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Prescription Drug Take Back this Saturday

Fentanyl: The Deadly Drug Affecting our Community

Danielle Holland

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic pain-relieving medication, also known as an opioid, typically used to treat patients with chronic severe pain or severe pain, usually following a surgical procedure. To put the potency of this substance into perspective, DEA.gov states that Fentanyl is similar to Morphine but about 100 times more potent. Due to the high potency and pain reducing characteristics of this medication it has a high risk for addiction and dependency. This substance is highly abused in the United States and remains at the forefront of the opioid epidemic, contributing to over 56,000 overdose deaths in 2020, with fatalities steadily increasing across the nation.

When illegally produced, this dangerous drug is manufactured in foreign labs and smuggled into the United States. It is then purchased by the drug suppliers, who are pressing the fentanyl into "Fake Pills." These fake pills are made to look like real prescription medications that are used to treat pain or anxiety, such as Percocet, Oxycodone, or Xanax and a commonly abused ADHD medication, Adderall. It is also added intentionally, or unintentionally by contamination, to other drugs such as marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine. Drug suppliers are using fentanyl to make pills or as additives because it is cheaper and easier for them to obtain and profit from. These fake pills are killing unsuspecting youth, as young as 13 years old, and adults every day. It is important to note that 2 millimeters of Fentanyl can be a lethal dose, which is small enough to fit on the tip of a pencil.

Why is this significant to our Nassau County Communities? Many people who have died from Fentanyl, did not even know that they ingested it. Fentanyl is on the rise in our communities and has caused a notable increase in overdose



and overdose deaths in Nassau County. Fake pills, or counterfeit pills, have started to circulate in our County, which brings immediate and critical concern to education and awareness of the dangers associated with buying and using illegal drugs. This is especially critical for our youth, who often go through phases of curiosity with substances and can end up obtaining what appears to be a regular prescription pill, like Percocet, but unknowingly end up with a lethal pill containing Fentanyl.

One of the most effective ways to reduce fentanyl use in our community, both intentional use and unintentional, is to reduce access to unneeded opioid medications, that can cause misuse and ultimately lead to adults or children seeking out these medications illegally.

Please help keep our community a safer, healthier place by turning in all unneeded or old medications at a Medication Take Back Day location this Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Callahan Winn Dixie, Hilliard Pharmacy and the Yulee Community Center. Collections will be located in the parking lots of these locations for quick drop off, making the process easy for everyone.

We will also be providing free

Narcan Distribution and information on how to properly administer it, in the event of an emergency. This, in addition to 2 free Detera Disposal bags will be available at all 3 locations. Narcan is a lifesaving tool that should be included in all first aid kits. Narcan can save the life of someone who is experiencing an opioid overdose, including fentanyl, by reversing the effects of the overdose. This reversal medication can be used for accidental overdose, common in our senior population, who are prescribed multiple medications, and in our youth, who may accidentally take a fake pill and become in need of lifesaving measures.

To learn more about Substance Use Prevention, Resources or Substance Use Education for your school or organization, email Danielle Holland, Nassau County Community Coordinator, Community Coalition Alliance at: communitycoordinator@ccafl.org.

Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for the final meeting of April. The first order of business was a presentation from Sherri Mitchell, Executive Director of the Nassau County Economic Development Board. "We (NCEDB) have done some restructuring and have come up with different roles. Some of these include to Offer Incentives and services to businesses," said Mitchell. "Our goals are to focus on Business Expansion and Business Retention. The NCEDB has some prospects looking at the Crawford Diamond: a Data Processing Center and a Beverage Company. We appreciate the Town of Hilliard's support and of course, are asking for it to continue. We are asking for a \$2,500 donation for you

to consider."

"Do you have David Buchanan listed as a representative from Hilliard on your board?" asked Council President John Beasley.

"Yes, we do," added NCEDB Assistant Stephanie Knagge.

In other business, Public Works Director Ritchie Rowe requested consideration to purchase 5 acres of land that adjoins the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Hilliard resident Chad Brock. "This purchase could definitely benefit the town as we are going to have to expand the WWT Plant at some point," said Rowe. "This would square up our property at the northwest corner. The cost he is asking is \$27,500 (\$5,500 per acre). The property is mostly on high ground."

"I think it's a great idea but we probably need to wait until we can budget this item," said Councilman Lee Pickett. "The Town Clerk Lisa Purvis just told me we have the funds now if we choose to purchase the property."

Town Attorney Christian Waugh advised the council to let him draw up a contract before the council completely decided on the purchase. The council agreed.

Three items were approved which concerns the Hilliard Airpark and improvements being made there. All of the work is paid for in full by the FAA and FDOT. Improvements include: Equipment Storage Building, payment \$2,099; New Box Hanger & Hanger Repair, payment \$5,894; and Turf

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A Word
From the Publisher

What a special couple of weekends we have had. Two weeks ago, we celebrated Easter. Following a wonderful service at church, we celebrated the special day at our home. As I read Roger's column last week, I had to smile when he mentioned he was sort of in a ham and potato salad coma from lunch Sunday! I had already thought that same thing Monday and Tuesday as I reflected on the wonderful day, company and food we had. I'm not sure why we only have ham and potato salad at Easter; and turkey and dressing at Thanksgiving. I guess because it's so good and we eat so much!

This past Sunday, we celebrated my Dad's 90th birthday. My brother Gus and wife Christie hosted the party at their home in Fernandina. The Lord served up some beautiful weather and we enjoyed a lot of time on their huge porches! We celebrated the day by spending time with our parents. Several of the grandchildren attended which made the party even sweeter. Jerry and Nancy Howell (Christie's parents) also shared in the celebration. The food was excellent but the time together was priceless. I made one mistake...I forgot to bring the 90 candles, and I had two different sets! It was too funny! We made everyone come in the house so we could sing to Dad and I told him to 'make believe' he had candles to blow out! It didn't disappoint. The children got a kick out of that. Then Daddy, in Stearn fashion, ripped himself off a piece of Angel Food cake. He and Gus used to do that all the time growing



up. I guess because nobody else really wanted a piece. Marci also made an amazing coconut cake.

I'm so thankful to have my parents as a huge part of my life. Every day is truly a blessing and I take full advantage of spending as much time with them as I can. Dad and I have always had a special relationship. The thing is, he let me (and all my siblings) know right off the bat that he was in charge. I got in trouble

many times but each time I learned from it. I guess the 'dating days' were the hardest ones for me. My dates always picked me up and brought me home. I always had a curfew and I'd better make it. When I got to the house, we would sit in the car for a second and the back porch light would start going on and off. Oh my! I could've died...so embarrassing. However, my dates knew who my dad was so I was pretty well shoved out of the car quickly! I have to laugh now but then it wasn't funny!

My dad has always been such a super role model to look up to and follow. He has never swayed about his love for the Lord. Above all things, accepting Christ as our Savior was one of the first things we were taught. He still continues to share the story of Jesus to anyone. I'm thankful to have a very respected and loved man to call my father! Happy Birthday Daddy! I love you and yes, I'll always be your Brat!

Have a great week!

Dawn S. West

Sheriff's Great Kids Awards

We have some great kids in our community to highlight! Three students from Hilliard Middle-Senior High School were presented with the Sheriff's Great Kids Awards.

Kaitlyn Hart is a 6th grade student at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School. Kaitlyn was nominated because she works hard academically and puts forth great effort each day. Because of her strong work ethic, she has maintained AB honor roll throughout the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year. She always has a smile on her face and a positive attitude around campus and is well-liked by her peers!

Dante Lewis is an 8th grade student at Hilliard Middle-Senior High. He has maintained a very strong academic standing and always shows respect to his fellow classmates and school staff. Dante was nominated because he always encourages others, is kind and works well with all students.

Zachary Mason is a 10th grade student at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School who has maintained an AB honor roll throughout the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year. Zachary is always respectful to his teachers, school staff, and other students. He always has a positive attitude no matter what task he's given.



Hilliard Town

Runway Maintenance & Improvements, Chad Brock Enterprises, payment \$6,700.

The town council also approved the first payment to Superior Design Pools and Spas, Inc. for the town Swimming Pool marsite project, payment \$53,058, which was a budgeted item.

Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenberg advised the council requesting a cleaning product proposal for the Fitness Center. "I have been

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in contact with Cintas concerning the Fitness Center cleaning supplies. Currently I am running to Sam's to pick up cleaning items," said Whittenberg. "They will come each week, replace the mats, refill all the cleaning stations and paper products. The contract is for 3 years and averages out to be \$4,100 per year."

The council approved the request. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m.

In the Kitchen...

1 (14.75 oz.) can salmon, drained and flaked
2 eggs, beaten
1 small onion, diced

Grandma's Salmon Cakes

3 tablespoons vegetable oil
ground black pepper

Pick through the salmon and remove any bones. In a mixing bowl, beat the eggs and add the diced onion, salmon and pepper. Mix thoroughly. Shape into 2 ounce patties; about 7 or 8 patties. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat the oil. Fry each patty for 5 minutes on each side or until crispy and golden brown.

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Thought of the week...

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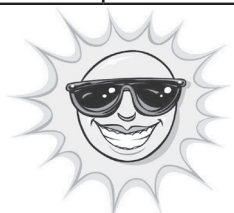
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MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Food Giveaway FBC Gray Gables 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Callahan Town 7 p.m.	3 Exchange Club 11:30 a.m. Fernandina Golf Club NAMI Family Support 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Bch.	4 PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library Callahan Garden Club 10 a.m. Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church NAMI Support 12-1:30 p.m. Hilliard Journey Church	5 Hilliard Town Meeting 7 p.m. Food Giveaway @Callahan First Baptist 10 a.m. - Noon National Day of Prayer 6:30 p.m. Ewing Park, Callahan	6 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	7
8  Mother's Day	9 WN Genealogical Society 10:30 a.m. Lions Club Food Giveaway FBC Gray Gables 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Country Star Quilt Guild 6:30 pm @ The Anchor	10 Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m. Library Advisory Board 3 - 5 p.m. Hilliard Library	11 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	12	13 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging American Legion & Auxiliary Post 401 Hilliard 7 p.m.	14 Callahan Farmers Market 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Callahan Depot
15	16 Callahan Town 7 p.m. Westside Optimists 7 p.m. Lions Club Barnabas Food Fairgrounds 12:30 - 2 p.m. Sons of Confederate Veterans 7 p.m. The Pig	17 NARFE 11 a.m. The Pig NAMI Family 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Bch. Bryceville Club 11 a.m. NC Young Republicans 7 p.m. Fairgrounds	18 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	19 Hilliard Town Meeting 7 p.m. Food Giveaway @Callahan First Baptist 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	20 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	21
22	23 NC Beekeepers Association 7 p.m. Multipurpose Building Food Giveaway FBC Gray Gables 9:30 am - 2:30 pm	24 Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m.	25 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	26 Historical Society 6:30 p.m. @ Depot  Hilliard High School Graduation	27 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging  West Nassau High School Graduation	28
29	30  Memorial Day	31	 Last Day of School Wednesday, May 25th			

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

There are very few “bright spots” in our world today. The politics are a disaster from the local level to the federal level. So, when a shining star appears I jump on it and rejoice that there is some hope in this evil world. My shining star right now is Governor Ron DeSantis! Absolutely to me, he is the best governor Florida has ever had. He has a backbone made of steel and bends to no one as he fights for the people of Florida. He fought off the Federal Government during the political pandemic by refusing to blindly follow the misguiding recommendations of the CDC and proved he was right and they were wrong. He boldly stands by parental rights in raising their own children, he has thrown out over 50 math text books that were found to have liberal indoctrination included in them, and now he is taking on the Disney Company. Polls even show that Florida Democratic primary voters support the GOP Legislature’s “Parental Rights Education Bill” by 52-36%.

In regards to Disney, the left are going crazy over DeSantis removing Disney’s privileged self-governing self-taxing district. You know the one where they determine services and tax collection and building codes independent of what the rest of Florida’s companies are governed by. I thought the left wanted to TAX the rich. I sure wish they could make up their minds. The left screams for women’s rights but say it’s okay for a person born a male can just change his mind and poof, he’s a woman competing against real

females and destroying hard training, naturally born females. The left thinks it is okay to inject a living human fetus with saline to kill it, but it is inhumane for a convicted murder to be injected with a lethal chemical. They believe a human fetus is not a human but a turtle egg is a turtle.

As Bill O’Reilly eloquently says, “As Americans begin to figure out just how many things are going wrong in this country, there are essentially three reactions. First, the Biden administration is failing on a level rarely seen in the federal system. Second, "well, okay, but Biden is better than Trump, who is" ... you fill in the blank. And third, why are you bothering me with political questions? Can't you see I'm texting? The first reaction will definitely affect the midterm election in November. Working families are getting hammered by inflation and high taxes and Joe Biden has nowhere to hide. He can blame Putin all he wants, but only MSNBC is buying it. The second grouping is the key. Are moderate democrats and anti-Trump independents ready to face reality? The Biden job performance polls indicate they are, but it's dicey. Mr. Trump is still inside a lot of heads. The text crew is kind of hopeless. They don't care much about the challenges of their country. They are lost in cyberspace, and that's a tough road back to the real world.” This all is making me believe the saying, “Liberalism is a mental disorder.”

As always...that’s just my opinion!

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will have a Hot and Cold Pasta Dinner Sale this Friday, April 29 at 4 p.m., cost \$12. The church is located at, 45031 Historical Lane, Callahan, 879-2693.

The Callahan Public Library is now offering Technology help for basic computer skills Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. Residents can sign up for a spot on our website: nassaureads.com.




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We are up to our third installment of making sense out of the overall story of the Bible. Remember, we are dealing with one book that tells one epic story from beginning to end. Jesus is the center-piece and ultimate hero in the Bible. In writing these articles, I'm combining the schemes of Kiel and Driscoll. Our second installment involved an overview of the Old Testament. Much more could have been written about the fascinating body of literature called the Old Testament, but for brevity I chose to only focus on the anticipation of Jesus' coming.

The anticipation stage involved three movements: Creation, curse and covenant. So, as we parted ways with the Old Testament, we were anticipating the coming of Jesus. We are looking for the one to restore creation by removing the curse and anticipating the descendant of Abraham who will bless the whole world and simultaneously be a prophet, priest, and king. The Old Testament leaves us anticipating the Messiah who is God in the flesh and will be the Suffering Servant who lay down His life as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of his people.

The New Testament begins with four Gospels. Each of these Gospels tells the story of the manifestation of Jesus. The Gospels are not biographies. The four gospels that we have tell us about the person and the work of Christ. The first verse in the New Testament lets the reader know that the wait for the arrival of the Messiah is over. Matthew 1:1 declares: *"The historical record (literally genealogy or genesis) of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham."* Each aspect of the opening verse of the New Testament is pregnant with meaning.

- Genesis or record: this points the reader to the beginning of a creation
- Jesus: a name that means he will save his people from their sins: Matthew 1:21
- Christ: Christ is not Jesus' last name; Christ means the Lord's anointed. Christ is God's king and the long-awaited Messiah.
- Son of David: Jesus is the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant which God made with David in II Samuel 7
- Son of Abraham: Jesus is the fulfillment of God's covenant with Abraham to bless the whole world through his descendants in Genesis 12

The wait is over. The Jesus that was anticipated in the Old Testament is manifested in the Gospels. The gospels tell the story of Jesus' incarnation, baptism, temptation, sinless life, crucifixion and resurrection. The next installment of the story will give us the church's response to the manifestation of Jesus.

Relay for Life...Meet Vicky Price

My name is Vicky Price. I am a wife of 23 years to Mike, a mother of four children and I am a survivor! I was diagnosed with cervical cancer in November 2021. For years I went to the ER for severe cramps and bleeding. All I would get was Ibuprofen and told to go home and rest. I had no insurance, so I was not able to go to the doctor. When I was finally able to get insurance, I went to the doctor and she ordered a bunch of tests. At that point I finally got answers. I was scared and happy all at the same time.



On January 25, 2022 I underwent surgery for a full hysterectomy. During my hysterectomy they even repaired a hernia as well. I am currently still healing. I was going to radiation, on a weekly basis for 5 weeks. I finished my radiation Wednesday, April 13, 2022. I meet with my gyn oncologist on May 5, for a follow up, as long as everything is still clear. I will start seeing her every 3 months. I will continue this for one year. If everything is clear after a year,

then I go every 6 months for a year. After the year, if all is clear, I will go to yearly visits for 3 years.

Currently, I feel good and I don't have any more issues at this point. Blessings to everyone who supports fighters like me. I am a fighter and I will not let cancer define who I am. My future is very bright. I am looking forward to growing old with my husband, watching my grandbabies grow up, but most of all I am looking forward to being cancer free and ringing the bell very soon.

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 held Saturday, May 7 at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds in Callahan from 3 - 10 p.m. For more information on the local Relay for Life event, please contact Wanda Nichols at (904) 294-2088.

Car Show at CIS Saturday

A Car Show and Vendor Fair will be held this Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Callahan Intermediate School. The event is a fundraiser for the school PTO. Come out and help support CIS!



KEENE FAMILY REUNION

The Keene family reunion will be held this Saturday, April 30 at Hal Keene's home, 282085 Lake Hampton Road, Hilliard from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Don't forget to bring your favorite food, dessert and drinks. For information, call Elizabeth (Keene) Phillips at (904) 707-9832 or 879-0870.



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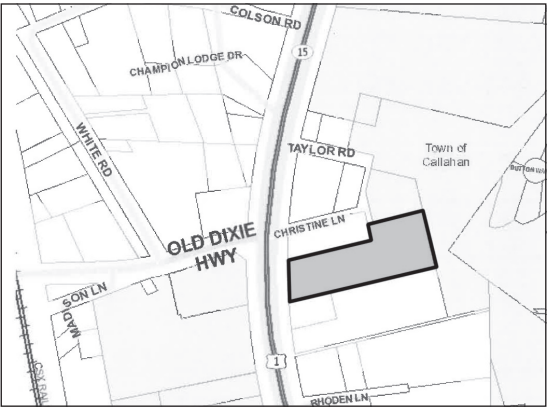


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Conner's to Celebrate Customer Appreciation Saturday

Conner's Service Center will host a Customer Appreciation Day this Saturday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., complete with hot dogs and a cold drink! "This is one way for us to show our community how much we appreciate their support," said Robbie Conner, owner. "As Conner's Service Center celebrates over 60 years in Callahan, we have helped to serve many people with automobile needs through the years. It's a small way to say 'Thank You' and come by and see us."

Conner's has been updating the center again, as they have now added another car wash with soft sponges but still have the touchless. Now you can choose which wash is better for your vehicle. Both washes are available 24/7. They have also added a prewash area for you to scrub off those extra dirty places before going through the wash. I don't know about you but I've already seen those dreaded love bugs. That is pure trouble for your car!

Conner's will continue to do all your service needs for your vehicle, oil changes, AC work, tire needs and more. They now



are able to do front-end alignments. Make sure to check them out for your automotive service needs.

Conner's has always had a 'waiting' bench at the front of the office for people to sit and wait for their vehicle work to be completed. The bench has been refinished and the words 'In Memory of Robert Conner' added to it. It's a special way to remember the late Robert Conner that was one of kind. It's such a great tribute to him and his wife Dorothy, to see their son Robbie take over the business and better it. "I'm so proud of Robbie and all that he has done here at the center," said Dorothy Conner. "His daddy would be proud too. The additions he has made are wonderful and have improved the business."

"I couldn't have accomplished all this without the help of so many people," said

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Hilliard High's Colton Conner State Champion Weightlifter

The 1A High School Weightlifting State meet was held last Saturday, April 23 at Port St. Joe High School in Port St. Joe, Florida. At the meet, Hilliard High School placed 5th overall in 1A. In the 139-pound weight class, Hilliard's Colton Conner won the State Championship with a total of 490. Colton, a sophomore, is the first weightlifter in Hilliard to win a State Championship since 1981 when Billy Hinson won it.



Vroman, Conner and Moore

In the 119-pound weight class, Hilliard's Nathanael Vroman placed 6th in the Snatch competition and 3rd in the Traditional meet. In the 154-pound weight class, Hilliard's Seth Moore placed 5th. In the 238-pound class, Hilliard's Cole Holland placed 9th.

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West Nassau High's Wyatt Butler State Champion Weightlifter

West Nassau High School weightlifting team traveled to Port St. Joe High School Saturday. WN Senior Wyatt Butler won State Champion with a lift of 660 pounds. This is Wyatt's second championship as he also won last year. The team also won runner up in Class 1A.

The other competitors follow: Kenny Valesquez 4th; Kyle Courson 11th; Riley Horton 3rd; Caleb Keeton 19th; Benny Valesquez 5th; Avery Luedtke 4th in snatch; Conner Nobles 6th; Kaleb Studt 15th; Conner Scaff 10th; Malik Green 11th; William Davis 17th; Luke Shuler 14th; Carl Lot 14th in snatch; and Tucker Shuler 14th in snatch. Congratulations!



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Service Medal, and soon will have her Surface Warfare Pin.

Sarah is the daughter of Eugene and the late Robin Maze, granddaughter of Vivian Ritsma and Eleanor Maze. She is a 2014 graduate of Hilliard Middle-Senior High School and left in August 2014 for bootcamp in Great Lake, Illinois. Currently, she is stationed aboard the USS Mobile Bay Ticonderoga Class Guided-Missile Cruiser in the Pacific.

Sarah will celebrate her 26th birthday May 3. We would like to send her birthday wishes and tell her how proud we are of her outstanding Military record thus far and through the years how she has grown to be a caring woman and a loving daughter and granddaughter! May God keep you and our Military safe!

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Monday, April 18

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Kathleen Marie Peterson, 55, 27312 Rooster Lane, Hilliard: Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance (x 2); Possession of Prescribed Drug No Prescription; Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams

Walter Donald Pigeon, 64, 553600 US Highway 1, Hilliard: Aggravated Battery on Person over 65 years of age

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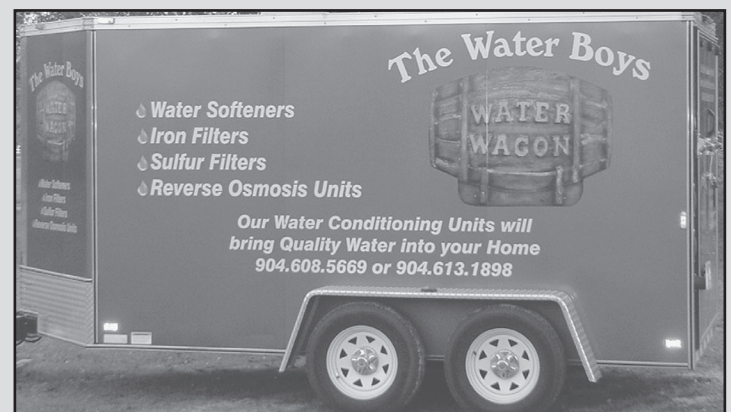
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JASPER ROBERT CRAWFORD
Jasper Robert “Bob” Crawford, 80, of Callahan, passed away early Monday, April 18, 2022 at the Warner Center in Fernandina Beach after an extended illness. He was preceded in death by his parents James Beal Crawford and Lola Grace Johnson Crawford; a daughter Dawn Michelle Crawford Rhoden; and a brother James Crawford.

Bob worked as a PVX Installer for Southern Bell and retired after 32 years from AT&T at the age of 50. He then owned and operated Alternative Communications. 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.

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 was held Friday, April 22 prior to the funeral service at Riverside Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Wainright officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mike Frangos, Mike Johnson, Gary Cox, Gerald Thrift, Chuck Bass and Gerry Sebastian. Honorary pallbearers were the Men’s Sunday School Class of Callahan First Baptist Church.

Arrangements by Frye Funeral Home, Nahunta.

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OBITUARIES

GEORGE H. CROWTHER
George H. Crowther, Jr., 71, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at his home following a lengthy illness. He was born February 21, 1951 in Patuxent River, Maryland. He retired from Gilman Building Products after over 30 years of service. Mr. Crowther was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Jacksonville. He was a hardworking man who loved his family dearly. He enjoyed working on motorcycles and spending time watching his cows and wildlife. He was preceded in death by his father George H. Crowther, Sr.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Trish Crowther; his children Brenda (Roy) Whitehead, Denise Lee, Robbie (Renee) Lee and Jeremiah Clymer; his mother Geraldine T. Crowther; a brother Jack Crowther; his grandchildren Joshua (Brittney) Whitehead, Ashley (Caleb) Rice, Brandon (Lolita) Collum, Justin Collum, Brittini (Kyle) Dennison, Peyton (Amber) McCalip and Jerod Lee; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Saturday, April 23 at Sardis Cemetery with Rev. David Herrin officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of the Golden Isles. Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardrobersonfh.com. Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

A graveside service was held Saturday, April 23 at Sardis Cemetery with Rev. David Herrin officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of the Golden Isles.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardrobersonfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

TEREASA ANN FOLK
Teresa Ann Folk, 59, of Bryceville, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2022. She was born on March 27, 1963, in Jacksonville. Teresa

was a true native of Florida. She was a member of Bryceville First Baptist Church where she enjoyed worshipping and serving her Lord. Teresa was known for her caregiving nature and was always willing to help. She enjoyed cross stitching, watching cooking shows and the Hallmark channel and spending time with her loved ones. Teresa is preceded in death by her father Billy Crews; husband David Eugene Folk; brothers Donnie James Crews, Jr. and Billy Joe Crews.

Teresa leaves behind her mother Dorothy Elaine Crews; son William and Danielle Crews of Hilliard; daughter Caitlin Folk of Green Cove Springs; grandchildren Brendan, Chloe and Bella.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Verdrie Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the ALS Foundation <https://donate.als.org/> or The ALS Association, 1300 Wilson Blvd. Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22209.

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Chad and Rebecca Taylor Green; brothers Caden Green and Ryder Green; grandparents John and Suzanne Taylor and Nolan and Scarlett Green; great-grandparents JD and Hilda Hunnicutt; uncle Johnny (Charlene) Taylor; cousin Bailea Tomlinson; and multiple other uncles, aunts, cousins and a countless number of friends.

The family will receive friends Thursday, April 28 from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at River Road Baptist Church followed by a memorial service for Liam at 6 p.m. with Nicholas Dowling officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the West Nassau High School Warriors Band Boosters or the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – Liam Green’s Memorial Fund.

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JO ANN HARGRAVES
Jo Ann Hargraves, 74, of Callahan, passed away peacefully March 18, 2022. She was born in Pell City, Alabama on March 19, 1947. Jo grew up in Brooksville, Florida before living most of her life in Canton, Georgia. She moved to Callahan to be closer to her son and his family in 2017.

Jo started a career in the banking industry in Atlanta, during the mid-1980’s as a bank teller and worked her way through the ranks to become Assistant Vice President Regional Operations Manager before retiring in 2012. Jo is reunited again with her late husband whom she lost to Leukemia in 1996.

Jo leaves behind her son Aaron Hargraves and his family; a grandchild; brother Billy Hutcheson; and two sisters Janey Hardin and Theresa Edmondson of Brooksville; and several nieces and nephews.

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DAVID "JOE" LATHAM



David "Joe" Latham, 63, of Callahan, passed away peacefully April 14, 2022 in his Lynn Haven, Florida home with his loving wife at his side. He was born on September 17, 1958 to Gladys and Willard Latham. Though the family moved frequently, for much of his youth he called Callahan, Florida home where he graduated from West Nassau High in 1977 before joining the US Air Force in 1979.

At the start of his military career, he married his best friend and soul mate, Robin Everly Latham. Their romance lasted for 40 years, bringing them two children and three grandchildren. They were engaged and married quickly before his 20-year military service carried them off to Spain, Texas and finally Mississippi where he retired in 1999.

He then served his country once more as a civil servant at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida for another 20 years, before retiring in January, 2022.

He lived his life by an unspoken code of kindness, patience and honor and he dedicated his life to his country and his family. His wife Robin was the breath in his lungs, his daughter Sierra was the light of his life and his son Dustin was his deepest source of pride. His grandchildren Serenity, Emily and David were his endless well of joy. Joe loved to travel and did so often with his family including his wife, children and grandchildren. In his life he visited 26 countries. He is preceded in death by his mother Gladys Bray; father Willard Latham; and brother Larry Latham.

He is survived by his wife Robin Latham; son Dustin Latham; daughter Sierra Latham; granddaughters Serenity and Emily Latham; grandson David Latham; daughters-in-law Rachel Latham and Lauren Barnaby; sister Lois Isley; brother Curtis Bray; and many cousins and friends who loved him.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 30 at 11 a.m. at the Friendship Alliance Church in Callahan, followed by military honors and lunch.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to your favorite cancer organization in his honor.

OLIVIA BELLE PROFFIT



Olivia Belle Proffit, 25, of Hilliard, passed away unexpectedly on April 20, 2022. Olivia, also known by many as Livi Belle, Liv, Lil O, PeeWee, Livi Snake O.B., and Red, was a beautiful young lady so full of life. She was born to Ben and Amanda Proffit in Jacksonville, on December 28, 1996. She was raised in Hilliard, and loved the people and small towns around her. She was a wonderful child from day one to her young parents and was a loving sister to her brother.

Olivia was a 2015 graduate of Hilliard Middle-Senior High School and she received the Guy Mascolo Scholarship. She wanted to have a trade that she could use anywhere, so she went to school to become a cosmetologist. She graduated from Toni & Guy Cosmetology School in 2016. Olivia was employed at Great Clips in Callahan and had just celebrated her 5th year anniversary. She volunteered her services locally, but had dreamed of doing full-time volunteer work. She had a great love for animals and loved visiting the local animal shelters. She brought home many rescue pets. She was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on December 12, 2015.

Olivia is survived by her loving father and mother, Ben and Amanda Proffit; brother Levi Proffit; grandfather Bruce (Kathy) Proffit; granny Judy Belle Boucher; papa Rodney Moody; grandma Mary Olivia Cumbie; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous friends.

The family will receive friends Friday, April 29 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston. A funeral service will be held Saturday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. also at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

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New Beginnings and Milestones

Coach Jim Stearn
Celebrates 90th Birthday



Coach Jim Stearn, of Kingsland, celebrated his 90th birthday April 26. He was born April 26, 1932 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He married Julia Mullins on September 8, 1951 and last year they celebrated 70 years of marriage. Coach, as known by many, served as a teacher and coach for over 30 years, many of those in Callahan. They are active members of Kingsland First Baptist Church where Coach teaches a men’s class every Sunday. He celebrated his special milestone Sunday, with a party attended by children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends! They have five children Dub (deceased) and Carol of Ft. Walton Beach, Marci and David Scott of Fernandina Beach, Mark and Stephanie of Callahan, Gus and Christie of Fernandina and Dawn and Roger West of Hilliard. They also have 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

West Nassau's Lee Signs with FSCJ

Wednesday, Emily Lee, a senior at West Nassau High School, signed her letter of intent to continue her basketball career and education at Florida State College in Jacksonville. Emily has had a great career at West Nassau and this year’s season she was the leading scorer. “I’m really excited about this next chapter in my life. I’m so thankful for all of the support from friends and family through the years,” said Emily. “I’m looking forward to these next two years!”



“We are excited to have a local product to join our (FSCJ) program,” said FSCJ Head Coach Diana Couch. “When we first met she was really nervous. She has a great personality that fits in with the other players. I’m excited to see her potential and future with us (FSCJ).” Emily is the daughter of Windy Lee of Bryceville.



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