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Honoring Our Veterans...Meet William 'Bill' Marsh Veterans Appreciation Ceremony Saturday

Dawn S. West

As Veterans Day draws near, I hope everyone takes a moment to think about what Veterans Day really is and how much we owe our military men and women. This Saturday, a Veterans Appreciation Ceremony will be held at the American Legion Post 401 in Hilliard. This event is open to all, and our military Veterans



will be honored and recognized for their service. The event begins at 9 a.m. with coffee, donuts and conversation. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11 a.m. The event is free.

As we celebrate Veterans Day, we always try to have a Veteran to spotlight. This year I wish to introduce Retired Master Sergeant William Marsh. What an honor it was to interview such a wonderful person. Mr. Marsh served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years from 1947-1970. He spent his entire military career traveling. He served in aircraft crash rescue and (POL) fuels. He was stationed all over from Greenville, South Carolina to Germany to the Philippines. "I was in charge of 10 men offloading tanks near the South China Sea. We also supplied fuel to Air Force troops," said Marsh. "While serving in Vietnam, I was an advisor to the Vietnamese Air Force. I was proud and counted it as an honor to serve. His last three tours were remote and he decided it was time to get out."

Being away from his wife and family was difficult. And each time he received his orders they were far away. While serving, MSGT Marsh's proudest accomplishments were being awarded three Air Force commendation medals from three separate Air Force commands. The

first from the 8th Air Force (SAC) Strategic Command; the second from the Pacific Air Force (PACAF); and the third from Air Training Command (ATC). "Things are so different now. Of course technology is much better. It's really a world of difference in today's times," added Marsh.

Following retirement, after talking with a friend, Marsh decided to be an owner/operator of his own trucking business. "The economy was not the most stable and my friend told me this would be a good thing to get into," continued Marsh. "So we (he & his wife Marge) bought a truck and started hauling."

They continued the trucking business for 38 years traveling and seeing the country. Several times their travels brought them through Callahan for one reason or another. When they decided to retire, they chose to make Callahan their home base. They bought some property and a home and have been there for 30 years now. They have two children, one in Arizona the other in New Jersey. They are members of Our Lady of Consolation Church in Callahan. Last June, he became very ill, so ill that he was actually put into Hospice care. He was in their care for several months however he beat the illness, regained his strength and now is

good as new.

Most Veterans are familiar with the Honor Flight Network. The mission of Honor Flight is to transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country. This is an all-expenses paid trip. In January, Mr. Marsh found out that the Honor Flight was going to do their first flight directly out of Jacksonville. He got all the information and completed all the forms. He was so afraid that his recent illness might hamper his chances of going but he

checked out fine and his doctors gave him the okay to go if chosen. Each Veteran has to have a guardian to accompany them but it could not be their spouse. Mr. Marsh asked his nephew, Mark McGowan, who lives in Deltona, and he accepted. Mr. Marsh, 89, didn't find out until a few weeks prior that he was chosen to go. Only 25 Veterans are chosen to go on the flights and Mr. Marsh was one of them. "The trip was a once in a lifetime experience for me. It was very emotional the way we (Veterans) were taken care of and respected," said Marsh. "At the airports



people held flags and clapped. We were escorted to the airport from the hotel by a motorcycle group. The trip was very well organized and the itinerary was followed. There were five Korean and 20 Vietnam Veterans with two of us being WWII Veterans. It was such an honor and I am blessed beyond words to have experienced this trip."

What an honor to share just a small portion of Mr. Bill Marsh's military career and life. Listening to him talk about the Honor Flight was so special as tears filled all eyes listening to his continued passion for our country and his military service. Thank you, Mr. Marsh for your service and to all our Veterans for your service to our great country.

God bless you all!



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A Word From the Publisher

Well, welcome November and thank you Jesus for the cool weather. Roger and I finally found a little time to slip away and enjoy a vacation. We took a trip to North Carolina and Tennessee. After talking to a few people once we returned home, I found out there were lots of people from home in the same area as we were! It truly was a beautiful time of year to make the trip.

First of all, I'm so thankful that God provided safe travel mercies for us and great weather. We left on Saturday bound for Boone, North Carolina. Roger had been there before and wanted me to experience the beauty of the town, which we did! Of course, I'm just in awe traveling anyway. I love looking at all the landscapes and changes to the earth as we head north. Both entrances to Blowing Rock and Boone were so beautiful with rock landscapes entering the towns. We got checked into our hotel and headed to the Daniel Boone Inn to eat (another suggestion of my husband). It was the cutest building and all the pumpkins and mums decorated all around won me over easily. We had the best waitress; her name was Kendall, which was so happy to serve us. What a joy! The food was served family style and there were no menus. She told us what she was bringing and if we wanted



more, she would bring it. It was really good and filling, especially after riding all day.

We got up the next morning and headed to visit our nephew and his family in Butler, Tennessee. We surprised them with the visit and they were thrilled to see us. They have a beautiful home right on a lake. I was pretty sure Roger

was ready to stop driving and complete our vacation right there. The view was amazing with mountains surrounding the lake. We spent a few hours with them and had such a great visit. Then, we headed out on those winding roads through the mountains. Spectacular!

Our final stop was in Gatlinburg for three days. It's pretty hard to be down when you are surrounded by such beauty. You really don't even have to have a plan...just breathe and enjoy God's creation. We went to one of our favorite places, Roaring Forks Motor Nature Trail. If you haven't been, it's a drive worth taking. The inclines are

steep, the turns are sharp and the road is skinny but the beauty is incredible. There are several places where you can park and walk some trails or just take a few pictures. Each time we visit it is always different. We did meet up with some friends and enjoy going to the Dixie (oops sorry, Dolly Parton) Stampede. The show is always good, the food is great and laughing with friends is fun!

The trip wasn't complete without making a visit to the Old Mill shopping area. My favorite is the Old Mill Kitchen. I stocked up on Mulling Spices to get ready to make some yummy cider plus a few other items. I was excited that they were giving out samples and I sure took advantage of that!

On the way home we made a trip through Cherokee and Maggie Valley, which we've really never done, so we experienced another first in our lives! Making memories and having some down time is what it is all about. As I sat on our balcony each morning just reflecting on God's goodness and faithfulness the problems of our world disappeared. Just a reminder that as the leaves change with the seasons our God is the same today, tomorrow and forever. He never changes and continues to sit on His throne. God is still in control and I know how the story ends. Won't you join me in having peace for each day?

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

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In the Kitchen...

Cream Cheese Pound Cake

3 sticks butter, softened
3 cups sugar
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened

6 eggs
3 cups cake flour
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix softened butter and sugar until smooth. Add cream cheese then eggs and flour. Beat until smooth. (Mixture will be a little thick.) Add vanilla. Pour into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 325° for 1 1/2 hours. Let cake cool in pan for an hour then remove.

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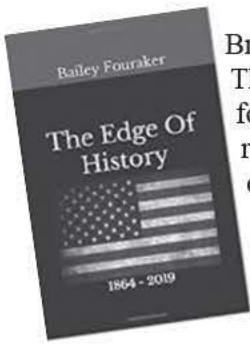
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Fouraker to Hold Book Signing Thursday



The public is invited to the Bryceville Community Center Thursday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. for an author talk, book signing and refreshments with Bryceville's very own Bailey Fouraker. There will be books available for purchase. Come and enjoy listening to Bailey and finding out more about her passion to write and publish her own books.



Sneak Peek Event Encouraging



NassauTRANSIT is also in service on the west side.

The Saturday event provided a "sneak peek" to the community as they left heartfelt messages and signed their names on the interior wall of the Great Hall. All signatures and

Nassau County's west side citizens left their mark at the soon-to-be-open Nassau County Council on Aging (NCCOA) Westside Senior Life Center in Hilliard October 30 on Ingham Road. The facility is currently undergoing renovation, and will reopen early next year. In the meantime, our seniors are meeting each week at a local church where we offer staff-supervised programming. Home Health services, as well as Meals on Wheels and Meals on Wheels for Pets, are continuing throughout the renovation process.

messages will eventually be covered with drywall and paint, becoming a permanent part of the Life Center.

Thanks to local residents and the State of Florida, the more than 50-year-old building is undergoing a major renovation to meet the expanding needs of our seniors. NCCOA projects doubling seniors served from 1,500 to 3,000.

To learn more about how to join the NCCOA Senior Program and all the benefits offered, call 845-3331.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Pure insanity is how "The Hill" described Biden's plans to reward illegal immigrants with a gift of our tax money in the sum of \$450,000 per family member that were separated at the border during President Trump's presidency. If this isn't the straw that breaks the camel's back then heaven forbid what will it take? While President Trump's theme was "America First," then without a doubt Biden's theme is "America Last."

Biden and the socialist democrat party are determined to ruin our country. It totally infuriates me that this lame minded administration wants to reward criminals with up to 1 million dollars per family for their illegal invasion of our country. That will place thousands of criminals in the richest 1% in America. This is totally a slap to the face to all Americans who have worked their entire lives, paying taxes and receive less than \$24,000 a year from social security that they paid into each week from their salaries.

"The Hill" states, "It's hard to imagine how the Biden administration could more thoroughly mishandle the catastrophe at the border, and Americans know it, despite the major networks and most cable news channels largely ignoring the story."

America is on pace to take in more than 2.3 million illegal aliens into our country this year. Homeland Security

Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas actually said with a straight face last week, "the border is closed." This entire administration is nothing less than pathological liars! One cannot believe anything they say. They lie about the border, they lie about the politically motivated pandemic, they lie about Afghanistan, they lie about the job, they lie about the trillion plus dollar infrastructure bill and they expect us to believe in them. Well, people are beginning to realize their incompetence. Biden-Harris is now polling at 23 percent approval on its handling of the border crisis.

We true-loving Americans have to keep the pressure on the enemies in Washington. As more and more Americans face the reality of what is happening at the border along with inflation, worker shortages, supply chain crisis, rising urban crime, educational controversies and once again the Afghanistan pullout fiasco, eyes are beginning to open.

In closing, I request that everyone who voted for Biden please put your yard sign back up so we know where to drop off all these illegal aliens. I am sure you won't mind housing them, feeding them, clothing them and paying for their medical needs. How noble that would be of you all.

As always...that's just my opinion! God bless and protect our country.

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This past Sunday, many people celebrated Halloween. But, may I suggest that we don't overlook a much more important event? Reformation Day. If you don't know, this is the day German Monk, Martin Luther, 504 years ago, walked up to the castle church in Wittenberg and nailed 95 Theses to the door of the church.

For us today, this is a strange way to communicate. Could you imagine if today, I went to the door of our church and posted 95 things I had problems with in the Church today?

What Martin Luther did had huge impact on the Church worldwide. If he hadn't brought up these issues, we would all be catholic instead of the different denominations we see today and this coming Sunday your pastor would be delivering their message to you in Latin.

Most historians believe on this day, Martin Luther started the Protestant reformation; but I saw a meme that read: "John Calvin and Martin Luther are not responsible for the protestant reformation. The Word of God is responsible for the Protestant Reformation." The passage that struck Martin Luther so powerfully was Romans 1:16-17: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, The righteous shall live by faith." (ESV)

Martin Luther discovered this key theology: "The righteous shall live by faith." In fact, by the end of the reformation, 5 Solas (Latin) came out: 5 solos or onlys or alones. Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone): Scripture, the inspired Word of God, the Bible, is God-breathed (2 Peter 1:21). It is our authority for faith and practice as Christians. Solus Christus (Christ alone): Only Jesus Christ can save us (John 14:6). Sola Fide (Faith alone): We can only access Christ's salvation through faith (Philippians 4:9). Sola Gratia (Grace alone): The gift of salvation is free. It is a gift from the Grace of God (Ephesians 2:8-9). Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God alone): No one deserves the Glory except God (Galatians 1:5).

How do we respond to all that the reformation has shown us? We place our faith alone, in Christ alone, relying on His grace alone, as we see in Scripture alone all for His Glory alone!

CHURCH NEWS

Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, 541668 US Hwy 1 is having a Fun, Friends and Fashion event, Friday, Nov. 5 from 3- 8 p.m. Do some Christmas shopping early! Event is free and includes 15 vendors. Food and beverages will be available for a nominal fee. We will be selling raffle tickets for a wooden yard art Nativity Set for \$5/each, as well as, \$1 raffle tickets for two beautiful Christmas wreaths. Come join in the fun! OLC will also have a craft and baked goods booth at the Callahan 2021 Hobos, Hot Rods, and Heroes Festival on Saturday, November 6th. Please check out our booth!



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Thank You, American Legion Post 401!

The American Legion Post 401, Hilliard, is an organization made up of men and women who served our country in the Armed Forces. They dedicated their time serving our country early in their lives and now currently serve their time giving back to our community.



The varsity Boys basketball program of Hilliard Middle-Senior High School would like to share a specific example of the Legion's most recent service which included donating monetarily to aid in purchasing new basketball uniforms. The coach's motto is, "Everything starts with a vision." The coaches and team members would like to

personally thank the American Legion Post 401, Hilliard, for their monetary support and assisting with the team's vision.

The varsity Boys basketball program of Hilliard Middle-Senior High would also like to personally thank Riverland Logging for donating monetarily to aid in purchasing new basketball uniforms.

Winn Dixie Recalls Fisherman's Wharf Brand Jumbo Cooked Shrimp

Southeastern Grocers (SEG), the parent company of Fresco y Más, Harveys Supermarkets and Winn-Dixie stores, is recalling its Fisherman's Wharf brand Jumbo Cooked Shrimp, Frozen 16-20 count. The recall is due to the detection of possible listeria on the product, which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, Listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.



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The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing revealed the presence of Listeria in 16-20 count 16 oz. bags of Fisherman's Wharf brand frozen Jumbo Cooked Shrimp. Sale of the product has been suspended while FDA and the company continue to investigate the source of the problem.

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Callahan Hires New Town Clerk

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The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first meeting of November. Council President Ken Bass advised the council and audience to welcome the new



Shawna Gugliuzza

Town Clerk Mrs. Shawna Gugliuzza. Shawna is currently a member of the Florida Association of City Clerks. She will be attending training at the International Institute of Municipal Clerks to obtain her Certification as a Municipal Clerk.

Wanda Nichols, representing the Relay for Life of Nassau County, advised Callahan Mayor Matthew Davis that she wanted to present the town with a letter of appreciation. "This is just a letter of appreciation for the Town of Callahan's support for this year's relay," said Nichols. "Though the relay was hard with all the distractions, we were still able to raise over \$21,000. We look forward to your support again."



Renee Stoffel and Jamie Reynolds, representing the Barnabas Center, were on hand to share a video of the many services the Barnabas Center provides. Recently a countywide food drive was held for the Barnabas Center and they collected over 22,000 pounds of food. The NE FL Fair collected 6,000 pounds during the fair. "We are so blessed with all the partnerships we have made," said Stoffel. "We couldn't do what we do without partners. Barnabas now offers dental care along with medical, and food." To learn more about the Barnabas Center call 904-261-7000 or visit www.barnabasnassau.org.

Town Manager Mike Williams updated the council on the Branch Creek issues. "All of the property has been changed back through the Property Appraisers office to Branch Creek LLC a Ken Greene property," said Williams. "Probably in January a letter will be sent to the homeowners about what is going on and we can discuss the assessment."

A Branch Creek resident was present at the meeting and said he was told that Greene sold the property to the Town for \$100.

"Mr. Greene went and did a quit claim

deed on the property, paid \$100, and put it in the town's name without our knowledge," added Williams.

Councilman Ken Bass advised the council that he, Mayor Davis and Williams had all met a few times with the Brandies Ace Hardware owners. As everyone knows, Hagan Ace Hardware has plans to build a new Hagan Ace on SR 200 and the Brandies Ace will close. The owners offered the buildings and property to the town first option to buy it. "The owners had the property appraised and are offering \$2.5 million, which includes all the buildings, lumber yard and 1.6 acres," said Bass. "The buildings are old and we're not sure how much we would have to put into them to get them up to code."

"The owners really want the buildings to stay as they are historical. I think it's worth getting another appraisal before making a decision," said Mayor Davis.

"There are several options to consider. We could apply for historical grants, rural development grants, etc.," added Williams. "I've talked with County Manager Taco Pope about the county taking over all of this property and he was on board with it."

"We can keep this and get rid of the county fire department. We could move our offices upstairs and have lots more space," said Councilman David Mellecker. "Why would we (town) go buy that when we have this prime property here?"

The council agreed to get another appraisal and talk about possibly making an offer or making a decision one way or the other.

In other business, Williams advised the council about the need for a new operations truck. "The truck we currently have is a 2002 utility truck is about at its life span," said Williams. "We've found a 2008 Ford 6.7 liter diesel with a bucket that I'm asking for approval to purchase it. It runs great and we even used it for a day to test it."

The council approved the truck purchase at a cost of \$17,588.25.

In closing comments, Assistant Fire Chief Larry Downey advised the council the department (Callahan Volunteer Fire Department) had just received a donation from Rayonier (Woodlands Division) for \$1200. "We (CVFD) would like to have a Movie in the Park event the night of the Christmas parade, Saturday, December 4. We plan to purchase a blow up screen to show the movie," said Downey. "We wanted to see if the council would give us their blessing? We want to make this a family fun event."

Councilman Mellecker advised Downey to bring back the final plans for the council to review.

"It sounds like a great event," said Councilwoman Jacquelyn Fleming. "I'm already thinking about bundling my son up and going to the park that night!"

The next council meeting will be held Monday, November 15 at 7 p.m.

Living Financially Free

The Best Gift Is Time

Yvette Outler

Call me old fashion but to this day I still enjoy a homemade card over a store bought one. My kids know this, so they indulge me. One of my favorite hand-crafted gifts I received this year was a throw that my sister Rita made for our home. Not only is it gorgeous, but what makes it extra-special is the fact that she took her precious time to knit a gift with love.

The most valuable commodity we have is our time. When someone gives me time, in any form, I feel valued, appreciated, and loved. Why not give the gift of time away this Christmas? Or the next birthday? Wrapping your time as a gift could look like the following: Babysit her kids; Host or provide a meal; Clean her house; Pressure wash her house; Detail her car; Organize her pantry or space of choice; Babysit her pet; Make a quilt for her; Help her pack or unpack her home; Mow her lawn, etc.

I have been the giver and recipient, and will speak to a couple of recent gifts:

My niece, Heather, generously blessed us with her time to feed our cat, "Lovey," while we were out of town. If you are a pet owner, you know what a generous gift this is to bestow!

While packing up my son's bedroom we set aside his favorite t-shirts in a particular box. As a special surprise, for




this Christmas, my friend Karen offered to create an heirloom quilt for him. He will receive it next month. She gave my son (and me) her talent, energy, and most especially, her valuable time.

Think of the folks around you. Think of what needs they have in their lives. You can begin there. Oftentimes it costs no money... just your time. Do not wait until Christmas or a special holiday...go ahead and be the blessing that someone else may need.

Ideas of how to give the gift of time away: Without notice or permission just do it; Write your gift of service in a card, as this will allow the recipient to "redeem" the coupon when they choose.

Yvette Outler is a Dave Ramsey's Solution Master Financial Coach. Contact her for a free consultation at Fiscallyfree7@gmail.com.



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Thank You!

Dear Editor,

Thank you to all those who came to our Great-Grandma Cora Lee Timmons 100th birthday drive thru celebration and showed her love on her special day. She was so excited to see all who drove by that Saturday. Thank you to all the friends and extended family from church that gave her flowers and cards.



Thank you to all the family who came to the party and brought food and presents for her dinner. Never was there so much love in a room. Grandma Cora Lee was so happy to see her family together. Again, thank you.

Jordan Martin

printer paper would reach around the world 2.43 times. 3.5 trillion sheets of printer paper would reach around the world 8.50 times. This number is beyond my comprehension.

Well here it comes again US Taxpayer, 3.5 trillion spending bill. What's inside, where is it going to go and who is going to pay for it? We know who is going to pay for it and you can be sure it is packed with more pork than a spam factory.

As always, we appreciate the work that you and Roger do. Stay healthy and keep up the good work!

Bob Sieg

Having Any Fun?

Dear Editor,

When Bill Clinton found out that FX was airing "Impeachment: American Crime Story," he checked into the hospital. Diagnosis: Overexposure, Avoidance Panic and a recurrence of Lying. Joe Biden missed two days of work with a sore shoulder and sprained arm from waving illegals in at the Border. Barack Obama is thinking of moving to Iran since he already owns a vast amount of property that he bought with our money. At a recent political dinner, Mitch McConnell had a gastronomic attack and despite their differences, President Trump was the only one who had the courage to burp him.

The story is told that George Herbert Walker Bush gave his son, George, a variation of his names so when he became President, no one would call him "Junior." Talk about confidence.

The Democrat stories always seem more witty because the Democrats are such a joke.

B. R. McConnell (no relation to Mitch)

Food for Thought:

Dear Editor,

What is a trillion? A trillion is a one (1) followed by twelve zeros 1,000,000,000,000. A trillion is a thousand billions. A billion is a one (1) followed by nine zeros 1,000,000,000. A billion is a thousand millions.

Imagine: A package of printer paper, two inches high, contains 500 sheets. Thus a stack one inch tall contains 250 sheets. Going forth, a stack 1 foot tall (12 inches), contains 3,000 sheets of printer paper. A mile high stack, 5,280 feet high, of printer paper would contain 15,840,000 sheets. The world is approximately 26,000 miles in circumference and it would take 411,840,000,000 sheets of printer paper to reach around the world. A trillion sheets of

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WNHS's Singley to Swim in State Championship

West Nassau High School's Swim Team had a relay and an individual qualify for Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Regionals on Wednesday, October 27 at the Cecil Field Aquatic Center. Over 16 different high schools were represented at this meet.

The girls 4x100 freestyle relay consisting of Grace Moseley, Alex Griner, Macy Bagocius and Rhonda Neely, dropped over 11 seconds on their relay to give them a new best



time.

Brody Singley won 1st Place in 200 freestyle and 2nd Place in the 500 freestyle. By placing in the top 2 in these events, Brody has qualified for the FHSAA State Championships in Stuart, Florida this Friday, November 5. Anyone can watch it live at: www.nfhsnetwork.com starting at 9 a.m. Good luck Brody!



Callahan Warriors 8U Commander B Gold Champions!



Congratulations to Callahan Warriors 8U Commander B for the amazing GOLD CHAMPIONSHIP win in the North Florida Youth Football Conference! These boys managed to go 10-0 and the defense gave up zero points the entire season! Congratulations!



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Hobos, Hot Rods & Heroes Festival Saturday

The West Nassau Historical Society is pleased to present the Hobos, Hot Rods & Heroes Festival this Saturday at the Historic Depot in Callahan. The event begins at 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Vendors will be around the depot and also along the old railroad bed. There will be lots of crafts, homemade items, jewelry and of course food! Entertainment will be on the stage in the back starting at 9 a.m. Entertainers include: Buck Lucontro, Liberty Express, and many more. Look for the entire line-up and times in their ad on page 10.

The annual Car Show, presented by Cochran's Collision and the Callahan Cruisers will be set up in the Cochran's Collision parking lot. The actual Car Show will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

with winners announced at 2 p.m. There will be a Veterans recognition service held at 10:45 a.m.

The caboose will be open for tours along with the museum inside of the depot. If you've never seen it, make sure to check out the history within those walls! There will also be the Nassau Student Art Works display in the depot. There are some great works of art to check out by our local students. Come out and enjoy crafts from local artists and the beautiful weather!



Thank You from Hilliard FFA



The Hilliard FFA would like to extend our gratitude to Mrs. Harriet and Mr. Gernie Geiger for opening their arena to us for the first annual Battle in the Pines Beef Show. A great time was had by the more than 100 contestants and their families. We look forward to next year!

New Beginnings and Milestones

Rusty Colt Butler

Rusty and Ashley Butler, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their son Rusty Colt Butler. Rusty was born September 24, 2021 at 1:01 a.m. at UF Health North in Jacksonville. He weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Proud grandparents are Allen and Heidi Davis of Yulee.

Rusty was welcomed home by his sister Lillian Rose!



Emma Marie Steedley

TJ Steedley and Bethann Bell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Emma Marie Steedley. Emma was born October 12, 2021 at 7:52 a.m. at Baptist Nassau Hospital in Fernandina Beach. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Tommy and Penny Steedley of Hilliard.

Maternal grandparents are John and Kathy Ballance of Callahan.

Emma was welcomed home by her siblings Kylie, Kyle, MaKenzie and Tommy!



Country Star Quilt Guild Fundraiser Quilt

This year's fundraiser quilt is quite a work of art! Measuring 88" x 88" (queen size) this lovely quilt is an original custom design and custom quilted. The beautiful quilt is currently on display at the Westside Journal office. Tickets are: \$1 per ticket; or 6 tickets for \$5. Tickets can be purchased from any Guild member, as well as from the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, Callahan.



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Hagan Ace Hardware Announces Expansion/Additional Leadership New Stores, New Leadership in 2022

As they head into their 6th decade of serving the North Florida community in the hardware business, the Hagan family is adding to the ranks and expanding again. At Hagan Ace Hardware the company philosophy has always been to move people up the ranks, promoting from within when the opportunity exists and always being open to talented folks outside the company that have experiences and qualities that would be an asset to the company. Two new, talented team members have joined the Hagan family.



Chad Wilson

Chad Wilson joined the team in July as an additional Director of Store Operations. He will be teaming up with the current Director of Store Operations, Jacob Hagan, to work closely with store managers. Chad worked for Ace Hardware Corporation for 12 years, 8 of which as a District Manager. Prior to working for Ace Hardware, Chad worked for Best Buy as a District Manager. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University

of Florida and obtained his master's degree from Florida Tech University.

Scott Christensen joined the Hagan Ace team in October as the new Director of Merchandising. His focus will be on executing overall short- and long-term strategy for the merchandising department by working closely with the buying team, management team and vendors. He will champion the department in creating and maintaining vendor relationships, marketing products and developing product line strategies. Scott relocated to Saint Augustine from Columbia, South Carolina. He has 20 years of experience in hardware industry sales, marketing, and product development.

Company President and Owner, Bill Hagan believes these two new team members will help take Hagan Ace Hardware into the future as they continue expanding the company horizon.

The Hagan family opened their



Scott Christensen

9th store in Yulee on November 20, 2020. The store is also home to the 3rd location of Hagan Coastal Outfitters - specializing in Sunglasses, Shoes, Kayaks, Paddleboards, Fishing & Marine, Outdoor Apparel and more. In 2022, the 60th Anniversary Year of Hagan Ace Hardware - there are plans to open two more locations as well as expand the Hagan Coastal Outfitters brand into more Hagan Ace Hardware stores.

About Hagan Ace Hardware: Hagan Ace Hardware is a member of the



largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the industry. Hagan Ace Hardware began as a single store in 1962. Now, four generations and 59 years later, the business continues to grow, and today has nine locations, including stores in Hilliard, Glen St. Mary, Mandarin, Orange Park, St. Augustine, St. Augustine Beach, East Palatka, Green Cove Springs and Yulee. For more information on Hagan Ace Hardware, visit www.haganace.com.



Military & Veterans Appreciation Night Tuesday

Join us in saying "Thank You" this Veterans Day to all those serving and having served. A community Military & Veterans Appreciation Night will be held Tuesday, November 9 at 6 p.m. at the West Nassau High School Cafeteria, One Warrior Drive, Callahan. All Military Personnel, Military Retirees and Veterans will be honored and thanked and enjoy a meal and program.

The event is hosted by the West Nassau High School JROTC, with assistance from the West Nassau High School Band, Hilliard American

Legion Post #401, local community organizations and businesses. The JROTC cadets are preparing a patriotic show that will be the highlight of the evening.

Individuals and organizations wishing to help sponsor this annual event can donate to the fund through Hilliard American Legion Post #401 (Military Appreciation Fund) by contacting Jackie Black at (904) 514-4447 or contact John Page at (904) 879-7082 or (904) 465-0611. This is a community event and donations are accepted to help defray the costs.

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- 9:35 a.m. Liberty Express
- 10 a.m. Classic Car Show Opens
- 10:10 a.m. Brianna Harris
- 10:45 a.m. Welcome/Veterans Appreciation Ceremony
- 11:30 a.m. Megan Stanford
- 12:20 p.m. Michael Ward Band
- 1:10 p.m. Harley Huff
- 2 p.m. Classic Car Show Awards Ceremony
- 2:35 p.m. No Filler
- 3:20 p.m. Nassau County Jazz Band
- 4 p.m. All Exhibits Close

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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.

Monday, October 18

Jamie Lorraine Davis, 32, 2727 Ruby Drive, Hilliard: Deprive 911 Communications; Battery Domestic Violence

Tuesday, October 19

Floyd Wayne Moore, 42, Callahan: Felony Habitual Traffic Offender; Possession of Schedule 1-5 Substance; Possession of Methamphetamine (x 2)

Wednesday, October 20

David Earl Edwards, Jr., 32, Hilliard: Tag Not Assigned to Vehicle; Grand Theft; Felony Habitual Traffic Offender

Friday, October 22

Edward Michael Szakacs, II, 35, Callahan: Violation of Probation Felony

Tuesday, October 26

Matthew Warren Hickey, 23, Callahan: Failure to Appear; Failure to Appear Felony

Wednesday, October 27

Aaron Martin Henderson, 32, Hilliard: Battery Domestic Violence

Friday, October 29

Joshua Delane Boatman, 43, Callahan: Violation of Probation Felony

Saturday, October 30

Ricky Allen Skelton, 34, Hilliard: Out of County Warrant

Crawford Rd. Ribbon Cutting Wednesday

The Board of County Commissioners will host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, November 10 at 1:30 p.m. in celebration of the re-opening of the newly improved Crawford Road. The improvements included paving the 6.5 mile-long, two lane dirt road connecting County Road 121 with the existing paved portion of Crawford Road, just west of US 301.

The \$6.95 million project is critical to improving mobility, promoting job growth, and attracting industry to western Nassau County. The project is strategically located to become a future industrial and technological epicenter supported logistically

by a robust roadway and railway transportation hub. The Board entered into an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation in March 2014 for Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) grant funding to assist with project costs. The County held a groundbreaking ceremony on November 2, 2020 and has been anxiously awaiting its completion.

The Ribbon Cutting will take place at the intersection of the previously paved portion of Crawford Rd. and the newly paved segment, approximately one (1) mile west of US 301. The public is welcome to attend.

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REBA CARTER ALDERMAN

Reba Carter Alderman, 78, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. She was born in Madison, Florida on April 25, 1943 to Bryant Steven Carter, Sr. and Anna Hoyt Carter. Reba graduated from Callahan High School in 1961. She married Ken Alderman on June 9, 1968. Reba eventually pursued a career as a hair stylist and opened her own business known as Reba's Family Hair Care. Reba was a life resident of Callahan and was known and loved by many. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, friends and family. Reba was happiest when she was sitting on the front porch surrounded by the ones she loved the most. She loved her church and enjoyed the fellowship she shared with her church family. Reba was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Reba is survived by her son Wayne (Dianne) Alderman; grandchildren Shayne (Marlene) Alderman and Shannon (Tommy Mcgee) Alderman; great-grandchildren Alyssa, Meredith and Aedan Alderman; special friend and caregiver Vicki Alley; brothers Bryant Steven (Caroline) Carter, Jr. and Johnny Earl (Laura Gail) Carter; and host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Pallbearers were be Jessie Ladson, Jacob Ladson, Charles Carter, Malcolm Burch, Donald Aspinwall and Travis Tison.

The family would like to extend their thanks and sincere appreciation to Community Care Hospice Nassau Team for the care, concern and service you provided during this difficult time. Also, special thanks, to the Nassau Funeral Home staff and Live Oak Baptist Church members, for your help and guidance during their time of grief.

A celebration of Reba's life was held Friday, October 29 at Live Oak Baptist Church, Callahan with Dr. Sonny Foraker and Pastor Josh Johns officiating. Interment followed at Live Oak Baptist Church

Cemetery. The family received friends October 28 at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

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OBITUARIES

ARTIS LEE ALLEN

Mr. Artis Lee Allen, 88, of Baldwin, passed away Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Born in Waycross, Georgia to the late Joe Brown Allen and

Jessie Marie Sweat Allen, he'd made his home in Baldwin for the last 52 years. Mr. Allen worked at the Jacksonville Shipyard for almost 20 years before starting his own business, Allen Brothers Welding, which he owned for 50 years. He was greatly loved and respected in the town of Baldwin. Many of the local youth benefited from his mentorship over the years as he was known to be a compassionate and giving man. A member of Christian Fellowship Temple in Macclenny, Mr. Allen was faithful in sharing his love for God and witnessing to others. His love for life and for people was evident in his actions. Mr. Allen was an avid racing fan who greatly enjoyed watching his sons race stock cars. He enjoyed fishing and especially loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Deborah Allen; children Darlene (Phillip) Chessman of Sanderson, David Thompson of Bryceville, David (GeorgeAnne) Allen of Jacksonville, Darrell (Julie) Roberts, Debbie (Tim) Brown and Bo (Athena) Allen, all of Bryceville; brothers Kirby Allen, Andy Allen and Mike (Susan) Allen; sisters Linda Sanford and Marlene (Jack) Linnen; numerous loving grand, great and great-great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law

Myrl Sheffield of Jacksonville; and his best friend Troy Meredith of Baldwin. He was preceded in death by his parents; his late wife and children's mother Flora Mae Rhoden Allen; son Hank Sheffield; brothers Edward Allen and Larry Allen; sister Doris Phillips; and sister-in-law Barbara Allen.

The family received prior to the funeral service held Tuesday, November 2 at Christian Fellowship Temple, Macclenny with Pastor David Thomas officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery in Macclenny. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Community Hospice & Palliative Care of Jacksonville.

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DENNIS ERVIN ANDERSON

Dennis Ervin Anderson, 64, of Hilliard, passed away on October 30, 2021. He was born on August 26, 1957 in Jacksonville. Ervin enjoyed hunting but more than anything, he loved spending time with his family on the back porch. Countless and cherished memories were made there. He was a loving husband, father, papa, brother and friend that will be dearly missed. Ervin was preceded in death by his mother Shirley Anderson; and former wife Patsy Anderson.

Ervin leaves behind his loving wife, Janet Anderson; father Velmer (Lois) Anderson; children Davey (Christy) Bozeman, Dale (Emma) Anderson, Sheree (Josh) Lauramore, Russ (Abbie) Crews and Andy Anderson; brothers David Anderson, Keith Anderson and Jason Anderson; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Saturday, November 6 from 12-2 p.m. prior to the memorial service at 2 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Carter officiating.

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VICTOR LEWIS BRAND, SR.

Victor "Papa Vic" Lewis Brand, Sr., 82, of Hilliard, passed away on October 25, 2021. He was born June 2, 1939 in Jacksonville, to John Bennett

Brand and Victoria Pendarvis Brand. After graduating from high school, Victor proudly served our country in the United States Marine Corps. He was honorably discharged in 1965 and started his long-time career in the glass industry. Victor gained much knowledge from his time in the military and was able to apply his skills in leadership to his professional position as a supervisor at Anchor Hocking Glass. He retired after 30 years of dedicated service as a glass maker. Victor enjoyed being outdoors; fishing, tending to his lawn and camping. He also loved cooking and talking across county on his CB radio where he was known as Zulu. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings; grandson Chase Burnette; and many loved ones.

Victor leaves behind his daughters Vanessa (Joey) Dell Browning and Janine (Michael) Ann Orender; son Victor (Valerie) Lewis Brand, Jr.; grandchildren Falecity Ann Haddock, Victor (Tabitha) Lewis Brand, III, Vanzant Patrick Brand, Chuck Kilpatrick and Tara Orender; and many great-grandchildren.


A memorial service was held for Victor Friday, October 29 at Nassau Funeral Home with Chaplain Jim Cox officiating.

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Henrietta "Etta" Talley Freeburn, 90, of Bryceville, passed away October 28, 2021, peacefully in her home with her family by her side. She was born in Highlands, North Carolina to her parents James and Cora Lee Talley. She enjoyed spending time with family, cooking Sunday dinner, fishing, shopping and working in her yard. Etta was known for loving her family and speaking her mind. She is preceded in death by her parents; 12 siblings; and her husband Claud Freeburn, Sr.

She is survived by her five children: Patricia (Jerry) Water, Ronnie (Crystal) Hall, Terry (Joyce) Hall, Claudia (Dennis) Bohm and Claud (Ceryle) Freeburn, Jr.; eight grandchildren Adam Hall, Bradley (Dana) Hall, Cody Hall, Kayla Hall, Dustin (Rose) Hall, Sarah Bohm, Jordan (Ashley) Freeburn and Jenna (Tyler) Holmes; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Tuesday, November 2 in the chapel of Fraser Funeral Home, Jacksonville. Interment followed in Riverside Memorial Park.

Fraser Funeral Home assisted the family, 781-4314.

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OBITUARIES

E. KATHLEEN TURNER



E. Kathleen Turner, 90, of Jacksonville, passed away on October 30, 2021. Mrs. Turner was born in Brockton, Georgia and was a longtime resident of Jacksonville. She was a member of Hill Crest Baptist Church but was currently attending North Jacksonville Baptist Church. He was also a member of the American Business Women's Assn. and The Red Hat Society. She had retired from Barnett Bank where she had worked in Community Affairs. She also was a past manager with the Duval County Supervisor of Elections. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 46 years, Melvin A. Turner, Sr.

She is survived by her two sons, Melvin A. (Barbara) Turner, Jr. and Richard K. (Nancy) Turner; two sisters Grace Brewington and Nellie; five grandchildren Allison (Titus) Judah, Jonathan (Stephanie) Turner, Nathan (Susan) Turner, Rick (Stacey) Turner, Jr. and Melissa Turner; 14 great-grandchildren Kendall (Caleb) Helms, Micah Judah, Mitchell (Kayla) Judah, Julianna Judah, Tyler Turner, Trey

Turner, Gabe Judah, Alex Turner, Abby Turner, John Mark Judah, Seth Turner, Rylie Turner, Sydney Turner and Sam Turner; and two great-great-grandchildren Braxton Helms and Maddux Helms.

The family will receive friends Thursday, November 4 at 10 a.m. prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. in the chapel of George H. Hewell and Son Funeral Home, 4747 Main Street, Jacksonville, with Rev. Randy Ray officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

LINDA DARNELL WILLARD



Linda Darnell Willard, 70, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on October 24, 2021. She was born January 25, 1951 in Jacksonville to George Spears and Eula Mae Vinson Spears. Linda thoroughly enjoyed going to church, reading her Bible, studying her daily devotionals, and sharing the word of God with her children, grandchildren and

great-grandchildren. More than anything, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Linda's favorite time of year was Christmas. She loved giving gifts and putting a smile on someone's face. She also loved shopping, purses and jewelry. Linda was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; and precious grandson, Dalton.

Linda leaves behind the love of her life of 54 years, Quinton Willard; daughters Anita (Peggy) Noll-Willard, Becky (Earl) Nettles, Barbie (Tommy) Drury and Cyndi (Chris) Beasley; grandchildren Tiffany (Justin), Christi (Kevin), Blake (Christa), Caitlin (Josh) and Heather (JJ); great-grandchildren Aria, Kylie, Kevin, Adley, Walker and Paisley; and one on the way; sisters Joyce and Diane; brothers Rusty, David, Lonnie and Charles; step-mother Alma; several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Linda's life was held Thursday, October 28 at Nassau Funeral Home. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service.

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Genealogy Tidbits

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As we approach Thanksgiving our thoughts turn toward the Pilgrims and the historic voyage of the Mayflower. During the crossing the Mayflower encountered a violent storm. A passenger named John Howland fell overboard, but luckily was able to grasp a rope trailing from the ship and was rescued by the crew. John Howland was an indentured servant and was one of the 41 signers of the Mayflower Compact. Genealogists estimate that as many as two million Americans are descended from him included many you may recognize, such as: Presidents Roosevelt and Nixon, writers Longfellow and Emerson, and Astronaut Story Musgrave.

As you enjoy your Thanksgiving with family and friends, remember those who took chances, made sacrifices and had the vision which is America!

Our meetings have been postponed due to the pandemic. Hopefully, we will return to our normal scheduled meetings soon.

OREMC Welcomes New Customer Service Representative

Okefenokee REMC's Hilliard office is pleased to welcome Destiny Pooser as its new customer service representative. Pooser actually joined the co-op in late July and had been training at headquarters in Nahunta, Georgia, but is now happy to be assisting OREMC consumer-members in her hometown.



lot, noting, "I wasn't an active OREMC member before working here and didn't realize the co-op difference. From top to bottom I have learned how power works, that is more than just a flip of a switch, so I can better serve our members as customer service is more than just answering the phone."

Pooser explains she was looking for a new opportunity when she became aware of an opening at OREMC, "Having worked at FNB South in Folkston for nearly 10 years as a teller, customer service representative, Loan Officer, then assistant manager, to continue to grow professionally would mean working elsewhere and I wanted to stay local. I had heard what a great organization OREMC was to work for, and the job was in my hometown."

While she is adjusting to being the "new girl" for the first time in 10 years, Pooser says everyone has been welcoming. Seeing familiar faces come through the drive-thru has helped her settle in as well. "A lot of my customers here were customers at the bank, and they trust me as customer service representative because I'm part of the community," Pooser explains. "They tell me the like having someone else they know on the inside."

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A graduate of Hilliard Middle-Senior High School, Pooser went to work at Bank of America's corporate office in Jacksonville straight out of high school where she worked her way up in the home equity department. She took a three-year hiatus after the birth of her daughter, now 12. Together with her husband, Brandon, the family enjoys time on the river, riding buggies at their hunt club and cheering on the Jacksonville Jaguars. They are avid Jags fans and also enjoy being part of a Fantasy Football League.

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Naturally Nassau: Watching the Grass Grow

Nancy Lee Bethea

There are many things I love about Callahan and Nassau County. The friendliness of the people, the quiet atmosphere and the starry night skies are near and dear to my heart. But when I married my husband Stan and moved to Callahan 15 years ago, my heart held feelings other than love for the small town. You see, I'm a city girl through and through. I love a city's hustle and bustle, variety of restaurants and shops and cultural opportunities.

When I moved north from Jacksonville, I soon realized I had landed in a place that moved at a much slower pace. I remember asking my husband if Callahanians found it entertaining to sit on their porches and watch the grass grow.

"Why don't you love it here?" Stan asked one day about three weeks into our marriage. He must have figured out I was in culture shock.

Back then, this city girl searched for coffee shops, boutiques and bookstores here in Callahan. Instead, I found auto parts stores and more auto parts stores. I sought flair, pizzazz and maybe a few colorful flowers blooming along the sidewalks of US 1.

My perceptions of the town began to change once I started meeting people, many of whom were city transplants like me. Others, like my husband's family, were Nassau County born and bred. My father-in-law, Billy Bethea, told me many charming tales of Callahan's past. One story involved young boys stealing watermelons from the backs of trucks stopped at the red light at US 1 and State Road 200!

I began to feel less like an outsider and more like one who was being woven into the fabric of Nassau County. Once our daughter was born, I was so thankful for a safe, quiet and loving place to raise her. Our church, school, and community figuratively embraced our family and watched her grow.

Still, there were times when I longed for that coffee shop or that bookstore. But then, I learned to appreciate the practical nature, that get-er-done vibe, I see in so many of Callahan's people. Thankfully, some of it began to rub off on me. I realized I could make my own coffee and invite people over for conversations about books!

Now, Callahan, a town situated at the physical crossroads of US 1 and State Road 200, is at another crossroads. Growth is coming. More people, more housing, more cars, more fast-food restaurants, and maybe even more auto parts stores are on the way. This is what I wanted 15 years ago, right?

Ironically, now I'm seeing things more from my husband's point of view. Callahan will probably never offer the cultural or shopping options found in a big city. But, I suspect Callahan's people, shaped by this land of yellow pines and wildlife, will continue to share their resources and willingly give their time to people in need.

If Stan asked me the same question today, I would answer it differently. "Yes, honey. I love Callahan, too. I see all the good here like you do."

Come to think of it, sitting on the porch watching the grass grow sounds really nice about now.

Warriors Fall to Tigers

Kyle Pipkin

Friday night the Warriors fell to the Andrew Tigers on senior night. It was a game that looked like it could get out of hand early when the Tigers went up 14-0 on the Warriors. The Warriors, a team that has battled back all season long, did the same thing Friday night, but could not complete the comeback. The final score of the game ended up being 26-13, a win for the Tigers.

It was a dry, cold fall night at Warrior field. In the first quarter the Tigers jumped out to a 6-0 lead with a touchdown pass on the Warrior defense. That was followed by a successful two-point conversion by the Tigers. The first quarter ended with a score of 8-0, Tigers.

The second quarter was much of the same with the Warrior offense being kept out of the end zone and held scoreless in the first half. The Tigers did add to the lead in the second with a rushing touchdown. After a failed two-point conversion they went into the half with a 14-0 lead.

The Warriors received the ball in the third quarter. They scored on a 1-yard touchdown rush by Jackson Strickland, followed by an extra point by Devon McDuffie. That cut into the Tigers lead with the third quarter ending with a 14-7 ball game.

In the fourth, the Tigers scored with another rushing touchdown from 7 yards out stretching the lead to 13

points after a failed extra point. The Warriors finally got on the board with a touchdown pass from Brady Wright to AJ Miller. The Warriors quickly made it a one score ball game in the fourth quarter 20-13. The Tigers were able to punch it in one more time putting the game out of reach making it 26-13 after a failed two-point conversion. The final score was 26-13 Tigers.

Some of the offensive leaders were: Conner Nobles lead the team rushing with 6 carries for 23 yards; Brady Wright was 11 of 20 passes for 165 yards and a touchdown; AJ Miller had 5 carries for 20 yards, 3 receptions for 84 yards and a touchdown. This was not the best offensive game for the Warriors. We did not see that talented rushing attack that we are used to seeing.

Defensively, Leon Whitley and AJ Miller had 8 tackles each; Conner Nobles had 7 tackles, 1 for loss, and a fumble recovery; and Malik Green 6 tackles. The defense played hard but it was not enough to get the win. This was a very good Andrew Jackson team the Warriors played Friday night. They are one of the better teams on the First Coast.

The Warriors are 3-4 for season so far. They are 2-0 in district play and still have a shot at the playoffs. Friday night the Warriors will travel to play Ridgeview with a 7 p.m. kickoff. This will be the last regular season game. Congratulations to all the seniors that were celebrated last Friday night.

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Flashes Mauled by Tigers in Playoff Opener

Holden McMillen

The Hilliard Flashes rode a tidal wave of momentum of an unblemished 8-0 record last Friday night. They had a chance to begin their quest to make a title push and began their mission with a home playoff game against the visiting Blountstown Tigers. The Flashes began the contest with the ball after losing the initial coin toss, but failed to get any momentum going and were forced to go three-and-out. The Tigers took over inside their own 30 yard line. They used their run game to effectively march down the field and score courtesy of a 6 yard run. With the 2-point conversion good, the Tigers jumped out to an early 8-0 lead. That was when the boulder of momentum began to roll for the Tigers as they scored on back-to-back possessions, this time using the air to do it with a score from 65 yards and 50 yards out. A successful 2-point conversion and extra point later, the Tigers closed out the first quarter with a commanding 23-0 lead.

In the second quarter, both teams rode a see-saw when it came to scoring. The Tigers started this game using the run game again to gash the Flashes



defense with a 50-yard touchdown run on the left side. With the extra point good, the tigers extended the lead 30-0. However, the Flashes responded to the challenge when Lyle Bennett, who was named the Whataburger Player of the Week after the Trenton game, made a couple of big plays using his legs and then connected with Dylan Coston for a 21-yard score. With the 2-point conversion good, the Flashes cut into the deficit 30-8. The Tigers answered back and scored another touchdown, this time with a 1-yard run. The Flashes executed the two minute drill to perfection and Bennett connected with Carson Newkirk on an in route in the middle of the field for a 15-yard score. After the 2-point conversion was missed, the Flashes went into halftime trailing big 38-14.

After forcing a punt on defense to begin the 3rd quarter, the Flashes looked to the offense to try and get the momentum rolling again. But, the Tigers stalled any offensive progress the Flashes

made when Bennett's pass was tipped by the defensive end and intercepted the pass and returned it 40 yards for a pick six. With the extra point good, the Tigers strengthened their lead 45-14. The Tigers continued rolling using their potent running game to their advantage and gashed the Flashes again, this time with a 36-yard touchdown run. After the extra point was good, the

Tigers continued to fertilize their lead to 52-14 at the end of the 3rd quarter. But, the Flashes got back on the scoreboard when Bennett connected with Newkirk again, this time from 24 yards out. With a successful 2-point conversion, the Flashes cut the deficit down to 30 points. Unfortunately, the deficit was too big to overcome and the Flashes' title run sputtered and stalled out the gate as they fall at home 52-22.

The Tigers outgained the Flashes 335-308, but the Flashes only generated 79 rushing yards. Offensively, DJ Coston had a quiet night running the

ball, with 32 yards on 11 carries. Lyle Bennett went 20/32 for 208 yards, 3 touchdowns, 1 interception and 7 carries for 48 yards. On the receiving end were Dylan Coston with 4 catches for 63 yards and a touchdown; DJ Coston had 7 catches for 52 yards; Carson Newkirk had 2 catches for 28 yards and 2 touchdowns; Bradyn Matto had 4 catches for 39 yards; and Chris Northern had a catch for 15 yards.

Defensively, it was a struggle for the Flashes as they were gashed by big plays from the Tigers offense. Carson Newkirk and Walker Avera led the charge with 5 tackles each; Tucker Pickett and Dylan Coston 4 tackles; and Damon Kibler, Gerald Clamp, Colton Conner and Bradyn Matto 3 tackles each.

This Friday, the Hilliard Flashes look to rebound from the loss with another Sunshine State Athletic Conference playoff game traveling to play the Holmes County Blue Devils in a win-or-go-home matchup. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. central time.

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