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HOMETOWN PEOPLE...HOMETOWN NEWS

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

WHOEVER DWELLS IN THE SHELTER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL REST IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY. I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, "HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS, MY GOD, IN WHOM I TRUST." - PSALM 91:1-2

Spring Lake Residents' HOA Covenant Changes Looming

Submitted

Spring Lake Estates' Covenants for the Home Owner's Association were filed in 1988 in Nassau County and expired in 2018. In an effort to "Revitalize" the Covenants, the Board of Directors (BOD) hired a Property Management Company in August 2020, a Property Manager and an HOA Attorney. This was to complete the "Revitalization" process taking about one year. A Board member indicated there was a letter sent to all homeowners advising that a Property Management Company was being hired; however some homeowners never received such a letter. On August 24, 2020, Mr. Davis of Premiere Florida was added to our Association in the State of Florida as a Registered Property Management Agent for Spring Lake Estates. His duties include maintaining post office box, all work for Board during "Revitalization", invoicing, correspondence, estoppel letters, and paying bills. He was paid \$3,000, and would do inspections at a cost to our Association of 149 lots x \$3.50/month or \$6,258 a year if he were retained.

The homeowners were told of the "Revitalization" at the Annual Meeting on January 19, 2021; copies of the "Revitalization" were made available and we were told that the process was being handled per the governing documents in the Florida Statutes Chapter 720. At the meeting we were told that suggestions and changes from homeowners would be due by February 7, 2021.

A second meeting was hurriedly called for February 24, 2021 for the BOD to discuss changes. There was no audience participation with the exception of 3 minutes per homeowner.

The Property Manager will be inspecting each lot per its directives. Since many of the Covenants are old and



out of date, it's not known how the older portions can be enforced. The Property Manager used an example at the meeting of a hose left across your driveway on an initial inspection and still across the driveway on a second inspection. He was asked by a homeowner, "What would the punishment would be?"

The answer he gave was, "There are other ways to encourage people to make changes!"

On March 2 Spring Lake residents received an announcement that a meeting will be held, Tuesday, March 9, 2021 via Zoom, (the link can be found on the Spring Lake Estates home page) of the Proposed Changes of the Management Company with the Property Manager along with an attorney.

A meeting to vote on these changes has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 30. Residents are encouraged to vote "NO" on the Revitalization. It would require a majority (76 votes or 50%+ 1) of "NO" votes for there are other options for the Homeowners without a Property Management person.

Residents are NOT against an HOA, however they believe it should remain to be run by the members, NOT a management company. Revitalization should be completed with 2021 rules, not 1988. If there are Board members that cannot fulfill their obligation, for any reason, there are several people willing to step up and volunteer. Let's work towards a solution that we can all agree on without being forced to use 33 year old rules.

WNHS Boys Final 4 Bound!



The West Nassau High School Warriors boys basketball team played their hearts out Friday night against a determined Marianna High School team. Both teams held a steady pace throughout the entire game and never slowed down. It was a tight contest the entire game with both teams eyeing the win. West Nassau won by a score of 72-70 in the hard-fought battle. Justin Barney from News4Jax shared, "Deebo Coleman is now No. 2 in the all-time career Boys Hoops Scoring column with 34 points Friday night in the 72-70 regional final win over Marianna. His final 2 of those coming at the free throw line to give him 2,506 points for his career." Deebo has committed

to Georgia Tech following graduation.

West Nassau will travel this Thursday morning (press day) to Lakeland to play in the Final 4 State Championship at 10 a.m. against Sante Fe High School.

If the Warriors win they will play in the State Championship game Saturday (in Lakeland) at 12:30 p.m. against either Pine Crest High School or Astronaut

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Hilliard Parks & Recreation News

Gabe Whittenburg
Director, Parks & Recreation

Greetings from Hilliard Parks & Recreation! This is a great time of year as we begin to see new growth spring up around our parks. Before long, our outdoor spaces will be in full bloom for our community to enjoy. I am excited about my first spring here at the Parks & Recreation Department as it symbolizes new beginnings.

Speaking of new, there are a lot of new happenings going on around HP&R with our facilities and our programs. In our fitness center, we recently installed new TVs and a sound system for our members. We are currently looking at new flooring options and a redesign of the space to create a more inviting environment to achieve your fitness goals. I have been thankful for the help of our community to help with our lighting upgrade which has made a world of difference to the space. If you haven't heard about our fitness center, I encourage you to check us out.

As for our sports programs, soccer

and gymnastics have just kicked off and we are excited about what is in store for them. We closed soccer registrations with 54 registrants which is 7 above our five year average! As I have said before, I am passionate about team sports for the lessons they bring and am hopeful our program will provide lasting memories for those who have joined us this season. As for gymnastics, I am extremely pleased with our turnout. Our spring gymnastics season will have 51 gymnasts – a new record! I am excited about this group and what they will learn this season as well.

Lastly, I would like to thank all those who came out and participated in our inaugural Love the Run You're with 5K. I was encouraged by the turnout and the feedback that we received. I will definitely incorporate the feedback received so we can grow this event and expand it beyond the run itself. I am grateful for our community and how they have supported me so far. It is always a great day at Hilliard Parks & Recreation!

Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first meeting in April. Mayor Matt Davis read a proclamation proclaiming the month of April as Water Conservation Month in the town of Callahan.

The next item concerned the town joining with the town of Hilliard to have joint fireworks. Councilwoman Jacquelyn Fleming advised the council that she wanted to get the council's thoughts on joining with Hilliard for a fireworks show. The council had a joint workshop with the Hilliard council March 18 in Hilliard to discuss joining together for a fireworks show for the community. "While Hilliard had their entire council at the workshop, we did not. There was a lot of conversation and different ideas being tossed around concerning the fireworks," said

Fleming. "July 3rd was the main date discussed and having the display at the fairgrounds. I feel like everything was just left there. I make motion that we send a letter of intent to join with Hilliard into a half and half agreement. The letter will also include any planning for the event will be jointly."

The council approved the motion to send a letter to Hilliard.

A workshop was set for a meeting with the attorney prospects for Monday, April 5 at 6 p.m.

Another workshop was set for Thursday, March 18 at 6 p.m. to meet with the West Nassau Historical Society (WNHS) concerning logistics in planning for the 2021 Christmas Parade, which will be handled by the WNHS.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

The *Domesday Book* was compiled on the orders of William the Conqueror to catalogue the ownership and value of land in the newly conquered country of England. It was completed in 1096. In the 11th Century many people still did not have surnames; however, the *Domesday Book* does record a considerable number of surnames.

This is a list of some of the surnames mentioned in the *Domesday Book*. If yours is one of them, you have one of the earliest recorded surnames: Alder, Banks, Chipp, Dodson, Edwin, Frost, Gerald, Horne, Long, Mantle, Peret, Skipper, Starling, Still, Talbot, Tison and Warden, just to mention a few.

The meetings of the West Nassau Genealogical Society have been postponed indefinitely due to the virus. Hopefully, we will return to our normal scheduled meetings soon. Pray for our country, be safe and don't forget to support your local businesses.


The normal meeting of the West Nassau Genealogical Society is the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Callahan Lions Club, located on US Highway 1 north of the fairgrounds. Visitors are always welcome!

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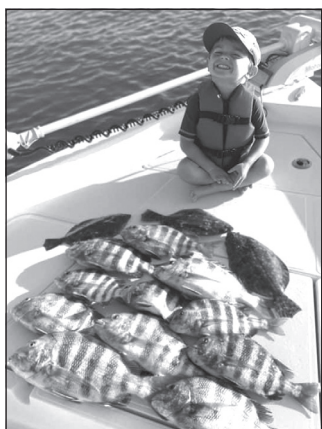
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Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

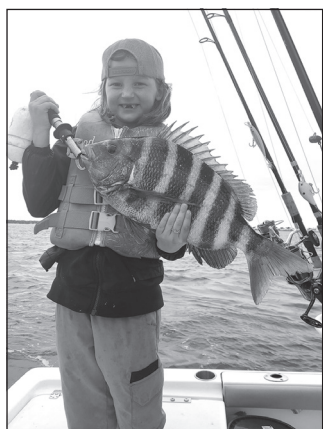
Trout seems to be a hot subject as of right now. Top water early and late, then throw subsurface once the sun peaks. Move on to the typical grubs late to midday. If live bait is your thing, a fresh live shrimp on balsa rigs are the most consistent live bait tactics at the moment. Mud minnows on a jig head pitched into docks are bringing out some mighty fine fish as well. As mentioned above, early morning and late evenings are producing best.

Next, where's the red fish? I guess the better question would be where aren't they? All of our Intracoastal waters are holding good numbers of these fish. Quartered crab, fresh shrimp and mud minnows won't steer you wrong. Pinch point's in creeks and oyster beds are really holding great quality reds. Wait for the water to recede the grass and focus on natural funnels. Simpson Creek and Saw Pit are fantastic locations to start.

Lastly Sheepshead are still stealing the spotlight. They're stacked up around docks and bridge pilings and at times loaded at the jetties. Look for a consistency with clean water and moving tides. Before you go, check out the awesome catches made by these fine young fishermen and fisherwoman. As always, we look forward to seeing you on the water!



TJ Altman



Addy Harmon



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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Oh how refreshing it was to listen to President Trump speak at the CPAC Sunday afternoon. This man is an obvious leader with a love for America that I have never witnessed from any other President. He was full of enthusiasm and displayed beyond a doubt that he will be a major force in saving our nation from the far left socialists who are now in control. It was also a pleasure to see him upset so many of the socialists. Twitter lit-up with hate from the likes of Chuck Schumer and Bernie Sanders. As always, they cannot stand the truth.

As we continue to suffer through the Biden fiasco, which is worse than I believed it would be in such a short period of time, even some Democrats fear what this dementia-laden President may do. After an embarrassing virtual appearance before the Munich Economic Forum, 30 Democrat Congressmen wrote a letter to Biden imploring him to "consider modifying the decision-making process the United States uses in its command and control of nuclear forces." What occurred in the virtual forum confirmed Biden's dementia is getting worse. He had a total brain freeze once again while speaking. He began with, "The most important thing..." and then repeated with more emphasis, "The most important thing..." and then went into a blank stare, totally forgetting

what he was saying. Then came about five seconds of horrendous gibberish as he muttered over his words about milestones and other stuff that made absolutely no sense. This is the man that the Democrats cradled and touted as the best man for the job of President, and the man who has his finger on the nuclear button!

The 30 Democrat Congressmen provided three options to be considered. 1) Requiring the vice president (Harris) and the House Speaker (Pelosi) to concur before a strike can be launched, 2) Requiring the Secretary of Defense to attest to the validity of the order and the Attorney General to vouch for its legality, 3) A permanent council of Congressional leaders on national security that would meet regularly with the president and would have to be consulted before a nuke was used. I guess these brilliant Democrats think the Russian, Iranian, Chinese or North Korean missiles will stop in mid-air while Biden contacts all these people to get permission to defend America.

This is essentially a vote of no confidence by Biden's fellow Democrats. Watch closely as this is heading straight to invoking the 25th Amendment.

America is in great distress. As always...that's just my opinion!

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Love: A Feeling or An Action?

Pastor Marty Paparo, Friendship Alliance Church, Callahan



In chapters 12 and 14 of 1 Corinthians, Paul addresses Spiritual gifts. He talks about everything from hospitality and administration to prophecy and speaking in tongues. But in between these two chapters, he gets to the passage you most likely hear at weddings: 1 Corinthians 13. Here is most quoted part: "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, ESV

Paul makes it a point to say, "You can have all the gifts in the world, but without love they are useless." Today in our society, we are given the impression that love is something that you feel; it just happens to you. I would argue based on this passage and others, that love is something you do.

Let's run through some of the things mentioned above and see if they are more of something we feel or something we do. Do we choose to act patiently and act kindly toward someone, or do we feel patient or kind toward them? Do we choose not to be jealous of others, not to boast about others in arrogance or do we feel those things? Do we not insist on getting our own way not act irritable, not resent others or feel those things? Do I choose to rejoice or not or is it a feeling I have? Do I bear all things, believe all things, hope all things and endure all things or do I feel those.

The idea of love as an action is true in ministry, in friendship and especially in marriage. We stand at an altar, in front of our friends, our family and God and promise to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part. And then a few years later we discover that what we once felt doesn't feel the same and we decide this "isn't working" and we have "grown a part." And we get a divorce. Marriage isn't easy and it's not for the faint of heart. But when we view love as a feeling, it becomes something that we feel, something that happens to us, something that comes and goes. But, when we view love as an action, it is now something I choose to do. When I married my wife, I promised to love and cherish. I did not promise to feel love or feel like cherishing. I said I would do it, even on days when I don't feel like it. The same holds true for ministering to others. There will be days when you are out there in the world loving others and it will be hard. But we are called to love; even those who seem like enemies.

Jesus put it this way: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:43-44.

Does it seem like Jesus is instructing us to feel something or directing us toward action? Who is God calling you to love this week? Go and love them.

Retired Diplomat Guest Speaker at Library Virtual Program

Celebrate Women's History Month by attending this free, virtual program on Thursday, March 11 at 6 p.m. Retired U.S. Diplomat, and author, Vella Mbenna will speak about her book, Muddy Roads, Blue Skies-My Journey to the Foreign Service from the Rural South to Tanzania and Beyond.



a US Diplomat with the US Department of State. As a southern, African American female from humble beginnings, Vella served in 13 foreign countries on 5 continents and mostly as a single mom. Her book touches only the surface of her incredible and inspiring life story. Vella is passionate about travelling, but what surpasses that is her joy of being a wife, mother, and grandmother.

Although retired, Ms. Mbenna is a part-time EEO Manager with the federal government.

She was born and raised in Midway, Georgia and graduated from Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, Georgia before going out to make her dream come true. Even though a Georgia girl at heart, she briefly retired to Amelia Island, after an unforgettable whirlwind career around the world as

Join online Thursday, March 11 at 6 p.m. at: www.nassaureads.com and click on the program announcement. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library Branch. For more information, check the website or call 904-530-6500 and select any library branch extension.

Country Star Quilt Guild Meeting Monday

The March meeting for the Country Star Quilt Guild will be held Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at The Anchor Church of God in Callahan. Our speaker for this meeting will be Carol Blanchard presenting the Patchwork of the Crosses. The history and the method of this style of quilt piecing is very interesting and creative. We also will have a robust Show and Tell for this meeting as many projects were completed at our recent retreat. Visitors are always welcome! We socially distance and take additional steps to ensure the health of our attendees.

CHURCH NEWS

KIDZ Jam Adventure! Friendship Alliance Church, Callahan! Wednesday nights through March 10, 6:30 - 8 p.m. All children ages 5 and up are welcome! For more information call 879-1907 or email Kidz@FriendshipCMA.org.

Hilliard First Assembly of God will host Encounter Worship Circle on Sat., March 13 from 6-8 p.m. The church is located north of the Hilliard Winn Dixie at 550920 US Highway 1. For more information call 845-2642.



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WNHS Academic Announcements

Sherida A. Jones, WNHS Assistant Principal

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Parents need to check Focus for their students' progress reports and report cards. If your child is out due to quarantine, the students will need to check Canvas for their assignments and are expected to sign into the program each day. All students should be registered for each of their teachers. Parents should check Focus regularly and should ask to check Canvas if your child is out on quarantine. Do not hesitate to contact the school, 879-3461, if you need help.

WN Weightlifting Wins County!



Saturday, the West Nassau High School Warrior Weightlifting team took home the County Championship!

Winners from the meet were:

1st place: Caleb Keeton, Jesse Rochay, Carson Murray and Wyatt Butler

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Higginbotham to Celebrate 35th Anniversary

Glenn and Lou Higginbotham, of Hilliard, will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary March 8. They were married March 8, 1986 at Bethany Episcopal Church in Hilliard. Glenn was born and raised in Hilliard. He is a proud US Air Force Veteran, serving 20 years. He also retired from the FAA Center and served in several different capacities with the town of Hilliard. He



and Lou enjoyed traveling for several years sometimes being gone 6 weeks! They enjoy spending time with their family and friends!

They have four children; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



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BEHIND THE BADGE: Joyce Fisher, Communications Officer

I'm Joyce Fisher and I've been a Nassau County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher for seven years. I'm also a Certified Training Officer (CTO). Being a CTO is very rewarding because you get to see people come in and you watch them grow. I'm from the community so I have a sense of community. I just feel like everybody who calls, is a friend or a neighbor. For me to be able to answer that call in their time of crisis and get them what they need is very rewarding. However, it can also be hard. The hardest ones is when you know that person but you're still trying to go on and keep your composure. You must remain calm to get them everything that they need. The most dramatic call is when a mom calls in and she's panicked. I have to get her to stay calm to be able to help her or to do what we need for the child.



know that you've relied on all your training and all your experience and you've given everything that you've had to be with that person on the phone until someone can arrive. Then to hear that that person has recovered or that got the help they needed. It's always a good thing

and you can say yes, I did what I was supposed to today.

I would say this is not like any other job you will ever have. One of the best parts about this job is every day is different, every call is different, every person you talk to is different, and every situation is different. This job is always new every day.

I grew up in Fernandina Beach and graduated from Fernandina Beach High School. I've been married for three years and together we have four children and eight grandchildren. We have four boys and four girls and in that mix there is a set of twins. When I'm at home they are my life!

I've had to coach people to do CPR on children, which is difficult. I don't think those calls ever go away from your memory. Success stories are exciting. To

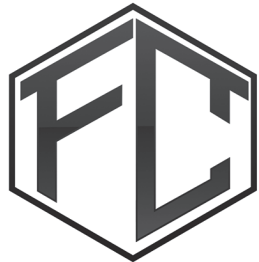
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TIM CONNER: THE CHALLENGE CRUSHER

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They say, "You can't do that, you're in a wheelchair."

"Oh yeah? WATCH THIS!" said Tim Conner.

Hilliard resident Tim Conner starting riding dirt bikes when he was just 3-years-old. By the time he was 11, it was time to go motocross racing. After years of successful local racing and lots of late nights in Ernie Millan's shop fixing what broke; it was time to go get the pro license. The year was 2000, and things were rolling right along for Tim. The following year, on what seemed to be a normal autumn morning everything changed. It was Tuesday morning... September 11th.

Thirteen months later, feeling the need to serve his country, Tim Conner enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After 6 years of service to our country, including a 2007 tour in Iraq; it was time for this proud Marine to come home.

Back home meant back racing. So after shaking off the dust, it was time to get back into the thick of it. There was a big race in Texas in mid-March 2010. Off they went. During practice, Tim came off a big jump and something went wrong. He crashed... he crashed hard. Before the paramedics arrived, Tim already knew something wasn't right. He had no feeling in his lower extremities. Tim Conner had suffered a major spinal injury which cost him the use of his legs. You might be thinking, oh my, what a sad story. Well, to some degree it is. Bear with me, it's about to get much better.

A few years back during a radio interview, Tim said, "While I was lying there, I thought to myself, oh well...here's another challenge. I'm alive and I'll get through it."

Tim's getting through it alright. He's doing a lot more than just getting through it...ATTITUDE: Unchanged. Ask anyone



who knows Tim Conner; this guy is loaded with piles of smiles. He's always good company and has a love for life that's through the roof. Just like before, PHYSICAL Health: Unchanged. Since his injury, the long workouts have continued right where they left off. He's even competed in several International Paralympics cycling events with great success.

About 4 years ago Tim's daughter, Jada, had a little 50cc Yamaha and she wanted to go motocross racing. Tim had now become what we commonly refer to in the motocross world as a PEE-WEE Parent. When the gate drops, they scatter like ants and run all around the track picking up the kids, brushing the dirt off, and cranking their bikes. It's hilarious! Tim did the same with Jada, but he rode around on an ATV. One day, he thought to himself: Since I'm riding all over the track on this thing, I might as well race it. After several "eventful" races, Tim realized it was not for him. There are just too many obstacles on a motocross track. Turning the ATV was easy. Jumping it? Not so much.

Meanwhile, there's this race announcer guy that had been, and continues to be; all over Facebook posting pictures and videos of motorcycle and ATV flat track racing.

This unnamed person, kept posting and posting...flat track racing. Now I'm not saying that all those flat track FB posts caught Tim's eye but one day he showed up for a race at the Bullring in Ocala. The Southern Dirt Track Association and all its competitors welcomed Tim with open arms. Tim's racing void was filled...or was it? While he was having a blast racing his ATV he wanted more. His past racing career was on a motorcycle, not an ATV. How could he possibly get back on a motorcycle without the use of his



the mock up, they wanted to build a system that would keep Tim's legs in place while he raced. I thought about Tim's request for the use of my bike for a long time... maybe 2 seconds. The next day he showed up, we load the bike up, and it was off to NASCAR land. Tim had also been speaking with Jeremy Lanier, one of the owners of the Southern Dirt Track Association. After hearing Tim's plans Jeremy decided to donate a bike and build an engine for it. The list of people that have helped Tim on



legs? Was Tim finally faced with a challenge he couldn't overcome? It sure seemed that way.

The other day, out of the blue, Tim called me and wanted to borrow my flat tracker. It seems as though he had been talking with a cat named Jason Griffin. Jason is an adaptive sport pro. He has no right arm yet he races flat track motorcycles...on the professional level. They wanted to take my bike up to a fab shop in North Carolina that was known for its work with NASCAR. Using my bike for



this project is long, very long. The flat track racing family can't wait to see Tim Conner out on the track again. I can't wait to see that ear to ear smile! Tim Conner will make Flat Track history as he returns to racing in March 2021! We'll keep you updated!

Congratulations Tim!

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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.

Sunday, February 21

Michael Landon Johnson, 48, 27426 W. Tenth Avenue, Hilliard: Disorderly Conduct

Monday, February 22

Christopher Shawn Turner, 22, 450877 Old Dixie Highway, Callahan: Failure to Appear No Motor Vehicle Registration; Attached Tag Not Assigned

Thursday, February 25

Anthony Dennis Drake, 54, 542953 US Highway 1, Callahan: Violation of Probation DUI of Alcohol or Drugs

Friday, February 26

James Carlton Hand, 31, 3717 Raven Drive, Hilliard: Trafficking Methamphetamine over 14 grams; Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams

Saturday, February 27

Flaviu Pupaza, 19, 36578 Wedgewood Way, Callahan: Failure to Appear No Motor Vehicle Registration; Attached License Tag Improper or Not Assigned

Lea Nicole Kirkpatrick, 31, 54027 Marlee Road, Callahan: Failure to Appear Criminal Mischief

John Wesley Echevarria, 29, 46025 Vera Avenue, Callahan: Violation of Probation Larceny

Sunday, February 28

Linda Sylvie McCurda, 38, 52008 Albany Place, Callahan: Theft Over Retail
Kenneth Marlon Whaley, 46, 54434 Marlee Road, Callahan: DUI

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Schedule: Monday, March 22 and Thursday, March 25 from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Monday: Introduction to Ecosystems, virtual

Tuesday: All about Water, virtual

Wednesday: Forests, virtual

Thursday: Wildlife, virtual

Friday's in-person hike will be from 12:30-3:00 pm. Campers who attend the 4 virtual days will receive their official camp t-shirt! Dress accordingly. More details will be discussed during camp.

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BEAU THERON CLAXTON

Beau Theron Claxton, 80, of Callahan, passed away February 24, 2021, at his home with his family by his side. Beau was born August 17, 1940 in Hoboken, New Jersey. He spent 6 years in the United State Army, with two tours in Germany and Vietnam. After he got out of the service he opened Associated Mechanical Services, Inc. He loved his Florida Gators and fishing with his family. He enjoyed spending his time with his family and friends.

Beau is survived by his wife of 48 years, Phyllis; his children Rodney (Scarlet) Claxton of Callahan, Annette (Hardy) Jarvis of Callahan, Joy (Chris) Ramos of Bryceville, Stephanie (James) Aton of Jacksonville, Steven Claxton of Jacksonville and Beau Claxton, Jr. of Fernandina Beach; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers Edward (Lee) Claxton and Joseph Claxton; and two sisters Judy Edmondson and Margie (Charlie) Dixon. He is predeceased by his father Ezra Claxton and his mother Reba Starling.

The family received friends Saturday, February 27 at Beau's residence. The family will hold a private service at a later date at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Beau's memory, to K-9 for Warriors.

JAMES CLABURN DAVIS



James Claburn Davis, 74, of Hilliard, passed away on February 26, 2021. James was born on March 3, 1946 in Hueytown, Alabama, to the late John Claburn and Alta Mae Davis. James married the love of his life, Alma Brandies Davis in Folkston. James was the owner of Davis Produce for 15 years. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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James leaves behind his loving wife, Alma Davis of Hilliard; children Derrick (Kelli) Davis of Baldwin, Nathan (Christi) Davis, Teresa (Mike) Lewis and Jimmy Lee (Tana) Davis, all of Jacksonville; grandchildren Marlee Davis, Rylee Davis, Kristin (John) Rabon, Cole Lewis, Jane Davis and Taylor Taylor; step-grandchildren Hannah and Cody Corbin; 10 great-grandchildren; adoptive daughter Trista Reeves.

A celebration of James' life was held Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Nassau Funeral Home. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery. The family received friends Tuesday, March 2 at the funeral home.

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

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MAMIE PATTERSON GARDNER



Mamie Pearl Patterson Gardner, 71, of Hilliard, went to her heavenly home on February 26, 2021, where she received her robe and crown. She was born in McRae, Georgia, on March 22, 1949 to the late Lester and Lois Patterson. Mamie was known for working in the local restaurants and convenient stores of yesterday and even the old A1A Dry Cleaners of Callahan.

Mamie loved keeping her great-grandchildren and sneaking them to Wendy's for a frosty. She would sit on her front porch and watch them play on the playground. She loved her flowers! If you wanted to make her smile, bring her a plant. They covered her porches. She would always ask, "Honey, do you have one of

these? Here get you a piece." And most of all, she loved her family! Mamie was preceded in death by her brothers Thomas, Bobby and Tommy Patterson; and her sister Bea Spires.

Mamie leaves behind a family that loves her so, her daughters Rhonda Rogers, Melissa (Darin) Creamer and Barbara (Paul) Trouille, and bonus daughter April Cottle; grandchildren Ronald Rogers, Jr., Mindy Blanton and Eleni (Travis) Nelson; great-grandchildren Layla, Tayla, Kamie, Steva, Natalie and Brooklyn; her brothers William and Charlie Patterson; and sisters Geraldine Selph and Patsy Fischer. She had an abundance of love that included an extension of family members, nieces, nephews and wonderful friends.

Her family would like to say "Thank You" to Nassau Funeral Home for the arrangements, Brother Arlie Johns for officiating and to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, food, and help during this time. We greatly appreciate everyone.

A memorial service for Mamie will be held Monday, March 8 at 11a.m. at Nassau Funeral Home.

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HAZEL REID GODBOLT



Hazel Jeanette Reid Godbolt, 70, of Jacksonville, passed away of February 28, 2021. She was born on September 16, 1950 to the late James Joseph and Myrtle Shaftoe Reid in Jacksonville. Hazel enjoyed going out to eat, cooking, sewing and loved taking care of others. Most of all, she loved spending

time with Rocco. Hazel was preceded in death by her brothers James Reid and Stephen Reid; and her sister Sharon Layton.

Hazel leaves behind her loving husband of 35 years, Marvin William Godbolt; daughter Amanda (Brad) Hunsucker; brother Dave Reid; sisters Judith Schenck, Suzan Gagen, Helen Reid and Louise Robertson; grandchildren Rocco Hunsucker; several nieces, nephews and numerous other extended family members.

A memorial service for Hazel will be held Thursday, March 4 at 1 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

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JULIA FAYE HERRINGTON



Julia Faye Thomas Herrington, 88, of Hilliard, passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2021 in Jacksonville. She was born October 6, 1932 in Blackshear, Georgia, to the late Ephraim Thomas and Susie Crawford Thomas. She owned her own bookkeeping and tax business for nearly 38 years and then was employed with Franklin Tire until her health forced her retirement. She was a member of Ephesus Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for 35 years. In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband James Bryan Herrington; and a sister Virginia Dubberly.

She is survived by her children Bryan and Judy Herrington of Port St. Lucie, Stanley and Jo Ann Herrington of Hilliard and Phyllis and Eric Helms of Hilliard; a sister and brother-in-law Sandra and Sam Thompson; six grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 26 at Ephesus Baptist Church with Rev. Marvin Lee and Rev. Bryan

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Herrington officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

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JIMMIE WAYNE HOWARD

 Jimmie Wayne Howard, 76, of Hilliard, passed away on February 28, 2021. Jimmie was born on April 23, 1944 in Hilliard, to Victor Clayton and Lillian Hodges Howard. Jimmie was a life-long resident of Hilliard. He was a member of The Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints for 45 years and served in the Priesthood with honor. Jimmie was also a Sergeant in the United States Air Force and served in Vietnam. He was a Master Logger by profession. In his spare time, he loved gardening and farming but most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren. Jimmie will be missed dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents; step-son Wynn Johnson.

Jimmie leaves behind his wife of 31 years, Martha Heatwole Howard; daughter Christin (Cecil) Holton; brother Glenn (Lynn) Howard; sister Annette (Paul) Dilgard; step-daughters Jenna (David) Fletcher and Brenda Heatwole; grandchildren Zachariah Hixon, Michael Fletcher, Melissa Fletcher, Jared Fletcher, Jordan Fletcher and Madison Holton; and many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

A celebration of Jimmie's life will be held Saturday, March 6 at 11a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Heavenly Lane in Hilliard. The family will receive friends Friday, March 5 from 5-7 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home and again from 10-11 a.m. Saturday prior to service at


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the church.

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

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JOANNE SCHILLING

 JoAnne Schilling, 81, of Callahan, passed away February 28, 2021 peacefully in her sleep. She was born October 14, 1939 in Opelika, Alabama to the late Joseph Irving and Mildred Hyde. She met her husband, John, in 1956 and they married on New Year's Eve 1957 on a wonderful journey of 63 years of marriage. She graduated with honors in the second graduating class of Terry Parker High School in 1958. The two traveled all over the country and Japan being a military wife. She enjoyed sewing, playing Bingo, farming and being with her family. She is predeceased by her parents; daughter Anne Louise Schilling; daughter-in-law Allison Schilling; and a sister Rylla Conn.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, John; her children J.J. (Joyce) Schilling, Michael Schilling, Katherine (Woody) Hicks and Patrick Schilling; grandchildren Stephanie (Mark) Yarbrough, Joycelyn Schilling, Savannah Schilling, Shawn Hicks and Samantha Hicks; great-grandchildren Makinzee, Vanessa, Tretton, Claire, Blaze, May Lin, Merry Jane, Alana, Ellie Mae and a baby on the way; a brother Joe (Sandra) Irving; and a brother-in-law Gary Conn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

AUSTIN RILEY SPIRES



Austin Riley Spires, 26, of Callahan, passed away on February 25, 2021. Austin was born on October 7, 1994 in Jacksonville, to Brian Edward Spires and Ella Marie Gay. Austin graduated from Yulee High School in 2013. He loved to cook and feeding people brought him so much joy. Austin had a passion for hunting and fishing. He was an avid outdoorsman. He was preceded in death by his Pappaw, John Rehberg; Papa, Ernest Spires; and Poppy, Darrell Green.

Austin leaves behind his father Brian Spires (Laura Forshee) of Hilliard; mother, Ella (Eddie) Gay of Jacksonville; step-mother Torin Perry of Callahan; brother Trevor (Kelsey) Perry of Bryceville; grandparents, Nana, Ethel Parsley of Jacksonville, Mimi, Mary Spires of Jacksonville, Gran-Gran, Janie Wallis of Jacksonville, Papa Joe, Joe Gay of Hazlehurst, Mimi, Marsha Fuquay of Hilliard and Mammaw, Quay Rehberg of Jacksonville; aunts, Christy (Jason) Braughton, Michelle Spires and Hope (Kurt) Ferguson; uncle Kasey (Lily) Herrington; numerous cousins; and countless special friends.

A celebration of Austin's life will be held Wednesday, March 3 from 6-8 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

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VIVIAN ELISE WOFFORD



Vivian Elise Wofford, 80, of Callahan, passed away on February 23, 2021. Vivian was born on June 9, 1940 in Starke, Florida to the late Roy and Leona Johnson. Vivian loved caring for people and raised numerous people as if they were her own. In her spare time, she enjoyed shopping and working in her yard. Vivian will be missed dearly by all that knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Carol Rowe; brothers Roy Johnson, Jr. Bill Johnson and Lonnie Johnson.

Vivian leaves behind her loving husband of 54 years, Terrell Wofford; sons Frank (Amanda) Stokes, Ray Stokes and James (Kharmon) Wofford; sisters Pansy Barnett, Louise Richardson, Bonnie (Jim) Davis, JoAnn Howell and Sharon (Roy) McCormick; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Vivian's Life was held Tuesday, March 2 at Nassau Funeral Home. Interment followed at Riverside Memorial Park in Jacksonville. The family received friends prior to the service.

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

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GUESS FAMILY THANK YOU

I just want to say thank Dawn West and her staff for their help with both of my brothers' obituaries and the announcement for their celebration of life event. You were all so sweet to me. We were able to reach more people by placing the announcement in the Westside Journal than trying to email or call everyone. We had the event this past Sunday afternoon and God blessed us with the beautiful weather. I want to personally thank the ones that came out to celebrate with the family of Dale and Phillip Guess. You all are very special to me. Thank you again and God Bless each one.

Corkie Reid and family

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Hilliard Youth Football Awards Scholarship

Congratulations to Hilliard Senior Kylie Trouille for receiving the first ever "Nicky Wade" Extraordinary Athlete Cheer Scholarship awarded by Hilliard Youth Football and Cheer. During Hilliard High School's recent cheer banquet, Hal Keene, President of Hilliard Youth Football was proud to present the scholarship. Kylie, the daughter of Jeff and Amanda Trouille, is a model candidate for this scholarship. While cheering, she has acquired 850 community volunteer hours. She has volunteered at a local soup kitchen, food drives, the Ronald McDonald House, Rethreaded, homeless shelters and Doctors Without Borders. Kylie plans to attend Valdosta State University in the fall where the scholarship will provide a \$1,000 credit toward her textbook purchases. She will be majoring in nursing and hopes to pursue a career in pediatric oncology.

The organization came up with the idea to give out an annual scholarship to one football player and one cheerleader each year. With this being the first year, board members spoke with coaches, teachers and the Athletic Director to



come up with perspective recipients. Their decision was based upon the athlete's community involvement, leadership both on and off the field, and their effort to make an overall difference in their community. They also wanted the scholarship to go to an athlete that will represent Hilliard at the next level. Kylie will be trying out for the cheer team at Valdosta State in the fall.

The scholarship was named in honor of late, well-known Hilliard resident, Nicky Wade. As many around town know, Nicky would always leave a smile on your face with his conversations or simple "hello". Next year, there will be an application process that students will be able to attain from the school.

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