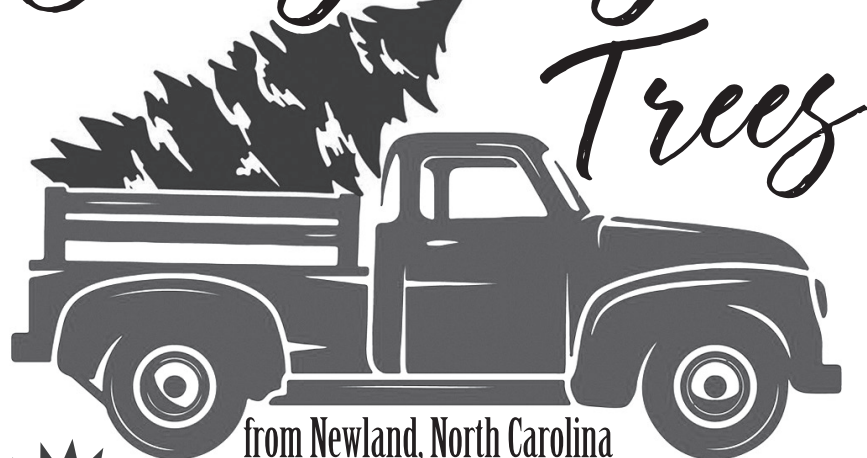
I have been passionate about poetry

since 2010 but could never really go anywhere with it due to living in a small town. I moved to Jacksonville in September of 2019 to find a job and get on my feet, but I still couldn't find work. I returned to North Carolina to move in with my godfather right when the pandemic happened. I lived there for 2 months until God told me to move back to Jacksonville in May. Since moving back, I have been doing poetry fulltime and hope that this book will help Christians understand that Jesus is the standard of cool

and that you don't need validation from other people even if they mean well when you are serving God. The book can be purchased at: www.amazon.com/author/mariowalker.



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Cub Scouts pictured (l to r, back row) are: Vince Close, David Thrift, Liam Soule, Tristen Williams, Gage McConnell, (front row) Michael McClintock, Xavier Abdullah, Nathan Davis, Nolan Depontes and Kaden McClintock.

Thanks from Hilliard Parks & Recreation

Gabe Whittenburg,
Director, Parks & Recreation

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, we at Hilliard Parks & Recreation would like to express how thankful we are for our community. We have had a record sign-up period with our Youth Basketball program with over 150 and counting! Thank you for considering us as an option for your child. We are committed to making this season a fun and competitive experience for your child and a positive environment for them to grow as a basketball player.

Our gymnastics program has gone above and beyond this year by providing a Thanksgiving meal for three deserving families. I am thankful for their heart for helping others in our community.

In the fitness center, we will be kicking off our first fitness challenge in December which will have a festive theme to go with the season. Members keep an eye out for our challenges that will be posted for you. By completing them, you will be sure to avoid a lump of coal in your fitness stocking! Our Silver Sneakers class has been enjoying the cooler weather by taking their class outside. Although we always practice social distancing when indoors, our

group always enjoys spreading out to enjoy the sun. We encourage you to come join us and our instructor, Becky Miranda, who is passionate about her class.

As an aside, I would like to congratulate the Hilliard High School football team on a successful season in 2020. Although Friday night did not end the way we wanted, it was a great achievement to finish the season 8-1. As an alumnus, former player and coach, I am proud to call myself a Flash. Flashes Football is like the family business for me and I am happy to see it flourishing. Hopefully this team will be remembered along with the 1985 'Mean 15' team who finished the season 9-1; the 1992 team who also finished the season 9-1 after starting the season 9-0 and setting a state rushing record with 5,151 yards in 10 games. I also hope many of the players from this team will be fondly remembered with the Flashes greats of yesterday like Billy Hinson, a member of the UF's Great Wall as well as Denver Bronco and Atlanta Falcons fame; Brent Ellis at UF; Georgia Tech's Marcus Allen; Wofford All-American Timmy Thrift; and Daniel 'Big Boy' Thomas of Kansas State and the Miami Dolphins.

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All letters of interests/resumes must be in Town Hall NO later than 3 p.m. on December 3, 2020.

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his Blacksmith shop on a small family farm in Callahan. Visit: www.etsy.com/shop/LKHblacksmithing to see many of the items he has for sale. Luke also shares several pictures of his work on Instagram: [lkhblacksmithing](https://www.instagram.com/lkhblacksmithing). Contact Luke by phone at 904-548-8415 or email luke.k.harwood@gmail.com for a special request.



Hagan Ace Yulee Celebrates Grand Opening



Last Friday, November 20, Hagan Ace Hardware celebrated their Grand Opening for their Yulee Store, 85880 Miner Road. Chamber members were on hand for an official ribbon cutting event. Shown are Jacob Hagan, Director of Store Operations and his father, Bill Hagan, Owner of Hagan Ace Hardware.



Come Run With the Grinch!

The 10th Annual Callahan Elementary School Grinch 3K Run will be held Saturday, December 12 beginning at the school at 8:45 a.m. Registration is \$5 per person. Each family will receive a goody bag. Make sure to get your picture taken with the Grinch and have fun in the run!

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Dawn S. West

If you live or work within the Town of Callahan, then you have probably seen Marvin 'Marty' Edwin Johnson, III, a time or two! Marty, 36, has worked for the town for close to 17 years and was the Waste Water Operator. He still remembers starting with the department and how blessed he was to have been trained throughout his career with them. "When I graduated I worked at my dad's shop. We were always talking with the town employees and one of them told me they were hiring," said Marty. "I went and applied but didn't hear anything. My dad kept encouraging me to stay after it, keep calling them and I did! Mr. Mike (Williams) answered the phone one time and I asked him about the job. He said you've called enough you must be serious about the job. You have it!"

Marty has been through numerous trainings and certifications to do the job he does. "Mr. Mike and Mrs. Shirley Graham (former mayor) stayed after me to keep learning and testing," added Marty. "If it wasn't for this town and department I don't know where I would be. I have appreciated the job and being employed here. They have been so good to me."

Marty will begin a new career with

JEA and is looking forward to this new journey in his life. He is very excited but also anxious about a new position and crew. Marty and his wife Debony have two children, Mariah (17) and Buddy Man (15). Last Friday, the town celebrated his retirement with a luncheon in his honor at Town Hall. Town Manager Mike Williams presented him with a wooden State of Florida silhouette with Callahan highlighted in which all the town employees signed the back with well wishes!

Good luck Marty!



New Beginnings and Milestones

Camilla Renay Odom



Ben and Kayla Odom, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Camilla Renay Odom. Camilla was born October 26, 2020 at 8:41 a.m. at St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

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Due to Covid we are changing how we provide Christmas for these families. We will still provide dinner and gifts, but in lieu of the usual Christmas Day celebration we will have a Curbside Christmas. On Christmas Eve we will distribute the unwrapped gifts to the families along with fresh fruit and essential food items that the families may use to prepare dinner.

As you already know, Joy to the Children is a 501(c)(3) organization that operates with an all-volunteer board and workers. Your donation is used mainly for the purchase of toys, clothes, books, school supplies, personal hygiene items, and bedding consisting of new sheets, a blanket, and a pillow for each child. Your gift will help provide the only presents these kids



will receive on Christmas Day.

The families we serve are chosen with the help of the Homeless/FIT (Families In Transition) Program of Nassau County Schools. While most of the families are not actually homeless, they are displaced and living with relatives or in hotels. Your donation this year will greatly help in the continued success of this local program and that is why we are counting on your support. You can help...by donating online at our website: www.joytothechildren.org or by mailing your donation to: Joy to the Children, PO Box 16404, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035.

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NELLIE GERTRUDE KADING



Nellie Gertrude Kading, 78, of Hilliard, passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2020, in Jacksonville. She was born August 16, 1942 in New Jersey. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband Gary Macomber; and children Nina and Ray.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

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

MICHAEL ALAN SHAVER



Michael Alan Shaver, 58, of Sevierville, Tennessee, formerly of Bryceville, went home to be with the Lord on October 20, 2020. Michael was born August 1, 1962 to Robert Shaver and Wanda McCullough. Michael worked at Disney World for 20 years. He enjoyed meeting new people there and loved the smiles he brought to children. He moved to Tennessee to help care for his mother's 20 acres. He enjoyed his long Saturday talks with his dad and always looked forward to heir hunting trips with his brother Scott. Gardening was one of the many things he enjoyed doing with his mother. Michael was a family oriented man and was always eager to hear how his nephew's ball games went or how his niece was. He will be deeply missed and loved by family and friends but

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never forgotten.

He is survived by his father Robert (Thresa) Shaver of Bryceville; his mother Wanda Smith; his three siblings Jon Shaver of Keystone Heights, Scott (Brenna) Shaver of Bryceville and Sheri Shaver of Jacksonville; nephews Nolan, Grayson and Ethan Shaver; and niece Kinsley. He is preceded in death by his niece Christy.

A private memorial service was held with Pastor James Taylor officiating.

FREDDIE BLAKE VANZANT



Freddie Blake Vanzant, 75, of Hilliard, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on November 22, 2020. He was born on July 31, 1945 in Folkston, Georgia to James Ollie Vanzant and Helen Blake Vanzant.

Freddie was a graduate of Hilliard High School. He was also a Veteran having served in the US Army in Vietnam. Freddie was a life-long member of the Ephesus Baptist Church in King's Ferry. Freddie loved his family and always had a smile to share with anyone he visited. His primary hobby was caring for his herd of cows. Freddie spent countless hours caring for them and could tell you the lineage of any of his herd

members. Freddie was preceded in death by his parents.

Freddie is survived by his siblings Louise Vanzant (Gary) Yawn, Grady James (Barbara Clarke) Vanzant and Lonnie Jackson (Tina Crews) Vanzant; his niece Leslie Yawn (Matthew) McCullough; and his great-nephews Matthis and Memphis McCullough.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Brickyard Cemetery with Pastor Marvin Lee officiating. The family received friends Tuesday, November 24 at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

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

WALLACE E. 'BUCK' WAITE



Wallace E. 'Buck' Waite, 82, of Bryceville, went to his eternal rest on November 17, 2020. He was born on the first day of deer season on November

12, 1938 to proud parents, Harold A. 'Bill' Waite and Dorothy 'Dot' Waite, and was quickly nick-named Buck. At an early age, following in his brother's footsteps, he got into the sport of boxing. He also became an avid stock car racer and fan. He graduated from Rutland High School in 1956. He joined the US Navy and was stationed at Jacksonville N.A.S., where he met his bride, and the love of his life, Bertha Lee 'Bert' Jones. Upon discharge from the

Navy they returned to Rutland, Vermont to start a life and raise their three children. In 1973, they moved to Bryceville, to be closer to Bert's family. He went to work on the docks in Jacksonville, for I.L.A. Local 1593, as a clerk/checker until retirement. After retiring, Buck filled his time building a Hot-Rod pickup, carpentry/woodworking, serving the Lord as the Fix-it man at his church, and spending time with family and friends. Buck is predeceased by his wife and soulmate of 63 years, Bert; his parents; brother Bill; sister Betty Sargent; a special niece Tammy; and countless relatives and friends.

Buck is survived by three children John (Maureen) Waite, Hal (Valerie) Waite and Cheryl (Mike) Carr, all of Bryceville; sister-in-law Pat Waite; brothers-in-law Raymond (Delaine) Jones and Manny (Vivian) Ortega; grandchildren Bo (Samantha) Waite, Jennifer Curry, Scott (Connie) Waite, Jason (April) Carr, Danielle (Brandon) Ennis, Andrea (Josh) Grennell and Jared (Lindsey) Waite; the Lord also blessed Buck with 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and his special friend Sugar.

A celebration of Buck's life was held Saturday, November 21 at Ferreira Funeral Services with Pastor Richard Fish officiating. Interment followed at Brandy Branch Cemetery with complete military honors. The family received friends prior to service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made to Community Hospice at: <https://www.communityhospice.com/give/>.

Arrangements by V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services, Macclenny, (904) 259-5700.

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Mrs. Barbara Ann 'Bobbie' Singletary Watts, 80, was called home to Heaven Monday, November 16, 2020. Bobbie was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother to her family. To know her was to love her and she has been a blessing to all who knew her. She had an open and generous heart and loved people.

Bobbie was born in Douglas, Georgia on August 28, 1940, the first of seven children to her parents, Pickett E. and Lois Watson Singletary. She was married to the love of her life, Alton, on March 2, 1962. Their two sons, Mike and Tim soon followed and were the light of her life. She enjoyed reading, studying the Bible, traveling, spending time with her sisters and delighted mostly in spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bobbie is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Alton Watts; son Mike (Rose) Watts; daughter-in-law Priscilla Watts; grandchildren Dillon (Keylee) and Holly Watts; great-granddaughters Waylynn and Gentry Watts; sisters Martha Royal and Shirley (Robert) Kolletar; brother David (Angie) Singletary; and many nieces, nephews and extended family. In addition to her parents; Bobbie was preceded in death by her precious son Tim; her brother Jimmy Singletary; and sisters Lynn Singletary and Rhoda (Don) Singletary Rush.

A home going service was held Friday,

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November 20 at Nassau Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Wolgamott officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. A gathering was held at the Watts residence in Mandarin following the service.

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

DAVID JEFFERSON WOODCOCK



David Jefferson Woodcock, 75, of Rocky Point, North Carolina, beloved husband, loving daddy, granddaddy and brother, passed peacefully from his earthly life Thursday, November 12, 2020 at his home. He was born November 16, 1944 in New Hanover County, the son of Dennis Jefferson and Evelyn Elizabeth Mahn Woodcock. In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by his granddaughter Gretchen Cole; and brother George Woodcock.

David considered it his honor and privilege to serve his country in the US Air Force for over 30 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant. With valor David served in the Vietnam Era and the Gulf War. Following his

military career, he worked and retired from Civil Service at Jacksonville International Airport in Jacksonville. He was a member of Riley's Creek Baptist Church.

David was a Christian man who lived a life of integrity and hard work, instilling these values in his beloved grandsons. He was an inspiring role model for his grandsons who he taught how to fish and hunt, along with many other life skills. Prior to David's illness of the past five years, he was a man that was never idle and could figure out how to do most anything. David lived by a simple creed: "Do justice, love your neighbor and walk humbly with God."

David is survived by his wife of 55 years and caregiver for the past five years, Loretta Wagstaff Woodcock; daughter

Stacey (Kenny) Cole; grandsons Austin (Nikki) Cole, Jeremy Cole, Jeffrey Cole, Garrett Cole and Gavin Cole; sisters Elizabeth Ann (Randall) Mobley Smith of Bryceville and Hedy (David) Swart; and many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Friday, November 13 at Quinn McGowan Funeral Home in Burgaw. A graveside service was held Saturday, November 14 Greenlawn Memorial Park in Wilmington, with The Rev. Art Sauer conducting the service. Military honors will be accorded by the US Air Force Honor Guard.

Memorial gifts may be given to Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 A C Skinner Pkwy, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Shared memories and condolences may be expressed at: www.quinnmcgowan.com.

Quinn-McGowan Funeral Home Burgaw Chapel handled arrangements.

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Flashes Trampled by Cowboys, End Season 8-1

Holden McMillen

Fresh off their comeback win in overtime against Lafayette, the Hilliard Flashes returned home to Flashes Field in the Regional Semifinal of the 2020 FHSAA playoffs. The stadium was sold out and fans came to witness some excitement of what is to come. Their next test was a familiar foe, the defending state champion Madison County Cowboys. Feeling doubted, having their backs against the wall, the Flashes wanted to make a statement that they are a team to be feared, not just now, but in the future.

The game started out as a defensive battle. Both defenses rose to the occasion and made plays to end any hope of scoring with the first quarter ending scoreless. Like a flip of a light switch, the game changed in favor of the Cowboys. Their scoring spree began early in the 2nd quarter with a dime in the near corner of the end zone from 30 yards out. Then a 15-yard touchdown run and back-to-back touchdown passes from 10 and 13 yards out. Mix in a high snap on a Flashes punt, a couple of failed



and successful 2-point conversions, and you got a 28-0 lead for the Cowboys at halftime.

The nightmare start continued for the Flashes at the start of the 3rd quarter, when the Cowboys returned the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown. With a failed 2-point try, the Cowboys extended the lead to 34-0. The Cowboys defense generated a turnover with an interception with prime field position. The Cowboys capitalized with a 3-yard touchdown run and followed that up with a 12-yard

touchdown run. With a failed and successful extra point, the Cowboys' lead grew to 48-0. To help ease the sting, the Flashes defense generated a score as Cameron Chavarria returned a fumble off a high snap 49 yards for the score. With a successful extra point, the Flashes cut the deficit down to 48-7. But, with the game resorting to running clock, it was too little too late and the Flashes 2020 season comes up short as they fell to the Cowboys 48-7.

Offensively, there was little to celebrate about. The Flashes struggled mightily against the Cowboys' defense, only generating 25 yards of total offense, their lowest total of the year. Tywuan Lee had 7 carries for 2 yards and Braydon Holley had a carry for 3 yards. Lyle Bennett went

4/12 for 23 yards and an interception and had 5 carries for -3 yards rushing. Lee had 2 catches for 13 yards and Chris Northern had 2 catches for 10 yards.

Defensively, the Flashes were off to a promising start, holding the Cowboys offense scoreless in the first quarter. After that, it was a struggle. Carson Newkirk had 5 tackles and 2 sacks on the night; Cameron Chavarria had 5 tackles and a fumble recovery; Lane Beasley had 4 tackles and a sack; Angelo Benjamin had 4 tackles and a pass breakup; Huntley Moore had 4 tackles; Carson Dixon and D.J. Blake had 3 tackles; Jason Sheffield had 2 tackles; and Malik Farahkhan had a forced fumble.

While the season may be over, there was a lot to be proud of for the Hilliard Flashes this season. We had our first 8-0 season in school history and hosted back-to-back playoff games. This is only the beginning of the potential the Flashes are reaching for! The best is yet to come! Thank you for all the support this season and for supporting your hometown team. Go Flashes!



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