

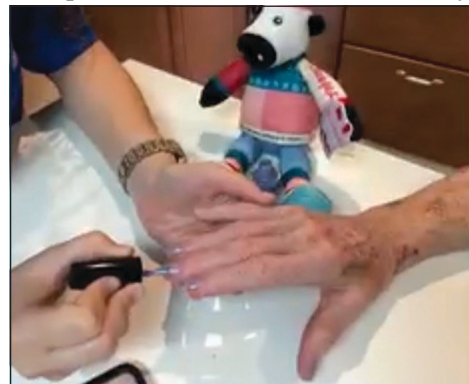
"FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD RANGE THROUGHOUT THE EARTH TO STRENGTHEN THOSE WHOSE HEARTS ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO HIM. YOU HAVE DONE A FOOLISH THING, AND FROM NOW ON YOU WILL BE AT WAR." - 2 CHRONICLES 16:9

WNHS Students Win National Award



In early March, students from West Nassau High School, that are members of the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy at the school, were tasked to do an impact Leadership Project. After much discussion, the students decided to do a 'Senior Prom' at the Life Care Center of Hilliard (a nursing and rehabilitation home). Students designed invitations, made up goody bags filled with small lotion, lip balm, note pad, candies and more and delivered them to the residents at Life Care along with the invitation.

The students took the lead in deciding to go to Life Care on the morning of the event and paint ladies' nails, apply make-up and do hair, if necessary, along with helping them to try on donated dresses for the ladies, and blazers and suits for the men. Many thanks to the nurses and CNAs that helped out with the residents during this event. Earlier in the week, the WN FFA partnered with the leader academy



and went to Life Care and spruced up the front entrance and the courtyard, weeding, planting flowers and applying around 200 bags of mulch, making the facility so pretty.

The prom included the Jazz Band from WNHS performing in the courtyard for the residents; and one of the student's parents, Mr. Trent Wainwright, provided music in the dining room. Residents enjoyed cupcakes and punch. Different superlatives were chosen along with two Kings and Queens.

Following the event, the students had to turn in photos along with a summary of what they thought the impact their event had on their community. This competition was with all the Chick-fil-A Leadership Academies around the United States. As the votes came in, West Nassau was in the top five. When the final votes were tallied, West Nassau was chosen the overall winner for the nation.

Last Friday, Chick-fil-A Leader Academy students were treated to a visit from the Chick-fil-A cow and lunch for all, even the FFA team that helped out! Many thanks to our Chick-fil-A sponsor, Mr. Chuck Campbell, from the River City Chick-fil-A. We are so proud of our students and the great impact they have made for our Life Care residents and community!

Law Enforcement Memorial Service Held

Last Wednesday, May 22, the Nassau County Sheriff's held their annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service. Sheriff Bill Leeper would like to thank all who attended the 2024 Law Enforcement Memorial. "This memorial service serves as a tribute to the service and dedication of our fallen officers. It ensures that their names, sacrifices, and

contributions to public safety will never be forgotten," said Sheriff Leeper.

The service was held at the Sheriff's Office Memorial Plaza in Yulee. Sheriff Leeper spoke to the families and the rest of the community prior to the reading of all the fallen Nassau County officers' names.



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Cost: \$30 • Ages: 5-10 • Where: Callahan

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- ½ yellow onion, sliced
- ¼ cup water
- 4 pork chops
- 2 cubes beef bouillon
- 26 oz. condensed cream of mushroom soup

Preheat the oven to 325°. Place onion slices on the bottom of a glass baking dish. Lay pork chops over onions. Cover chops evenly with condensed soup. Add water and bouillon, breaking up the bouillon cubes to spread flavor. Cover the baking dish with aluminum foil. Bake pork chops, stirring gravy once or twice, until no longer pink in the centers, about 1 hour. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center of a chop should read at least 145°.



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Property Appraiser; County Commission Districts 1, 3, and 5; Ocean Highway & Port Authority, Districts 1 & 2.

A second forum is planned for Tuesday July 2nd. There will be representation of each race in both meetings, in order to hear from the long list of candidates.

The event will be held at the Hilliard County Building, 37177 Pecan Street and is hosted by the Westside Republican Club. A light buffet will be served.

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2	3 Pine Forest Alumni Meeting 5 p.m. Bethel A.M.E. Church Callahan Town Meeting 7 p.m.	4 Torah Club 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Westside Republicans 6 p.m. Hilliard Comm. Center NAMI Family Support 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Bch.	5 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	6 Food Giveaway @Callahan First Baptist 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hilliard Town Meeting 7 p.m.	7 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	8
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It was raining hard, really hard, and it seemed like it would never end. Eventually, however, it did and when the clouds cleared away, there spanning the sky, was a beautiful rainbow. Like most of us, I never cease to be amazed by the beauty of a rainbow. It is a testament to the beauty of nature, and to our mighty creator God who is behind all creation. It is also a constant reminder of the famous Bible story about Noah and the Ark found in Genesis 6-9. The Bible tells us that mankind had become so wicked that God was grieved that He had ever made them. He decided to bring judgment upon the world. Noah, however, served God, so God brought Noah and his family through the flood in an ark. After coming off the ark, God made this promise: *"This is the sign of the covenant I am making between Me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for future generations. I have set My bow in the clouds and it will be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. Whenever I form clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will remember My covenant between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh: water will never again become a deluge to destroy all flesh."* Every time we see a rainbow it reminds us that God has been faithful to this promise. It also reminds us that God is Faithful to all His promises and to His children.

There are some interesting facts about a rainbow that highlight this wonderful truth. For one thing, it is said that no two people ever see the same rainbow the same way. Where we are standing, the refraction of the light and other factors, determine our view of the rainbow. That means we all get our own personal view of it. A rainbow just for us! God's promises are that way. They are stated for all of us in Scripture, but then God personally applies them to us individually. This reminds us that God is personally involved in the lives of every one of His children.

Second, a rainbow is actually a circle. We, only see part of it. Some people have actually seen a whole rainbow but most have not. This reminds me that God's promises to us are so vast that we cannot even comprehend them all. In I Corinthians 2:8, Paul the Apostle declares, *"But as it is written: What no eye has seen and no ear has heard, and what has never come into a man's heart, is what God has prepared for those who love Him."* God's love for us is so vast, His promises so amazing and His plans for us so great we struggle to grasp them.

Finally, a rainbow can be covered by the clouds. Sometimes after it rains the clouds will linger and the sky stays dark, but the rainbow is still there behind the clouds. Sometimes life is this way. Things can seem dark. The struggles are intense. Frustration and even depression can set in. It can even seem like God is distant or not listening and you wonder if He even cares. But like the rainbow behind the clouds, He is there. Watching over you. Caring for you. He has promised to never leave you nor forsake you and He never will. He is faithful to His promises and He will be faithful to every one of His children. The greatest proof of God's faithfulness is seen in Jesus Christ. He promised to send us a Savior and He did. And if God, *"did not spare His own Son but offered Him up for us all; how will He not also with Him grant us everything?"* Romans 8:32. What a promise that is! God is faithful to His word!

The rainbow is the beautiful display of the faithfulness of God.

The Barefoot Mailman and Florida's Post Office Murals

Post office murals are visible and enduring symbols of New Deal ideology that provide lasting evidence of governmental art patronage during the Great Depression. Not just for picking up mail or sending packages, during the 1930s post offices offered a place to meet neighbors and catch up on news. In Florida, 16 new post offices were built between 1937 and 1943, and each was decorated with murals or relief sculptures paid for by the Treasury Department's Section of Painting and Sculpture. This presentation discusses the West Palm Beach post office's exciting mural series featuring Florida's "Barefoot Mail Carrier," its subject, and how it fits into the Great Depression's larger mural project.

Keri Watson is an associate professor of art history at the University of Central Florida and co-executive editor for

Panorama: Journal of the Association of Historians of American Art. She is the author of *This is America: Re-Viewing the Art of the United States* (2023) and editor of the *Routledge Companion to Art and Disability* (2022). This Florida Talks program is a partnership between Florida Humanities and the Nassau County Public Library System. Funding for this program was provided by Florida Humanities and sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

A presentation will be held Thursday, June 6 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Hilliard Library, 15821 CR 108. Everyone is invited to attend this unique presentation. For more information, call the library at 904-530-6500, Opt. 4.

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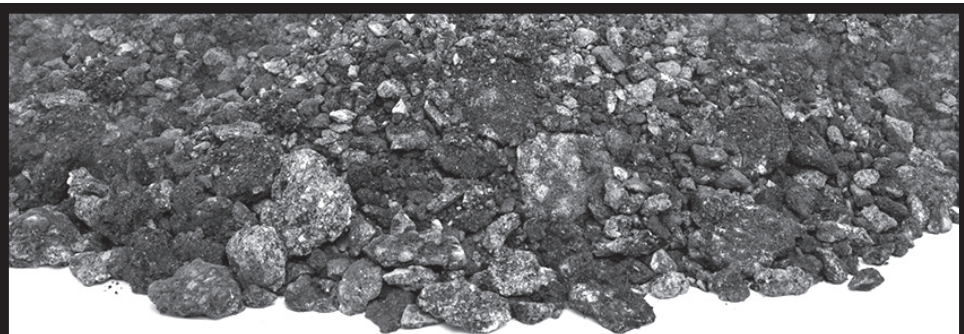
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Nelson and Associates Insurance is a health insurance agency offering quality, affordable healthcare coverage along with providing education, resources and community outreach. The Expo was born from an idea that CEO Kimberly Branham-Nelson had and was fueled by her passion for her community and her background in education. Last year's expo was able to offer approximately 400 FREE sports physicals to Nassau County school-age children, along with providing mobile mammograms on Baptist MD Anderson's Mobile Mammography Bus. This one-day event will be packed full of health and safety providers, resources, services and local non-profit organizations offering valuable tools for maintaining a safe and healthier you. In

addition, the opportunity to meet the great community of Nassau County will be the focus of the event.

Please join us for special appearances by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, UF Health Jacksonville's Trauma One Ground Ambulance, the Alzheimer's Association Brain Bus, and more. There are some new additions coming to this year's Expo including: Clarity Professional Hearing Aid Center; FBHS Art students will be doing FREE face paintings, and Barnabas Center will be hosting a food drive, courtesy of various community donors.

Nelson and Associates Insurance is grateful for the support of this year's expo sponsors, UF Health of Jacksonville, YMCA at Wildlight and Clarity Professional Hearing Aid Center. This Health and Safety Expo is a resource for ALL ages. Come visit the vendor booths, learn about the resources provided by local non-profits, and enjoy delicious food trucks while you are there. There is even a chance to win many amazing door prizes when you fill out the event's passport!

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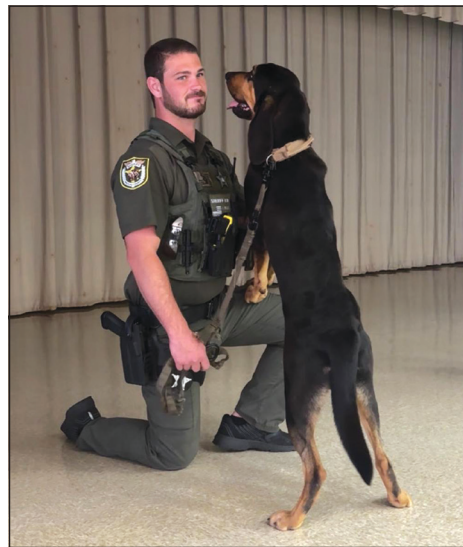


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Last Tuesday, Madison Green, now a 2024 graduate of West Nassau High School, signed a letter of intent to attend Valdosta State University and be a part of the Cheerleading team. Madison has been cheering most of her life and still enjoys it! "I love being with my friends on the squad all year long. We all have become family, as we spend so much time together. I'm going to miss them," said Madison. "I also love the adrenaline rush I get before competitions!"

Madison is looking forward to continuing to cheer however she will be also working on her degree. She plans to major in Sports Medicine and be an athletic trainer. She is thankful for the support of her mother Christina Green, sister Kaitlyn, grandmother Jennie Lou Green, and poppy Mac McDonald!



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Many thanks to the officers and members of VFW Post 10095 Hilliard, for organizing and presenting the Memorial Day Service held Monday at Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard. Each part of their presentation was done with a heartfelt 'thank you' to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The emotions were strong for everyone present as 'Taps' were played to end the special service. We are so thankful and forever grateful for all of our men and women that gave their all for America.



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Number 10: Our President has a wife that was gained by infidelity and deceit, along with his desire to have a Corvette (that the majority can't have) and houses that few, if any, will ever be able to afford.

Number 9: Our President has lied to this nations most trusted friend, and only ally, in the Middle East, in addition to the lies he has inflicted upon our own citizens and nation.

Number 8: Our President has stolen congressionally approved funds and materials, which have been promised to our friends. He has also stolen the dignity and respect that used to go along with the office.

Number 7: In the historical and questionable means by which he gained his wife, our President has committed adultery. In the same manner, he is trying to gain the support of a very naïve portion of the populace.

Number 6: The disastrous way

in which our President closed out the Afghanistan Chapter of our "War on Terror," he killed far too many of our own military personnel. In addition, his "Flip-Flop" approach to abortion has resulted in far too many deaths of "God's" creations.

Number 5: By lying about the manner in which his family has done business, described the circumstances surrounding his family and created so many falsehoods about his life, he has failed to honor his father or his mother. But his biggest lie, is the one that he has directed his Department of Justice to accomplish. The "Third World" approach to eliminating his competition.

Number 4: As an espoused member of the Catholic Church he is... Well, as they say, the road to hell is paved with alleged good intentions.

Number 3: Our President's own approach to his religious faith, while violating every rule in the book, has alone justified his guilt of damnation by his alleged, revered, deity.

Number 2: Our President has bowed down to the faction that wants to destroy our own peoples and nation, and our allies, in the interest of his own misguided zeal to mark his place in history.

Number 1: And, the number one reason to throw the "Bum" out? Vladimir Putin wants him to win!

Please recognize the conditions that are coming our way. Failure to do so will guarantee the prognosis that has recently been forecast. It won't be long before a "family of four" will need to have an income of \$170,000 a year, just to make ends meet, from day to day. Failing that achievement, we'll all be in the poverty level!

POLICE REPORTS

Names, Addresses and all information appearing in the Police Reports are taken from the Sheriff's Department files and do not necessarily indicate guilt, only that arrests were made or charges were filed.

Tuesday, May 21

Timothy Jason Armstrong, 47, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Community Control Felony

Randy Noah Johns, 55, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Community Control Felony

Melvin Gerard Winningham, 58, Hilliard: Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell (x 2); Possession of Methamphetamine

Wednesday, May 22

Jackson Twain Conner, 42, Hilliard: Driving While License Suspended with Knowledge 2nd Conviction; Possession of Methamphetamine

Thursday, May 23

Justin Hunter Curry, 22, Callahan: Felony Criminal Mischief

Friday, May 24

Haley Marion Hogan, 24, Hilliard: Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams (x 2); Possession of Schedule 1-5 Substance (x 2); Possession of Methamphetamine

Sunday, May 26

Mario Tolentino Domingo, Jr., 53, Callahan: Battery, Touch or Strike Domestic Violence

Angela Joyner Jarrell, 48, Callahan: Battery, Touch or Strike Domestic Violence (x 2)

Holly LaLaine Milligan, 51, Callahan: Writ of Bodily Attachment Civil (x 2)



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HENRY CRAIG CAUDILL, SR.



Henry Craig Caudill, Sr., 62, passed away May 18, 2024, and is now at peace with his loved ones who passed on before him. He was born January 2, 1962 in Folkston, Georgia. Craig, affectionately known as Yogi, to his friends and Papa Yogi to his grandchildren, was passionate about the simple things in life. A logger by trade and a kid at heart, he enjoyed time spent running the feller buncher. Craig also enjoyed time spent on his CB radio and studying the Bible, but more importantly, Craig loved his family and his friends with all his heart. I don't think any of us will ever forget his very genuine "Craig Caudill" laughter. He is preceded in death by his parents Darrell and Pat Henderson, and Henry C. Caudill.

Craig is survived by his sisters Becki Caudill (Steve) Dyal and Jennifer Henderson; brother Seth (Shannon) Caudill; ex-wife Karen Stratton-Chitwood; children C.J. Caudill (Karen Carter) and Kelsey Caudill; grandchildren Klayton Bright, Kazmera Caudill, Kayleia Shaw, Bryson Caudill, Cassidy Caudill, Nathan Petrie and Kayleb Hicks; good friend Patricia Lloyd; and his canine companion, Rip.

A graveside service was held Monday, May 27 at 11 a.m. at Oakwood Cemetery, Hilliard. The family received friends prior to the service.

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

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

LORRAINE GRIMM HOLTON



Lorraine "Susie" Grimm Holton, 79, of Callahan, passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Baptist Medical Center Nassau, following a lengthy illness. She was born November 6, 1944 in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, to the late

Clayton Wilson Grimm and Betty Rita Fretts Aldridge. Susie faithfully attended Zoar Congregational Methodist Church and in recent years attended Crossroads Church. In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Quip "Pete" Holton.

She is survived by her children Sherry (Carl) Nodine, Greg (Donna) Holton, Pete (Tina) Holton and Terry (Jessica) Holton; along with five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held Saturday, May 25 at Buford Grove Cemetery with Bro. Dale Holton and Pastor Jeul Strickland officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.srfhcallahan.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Callahan Chapel, 904-879-2336.

BRENDA FAYE JOINER



Brenda Faye "Tommie" Joiner, 80, of Jacksonville, passed away May 7, 2024. She was born August 15, 1943 in Jacksonville, to the late DB Yancey and Vivian Harvey. She loved to play at Casinos, and she played cards at her house every Wednesday. She enjoyed boating, hanging out at her pool, having get togethers at her house. She loved everybody and put up with a lot. She also loved to hunt, never killed anything but she tried. She will be missed by all every day. She did so much for 'others' that did nothing for 'her.'

She is survived by her sons Woody (Montrell) Joiner and Dave Reed; stepchildren Wayne Joiner, Leon Joiner, Ray Joiner, George Joiner, Crystal Strickland and Tammy Harris; grandchildren Rustin, Hailey, Bubba, Anthony, Jamie, Michael,

Jermie, Bear, John and Casey; many great-grandchildren; her siblings Steve Harvey, Gary Harvey, Dennis Yancey, Charlene Garn and Debbie Flanagan.

A private service was held.

MARY ALICE MCCRAY



Mary Alice Leverett McCray, of north Jacksonville, arrived in Heaven Friday, May 10, 2024. Both of her daughters were holding her hands as she left this world for the far better one that Jesus had prepared. She was saved by Christ in her early 20s at Calvary Baptist Church in Waycross. She was born June 27, 1933 in Brantley County, Georgia, and was raised in Waycross. Her parents were James Fredrick Leverett and Maggie Lee Westberry Leverett.

Mary married the love of her life, Alton Lavern McCray, on September 9, 1950 in Ware County, GA. Alton passed away on August 4, 2012. Mary's last church was Sovereign Grace Family Church, where she joined the choir and she and Alton served where they could. As well as bringing up two daughters, Mary also worked outside of the home. In Waycross, she worked at King Edward Cigar factory but never smoked. In Jacksonville, she was a hair dresser and worked for the Sears catalog. Later Mary and Alton started Southern Diesel where Alton managed and Mary was his secretary.

Mary had many hobbies. She enjoyed working in the yard around her flowers and really loved raking the yard. Other hobbies include quilting, ceramics and oil painting. She also taught oil painting. Mary's favorite time of the year was Christmas. Her home and yard were always decorated for the holiday. Mary is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Alton Lavern

McCray; siblings Richard (Ann) Leverett, Larry (Rhonda) Leverett, Doris Smith and Gladys Strickland; and sister-in-law Gloria Leverett.

Mary is survived by her two daughters Karen (Wilson) Faircloth and Macy Darleen (Teddy) Herbertson; brother James (Gloria) Leverett; and five grandchildren Angel (Eric) Bryan, Amy Faircloth (Brian Taylor), Tracie Herbertson, Stacey (Derek) Bellar and Joseph (Eileen) Herbertson; six great-grandchildren Josh Kelly, Kristen Entrekin, Brooke (Hunter) Hutcheson, Logan Douglas, Morgan Herbertson and Reagan McLeish; brothers-in-law Charlie Smith and Jerry Strickland; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Thursday, May 16 at Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, Riverside Park. Burial followed at Hardage-Giddens Riverside Park.

LINDA GAIL MCGEHEAN



Linda Gail McGehean, 65, of Hilliard, passed away May 22, 2024. She was born in Brunswick, Georgia to the late Linton Harris and Marion Anderson Fulford.

Linda leaves behind her loving husband, Doug McGehean; daughter and sons Misty (Mandy) Harris, Charles Carter, Tina Reeves, Fred Reeves, Felisha Reeves, Charity McGehean, Harmony McGehean and Brooklyn McGehean; eight grandchildren; and siblings Marilyn (Randy) Canady, Mary Jean Cooler, Alvin Harris, Calvin Harris and Pam Fulford.

A celebration of Linda's life will be held Wednesday, May 29 at 5 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

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

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GERALD W. MITCHELL



Gerald W. Mitchell, fondly known as "Jerry" by many of his family and friends, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, May 22, 2024, after a long illness. He was born October 12, 1935 in Rome, Georgia. Jerry played football in high school and was a Gator while attending the University of Florida. Jerry majored in Mechanical Engineering. He put himself through college by painting landscapes and portraits. Jerry once painted a portrait of John Young, the 9th astronaut to walk on the moon during the Apollo 16 mission in 1972. John Young presented Jerry with numerous pictures of the astronauts in their spacesuits and walking on the moon. Jerry caught rattlesnakes in the Gainesville area and sold them to Ross Allen Rattlesnake Farm for the antivenin. He repaired people's washers, dryers and other equipment to earn more for his tuition.

Jerry loved archery, guns, and was the Florida Archery Champion one year as well as being a precise, skilled marksman with guns. Jerry loved scuba diving, water skiing and worked at Cypress Gardens in their then-famous waterskiing show while in college. He loved sailing and in his spare time, himself, sons, and nephews built a 50' Catamaran which he named The Dreamweaver and sailed it around the Florida coast. One of the biggest highlights of Jerry's sailing experience was once getting to meet the famous underwater oceanographer, explorer, and filmmaker Jacques Cousteau when Cousteau saw the boat in dock and came over to ask Jerry if he could check it out, of course he said "Yes!"

Jerry proudly served his country in the

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U. S. Navy on the USS Midway and also taught Navigation for a couple of years. He lived in California for a time, working for Hughes Aircraft Company. Jerry returned to Florida and later in his career built custom homes around the state of Florida. A highlight in that career was his opportunity to build the Jacksonville Symphony House, which won many awards. This great honor gave Jerry a chance to meet Wayne and Delores Weaver and Tom Coughlin, the owners at the time, and Coach respectively, of the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Jerry is survived by his devoted wife of 39 years, Imogene Rawles Mitchell; sister Linda (John) Danehy; sons Gerald (Sharon) Wayne, Jr., David and William Mitchell and Christopher (Christine) Kelly; daughter Tracey Kelly; grandchildren Michael, Jonathon (Trish), Stephen (Krista), Christy, Elise, Daniel, Tori and Cameron Mitchell, Joshua, Sadie and Matthew Kelly; great-grandchildren Moriah, Levi and Sophia Mitchell; and loved dearly by many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Jerry's life was held Tuesday, May 28 at 12 p.m. at Callahan First Baptist Church with Dr. Lynn Hyatt officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Storehouse of Northeast Florida, the community food distribution center at Callahan First Baptist Church.

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

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

JAMES DAVID PEACOCK



James David Peacock, 79, of Callahan, passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2024 in Fernandina Beach, following a lengthy illness. He was born July 28, 1944 in Eastman, Georgia to the late Thomas Martin Peacock and Annie Lois Haynes Peacock. He was employed with Manning Electric for 13 years before getting a job with Anheuser-Busch. He retired in 1999 after 25 years of service. He was a member of the Teamsters Local 497 of Jacksonville. Mr. Peacock was a member of River Road Baptist Church in Hilliard.

In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by his wife of 39 years, Mrs. Gloria Willis Peacock; son-in-law Jason Williams; granddaughter Regan Henderson; siblings Alene Rand, Elmer Peacock, Raymond Peacock, Charles Peacock, Edwin Peacock and Verlin Peacock.

Mr. Peacock is survived by his daughters Jeanie (Tony) Thompson and Penny Williams; sister Melba (Don) Ayers; six grandchildren Dustin (Haylee) Thompson, Michael (Lindsay) Henderson, Dalton Thompson, Megan (Bryan) Lloyd, Nicholas Williams and Kaleb Williams; nine great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The family received friends Sunday, May 26 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Callahan Chapel, 617365 Brandies Avenue. Funeral services were held Monday, May 27 at River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard, with Bro. Benji Loyd and Bro. Justin Peterson officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.srfhcallahan.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Callahan Chapel, 904-879-2336.

NANCY WHITE REDDISH

Nancy White Reddish, 78, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away Friday, May 17, 2024. She was born January 24, 1946 in Jesup, GA, to the late Pink Jackson and Hester Jackson. She was a loving a caring Aunt. She enjoyed cooking and sewing for her family and friends. She cared for many people as a home health aide. Nancy was a devout member of the Jehovah's Witness in Hilliard, spending countless hours writing letters to followers around the world.

In addition to her parents; she is preceded in death by her husband Freddie Lee Reddish; a niece that she loved as her daughter Yolanda Dismuke; and a nephew Derrick Jackson.

She is survived by a nephew Edmond Jackson; six 6 great nieces Mikaylee Jackson, Victoria Jackson, Danielle Jackson, Ashley Dismuke, Jay'cean Jackson and Milieeahh Jackson; and her brother Sylvester Jackson.

A service will be held Friday, May 31 at 11 a.m. at the Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Sunset Oak Memorial Cemetery in Jesup.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.shepardrobersonfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

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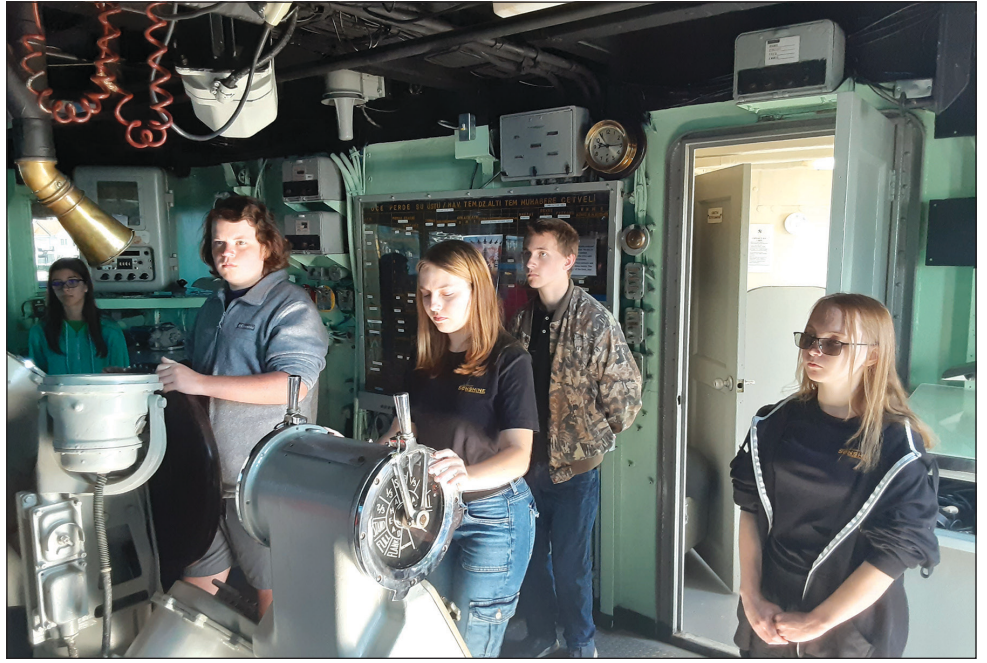
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