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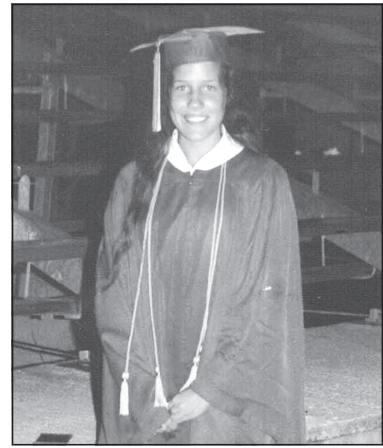
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A Word From the Publisher

This week, we will celebrate our graduates and their final walk as a Warrior and a Flash. It's so hard to believe that I graduated over 40 years ago. It's funny how now when I look back at those years, I don't remember anything about the homework, test grades, etc. I remember the friendships that we made and how they still continue when I see classmates. Sometimes it's like we were never apart. Those are things I tried to instill in my children when they were in school. People come and go throughout our lifetime but special friendships last a lifetime.



I'm okay with that. I loved it and made an entirely new group of friends. Col. Bowers was a great leader. He would laugh and cut up sometimes but...when we were practicing or performing there was no time for that. He taught so much discipline to all of us.

I have so many memories of my dad out on that field coaching and me sitting in the stands with my mom. And no, we weren't allowed to run around the entire time the game was going on! My brothers played football and my sister was a cheerleader. I tried so hard to learn all the cheers and the routine they did while the band played Cherokee! It still brings tears to my eyes (joyful tears)! Lucky for me, I had three older brothers and a sister, so I watched wisely how they handled things and stayed out of trouble. Okay, I learned what not to do quickly!


To all our graduates, including my grandson Michael and Jessie's son Tucker, graduating is only half the battle. Now you have your entire life in front of you. Whatever you choose to do for your job or college, do it to the best of your ability. Don't be a slacker. Sure you want to have what your parents have or more and there is plenty of time for that. With each decision...and there will be many, think it through and ask the Lord for help. As Pastor Ryan said, "Keep your eyes on Jesus!"

Once I finally got to West Nassau, I tried out for cheerleading but didn't make it. That was the year that Col. Bowers, awesome band director, decided to add flags and flag girls to the band. You guessed it! I went out and made it. Those were some of the most fun years of my life. My children still call me a band nerd, and


Even as a grown (old) adult, I still think I can... The sad thing is, I can but I do much better when I let the Lord take over and guide me. I still make many mistakes but God is there to pick me up and brush me off and remind me that it's through His strength, not mine. He is constantly reminding me to keep my eyes focused on Jesus. This is a mean, cruel, angry world that needs Jesus. Also remember that we may be the only Jesus someone sees, so we better put on our armor every day. Good luck to you all and may God continue to bless your lives!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West



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Leadership Nassau Class 23 Graduation Announced

Leadership Nassau, a program coordinated by the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce, has announced the graduation of Class 23. This exclusive program assists in the development of community leaders by providing participants from diverse backgrounds with an understanding of the problems, opportunities, and issues facing the community.



Over the last 10 months, participants heard presentations from various elected officials, business and community leaders and had exclusive access to behind-the-scenes tours of local and regional organizations that are usually closed to the public.

The Leadership Nassau Class 23 graduates are: Nate Aron (Amelia Island Convention), Russell Aryeetey (RYAM), Stephen Aten (Tom Bush Dealerships), Christy Brauda (PrimeSouth Bank), Penny Burnsed (Animal Services), Alissa Cook (Starting Point), A. Susan DeVane (DeVane Business Solutions), Logan Eason (RYAM), Tiffany French (Community First Credit Union), Jarrett Hill (Amelia Island Museum of History), Veronica Jarman (Property Appraiser), Hannah Lee (City of Fernandina), Carrie Anderson Mays (Amelia Music Studio), Paul Moerman (Gateway Mortgage), Kelly O'Keefe (WestRock), Ashton Petty (First Port City

Bank), Jay Robertson (Nassau County Parks), Sheryl Ross (First Port City Bank), Kim Sartor (Rayonier, Inc.), and Kristy Slattery (FSS of North Florida).

We would like to thank Baptist Medical Center Nassau, First Port City Bank, Florida Power & Light, REMI Realty, Residence Inn by Marriott Amelia Island, RYAM, Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare, The Fiorentino Group, Traders Hill Farm, and WestRock for sponsoring Class 23 program days throughout the year.

The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for Leadership Nassau Class 24 through Friday, June 28, 2024. For more information about the program and the application process, visit the Chamber website at www.NassauCountyFLChamber.com or contact Lynne Starling, Leadership Nassau Coordinator, at Lynne@NassauCountyFLChamber.com.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

"The land of the free," each time we say or sing this we are only fooling ourselves. We are no longer a free nation; our Republic has been captured by a political coup that goes by the name of politician! Just a portion of statements made by "Conscious Living Institute" describes a part of why we cannot actually call ourselves free. The question they ask is, "How did we go from fighting a Revolution over a 2% tax on a breakfast beverage to what we pay today. We are taxed on money when we receive it, when we spend it, when we keep it, when we invest it, and even when we die with it. It gets worse; we commute to work to make that money in the car that is taxed again to register on roads that were already taxed to build, fueled by gas that is taxed even further, and many times through tolls that tax you again, and that's to maintain bridges and highways and tunnels that already have billions of dollars, taxpayer dollars allocated to them, and they're still falling apart. Then when you get to your office that is taxed to exist as a corporation that also is taxed to do business that almost certainly requires permits and other things which are another tax. You are paid a paycheck that the corporation must match another payroll tax on top of what they have to pay you. Then you go to a home of which you are taxed to own every single year, that we bought with money that the government already taxed us on. Oh, by the way, the more money you make and the more you pay in taxes warrant the government taking more and even higher percentages of your money."

This take, take, take, is not limited to just the federal government. State governments, county governments and even town governments are all guilty of abuse to their respective citizens. Look at Jacksonville: Donna Deegan is spending tax payers' money as if it is going out of style. Her four years as mayor will turn Jacksonville into what Gavin Newsom has turned California into, broke! Then the tax payers are going to be forced by the government through higher taxes to pay for the rampant spending spree. Of course it's not just big cities, it happens right here at home in our small towns.

We live in Hilliard, a town in which we love. We personally know all the elected officials and most of the staff employees. Every one of the elected officials are outstanding people, a few I consider very good friends. However, there have been a few instances where they have raised permit fees (tax) and service fees (tax) just because they can. No obvious need, but the law says they can and they did. Now, Hilliard has decided if one wants to drive a golf cart on town roads and even county-maintained roads within the town limits, you must register your golf cart with the town and pay \$20 (tax) to ride on the very roads that were paid for and maintained by taxpayers. Inappropriate and disgusting are just a couple of words I will use concerning this matter.

Freedom, no, it does not exist any longer. There isn't any portion of our lives that are not governed in one way or another by government institutions. Sad what we the people have allowed!

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

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West Nassau High School Class of 1974

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The Wisdom Literature

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



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He took the people out of Egypt and brought them into the promised land (Exodus-Joshua). The rest of the historical books show God prospered his people in the land (Samuel-I Kings 11) and how God exiled the people from the land because of covenant unfaithfulness (I Kings 12-II Chronicles). God did not abandon his people in exile, but he brought them back into the land (Ezra-Esther). Even though the people are back in the land, we are yearning for a greater restoration and greater King. This King will be Jesus who gives his people a new heaven and new earth forever and ever.

We now turn the next group of writings in the Old Testament. This group of writings is called the Wisdom Literature. In the Hebrew Bible, these writings are distributed in various places throughout the Old Testament canon. The English Bible places these 5 books immediately after the historical books. The wisdom literature is not in chronological order. For example, the book of Job is the oldest book in the Bible. The writers of these books include David and Solomon. This means that the wisdom literature fits into the historical books. The wisdom literature is some of the most practical literature in the entire Bible. These five books teach us how to live.

- Job: How to Suffer: The wisdom literature is complimentary and show us how to live life from all angles. The book of Proverbs speaks of the apparent order in creation and the book of Job teaches us about the mystery of order in Creation. Job begins with the conflict between God and Satan regarding Job (1-2). Chapters (3-26) are three cycles of debate between Job and his three miserable comforters regarding Job's suffering. The book concludes with 3 monologues (27-42) from Job, Elihu, and God. Job teaches us that God is sovereign over suffering and God has the power to bring beauty out of ashes.

- Psalms: How to Praise. The book of Psalms is the longest book in the Bible. Psalms is made of 5 different books (1,41; 42-72; 73-89; 90-106; 107-150) that develop the kingship over God over all the earth and our proper response to God in worship throughout all of life's times and seasons. King David was the composer of a little over half of the Psalms. Psalm 1-2 serves as introduction to the entire Psalter. These Psalms were Israel's ancient hymnal and they serve as a rich resource in our worship of God.

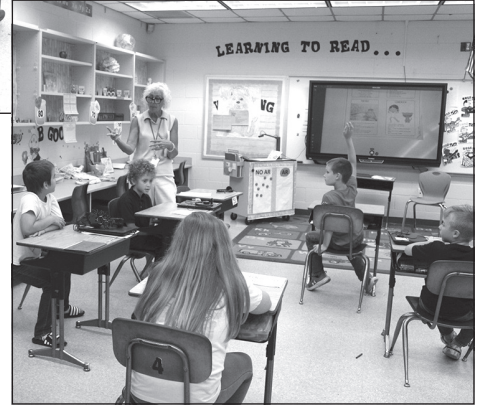
- Proverbs: How to Live. The book of Proverbs was written primarily by Solomon. Proverbs is a rich resource of wisdom for all of life. Proverbs is the Old Testament equivalent to the book of James. Proverbs are not promises, but they are

Lots of Learning at HES



throughout their classroom activities.

Fun Fact: Mrs. Johnson previously retired from teaching after dedicating over 30 years to education in Nassau County. She returned this year to teach at Hilliard Elementary!



At Hilliard Elementary School, Mrs. Nancy Johnson's class is learning about writing opinion pieces. Students are excited to share about their favorite games, from video games to Candy Land. They are also learning the important life skill of balancing a checkbook as they 'earn' and 'spend'

wisdom on how life usually works. The overall structure of Proverbs is that wisdom is to be sought (1-9), wisdom is to be followed (10-22a), wisdom is to be heard (22b-24), and wisdom is to be lived (25-31).

- Ecclesiastes: How to have Meaning. As strange as this sound, Ecclesiastes is my favorite book in the Old Testament. The book explores the reality of whether or not life has meaning. This book was probably written by Solomon. The book begins his thesis that all is vanity (1:1-11), continues with his defense of his thesis from his personal quest for meaning (1:12-6), and concludes his counsel to fear God (7-12).

- Song of Solomon: How to Love. Song of Solomon teaches us how to love. This was presumably Solomon's masterpiece. The Song is not an allegory between Christ's love for his church, but it does point to Christ's love for the church in a typological way. This song is not simply erotic poetry. The Song of Solomon shows how love progresses from courtship (1:3:5), to marriage (3:6-5:1), to the struggle to love in marriage (5:2-7:10), and the growth and the maturity of love (7:11-8:14).

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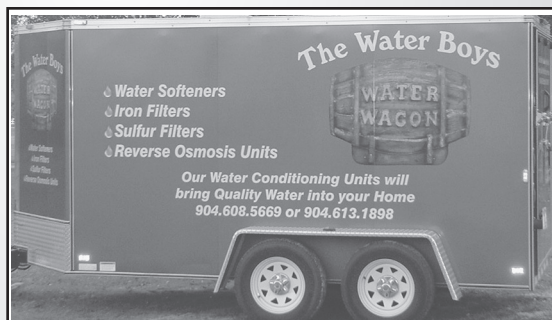
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Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final meeting of May. The first agenda item was a presentation by Mayor John Beasley announcing a donation to the Hilliard Youth Football Club of \$500 on behalf of the Northeast Florida League of Cities.

The first order of business was the approval of the Annual Financial Statements and Audit for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023.

The next three agenda items included projects at the Hilliard Airpark that are 100% funded by the Florida Department of Transportation. The first was the council approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 20 to AECOM for the Design and building contract documents for a new Hangar Building at the Airpark. "At this time the Airpark is at 100% capacity with airplanes," said Bill Prange, PE AECOM. "This project will add another Hangar to the Airpark, which is needed."

The second item was the approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 21 to AECOM for the Environmental Assessment for the north and south property acquisitions at the Hilliard Airpark. "This project is where a team can do shovel digs on the properties

and document any findings," added Prange.

The third and final Airpark item was the approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 22 to AECOM for Runway Protection Zone clearing of trees at the Hilliard Airpark.

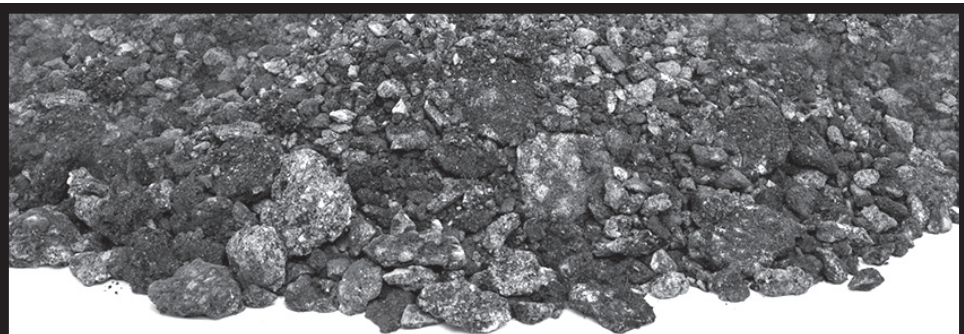
The next agenda item was the approval of Capital expenditure for the Wastewater Collection SCADA System Expansion from Energy Engineering Systems, LLC in the amount of \$18,722.

The following item was also from the Public Works Department, concerning the council approval for the repair of Well #4's seal from Complete Services Well Drilling, Inc., not to exceed \$6,950. "The repair could be less but I wanted to get the price for worst case scenario," said Public Works Director Joel Hall.

Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg requested approval for additional seasonal staff: Summer Camp Counselors and Swimming Pool Lifeguards. The council approved the request.

The council approved the approval to surplus the Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department's 2007 Ford Explorer command vehicle and sale it to the Town of Callahan for \$3,500.

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, June 6 at 7 p.m.



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Groundbreaking Held for Fire Station 90



Monday, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for Nassau County Fire Station 90, located at 3195 County Road 2 in Hilliard. Nassau County Commissioners, Sheriff Bill Leeper along with other county officials attended the ceremony. The new facility will consist of 10,891 square feet and will feature four bays with an engine, rescue unit, tanker and brush truck. The station is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2025. "The opening of this new state of the art fire station represents our community's commitment to enhancing public safety. Public safety must be a top priority, and this fire station allows our brave first responders to do their jobs more effectively and efficiently," said Sheriff Bill Leeper.

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WNHS WARRIOR MASCOT REVEALED

Dawn S. West

I am an alumnus of West Nassau High School and resident in Callahan before West Nassau was built. I have always known the 'Warrior mascot' as the Warrior that rode the horse carrying a spear from the north end zone to the center of the field to start the game. The first Warrior I remember was Barney Thompson and he took the job seriously and looked the part!

Around 2002, West Nassau administration purchased a 'Warrior' costume that was used for a couple of years and then retired the costume in 2003. Around 2015, a new costume was purchased but not used very much. In 2023, a junior at West Nassau went to the principal and asked permission to be the Warrior mascot that was named Lennie. After permission was granted, it was on!

This student, Brentlee Adkins, now a senior, took the job very serious. He told very few people he was the mascot. When arriving at a game, he parked a distance away from the school so he wouldn't be spotted. In his two years as the Warrior mascot, he has attended more school functions, sporting events, etc. as Lennie. "I loved my time as Lennie. When I put on the costume, I became a different person. I had fun. I found I could be more animated with my actions and people loved it," said Brentlee. "I used to be

withdrawn but this has brought me out of my shell. I loved being Lennie!"

During the senior awards Friday, Brentlee was there for the awards. Principal Richard Pearce asked Brentlee to have the costume to help present some awards. When Brentlee got the cue from Pearce he slipped out of the crowd, changed and returned as Lennie. Pearce began talking about Heart of the Warrior Award. Lennie continued to play along. Pearce announced the winner as Brentlee Adkins! Lennie looked around... like where is Brentlee? Brentlee took off the head and the gym exploded with cheers! That was the first time he has taken the head off in front of people.

Brentlee wouldn't have been able to pull this off without a lot of help from his proud parents Bobby and Brenda Adkins. They also had to keep quiet about their son and his new found job! Brentlee plans to continue his career goal as a registered nurse and plans to attend Jacksonville University. Should the opportunity to be another mascot arise...he'd be open to do it again. Brentlee is a straight A student who has already achieved his CNA certification. He was also chosen as Homecoming King this year and of course, a friend had to fill in as Lennie for him!

Congratulations Brentlee and good luck in your future endeavors! You were an amazing Warrior mascot!



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SHIRLEY CARTER



Shirley Carter, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on May 16, 2024, at the Life Care Center of Hilliard. She was born August 12, 1935, to the late Joe Brown Yawn and Lotice Beasley Yawn of Baxley, Georgia. Shirley attended Asbury Methodist Church in Baxley, where she also played the piano.

Shirley and her late husband Luther E. Carter moved to Jacksonville, in the late 1950s before moving to Callahan in 1972. They resided there for 52 years. She was a charter member of First Assembly of God in Callahan, where she played the piano over 15 years. In addition to her love for the piano, she was also an avid reader. She loved playing piano and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Shirley was a devoted and loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother, who will be dearly missed. She is preceded in death by her parents; and husband Luther E. Carter.

Shirley leaves behind her sons Max (Susan) Carter and Melvin (Sheila) Carter; daughter Lynette (Mike) Durden; brothers Earl (Karen) Yawn and Gary (Louise) Yawn; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Shirley's life was held Wednesday, May 22 at Crossroads Church with Pastor Jeul Strickland officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery. The family received friends Tuesday, May 21 at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

OBITUARIES

CHARLIE CURTIS LANGAGER



Charlie "Chuck" Curtis Langager, 66, of Callahan, passed away May 13, 2024, with his loving family by his side. He was born August 2, 1957 in Jacksonville. Chuck loved music. If you ever had the pleasure of hearing him play guitar, his mastery of melody was very apparent. Chuck had a special affinity for the blues. Not only did he play but he also wrote songs and poetry. Chuck's art was not limited to music.

He was also a master carpenter for the Las Vegas Carpenters Union. His woodworking skills are all over the Las Vegas valley. Chuck's work can be seen in many of the beautiful stages, penthouses, shops and homes there, as well as the Jacksonville area where he spent the remainder of his years. He also enjoyed the outdoors. Chuck was never much of a "people person." He enjoyed the quiet solitude of nature. Those few people who he called friend, can say that Chuck's heart and soul were kind and gentle. He goes on now to play his music for the angels, but his memory will live on through his art. Chuck is preceded in death by his mother Phyllis Frehner; father Charlie Curtis Holmes; and sister Ronda DeVisser.

Chuck leaves behind his son Gregory Langager; daughters Ariel Dampier and Bronte MacFawn; siblings Phil

Langager, Sam Holmes and Tisha Pearson; granddaughters Emmalei Norton, Ellaina Dampier, Zella MacFawn and Eloise MacFawn; grandsons Gabriel Bell, Maxx MacFawn and soon to be grandson Danon Dampier; and lifelong friend Dee Riley.

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Thursday, May 23 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in the name of Lance Renckert to the Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation to support families of infants in NICU care. Donations can be made online at: givistvincents.org or by mail to Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation Southside c/o the NICU, 1 Shircliff Way, Jacksonville, FL 32204.

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LANCE PARKER RENCKERT



Lance Parker Renckert, 21, of Middleburg, passed away May 11, 2024. He was born December 20, 2002, in Jacksonville, to Ed and Jennifer Renckert. Lance graduated from Middleburg High School in 2021 and was currently serving proudly in the United States Air Force. He was a member of the 2nd Bombay Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana and received metals for technology, aircraft, and support equipment. He enjoyed many activities such as scuba diving, fishing, camping, and working on his truck. He had a love for animals, especially his dog, Judy. Lance was an amazing young man who was taken too soon and will be dearly missed.

Lance leaves behind his loving parents, Ed and Jennifer Renckert; brother Camden (Brittany) Renckert; sister Madison Renckert; grandparents Fred and Rhonda Renckert and James and Betsy Register.

A graveside service will be held Friday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m. at Jacksonville National Cemetery where military honors will be rendered. The family will receive friends

DENNIS J. SCHUMACHER, SR.



Dennis J. Schumacher, Sr., 85, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, May 16, 2024. He was born January 7, 1939. He proudly served his country in the US Navy.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Pat Schumacher; daughters Amy (Brad) Sink and Kandi (Phil) Clark; sons Dennis John (Judi) Schumacher, Jr., Duane Schumacher, Eric (Helen) Schumacher and Rick (Aimee) Morgan; grandchildren Jazmine (David) Cannon, Savanna Schumacher, Samantha Schumacher, Erica Schumacher, Jeremy Schumacher, Brandon Schumacher, Jessica Barnett, Anthony Schumacher, Emily Schumacher, Amanda Schumacher, Stephanie (Doug) Bonnie, Tonya Moratto, Megan (Shad) Schimic, Madison Crespin, Bonnie Morgan, Jeffrey Sink and Sean Leyden; and several great-grandchildren.

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I am ready to advocate for our schools, our students, and our future and I ask you to join me in this endeavor. If you have questions, please contact me directly or visit my campaign resources: Facebook: Kristi Loyd Simpkins for Nassau County School Board District 4; website: kristisimpkinsforncsb2024.org; email: kristisimpkins2@gmail.com; or call (904) 626-4678.

Thank you for considering me as your advocate on the school board. Let's build a bright future for Nassau County, one student at a time - Vote Kristi Simpkins on August 20th!

Desiring to return to the community where I was raised, I started my professional career teaching Kindergarten and First Grade at Callahan Elementary. I then progressed to the role of principal at Hilliard Elementary and eventually became Nassau County's Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction. My retirement from the Nassau County School System in 2021 marked a transition to further service in education, leading me to accept the role of principal at Folkston Elementary School.

When asked why I want to serve on our school board, the answer is clear: working in Nassau County has been more than a job, it has been my life's work. My 30 years of service have shaped me into the educator I am today. Here, my husband Bobby and I raised our three children, Haley, Hannah, and Robert, whose successes as adults directly reflect the excellent education they received. It is also where we hope to see our future grandchildren thrive.

If elected, I vow to prioritize: Safety and Security: Ensuring students are safe and secure on campus is crucial for fostering a positive learning environment, addressing



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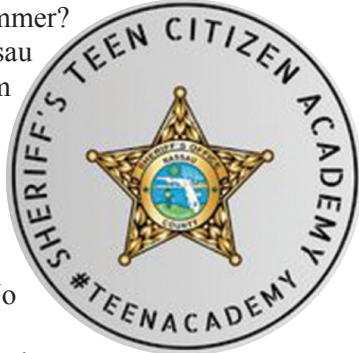
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