

"I HAVE TOLD YOU THESE THINGS, SO THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE. BUT TAKE HEART! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD." - JOHN 16:33

Girl Scouts Make Ewing Park Their Project

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their final meeting of April. The first order of business was a presentation by two Girl Scouts. The first, Grace Moseley, Ambassador Girl Scout from Troop 660 in Callahan, chose several months ago to make Ewing Park in Callahan her Gold Award Project. The Gold Award Girl Scouts are the dreamers and the doers who take "make the world a better place" to the next level. "My project was to place



Macy Bagocius and Grace Moseley

new and improved exercise equipment at Ewing Park," said Grace. "I have already dug up the old equipment and waiting for approval from the council to install the new. I already have some new wooden equipment to install. All I need is someone from the council to meet me at the park and go over the new layout."

"I have Grace's phone number and I will meet her at the park so we can go over the layout," said Councilwoman and Parks Commissioner Janet Shaw. The council approved Grace to continue her project and install the new equipment.

Next, Macy Bagocius, also an Ambassador Girl Scout from Troop 660, has also chosen Ewing Park for her Gold Award Project. Macy provided the council with examples of the several ideas she has to make the park a better place by encouraging a good and healthy lifestyle. "The suggestions I have, which may change are: Doggy Drop Boxes, for residents to pick up and dispose dog mess; a mesh Canopy over equipment; Water refill station

for water bottles; and secure trash cans," said Macy. "I also think Recycle totes would be a great idea; and last setting up a Free Lending Library, to take a book to read and replace it with one of your own."

Macy plans to do fundraisers: bake sales, yard sales, etc. to help fund her project.

The council approved for Macy to move forward on working on her ideas for Ewing Park.

The next agenda item concerned a billboard recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board. Interim Attorney Christian Waugh advised the council that any member of the council may bring up any item however it still must be voted on to move forward.

"I don't know why we would be talking about this again," said Councilwoman Shaw. "We don't want billboards in town period. If you do one for one person you have to do one for all."

"I think billboards have their place on interstates but not in small towns. It's just too crowded," said business owner Shari Higginbotham. "In 1996, the council decided no billboards. Two wrongs never make a right. A big billboard in a town is not the place."

Resolution 2021-R04 was approved which concerned donating \$1,000 to the Nassau County Economic Development Board. Sherri Mitchell, Interim Executive Director, Workforce Development was on hand to thank the council for their previous support of the NCEDB.

Resolution 2021-R03 was also approved which concerned giving a \$5 incentive on one month's water bill for any customers that switch over to e-billing (paying their water bills online with a credit card). The \$5 credit will also be given to customers that have already changed over.

Councilwoman Jacquelyn Fleming advised the council that she wanted to again discuss having a bi-weekly briefing, which would just be an outline that could be added to each week of new things anyone knows about. After much discussion, the council decided to add this issue to the next meeting agenda.

In closing comments, Mayor Matthew See 'Callahan' on page 3

The Sheik to Open New Location Monday



Dawn S. West

Following a couple of years of planning, purchasing property, permitting, site preparation, a pandemic and building, The Sheik will open their new location Monday! "It has been a long journey but I am so pleased with the finished product," said Louie Salameh, owner of The Sheik Callahan. "The new location is much bigger and we can offer so much more to our community here!"

The new location is located on US Highway 1 south of Callahan, past the traffic light at 5th Avenue on the left. You can't miss it. The first thing that catches your eye is the new white building trimmed in red and blue, as Louie loves the USA! The new location has more tables and plenty of parking. The 'front porch' is lined with picnic tables with fans above for those who want to enjoy dining outside. Obviously, the kitchen is state of the art with all new grilling stations, refrigeration and huge freezers. The design is for the customers offering a calm relaxing



environment to enjoy your meal. Louie did add a large TV for those that like to keep up with current events while dining. The drive-thru is much better at this location, as

you can completely drive around the building to the drive-thru window.

One of the menu items that the The Sheik restaurant is known for is the steak in a sack. The steak is sliced thin and cooked to perfection. Adding some sautéed onions and pepper makes it even tastier once it's packed into the pita



bread (sack). The pita bread is what sets The Sheik apart from others. They offer a variety of sandwiches and even salads. Don't forget, The Sheik also offers several great breakfast selections. They have everything



from eggs, grits, ham, pancakes, tasty French toast and biscuit and pita breakfast sandwiches. "At this new location, I will be able to have some community events (car shows, pep rallies, etc.)," added Louie. "It's like we can have a fresh new start in a brand new building. I'm so thankful for the way everyone has supported us. I can't wait for everyone to see what we've done here!"

The Sheik will continue to have the same hours: Monday through Saturday, 5:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. You can always call ahead and place your order and pick-up. The number is 628-0871. See you Monday!

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Letters to the Editor

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Thank You!

Dear Editor,

I just want to say a huge 'Thank You' to the many people that donated money, furniture, household items and much more after my home of 41 years burned down in a tragic fire on February 5, 2021. I am so grateful to live in a place that helps out their neighbors, some of you I know and a lot I don't know.

Thank you to the staff at the Westside Journal for taking the calls and donations, you are so appreciated. Again, words can't express how thankful I am for the love and support that the Nassau County residents have shown to me. Please continue to pray for me.

Love and prayers always,
Jean Clowers

possible, and we are sincerely thankful.

May God bless each of you and The United States of America!

HMSHS Band Boosters

Prayer

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publishing my letters. I am sending along a true story that brings home the truth of your column, "Let's Get Prayer Back in Schools."

I had just turned 40 and was troubled. I was having problems at work, at home and in my social life. Nothing was going well. I was unable to think my way through the problems and the pain became excruciating. I took a drive hoping fresh air would clear my head and found myself in front of a church. I stumbled in and fell on my knees in front of the altar.

Suddenly, the words of the 23rd Psalm filled my head. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want..." The words flowed with a clarity that stunned me. Then I remembered I had learned it in grammar school because we read a psalm each day and the teacher urged us to memorize those we liked. That was over 30 years ago and yet it came to me as if it were yesterday. I stayed on my knees for an undetermined amount of time and when I rose to leave. I noticed the pain was gone and I had the thought that everything was going to be all right and, in time, it was.

What are the children of liberals going to do when their lives become troubled? Press the Escape key on their computers?

B.R. McConnell

Thank You!

Dear Editor,

The Hilliard Middle-Senior High School Band Booster Club would like to express their sincere and gracious appreciation to Mr. Bobby Franklin, American Legion Post #401, and the Westside Journal for their assistance and help in making our Jazz Ensemble Concert and Barbeque Dinner a glowing success last Saturday.

The music and food were both exceptional and through dinner sales and donations to the band, we are now in sight of reaching our final payment for the new uniforms. We realize that without the community support of our family, friends and neighbors in Nassau County and the surrounding area that none of this would be

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All interested and qualified persons should submit their response giving a full statement of qualifications and experience to Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk, at Clerk@townofcallahan-fl.gov or Susan Mitchell, Administrative Assistant at Admin2@townofcallahan-fl.gov. All such responses must be received by The Town of Callahan Clerk prior to April 30, 2021.

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Boy Scouts Celebrate New Members



On April 12, 2021, Callahan's Cub Scout Pack 351 and Boy Scout Troop 351 celebrated the successes of two Webelo Cub Scouts, Jordan Reischman and Gage McConnell, earning their Arrow of Light Awards and crossing over to the Boy Scout Troop.

For the oldest Cub Scouts, the Arrow of Light program offers 5th grade Webelos the opportunity to earn a patch that transfers to their Troop uniform. By earning this recognition, a Webelo demonstrates readiness for the next step on the Boy Scout trail. During their last year in a Pack, Webelos get a larger say in which adventures their den will do, and in leading their fellow scouts, both skills that will come in handy in a Troop.

For more information on Cub Scout Pack 351 (K to 5th Grade) visit Facebook at: Cub Scout Pack 351 Callahan. For more information on Boy Scout Troop 351 (6th to 12th Grade) go to Facebook at "Callahan Boy Scout Troop 351."

Callahan

Davis advised the council that he was glad to be back and that he had a rough time with COVID.

Council President Ken Bass advised the council the Interim Attorney Waugh had some information to share with the council.

"Back in March, I was asked to investigate and do fact finding," said Waugh. "I delivered the information to the council and mayor. The findings are up to the mayor who delegated it to Mr. Bass for the final decision."

"The problem I have is sending a letter anonymously and saying that a citizen sent something," said Councilman David

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Mellecker.

"There is a Code of Ethics, you must have trust in the people in the Clerk's office," added Waugh.

"What kind of working relationship would there be," said Fleming.

"We all make mistakes but in this position integrity should not be compromised," said Councilwoman Ashton Bishop Vargas.

"If it wasn't for the other two in the office, the town would never have known about it," said Waugh.

A decision will be made on this issue, at the next meeting on Monday, May 3 at 7 p.m.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

I just have to smile every time President Trump is vindicated by the same people that have villainized him since 2014. It is well known that President Trump declared the main stream media as "Fake News" and was lambasted for saying it, often! However as the saying goes, the truth will eventually surface and it is surfacing often now. It began with Time Magazine bragging on how they, along with others, conspired to prevent President Trump from being re-elected. The bomb shell last week came from James O'Keefe of Project Veritas.

Through the dating app Tinder, a project Veritas employee set up a total of five dates with CNN staffer Charlie Chester, a technical director at CNN. In multiple video's Chester is heard and seen bolstering about CNN's propaganda stories to destroy President Trump. He states that their mission was to ensure Trump was not re-elected. He goes so far as to say it was "propaganda." Chester gave an example of "propaganda" when he described how CNN covered Trump's health compared to Biden's. Chester said: "Trump's hand was shaking or whatever, I think. We brought in so many medical people to tell a story that was all speculation, that he was neurologically damaged and he was losing it. He's unfit to, you know, whatever. We were creating a story there that we didn't know anything about. That's what, I think that's propaganda."

Of course Chester didn't stop there,

he also spoke of the Russian collusion story and admitted they had no evidence but it was good at making the headlines and viewership. CNN along with the other main stream liberal media is nothing more than an extension of the Democratic Socialist Party.

It doesn't take much intelligence to see the truth, but one has to be willing to accept what they see. Just a few examples: If Donald Trump, Jr. and Hunter Biden traded places, how do you think the media would have handled the story? Why during the Trump Administration were the holding areas for ILLEGAL immigrants (that Obama built) called cruel cages but under Biden the same holding areas are acceptable even though they are grossly over-crowded? Why is it now necessary to pack the Supreme Court? What if Trump had mumbled words that can't be understood by anyone? Why is it alright for Maxine Waters to incite violence in a state she doesn't even represent and Nancy Pelosi commends her for her statements?

The Democrats control the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch and the Media Branch and now are moving forward to politically control the Judicial Branch. Can you see what is happening yet? Once they gain control of the Judicial Branch they can pass any law they want with no legal worries. Get ready, the worse is on the horizon! God, please rescue America!

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

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Does justice matter? Absolutely, justice matters! Who defines justice? Whose justice matters? Everybody can agree that justice matters. The church and the culture have huge disagreements over who defines justice and whose justice matters. These are not small issues or easy questions to answer. The issue of justice is what is at the heart of the issues that are taking place in our country today. When the culture defines justice, we end up with seeking justice for some things that God does not declare just. When the Bible defines justice, we end up being on the wrong side of the culture. When these questions are answered wrongly in the church, the church comes to believe and preach a different Jesus. How do two different understandings of justice play out in our culture and shape the Christian faith and the church's mission?

First, we will start with what justice looks like from the cultural perspective. In America today, cultural Marxism is setting the agenda for what justice should look like. Cultural Marxism is the prevailing idea in higher education and in liberal politics. This understanding of justice was prevalent in the church in liberalism in the 1900's and has made a roaring comeback in recent years through the social justice movement. When the world is viewed through the lens of cultural Marxism, the world is divided up into two groups. The oppressors are the majority and the oppressed are the minorities. In this ideology, truth is not the issue, experiences and stories are. So if a minority has experienced oppression, the oppressors have been neutralized and brought down. This concept of justice lies at the heart of the culture wars. Institutions are oppressive, so they have to be brought down. Truth is oppressive, so truth has to be discarded. Law is oppressive, it has to be removed or not enforced. The buzzword is equality. Since equality is the goal, anything that stands in the way of this vision is oppressive. This is why issues of sexuality, marriage, race, and identity are viewed radically different in the culture. The culture sees that the Biblical vision of marriage is oppressive because the Bible gives guidelines for marriage. The Bible's vision is gender is oppressive, this is why it has to go. The list could go on and on. The culture wants to eliminate every aspect of life that is oppressive and the list will continue to get longer and longer. In cultural understanding of justice, they demand that Jesus will be a liberator and the message of the gospel becomes social.

We must now turn to a Biblical understanding of justice. The Bible is brutally honest. God has set up institutions. In Scripture, there are three institutions that God has ordained: marriage, government, and the church. The Bible is brutally honest, that these institutions are ordained by God, but they are also infiltrated by fallen man. Sinful man can make marriage oppressive. Sinful man can make government oppressive. There is no debating that reality, we see it all the time. God will administer justice in those situations. Nowhere in the Bible, would we ever see God calling for a complete dismantling or redefinition of the institutions that he has ordained. The world is experiencing oppression, but the Bible does not define the sources of oppression the same the way the culture does. The oppressive forces in our world are sin, Satan, and death. So it is true that Jesus liberates us from oppression, but Jesus ultimate mission is to be a Savior. When Jesus brings salvation, he gives us new birth. When we are born again, we have the power of the new life to have marriage that honor God, government that doesn't replace God, but rules under God, and we can experience true racial harmony. The Biblical vision of justice is radically different than the culture's understanding of justice. The culture's vision of justice has no foundation and will lead to frustration. The Biblical vision of justice really works and is rooted in the Scriptures and the finished work of Christ.

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The Rest of the Story...About Long Sundries

Editor's note: A few weeks ago we published a little bit of history, I say only a 'little' because since then I have learned even more about the Longs, including this article. Thank you Mr. Hank for sharing this story and a big part of your life!

Hank Martinez, Sr.

I want to give you part of the 'Long Sundries' story that gets left out every time something gets printed about it. This is nothing to do with taking anything away from Stanley and Sylvia. They stand alone on their own merits. The two were truly great and sweet people and as this story unfolds, you will see why they were considered part of my family.

This is "The Rest of the Story." My family lived in Mandarin back in the 1940's. My dad bought the Sundry Store Business (not the store) from Mr. Albert Conner sometime in the mid 1940's. He drove Monday thru Saturday from Mandarin to Callahan to the store. We finally moved to Callahan at the corner of Booth Street and Green Avenue in 1947. (This is the house where my son, Hank Jr. and his wife Cathy now live.) I was three years old. The store was called Martinez Drug Store. I guess because Dad sold patent drugs at the time along with the soda/ice cream fountain. In addition to the patent drugs sold in the store there was, what I think, was Callahan's first pharmacy. It was maintained by a pharmacist



in a back room of the store by the name, Mr. Mims. He would crush pill form tablets into a powder and measure them and mix them and pack them into the clear little round cylinders, we know today as capsules. He would also mix different liquid components to make different remedies. He had left the store by the time Stanley and Sylvia bought the business.

My father also carried magazines, comic books, cosmetics and many other products to purchase. One of the pictures shown is of my mother at the counter and another picture shows my mother and dad together taken some time in the 1950's.

Stanley came to work for my dad while he was still in high school. Sometime after he graduated, he joined the US Army and was gone for two years. I am not sure at what time he and Sylvia got married, but when Stanley returned to Callahan from his active service, he went back to work for my dad. Stanley and Sylvia moved into an old guest house (that was before motels were popular) that my dad had bought from G. H. and Nettie Stokes in 1954. It stood where the office of the Royal Inn Motel is now. The motel used to be the Marti-nez Motel & Restaurant. In 1959, Stanley and Sylvia bought the business from my dad and mom, thus it became Long Sundries.

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Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final meeting of April. The first order of business was the approval of two separate public works projects. Both projects were explained by the town engineer, Tim Norman of Mittauer & Associates. The first was to award a CDBG 20 NR contract for a water main project to DB Civil Construction, LLC in the amount of \$669,300 contingent upon approval by the Department of Economic Opportunity. The bid amount is \$700,000, however at this point, the project will be over budget around \$81,000. The next award went to The Kenton Group, Inc. dba Baldwin's Quality Plumbing in the amount of \$110,075, for a Gravity Seer Overflow Pipe on 4th Street contingent upon approval by the Town Attorney, as well as receipt of proper bonds and insurance certificates.

Council President John Beasley advised the council that the decision has been made to have a joint fireworks presentation with the Town of Hilliard and the Town of Callahan splitting the costs equally. The event will be held Saturday, July 3 from the NE FL Fairgrounds.

Quarterly reports were provided by: the Land Use Administrator; and the Code Enforcement Officer for the council to look over.

Public Works Director Ritchie Rowe approached the podium to request a review of Public Works employee salaries. "None of our employees received pay raises last year and two of them have been certified (water license & mosquito license)," said Rowe. "I'm just here to go to bat for my employees. They have been doing a great job and going above and beyond. I think they deserve a raise."

"I didn't realize any of them had received their certification," said Councilman Jared Wollitz.

"I think we need to set a workshop to discuss their pay and increases," added Councilman Kenny Sims.

A workshop to discuss salaries was set for Monday, May 3 at 6 p.m.

Another workshop was set for Tuesday, April 27 at 6 p.m. to discuss Building Permit Fees & Exemptions.

The council approved Resolution 2021-10 that concerned amending Resolution 2021-03 setting rules & regulations; programs & fees; and facilities & properties for the Parks & Recreation Department. "This resolution was amended because I have added some Summer Sports Camps and optional programs that were not listed on the resolution," said Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg.

The final item concerned the Medical Marijuana Permanent Regulation Ordinance. The council advised Town Attorney Christian Waugh to send the proposed ordinance to the Planning & Zoning Board for discussion. The ordinance will regulate that Medical Marijuana dispensaries or treatment centers will be regulated just as pharmacies are regulated within the town limits. The decision from the Planning & Zoning Board will be brought back to the council for a final decision.

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis requested approval to accept the resignation of Macie Franzese. The council approved the request.

The final agenda item was a possible amendment change request. Attorney Waugh described a property issue with a resident that needs to be addressed. "The resident owns two parcels of which an alley (town owned) runs through it," said Waugh. "This issue can be sent to the Planning & Zoning Board to give you (council) their thoughts or decision on how to handle this issue." The council agreed to send it to the Planning & Zoning Board.

In closing comments, resident Joe Michaels approached to podium concerning the Medical Marijuana issue. "I'm just asking for clarification about the medical marijuana dispensary," said Michaels. "Why do we need this in Hilliard? The town is legislating this?"

"We don't really need it," said Councilman Lee Pickett. "This issue was on the ballot and the people voted for it."

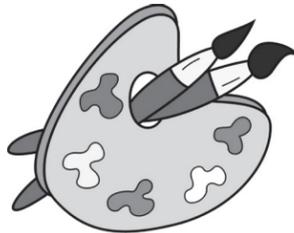
"I've talked to several people who said they would like it. These are people that have come off of a lot of their medication and are using this now," said Councilman Wollitz. "I know some children even use it versus seizure medicine. It's not like you can smoke it."

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m.

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Another highlight was that Mr. Joel Pace was recognized for his 30 years teaching music. Joel was presented with a plaque and other surprises. Local chainsaw artist Brandon Yantis, carved and presented Joel with a music notes art piece, which he carved during Railroad Day. There was a good number of Classic Cars in the Car Show and that kept visitors mesmerized by some of the details on those vehicles. The Callahan Cruisers are a great organization and are consistently organizing events. Make sure to check them out on their Facebook page: Callahan Cruisers.



There was a large crowd throughout the day with activities everywhere. Thanks to the West Nassau Historical Society for, once again, putting on a special event!



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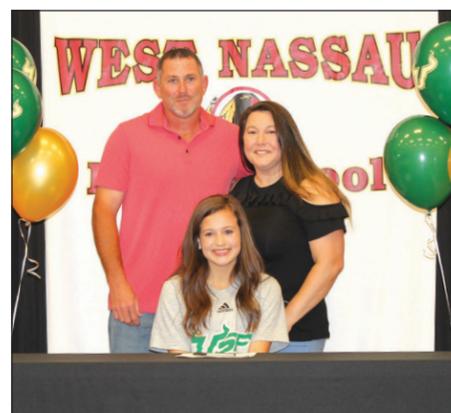
Andy and Krista Coldwater, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Maebry Jean Coldwater. Maebry was born February 11, 2021 at 9:30 p.m. at Baptist Hospital Jacksonville. She weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and measured 20¾ inches.

Paternal grandparents are Mike and Wendy Coldwater of Fernandina; and the late Donna Jean Coldwater.

Maternal grandparents are Kerry and Jason Fouraker of Callahan; and Travis and Amy Simmons of Hilliard.



Wiggins Signs with USF



West Nassau High School senior Autumn Wiggins signed her letter of intent to attend the University of South Florida in the fall. Autumn is, and has been, a Warrior cheerleader during all of her high school years. She will be joining the nationally ranked co-ed Cheer Team at USF. "Autumn is one of four decorated WN cheerleading athletes that has achieved 4 State Cheerleading Titles; 2 National Titles; and 2 World Titles," said Cheer Coach Samantha Beazley. "She is truly an asset to our team and she will be missed. We could always count on her to be here and be her outgoing self. Congratulations Autumn!"

Autumn has been cheering since she was 4-years-old, so cheering is a huge part of her life! Autumn is excited about the opportunity to cheer in college but will miss her team here at West Nassau. She plans to enjoy cheering but to also focus on the academic side planning to major in Health Sciences and eventually move to Pediatric Oncology. "I lost my dad to cancer when I was only eight," said Autumn. "Since that time, I have wanted to enter the medical field."

Her proud parents are Jessica and Tommy Pyrtle. Good luck Autumn!

Coleman Officially Presented Mr. Basketball 2021 Award



Last Tuesday, Dallan 'Deebo' Coleman, the 6'6" senior guard on the West Nassau High School Warriors basketball team was officially presented the Florida Dairy Farmers 2021 Mr. Basketball Award. Representatives from the Florida Dairy Farmers Association presented the trophy along with a banner in the West Nassau

gym. The award is presented to the player who has received the most votes from a statewide panel of high school coaches and media representatives.

Coleman, who signed his letter of intent to attend Georgia Tech earlier in the year, helped lead the Warriors to their first State Playoff Final Four game. The Warriors lost by one point in a game-ending basket to Sante Fe. Coleman averaged 24.7 points, 9.0 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 2.2 steals per game in leading his team to a 20-12 record and a spot in the Class 4A playoffs.

Coleman was presented the award with his coach/dad, Ran Coleman, beside him. The traditional gulp of milk is the normal for all athletes, which Deebo took a sip and opted for the chocolate milk. He was later joined by his teammates for some milk drinking together to celebrate!

CMS Softball County Champs



Congratulations to the Callahan Middle School Rambler Girls Softball Team for winning the County Championship last week! The team includes: Laikyn Carter, Riley Greene, Kaylee Gregg, Riley Gressman, Teagan Harter, Jami Jenkins, Vida Kersey, Avery Parm, Cailee Pike, Lauren Rosepiper, Peighton Self, Rylie Turner, Olivia Urbina and Gracie Ware. The team is coached by Chris Arnold, Head Coach and Chad Skomrock, Assistant Coach.

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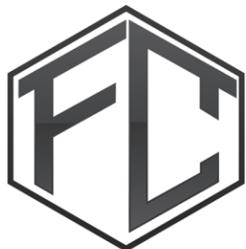


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Hilliard Parks & Recreation News!

Gabe Whittenburg, Hilliard Parks & Recreation Director

Greetings from Hilliard Parks & Recreation! It always feels like this is the busiest time of the year to me. The school year is in its final stretch with all of the activities that come along with it. Whether it be graduations and proms or end of school year activities, there always seems to be something going on this time of year. The same is the case here at HP&R and I am happy to share it with you.

We are winding down a successful soccer season, with our last matches this Saturday. As I have stated previously, soccer is not in my wheelhouse. However, I am thankful for the willingness of the community to help out and the understanding they have shown. I am especially happy to report how competitive the matches have been. I always enjoy hearing the parents cheer on the teams from across our fields. Hopefully, there have been some lasting memories made, which is what it is all about.

Gymnastics is in full swing with both of our classes seeing improvement each week. I've really been impressed by watching the girls become more and more focused each week as they enhance their skills. It has also been awesome to see the support of the parents as they sit and watch their child learn a new skill. I usually sit across the gym from the parents and it is cool to see a proud parent when their child successfully executes a skill for the first time. We even get an occasional applause when a child does a great job. It is yet another thing I love about our community.

With gymnastics and soccer coming to an end, I would like to let everyone

know about our flag football season. I have worked with the local youth football organizations to find a time to allow kids to participate in both tackle football and flag football. As a result, we opened our summer flag football registration this week. I hope you will consider joining us for a fun season this year.

For all of you dodgeball fans out there, we are in search of teams for our Inaugural Rusty Wrench Dodgeball tournament. Cost is \$35 per individual and \$350 per team. The tournament is a double elimination tournament with the winner being awarded the prestigious Rusty Wrench Trophy. This would be a great team building exercise

for a local business or community group. What better stress relief than being able to hurl a ball at someone! The tournament will be held Saturday, May 22!

Now that you know what we currently offer, it is time to let you know about the activities we have planned for the summer. First, we have our Summer Camp starting June 7. Our camp hours are Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. We have many fun activities planned which include field trips and activities for the kids. Next, we will be having many sports camps for your child to enjoy. These camps will run one week each and will be focused on the fundamentals of the various sports. Right now we have flag football, basketball and volleyball planned but are also looking at additional sports that I believe you will be interested in. Please follow us on Facebook for more information on each of these activities.

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SANDRA KAYE ANDERSON

Sandra Kaye Anderson, 77, went home to be with her Lord and Savior April 11, 2021. She was the wife of Morris L. Anderson, who shared 52 wonderful and happy years of marriage together; the amazing mother of Michael S. Anderson and Vicki L. Burton (Mark Burton); and the loving grandmother of Dakota Burton.

She was born in 1943 in Big Springs, Texas, to World War II Veteran Arthur Kummer and his wife Polly Kummer, a renowned creative artist. From a very early age, Sandy loved dancing. Her performances in ballet, tap, jazz, and modern dance were award winning and regularly featured on local news. She was well known for her immense collection of valuable dolls from around the world, collected since she was a child. She was also an accomplished Sax player, and she turned heads at the St. Augustine High School's head Majorette. When she wasn't leading parades or dancing, she taught children Baton Twirling. After graduating, she opened her own studio, The Academy of Dance. Her students adored her, and Sandy continued instructing over the following six decades, and in her later years, also performed regularly with The Sassy Tappers and shared her joy with all ages.

During her life she was also an artist, writer, gardener, an award-winning floral arranger, and even a successful entrepreneur. Extremely warm and outgoing, Sandy was a natural fit for sales; she won countless awards as one of the very top sales representatives in Avon, and her successful franchise lasted for nearly two decades. Known as a fantastic cook- her "best chili" title was undisputed, and many of her friends would stand in line to get their hands on the wonderful delicacies Sandy made for her yearly Avon Christmas parties.

Sandy lived in Jacksonville, with her husband Morris, for over 50 years, and she helped lead the growth of her community through her event planning, humanitarian

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endeavors, and as the Editor of the weekly community newsletter for many years. She also helped take care of her father Art, who lived to be over 100 years old.

Her children credit their successes to Sandy's strength, drive, and creativity. She was proud of her entire family, and she especially cherished the title of grandma.

Over the last 7 years, with the help of her family and close neighbors, Sandra battled memory loss with dementia. But her family helped keep her memories alive; she is remembered for her joy, her love, and her compassion. She is remembered for her humor and laughter. She is remembered by all those whose lives were touched, molded, and changed. And she is now, without any doubt, dancing again, and also likely writing a new community newsletter. Sandy will be missed dearly.

Her celebration of life service was held Saturday, April 17 at Callahan Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 879-2336.

CLIFFORD 'CLIFF' CAPRIOLA



Clifford "Cliff" Edward Capriola, 70, of Callahan, passed away on April 9, 2021 in Jacksonville. He was born in 1950 in Bronxville, New York to Winston and Dorothy Dusenbury Capriola. Cliff grew up in Armonk, New York. He graduated from Brockport State University where he made many good friends who say there will never be another one like him. Cliff played football and rugby in college. He moved to Wake Forest, North Carolina before moving to Fernandina Beach and then to Callahan. He was an avid fan of baseball and his beloved Red Sox.

Cliff is survived by his wife Maggie Capriola; daughter Katherine (Daniel) Baker; step-children Andrew (Crystal) Baxter, Sarah (Brian) Aguila and Abby (Justin) Stevenson; grandchildren Evie Stevenson and Zoey Stevenson; sister Cindy (Jerry); and nieces and nephews Heather, Cameron and Caroline.

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

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

RICKY L. CONNER



Mr. Ricky L. Conner, 60, of Bryceville, passed away Sunday, April 11, 2021 at Baptist Medical Center South in Jacksonville. Mr. Conner was born in Jacksonville and resided in Bryceville. He spent over 30 years as a truck driver for various companies including Florida Rock, CSX, and ended his career with Simpkin's Hauling. He had two passions in life: his family and work. If he wasn't working, he was spending time with his family or friends. If you needed anything, you could always depend on Ricky. He was a diehard Florida Gator fan who loved college sports such as basketball and football and also enjoyed watching NASCAR. His hobbies included fixing up vehicles and working on any type of building or repair project. He was preceded in death by his parents Frank Lee Conner and Janie Maureen Conner.

He is survived by his siblings Vicki (Ace) Simpkins, Lisa (Kenny) Pearce and Brenda (Jimmy) Harris; four children, Ricky L. Conner, Jr., Christy M. (Randy) Cribb, Bradley (Kayla) Higginbotham and Brittany Nettles; nine grandchildren:

Brayden, Autumn, Aubrey, Leighlynn, Harper, Anna, Emmylou, Riley and Layla; and several extended family members and friends.

The family received friends Wednesday, April 14 at Guerry Funeral Home Chapel of Macclenny. The funeral service was held Thursday, April 15 at New Life Baptist Church of St. George, with Rev. James Conner officiating. Interment followed in Emmaus Cemetery, St. George.

Guerry Funeral Home, Macclenny, was in charge of arrangements.

VERNER H. GREGORY, JR.



Verner Herschel Gregory, Jr., of Callahan, peacefully went to be with the Lord on Monday, April 19, 2021, after a sudden, but courageous battle with cancer. Verner was born on June 25, 1940 in Jacksonville. He served as a Master Chief in the U.S. Navy for over 21 years before retiring in 1979. Following his Navy career, he was employed by the Nassau County School Board in the maintenance department until June of 2001.

Verner is survived by his wife of 54 years, Caryl Sue Gregory; his children Amy Gregory (Bill) Jones and Douglas J. (Pauline) Gregory; as well as two grandchildren, Logan Jones and Peyton Gregory; four brothers and one sister; as well as cousins and numerous friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 24 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Callahan with Pastor Lynn Hyatt officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Community Hospice of Nassau County.

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ALEC DWAIN HODGES



Mr. Alec Dwain Hodges, 81, of St. George, Georgia, passed away peacefully, Saturday, April 17, 2021, with his children by his side at Baptist Hospital Hospice Care. Dwain was born in St. George, to the late Alec E. and Dorothy L. Hodges. He retired from Maxwell House Coffee Company after 33 years as a Machine Operator. He enjoyed fishing, trips to the Great Smoky Mountains, and was an avid Georgia Bulldogs fan.

He is survived by his children Pamela (Gary) Wilson of Bryceville, Mark (Michele) Wells and Melissa (Rodney) LePrell, all of St. George; brothers Danny (Muriel) Hodges of Raiford and Adrian Hodges of St. George; sisters Connie Mae (Gene) Powell of St. George and Peggy (Donnie) Gay of Garfield, GA; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Bonnie Lou Hodges; son Darrell Dwain Hodges; daughter Belinda Sue Sweat; sisters G. Victoria Phillips and Iris Chesser; and his loving uncle Oscar Leckie.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, May 1 at 11 a.m. at New Life Baptist Church, St. George, with Pastor James Conner officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to Community Hospice of North Florida or New Life Baptist Church Building Fund.

Warren Funeral Services of Baldwin is honored to serve the Hodges Family.

Please leave online condolences at www.warrenfuneralservices.com.

JIMMY JOHNS



Jimmy Johns, 85, of the Winokur Community of Charlton County, passed away April 20, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born March 19, 1936 in Callahan, to the late Robert Preston Johns and Pearlie Mixon Johns. He retired from the Nassau County Road and Bridge Department. Mr. Johns was a faithful member of the Hilliard Church of God.

In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by a son Wendell Johns; two grandchildren Chris Johns and Lori Sands; three sisters Elvira Barbara, Jeannette Johns and Inez Johnson; two brothers Robert Johns and Ivey Johns; a daughter-in-law Kathy Johns; and a son-in-law Craig Cloud.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Helen Hendrix Johns; three children Marsha (Tony) Roberts, Susan Cloud and David (Sheryl) Johns; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

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prior to the funeral service Friday, April 23 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Powell and Rev. Wayne Spratlin officiating. Burial will follow in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Craig Cloud, James Hogan, Dwayne Everett, Tony Roberts, Andrew Roberts and Steven Turner

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

TERRY ALLEN KIRKLAND



Terry Allen Kirkland, 58, passed away Sunday, April 11, 2021 in a local hospital. Terry was born in Jacksonville but lived the majority of his life in Callahan. He attended school in Gainesville. When he returned to Callahan he began working at ARC Nassau County where he worked in several fields over the past 36 years until recently. Terry was a member of First Baptist Church of Gray Gables. He enjoyed music and singing hymns at church. He was an avid Florida Gator fan, having at least 15 Gator shirts and numerous Gator hats in his closet at all times. He was also a loyal Jaguars fan. He loved fishing, Chuck Norris Texas Ranger and eating. He was a true people person and everyone was his "buddy" upon their first meeting. In his younger days he enjoyed competing in various Special Olympic events in Nassau County and Statewide as a member of the bowling team.

Terry is survived by his mother Betty Andrews Lucas; brother Darrel Andrew (Julia) Kirkland; sister Cindi Lynn (Steven) Carter; nieces Emily Kirkland, Lauren Carter (Ian) Jones and Meghan Carter (Jacob) Smith; aunt Karen Sisco; and numerous cousins, extended family and friends.

A funeral service was held Saturday, April 17 at the Event Center at Peeples, 14165 N. Main Street (Building C) with Pastor Cody Page officiating. Burial followed in Buford Grove Cemetery, Hilliard.

The family requests that contributions be made to The Arc Nassau.

Peeples Family Funeral Home is serving the Kirkland Family.

HARRIETTE CORSO STAMPS



Harriette Corso Stamps, of Callahan, passed away peacefully April 12, 2021, at the age of 83. She was born November 24, 1937 in West Haven, Connecticut, to the late Augustine and Dorothy (Knapp) Corso. She was raised in the Catholic Church. Harriette was a loving wife and best friend to her husband, Ernest, who deeply loves and misses her.

Harriette loved art, music and comedy. She was an amazing piano player and loyal fan of icons Lucille Ball and Barry Gibb. She had a natural talent for painting ceramics which won Harriette many blue ribbons at the Northeast Florida Fair. Harriette was proud of her Italian and Native American heritage. She loved people, had many friends, enjoyed Italian and Southern

cooking and sharing recipes. Most of all, Harriette loved her family.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, James Ernest Stamps, Jr.; 10 children: Michele April McKeithen, Glenn Leslie Bohannon, Lori Renae (Mike) Goodson, Alice Rebecca (Mike) Holt, Michael James (Rhonda) Bohannon, Donna Marie (Kent) Freeman, Deborah Lurleen (Brian) Dunn, Ernest Duane Stamps, Sr., Teresa Joann Stamps and Anthony Paul (Michele) Stamps, Sr.; sister Shirley McNeil of Fairview, North Carolina; 32 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. Harriette was preceded in death by her brother Robert; and her beloved grandson Andrew "Andy" Derek Stamps (Anthony).

Harriette was laid to rest Saturday, April 17, at Mountain View Memorial Gardens nestled in the serene mountain landscape of Travelers Rest, South Carolina, nearby the home of her daughter Donna.

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My name is Wanda Nichols and I am the Event Lead Chairperson for the Relay for Life of Nassau County. That is a mouthful. But more importantly...I am a survivor! In August 2014, I was diagnosed with AML (Acute Myeloid Leukemia) and CML (Chronic Myeloid Leukemia). Yes, I had two different kinds of leukemia at the same time. I really had no idea. In February 2014, I was in North Carolina with my dad when he passed away. I went back to NC on August 10, 2014 and was not feeling well all the way there. I thought I had a serious sinus infection going on.

I continued to feel bad and was struggling to breath. I finally went to the Emergency Room where they gave me a breathing treatment. They took blood and did a chest x-ray and within an hour, the doctor came in and said he had good news and bad news. Good news, he knew what wrong, bad news it was either Leukemia or Lymphoma. The specialist introduced herself as a "blood specialist" and said that I had either Leukemia or Lymphoma. She also said, "When you have Leukemia or Lymphoma and it has affected your breathing you have approximately 2 weeks left to live."

I was admitted and stayed three days. I was released and sent directly to St. Vincent's Hospital at Riverside. Within hours of being there I had a bone marrow biopsy, lots of blood drawn and planned to be there for the next 30 days. The next day we started chemotherapy. In January 2015, I had my last chemotherapy and was told the chemotherapy was not working and I needed a bone marrow transplant.

I was sent to Gainesville for a consultation. My name was placed on a national and international transplant list. In the meantime, while we are waiting for a donor to register, we did a bone marrow



drive here in Callahan. No one was a match. Finally, on a Monday morning in March 2015 a donor registered that was a match. I went to Gainesville and did the work ups for the transplant. During the workups I was told there was a 3rd leukemia found. I also had CLL (Chronic Lymphoid Leukemia). I was in the hospital for 2 weeks prior to the actual transplant in which I had strong chemotherapy and radiation. On April 15, 2015 I received my new bone marrow.

This year we celebrated my new birthday, I turned 6 years old on April 15, 2021. After I received my transplant, I stayed at the HOPE Lodge in Gainesville for 12 weeks. While at the lodge I received a wig and scarves from the American Cancer Society. This was my first encounter with the ACS. Our HOPE Lodge stay in Gainesville was paid for with funds raised by Relay for Life and Winn Dixie. One year after my transplant I met my donor from Indiana. I asked why he did that for me and he said, "it was the right thing to do." He truly saved my life. This is the reason I am so passionate about the relay. This will be my 4th Relay as event chair.

The Relay for Life of Nassau County will be held Saturday, May 22 at the NE FL Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. If you are interested in joining our relay call/text (904) 294-2088.

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