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"HE REPLIED, "GO INTO THE CITY TO A CERTAIN MAN AND TELL HIM, "THE TEACHER SAYS: MY APPOINTED TIME IS NEAR. I AM GOING TO CELEBRATE THE PASSOVER WITH MY DISCIPLES AT YOUR HOUSE." SO THE DISCIPLES DID AS JESUS HAD DIRECTED THEM AND PREPARED THE PASSOVER." - MATTHEW 26:18-19

## Hilliard Recognizes Parks & Recreation Top Teams



Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met last Thursday night for their first meeting of March. Days prior to the meeting, Hilliard Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg asked the top team members of the Parks recent basketball teams to be at the meeting. Gabe announced the teams and the members present came up and received a certificate from Mayor John Beasley. Many players were unable to attend but every team was recognized. "I want to say thank you to all of these players for a great job this season," said Beasley. "You all played hard and had fun doing it. We hope to see you all next year!"

The first agenda item was the discussion to consider Ordinance 2024-01, which is an ordinance relating to a Public Right-of-Way or Alley; making findings; Vacating Public Right-of-Way or Alley within or surrounded by Block 159; Plat of the West Portion of Hilliard; authorizing recording of a certified copy of this ordinance. The council adopted the ordinance on First Reading.

The next item concerned the approval of the Minor Subdivision application No. 20240116 based on the Planning & Zoning Board recommendation to approve. The property owner is Shawn Clark. The council approved the

application.

The following item concerned making a donation to the Nassau County Economic Development Board following the presentation at the February 15 meeting. Councilman Jared Wollitz made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the NCEDB. The council voted unanimously for the \$1,000 donation.

Public Works Assistant Director Cory Hobbs requested approval to transition Public Works employee Phillip Bouchillon from introductory/probationary to regular full time. The council approved the request. Hobbs also requested approval for the Capital Expenditure for the purchase of road millings for the northwest quadrant streets. The council approved the Capital purchase.

Town Attorney Christian Waugh advised the council regarding Form 6 Compliance and Litigation. "The form is different from what you normally fill out," said Waugh. "I just wanted you to be aware of it."

The next two items were approved which were also Capital funded items: approval of ADAPCO, payable for Project name: Mosquito Sprayer in the amount of \$12,470. The next item was the approval of Battle Armor Designs,

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## Callahan Soccer Club Finally Gets Permanent Lights!



Dalton Hood, CSC President

I am so grateful for the opportunity to speak on the topic of the Callahan Soccer Club. Nassau County Parks & Recreation Director Jay Robertson, along with County Commissioners held the official ribbon cutting of the new LED lights at the Callahan Soccer Club fields last Thursday.

The lights, that are now operational, are a culmination of many moving parts and hardworking people coming together for the benefit of the children and the community. I previously said the soccer club was founded around 1991, starting with roughly 50 players. That is hearsay on my part as I have no physical proof or testimony to rely on. I can speak to the history I have witnessed, when I started playing at the club in 2005. We used to have parents get in their cars and turn on their high beams to complete practices or scheduled games.

My father, David Hood, was president for 10 years from 2005-2015. Leanne Martinez was the next President for 8 years from 2015-2023. So, I have

seen the club grow and we are arriving at a finish line. The race David ran culminated in financial stability and a concession stand building from the county. We used to have three giant igloo coolers that we sold canned drinks, water, and Gatorade from. We used four long white tables to set up chips, candy, and a grill to serve hotdogs and hamburgers on. David built a board of people he could trust and spread the love of soccer each year, getting our numbers over 200 for the first time and kept it growing every year.

With Leanne, she came into a club  
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# Callahan Soccer

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that had solid footing. She worked to get us the non-profit designation which helped us obtain more sponsorships and donations from businesses. She increased our community outreach to local businesses in our area and hosted our first Vendor Market. She worked alongside the county and is known as the face behind the lights because she fought her entire 8 years to make that improvement. My favorite memory is when she encouraged our parents and children to show up to a County meeting in their uniforms to help cheer her on as she physically showed the county official who was truly asking for the lights. The message was loud and clear: the improvement of the club, the lights, were not for the President and the Board...they were for the children, first and foremost.

In the fall of 2023, I made the controversial choice to cancel the season. We have had the Fall and Spring season for years now. My reason for doing so, was to work with the county to improve the field conditioning by bringing in dirt and spreading it. The county provided seeding and used this off time to get our lights operational. I learned a lot in doing this and will only improve from here on.

The club is celebrating its biggest season yet of 330 players plus their families. The lights and the concession stand building are greatly appreciated by our community and we love our city and county for helping us. Something to think about for the future, the 2026 World Cup is being hosted by the USA, Canada, and Mexico. The last time this occurred soccer exploded in the states.



This is predicted to happen again and then my only problem will be land and space!

The future is bright for CSC because of all the past Board Members, Volunteers, Coaches, and our Players. I look forward to forming partnerships with our County Officials, our sister Clubs, and other sports organizations across the county.

## A Word From the Publisher

Sunday afternoon, my family gathered at my brother's home to celebrate our mother's 92nd birthday. Her actual birthday is March 12 however we knew it would be much easier to get together on the weekend. My sister Marci put out a text to all our children and grandchildren and quickly got a confirmation from 31 that they would be attending! That in itself was a blessing especially on short notice. It goes to show that sometimes spur of the moment plans sometimes work out better. Even though we were missing some, we still had a great turnout.

As everyone began arriving, the smiles and hugs began. Once the majority had arrived, we gathered the group together all held hands and Daddy prayed before we ate. Everyone went through the line enjoying picking their favorites of huge chicken tenders, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw and the biggest biscuits I've ever seen. Needless to say, there was plenty for all. It wasn't long before I saw some grape jelly and cane syrup also provided! People were enjoying their lunch in the kitchen, living room and outside on the big porch. It was delicious.



continued to fellowship together, Mom stood up from her chair and said, "I want to say something." The room silenced and she said, "I just want to thank you all for coming here today. It is so great to see you all and I really appreciate it. We don't know how many more birthdays I may have but I just want you to know I love you all so much."

Well, with tear filled eyes, everyone listened intently. My mama is not one to say too much but when she does...it's always special. With the passing of two of my brothers in the past three years, we have certainly learned to take advantage of anytime that we can see each other and visit.

I just want to say 'thank you' to my sister for making the decision to throw this birthday celebration together. We all have such busy lives, young and old, and it is hard to fit everything in. I am so proud of our children, grandchildren and greats, for answering the call and coming to this special celebration. It may have been small in some people's eyes, but to my parents it was everything.

I'm so thankful for my mama and to still have her. I am blessed beyond words to have her near me and in my life and I don't take that for granted. She is the most precious loving and giving person I know. She radiates the love of God. Happy Birthday, Mama! I'm so thankful for you and I love you!

Have a blessed week!

*Dawn S. West*



Obviously, following the meal, we had Mom's favorite cake, a 15 layer yellow cake with fudge icing, also a red velvet cake and peach cobbler. I know we didn't have much to choose from...right? We called the group back in to sing Happy Birthday to Mama with Daddy sitting right by her! Everyone dug in and I must say, there wasn't a huge amount of anything left over. As everyone enjoyed their dessert and

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# Hilliard

LLC, project name: Culvert Cleaner in the amount of \$5,695.

The next agenda item concerned the approval of Mittaurer & Associates, Inc. payable for Project name: FDEP PA0302 Oxford Street Force Main rerouting in the amount of \$57,400; grant funded project, lump sum contract, \$101,900.

The following item concerned the approval of the First Baptist Church of Hilliard to use the field at Oxford Park for their Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30.

The final item concerned the approval of a donation of \$250 to the First Baptist Church of Boulogne for the use of their van for the council to travel

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to Rural Counties Day in Tallahassee.

In closing comments, Parks & Rec Director Whittenburg thanked Mayor Beasley for requesting to honor the Recreation league players at the meeting. "Also, I wanted to say how proud I am of our Hilliard High School Flashes. Those boys played hard and stayed in the game," said Whittenburg. "I also want to say a shout out to Coach Myron Saunders for his leadership of this team. This is his second state runner up in 5 years! The team played with heart and made Hilliard proud. Myron is a town employee at the gym. We are all very proud of him and the team!"

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m.

# JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

I normally try not to respond to those that submit their opinions about my column. There are several reasons for my not doing so. First off, arguing facts with a liberal is just a waste of time. Most just don't have a clue what facts are and if doesn't fit their agenda they just won't allow themselves to learn anything except what they have been programmed to believe. In last week's edition I received a response. If you have never wasted your time watching CNN or MSNBC, the response was almost verbatim to the lame stream media. Not factual and nothing but the left propoganda that people actually believe. It blows my mind!

Another company has gone total woke and should be ashamed and every true American patriot should never support. "The North Face" clothing and outdoor gear company has stepped way over the line. They now have a promotion that offers their customers a 20% discount if they complete an on-line course. The course is a "racial inclusion" course that takes about an hour to complete. North Face once was just a small, American company making clothing and gear but has now entered the fashion world instead of rugged outdoor wear. You are more likely to see a Gen Z urbanite sporting its puffer jackets than a true outdoors adventurer. North Face states, "It's meant to educate individuals on the barriers that people of color face outdoors," and describes access to the outdoors in this context as "white privilege." It's also designed to "foster a deeper understanding of the unique challenges that people of

color face when accessing the outdoors, according to the survey. If I were a person of color, that would be totally an insult. North Face hit bottom last year with their TV commercial featuring a drag queen that starts out with him saying, Hi, I'm a real life homosexual. He states he is here to invite you to Come Out in nature with us, wow! He says they like to call this lil tour, "The summer of Pride." He says this tour has everything, hiking, community, art, lesbians and lesbians making art all across America. I personally do not own any North Face clothing, but if I did, you can bet your bottom dollar they would be burning in my fire pit right now!

I'm going to admit that I watched a portion of Biden's SOTU address last week out of curiosity. I lasted about 20 minutes then walked out of the room. In a nut shell (no pun intended) it was just an angry old man shouting and lying, making promises that brings the demise of our Republic. It really wasn't a SOTU address as much as it was a typical democrat campaign speech. Disgusting! People better get off their feelings of tough words and some arrogance and support Donald Trump, you know "America First," because we will not survive four more years of democrat control.

Can any hardworking American actually and truthfully say we as a country are better off and a stronger nation under democratic control? I can't!

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

## CLASS REUNIONS

### West Nassau High School Class of 2004

WNHS Class of 2004 20 Year Reunion will be held Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. - 1p.m. at Ewing Park for a Family Picnic in Callahan; and Night Out, April 20 at 8 p.m. at Sandbar at Amelia Island. Questions: email Joshua Murphy at fuprez.08@gmail.com or Heather Waters at wath0001@gmail.com.

### West Nassau High School Class of 1978

WNHS Class of 1978 Reunion, 45+1 (46) years, will be held Saturday, June 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Walter Junior Boatright County Building in Callahan. The cost is \$20 per person. Please contact Ellen Froitzheim Monds at 904-510-2124 for more information.

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# He Is Risen!

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Jesus Christ's resurrection is undoubtedly the Foundation of Christian faith. The resurrection of Jesus Christ has given all Christians a new sense of identity. Many years later, we still believe in Jesus and how we become a new creation through Him. A new life replaces our old way of living, and we live to be like Him. The resurrection empowers us to live out this Christian life. When Jesus rose from the dead, everything changed for his disciples and those who followed him. Some followers experienced fear and anxiety during His crucifixion, that was replaced with hope, excitement and joy. Those who have a great love for Jesus finally realize that he was not just a teacher or a prophet, but the son of the true and living God, who came to save the whole world. His resurrection proves that he was the son of God, as he said.

Mark 16:1,2,6, "When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And he said to them, Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him."

This upcoming resurrection Sunday is an extraordinary time in the Christian community as we celebrate. We must remember God's gift through his son Jesus Christ, not taking it lightly, but understanding that through his death, we can have life and life more abundantly free from death and sin. The purpose of the resurrection weekend is to remind us that no matter what we face in life or what uncertainties we face tomorrow, Christ risen from the grave is our hope. He conquered death. He makes all things new. Indeed, he breathed new life in us, so that we can live free, free from the sting of death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and how it impacts us cannot be overshadowed. In fact, Jesus' resurrection is the cornerstone of everything else. It's not just a historical event, but there's a powerful message and purpose behind Jesus' death and resurrection. As Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here."

As you and your family prepare for resurrection Sunday, remember that God so loves the world that he gave his only begotten son, and those who believe in him should not perish but, through him, have everlasting life. Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ, Jesus."

There are many supporting scriptures in the word of God that clearly state that Jesus Christ sits at his Father's right hand and makes an intercession for us. We can recognize his death as raising power in our lives when we reflect on resurrection Sunday, knowing that our sins have truly been forgiven and that anything in our lives that is spiritually dead can be made alive through Christ Jesus.

Grace and peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

# Gardening Club of Hilliard Plant Sale Coming



Join us for our Annual Plant Sale of house plants, perennials, annuals and herbs, all cultivated by our club members.

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The Gardening Club of Hilliard meets the second Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. at Bethany Episcopal Church, 15860 CR 108, located directly across from Hilliard Town Hall.

# USCSF Constitution Bowl 2024 Wednesday, April 3

Similar to the old "College Bowl" format, the 2024 Constitution Bowl live event provides an opportunity for five teams from all Nassau County high schools and home school students to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarship awards by answering questions about the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and key Supreme Court decisions.

This year's event will be held live at Wildlight Elementary School on April 3, and will be livestreamed to a Watch Party on Amelia Island Plantation. Bradley Bean, Fernandina Beach Mayor, will moderate the Constitution

Bowl again this year. Look for updates with more details, including how you can attend at Wildlight or the Watch Party. Stay tuned!

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# CHURCH NEWS

Bethany Episcopal Church, located across from Hilliard Town Hall, will be selling Spaghetti Dinners Friday, March 15 from 5-7 p.m. for \$8 each.

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## Woods and Water Family Day Held Saturday



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Visitors were welcomed at the entrance of the camp by volunteers to help get people signed in. Once signed in, they were directed to enter the camp building where they enjoyed a small video about Jesus and His love. Children then walked over to the Face Painting table, which stayed busy all day! Children love to have their faces painted. Families were then directed outside where they could visit and look at all the cool equipment set up.

The Nassau County Sheriff's office had their airboat on scene and later in the day they cranked it up and did some donuts in the grass! They also had some



of their K-9s. The Nassau County Fire Rescue had the fire engine on scene for the children to sit in. People were encouraged to walk through the facility but they also had a hayride and the church van to take people around. The Jacksonville Sheriff's office had their mounted police and horses on scene. Later on, the JSO helicopter made a circle around the area and then landed in the middle of the field.



On down the lane, everyone had fun fishing and if they wished, were allowed to get in a canoe and go for a ride. That was a pretty hot spot prior to the rain shower. A little further down the road was an archery area where you could practice on your bow & arrow talents. People enjoyed a nice lunch of chicken and also hot dogs. It was a great day with lots of children and families out enjoying God's beauty!



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## Hilliard High School has Two County Weightlifting Champs



Hilliard High School competed in the county meet recently held at West Nassau High School. Hilliard finished with two County Champions: Colton Conner in the 139 Class; and Ryland Hall in the Unlimited Class. Conner is the reigning back-to-back State Champion in his class. Both will compete in the District meet Saturday, March 30 at Fernandina Beach High School. Good Luck!

## West Nassau High School Weightlifters are County Champs!



Congratulations to the West Nassau High School weightlifting team on winning the County Championship for the 4th year in a row! WNHS will lift in districts in Fernandina Beach Saturday, March 30. Good Luck Warriors!

County Champions for the Warriors were: Kenny Valasquez, Kaleb Studt, Connor Scaff, Gabe Drake, Brian Wheat, Kyle Courson, Will Davis, Garrett Rica and Cason Gregory. Second Place Lifters were: Brandon Miller, Tucker Shuler, Caleb Keeton, Sean Thigpen and Colter Losco; and Third Place Lifters were: Tilman Neeley, Emmanuel Davis, Levi Bowler and Drake Cole.

## Carpenter Signs with Great Lakes Christian College



West Nassau High School senior Gracie Carpenter signed a letter of intent to play soccer at Great Lakes Christian College in Waverly, Michigan. Gracie, a 4-year player on the Lady Warriors soccer team, is thrilled for the opportunity to play soccer while she continues her education. "Great Lakes, is a small school with a big heart, just like Gracie," said WNHS Soccer Coach Shannon Hartley. "I couldn't be more proud of her. She is a great player and a great person. She deserves this!"

Gracie also recently graduated from basic training in the US Army



National Guard in August of 2023. She already has her Army Guard orders and will travel to Virginia in May for 10 weeks of Job Training. Once her training is complete, she will have the option to begin her college career, if she wishes, and will be stationed at a base near her new school.

"Gracie has been playing soccer for years. She began when she was small playing with the Callahan Soccer Club, later Callahan Middle School, Florida Elite and eventually transferring to the WNHS soccer team," said Margaret Schaedel, Gracie's grandmother. "I am so proud of her."

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## 4-H Youth Emergency Team Graduates 6<sup>th</sup> Cadre!

In February, the Youth Emergency Team (YET) program, graduated its 6<sup>th</sup> cadre and our 72-85<sup>th</sup> YETies! This premier partnership program between Nassau County 4-H and Nassau County Emergency Management has a rigorous set of criteria for youth to graduate from this program including: 2 group projects, over 25 hours of afterschool lectures, weekly homework, a



hands-on practical drill and a written test. We can't deliver such an amazing program without the help and support of numerous community partners such as Animal Services, Starting Point Behavioral Health, Jim Bollenbacher, Rachel Roberts, Fire Station 30, Dispatch, community volunteers, our Majors, Rayonier and more!

During the graduation ceremony, we had youth, volunteers, and even Commissioner Klynt Farmer speak about this program and its impact. Here we continued to hear speech after speech from the youth themselves about how this program challenged them, provided a place to belong and make friends, gave them skills that enable them to help their communities while growing their confidence/leadership, and more so was something they looked forward to attending. The pride they shared towards each other for each YETie's graduation walk truly

showcased the comradery felt by each and every member. Needless to say, we are so incredibly proud of our 6<sup>th</sup> cadre!

Please celebrate with us our 13 newest YETies: Brendan Bell, Trace Chandler, Ava Draughn, Reese Durfee, Madisyn Dwyer, Hailey Hanson, Nicholas Hardin, Amie Hoffman, AJ Kohn, Damian Munshower, Jeffrey Nicholson, Hayden Spackman and Carson Watts.

This year's superlative winners are: Outstanding Mentor Madisyn Dwyer; Most Improved AJ Kohn; Future Fireman Hailey Hanson; Future Doctor Amie Hoffman; Future Veterinarian Ava Draughn; Outstanding Patient Care Nicholas Hardin; Rescuer Down Under Jeffrey Nicholson; Most Organized Hayden Spackman; Overall YETie Carson Watts; and Future Emergency Management Director Brendan Bell.

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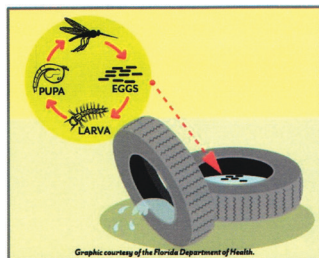
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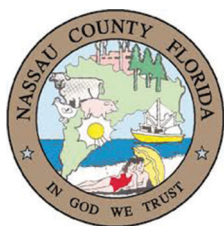
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Cody Shane Trantham, 28, Callahan: No Florida Driver's License; Not MTCY Endorsement; Flee & Elude Law Enforcement Officer; Possession of Schedule 1 Substance (more than 20 grams Cannabis); Trafficking MDMA (+10 grams)

### Friday, March 8

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### Saturday, March 9

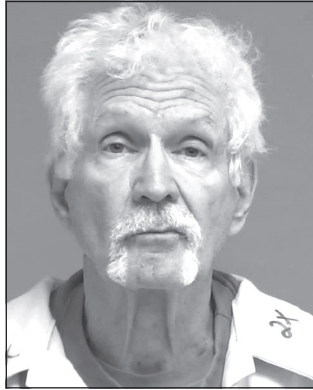
William Melton Finley, Jr., 50, Callahan: Failure to Appear

### Sunday, March 10

Megan Bell King, 37, Callahan: Driving While License Suspended with Knowledge 2nd Conviction; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue; Possession of Schedule 1-5 Substance

## Man Arrested for Attempted Murder Over Utility Bill

A 76-year-old man was arrested Friday morning in Yulee after a domestic dispute almost turned deadly. The suspect, Dennis Wayne McCabe, called for medical services for the victim after he attacked her over a utility bill. When our deputy arrived on scene, she found the victim in critical condition. The victim was bleeding and had numerous injuries to her face, head and torso. She was taken to UF Health downtown Jacksonville via Life Flight where she is being treated for her injuries. McCabe was placed under arrest for Attempted Felony Murder.



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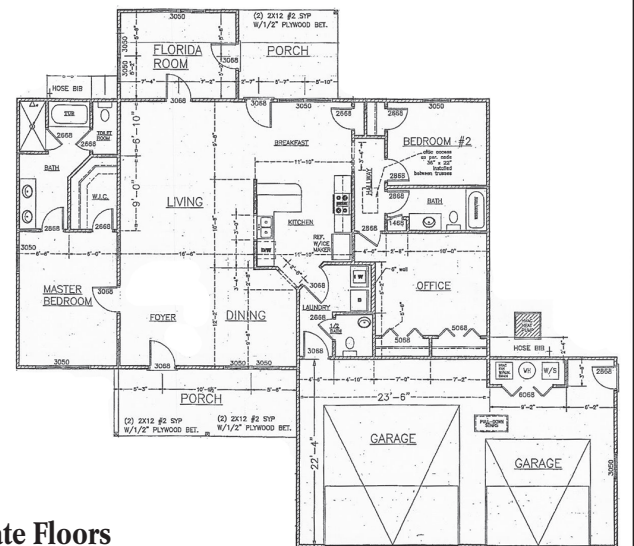
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**GARLAND MILES GOOLSBY**



Garland ‘Gary’ Miles Goolsby, 64, passed away December 15, 2023 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born September 26, 1959 in Jacksonville. Gary attended West Nassau High School and later joined the US Marine Corp to proudly serve his country. Gary had the sweetest smile and wonderful sense of humor. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by parents Bobby and Mary Boyd Goolsby; sisters Chrissie G. (Marc) Southworth and Sue G. (Ron) Richardson; brother Paul B. (Kimberly) Goolsby; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a family memorial Saturday, April 6 in Royal Palm Beach, Florida.

Garland will be laid to rest at Verdie Cemetery in Bryceville.

**CURRIE J. HUNTINGTON**



Mr. Currie J. Huntington, 69, of Hilliard, passed away Sunday, March 3, 2024 at the Life Care Center of Hilliard. He was born February 17, 1955 in Jamestown, New York to the late John Huntington and Violet Perry Huntington.

He is survived by a sister Amelia (Kenneth) Olson; nephew Christopher Fisk; two nieces Angela (Bryant) Thompson and “his favorite” Heather (Alan) Gates; and

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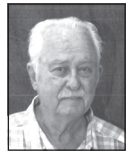
three greatnephews Graham Fisk, John Gates and Bryson Gates.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date.

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

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

**ALEX BENJAMIN SCOTT**



Alex Benjamin Scott, 83, of Hilliard, passed away Monday, March 11, 2024 at the Life Care Center of Hilliard. He was born June 27, 1940 in

Baxley, Georgia, to the late Alex Scott and Myrtle Lee Wigley Scott. Mr. Scott served as president of the Local IAM, and was a volunteer for the Nassau County Council on Aging. He enjoyed working for Eastern Airlines and enjoyed dirt track racing.

In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by two sisters Louise Crosby and Earline Lee; and two brothers Herman Scott and Harry Dale Scott.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Phyllis Scott; two daughters and sons-in-law Tammy Scott and Chuck Weatherly and Stephanie and Doug Loyd; a grandson Tyler (Kaitlyn) Loyd; a brother Daniel (Patricia) Scott; five sisters Velma Tyre, Edna (Larry)

Dyal, Lawanda (Donald) Johnson, Glenda Hennesy and Ermalee Winn; a sister-in-law Mary Ann Scott; two brothers-in-law Jim Sineath and Chris (Katherine) Sineath.

The family will receive friends Thursday, March 14 at 1 p.m. at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel prior to the funeral service at 2 p.m. with Pastor Marvin Lee officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard.

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

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

**LORETTA G. SMITH**



Loretta G. Smith, 94, went home to her Lord and Savior Sunday, March 10, 2024, surrounded by her family. Mrs. Smith was born June 21,

1929, in Livonia, New York to the late Leo and Blanche Alonzo. She was a devoted wife, mother of two, and had a passion for cooking, baking and gardening. She was a genuine soul and brought joy and a ray of sunshine to everyone she encountered. Mrs. Smith was a hard worker and dedicated to her family. Affectionately known as “Darling” to her great-grandchildren, they were her greatest joy. Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband Samuel C. Smith; and a son Samuel “Larry” Smith.

She is survived by her daughter Karen (Howard) Hayes; her granddaughter Amelia (Adam) Bowman; great-grandsons William, Waylon, Weston and Walker Bowman; grandson Cody (Sarah) Baker; sister Delores Braddock; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Thursday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Event Center at Peeples, 14165 N. Main Street (Building C), Jacksonville, prior to the funeral service at 2:30 p.m. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Peeples Family Funeral Home is serving the Smith family.

**JAMES LEROY TURNER**



James “Jim” LeRoy Turner, 74, of Callahan, peacefully passed away December 10, 2023 at his home. He was born October 27, 1949 in Peoria, Illinois. Jim will be remembered as a man of integrity, love and dedication. Jim found joy in connecting with people, cherishing the relationships he built with his customers, the devoted crew that supported his endeavors as well as all the other small businesses that supported him. He was known for giving second chances. Jim was a cheerleader for anyone challenged by life’s struggles. He wanted your life to be better for knowing him. Always donning a cowboy hat and a warm smile, he embodied a spirit of kindness and authenticity. Jim believed in doing things the right way with unwavering commitment to excellence.

Throughout his life, Jim pursued various careers, including farming, carpentry, real estate and trucking. However, it was his role as the owner and CEO of Turner’s Cut Above LLC, Lawn Service, that truly defined his professional journey. He took pride in his work and was highly regarded for his expertise and dedication. In his leisure time, Jim found solace in the simple joys of life. He had a passion for horses, he enjoyed the camaraderie of bowling, cherished moments spent at the beach and embraced new experiences, such as learning to dance. His work and hobbies reflected his appreciation for the beauty and serenity of nature. Jim’s presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy of hard work, kindness, and devotion to family will forever be treasured. May his soul find eternal peace, and may his memory be a source of comfort and inspiration to all who mourn his loss.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents Jim and Laverne Turner, Sr.; brother Donald E. Turner; and his granddaughter Sarah Steedman.

Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife, Rhonda Turner; children Jessica (Darriel) Steedman, Shannon (Adam) Turner and Michelle (Johnny) Jones; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister Dianne Dunning; along with numerous extended family members and friends that will forever carry his legacy of love and wisdom.

A memorial service was held December 30, 2023 at Lannie Road Baptist Church, Jacksonville.

**NELSON FAMILY THANK YOU**

How do you thank a friend? There are no words to express about the love that my family and I felt prior to, during and following the loss of our dear loved one, Eddie Nelson. We were blessed in so many ways with food, cards, calls, visits and numerous hugs. We were overwhelmed by the show of love for Eddie and the many lives he had touched throughout his life in one way or another. The stories you shared with us gave us such comfort in knowing he loved and cared for so many people. Although our hearts are still heavy with grief, we know that Eddie is in a much better place today. We covet your prayers and again thank you so much for being with us through this difficult time. God bless you all.

Sue Nelson and family

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# Letters to the Editor



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## Small Town Hearts Lost?

Dear Editor,  
 Since 1992, I have been blessed enormously with the pleasure of raising six children in Callahan! May have lost some readership just mentioning a blessing, but yes it HAS been a blessing! Also met my wife in life while in Callahan! My joy as resident and businessman has me troubled with a recent experience! Mostly weighing on my heart is the indifference towards others! Yes, there are efforts undertaken regularly, but attitude is my main concern! Attitude in ethics of serving, work, family (particularly your parents), and self-dignity! Most pressing is my concern with helping others!

Recently as I approached the intersection of Booth Rd. and US 1 taking notice of a gentleman going in circles on his walker in the middle of the road! I was in a line of approaching vehicles and witnessed one by one going around him! I was astonished no one stopped to help! Not in my town? Well, yes, in my town! I loaded him in my truck and took him down the road to his home! He explained on the ride that he was stricken by a stroke, which left him paralyzed on his left side. This explained the circling on the road. One side, one way! The best I could comprehend, he was a local tradesman having built numerous homes in the immediate area. He was grateful and asked for nothing! I am challenging our community to push on to be an ethical and caring community! You will be rewarded for sure!

Further, I would like to address the subtle growth of the homeless in Callahan. I have witnessed this with beer cans and cigarette butts at the main and back entrance of my office in the heart of Callahan. I have opened my conference room to a local nonprofit group that prepares meals for the homeless! At our last conversation there are 52 identified

homeless individuals in the town. I encourage our local community and the town council to recognize we need to be aware of evolution and need in our town with the growth of homeless people!

Bernie Clayton

## Thank you!

Dear Editor,  
 Last Saturday, First Baptist Church of Boulogne held our 3rd Annual Woods and Water Family Fun Day at Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, Camp Sorensen, west of Hilliard. We had 59 volunteers, 385 guests, over 30 sponsors, and many exhibitors. We were able to give away over 100 door prizes. The grand prize was a four-pack of gold season passes to Wild Adventures. We were able to provide free lunches until they ran out.

There was free fishing, canoeing, archery, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office sent their SWAT team, Drone Unit, Mounted Unit and helicopter; the Nassau Sheriff Office sent their SWAT team, Marine Unit Airboat, and K-9 unit; the Florida National Guard sent a Humvee and satellite dish; the Jacksonville Zoo sent their education display. The ARK Animal Sanctuary brought displays. There were many more activities and events, including face painting. Our Salvation Station witnessed 8 professions of faith.

This is a free event made possible through the efforts and generous donations of many of our area churches (many denominations) and businesses. My heartfelt thanks to all that were able to participate and help.

Thank you,  
 Bob Howard, Men's Ministry,  
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# Bryceville Ballpark Celebrates New Playground Equipment



Last Thursday, children, ball players, parents and coaches joined Jay Robertson, Nassau County Parks & Recreation Director for a Ribbon Cutting for the new playground equipment at the Bryceville Ballpark. The much anticipated playground has been a need for quite a while at the Bryceville Park. The old swings were taken down and will soon be replaced to join the new playground equipment. Parents were thrilled to see the equipment, as many

have been driving 30 minutes or more just to take their children to a park.

The Bryceville Ballpark has grown, as it houses three ball fields and a beautiful concession stand. Players of all ages attended the event however were quickly summoned by their coaches to begin their practice! It's wonderful to see the safe equipment placed for these children to enjoy for years to come.



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