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## July Water Increase in Hilliard

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final meeting of May. The first order of business was a discussion concerning approving an application for funding for the Sixth Street paving project. "I want to first congratulate the Town of Hilliard for the approval on appropriations funding from the state. Hilliard was the number one small town in Florida to receive appropriations," said Doug Adkins. "There is still money available in the American Rescue Plan and I'm asking you (council) to be the willing applicant for the funding of \$225,000 for the paving project on Sixth Street and possibly Orange Street. The funding is coming from the Department of Economic Opportunity."

"So, if approved for the money from

DEO, this wouldn't cost the town a penny?" said Councilman Lee Pickett. "I want to make sure I understand this!"

"All the town is doing is being the willing applicant as the funding must go through a municipality. There will be no cost to the town," added Adkins.

The council approved completing the application, pending they receive a letter from Adkins stating that the town would not be responsible for any funding and also providing a new drawing including the roundabout that was discussed.

The council approved a septic tank exception for David Bishop on his property located on West Twelfth Avenue in Hilliard.

The next agenda item concerned amending Resolution 2022-08 Water and Sewer Rates. This resolution will amend

Resolution 2021-23, amending Water and Sewer rates; Tap-in Fees; adding a fee for Septic Tank Applications; adding a fee for Right of Way Permit Applications. The residential Water and Sewer Fees will increase around \$4 per month for normal usage. The fee for Septic Tank applications will be \$250; and the fee for Right of Way permit applications will be \$2,000. The council approved Resolution 2022-08 by a 4-1 vote with Councilwoman Callie Bishop voting no.

The Water and Sewer rates will not increase until July. The other fees will be effective immediately.

In other business, the council approved the \$7,500 payment to Kynex, Inc. for half of their portion of the payment for the fireworks display to be held on July 2 in combination with the Town of Callahan.

"I attended a meeting at the fairgrounds concerning the fireworks. We are in the process of checking with food trucks that would be available prior to the fireworks for residents," said Council President John Beasley. "We will have another meeting in early June to finalize plans."

The council approved the payment of \$9,461 to Strength Depot for the purchase of new exercise equipment for the Hilliard Fitness Center. "Most of the equipment is already up and running at the center," said Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg.

The council also approved the payment of \$2,532 to American Precast Structures, LLC for the Culvert Bundle. The lump sum of the contract is \$22,000.

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, June 2 at 7 p.m.

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As a volunteer, the worst thing to do is clean the bathrooms after a long night at the park. I met with Klynt Farmer on his campaign trail and gave him an earful of what we were lacking. Not long after, the county hired Jay Robertson as director of Parks and Recreation. We needed this 10 years ago! They have listened and answered our needs. There is still work to do but we are headed in the right direction.



Having the county implement a plan of keeping the bathrooms clean daily has been a huge help. We appreciate Robin and Renee tremendously. They see the worst part of the parks and always show up. We were able to show our appreciation for them at our Little League Closing Day. Also, a huge thank you to Nassau County Parks & Recreation.

Hal Keene  
 President Hilliard Little League


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# Hilliard Parks & Recreation News

Gabe Whittenburg  
Director, Parks & Recreation

Greetings from Hilliard Parks & Recreation! Ready or not summer is here! If you had any doubt, it quickly becomes evident by the humidity and thunderstorms we've experienced lately. We recognize summer here at the park with the activity that we have started to see. Every summer is action packed here at HP&R, but this summer is one we are especially excited about.

One of the most exciting aspects of this summer is that our pool has received a much needed facelift. As this is being written, the finishing touches are being put on our marcite project. We are looking forward to our pool visitors coming to enjoy it. Also, new is a refreshed look to our splash pad. Finally, the pool house has been painted to better represent Hilliard with a Flashes Red stripe! We are hopeful to be open in early June. There are plenty of opportunities to enjoy our pool during our public hours as well as our Aqua Aerobics classes Monday - Friday at 11a.m. with Becky Mirando. Additionally, our pool is available for rental. Come and see us!

Another much needed change is in our 24-hour Fitness Center. We have been able to introduce some needed additions to the facility. Just a few

of these items include two racks for those interested in free weights, a new Concept2 Rower, an Assault Runner and many other items. With the new equipment, we have also made some cosmetic changes to make the space flow much better. The feedback has been very positive from our members so far. While those things have changed, we still offer 24-hour access to our facility and our gym attendant, Myron Saunders, is available to assist you as well. I hope you will consider us as you look for a place to achieve your fitness goals.

If you are looking for activities for your child to participate in, we have something for almost anyone. First, we are about to kick-off our summer flag football season. Our registration has been extended until May 27 and as of now we have 73 registered. Also, this summer, we will be having our Tennis and Track programs during the month of July as well as a swim program. We will also have our summer sports camps: Football Camp will be held on June 20-23; with our Basketball and Volleyball Camps on July 11-14 and July 25-28 respectively. The camp cost is \$50 and includes a camp t-shirt.

It is always a great day at Hilliard Parks & Recreation!

# JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

This just may be the most enjoyable column for me as it is something I have been waiting on for a long time. Of course, it also depends on whether it progresses into what it should. One can almost hear the squeals of anguish and agony coming from the multi-colored hair guru's sitting in their fancy little coffee shops and the choking of Starbucks drinkers. As Kevin Downey, Jr. said, "Squeal, you commie piggies, SQUEAL."

What I'm referring to is Hillary Clinton getting roasted in court last week. It was so bad (good) that even CNN had to make a statement about it. CNN posted, "Hillary Clinton personally approved plan to share Trump-Russia allegation with press in 2016, campaign manager says."

Basically, this is what happened last week in a Washington D.C. courtroom during the Michael Sussman (Hillary's campaign lawyer) trial brought forth by the Durham investigation. Sussman is accused of lying to the FBI by bringing the FBI bogus dirt on Donald Trump and claimed he was acting as a concerned citizen and not for his client (Hillary). Sussman had told the FBI that Trump had a secret communications channel with the Kremlin via Alfa Bank. FBI agents found no evidence that such a channel existed. Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook testified UNDER OATH that he showed Hillary the bogus information and she personally OK'd it being released to the public. Mook also testified that no one had verified any of the bogus information. Mook stated he ran the lie past Jake Sullivan, who is now Joe Biden's National Security Advisor, which means Sullivan was in on the lie.

Hillary tweeted the lie on Halloween, 2016, less than a week before the election. Her tweet stated, "Computer scientists have apparently uncovered a covert server linking the Trump Organization to a Russian-based bank." She attached the following to her tweet: "Statement from Jake Sullivan on Report Exposing Trump's Line of Communication to Russia" In response to a new report from Slate showing that the Trump Organization has a secret server registered to Trump Tower that has been covertly communicating with Russia, Hillary for America Senior Policy Advisor Jake Sullivan released the following statement Monday: "This line of communication may help explain Trump's bizarre admiration of Vladimir Putin and endorsement of so many pro-Kremlin positions throughout his campaign. It raises even more troubling questions in light of Russia's masterminding of hacking efforts that are clearly intended to hurt Hillary Clinton's campaign. We can only assume that federal authorities will now explore this direct connection between Trump and Russia as part of their existing probe into Russia's meddling in our elections."

Lies, lies and more lies is the Democratic Political Party's way of life. They obviously have no consciences what so ever! As Kevin Downey Jr. stated, "I hope she gets the cell with the broken toilet and her stomach has a bad reaction to chipped beef."

It couldn't happen to a more deserving person.

Of course, as always...that's just my opinion!

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# The Proclamation of Jesus: Acts

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



Repetition, repetition, repetition. Repetition is the key to learning. We are homeschooling our children and our family has considered alternative ways of learning. One of the most fascinating methods of learning that we have discovered was the Suzuki method. The Suzuki method of learning seeks to ensure mastery of the material that is learned. The focus of the method is repetition and review before building on the new material. This method of learning applies to all areas of life. Let's take the following illustration to prove a point. If someone is learning how to play the piano and they focus on learning a new piece of music. The individual may spend all of their time learning the new piece, but they are losing competence in the pieces that they have already learned. They can play a new song, but they cannot continue to play the songs that they have previously learned. The Suzuki method focuses on mastery of the material that has already been learned and then the new pieces are added, but they are not forgotten. They are continually reflected upon. The same is true of our knowledge of any subject and this is especially true of the Bible.

So, let's review what we have covered about the Bible up until this point. The Bible is one book and the message of the Bible is how God makes everything perfectly, sin destroys it all, but Christ redeems it all. Christ is the hero of the Bible and the whole Bible is the redemptive history of Christ's removal of the curse and how he makes all things new. The Bible is made of six parts according to Driscoll: Creation, curse, covenant, Christ, church, and consummation. I have been following Kiel's overview of the Bible in my previous articles.

- Christ Anticipated: Old Testament
- Christ Manifested: Gospels
- Christ Proclaimed: Acts

The Old Testament anticipates the coming of Christ. The Gospels are the manifestation of Christ. The Gospels begin with the birth of Jesus and conclude with the ascension of Jesus. The book of Acts is called the proclamation of Jesus. In Acts 1:1-4, Luke tells us that he writes his sequel to Luke to show us all that Jesus continued to do after his ascension. The book of Acts begins with Jesus' ascension and the book concludes with Paul's arrival in Rome. At the beginning of the book of Acts the apostles are empowered to preach Christ by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1-2). The book of Acts closes with the Gospel going out into the whole world. Paul was imprisoned, but the Gospel was not chained, and Paul preaches Christ unhindered (28:30-31). The key verse for the book of Acts is found in 1:8. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the world. This is an easy outline for the book of Acts.

- Christ is preached in Jerusalem: Acts 1-7
- Christ is preached in Judea and Samaria: Acts 8-12
- Christ is preached to the ends of earth: Acts 13-28

Acts tells the history of the early church. Christ is proclaimed throughout the whole world. Jesus is the ascended Lord, but he is continuing his work in the world through his church. This is why the miracles and the sermons that were preached by the apostles were done in the name of the Lord. Jesus is the ascended Lord who has authority over the world. This is why the church proclaims Christ.

# Tips for Avoiding the Summer Slump

Chelsea King,  
I Am A Promise Preschool Director

Summer is here and as we, as educators, along with our students, are gearing up to enjoy our much-needed summer vacation, we can't help but worry about that "summer slump" that students seem to fall into. The Summer Slump is also known as Summer Learning Loss. On average, a student can decline as much as 2 months of school, over summer vacation, simply by not using skills that were taught throughout the school year.

Being in Early Childhood Education for the past 15 years and graduating with my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education in 2012, I've learned simple ways to keep those little ones (ages 2-7) engaged and avoid the Summer Slump. After all, during the early childhood ages their brains absorb everything like a sponge and most are eager to learn, so why not capitalize on learning with a little bit of fun!

5 Tips to Keep Early Childhood Students Learning During Summer:

**DAILY REVIEW:** Talk about school, things they learned in school, ask questions. This helps the child recall specific lessons that were taught during the year. Switch it up often. Ask questions about certain things you know were covered in lessons and have them tell you all about it.

**READ, READ, READ:** Books, Signs, Labels. Read with them or to them. It doesn't have to be a lot, maybe just a short story a day throughout the week. Ask questions about characters, get them to tell you things they think will happen next or why their favorite character is who it is. For the littles VPK

age to Kindergarten, ask them to tell you the letters on a sign. Ask them to find a letter on a sign and tell you what sound it makes. This will keep letters and their sounds fresh in their minds.

**COUNT EVERYTHING:** Everything is a math problem. I tell my VPK parents, if they are struggling with their numbers, COUNT everything. Green beans at dinner, skittles after lunch, how many steps from your room to the bathroom and everything is a math problem. You have 5 green beans on your plate if you eat 2 how many do you have now? Simply using what you have to keep them engaged and learning.

**TAKE A FIELD TRIP:** It doesn't have to be an actual field trip but go. Go to the park, the beach, or to the library. Don't just focus on the reading and math of it all. Use our world as your classroom. Look for different insects or birds. Examine their different colors or skin types. Then, go to the local library and find a book on something you've seen on your trip.

**GO OUTSIDE and PLAY:** Yes, all of the above is IMPORTANT for staying engaged and out of that crazy, Summer Slump, but so is just having fun. Take a break and go outside, get away from the books and screen time and enjoy making up a new game and interacting with family and friends their age. Just by getting young kids up and moving, they'll be able to concentrate better when you do want to focus on academics at different times throughout the summer.

Stay at home parents and working parents, have a great BRAIN boosting summer with your children and enjoy making memories while keeping them out of the Summer Slump.

## CHURCH NEWS

The Youth Group at Hilliard First Assembly of God, 550920 US Hwy 1, will hold a Car Wash and Yard Sale Sat., May 28 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the church located about ¼ mile South of the caution light at Eastwood Rd. Help them go to Youth Camp!

North Hilliard Baptist Church, 552823 US Highway 1, will have a BBQ dinner sale Friday, May 27 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Smoked brisket or ribs, baked beans, potato salad, roll & dessert, \$10.

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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# Flashes Win Spring Football Game

Holden McMillen

In an off season of change and a new face leading the charge in new Flashes head coach Waylon Cox, the Hilliard Flashes returned to the gridiron for their spring game in Jacksonville against the Bishop Snyder Cardinals. The start of the game was delayed an hour and a half due to heavy rain and lightning.

With it being a spring game, there are two important rules to consider: non-competitive special teams and each drive starting at the offense's 30-yard line. The Flashes began the contest with a strong run game. The drive was capped off by a 10-yard touchdown run courtesy of Walker Avera. Following a good extra point, the Flashes were up 7-0. The Cardinals answered going 70 yards down the field. After the extra point, the game was tied at 7. The Flashes, were just getting started. After a couple of runs by Braydon Holley, the Flashes scored on back-to-back drives with Avera completing a 3-yard and a 2-yard score respectively. The first quarter ended with a solid Flashes 21-7 lead.

The Flashes used their aerial attack when Lyle Bennett connected with Bradyn Matto for 28 yards. After the extra point hit the cross bar, the Flashes strengthened their lead to 27-7. The defense got involved when Jacob Hoover forced a fumble recovered by Prestin O'Quinn. The Flashes capitalized with Bennett scoring from 10 yards out.

With the extra point good, the Flashes extended the lead to 34-7. The defense continued to cause havoc to the Cardinal offense by causing back-to-back turnovers. Two drives later, Bennett connected with Holley into open space for a 37-yard score. After the extra point was good, the Flashes had a commanding 41-7 lead heading into halftime.

It was a tale of two halves as the Cardinals began to fight their way back into the game. It became a defensive struggle in the 3rd quarter with the Cardinals finding the end zone again with an 11-yard touchdown run. With a missed extra point, the Flashes were still in good shape with a 41-13 lead. In the 4th quarter, the Cardinals caught a furious rally. The Cardinals scored again. Despite charging back with 27 unanswered points in the second half, it was not enough as the Flashes closed out the spring game with a 41-34 win.

Offensively, Bennett went 6/11 for 197 yards and 3 scores; Avera had 8 carries for 72 yards and 3 touchdowns; Holley had 5 carries for 61 yards and had 2 receptions for 65 yards and a touchdown; and Matto had 3 receptions for 113 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, the Flashes forced 3 turnovers. Hoover had 4 tackles, a sack, and a forced fumble; and Colton Conner had 3 tackles.

The Flashes will continue workouts throughout the summer preparing for fall.



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## HES' Sandy McCullough Retires!

Congratulations to Mrs. Sandy McCullough on your retirement from Hilliard Elementary School. Sandy has served the families of Hilliard Elementary for 35 years! She began her tenure in the cafeteria and after obtaining her CNA license she became the Health Aide at HES. She has poured her heart and soul into the little Flashes families and we are forever grateful for her service!



Mrs. Sandy is looking forward to spending more time with her family and doing "whatever she wants!" We wish her the best on her retirement, no one deserves it more! Sandy is shown here with her husband, Lee, and her sons, Joe and Josh.

## Westside Journal Visits Crystal River!



The Jones children, James IV (12), Avery (10) and Sawyer (4), from Bryceville, went to the Florida Ducks Unlimited State Convention in Crystal River, Florida recently. They took along their copy of the Westside Journal to the formal dinner and earlier that day they showed the boat captain their hometown paper before they swam with the manatees!



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## CES Safety Patrol Visits NCSO



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## Sheriff's Great Kids Award

Congratulations to these students for being really GREAT KIDS! The Nassau County Sheriff's Office wanted to highlight their achievements with the "Sheriff's Great Kid Award."

Diamond Brown is senior at West Nassau High School who is involved in several organizations on campus and has made a positive impact on Warrior Nation. She currently serves as a student manager intern for the Vystar Academy of Business and Finance. Diamond is also a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. She's very active in theater, Women of Excellence, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America as well as several other extracurricular programs. After graduating from high school, Diamond plans to attend college.



people educational training on the purpose, mission and objectives of law enforcement. After graduating high school, Dylan plans to pursue a career with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office.

Last month, Emma Murdock was unable to attend the Great Kid Award presentation at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School. Sheriff Leeper surprised her in front of her faculty and family with her award. Emma is a 9th grade student who always shows respect to her peers and school staff. She maintains a strong academic record and conducts herself with a great strength of character. Emma has maintained straight A's throughout the first semester of the school year. She always has a smile and positive attitude in the classroom.



Dylan Clay is also a senior at West Nassau High School. He is always polite and respectful and is willing to help out when needed. Dylan is an avid outdoorsman and he enjoys fishing and hunting. Dylan has always been interested in law enforcement and is even part of NCSO's Explorers Program, which helps provide young



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### Sunday, May 15

Melissa Sue Gilliard, 41, 54055 Debra Lane, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Alprazolam; Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance

### Monday, May 16

Crystal Nell Baisden, 35, 56256 Colby Drive, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Tamper/Destroy Evidence; Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Farris Sinclay Melton, 43, 45121 Luther Street, Callahan: Using 2-Way Communication Device

Christopher Dale Crews, 49, 1500 Tomlinson Road, Hilliard: Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance; Possession of Weapon by Convicted Felon

### Tuesday, May 17

Daryl Lee Smith, 41, 22078 Crews Road, Hilliard: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Shellie Lorene Stiles, 51, 27056 Michael Lane, Hilliard: Habitual Traffic Offender  
 Marcus Edward Williams, 25, 44192 Pinebreeze Circle, Callahan: Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Lisa Mulvaney Baisden, 56, 2704 Dunn Creek Road, Hilliard: Possession of Methamphetamine

Raymond Louis Crews, 65, 551609 US Highway 1, Hilliard: Sale of Methamphetamine

### Thursday, May 19

Ronald Gilbert Beasley, 36, 14432 Ruth Lane, Hilliard: Possession Schedule 1 Substance (more than 20 grams Cannibas); Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

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**JEFFERY DEMOND FORD, JR.**



Brother Jeffery Demond Ford, Jr., 21, of Callahan, answered his Master's call May 9, 2022. He was born June 9, 2000 in Fernandina Beach, to his parents Brother Jeffery D. Ford, Sr. and Sister Jolyn Hobbs-Williams. He graduated from First Coast High School, class of 2018. Jeffery was a member of the school chorus, Drama/Theater Club, ROTC and Track & Field team. He had a passion for music and drama. Jeffery participated in several school plays, notably "The Lion King" production. He was runner-up for Mr. First Coast. Jeffery joined High Praise International Church in February 2017, under the leadership of Dr. Apostle Robin Taylor. He was a faithful member and a great witness for his Master. Jeffery also served on the Praise Team.

He was employed in January 2022 by Citibank in the Fraud Department; he enjoyed his job. Jeffery was a giver and loved his family, especially his niece and nephews, friends and life. He tried to help everyone.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Henry Hobbs, Sr.; uncles Henry Hobbs, Jr. and Deacon Victor Wiley, Sr.

Jeffery leaves to cherish all of his sweet memories his father, Jeffery D. (Jennifer) Ford, Sr.; mother Jolyn (Edward) Williams; siblings Chanice (Gerald) Hobbs, Kierra Ford and Tierra (Michael) Ford; grandparents Deacon Whitie and Shirley Ford, Sr. and Christine Hobbs; uncles Isiah Wiley, Wilbert (Deborah) Jackson,

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Whitie (Traci) Ford, Jr., Maurice Hobbs and Tommy Hobbs; aunts Kim Ford, Karen Hobbs, Katrina (Michael) Young and Katina Hobbs; nephews De'Angelo Miranda and Brayden Hobbs; niece Chaniya Hobbs; and a host of sorrowing cousins and friends.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, May 21 at True Believers Church of God by Faith in Callahan.

Arrangements by JE Fralin & Sons Funeral and Cremation, 904-924-9400.

**ZANE ELIJAH HARRIS**



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our son, Zane Elijah Harris, on May 16, 2022. Zane was born on October 16, 2003, in Jacksonville. He was a senior at West Nassau High School.

Zane's compassionate, funny and laid-back personality was a gift to those who knew and loved him. He always found ways to help others without hesitation, whether they asked or not. The ability to know when to step up and help someone, even a stranger, was second nature to Zane. He would fill a room with laughter by telling funny jokes and giving quirky impressions in his jovial fun-loving ways. Zane's energy was contagious and it was amazing to see how people would naturally gravitate

toward him. Zane lived in Callahan his entire life and we are fortunate that our son was able to touch many lives within our small town. We are so proud of the young man Zane had become and are blessed to have had 18 years with him.

Zane made the decision to follow Jesus and surrendered his life to the Lord in December of 2012. He was baptized at Callahan First Baptist Church. We find comfort knowing he is now being held in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

He is survived by a loving family, his parents Kelly Harris and Greg and Kristen Harris; and brother Zach Harris; both maternal and paternal grandparents; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; and many lifelong friends from school, church, and the Callahan community.

A celebration of Zane's life was held Monday, May 23 at Callahan First Baptist Church with Dr. Lynn Hyatt officiating. A private interment followed at Jones Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service.

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and Phillip Hendix of Bryceville; three granddaughters Briana, Belle and Brooke; and great-Nana to Carson and Zoë.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Baldwin First Assembly of God, 17347 W. Beaver Street, Baldwin. Please join us to celebrate mama and enjoy lunch with us after service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor Mrs. Edna to First Assembly of God Mission Fund.

**BOBBY EARL MADDOX**



Bobby Earl Maddox, 85, of Middleburg, passed away May 18, 2022. He was born on August 9, 1936, in Vidalia, Georgia to Dewey and Clyde Kamer Maddox. Bobby worked in Tractor sales for many, many years, the latest working for Massey Ferguson as a supervisor. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed fishing and gardening. He also loved animals and listening to gospel and country music. Bobby was preceded in death by parents; sisters Betty Grimes and Nettie Gee; brothers Willard Maddox and Dewey "Pee Wee" Maddox; and step-daughter Terri Canady.

Bobby leaves behind his loving wife of 40 years, Shirley Dyal Maddox; son Rocky (Suwanna) Maddox; daughter Patsy (Hugh) Rollins; step-children Sandra (Bryon) Mayhall and Stephen (Kim) Smith; grandchildren Ivey Smith, Dustin Mayhall, Samuel "Bo" Mayhall, Jacob Canady, Heather Lynn, Jeremy Pittman, Patrick Pittman, Sofia Maddox and Taylor Maddox; numerous great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and lifelong friend Virginia Griffis.

Pallbearers will be Michael Grimes, Pacer Joyner, Dustin Mayhall and Nick Solomon.

A celebration of life service was held Tuesday, May 24 at Live Oak Baptist Church with Pastor James Conner officiating. Interment followed at Live Oak Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service.

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

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**EDNA JEAN LONG**



Edna Jean Long, 84, of Bryceville, went to be with Jesus on May 19, 2022. She was born October 20, 1937 in Somerset, Pennsylvania. She was the youngest daughter to Rev. Charles and Alice T. Blankenship. Mama was a godly mother and nana and will be missed by her family.

She is survived by her daughter Belinda

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## MAYNARD S. NIGHBERT, III



Maynard Stockton Nighbert, III, 66, of Hilliard, passed away Thursday, May 19, 2022. He was born on May 5, 1956 to the late Maynard Stockton Nighbert and Paula Ellis Nighbert. He loved fishing, boating and riding motorcycles. He was also a 2nd Degree Black Belt. In addition to his parents; he is preceded in death by his wife Glenda Varnes Nighbert; and a brother Paul Nighbert.

He is survived by two brothers Neil

(Denise) Nighbert and James (Kristi) Nighbert; a step-son Steven Kriete; two grandchildren Eli Kriete and Zoe Kriete; five sisters-in-law Penny Nighbert, Ruth Nobles, Peggy Lollar and Ellen Varnes; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held Friday, May 27 from 6-8 p.m. at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

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Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

## USS Stark Attack Remembered



On Tuesday, May 17, a memorial service was held at Naval Station Mayport to remember the 35th Anniversary of the attack on the USS Stark (FFG-31). On that date in 1987 an Iraqi jet fired two Exocet missiles which struck the Navy frigate. Thirty-seven sailors were killed with another 21 injured. The surviving crew performed life saving measures to crew mates, battled on board fires and fought valiantly to keep the ship afloat. More than 250 family, friends and guests gathered for the memorial service. Shown is retired Navy Chief Ed Mateo, one of the survivors of the attack.

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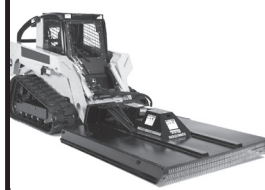
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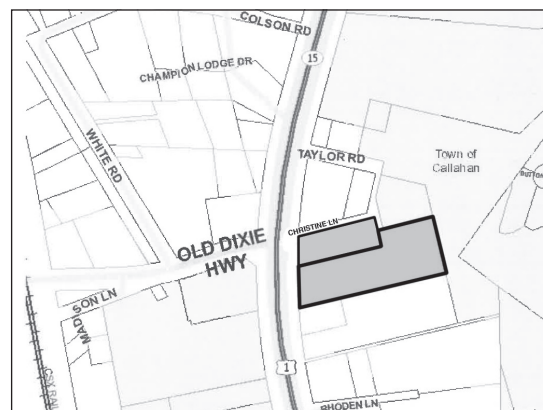
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## Zooming in Photography 4-H Club

Laura Marino, Club Leader

I am so proud of these youth in Zooming in Photography. Our last meeting was held at the Alligator Farm in St. Augustine. Instead of just a photography assignment, I threw a new component at them, Journalism. "Ask a zookeeper why they chose their job?" A couple students went further and asked other questions. Following are what the students asked and found out:



Seth found a visitor in the park with a large camera. "What kind of camera is that?" "It's just a regular camera with several lenses attached. Can I join 4-H?" The students answered, "Yes you can come to a club meeting!"

"This place is amazing and you get to grow bonds with these beautiful animals that no one else gets to. It's the



dream job!" said Simeon, as he talked with Lindsey and Scarlet Macaw Lucy.

Taylor said, "She grew up going to zoos and loves and cares about the animals." "She wants to teach people about animals and conservation. Taylor even chose the photo location," said Abby.



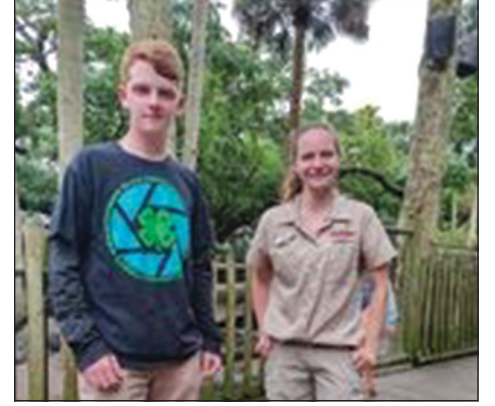
"I get to be with animals all the time and I get to talk to people and answer questions," said the reptile keeper to Emily. "And I get to teach others what I know," he answered Savannah.



"I love animals and teach others about my passions," the keeper told Sam.

"What do you like most about being in poultry show management?"

"I would not consider myself in poultry show management. I just enjoy seeing children do what they love. As an educator, I often find myself finding voids and figuring out how to fill them. When the previous poultry showmanship superintendent left and a new one was needed, I volunteered. My children participated last year and loved it, so I did not want them to miss out either."



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