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NCSO Observes Law Enforcement Memorials

In Nassau County and Washington D.C.

During the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Memorial, Sheriff Bill Leeper unveiled this newly wrapped honor guard vehicle. This Chevy Tahoe belonged to Deputy Joshua Moyers and it was his patrol car the night he was shot. Last week, it traveled to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony in Washington, D.C., which honored all those who died in the line of duty. Deputy Jack Gwynes and Deputy Josh Moyers were honored and their names etched in the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall. This patrol car will be used in future functions, ceremonies, and parades where the names and memories of those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice in Nassau County will live on.

"Every time our honor guard attends a funeral or ceremony honoring a fallen officer, a part of Josh will also be with them," Sheriff Bill Leeper said.

In Washington, D.C., Deputy Garth Holton rode his bike with the Law Enforcement United Bicycle Ride in honor of our deputies who died in the line of duty. Sgt. Bill Quick rode his bike with the Police Unity Tour in honor of our fallen as well. Both groups benefit the families who lost their loved ones. It was an emotional day. "We are so thankful for what these guys did! It was a moving tribute," added Leeper.

Nassau 4-H Wins Again at Area North 2022!

This year, Nassau County sent five riders and two "crew" 4-H members to the Area North Horse Show! We are happy to announce that all of them qualified to show at the State Horse Show in Tampa this summer! In addition to qualifying, our Nassau team won 2nd in the Educational Display Contest proving that not only are we great riders but we are also well educated in equine science. Our "Crew" members, Lainey and Lauren, kept us all on schedule, supported, and successful.

Rider Highlights - Jackson Norstem: Junior Western High Point Champion with his pony, Merrie: 4th in Western Dressage; 3rd in Mares at Halter-pony; 2nd in Jr/Int Western Showmanship; 2nd in Jr/Int Western Pleasure-pony; and 1st in Jr/Int Western Horsemanship

Emma Norstem riding "Blue" in Hunter classes: 5th in Sr. Training Level Dressage; 6th in Sr Hunter Showmanship; 3rd in Sr Hunter Hack; 5th in Sr Hunter Under Saddle; and 4th in Sr Hunt Seat Equitation.

Charlie Norstem riding "Rio" in Ranch and cattle classes: 3rd in Sr Ranch Ground Handling; and 5th in Ranch Roping.

Rebecca Blalock, first year competitor, and her horse Thunder: 3rd in Halter; 6th in Senior Western Showmanship; 1st in walk/jog Western Pleasure; and 1st in walk/jog Western Horsemanship

Raelin Tew and her self-trained horse "Rein" riding Hunter: 2nd in Dressage; and 2nd in Hunter Hack.

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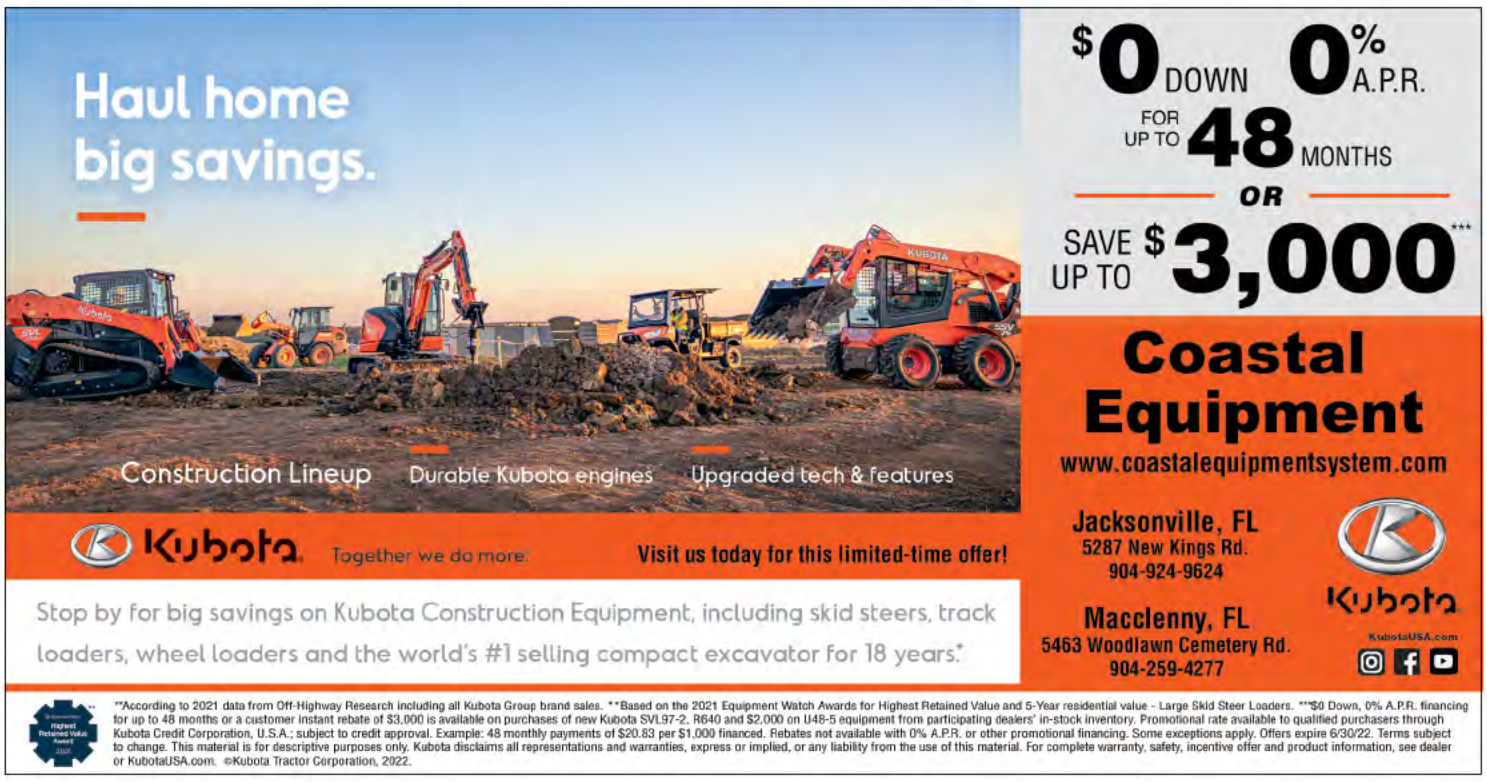

A Word From the Publisher

It's hard to believe this school year has almost come to an end! Next week, our seniors will graduate from high school and move on to the next very important decision of their lives. What am I going to do? Being the last of five children in my home, I had watched all my siblings graduate. It was so cool and fun. It was all about them, as it should be. When my time came, it was a great year. As graduation day approached, I also asked myself that question, "What am I going to do?"

I must admit, I really loved school and all my friends. I was so blessed to have attended all (except 3rd grade) my school years in Callahan. I can only pray that our students today are making lasting friendships and memories like I did. Back then, we attended first through sixth grade at Callahan Elementary. I think it was in about fifth grade that Bob had a birthday skating party. We all loaded up in something, went to Jacksonville and skated. It was so much fun. Theresa and I spent hours at her house riding the mini bike everywhere and making forts in the palmettos! Thank the Lord we never saw a snake. Remember, back then, we didn't have cellphones and weren't allowed to watch TV except a little at night.

Junior High had some changes. We changed classes and we had PE and you had to dress out. We girls weren't too sure about all that, however, we had Miss Rose Wright (later Mrs. Way) as our PE teacher and she didn't give us an option about dressing out! And we better do so in a timely fashion. In 8th & 9th grade I made cheerleading and it was so much fun! Special memories with Peggy, Janis, Beverly, Toni, Jeanne, Janice and Phyllis; we had some great times. Sorry to shock everyone (my children & grands included), but our moms made our uniforms! If you ask me, they were pretty cute. Mrs. Way was our cheerleading sponsor and she didn't play. If you are on the field or on the court, you better be cheering. Oh how I miss her…precious lady! Coach Allen Kirk was the basketball coach. I can remember pep rallies for the basketball games. The entire school was packed in the gym and he would come out and yell, "Roll…Ramblers, Roll!" Everybody was cheering and clapping.

Then came high school. When I got there (10th grade), my brother Gus was a senior. It was fun being at school with him although he told me not to talk to him at school! While in high school, the flag team was started with the band. I was a small part of the first team of flag girls at West Nassau. I loved being a part of the band. Brenda and I had fun during those years. We spent lots of time together and with our good friends Donnie & Jack…sweet memories. Our director, George Bowers, ran a tight ship. He told us if we were marching on the field and someone passed out, march over them and keep going. Of course, that scared us all to death and we quickly knew he was serious. We had an outstanding band and again made lots of special friends and memories during that time.

When you're 17 or 18, you are still a child. Only a handful of students know exactly what they are going to do for a career. That is a huge decision. My advice is to pray about your future. Don't just settle. Let God direct your path. Trust me; you've got to work and it's a whole lot better if you enjoy what you're doing. There is nothing worse than hating what you are doing day after day. Think about what you love to do and do your best every day. I pray for all of our students but especially those that are stepping out into the world. God will lead and direct your path, just follow Him. Take any opportunity you can to be a respectful, reliable and dedicated person in whatever career path you choose!

Good luck 2022 Graduates!

Dawn S. West

White Squirrel Finds Happy Home!

Dawn S. West

I recently received a phone call from Ricky Douglas. It was a different phone call and a first for me, as the caller was deaf. Ricky, of Callahan, was able to call me with the help of an interpreter. He types his message to the interpreter and they talk. I responded as I normally do and soon got a response. He came to our office and we sat down for a visit about his friendly white squirrel!

Ricky told me about a white squirrel he has befriended. He had seen it several times around his home and began to feed it nuts. He has now named the squirrel Anna. She has been hanging around his home about two years. Ricky decided if the squirrel was going to stay around, he was going to build it a house. The new squirrel house has two floors to climb around in and its own water bottle. The squirrel really likes unsalted nuts and it drinks from the water bottle regularly. Sometimes she lays on the front porch as cool and relaxed as can be! Ricky built the house and added the artwork, as he is a professional artist.

Ricky has lived in Callahan over 10 years. He graduated in 1981 from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in St. Augustine.

Thanks for sharing with us, Ricky!

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Nassau County Young Republicans

Caleb Stoner

The Nassau County Young Republicans are proud to announce their complete, newly elected leadership. The group is committed to improving our community. The NCYR hope to be so fortunate as to recruit more motivated young republican leaders from within our community. Meetings will take place at San Jose Mexican Grill in Yulee every third Tuesday at 7pm. As always, all are welcome to attend. The club is currently working on a project that will enable the community to be more informed on local candidates and incumbents. Check out their Facebook page for meeting details, "Nassau County Young Republicans". Email us at ncyrfl@gmail.com if you have any ideas to contribute that would help the county make the most of its local elections.

Shown are the NCYR Executive Board Members: Chad Brockett - Sergeant of Arms (far back right); Thomas Ford - Political Affairs Director (far back left); Bo Hodges - Membership Director (far back center); Alyson Mccullough - Community Affairs Director (far right); Madison Moore - Secretary (far left); Jordan Stoner - Chairman (bottom left); Caleb Stoner - Vice Chairman (bottom right); Curtiss Quarrier - Executive Director (center left).

4-H'er of the Month

Savannah Riley!

Savannah is a first-time 4-H'er but jumped in to membership and is fully involved in her club and county level 4-H activities. She joined the Zooming in Photography Club and immediately volunteered to be the Historian. Savannah sought this opportunity as the Historian and a Zooming member to grow her freedom and independence as well as to express her individuality through photography.

Savannah always smiles and is ready to take action with her camera. She submits her assignments on time and is always willing to lend a helping hand. She has participated in county events, photography submissions, helped the club with their pallet decorations and cheers everyone on. This young lady is a ray of sunshine and hugging machine. Great job, Savannah!

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Let me just go ahead and make some people mad... Trump was right about everything! None of his claims have been proven wrong even though millions of our tax dollars were spent trying to prove him in the wrong.

You may wonder why I am again bringing up President Donald Trump. Well, like it or not he is the duly elected President of the United States of America that has had his win in 2020 negated by a corrupt Democratic/Communist coup. I can hear the leftist screaming about me being a conspiracy theorist. Well, no I'm not, but those screaming probably are. The real conspiracy theorists believe that the Government cares about them; the mainstream media would never mislead or lie to them and the pharmaceutical industry that makes billions off sickness wants to cure them. They don't believe they have been lied to and brainwashed because…they have been lied to and brainwashed. But I digress, the reason I am right in my thoughts has now been proven. Yep, Trump was right about voter fraud, perhaps even on a greater scale than he even imagined.

If you have not heard of the documentary just released by Dinish D'Souza called "2000 Mules," it is imperative that you either stream it or purchase the DVD. Through the group "True The Vote", a massive technological tracking system was initiated days prior to the 2020 election. As the prelude to the documentary states, "2000 Mules tells the never-before-told story of what really happened in the 2020 election."

"Forget everything you know or think you know about election fraud. 2000 Mules exposes a massive network of coordinated fraud across all five of the states that decided the election. This fraud was more than sufficient to change the outcome. This film uses two types of evidence. The first is geo-tracking which monitors the cell phone movements of mules or paid criminal traffickers delivering illegal ballots to mail-in drop boxes. It's a new technology used for the first time to bust a very old type of fraud. The second is video evidence obtained from the official surveillance cameras installed by the states themselves. The film takes you to the scene of the crime, again and again and again. You can actually watch the criminals at work. Finally, the film decisively answers the most important question; who really won the 2020 election. This is a movie that documents the biggest heist in American history. Its goals are to reveal how it happened, who did it and how to make sure that this never happens again."

This film should erase any doubt in even the most skeptical. You owe it to yourself and to America to view the indisputable truths. We as Americans need to join forces to ensure a widespread investigation which will result in thousands of arrests and correct treasonous occurrences to our sacred election system. Without fair and honest elections, we have no Democracy.

As always…that's just my opinion!

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Using Our Gifts Joyfully

Pastor James MacFarlane, First Alliance Church, Hilliard

What do we think about when we think of the spiritual gifts given to us as followers of Christ Jesus? The first thing that we should think about is what the condition of our hearts should be in as we go about God's work. The condition of our heart matters. It matters to God. Jesus Christ came to free us from the oppression of sin and death. He did not come that we would trade one oppression for another. Matthew 11:28-29 describes Jesus' burden as easy and light. Romans 15:13 reads that we will find hope and joy in the Lord.

What the Holy Spirit has gifted us for is to glorify the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. This should never be viewed as a burden. The church grows when our gifts are used with joy, unity, and harmony. Oppressive obligations and requirements should have no place in the church. Yes, this means that just because the pastor needs someone in the parking lot, or a greeter he should not abuse the position that God has placed him in and convince people of their spiritual gifting just to fill that position. There is no other word for that than manipulation. This is not from God. The Holy Spirit does not manipulate, He convicts and convinces. 1 Corinthians 12:11 reads that God's Holy Spirit gives gifts as He wills.

Unfortunately, some in the church also have become confused and often seek man's approval in the application of these gifts. Is this what Scripture really teaches us? Galatians 1:10 teaches us that we must hold fast to our faith in God. That seeking the approval of man is at odds with this. His Gospel teaches us that spiritual gifts are given by the Holy Spirit. They are given for the reasons of glorifying Christ Jesus, building His kingdom, and edifying His Church Body. Who are we looking to in justifying our gifts? If we are looking to man, then we have ceased to follow Christ. No matter how well intentioned we or the authority figures are that we are trying to please, we are wrong. If it is man, then we need to examine our hearts and seek God's Word and Holy Spirit to reveal His truth to us. If we are looking to Jesus Christ, then we are already justified. We were justified when we accepted Him as Lord and received the free gift of His sacrifice.

We need to ask ourselves if we are really functioning in our gifting. Do we feel joy in the Lord with how we are serving, or are we just filling a vacancy? Most importantly, at the end of the day we need to ask ourselves who we serve and why we serve.

USCSF Awards $30,000 in Scholarships

The University of US, established by the U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation, held its 2022 graduation ceremony at the end of April at Yulee High School. At the ceremony, University of US Director of Operations Sharyl Wood and UCSCF co-founder Howard Pines opened the ceremonies and congratulated the 47 graduates.

Each of the graduates received a $100 award for graduating and 24 of them an additional $100 for submitting a qualified essay. This year the essay competition topic asked the student to propose a new Constitutional Amendment. The essay should discuss the conditions that prompt the need for this amendment, the benefits of this amendment and any arguments against the passing of this amendment.

The Essay Competition Committee included Judge Robert Foster, Judge James Daniel, Judge Jenny Higginbotham, Chris Bryan, Ron Blum and Ted Hissey.

There were five winners with Fernandina Beach's Christina Cortes' essay rated number one earning her a $10,000 scholarship. In addition, Meredith Gelston of Lindisfarne Hall, Eva Burbo and Analise Kwiatkowski from Home School and Miriam Sancey of Yulee High school each won a $5,000 scholarship. Laura Cullen, a senior at West Nassau High School spoke about how the program impacted her life. Representative Cord Byrd, who with Judge Stephen Fahlgren, lectures the students on the Amendments, spoke about the importance of the Constitution and how the program will impact students later in life. Judge Robert Foster congratulated the scholarship winners and Natasha Drake, Director of the Secondary Schools for Nassau County closed out the ceremony and welcomed the guests to dinner. She spoke about the importance of the program to the success of the students. USCSF co-Founder Al Watson also handed out a commemorative "challenge" coin and spoke about what the program has accomplished in providing knowledge of our Constitution and heritage, plus approximately $200,000 in scholarships and awards since its inception in 2016.

CHURCH NEWS

BETHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH will be selling Spaghetti Dinners this Friday, May 20 from 5-7 p.m. for $8 each. Eat-in or Take-out! The church is located on CR 108 in Hilliard across from Hilliard Town Hall.

WHALE OF A SALE at **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**, 5401 Dunn Ave., Jacksonville. May 26 9am.-6pm, May 27 9am - 3pm and May 28 9am - 2pm.

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West Nassau Student in Fatal Accident

Graduation time for West Nassau High School seniors has turned tragic as they have lost one of their own. Grief counselors and pastors were available Tuesday as students and faculty arrived at West Nassau High School after learning that senior, Zane Harris, was involved in a fatal accident Monday evening in Jacksonville. Harris, 19, was riding his motorcycle northbound on US Highway 1 when an SUV turned into his lane attempting to turn onto Dunn Avenue. Harris was pronounced deceased at the scene.

OREMC Announces 2022 Youth Award Winners

Okefenoke REMC is pleased to announce its 2022 OREMC Scholarship winners and the four students selected as delegates for the OREMC Youth Tour. This is the 29th year OREMC has awarded scholarships to students residing in one of the eight counties it serves—Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Glynn, Ware and Wayne counties in Georgia, and Baker and Nassau counties in Florida. Ten scholarships of $2,000 each were awarded to students accepted to a college or technical school based on their autobiographical sketch, academic achievement, extra-curricular and community service activities, letters of recommendation and financial need. Their awards bring OREMC's total scholarships to $288,000.

This year's winners are: Sydney Johnson, Baker County; Joshua Youmans, Brantley County; Katelyn Pittman, Brunswick; Chloe Crosby, Camden County; Annabelle Howard, Charlton County; Dylan Olive, Florida Southern College (West Nassau); Madeline McLean and Victoria Williamson, Glynn Academy; Harrison "Fisher" Crews, Pierce County; and Kathleen Good, Ware County.

OREMC has selected four students as 2022 Youth Tour delegates. They will join delegates from Georgia's 38 other electric membership cooperatives for an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June for the Youth Tour Leadership Experience. The trip will begin with teambuilding and a visit to the Little White House in Warm Springs —birthplace of America's rural electric cooperatives—before heading to Washington where they will meet with elected officials and be immersed in monuments, museums, memorials and more.

OREMC's Youth Tour delegates for 2022 are Emma Dyal and Lizann Hughes, Pierce County High School; Julianna Pittman, Brantley County High School; and Joash Wollitz, West Nassau High School (pictured left).

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Be the Salt of the Earth

Dear Editor,

Matthew 5:13, Jesus said that we as Christians are to be salt of the Earth. Salt has two attributes: Salt flavors and salt burns in an open wound (truth). There is no better time than the present for Christians to become salt in this perverse world than now. The only thing that will weaken salt, is being mixed with contaminants. The Church today is being attacked and mixed with more contaminants than ever before. Just look at all the concessions many churches are making today to look more like the world. "Jesus wants the church to be happy, healthy and rich, for a few." What Jesus really wants Christians to have is a life that reflects the life of Himself. Caring, loving, sharing and giving. Jesus cared for all mankind, He loved all mankind and showed it by giving Himself on the cross, payment for our sins.

If it means being the salt that burns with the truth and flavors with love, we need to care, love, share and give to show others the Truth. How do we Christians do that? We care enough to go and share Jesus with others. Love them enough to burn them with the truth and give them enough love and our time to be involved in their lives. Sharing his plan of salvation with them, growing them.

As I have said before, we Christians (salt) have become too contaminated with the things of this world. Things like boats, fancy cars, campers, other toys that distract us from spending time with God on Sundays and more time with our toys. We have chosen the lifestyle of fun over the lifestyle of being salt. To compromise with the world is to turn our backs on God and become that contaminated salt, worthless to the cause of Christ. The church (people) needs to pray for revival and a turning back to Christ. We have too much at stake!

I have an article from a newspaper dated, Wednesday, May 14, 1930. The headline reads, "Baptist told to tell the story of Hell Fires." Another part of the article states, "Return to Bible doctrines and forget pleasures of the world."

Hank Martinez, Sr.

CR 121

Dear Editor,

We have been told by county officials that they signed a contract with a company to fix some of the worst parts of the road. If this is true then why have they been striping the road they are supposed to be cutting up and patching? I would say this is wasteful spending.

We were called morons several years ago by county officials for complaining about the paving work that was bad. If they are really planning to make repairs to CR 121 now, as they told us, why paint the new striping? I was told the state is doing this. Why not wait until the patching is done?

Does this make any sense? I think not. Who are the morons now? If the state is doing this, are they worried about a lawsuit all of a sudden? Are they going to repaint the stripes that have been paved over? And why all of a sudden the attention?

Rocky Lynn

Something to Think About

Dear Editor,

Something to think about, laugh at or cry over! The government pays us to be sick, but if we want to be healthy, we have to pay for that ourselves. The state of communication: You ask your mother "What time is it?" She replies, "Did you make your bed?" or "You think blue is my color?"

Your father is home for a change. You ask, "Could you give me a ride to the sports complex?" He replies, "Why don't you walk, the exercise will do you good."

American Preferences: Speed over Unhurried, Noise over Quiet, Entertainment over Self Discovery, and Cell Phones over Companionship. Avoid! Deny! What is it we're trying to Escape? Have you noticed it's not working?

B. R. Mc Connell

Abortion

Dear Editor,

All these years of my Catholic life, I understood that Catholics opposed abortion vehemently, with all our might! How does this 'good Catholic man', Biden, not only approve abortion but is considering an executive order for more funding for abortions?

As a plus, more than 30 of our chosen ones (Bishops) approve of him taking our precious Savior in communion. This man is not Catholic. Please don't tell me that he is! He's blasphemous enough to say he is Catholic then he is brazen enough to do these heinous acts. Follow the Catholic tenents or shut your mouth at least. Maybe we could tell granny it is now okay to commit murder.

I pray to God that we Catholics are not judged to be like him by our non-Catholic family and friends.

Disgusted,
Jackie Sikes

Last Chance to Help Freddie!

Just a reminder that the Westside Journal is still taking donations for Freddie Walker. Donations will be accepted until Friday, May 20. Freddie was the Callahan Dollar General employee that was seriously injured when he was hit while riding his bicycle to work back in March. Freddie recently came home and is receiving physical therapy, but also dealing with mounting medical expenses.

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These postcards are from a third-party nongovernmental organization and are not affiliated with the Nassau County Elections office. The Nassau County Elections Office has not printed, distributed, nor provided the data used in these mailpieces. "I encourage anyone receiving election-related material to look for the 'Official Election Mail' emblem. This emblem signifies you are receiving election information from a reliable source." states Supervisor Janet Adkins. Voters can check their official vote by mail status by visiting the Elections Office website at www.VoteNassauFL.gov and selecting "Check My Voter & Ballot Status" under the Voters menu.

For any questions regarding these postcards or election-related concerns, don't hesitate to contact 904- 491-7500 or info@VoteNassauFL.gov.

CES Enjoys Community Helpers

Recently, the kindergarten classes at Callahan Elementary School enjoyed a visit from some of our local Community Helpers! The students had a great time checking out all the vehicles, equipment and K9s that visited for the morning.

The community helpers all parked their equipment in the bus loading zone and the students visited each 'helper' with their classes. A huge 'Thank You' to all the 'helpers' that made this event a great success!

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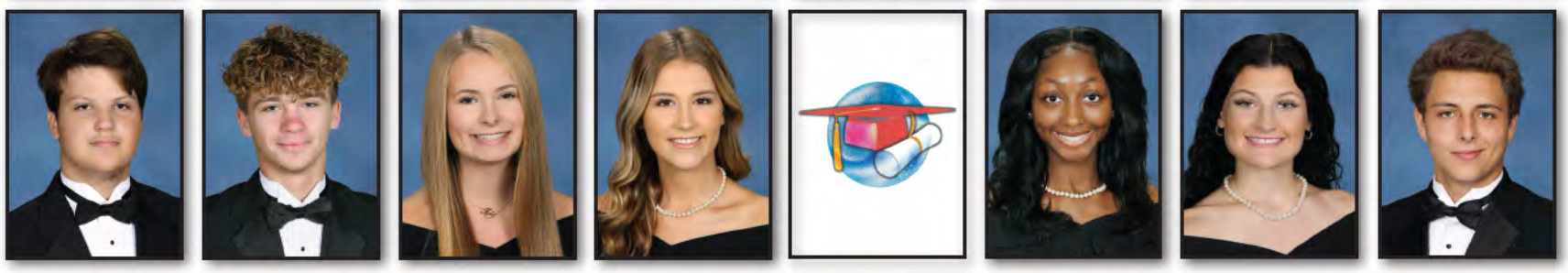

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OBITUARIES

Joan Kathryn Andrews

Joan Kathryn "Memaw" Andrews, 83, of Callahan, passed away peacefully May 10, 2022 holding her daughter's hand. Joan was born on October 26, 1938, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Charles and Sybil McCalligan. Joan's one true treasure was her family and her girls. The title 'Memaw' meant everything to her. It was what she was most proud of. Joan was preceded in death by her loving husband of 61 years, Oris Franklin Andrews.

Joan is survived by her daughter Melinda (Rick) Walker; granddaughters Ashley (Michael) Hayes and Kayla (Bobby) Llanes; great-grandchildren Hayden, Aspen, Lincoln and soon to be Liam; brother Willis (Renda) McCalligan; and many nieces and nephews, remaining family and friends.

A celebration of Joan's life was held on May 17 at Nassau Funeral Home with Malcolm Andrews officiating. Interment followed in Jones Cemetery. The family received friends May 16 at the funeral home.

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

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

Paula (Anderson) Arpen

Paula Marion (Anderson) Arpen, born May 3, 1945 in Jacksonville, Florida to John Paul Anderson and Audrey Rogers Anderson of Telfair County, Georgia, died May 16, 2022. Paula is survived by her husband of 51 years, Claude C. Arpen. Both were life-long residents of north Florida. She is also survived by their son, Graham A. (Jessie) Arpen of Jacksonville; her sister Barbara A. (Gary) Wheeler of Callahan; her brothers and sisters-in-law Joan Arpen (widow of Tommy Arpen), Ronald L. (Linnie) Arpen, Marilyn I. (Jerry) Harden, Earl C. (Vann) Arpen and Sherryl P. (Jim) Mosley all of northeast Florida and south Georgia. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews, many friends, neighbors and her loved Victory Baptist Church family.

As a young child, Paula spent her summer vacations at her grandmother's home in Lumber City, Georgia, where she enjoyed the freedom of rural, southern life and absorbed the soft grace and manner of southern ladies. She was a wonderful homemaker, an excellent and creative cook and a gracious hostess.

Paula graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Jacksonville, Florida and from Brewton-Parker College in Mount Vernon, Georgia. She worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Atlanta, The Farmers Credit Union in Jacksonville and retired from Haynes, Peters and Bond Insurance Company in Jacksonville.

Paula loved gardening and nature. She loved working in her yard and garden and was an active member of the Callahan Garden Club.

Paula accepted the Lord Jesus as her Saviour (Romans 10:9-10) as a teenager and has served Him since as a Sunday School teacher at Woodlawn Baptist Church and at Dinsmore Baptist Church, as a children's church worker at Heavenly Heights Baptist Church and as a Vacation Bible School worker at Victory Baptist Church. In fact, Vacation Bible School was a favorite time for Paula because she loved having fun with children.

Her heart was tender towards people who needed uplifting, a second chance or encouragement. She could see a special light in others and she was brilliant at fanning that light until it was at its brightest. Paula's favorite Bible verse was Micah 6:8 "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God?"

All who knew her loved her, and her memory will be kept forever in the round-towers of their hearts.

Paula's funeral service will be Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Cedar Bay Funeral Home, 405 New Berlin Road, Jacksonville, Florida. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at 10 a.m. Internment will be at the Verdie Cemetery.

George Sheffey Baugh, Jr.

George Sheffey Baugh, Jr., 89, of Hilliard, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2022 at UF Health in Jacksonville. He was born August 10, 1932 in Pulaski, Virginia to the late George Sheffey Baugh, Sr. and Helen Ellender Doak Baugh. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Boulougne.

In addition to his parents; he is preceded in death by his wife Virginia Ruth Robertson Baugh.

He is survived by his four children Jan (David) Etheridge, Sam (Natalie) Baugh, Tracy (Paul) Lucas and Jennifer (Bradley) Hewett; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

Sylvia Carter Cannon

Sylvia Carter Cannon, 85, passed away Monday, May 9, 2022. She was born June 15, 1936 in Appling County, Georgia to the late Wiley C. Carter and Winona Minnesota Miles Carter. She was a faithful member of Lane Avenue Church of God before moving to Hilliard.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter Sylvia Ladonna Johns; and her sisters Colleen Conrad and Noreen Brunt.

She is survived by her children Colin Terry Dowdy, Connie Roy White, Jr, Winona Gai (Timothy) Thigpen and Dadrian Pendragon (Kelly) White; a brother Lawton Carter; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends May 12 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. The funeral services were held May 13 at Hilliard Assembly of God with Pastor Arlie Johns and Pastor Steve Dubose officiating. Burial followed in Pigeon Creek Cemetery.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston, www.shepardrobersonfh.com.

Rodney Fain Howell

Rodney Fain Howell, 70, of Callahan, passed away on May 11, 2022. He was born on October 6, 1951 in Norfolk, Virginia to William Carter Howell and Bessie Strickland Howell Tanner.

Right out of high school, Rodney joined the United States Navy. After being honorably discharged, he went on to be a welder/fabricator and worked for his fathers' company, Howell's Engineering. Later, he became an x-ray welder for Exxon on an offshore oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico. Rodney was very adventurous and traveled all over the United States usually with a pet dog at his side. He enjoyed camping, boating, fishing and liked motorcycles in his younger years. Rodney loved his country and was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of the Callahan Lions Club and a Master Mason with Callahan Masonic Lodge #32. Rodney was preceded in death by parents; and brother- in- law, Carl Miller.

Rodney leaves behind his sisters, Bonnie (Richard) Walden and Susan Miller; brother Chuck Tanner; step-father Charlie Tanner; two nieces; two nephews and several grand nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, May 18 at Jacksonville National Cemetery where Military Honors were rendered with Chaplain Jackie Hayes officiating.

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

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Marvin R. Perkins

While worship music filled the living room of his home, Dr. Marvin R. Perkins stepped into Heaven Friday, March 25, 2022. Marvin was born at Union Hospital in Terre Haute, Indiana, nine days before his beloved wife, Sharon. Marvin's parents, G. Glenn and Fern Perkins were pastors in several towns in Indiana, and eventually relocated to Palm Harbor, Florida, where Marvin graduated from Clearwater High School.

With 17 earned college degrees including doctoral degrees in Divinity, Theology and Biblical Science from International Seminary, it may be evident that Marvin loved science, math and a good "discussion." Bisected by a short time serving his country in the US Army during the Vietnam Conflict, Marvin worked at Honeywell Aerospace as a systems engineer from 1967-1971, and as Space Shuttle Electronics Manager from 1971-1974. He

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worked as a production and development engineer at Abbott Pharmaceutical from 1974-1975 and moved his family to Hilliard when he took a position with the Federal Aviation Administration in 1975.

While working for the FAA, Marvin was an integral part of the Air Traffic Control National Airspace System (NAS) Implementation Team, which developed, planned, and tested the new Advanced Automation computer, radar and satellite systems created to update and modernize air traffic control and airway facilities services.

He loved to teach: whether at work, by teaching Sunday School and leading an extension college program at Evangel Temple Assembly of God in Jacksonville, or by simply grabbing the closest napkin to illustrate something – particularly while his children were waiting for Sunday dinner.

He is survived by his childhood sweetheart, Sharon Perkins; his "favorite" daughter Shanda Perkins and "favorite" son Brennan (Amanda) Perkins; grandsons Kyle and Tristan, and Amanda's children, Savanna and Joshua; brothers James (Bobbie) Perkins and Gary Perkins; sister-in-law Karen Perkins; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by and he will be particularly missed by his niece, April Upchurch, who held a special place in his heart; and his best buddy, his dog Baron.

"Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." – Psalm 73:24, KJV

The family will receive friends from 12-1 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at Hilliard First Assembly of God prior to the memorial service at 1 p.m. If you are able to attend, please feel free to wear Marvin's favorite color, blue.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Hilliard First Assembly of God.

George Earl Timmons, Jr.

George Earl Timmons, Jr. was born on September 3, 1940 in Kings Ferry, to Mrs. Cora Lee Timmons and the late George Timmons, Sr. He attended school in Nassau County. He started in the pulpwood business at age 17 and worked in the industry for over 40 years. He was married to Mercedes C. Timmons for 62 years. George was a trustee at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He was a member of the St. Mark Lodge for 20 years. In his spare time, George tended to his garden and plants. He loved working with his hands and sharing what he produced with his family and friends. If he wasn't outside, he was inside watching his western movies and shows. He loved his family and enjoyed family dinners. On the evening of April 29, 2022, our Heavenly Father saw it time to call George, Jr. home.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Sandra Timmons; son George Timmons, III; siblings Ester Lee Tyler and John Lewis Timmons; his uncles Adolphus and Elijah Timmons; his aunt Nadine Timmons; and grandson Marques Martin.

His memory lives on through his loving family and his legacy lives on through his wife Mercedes Timmons; daughters Tara and Robin Timmons; his mother Cora Lee Timmons; granddaughters Shaina Timmons and Jordan Martin; his grandsons Jaheim and Jade Bryant; brother Jerry O. (Anita) Timmons, Sr.; sister-in-law Anna Timmons; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and several friends.

The family received friends May 13 at the northside Chapel of Sarah L. Carter's Funeral Home. The funeral service was held on May 14 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Kings Ferry. Burial followed in Mt. Olive Church Cemetery.

Five Generations

Armani Rhaynne Conner was born on March 3, 2022. Armani is the newest member of this 5 generation family. She is being held by her great-great-grandmother Ann (Sweat) Cribb; next to her great-grandmother Patricia (Sweat) Knowles; and looked upon by her grandmother Felicia Johns; and her mother Felicity Trantham. This beautiful photo was taken on Easter Sunday, March 17, 2022.

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Tuesday, May 3

Tyrice Antonyo Alderman, 26, 58042 Coopers Neck Road, Hilliard: Burglary Dwelling Unoccupied; Grand Theft over $5,000 less than $10,000

Saturday, May 7

Katie Ellen Rourke, 41, 37146 Nea Chele Lane, Hilliard: Felony Battery Domestic with Strangulation

Crystal Kaye Crews, 50, 37146 Nea Chele Lane 23, Hilliard: Felony Battery Domestic with Strangulation

Sunday, May 8

Jennifer Lynn York, 919 Limousine Lane, Bryceville: Escape/Attempted Escape; Trespass After Warning

Monday, May 9

Amanda Sue Novak, 41, 45496 Booth Street, Callahan: Resist without Violence Simple Assault; Trespass on Real Property

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Callahan and Anderson Sign Letters of Intent

Two West Nassau High School seniors, David Callahan and K.J. Anderson, signed their letters of intent last Wednesday to continue their education and play football. Both young men were offensive lineman for the Warriors.

David Callahan, who stands a tall 6'6", is very excited about the opportunity to attend Stevenson University, located in Pikesville, Maryland. Stevenson is known for its distinctive career focus and commitment to success. David will begin his college career in August and is looking forward to getting back on the field. David plans to major in Criminal Justice and his long term goal is to be a US Marshall.

David has attended school in west Nassau County all of his life. He lives in Bryceville and began kindergarten at Bryceville Elementary; next Callahan Middle; and will graduate from West Nassau. His proud parents are Jeff and Dorothy Callahan.

K.J. is the fourth of five offensive linemen to sign his letter of intent. K.J. will be attending Webber University in Lakeland, Florida. He too, is very excited about the opportunity to get to Lakeland in August and start practicing and playing with his new team. He has been at West Nassau for the last three years and has made some lasting friendships. K.J. also plans to major in Criminal Justice and would like to eventually work for the Federal Government. His proud mother is Marlaina Browning.

4-H County Council Youth Organize a Litter Cleanup

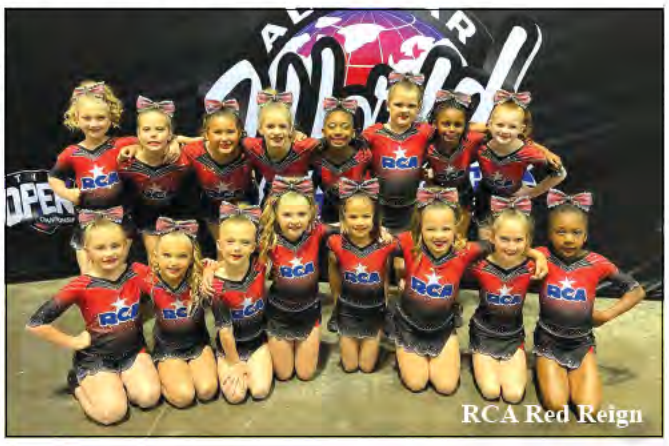
The youth leadership of the Nassau County 4-H County Council recently organized a cleanup of Bismark Road near Four Creeks State Forest. All Nassau County 4-H members were invited to participate and earn service hours. Members met at the park and broke into teams walking a section of Bismark Road between Peaceful Trail Drive and Pacetti Road. Keep Nassau Beautiful provided safety vests, grabbers, and reusable bags for litter collection. Litter was collected in reusable bags and then consolidated into large 45-gallon trash bags to reduce the amount of single use plastic disposed of during the cleanup. The event resulted in more than 200 pounds of litter and debris being removed from the roadway. Many thanks to Nassau County 4-H members for litter removal and Nassau County Road Department for disposal of the trash. To organize a cleanup event contact Volunteer@keepnassaubeautiful.org.

RCA Cheer Champions!

River City Allstars Shine competed at the ECC National Championship in Orlando on April 23. Team Shine is a co-ed cheer team comprised of all ages and abilities. Shine took home the National Championship for the Cheer Abilities Division. Team Shine was also joined in Orlando by RCA Red Reign who competed at Allstars Worlds where they placed 2nd in the Battle Rounds to move onto Finals where they placed 8th out of 35 teams from all over the country. This was their first time attending. Both teams could not have done it without their amazing coaches!

Shine members are: Sebastien Englert, Nathaniel Englert, Ethan Smith, Adaliene Johnson, Brantley Bennett, Cyanna Simon, Dawn Bowles, Tiffani Jenkins, Juniper Jones, Skye Jones, Ashley Stinson, Yaszmine Craig, Avery Obermeyer, Dakota Smoot and Alexander Moise.

Red Reign members are: Gabby Incarnado, Adileigh Holden, Anaysia Finch, Braelynn Kirkland, Chalie Scarbrough, Eryn Thompson, Kallie Deckert, Kelsey Hartley, Kensley Browning, London Spurlock, Payton Greenwood, Piper Reavis, Rhylee Williams, Rylie Barns, Whitney Barnack and Maleah Juanillo.



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New Beginnings and Milestones

Brantley Chase Ikram

Christopher Ikram and Cathy Sparkman, of Hilliard, are proud to announce the birth of their son Brantley Chase Ikram. Brantley was born April 14, 2022 at 6:14 p.m. at Baptist Hospital Jacksonville. He weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces and measured 19 ½ inches.

Paternal grandparents are Sheila and Wayne French of Macclenny; and David and Jodi Goodson of Jacksonville.

Maternal grandparents are John and Kathy Ballance of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents are Elizabeth Ostrander of Callahan and the late Richard Ostrander; the late Nita Ballance; and the late Florence Johnson.

Brantley was welcomed home by his siblings Colt, Walker, Conner and Rylee!

JoAnn Sorrells to Celebrate 80th Birthday

JoAnn Sorrells of Callahan will celebrate her 80th birthday May 22. JoAnn was born May 22, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan. Her family moved to Florida when she was 4-years-old. The only thing she remembers about Detroit was the cold snow! She is a go-getter and was constantly on the go until last June when she underwent heart valve replacement, then battled Covid and most recently, she's recovering from knee replacement surgery. She's quite a fighter. She loves the outdoors and anything that happens there, including hunting and fishing which she enjoys watching on tv!

JoAnn has five children, David of Switzerland, Florida, Marc of Texas, Lynette of Jacksonville Beach, Bradley of Callahan and Michael of Jacksonville. She also has seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Ms. JoAnn plans to celebrate her special milestone with a birthday dinner with her children.

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