

"THAT HE WOULD GRANT YOU, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY, TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT BY HIS SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN." - EPHESIANS 3:16

Construction Continues in Callahan



Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their final meeting of April. Sherri Mitchell, Executive Director of the Nassau County Economic Development Board, was on hand to update the council on things going on with the NCEDB. "The NCEDB has reformatted their direction to focus more on business recruitment, expansion and retention," said Mitchell. "We currently have two interested parties in Crawford Diamond: one is a beverage manufacturer; the other a data center. We appreciate the support of the town of Callahan and are asking for a donation of \$2,500."

"How is the Crawford Diamond project going?" asked Council President Ken Bass.

"I forgot to add new information," added Mitchell. "We have a very interested party from Spain that is looking at purchasing the entire 500 acres. They are a large countertop manufacturer. Their interest has sparked the other two parties to make a decision. We'll see!"

In other business, Resolution 2022-R03 was approved which concerned donating \$500 to the Hot Rodz for Kidz event to be held Saturday, May 7 at the Callahan Methodist Church.

The council also approved a

consensus to allow Paul Schwend be the representative for the Town of Callahan to sit on the NCEDB.

The final business concerned the council giving Town Attorney Reba Pearce the authority to discuss the Branch Creek issue with the Attorney General for an opinion.

During closing comments, Councilwoman Ashton Bishop Vargas advised the council that she had received confirmation from the FDOT that a traffic light on US 301 and Mickler Street had been approved however it would probably be late July before it happened.

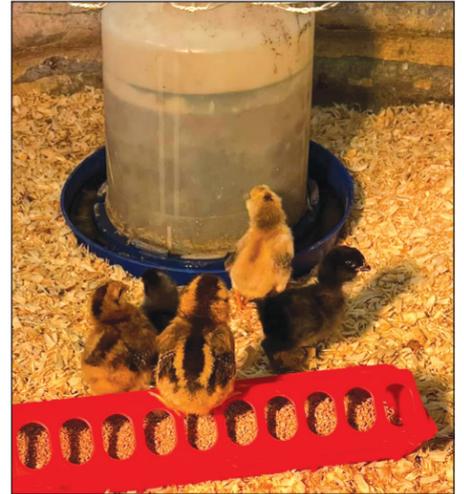
Councilman David Mellecker asked Town Manager Mike Williams if all the trees would be removed from the new construction off of 4th Street and Booth Street.

"The builder is trying to leave as many trees as he can. He has purchased the property from the Braddock home all the way to the Cato property," said Williams. "He plans to build two homes off of 4th Street and two homes on Booth Street. He has also purchased the next acre, near the Baptist doctor's office, and plans to build an additional four homes there."

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, May 2 at 7 p.m.

HMSHS FFA Selling Baby Chicks!

Well, spring is in the air, the seeds are in the ground, and there are plenty of chicks to go all around! The Hilliard Middle-Senior High School Agriculture Education and FFA program has been quite busy wrapping up this school year! The students planted 23 rows of summer vegetables, created a composting mulch barrier system, and managed to hatch more than 100 chicks!



The chicks are available at the school from 7-9 a.m. on weekdays! They are accepting love donations but want to help any family looking to start their first flock! Thank y'all, Nassau neighbors, for always keeping us busy!



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Letters to the Editor

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Be Informed Voters

Dear Editor,

I am a loyal American citizen who takes seriously who I vote for in our elections. Every year I find myself researching, reading and voting for who I believe will do the best job representing my beliefs and what I believe is best for America in all political offices.

I am offering a bipartisan word of warning: Don't believe what others tell you on printed voting guides advertising for your political party. They are not all your political party members. Google each candidate to see which political party they are in. Research them. Read about them. Changing National policy starts in local elections. Invite the candidates to your local backyard barbeques and Bible studies. See you at the poll in August.

Alyson Mccullough

To make things worse, if that is not bad enough, it showed the pets (cats) belonging to these citizens being forced into bags, placed on the sidewalk and beaten to death. My God, what is next?

As a lover of life itself and an animal lover and only one person, the only way I know that I can show China what savages they are is to, as of this day, not buy another item that is sold that is made in China! I do not care how bad I may need this item, if I cannot find it Made in America, or another country, I will do without it.

We are living in very dangerous times. There is a war in Ukraine and the Russians are killing thousands of innocent men, women and children as they are trying to leave their city to get away from the battle. I won't go on because you are aware (or should be) of these atrocities in many parts of the world.

All we can do is pray to God Almighty that there will be something left of our country after the current administration is through destroying it. If it can happen in China my friends, it can happen here. Little by little they are taking away our rights. As American citizens please, let's stick together and not allow this happen to us and our children and grandchildren.

Ceal Walker

Stand Up for America

Dear Editor,

My heart is breaking as I write this letter, after watching the Tucker Carlson show and after the report on how the country of China has physically 'imprisoned' the citizens of Shanghai, China in their homes not allowing them to leave. It showed people shouting from their homes asking to be freed as they had no food or water. What is going on in this world?

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1/2 cup butter, softened	salt & pepper to taste

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The Town of Hilliard would like to take this opportunity to offer a sincere thank you to all who participated in this year's very successful Town Clean Up, including Keep Nassau Beautiful, FPL, OREMC, Meridian Waste, Affordable Tree Service, Sandhill Recycling, P5 Productions and RC Stokes Inc. It is concerned citizens and businesses such as you, that help make this event a success and to instill pride and a spirit of volunteering among our citizenry.

Special thanks to the support of our local businesses and organizations. They should be commended for their contributions to the rewards given to the citizens that donated their time and hard work to make the Town of Hilliard's Clean Up beautification project a tremendous success. We are truly grateful for all the effort and assistance that was displayed.

The Town of Hilliard would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to everyone that was involved with the Clean Up.

Thank You

on behalf of the Town of Hilliard

Late Deputy Josh Moyers Honored



The late Deputy Josh Moyers was honored during the Daniel E. Watts Memorial Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer Awards Wednesday, April 13 in Jacksonville. Deputy Moyers was killed in the line of duty in Callahan last September. State Attorney Melissa Nelson

thanked Moyers' family and fiancé for the sacrifice he made to keep his community safe. His family was also given an American Flag that proudly flew over the State Attorney's Office in his honor. During the manhunt for murder suspect Patrick McDowell, K-9 Chaos with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office was also shot in the line of duty. He and his handler JSO Officer Dale Cullen received the K-9 Valor Award.



Family Game Night This Friday



The Callahan Soccer Association will hold a Moyers Warrior Family Game Night this Friday at the Callahan Soccer Field off of River Road at the ballpark. Join them for a night of fun and games that begins at 5:30 p.m. There will be bounce houses, laser tag, cake walk and lots more! This is a fundraiser for the program so some events have a small fee. Chicken dinners will be available for purchase for \$10 each. There will also be a Coaches vs. Coaches game at 7 p.m. The entire event will be held in honor of Deputy Joshua Moyers!

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Just to be totally honest, I was not in the mood to do my normal reading routine today. Maybe it was the ham and potato salad hangover from the wonderful Easter meal Dawn prepared! So with that being said, I thought I would just have a fun day Monday (or a fun day Thursday for anyone that may be reading this) by just listing some of the memes that I have received via social media.

1) Liberals! If this isn't enough to express how naïve and gullible you are, you will never figure it out. CNN: Elon Musk could threaten free speech on Twitter by literally allowing people to speak freely. And people actually watch and listen to this insane network! WOW!

2) From Allie Stuckey: Normal adults don't tell kids to keep secrets from their parents. Normal adults have no inclination to talk to 5 - 9-year-old children, who are not their children, about sex and gender switching. Perverts and predators do.

3) Finally found the word I've been searching for to describe Anthony Fauci! Cockwomble (noun): A person, usually male, prone to making outrageously stupid statements and/or inappropriate behavior while generally having a very high opinion of their own wisdom and importance.

4) If it takes a law to stop you from holding a classroom discussion with 5-year-old children about sex, you shouldn't be a teacher. Actually, you shouldn't be allowed within several miles of a school.

5) I'd rather believe there was fraud than to believe we have this many stupid voters.

6) Heaven has strict immigration laws. Hell has open borders.

7) Biden Administrator: We're taking your guns. It's not going to be voluntary; it's going to be mandatory. "That's Already Been Tried" didn't work well then and it's not going to work well now.

8) It's not about homosexuality or heterosexuality. Stop promoting SEXUALITY to our children PERIOD. Let kids be kids.

9) So rioters say country folk are next. You do realize country folk will sit 30 feet up in a tree all day just to kill something...

10) Whoever is making the comment, "How dumb can the Democrats get?" Please stop, they're taking it as a challenge.

Now many may not agree that some of these aren't as humorous and concerning as they are to me, but what the heck.

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

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The Intentional Witness

Pastor James MacFarlane, First Alliance Church, Hilliard



When you think about your witness for Jesus Christ, what is it based upon? Is it based on what the church says it should be? What the pastor says? What your parents told you? What you have filled in on your discipleship worksheet. These may be sources that you have put your faith in, in the past. That is ok. Yet, they are often based upon man's teaching. Instead of continuing to model our witness after these sources, we need to model our witness after the only perfect example.

Jesus Christ was selfless. He continually pointed to the Father. This means that we must look outward, not inward. He preached love and acceptance with no expectations. This means we witness with no agenda. Love is the goal of witnessing. Jesus glorified the Father through His words and His deeds. So must we glorify Christ through our words and deeds. As believers we are the method that God has chosen to reach the lost. We should take this seriously. Avoid, judgmentalism, control and superior attitudes. Strive for love, acceptance, inclusion and respect.

Another person that strived to imitate Christ's example (1 Corinthians 11:1), is the apostle Paul. He tried to be all things to all people. When you think about being all things to all people as Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:22, what do you think? Do you think Paul is telling you that when you are witnessing to someone you must pretend that you are something you are not? For instance, if you are witnessing to a mechanic and you have no mechanical background, do you fake it? If you are an older Christian and are trying to witness to a teenager, I can tell you faking it does not fly. Paul is not trying to tell us to be something we are not. God is teaching us through Paul's writing that we need to witness to others about our shared experiences. Engaging the mechanic by sharing a time when you have had car trouble and what you learned from that experience could be a simple way to break the ice. Sharing a funny memory from your teen years with the teenager could be another.

The point is that Paul leveraged his life experiences as a Jew, Pharisee, Apostle to the Gentiles, athlete, tent maker and Roman citizen in his witness for Christ's Gospel. God has shaped you. The Holy Spirit has gifted you. Use your experiences and gifting to be genuine and loving. Look for similarities and build your relationships upon them.

St. Marys River Clean Up Saturday



VOLUNTEERS are needed for the Earth Day Event Saturday April 23 from 9 -11 a.m. Help remove litter and debris from roadways and waterways. Lend a Hand during the 24th Annual St. Marys River Clean up and Volunteer Appreciation event. Free t-shirts, while supplies last for participants. Register to volunteer at one of 10 sites in Nassau County with Volunteer Appreciation at White Oak Conservation after the cleanup. Register to volunteer:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/310963067907>. For more information, contact Keep Nassau Beautiful at 904-261-0165.

Colonial Dames Dedicate Marker at Railroad Day Festival



The Princess Amelia Chapter National Society Colonial Dames of the XVII Century dedicated a new historical marker at the Callahan Train Depot during the Railroad Day Festival this year. The marker commemorates the 141 years of service the depot has given to Nassau County. It began in 1881 as the Depot for the first major rail connection between Florida and points north. It was dormant during the 1970s, and then was refurbished in 1988 as the Greater Nassau Chamber of Commerce office until finally becoming home to

the West Nassau Historical Society Museum of Local History.

Colonial Dames XVII Century is a national, lineage-based organization of women with documented ancestors who lived and served in one of the 13 original American Colonies before 1701. With over 11,000 members in 46 states and Canada, its primary mission is the preservation of historic sites and records, promotion of heraldry and coats of arms, support of charitable projects, and the education of the nation's children.

CHURCH NEWS

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My name is Michelle Thompson. I am a wife, mother of three, an Assistant Principal and a cancer survivor. My battle is one I fight underneath, underneath my skin that is. I was diagnosed with melanoma for the first time at the age of 33. At that time, I had no idea what melanoma was. Melanoma is the most dangerous form of skin cancer, as the cancer cells can quickly spread to other parts of your body.



I was first diagnosed with melanoma on my left calf in August of 2017. I was uneducated about the cancer and did not realize the seriousness of the disease. I just thought I had skin cancer, no big deal. I met with a surgeon, and he told me I would have a procedure called a wide local excision, a procedure where a wide excision is taken from around the cancer cells in hopes to get clear margins. He also told me I was going to have a sentinel lymph node biopsy in my groin, a procedure where lymph nodes are removed to check for cancer. Since the spot on the back of my leg, which was a size of a pencil point, was not very big, I didn't think it would be a big deal. The surgery was a few weeks later. I had an incision that looked like a shark had bit part of my calf off, but I was cancer free. I thought since the cancer was gone, I would go about my life and be a little more cautious when going in the sun.

Three years later, I developed a lump in the same area as I was first diagnosed. My dermatologist immediately biopsied the lump, as well as surrounding areas. He said he was not concerned, but it was better to be safe. I left feeling confident all would be fine. Three days later I received the phone call that would change my life. "Michelle, unfortunately you do have melanoma again in two different places. You will need surgery and chemotherapy." I immediately began crying. I did not understand how this happened. I was heartbroken.

I made an appointment with my original surgeon. I had to go to the appointment by myself, as this was during the first few months of Covid. We met and he shared that I would have another wide local excision. Since my skin had already been taken from this area, there would not be enough skin to close the wound, so he planned to use a wound vac. He also shared I would begin immunotherapy, a type of treatment that helps the body fight cancer. At 36 years old, I did not understand the terminology that was being thrown at me.

My mom began doing research and looking for doctors that specialize in melanoma. She found two doctors, Dr. Emmanuel Gabriel, M.D., Ph.D. and Dr. Richard Joseph, M.D.

that both specialize in melanoma, and both were at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. I called Mayo and they immediately got me in for a visit. I met with the Dr. Gabriel first. He sat me down and explained melanoma to me. He explained how it works and how it spreads. He said our first step is to get a PET scan to see if melanoma was only in my leg and to make sure it had not spread to other parts of my body. I had the PET scan, and I was diagnosed with Stage IIIB In-transit melanoma, a fast growing and aggressive form of melanoma. We set a date for surgery and planned for treatment. The plan included immunotherapy every three weeks for one year, an oncologist, and PET scans every three months. This was a very low point in my life. I began thinking what if I am not here to see my beautiful daughter, Grace get married? What if I am not here to see my precious son, Prestyn graduate college? What if I am not here to watch my baby boy, Jaxx grow up? What if I am not here to grow old with my husband, Jamie? My mind went to a very dark place. I prayed and prayed that God would heal me. I prayed for strength and courage. And I prayed that I would be an example for others.

One month later, I had another wide local excision. I did not have enough skin to close the wound, so I was given an Unna boot. The Unna boot dressing was from my thigh to my toes. I was also not able to walk. I was in the middle of my doctorate program at Southeastern University when I was diagnosed the second time. I used the time that I was immobile and I through myself into my studies. I finished my doctorate the same month as I finished immunotherapy, October 2021. Cancer does not define you, it just becomes a part of your story.

Melanoma has changed my life forever. I constantly worry what is lurking in my body. Every oncologist visit, PET scan, MRI, CT scan, tingle, pain, bump, etc. will make my mind wonder to a place of "what if." I appreciate every second because I know my life's course can change with one scan. Currently, I am almost two years cancer free. I continue to see my dermatologist and get PET Scans every three months This is my life for the rest of my life.

If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with cancer or just need more information, contact the American Cancer Society Helpline at 1-800-227-2345. The Relay for Life of Nassau County will be May 7th at the Northeast Fairgrounds. If you need more information on the relay for life event, contact Wanda Nichols at (904) 294-2088.

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After many weeks of blacked out windows, renovating the store and thousands of questions asking, what's going in next to El Dorado Mexican Restaurant, on April 9, the Blessed & Branded Boutique opened their doors. Social media was all a buzz counting down the opening event. Store owner, Ashley Shiver Stafford felt so blessed by the outpouring of customers that came to visit the store on the opening event! She has thought about the idea of opening a store for quite some time. As a business owner already, Ashley's Hair Salon in Jacksonville, it's not like she needed something to do. "I'm a such a last-minute person. I'm a wife, a mom and I work. I also love fashion and love to shop," said Ashley. "I wanted to open a shop that was convenient for last minute people like me. There are not many options around.



I also wanted a place where people could pick up a quick gift or outfit for themselves at a reasonable price."

Owning another business for 14 years has had its challenges, however she wanted to also have something closer to home, as she and her family live in Callahan. Her mom, Linda Shiver, a very familiar face, will be helping out at the store from time to time. So far, things have been going well since the opening with customers dropping in every day. There is a great variety of clothes and sizes and also shoes. There is also a good selection of accessories to compliment any outfit.

The boutique can be found on all social media outlets. They offer online orders from their website at: www.blessedandbrandedboutique.com. Customers can choose the option to pick up



their order from the store or choose the free shipping option on orders over \$150. New shipments arrive weekly in the boutique and new items are posted on Thursdays.

Blessed & Branded Boutique is located in Callahan at 450061 SR 200, beside El Dorado Mexican Restaurant. They're open Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. You can call the store at 309-3292.

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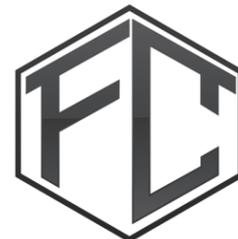
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A Confederate Memorial Day Service will be held Saturday, April 23 at Jones Cemetery, in Callahan at 10 a.m. Twelve Confederate Veterans lay to rest at Jones Cemetery. "May we Remember them always with Honor and Dignity" The event is sponsored by Sons of Confederate Veterans, General Joseph Finegan Camp 745 in Nassau County, Joe Davis, Commander.

Confederate History Month and Confederate Memorial Day are not the same thing. Confederate History month occurs in April, no matter where you live. It is a time to commemorate the history of the Confederate States of America from 1861-1865.

Confederate Memorial Day is a day legislated by each of the 13 States represented on the Confederate Battle Flag and does not always occur in April. Actually, there are seven different dates across the South designated as Confederate Memorial Day: January 19 Texas; April 26 Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi; May 10 North



Carolina, South Carolina; May 30 Virginia; June 3 Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana; June 1 Missouri; and October Arkansas.

Confederate Memorial Day events honoring fallen Confederate soldiers and sailors are often held jointly with Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of Confederate Rose, and United Daughters of the Confederacy. These events are usually held at battle fields, monuments and cemeteries across the South.

Renovations Begin on Hilliard Pool

The Hilliard Parks & Recreation Pool is currently undergoing a renovation. All of the water was recently drained to allow the pool to be resurfaced. Once the project is complete the pool will be refilled and prepared for the summer opening Memorial Day weekend, May 28. The pool and all the recreation areas are available for the public, both Hilliard residents and not. For information about joining the Hilliard Parks & Recreation or hours for the pool, call the recreation department at 845-2733.



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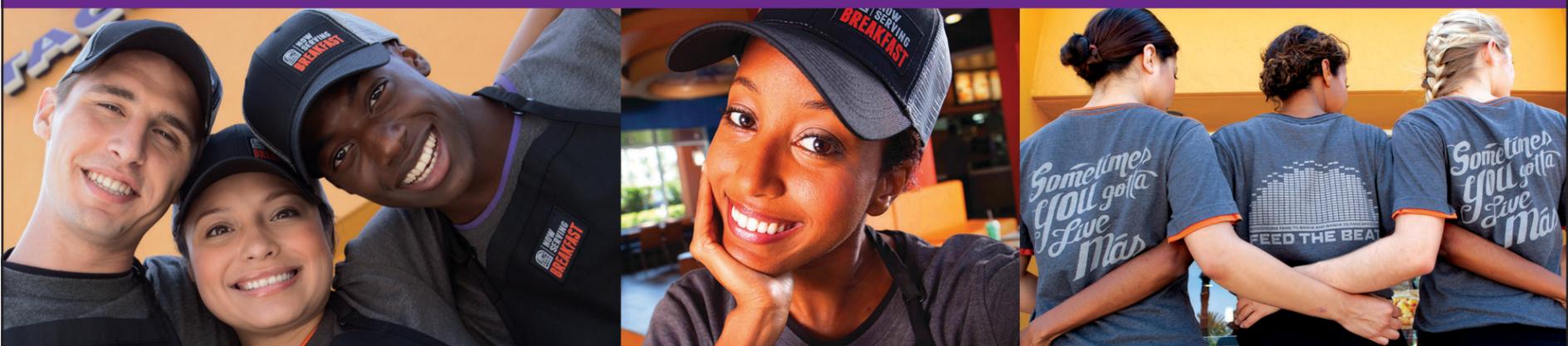
The parents of several 5th grade students at Callahan Intermediate School organized an end of the year field trip for their children. Approximately 200 students and parents attended the full day of fun at Sea World in Orlando!

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Hilliard Elementary School encourages all upcoming Kindergarten students and one parent or guardian to join us at our annual Kindergarten Fun Day Wednesday, April 27 from 2-3 p.m.! While parents participate in a brief orientation, students will visit Kindergarten classrooms and complete fun activities! Afterwards, everyone will join back together and parents and students will be taken on a tour of the school! Please pre-register by calling the school at 845-4471 to confirm your participation in this exciting event!

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Applications are available at our local high schools in the guidance department. Applications must be post marked on or before May 29 or hand delivered to a member of the Scholarship committee by May 30. Our Scholarship committee members are: Pastor Tyronne Blue, Pastor Walter Cooper, Sandra Stewart, June McKnight-Wright, Maxine Simmons and Betty Holland.

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LAGREE DELBERT CONNER, JR.

Lagree Delbert "Del" Conner Jr., 69, of Jacksonville, went home to be with his Lord April 18, 2022 in Hilliard. He was born February 10, 1953 in Jacksonville, to Lagree Conner, Sr. and Iva Fletcher. He proudly served his country in the US Army from 1971-1977. He also worked as a Sales Representative for Florida Petroleum and Walthaw Oil. He was a faithful member of River Road Baptist Church.

He is survived by spouse of 45 years, Kathy Conner; brother Craig (Karen) Conner; daughter Joyia Conner; son Twain Conner; brothers Tim (Melanie) Conner and John (Debbie) Fletcher; sister Tina (Mark) Leagon; seven grandchildren Gavin, Aubrey, Kelli, Jewel, Emma, Eva and Asher; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law Roger and Karen Richardson; and his honorary children Patti and Mark.

The family will receive friends Friday, April 22 at River Road Baptist Church at 10 a.m. prior to the memorial service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Benjie Loyd and Pastor Craig Conner officiating. Interment will be held at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

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JASPER ROBERT CRAWFORD



Jasper Robert "Bob" Crawford, 80, of Callahan, passed away Monday, April 18, 2022, at the Warner Center in Fernandina Beach after an extended illness. He was born October 17, 1941 to James Beal Crawford and Lola Grace Johnson Crawford.

Bob retired from Lucent after 32 years of service and then owned and operated Alternative Communication. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Callahan and a member of the NRA. Bob loved his family, gardening, fishing, guns and doing genealogy. He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter Dawn Michelle Crawford Rhoden; and a brother James Crawford.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Melva Thrift Crawford of Callahan; a daughter Cheryl Lynn Crawford Healan of Jacksonville; five grandchildren, Rachel Dawn Rhoden Mewbourne, Callie Desiree Healan Funderburk, Wesley Keegan Rhoden, Emily Josette Rhoden Schoenhof and Cady Shea Healan; six great-grandchildren Rayne Harper, Attaleia Funderburk, Gemma Mewbourne, Theo Schoenhof, Tybee Funderburk and Killian Rhoden; two sisters Novadine Chase and Sandra Goodwin of Hilliard; and also several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A visitation will be held Friday, April 22 at 10 a.m. prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. at Riverside Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Wainright officiating. Burial will follow in Riverside Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Larry Johnson,

Danny Johnson, Mike Johnson, Lawrence Johnson, Mike Frangos, Bill Mathison and Matt Mathison. Honorary pallbearers will be the Men's Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church in Callahan.

Arrangements are with Frye Funeral Home, Nahunta, www.fryefh.com.

CHARLES NORMAN FRAME, JR.



Charles "Norman" Frame, Jr., 51, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on April 3, 2022. He was born May 24, 1970, in Jacksonville to Charles Norman Frame, Sr. and Edna Sandlin Frame. Norman moved to Callahan in 1972. He was employed with AAR Corporation in Jacksonville where he was known as "The Man" for everything. Norman was a proud Papa and loved all his children equally. He loved God, his freedom and guns. Norman was a huge Florida Gator fan. He loved spending time on the water fishing, whether he filled the boat or caught nothing at all. Norman had a heart of gold. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do to help anyone. If you needed it and he had it, it was yours.

Norman leaves behind his father Charlie Frame, Sr. of Callahan; mother Edna Sandlin Frame of Callahan; his loving wife of 19 years, Michele A. Frame of Callahan; sister Victoria Lori (Ron) Wiles of Callahan; son Michael C. Souza; daughters Samantha Nicole (Bobby) Ingram of Folkston and Amber N. Souza of Callahan; grandchildren Major Devon Ingram of Folkston and Rozalynn Ann Bouknight of Callahan.

A private celebration of life service will

be held Saturday, April 30 from 12-6 p.m. at his residence.

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

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PATRICIA MOORE HURST



Patricia "Pat" Ruth Moore Hurst, 76, of Jacksonville, went home to be with the Lord Monday, April 11, 2022. She was born in Cobleskill, New York to Henry and Ruth Moore. After graduating high school Pat moved to Jacksonville, where she met and married the love of her life, Daniel "Sonny" Jackson Hurst, Jr. Together, Pat and Sonny raised five children along with numerous grandchildren. Pat's family was the foundation she built her life upon. She worked as a Home Health Aide for 35 years. Pat had a compassionate spirit whose passion was caring for others. She will be dearly missed by so many. Pat is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and sister Eileen Guido.

Pat is survived by her children Austin (Mary) Mason, Mary (Chris) Whited, Tracie (Buddy) Spradley, Shanna (Jessie) Shannon and Darcy (Ricky) Nelson; siblings Henry (Connie) Moore, Sandy (Terry) Bennett, Shirley Alsante, Laura (Larry) Lester, Cathy (Scott) Cameron and Diane Furman; 20



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Wednesday, April 20 from 5-7 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home.
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ROLLAND REEVES



Rolland Reeves, 85, of Hilliard, passed away April 16, 2022. Rolland was born on January 14, 1937 in Blackman, Florida to George Dewey Reeves and Claire Bell Thompson Reeves. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family who he loved dearly. Rolland is preceded in death by his parents; son Brian Reeves; brothers Herman Reeves and George Reeves; and sister Margie Higginbotham.

Rolland is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy A. Reeves; son Randle S. Reeves; daughters Donna R. (Ben) Miles and Lisa K. Reeves; grandchildren Ashley J. Reeves, Sasha R. Galloway, Amber N. Reeves and Madison A. Reeves; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held

H. WAYNE STRICKLAND

H. Wayne Strickland, 62, of Jacksonville, passed away on April 11, 2022 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Strickland was born in Jacksonville on October 2, 1959. Preceding him in death are his mother Janice; wife Rhonda Strickland; and siblings Herman, Joey, Tommy, Alicia and Linda.

Survivors include his children Delbert Strickland, Melissa Strickland Sapp, Michael (Krystal) Powell and Katrina Wimbrow; as well as his grandchildren Jamie, Jacob, Jayden, KeyAnna, Masson, Delbert, Jr. (DJ), LillyAnne, Rose, James, Chloe and TJ.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service was held Friday, April 15 at Callahan Funeral Home.

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Coston Signs with Presentation College

Last Friday, Hilliard's DJ Coston signed with Presentation College in Aberdeen, South Dakota. After receiving 14 offers, DJ will play football for the Saints this fall. DJ has been a huge asset to the Hilliard program as receiver and corner. During his high school career, he has accumulated 296 carries for 1,963 yards rushing, 74 receptions for 1,537 yards, 44 touchdowns and 6 2-point conversions totaling 276 points. Defensively, he had 64



tackles, 3 interceptions, 6 tackles for loss and more. He is surely a force to be reckoned with on the field.

Coach John Pate describes DJ as, "The best all-around football player that has been in Hilliard since I've been here. DJ is the epitome of what team is." He is the ultimate teammate playing wherever the team needs him. His work ethic and leadership on and off the field is unmatched.

DJ's proud parents are Daryl and Christal Coston of Hilliard.



Hilliard Middle Softball County Champs



The Hilliard Middle School Softball team recently defeated Callahan Middle and Yulee Middle to become the Nassau County Champions. The team, coached by Brad Vennard, Kayla McWilliams and Bubba King, consists of Dakota Howard, Sara Buchanan, Kailyn Ballance, Brooke Sparkman, Kaylee Hern, Avery Vennard, Elizabeth Garrison, Peyton Milton, Rileigh King, Destiny Royal, Sara Carter, Vera Musgrove, Taylor Clair, Kierstin Northern, Abigail Pickett, Addison Taylor, PJ Self and Sayde Price. Congratulations!

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