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Beaches are OPEN!



At Thursday's Board of County Commissioners meeting, the Board voted to reopen County beaches (Peter's Point south to State Park) effective beginning Friday, May 1, 2020. Beaches will be open each day from 6 a.m. – 9 p.m. Beaches, parking lots, and beach walkovers will close at 9:01 p.m. and remain closed until 5:59 a.m.

Most normal uses such as walking, sitting, laying out, swimming, fishing, surfing, and playing in the sand will be allowed subject to following CDC guidelines for social distancing. Please note that beach driving (except for official vehicles used by the Sheriff, Fire Department, turtle patrol, and State agencies), camping and commercial activities such as horseback riding is not allowed at this time. Parking areas will be open on a first come, first served basis.

Emergency Management Director, Greg Foster, participated in the meeting and while he didn't have concerns about reopening the beaches, he did state, "COVID-19 is still a danger. Residents need to remain vigilant and continue to maintain social distancing guidelines as recommended by the Center for

Disease Control." The Board echoed his comments.

Chairman Leeper added, "We are confident that residents will do the right thing and follow those CDC guidelines by remaining six feet apart and limiting groups to 10 or less."

The Board's first priority is still the health and safety of Nassau County residents. Governor DeSantis provided an update indicating that the pandemic has not affected Florida as badly as originally expected and introduced phase one of his Florida recovery plan. This was a major factor in the Board's decision to go ahead and reopen the beaches.

Should it be determined that individuals are not following CDC guidelines, the Board may be forced to reevaluate beach use again in the future. Individuals who have concerns and those who are considered to be most vulnerable should continue to shelter in place to the extent possible.

The City of Fernandina Beach also opened their beaches Monday, May 4 at 6 a.m. (the area between Ft. Clinch State Park and Peter's Point).

Domino's Delivers Smiles!



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The President Game

Pastor Marty Paparo, Friendship Alliance Church, Callahan



A few Sundays ago, during the sermon, I had our church play the president game. We were studying Romans 13:1-7. This passage deals with our civil authorities.

Each person in our service was instructed to pick a president. They could use Barack Obama or Donald Trump, our most recent and our current president. The twist was they had to have in mind the one they liked least. The reason I did this is because I was going to read through a section of scripture that talks about how we should respond and submit to our civil authorities and I wanted each person to have in mind a president they would rather not follow.

I would invite you to do the same. If this seems like a crazy exercise, let me remind you Paul was originally writing to people with a much worse government. You may not like Obama or Trump, but I can assure you living under either of these two presidents was a dream compared to living under the Roman Empire. Especially considering that Paul was writing to Christians in Rome. As far as we have been told, neither Trump nor Obama have held colosseum games where Christians were killed for sport.

If you have one around, grab a Bible and open up to Romans 13:1-7. Paul instructs that we should submit to governing authorities. He goes on to give three reasons: 1) There is not authority except from God and those in office have been appointed and instituted by Him. We can't pretend to know why God does what He does or what He is trying to accomplish. Ours is to simply trust Him. 2) We do not want to resist God because it brings consequences. 3) Finally, Paul instructs us to submit to civil authorities for the sake of conscience. It is simply the right thing to do.


Does this mean we must agree with every leader? No. In fact, when Israel rebelled against having God as their King (the time of and immediately following the Judges), He gave them King Saul who did not do what God instructed Him to do. God later removed Him from that position.

We are in a very unique situation. In the United States, we live in a constitutional republic. We have the privilege to vote in our representatives. We have a say in our system. God has instructed us to submit to our civil authorities, but we must also exercise our voice. Let me encourage you to submit to the civil authorities that are in place and use the systems we have in place to make the changes you would like to see.

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The Town of Callahan will be handling water bills and payments as normal for the May. Late fees will be applied for all bills not paid by 8 a.m. Monday, May 18, and any unpaid bills are subject to disconnection on Tuesday, May 26.

We realize that some of our customers are financially stressed or cannot leave their homes to pay their bills. The Town

Council has granted us permission to agree to payment plans with customers in need. All agreements are binding and subject to disconnection if the agreement is broken. Call Town Hall, 879-3801, or visit the office, if you need to reach an agreement.

There are many agencies with links on our website for help with many different problems, financial, physical and emotional.

Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

In his book "The History of Jacksonville Florida" by Frederick Davis the origin of the city of Jacksonville was at a site of a river crossing. The Indians called it Wacca Pilatka, meaning the place of the cow crossing. During the British period it was called Cow Ford. The northern site of the crossing is where Liberty Street meets the St. Johns River. The southern bank of the crossing is the St. Nicholas neighborhood of Jacksonville. The first white person to live on the northern bank of the river that is in Jacksonville was Robert Pritchard.

The normal meetings of the West Nassau Genealogical Society are held the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Callahan Lions Club, located on US1 north of the fairgrounds. Visitors are always welcome. Our meetings have been postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19. Hopefully we will return to our normal scheduled meetings soon. Pray for our country, be safe and don't forget to support your local businesses.

Roger R. West

The following has been floating around on social media and is just what I have been thinking. Why?

Why not question everything?

"Why can you go to Walmart but not Kohl's? Why the Dollar Store and not a mom and pop shop? Why can't you have an elective surgery, but you can have an abortion which is elective? Why should you stay inside but yet heat and sunlight kill the virus? Why can't kids (who are not at risk) play on an outdoor playground, where sun kills this virus? Why don't people know that these are "recommendations" not laws, a law goes through due process? Why is it okay for government officials to get a haircut, but not common citizens? Why the fear, when this virus has a less than 1% death rate? Why have coroners questioned death certificates listed as CV-19? Why are areas like Chicago and NY gearing up for mass vaccination? What makes one person essential and another not? Doesn't shelter at home mean there is a whole population of people not staying home so we can? Why are they dividing us? How do people not know that we are a Republic, not a democracy? Where has the flu gone? Why are they telling us to mask up after 2 months of lockdown? Why does the CDC say kids need to be masked when they return to school or attend church, when they know cloth masks restrict oxygen?"

What is this oppression and loss of liberty doing to the mental health of our kids...to us? Why have most other death rates dropped since the virus? Why did world leaders meet in China in October 2019? Why are the common people being

controlled by the government and no one is controlling the government? Why are hospitals paid more for COVID-19 deaths? Why are some doctors speaking out and then getting silenced? Why did Obama give the Wuhan lab \$334 million dollars? What does a computer geek (Bill Gates) have to do with a pandemic and why does he want 7 billion corona virus vaccines? Why ID 2020, Agenda 21 and 2030?

Why did the CDC have a job posting for pandemic relief workers in November 2019? Why did Dr. Fauci say in 2017 that the Trump administration would be faced with a "SURPRISE PANDEMIC" and then runs the pandemic team? Why are they infringing on Christians religious freedoms? Why can 500 people shop at Menards or Home Depot, but we are not allowed to go into our church buildings? I don't care if you're Republican or Democrat, if you're not asking these questions you should."

Another question keeps coming up also. Why is President Trump going along with this fear mongering and fiscal collapse in our country? My answer would be; what choice does he have right now? Our President is in a damned-if-you-do and damned-if-you-don't situation. Keep in mind that this isn't the first time he has been placed in these difficult situations; it's just that this one has huge consequences attached to it. The liberals are waiting like lions in the bush, ready to pounce at any decision he makes. But don't think for a minute that he isn't aware. Just be patient and we will witness him make America great again!

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

The Great Outdoors



Congratulations to Caden Hagan, 8, of Callahan, on his first turkey kill, not one but two at the same time! One turkey had an 11-1/8" long beard and the other had a 10-3/8" long beard, both had 1-1/8" long spurs. Caden was hunting with his step-dad Garrick Crosby!

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Callahan Approves SCW Liquors Expansion

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night via teleconference for their first meeting of May. Congressman John Rutherford addressed the council concerning the two recent stimulus packages passed by congress. "Due to the many stories going around, the Paycheck Protection Plan had strict guidelines to be followed. Many of the companies that were told of getting the money did not," said Rutherford. "The money was to allow small businesses a chance to use 75% of their money for payroll to keep employees; the other 25% was to pay for utilities and rent for their businesses. I'm looking forward to getting back to Washington because there is still a lot of work left to do!"

The first agenda item was a public hearing on the site plan for the SCW Liquors expansion project. The project will include adding an outside bar addition to the existing building. The outside area will be completely enclosed with a decorative fence. The council unanimously approved the site plan. "I just want to thank the council for working with us on this project," said owner Todd Jones. "We are looking forward to doing projects to give back to our community."

The next item involved setting the election qualifying dates for this year. There are three seats up for election: Councilman David Mellecker, Council President Ken Bass and Councilwoman Shirley Graham. Qualifying dates will be August 10-20. Persons wishing to run for one of the seats may visit Town Hall for more information.

Mayor Marty Fontes advised the council that he needed their input concerning May Water Billing. "For April billing we suspended late fees and cutoffs due to the

state of emergency," said Fontes. "We need to decide what to do for May. I have three options: Suspend late fees and cutoffs another month; Bill in May as normal with late fees and cutoffs; or Bill as normal but if any resident is having a difficult time, they must come to town hall or call to make payment arrangements and stick to it. If not, they will be cutoff May 26." The council agreed to option 3. Callahan residents still having difficulties must contact or come by Town Hall to make payment arrangements for their bill. If they miss a payment, they will be cutoff on Tuesday, May 26.

Mayor Fontes also advised the council that town employees have been doing a big clean up at the water plant. There are many items that are not worth anything but we will try to sell them. If not, they will be scrapped. The council approved getting rid of the surplus items.

The town has received the opportunity for three different CDBG Grants. They are: the first for improvements for anything damaged during Irma; the control room at Town Hall almost flooded during Irma and can be either raised or moved to a higher location. The second is for Infrastructure; several of the manholes in town need repairing and lining. The third is for expansion; perfect to expand the waste water plant. "All of these grants are no match grants," said Fontes. The council approved for the mayor to sign the grant applications and see what happens.

"The State of Emergency will continue within the Town of Callahan until the county changes," added Fontes. "There's no reason for us to stop until the county does."

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, May 18 at 7 p.m. via teleconference.

New NCSO Bloodhounds Named

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office wants to thank everyone in the community who sent us name suggestions for our two newest bloodhound puppies, whether it was on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, phone or by mail. We received hundreds of submissions and it was tough choosing between so many creative names. However, we left it up to our K9 handlers to decide which names they would choose from all of the submissions.

The two names chosen were Raven and Rogue. Raven was suggested by Marilyn Eflien of Fernandina Beach and Rouge was suggested by Cheryl Carr of Bryceville. Raven and Rogue are sisters and were gifted to us from a family in Fernandina Beach and we are so thankful to bring them into our Nassau County Sheriff's Office family. We will keep you updated on their growth and training!



Shown (l to r) are: Raven with her K-9 handler Sergeant Jonathan McCracken and Rogue with her K-9 handler James Ennis.

Max Celebrates 18th Birthday

Max Lucovski was treated to a special day Saturday for his 18th birthday. Joel Pace partnered with the Callahan Cruisers to have a drive-by birthday celebration. There were over 100 vehicles joining in the celebration and also some firetrucks. Max stood at the entrance to the fair as the vehicles drove by, led by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, blew their horns and gave him well wishes! It was a special day for Max and his family!



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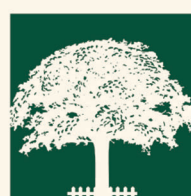
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KENDRA DANETTE COLLEY



Kendra Danette Colley, 52, passed away April 2, 2020 in Huntington Beach, California, where she had resided for the last 15 years. She was born in Jacksonville, on September 21, 1967, to Wayne and Janie Christmas Colley. Kendra graduated from Paxon High School and University of North Florida where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science. She worked in that field for 25 years as a Computer Programmer and Web Developer.

Kendra loved to travel and the beach life; sun, surfing, swimming, volleyball, collecting sea shells and sea glass. She also loved skiing and snowboarding in Mammoth with friends. She lived her life to the fullest enjoying these things. She loved all animals, dogs most of all, but Golden Retrievers held her heart. She was very social and could make friends and win the hearts of everyone, young and old alike. Kendra you will always be our SUNSHINE. She will be remembered by her sweet smile that could light up a room. She is preceded in death by her grandparents; three uncles; and two cousins.

She is survived by her parents Wayne and Janie Colley of Bryceville; brother Kenneth (Betty) Colley of Hilliard; nephew Ricky (Caite) Colley of Keystone Heights; niece Nicole Colley of Hilliard; two great nephews Wyatt and Waylon Colley; along with several aunts, uncles and cousins. She

also had many special friends in Florida and California. Some she had chosen to be her second family.

There will be a Celebration of Life service to be announced at a later date.

Giddens Reed Funeral Home, Baldwin, handled arrangements.

WILLENE K. GOODWIN

Willene Kilpatrick Goodwin, 88, of Hilliard, passed away May 4, 2020. A graveside service was held Thursday, May 7 at Edgewood Cemetery in Jacksonville. Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 879-1770. For condolences, visit: www.nassaufh.com.

GILBERT G. HENDRICKSON



Gilbert George Hendrickson, 86, of Hilliard, passed away Monday, April 20 in Jacksonville. He was born April 12, 1934 in Vancouver, Washington, to the late George Hendrickson and Ada Burri Hendrickson. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by a brother Albert Hendrickson.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years,

Isabelle Hendrickson; children Derek (Deleine) Hendrickson, Bruce (Cathy) Chittenden, Nina Kelly, Tina Cole and Tommy (Sherry) Chittenden; two sisters June Harvey and Shirley Boelter; 13 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were held Friday, April 24 at Nathalene Cemetery in Hilliard.

Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest registry at www.shepardfh.com. Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

DAKOTA SCOTT LEWIS



Dakota Scott Lewis, 17, of Hilliard, passed away April 26, 2020. He was born on April 18, 2003 in Grand Island, Nebraska to Joshua Scott Lewis, Sr. and Michelle Rose Williamson. Dakota had A/B Honor Roll all three years of his middle school career. He was also a Jaguar Scholar recipient in 2018-2019, for having A/B Honor Roll at Central School for all three years. Several of Dakota's favorite things were anime, Legos, cosplay and giving everyone he knew the biggest and loving hugs. He also had a very innate ability to make anyone he met family. He

loved everyone. He is preceded in death by his great-grandfather Autry D. Williamson; grandfather Kenneth Neil Poss; cousin Briana Lee Loveland; and grandfather Vincent Joshua "Maverick" Price.

Dakota is survived by his father Joshua Lewis, Sr. of Grand Island; mother Michelle Rose Williamson of Hilliard; bonus mom Vanessa Jo Lewis; bonus father Travis Edmonds; sister Chyenne Lewis; half-brothers Nathaniel Gonzales and Joshua Lewis, Jr.; step-sister Hannah Jones; uncles Daniel Loveland, Vincent Price, Jeremy Price, Brian Loveland and Richard Loveland; aunts Monica Lewis and Samantha Prince and Michelle Loveland; great-grandmother Rosalind Higginbotham of Callahan; grandfather Roger Lewis; grandmothers Ava E. Williamson-Loveland of Hilliard, and Barbara Nelson; grandmother Karen Johnson; and grandparents Robert and Krystal "Terri" Edmonds; great aunts and uncles: Hope Herrin, Chase and Starr Williamson, Sherry Higginbotham and Crystal Strickland.

The family asks that donations be made at: gf.me/u/vu2wt6, for travel expenses for a final celebration of life at Dakota's hometown of Grand Island, Nebraska.

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

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

EUGENE MADDOX



Eugene Maddox, 79, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord May 4, 2020 family by his side. He was born on January 1, 1941 in Eastman, Georgia to Millege Brooks Maddox and Vertula Allen Maddox. Eugene was a fun-loving guy with a big heart who loved his family dearly especially his grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; and three sisters.

Eugene is survived by his loving wife

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of 58 years, Mary Maddox of Callahan; sons Randy (Rhonda) Maddox, David (Michelle) Maddox, Timothy (Marie) Maddox, all of Callahan; brothers Raymond Maddox of Callahan, Ricky Lee Maddox and Jimmie Maddox, both of Hilliard; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

A visitation for Eugene will be held Thursday, May 7 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard with Pastor Todd Carr officiating.

Pallbearers will be Randy Maddox, Jr., Edward Maddox, Dustin Maddox, Anthony Maddox, Clay Evans and Billy Minshew. In lieu of flowers for the cemetery, the family would prefer house plants to enjoy at their home.

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

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DONNA JEAN SPITTLER



Donna Jean Spittler, 71, of Hilliard, passed away May 1, 2020. Mrs. Spittler was born on November 30, 1948 in Connorsville, Indiana to Eddie and Betty J. Dunham. In addition to her parents; she is predeceased by a brother Raymond Dunham.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Robert E. Spittler; her son Loney Palmer; six sisters Judy (Gary) Haase of Terre Haute, Indiana, Velora Abel of Corpus Christi, Texas, Patty Cooper and Jerry D., Janie Wallis, Peggy Amato and Rick C. and Tammy Browning and Rick B., all of Jacksonville; five brothers Eddie (Linda) Dunham, Jr. of Mobile, Alabama, Dan (Rose) Dunham of Adel, Jack (Laura) Dunham of Callahan, Joe (Donna) Dunham

of Hilliard and Gary (Niki) Dunham of Jacksonville; as well as several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and several cousins.

Visitation was held Monday, May 4 in the chapel of Callahan Funeral Home. The funeral service was held Tuesday, May 5 also in the chapel. Interment followed in Jones Cemetery, Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 879-2338.

ROBERT WILLIAM TESTON



Robert William Teston, 54, went home to be with the Lord on April 26, 2020. He passed peacefully with his loving wife by his side after an extended illness. Robert was born September 8, 1965 in Jacksonville, to Willie and Martha Teston. He lived most of his life in Callahan, before moving to Crescent City three years ago to enjoy living by the water. Robert loved to fish and go out on his boat. He loved to make others laugh. The world lost a one-of-a-kind person that will be missed by all who knew him. We will always carry your memory in our hearts. He is preceded in death by his parents; and his sister Gail Holmes.

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Tammy Teston; sisters Cathy (Richard) Wright and Terri McAninch; his nieces and nephews; and many beloved friends.

A Celebration of Robert's Life will be held Saturday, May 16 at 3 p.m. at 541727 US Highway 1, Callahan.

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