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HE SAID: "LISTEN, KING JEHOSHAPATH AND ALL WHO LIVE IN JUDAH AND JERUSALEM! THIS IS WHAT THE LORD SAYS TO YOU: DO NOT BE AFRAID OR DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF THIS VAST ARMY. FOR THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS, BUT GOD'S." - II CHRONICLES 20:15

Renovations at Hilliard Parks

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first meeting of February. The first order of business was a Public Hearing and Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2022-08. The ordinance concerned amending the Comprehensive Plan by adding a New Property Rights Element under the goals, objectives and policies. The council approved the ordinance.

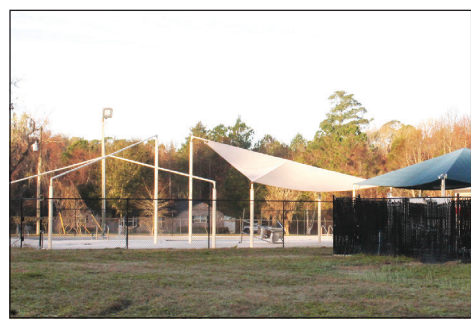


The next agenda item concerned the approval to pave the Walker Street Cul-de-Sac and Mr. John Russell's driveway. There were four bids for the job and Public Works Director Ritchie Rowe recommended Kudzue 3 Trucking & Paving at a cost of \$15,492.40. The council approved the recommendation.

The following item concerned changing the Town of Hilliard Mowing Contract from a 1-year contract to a 3-year contract. The council approved the 3-year contract.

You may have noticed the new Hilliard Pavilion on the town property located beside Town Hall. This is another part of grant money the town received for these additions. The pavilion will also have bathrooms added to the area. Keep watching for updates as they continue to complete the project.

The next four agenda items concerned renovations at Oxford Street



Park Phase IV of four different parts of a FRDAP Grant the town received. The first is Oxford Street Park renovation is to add a pavilion to cover the existing picnic area at playground from MAE Contracting, LLC at a cost of \$10,936. The second is a renovation to replace the existing wave sheets at the pool and replacing them with a pavilion to provide an adequate shade area at the Swimming Pool Facility in the amount of \$17,187 to MAE Contracting, LLC.

The third upgrade is a renovation of the Splash Pad filters and pumps to Big Z Pool Service, LLC at the 50% down cost of \$19,906.42. And the fourth renovation upgrade is to refurbish the swimming pool pumps and filters at a cost of \$21,060.36 to Big Z Pool Service, LLC. The council approved all the upcoming upgrades and renovations to the Oxford Street Park Phase IV.

The town council approved of Cantrell Ray Real Estate, LLC, payable for Project Name: Acquire Land on the north side at the Hilliard Airpark in the amount of \$10,000. This purchase is a part of a FDOT PTGA 100% paid grant.

The final item was the approval by the council of a payable to J.B. Coxwell Contracting, Inc. for the Walker Street Drainage and Paving project in the amount of \$1,440.

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, February 16 at 7 p.m.

Depot Receives Upgrades

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first meeting of February. The first order of business was the approval of a beer/wine license for the Wasabi restaurant in Callahan. The restaurant is now under new management and provided the necessary paperwork for the license.

The next agenda item concerned a presentation by John Hendricks, President of the West Nassau Historical Society (WNHS). "I'm here to provide information and address a few dates with the council concerning the WNHS. The town has been gracious to provide us with funding for several things and I have provided a list of the expenditures thus far with the funds," said Hendricks. "The town provided funding for the WNHS to do several upgrades on the Historical Depot, as it continues to age. We have received a new Heating and Air Conditioning system, which is so much better. For that we thank you. We have contacted a historical window company that is currently working on the five windows that need replacing. They plan to have them complete by the end of February. We have an estimate for a fire alarm system and will have that installed shortly. We have three dates to ask permission to use the rail bed for our events. The dates are April 22, Railroad Day Festival; November 4, Hobos & Hot Rods Festival; and Saturday, December 2, Annual Christmas Parade. Also, we would like to have a meeting with the council concerning the use of the Depot Park Pavilion and what our (WNHS) part will be. Thank you!"

The council approved of the use of the three dates for the Historical Society to use the rail bed and also thanked John

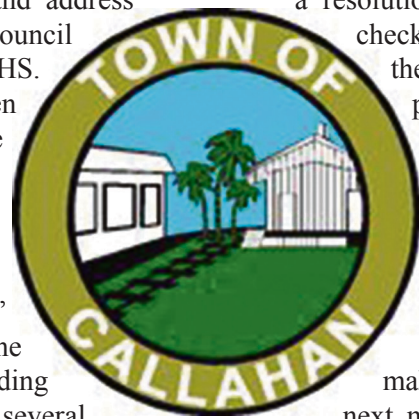
for his breakdown of expenditures.

The next item concerned accepting checks for payment during disconnects. Councilwoman Jacquelyn Fleming addressed the issue as residents that have been disconnected for non-payment are contacted. "The resident comes to Town Hall and pays with a check. They are reconnected," said Fleming. "The check is returned, which costs the town and the customer and the account is cut off again costing more expense. I'm requesting that we make a resolution that we will accept checks until one is returned then the customer must pay with a credit card or cash each month for their accounts. This continues to be a problem and is costing the town in the long run for returns."

The council agreed to make a resolution for the next meeting to take care of this problem.

In other business, Resolution 2023-R02 was approved which concerned opening a line of credit of \$1,000,000.00 for the Crawford Diamond project. "We (the Town) have received all kinds of funding for the Crawford Diamond Project, however, these funds are not as easily accessible as grant money," said Town Manager Mike Williams. "We are receiving monthly invoices to take care of pre-construction things that are happening now like all the piping along the railroad bed. This way we can pay for the invoices and be reimbursed. This will be all that this money will be used for." The council approved the resolution with the stipulations that it is only to be used for the Crawford Diamond Project.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m., due to the Monday, February 20th Presidents' Day Holiday.



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Chamber Announces 2023 Programs

The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce new programs and events for 2023! We are dedicated to providing programming and resources that will help members grow their businesses, and new programs are just the latest in the Chamber's ongoing efforts to actively listen to the needs of the business community and provide innovative solutions.

Here's what you need to know about the refreshed, reimagined, and reenergized Chamber programming for 2023: With the goal of strengthening county-wide connections, Westside LunchMob will offer members a chance for short introductions and networking over lunch while showing support for our area restaurants. Monthly Coffee & Connections and Business After Hours events promise the perfect setting for engaging opportunities like speed networking, business showcases, and prompted icebreakers, with door-prizes up for grabs, too. Monthly Geographic Council Meetings are back and will feature top-notch speakers who will discuss various topics such as growth, infrastructure, and the business development in specific geographic areas of Nassau County.

For those looking for more specialized events tailored towards their professional or business needs, the Chamber offers curated events, including a Health and Wellness Collaborative, which brings practitioners together, and seeks to grow awareness and wellness between health-

related businesses in Nassau County. The Nonprofit Roundtable is a unique opportunity for Chamber of Commerce members to collaborate with their peers while finding resources that can help sustain their organizations. Female business owners have the chance to join Girl Boss, a group dedicated to enriching female leadership in our community and providing a safe space for female business owners to seek support from one another on the challenges and successes of entrepreneurship. EmpowHER! Luncheons, created for professional women in any industry, will be hosted quarterly with a focus on providing enriching discussions about growth and leadership. Finally, Work Labs will be offered monthly with varying certified professionals available for one-on-one assistance with topics like social media, Canva, QuickBooks, SEO, and more.

The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce is committed to helping its members succeed by providing educational opportunities and access to valuable resources. If you are a business owner or professional looking for ways to get more connected within your community, we encourage you to attend one (or all) of these valuable networking opportunities. To register and learn more about upcoming programs and events, please visit the Chamber website at www.NassauCountyFLChamber.com or email info@NassauCountyFLChamber.com.

In the Kitchen... Parmesan Crusted Chicken

½ cup mayonnaise	4 (5 oz.) boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese	4 teaspoons Italian seasoned dry bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 425°. Mix mayonnaise and Parmesan cheese together in a medium bowl until well combined. Arrange chicken breasts on a baking sheet. Evenly top with mayonnaise mixture, then sprinkle with bread crumbs to coat. Bake in the preheated oven until golden on top and chicken is cooked through, about 20 minutes.

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

not cool and I personally grew up wondering about religion and wanting to be a part of it but slowly realizing it didn't want me to be a part of it. So, it's a take on not being able to choose religion, and not being able to live the way that people might want you to live because as a trans person I'm already not kind of wanted in religion so we were doing a take on that, and I was kind of hell keeper Kim."

During the show it was treated as a big laughing matter by Trevor Noah who was the host. He was acting as if he was talking to his mother on a phone. He said, "No, mom, it wasn't the actual devil...Yeah, you warned me about Hollywood." Noah then completed his little act when he told the audience, "She said she's praying for all of us." As Senator Ted Cruz tweeted, "This... is...evil." He is so correct. This is evil and this is what our younger generation is listening to. Demons are teaching our kids to worship satan!

Then of course we have the Chinese spy balloon that our incompetent acting president allowed to fly across the entire United States of America, you know, the country he is supposed to protect as the Commander in Chief. What a lame excuse of an acting leader. He has received severe criticism for his lack of response. He waits until the balloon traverses the entire country and

then gives the military authorization to shoot it out of the sky. Way to go Joe, such a true warrior you are. Now we have to remember we are dealing with democrats and they can justify their inactions. Their first order of business concerning balloon-gate was just as expected. If you guessed Donald Trump, you win the prize! Yep, their main focus was that this same thing happened three times under the Trump administration. WRONG! Neither Trump nor any of his senior military staff were ever briefed on a Chinese spy balloon crossing our continent. Lies, lies and more lies is all these democrats can deliver to the American people. Anyone with just a small piece of intelligence would

immediately know that President Trump would have destroyed that balloon post haste.

Acting President Biden will be giving his "State of the Union" address before the Senate and House members this week. His primary topic is said to be on the great economic policies his administration has instituted. I really don't know if I can watch this blundering idiot spew his demented fantasies as he tries to convince the sheep of his wonderful build back better cluster. I may just have to view some of the highlights after the fact. Strange I would use the word fact, there will be very few facts voiced by Biden, he simply does not know the meaning of facts. If we survive the next two years, it will only be by the grace of God.

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

There is so much happening on a daily basis in our country and our world that it is impossible to encompass it all. I sit here trying to figure out what to comment on and it is blowing my mind at the evil we are witnessing. It makes me wonder why God has not sent His Son back to earth and fulfill His word. Of course, I also know that it will happen in God's perfect timing.

I guess I'll start with the Grammy Awards. I honestly don't know what the Grammys are. I suppose it's where the elite pat themselves on their backs and tell each other how great they are. I have never watched it! Sunday night's Grammys featured Sam Smith and Kim Petras who won the Grammy for best pop duo or group. They then performed their hit song, "Unholy." Smith came out wearing red leather then adorned a Satanic-horned top hat. Petras was dancing in a cage surrounded by dancers that were all wearing satanic headgear. The lighting was red and orange with fire shooting up behind them while they sang the lyrics of "Unholy." Twitter lit up with comments blasting the performance, one wrote, "I'm a Christian and I find "Unholy" absurd and offensive. It mocks my religion by celebrating holiness through mortification of adultery, immorality and perversion. After the show, Kim Petras explained her feelings. She stated, "I think a lot of people, honestly, have kind of labeled what I stand for and what Sam stands for as religiously

Free CPR for American Heart Month

February is American Heart Month, a time when everyone should focus on their cardiovascular health. Every year, more than 350,000 Americans experience sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) – a condition in which the heart unexpectedly stops beating. Sadly, only about 10% of SCA victims will survive. Studies have shown that early Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) can more than double that person's chance of survival. Every minute that passes without CPR decreases that person's chance of survival by about 10%. Bystander CPR, even without rescue breathing, keeps the blood moving oxygen to the brain until professional medical care arrives.

Fewer than half of SCA victims in Nassau County receive early bystander CPR. To improve on this, the Nassau County MRC unit has launched the Lifesavers Initiative; a mobile unit of trained professionals who teach Hands-Only CPR and other personal preparedness classes free of charge. Sessions are about one hour long and are held at the Emergency Operations Center, local churches, community buildings, the Council on Aging, and other venues as requested. Email: nassaucountylmrc@gmail.com for more information or to schedule a class.



Nassau County MRC

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

West Nassau High School SAC meeting will be held February 15 at 3:15 p.m. in the school library.

The West Nassau Genealogical Society meets the second Monday of each month at the Callahan Lions Club at 10:30 a.m. Visitors are welcome!

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Sometimes Things Don't Go As Planned

Pastor Walter Cooper, He Changed My Mind Ministries, Callahan



There are times in our lives when we make what we think are the perfect plan. It can be for home construction, family trip, or even our daily life schedule. Oftentimes, we find ourselves in a position where these plans have not worked out the way we intended them. We don't always expect delays and problems to present themselves, but they do. During these times, we may have to stop and reevaluate the situation, then decide to continue or not. Be encouraged that things may not always go as planned, the first time or

the second time, but during these times we must find a way to press onto complete our plans.

There are examples in the Bible of people who encountered a change of plans. After the Children of Israel were freed, they planned an 11-day journey to the promised land that changed to wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. Mary and Joseph were planning to get married and live an everyday life as husband and wife, but plans changed to raising Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Lazarus was sick and they summoned Jesus to come see about his friend. After Jesus purposely delayed, Lazarus' sickness worsened and he died. Upon Jesus' arrival the plan changed from healing Lazarus to raising him from the dead.

We all have had things that worked out differently than we had planned. Some had plans to be married by 28 years old and are still single. Others planned to have graduated from college by age 25, but still have a few classes to take. Then there are others that life happened and we are nowhere near our planned outcome. If you find yourself in these or other scenarios, remember that God is still there even when our plans don't work out as we intended. Plans are good, but our focus should not be on making them come to pass to the point that we lose sight of God.

Oftentimes in our lives we are dedicated to carrying out our plans, but as Christians, we are called to follow Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's plans for our life. Our plans must convert to his plan for our lives, if we are to please the Master. We are reminded in Jeremiah 29:11, that God has a plan for our lives, that will bring us to his expected end. As it reads, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

As many of us today have to deal with difficult situations that were not part of our original plan, some have had to make drastic changes to their plans and even in that, they complete their task. Remember to include God in your plans and even if they have to change, He will be there to see us through.

Grace and Peace from Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

Congratulations Cheyenne!

My name is Cheyenne Lorts and I am in American Heritage Girls Troop 3160. American Heritage Girl is a faith-based scouting troop for girls. It was organized in 1995 by moms who wanted a Christ-centered program for their daughters. There are programs from grades Kindergarten through 12th. I am at the Patriot level as a 10th grader.

As an AHG Patriot, I am working on my level award called the Abigail Adams Award. There are many requirements that you must meet. You must participate in flag ceremonies, hold a leadership position, complete badges from each Badge Frontier, finish a Faith Award program, have 80 hours of service, attend several social events each troop year, tent camp for several nights, share about the troop through media, and implement an outreach project.

For my outreach project, I planned a virtual 5K to fundraise for the Women's Help Center. The Women's Help Center



is an organization that helps pregnant women to support their pregnancies and families. They can do sonograms, provide counseling and also give out diapers and baby clothes to new mothers. My fundraiser made up 25 hours of work and I raised \$1,008!

ATTENTION: Nassau County Homeschool Co-ops



4-H will be hosting an upcoming Public Speaking Contest powered by FPL! This event provides an opportunity for youth in grades 4-8 to improve their writing and public speaking skills.

Nassau County Homeschool Co-ops are invited to participate in our county-level competition, which will be held in April 2023 at the Nassau County Extension Office, 85831 Miner Road, Yulee.



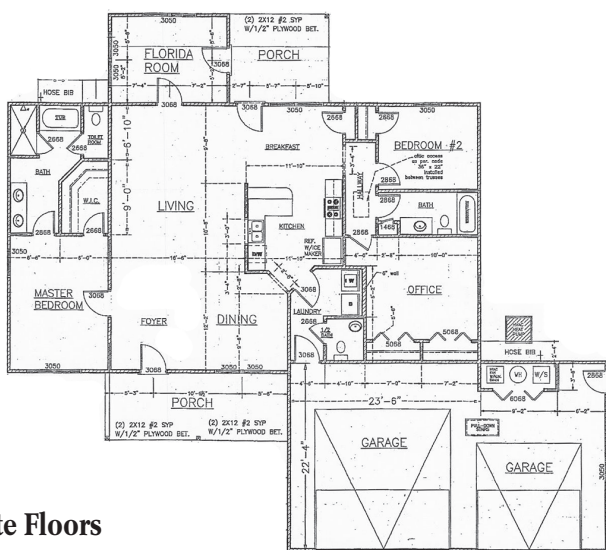
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YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A GUT PROBLEM TO HAVE A GUT PROBLEM

You may be familiar with the phrase "leaky gut", but is it something you need to worry about? What is it really? And what can you do about it? Unfortunately, many people don't realize that they can have a leaky gut without having any "gut" symptoms at all.

Leaky gut is a condition that occurs when the lining of the intestines becomes damaged and inflamed. This can happen for a variety of reasons, including poor diet, chronic stress, and an imbalance in gut bacteria. When the lining is damaged, it can allow toxins and bacteria to escape from the intestines and enter the bloodstream. Think about a net that should have small holes, but now gets ripped and the holes are a lot larger. A lot more will be flowing through the larger holes than the smaller holes. This can lead to a variety of health issues, including allergies, food sensitivities, autoimmune diseases, digestive problems, bloating, constipation, diarrhea, joint pain, fatigue and mood disorders to name a few.

This is why it's so important to take

steps to maintain a healthy gut. The good news is that even if you don't have a leaky gut, you can take these same steps to optimize your gut health.

- Eating a diet rich in fiber
- Taking probiotics
- Reducing stress
- Removing toxins and other environmental triggers

These are great places to start to restore balance and reduce inflammation.

At the end of the day, it's important to remember that you don't have to have a gut problem to have a gut problem. Optimize your gut, optimize your mental and physical health.

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NCSO Needs School Crossing Guards

You may have spotted Lesia Waldrip wearing her neon yellow safety vest with her whistle in hand, holding a stop sign outside Emma Love Elementary School in Fernandina Beach. That's because Waldrip is a school crossing guard and half of the year she spends her morning outside the school before the sun even rises eagerly awaiting the arrival of children heading to school. She starts each new school year by teaching all her young children how to stop and look both ways before they cross the street. "It's just nice to be out in the open and I get to meet a lot of wonderful people," says Waldrip.

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is looking for more people like Lesia Waldrip who want to become school crossing guards. The sheriff's office needs to hire at least five more positions to help children get to and from school safely. Waldrip became a school crossing guard with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office in 2014. "It's a great job. Probably the best job I've ever had. We're able to get out with nature twice a day. The shifts are very short. And we just have a lot of fun getting to interact with the children, parents, the school personnel, and resource officers," she said.

School crossing guards are assigned to schools in Hilliard, Callahan, Yulee and Fernandina Beach where hazards may exist for children trying to cross the street. School Crossing Guards are non-



Crossing Guards shown (l to r) are: Lesia Waldrip, Debbie Riley, Tammy Vanzant, Serena Peterson and Jennie Lou Green.

certified law enforcement members of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and must have successfully completed the Florida Department of Transportation certification standards which is paid training provided by NCSO staff.

Waldrip has been working as a school crossing guard for nearly a decade and she encourages others who may be retired, or just looking for something to do, to go ahead and give it try. "Gets me out of the house, off the couch and off the computer. Just makes for a great start to the morning," Waldrip said.

If you're interested in become a crossing guard with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office you can reach out to our human resources department at 904-548-4012 or humanresources@nassauso.com.

Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

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Woody and Delores Riner, of Callahan, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary February 10. They were married February 10, 1973 at the United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. They moved to Callahan in 1987. Woody worked and retired from UPS and Delores worked and retired from Wachovia. Following retirement, Woody enjoys staying busy with helping others with many projects in and around Callahan; while Delores

enjoyed substituting at Callahan Middle School for a few years. Now they enjoy spending more time together with family.

They have two children Shelly and Rick Christy and Guy and Courtney Riner. They also have one grandson Drew (Brea); and one great-grandson Bjorn Ander. From Delores to Woody:

We're a team. Meeting you was fate. Becoming your friend was a choice, but falling in love with you was beyond my control. If I did anything right in my life, it was when I gave my heart to you! I love you, Woody, for 50 years and many more!

Delores



Parents' Night Out!



The First Alliance Church of Hilliard would like to invite parents and care takers of young children to a night out to celebrate Valentine's Day with that someone special. This is a FREE Child Care event for children ages 3-18 on Friday, February 10 from 5-10 p.m. Dinner will be provided for the children along with fun crafts, games and prizes. All volunteers are background vetted for your peace of mind.

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about her husband's murder.

Now Kirsten sees a need to help law enforcement agencies like NCSO with a box of supplies for small children. Each box has a supply of different size diapers, powdered formula, snacks, activities and stuffed animals - all approved by Bexley. The box was delivered to Nassau County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division detectives along with their victim advocate.

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Monday, January 23

Dwight Timothy Dampier, 57, Callahan: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue; Violation Domestic Violence Injunction; Battery Domestic Violence

Wednesday, January 25

Marvin Edward Wasdin, 33, Callahan: Failure to Appear (x 2)

Thursday, January 26

Christen Evangeline Lovelady, 22, Callahan: Felony Cruelty to Animals (x 5)
Jason Allen Wood, 46, Callahan: Burglary Armed; Attempted Murder

Tuesday, January 31

Thomas Watson Hutchinson, III, 55, Callahan: Failure to Appear (x 2)
Ronald Julian Weinberg, III, 36, Theft over \$750 Under \$5000; Burglary Structure Other (x 2); Wear Mask Commit Offence; Theft of Motor Vehicle (x 2)

Wednesday, February 1

Emily Rosa Lynn Crews, 21, Callahan: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue; Possession of Methamphetamine

Thursday, February 2

Maranda Kae Dew Taylor, 27, Hilliard: Possession of Schedule 1-5 Substance; Possession of Alproazolam; DUI

Friday, February 3

William Alan Petree, Jr., 38, Hilliard: Writ of Bodily Attachment Civil; Violation of Conditions of the Child's Probation

Monday, February 6

Julie Ann Minchuk, 48, Hilliard: Trespass After Warning

Nassau County Spelling Bee Winners

The Nassau County School District hosted the annual County Spelling Bee last Thursday. The Optimist Club is gracious enough to be the proud sponsor of this exciting event and has for many years. There were twelve schools participating in the Spelling Bee: Bryceville Elementary, Callahan Intermediate, Callahan Middle, Emma Love Hardee Elementary, Fernandina Beach Middle, Hilliard Elementary, Hilliard Middle-Senior High, Wildlight Elementary, Yulee Elementary, Yulee Middle and St. Michael Academy.

The Winner was Payton Harpman, 5th Grade from Callahan Intermediate School (right); and the Runner-up was Kyla Mallett, 7th Grade from Yulee Middle School (left).



Stolen 4-Wheeler Recovered, Arrest Made

A 4-wheeler was stolen from a Hilliard resident last year. The owner reported the theft that occurred between May 23 and May 25, 2022, from a shed on the victim's property. This was no ordinary 4-wheeler, it was a 2021 Honda Rubicon with many upgrades. It was distinct with the radiator relocated onto the front rack. The radiator had a custom design of an antlered deer with a cross and text that said "Send it." There were also four speakers and LED lighting mounted on top of the radiator and custom black after-market 8-spoke rims with narrow tires among other custom additions



that made this 4-wheeler very distinct. Its retail value exceeded \$14,000.

As luck would have it, a good citizen had stopped at the Journey Food Store in Callahan on January 21, 2023 to refill his own 4-wheeler. He was approached by the thief subject trying to sell a Honda Rubicon for \$6,000. The subject showed the citizen pictures of the Rubicon and they exchanged phone information. The citizen knew something wasn't right and later remembered someone posting pictures on social media stating it had been stolen. The citizen contacted the rightful owner and the Nassau County Sheriff's Office became involved. A NCSO officer contacted the subject, identified as John Lee of Jacksonville and posed as a buyer. Lee met the deputy at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds with the 4-wheeler expecting to collect \$6,000. Instead, he was arrested and transported to jail. The rightful owner was notified and came and retrieved his property. Well done by the citizen and the Nassau County Sheriff's Officer.



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DORIS LOUISE BREWER



Doris Louise Brewer, 90, our wonderful, talented, crafty and loving Memaw went to be with her Lord January 31, 2023. Doris was born May 27, 1932 in Bell, Florida. She moved to Callahan in the late 1980s. She is preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Ivera Kelly; her daughter Cheryl Davis; grandson Shawn Davis; sister Helen Creamer; and brothers Ray Kelly, Malone Kelly, Pat Kelly and Jack Kelly.

She loved crafts and sewing. In 1987, she opened and operated Town and Country Crafts of Callahan. She was an exceptional drapery seamstress and customized drapes for cruise ships, doctors, lawyers and other prominent businesses in Northeast Florida. Doris loved to work all year on her "Next of Kin Kelly Reunion" quilt. She loved camping, being with her family, cooking and was known for her famous cornbread.

Doris is survived by her son-in-law Warren Darrell Davis; three grandchildren Mackenzie Davis, Noah Davis and Hollie Sowards; sister Jean McGregor; brother Jimmy (Linda) Kelly; sisters-in-law Maryland Kelly and Frances Kelly; and many, many nieces and nephews who adored their "Aunt" Doris. She was a longtime member of Live Oak Baptist Church.

The family received friends Monday, February 6 at Nassau Funeral Home. The homegoing service was held Tuesday, February 7 at Live Oak Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Church Cemetery. Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 879-1770.

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

OBITUARIES

ANGEL LEE HOWARD



Angel LeeAnn Howard, 30, of Nassau County, passed away January 17, 2023. Those that knew Angel will always remember her infectious smile, her contagious laugh and her feisty personality. Angel was adventurous, a free spirit, a child at heart. She was brave and so strong. She loved her friends and family. When she cared for someone, she cared deeply. She was always willing to help someone, even when it was her that needed help the most.

She was so passionate about animals always wanting to adopt every stray she saw. Her favorite breed of dogs was a chihuahua and she had several of them over the years that she loved greatly. She enjoyed riding horses. She was a huge WWE wrestling fan and her favorite wrestler was John Cena. She loved going to the beach, it gave her a sense of peace that she so longed for during her everyday struggles. The family wishes to give a big Thank You to her special friends who were there for her and never turned their back on her, especially to Floyd "Alex" Davis who she met in grade school.

She is survived by her mom, Shirley Howard; her beautiful daughter Athena LeeAnn; her sister Jessica Murray; brothers Jack Watson and Rudy Duffy; cousins Toby and Rowan Johnson who she thought of as little brothers; and several other extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her birth mother Selena Lee Ratliff; her grandfather Oscar E. Ratliff; and her sister Peggy Duffy.

A memorial for Angel was held Saturday, February 4 at Cedar Bay Funeral Home in Jacksonville. The family received friends prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that

donations be made to Shirley Howard or sent Via cash app to \$JLeigh456 to be added to the savings account set up for Athena's future.

Arrangements by Cedar Bay Funeral Home, Jacksonville, 714-1110.

WILLIAM BRUCE MOSELEY



William Bruce Moseley, 82, went home to be with Jesus Thursday, February 2, 2023, at his home in Bryceville, surrounded by his family.

Mr. Moseley was a native of Jacksonville and a graduate of Andrew Jackson High School, Class of 1958 and Florida Community College of Jacksonville. He retired from JEA after 35

years working as a substation supervisor and was a member of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville. Mr. Moseley was a Retired Veteran of the US Army and Florida National Guard, serving 26 years to include during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

He is survived by his wife Lynda Moseley; two children Joe (Chrissy) Moseley and Margaret (Todd) Howell; two sisters Linda (Sid) Knowles and Diane Maybury; brother Dick Moseley; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

The funeral service was held Thursday, February 23 at the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, 124 W. Ashley Street, with Pastor Steve Clifton and Reverend Terry Yerby officiating. Burial followed at Jacksonville National Cemetery with Military Honors.

Peoples Family Funeral Home served the Moseley family.

Free Heart Screening Event for High School Students

Monday, March 6th – Hilliard Middle-Senior High School
Tuesday, March 7th – West Nassau High School

Nassau County School District has partnered with Who We Play For and Mrs. Drenda Vijuk, a community member, to offer all high school students free heart screenings. Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) claims the lives of thousands of seemingly healthy kids every year and is the leading cause of death for student-athletes. Please take advantage of this preventive measure to ensure a healthy lifestyle. Registration begins on Monday, February 13!

This past fall, 4 out of 229 students screened received a call to follow up with their primary doctor for additional testing. This is an excellent opportunity for our students, and we are forever



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grateful to Mrs. Drenda Vijuk for volunteering to pay for each student registered to screen. The school with the highest percentage of participants will receive a free automated external defibrillator (AED).



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Barnabas Center's Annual Meeting Held

Barnabas Center held its annual membership meeting on January 26 where the nonprofit agency's hope delivery efforts, governance, program, and financial updates were shared. During the governance report, the outgoing Chair, Janet Pfeffer, welcomed a new slate of officers and three new board members who were elected during the annual meeting.

On the Barnabas 2023/2024 Executive Committee are: Liza Cotter, Chair; Wane McLellan, Vice Chair; May Lyn Gulmatico, Secretary; Jonathan Simpson, Treasurer; and Janet Pfeffer, Immediate Past Chair.

Barnabas Welcomes new Board members: Alex Herrera; John Mullman; and Rev. Joe Woodfin.

President and CEO, Jamie Reynolds, presented Barnabas' impact across the county. She shared highlights from all programs including the medical and dental programs, empowerment programs and nutrition programs aimed at helping struggling residents in all corners of the county. Reynolds also reported that over the last fiscal year, Barnabas secured financial support from many local partners. She thanked the contributors and the hundreds of businesses, foundations and individual donors, who came together to help our most vulnerable residents.

Annual impact highlights include:

1. Provided Empowerment Programs to 158 households to avoid homelessness with rent, mortgage and utility payments totaling \$108,989.

2. Gave 614,368 pounds of healthy



food to more than 27,201 people in need, including more than 7,000 children. The food pantry and mobile distributions served 7,908 households.

3. Provided *3,652 (*includes multiple visits for one patient) uninsured men and women with critical medical and dental care, mental health and vision services.

4. \$3.4 million in healthcare services was donated by the Baptist Health system, doctors, specialists and other healthcare providers.

5. Meal Packs were provided to 207 homeless children every Friday of the school year.

6. 457 active volunteers donated 14,443 hours of service to Barnabas' critical programs valued at \$491,144.

7. 100 households in need, received furnishings, clothing and other household items through Barnabas Center's resale stores.

Mrs. Reynolds also reported on the agency's increased outreach to west Nassau County, including a mobile

health team, expanded mobile food distributions, medical and financial assistance services in Callahan, and dental services in Hilliard. She highlighted the addition of a new Nurse Practitioner that will be providing

services in the Callahan office.

Jonathan Simpson, Board Treasurer, announced that Barnabas received the Charity Navigator's highest 4-star rating for efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency for sixteen consecutive years; only 1% of charities rated in the US achieved this status. In addition, Simpson announced that Barnabas recently received the GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency.

Barnabas achieves its ongoing mission to provide help and hope to individuals and families in need throughout Nassau County, FL to improve their stability, health, and well-being. For more information about Barnabas' services and programs, visit www.BarnabasNassau.org.

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SCV Dedicates New Headstone



Rick Roberts

On Saturday, members of the Kirby-Smith SCV Camp 1209 went to Greenwood, Florida to participate in a new headstone dedication. Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) were contacted by the descendants of Private Alfred Nichols, who served in Co. C, 1st Florida Infantry of the Confederate Army, about his grave being unmarked. The family wanted assistance in obtaining a headstone for Mr. Nichols as his grave had been unmarked for 119 years.

A member of the SCV completed the research, documentation and submission of an



application to obtain a headstone from the Veteran's Administration. Once the headstone was received, it was installed by members of the SCV on Mr. Nichols' grave at the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church. The dedication was attended by approximately 50 descendants of Mr. Nichols and by members of

Finley's Brigade SCV Camp 1614 of Havana, FL; Theophilus West M.D. SCV Camp 1346 of Marianna, FL; and Kirby-Smith SCV Camp 1209 of Jacksonville. One of the priorities of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is to ensure that every known grave of a Confederate soldier has a headstone.

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