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"The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; IN HIS LOVE HE WILL NO LONGER REBUKE YOU, BUT WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH SINGING." - ZEPHANIAH 3:17



Callahan Mayor Resigns

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met via teleconference Monday night for their final meeting of June. All of the teleconference meetings have been run by Mayor Marty Fontes, as was this one. The first order of business was the approval of Ordinance 2020-O07 on second and final reading,

which concerned increasing the water and wastewater connection fees; park impact fees; establishing a Street impact fee; and a fee for Reserving Capacity. The fees will be only for new residential and commercial developments.

Grace Mosley, representing Girl Scout Troop 660 in Callahan, advised the council she wanted to add a new common fitness area in the open area at Ewing Park. She plans to have one of the pieces of equipment moved from the trail area of the park to the open area, add more fitness equipment, a wooden fitness bench and signage explaining how to use each piece. She estimates the project to cost \$1,000 and plans to do fundraisers to achieve her goal. Once approved, the project will take 2-3 months to complete. She asked for approval from the council to submit her



project to her Gateway Council for approval to move forward. The council approved for Mosley to submit her project. Once approved through them, she will bring back her final plans before the Callahan council for approval.

Council President Ken Bass advised the council of the recent resignation of Callahan

Volunteer Fire Chief Joey O'Steen. "I am recommending Mike Guinn (current Asst. Chief) to be promoted to Fire Chief and Larry Downey promoted to Assistant Fire Chief," said Bass.

council The approved the recommendation.

Mayor Fontes advised the council that the construction contract for the DEO Design build project was before them. "The total cost of the project is \$4,810,828. The town received a \$5,000,000 grant for this project. The breakdown is \$899,450 for Water facilities extension lines down US 301 to Crawford Diamond; and \$3,911,378, which includes Wastewater Facilities Extension, all lines to the Crawford Diamond location. The council approved the contract.

See 'Callahan Mayor' on page 2

Kindergarten Registration

Next Week

Next week, all elementary schools will hold Kindergarten Registration. Of course, this year registration will be different as parents will have to sign up online to make an appointment to register. In consideration of the requested social distancing, we will only allow one (1) custodial parent/

guardian and the student at registration.



Bryceville Elementary School

BES will have Kindergarten registration appointments available on June 22 and 23. Please sign up online by going to the Bryceville Elementary School website. The registration forms and the sign up links are available under the Announcement section. For a quick registration process, please come with completed paperwork and bring all necessary information. Kindergarten teachers will be available to administer a readiness screener. We look forward to meeting our future Little Bobcats!

Hilliard Elementary School

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be held June 22 through June 25. Registration requirements and packets are available online at https:// bit.ly/2WOJIgW. Appointment times are also available at https://bit.ly/2AhJlDS. During these appointments, guidance counselors will be available to assist parents with registration for their child. Please bring your upcoming Kindergarten student with you to registration.

Callahan Elementary School

Kindergarten Registration for Callahan Elementary will take place from June 22-June 25 by appointments only. Please reserve your time at https://signup.com/ go/uKRZVqL. Plan on your appointment taking approximately 30 minutes. Please bring your upcoming Kindergarten student with you to registration. Kindergarten teachers will be available to administer a readiness screener. We look forward to meeting our future Little Warriors!

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A Word Strom the Publisher

Sunday is Father's Day! I, for one, am so thankful that I am blessed to still have my father and he doesn't live too far away from me either! Daddy is truly one of a kind. I must admit, when I got old enough to figure out my nickname, I was pretty hurt. My name was Brat and still is in Daddy's book (and Kelvin's)! You see all my siblings had nicknames but my sister's name was Queen.

Now how did that work? I finally realized that Brat was because I talked a lot (still do) and was always getting in everybody's business. Well, I guess it was true so then I just got over it and of course, it has stuck with me. Marci, on the other hand, was Queen because she liked to sit on her 'throne' instead of doing things around the house. Okay so I may have gotten the better name. The funny thing (sorta) was that many of Daddy's football and baseball players knew my name as Brat also. Yep...I get called that a lot and it's okay!

Daddy has been such a strong role model for so many people through his life. When he was teaching, his goal was to make you think and learn. He wanted everyone to apply themselves. As a coach, he taught respect and character above all things. It's such a joy for me to talk with former students that ask about Daddy. Some tell me something about what he taught or something he did that they still remember. Somehow, Daddy left a lasting impression on lots of people. Such a blessing for me!

Well, he left quite an impression on me a few times too! Yes, I remember the belt because that's what me and my siblings got when we misbehaved. One thing about it, we didn't do whatever



we did again. Amazingly, we learned right from wrong pretty quick. As we got older, the discipline got worse, well for me at least. When I knew I was in trouble, I dreaded going home because I knew what was going to happen. Daddy would sit in his chair and I would sit across from him and he would talk to me. Ugh...so many times I just begged him to whip me but he wouldn't. Listening to him to talk to me was much worse than the whipping. By the time he was finished I felt low as a dog. It was then that I realized I had disappointed my dad with my actions. There is nothing worse than disappointing someone especially your dad. Daddy and Mama taught us to respect each other and others. Always say yes and no ma'am. Above all, love the Lord with all your heart and soul.

Daddy still leaves quite an impression on me every time I see him or talk to him. I'm thankful for a loving caring father that loves me just as I am. Thank you Jesus, for giving me the best Daddy ever! No matter how old I get I'll still be your Brat! I love you Daddy!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

Callahan Mayor

Mayor Fontes also advised the council that he had contacted a former member of the Branch Creek subdivision HOA concerning the upkeep and maintenance problems. The member is no longer involved. Fontes suggested that the town have Attorney Jeb Branham to draft a resolution for the homeowners establishing a special assessment for all the Branch Creek properties. He suggests an assessment of \$365/year. If approved by the council, the residents will receive a letter about the assessment and a workshop with the homeowners. A meeting will be held to adopt the resolution. All Branch Creek maintenance expenses will be paid out of the Branch Creek Fund. The town will contract out the maintenance of the pond and lawn care. The council approved to draft a resolution.

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During closing comments, Mayor Marty Fontes spoke last. "Fifty years ago, a man told me when your job becomes bad for your life it's time to get out of it," said Fontes. "Friday, I had a really bad day and got really mad. The only way for me to move on is to resign as Mayor effective right now. Do I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?"

With that being said, the meeting was adjourned and not another word was spoken.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, July 20 at 7 p.m.

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Parents or guardians need to bring the following documentation with you to registration:

- Child's Original Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Immunization/Shot Record
- Physical Examination Record
- Driver's license or identification
- Proof of Residency (Bill, Rent/Lease agreement, etc.) containing physical address
- Any guardianship papers if person registering the child is not on the birth certificate
 - Current Physical will be due within the first 30 days of enrollment

In the Kitchen... Baked Pork Chops with Gravy

6-8 lean pork chops Onion, sliced thin 1 can cream of mushroom, celery or chicken

Wash and layer pork chops in bottom of baking dish. Season, if desired. Layer sliced onion on top of chops. Mix can of soup with can of water and pour over chops. Bake at 350° for about 35-40 minutes. Serve with rice, noodles or mashed potatoes.









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Fish Talk

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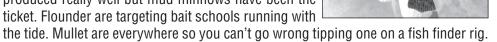
Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Wow, the older I get the worse that humidity seems to be. About the only time I even care to be out is early morning and late evening. The only relief will be evening thunderstorms but that doesn't seem to last very long. With that said, the flounder bite continues to improve. I'm finding good numbers near creek mouths and around docks of every inlet. Fort Clinch and the south end of Cumberland are a good place to look but the fish are still running on the smaller side. Jolly Creek has also provided a decent bite.

Gulp shrimp rigged on a 1/4 oz. jig head have produced really well but mud minnows have been the ticket. Flounder are targeting bait schools running with

just use cut crab and mullet on that falling tide.

If you're into catching your own bait, now is definitely the time.



We should see a low tide around 8:10 a.m. Saturday morning. That being said, make sure you get out before the boat traffic disturbs the water. Red fish are still spread out along the Intracoastal. Grass points and oyster beds provide great ambush points which in return have been very productive. The craze here lately has been the flood tide where fish are feeding heavily on small crustaceans and bait fish. The last of the incoming all the way through high tide is going to be key. When all else fails

Trout are hiding in the shadows of the deeper docks. During daybreak you can still find a few decent fish on top water near creek mouths. Blount Island is holding good numbers at night. Use the lights as an advantage to catch these fish.

My flounder "HOTSPOT" for this weekend is Blount Island. I spent about five hours there this past Friday. This may be the best summer bite I've seen in a couple of years. I'll leave you guys with that! I hope you all have a great weekend and be safe on the water!

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

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ST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Satan has unleashed his full fury upon the United States. I feel as if I am living in a nightmare. Never in a million years did I think I would be witness to the types of happenings here in America. I keep asking myself, what the heck is going on? Then I refer back to the first sentence of this column, Satan.

America had been on a whirlwind transformation at the leadership of President Trump. Our military was being strengthened to where it should be again, foreign countries were being called out for unfair trade practices, our economy reached levels never before seen, unemployment was the lowest in history and we have a President that truly loves America and is determined to salvage our Republic. How was this occurring? I still firmly believe that God was working through Donald Trump in order to bless America once again. When God is at work you can rest assured that Satin is also, therefore is the reason why the world seems to be upside down with all the latest happenings.

Covid-19 was used and is still being used, when convenient, as a way to disrupt our lives. Of course, it can only be contracted in small businesses. churches and sporting events. It does not affect you if you are protesting, rioting, looting or attending a large politicalized funeral. It will affect you if you attend a Trump Rally.

We are now facing another nationwide catastrophe. The "Black Lives Matter" group is bringing destruction all across America. They claim it is in rebellion over the death of George Floyd, a black male that was killed by a white police officer. I call bull on that! The initial

protest was indeed because of the death. They stated "No Justice No Peace." Justice occurred swiftly when the four officers (two white, one black and one Asian) were fired and the main culprit was charged with 2nd Degree Murder. However, let's not let a tragedy go to waste. Rioting, burning police vehicles, burning businesses, looting stores and other businesses and beating store owners is not protesting! It is deplorable, unlawful, sinister behavior for which there is no excuse.

The "Black Lives Matter" wellfunded organization is perhaps the most hypocritical organization I have ever seen. Black lives do not matter to them unless a black is killed by a white. If BLM, why are they not concerned with the more than 20 blacks that were killed by other blacks in Chicago a couple of weekends ago? Why aren't they upset about the black on black murders every week in Detroit or Jacksonville? Why aren't they enraged over the outrageous amount of black abortions? At a ratio of 474 abortions per 1000 live births, black women have the highest ratio of any group in the country. That to me is a real tragedy.

Yes, I wholly believe black lives matter, so do white lives, brown lives, Asian lives and all lives! Something else I wholly believe is Law Enforcement lives matter also. There have been 52 law enforcement personnel killed this year, so far. Where is the outrage? I pray God will watch over and protect our law enforcement personnel. They all are in a precarious situation today.

Yes, all lives matter. As always... that's just my opinion!

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Put Worries Aside and Build Unity

Pastor Ted Heglund, First Alliance Church, Hilliard



We live in a difficult time today. At this point in time I hear two significant issues. We are worried about all that is going on around us such as financial concerns and unity. Let us start with a basic truth on which to stand. God has a plan for you and has given a simple instruction on this issue of worrying about these things – seek His kingdom and righteousness first and all important things will fall into place. He tells us in Matthew 6:33-34, "But seek first his kingdom and his

righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (NIV)

Many people and businesses have been affected so questions arise like, how will we handle the financial concerns of today and tomorrow? Will I have the funds for mortgage or rent? How will I pay for my kids to go to college? Indeed there are these and many other things that we face and fret over. God is also calling us to live first in unity with Him and then with others. In the first part of Acts 4:32 we read, "All the believers were one in heart and mind..."

God knows what you are facing and what you are up against. He knows what you need better than you do. As a matter of fact, He knows that you need to lean on Him and trust Him first to find the peace for which you are searching. In reality there should be only one worry we have – worrying about whether or not we have placed the Lord Jesus Christ, God, on the throne of our lives. Are we seeking to follow Him above all else?

However, we love to worry. The problem with worrying about tomorrow is you never run out of tomorrows. We need to learn to live one day at a time, trusting God for each one He brings to us. The great part of following Him is that His mercies are new every morning. When you get to tomorrow, His grace will be there.

As people who put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are to have unity of heart and mind. When we are united together under the banner of the love of God, God will work in and through us. 1 John 1:7 (NIV) states it this way: "But if we walk in the light, as he [God] is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."

Our families, churches, governments and the nation need to have a relationship with God then we will have unity in every area of our lives. God will provide in our lives. The truth of Christ unites us in who we are. The power of Christ unites us in what we do. But the love of Christ unites us in how we treat one another. Let me encourage you today to realize there is a Savior who loves you and cares for you. Seek His Kingdom and His righteousness today and notice how worry seems to cease and unity and peace begin.

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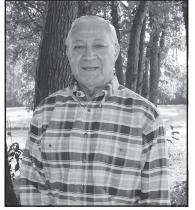
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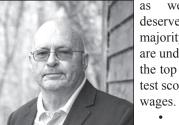
Dale P. Braddock, lifetime resident and educator of Nassau County, has announced his candidacy for Superintendent of the Nassau County School System. Braddock qualified last month with the Supervisor of Elections office by submitting over 800 petition cards. Braddock is "deeply grateful" to those who supported his efforts. We are now in the

process of distributing signs and campaign information.

Braddock has served the students/ parents of Nassau County for over 33 years in many different capacities which include Teacher/Coach, Athletic Director, Media Specialist, Assistant Principal, Principal and the Director of Secondary Education. He feels that with his background experience and knowledge, he is well qualified to lead the district.

He believes that life is about balance this applies to personal safety, professional salaries and educational lives. He feels we. as a district/state, need to have less emphasis on state testing and more choices for our students in both the vocational track and the college prep/academic tract. Following are some of his top priorities:

- Safety: to ensure that ALL district students/employees work in a safe/secure learning environment.
- Nassau County has ranked in the top 5 of the 67 school districts since the inception of Florida Assessments in 1998. We have held this high esteem for over 20 years. But... our teachers' and instructional salaries rank 37 out of the 67 school districts. In addition, our non-instructional (paraprofessionals) and support staff (custodians, bus, food, maintenance) salaries need to be addressed



as well. All employees deserve a living wage. The majority of our employees are underpaid. We DO rank in the top 5 in the state with our test scores, but 37 out of 67 in

Our schools need to focus on courses that relate to our three largest employers: teachers, tourists and timber to prepare our

students for productive rewarding lives. Each high school should offer course opportunities in teacher education, pulp and paper production and hotel and restaurant management. These would provide above average salaries for our graduates.

· Budget Review- the first and main priority would be to review the current nearly \$200 million yearly budget with the school district consultants and explore ways to reduce current expenses and spending. Raising property taxes on the Nassau County property owners is not an option-Now or Later. Property owners and small businesses have already endured enough hardships with the pandemic alone, without the burden of a higher property tax!

Braddock has been married to Carol (Emmi) for 46 years. She is also a lifelong educator in the Nassau County system for 47 years. They have two children, Bishop and Blake who are also educators. They currently reside in Boulogne.

Braddock, as a school administrator, has always embraced an open door policy and welcomes questions, suggestions, feedback to make our school district stronger. Nassau Strong! If you are interested in donating or volunteering for the Dale Braddock Campaign, visit his Facebook page or call 904-626-3838.

It is Time for Action



Pastor Walter Cooper

Greetings neighbors of west Nassau! Many of you may have had the opportunity to play a great game of chess. The game itself requires certain moves. As you sit there

and wait for your opponent's next move, so many thoughts go through your mind. What actions are they going to take? What can I expect? What will their next step be?

I believe that God does the same with us. He sits and watches his children and wonders when they are going to act. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

The Bible shows us that we can act on the things we do not see. For example, when it is difficult to see the actions or changes that need to be made in our homes, finances, jobs and this country, we can believe by faith that God will turn any situation around.

As we all know, due to the death of George Floyd, there have been worldwide protests against racism and police brutality. The thought comes to my mind: what actions can I take, or should I take any actions at all? If you feel that it is time for action, I will strongly encourage you, to be part of the solution and not add to the problem. There is no need to take actions of revenge, blame and criticism. These acts do

not solve any problem that we face.

God has laid out actions he wants to see from each of us. Galatians 5:22-23, "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and selfcontrol." There is no law against these things! God's word tells us in 1 Peter 4:8, "Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins."

The only actions we should be taking should be from the word of God. It should be with love and compassion, with patience, long-suffering and understanding. With this, we should see the change that we all desire in this nation.

As we move though the game of life, remember it is like a game of chess. Consider how you take your next steps, be a positive light that brings change. Consider that we have the ability to take actions within the rules of the game of life. For each of us knowing that our moves can cause us to win or lose we should play the game remembering two rules in Matthew 22:37-39, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

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New Beginnings and Milestones

Mr. and Mrs. Fohn Cox to Celebrate 60th Anniversary



John and Wanda Cox, of Hilliard, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary June 19. They were married June 19, 1960 in Denver, Colorado. They are both retired now and enjoy taking walks, watching the birds in their yard and taking care of their yard! They are active members of Northside Church of God where they are Sunday school leaders.

They have three children, Linda (Patrick) Stines of Fishers, Indiana, Jonathan and Sondra Cox of Jacksonville and Julie (Wayne) Martin of Hilliard. They also have eight grandchildren, David, Katie, Hope, James, Mitchell, Zane, Sadie and Lucas.





Hazel Mae Cribb

Austin and Morgan Cribb, of Hilliard, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Hazel Mae Cribb. Hazel was born May 7, 2020 at 7:41 p.m. at Baptist Downtown Jacksonville. She weighed 5 pounds 9 ounces and measured 10 1/4 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Bubba and Vicki Cribb of Hilliard.

Maternal grandparents are Chad Potts; and Charles and Denise Cribbs, all of Hilliard.

Proud great-grandparents are Bill and Carol Potts; Danny and Ann Bazemore; Wheylon and Gail Johnson; Sandy Cribbs; Ervin Cribbs; Larry Cribb; and Marcia

Hudson Marshall May

Matt and Cortney May, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their son Hudson Marshall May. Hudson was born June 2, 2020 at 5:35 p.m. at St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital in Jacksonville. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Paternal grandfather is Robert May of Callahan.

Maternal grandmother is Lisa Baggarley of Callahan.





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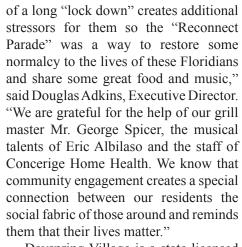


Parade at Dayspring Village

Throughout Florida the economy has been opening in a step by step fashion and Floridians have been making their way back to restaurants, stores, churches. parks and other routines that were part of daily life prior to the pandemic quarantine. Florida's Assisted Living Facilities continue to be under a visitor ban and residents are discouraged from leaving the facilities and there are strict measures in place to limit contact and help ensure the safety of the residents.

Friday, June 5, the Dayspring Village staff was excited to take a first step towards re-opening for the families at Dayspring Village by hosting a "Reconnect Parade" to allow families to come, drive through and see their family member and share some smiles and happiness.

"For adults with Schizophrenia there is a 25% risk of suicide during the course of illness with 10% being successful. These numbers increase during the peak of a pandemic and we know the stress



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Viewpoint from Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper

In the last several months, we have been inundated by constant media coverage of questionable law enforcement incidents around the country. We have even seen some elected officials and others suggest that our law enforcement professionals are abusive, corrupt and in some cases, just plain racist. From our perspective, nothing could be further from the truth.

Preserving freedom and democracy in a society as complex as ours, takes dedicated professionals. What we don't see in these repetitive media cycles are the stories of heroic men and women who stand between good and evil, ensuring all of us stay safe. They are mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters and family members all working under extraordinary difficult circumstances, committed to a profession that is based upon service and sacrifice.

The incidents of inappropriate behavior that are depicted by the media shed a bad light on all law enforcement officers, even the majority who do things the right way. There's bad in every profession. I don't care what it is there is a small fraction of bad apples and those bad apples when found must be and should be removed. Although, it is magnified when the bad apple is a police officer, but thinking all police officers must be bad too, just isn't fair. It's like saying all doctors, lawyers, teachers, pastors, etc. are bad because of a few instances of improper or criminal behavior within these professions.

Many around our country, are calling for additional police reform, or even abolishing the police altogether. I don't think those who want to abolish the police have thought about the consequences of such action, but those in law enforcement should always be looking at ways we can be better.

The issues in our criminal justice system extend well beyond just the bad behavior of some police officers. Over the years, reductions in state and local budgets have slashed funding for mental health services, homelessness and substance abuse and recovery services; offender reentry programs; educational and vocational training opportunities; and programs that promote economic improvement.

By default, police agencies have been required to fill the void created by funding cuts in social and medical welfare systems, which often places police officers in an untenable position. For example, the "defunding" of mental health services by state and local governments in recent years means that the police are often the only ones left to call to situations where a social worker or mental health professional would have been more appropriate and safer for all involved. Although police agencies are working to train officers in crisis intervention or mental health first aid, this does not

take the place of proper medical treatment.

In the Nassau County jail, over 60 percent of the inmates are dealing with some type of mental health issues and about 40 percent have a drug dependency. Our jail was not built nor is it adequately equipped to help these individuals in a real meaningful way in order for them to stay out of the criminal justice system. There are organizations and professionals that deal with these issues on a daily basis who come into the jail to work with those who need it the most, however, once the inmates get out who do they turn to for help since many of them can't afford or don't have the transportation to keep going to treatment or counseling, thus we see them back in the criminal justice system over and over again.

The police are asked to do more and more in our society. When no one knows who to call they call the police and that's not always the answer. I agree we need criminal justice reform, but what does that look like and will it fix other issues in our society.

Many of the law enforcement reforms being called for are already being done at the Sheriff's Office. Our defensive tactics training does not include the use of chokeholds. We require and train on deescalation techniques using communication in order to reduce the need for utilizing force. We exhaust all other means possible before resorting to deadly force. Our officers are required to report incidents of use of force to a supervisor. Our policy bans shooting at moving vehicles, except under certain conditions. We require a use of force continuum that limits the use of force to overcome only that force which is necessary to control the situation. We require comprehensive reporting when force is used and reports are reviewed for appropriateness or any policy violations by a Response to Resistance Review Board.



We do not hire officers who have sustained unlawful use of force incidences that are found by our background investigation. All officer involved shootings are investigated by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the State Attorney's Office. NCSO is a Florida Accredited Law Enforcement Agency and

we abide by standards and policies that are set by the State of Florida Law Enforcement Standards and Training Commission. A review of policies and procedures should be an ongoing process and must be standard throughout the state.

Despite the onslaught of negative media reporting, the men and women of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office enjoy widespread community support. For that, we wanted to take a moment and say thank you. Knowing we can count on your support makes a tremendous difference in our ability to carry out the duties and responsibilities you have

entrusted to us

Our highest priority is to protect the public's trust and confidence in us. We do that through communication, collaboration and cooperation. We abide by our guiding principles of honesty, integrity, professionalism and respect. We abide by the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics without exception and we are accountable to the people we serve. If we make a mistake, we will own up to it. We realize our success in the community is only as good as the relationships we develop. Without those relationships and our work together, we will fail

While we all face many challenges, our commitment to you remains unchanged. We will always do our very best, with the resources we have, to protect the people we serve and we will do that to the very best of our ability in partnership with the community. We want to be a part of the solution not just a part of the problem.

Thank you all for your support of your Sheriff's Office and the men and women who serve in law enforcement.

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.

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Bryan Avery Crews, 44, 37281 Cody Circle, J1, Hilliard: Possession of Methamphetamine

Friday, June 5

Ronald Edward Bennett, 31, 542953 US Highway 1, Callahan: Burglary with Damage \$1000+, Theft over \$300 under \$5,000

Saturday, June 6

Dennis Eugene Champion, 59, 29506 Scotts Landing Road, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Simple Battery

Monday, June 8

Harry Albert Cooper, 35, 45374 Oak Trail, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine **Thursday, June 11**

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ANTHONY MATHEWS, JR.



Anthony 'Tony' Thompson Mathews, Jr., 56, of Ponce DeLeon, Florida, went home to be with his Lord and Savior June 5, 2020. He was born August 7, 1963 in Jacksonville,

August 7, 1963 in Jacksonville, to Anthony T. Mathews, Sr. and Brenda Sessions Mathews. He grew up as a son of a Navy dad where they eventually settled down in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, where he graduated from Freeport High School in 1981.

On April 16, 1988, he married his best friend and the love of his life, Sherrie Pittman Mathews. Anyone that knew them or met them could tell that they had a very special bond and a love for each other that very few couples are lucky enough to experience. They had true love.

Tony loved Jesus, spending time with his family, watching NASCAR, football (Roll Tide), and FOX News. Most of all, he loved being on the water and being at Rock Hill with his bride. Tony was a Merchant Mariner who started his long career as a deck hand on charter fishing boats sailing out of Destin. He eventually earned his commercial Captains license. To say he was a self-made man in American tradition doesn't do justice to his achievements: Master Chief in the USA and W.A.; United States Coast Guard Examiner; First Class Marine Licensed Pilot for USA and W.A.; and Advanced Licensed Oil and Chemical Unlimited Tanker of Cargo.

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He is preceded in death by his mother Brenda Bacon.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Sherrie; his children Elizabeth (Jeffrey) Brooks and Schuyler Mathews; three grandsons Axl, Crew and Nash; his father Anthony T. Mathews, Sr.; brothers Patrick (Susannah) Mathews and Mark (Yubeiri) Bacon; father and mother in-law Harry and Joyce Pittman of Callahan; sisters-in-law Susan (Anthony) Farinella, Julie (Brenton) Holley and Amy Perez; several nieces and nephews; three great-nieces and many other loved ones, dear friends and all who sailed with him, his shipmates.

Memorial services for Captain Tony Mathews will be held Saturday, June 20 at 2 p.m. at Callahan First Baptist Church with Dr. Lynn Hyatt officiating.

A celebration of life will be held at Jeffrey and Elizabeth Brooks' home.

Eva Canaday McMahan



Eva Canaday McMahan, 86, of Jacksonville, passed away Tuesday, June 9 following a lengthy illness. She was born August 11,

1933, in Jacksonville, to the late Josie Roy Canaday and Sarah Ethel Crews Canaday. Throughout her life she was employed with the Florida Community College of Jacksonville; the State Employees Credit Union; and the Florida State Board of Health. She attended Dinsmore Baptist Church and Faith Baptist Church.

Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Al McMahan and siblings Vasco Canaday, Sr., James K. Canaday, Joyce C. Roundtree and Leon Canaday.

A graveside service will be held

Saturday, June 13 at Mill Creek Cemetery.
Condolences may be expressed at www.
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Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

MARGARET WARNOCK MIZELL



Margaret Warnock Mizell, 89, of Folkston and Dublin, Georgia, passed away June 12, 2020 at Serenity Place in Dublin. She was born January

10, 1931 in Montgomery County, Georgia. She graduated Salutatorian from Soperton High School in 1948 and received a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education and a minor in English from Georgia Teacher's College in 1953. She furthered her education and received her Master's Degree in Library Science from Georgia Southern College in 1973 and completed courses in educational administration from Valdosta State College. Mrs. Mizell taught three years at Kibbee in Montgomery County.

In 1953, she moved to Folkston, to teach school and met the love of her life, William "Billy" Clifford Mizell, Sr. they would have been married 66 years in July. She was a Teacher, Library Media Specialist, Assistant Principal, Principal and served as Interim Superintendent for the Charlton County School System. Upon her retirement in 1986, she served on the Charlton County Board of Education for 8 years. Mrs. Mizell was a life member of the Georgia Retired Educators Association and a member of the Charlton County Retired Teachers/Educators. She was a member of the Folkston United Methodist Church and attended the First United Methodist Church of Dublin, after moving there in 2012. Mrs. Mizell was very active in the church

and community. She taught Sunday school at the Folkston United Methodist Church and served as President and Treasurer of the Junior Women's Club and was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She served as chairperson of the Folkston Public Library and other community activities. She loved playing bridge. She enjoyed traveling but was happiest when she was with family and friends. She was affectionately called Mrs. Margaret by her friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Ira Felton and Charlie Mae Warnock; and her sister Edith Juannette Warnock.

She is survived by her husband William "Billy" Clifford Mizell, Sr.; her children Rebeccah Mizell (Mike) Carroll and William C. (Robin) Mizell, Jr.; grandchildren Emily (Josh) Bunting, Clay Carroll, Angela (Teddy) Collingsworth and Will (Ashley) Mizell; great-grandchildren Graham Collingsworth, Laila Collingsworth, Hoit Mizell and Johnnie Mizell; siblings Betty Brett, Melba Jenkins, Bobby (Inez) Warnock, James Warnock and Wyman (Cindy) Warnock; and a number of nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 16 at the Folkston United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Underwood officiating. Burial followed at Pineview Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers were Joe Hopkins, Steve McQueen, Harry Dinkins, Greg Johnson, Chuck Carter and Tom Forman. Honorary pallbearers were the retired educators of the Charlton County School System.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Folkston or Dublin and to the Methodist Children's Home in Macon or a charity of your choosing.

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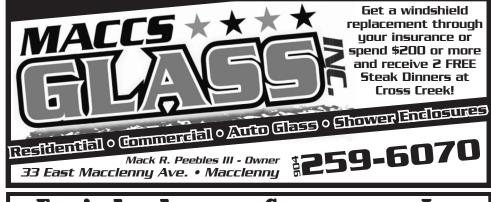
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BOBBY RAY WADE



Bobby Ray Wade, 77, of Hilliard, passed away June 15, 2020, with his family by his side. He was born June 14, 1943 in Alma, Georgia to Carl

and Buleah Wade. Bobby moved to Hilliard from Alma in 1961. Bobby enjoyed horses, hunting and fishing and gathering with friends at his tree in Kings Ferry where they enjoyed playing cards and socializing. Bobby had a big heart and loved his family dearly. He was an avid Florida Gator fan and loved to shout, "It's Great to be a Florida Gator." He also did not hide his support for Donald Trump so in Bobby's honor, please vote Trump 2020. He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter Bethany Lee Wade; brother Boe Wade; and sisters Betty Crowder and Ruth Harrell.

Bobby is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Jurney Wade of Hilliard; children

Cynthia Wade, Bobbie Jean Wade, both of Hilliard; brother Teddy (Debbie) Wade; sisters Barbara Coggin, Eula (Herman) Matthews and Anne Wade; grandchildren Rustvn Reed, Dillvn Edwards, Dalton Luce, Daniel Luce, Denver Luce, Madison Tradd and Bodhi Armstrong; three greatgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Bobby's life will be held Thursday, June 18 at 10 a.m. at Buford Grove Baptist Church and cemetery with Pastor Marvin Lee officiating.

Pallbearers are Rustvn Reed. Dillvn Edwards, Dalton Luce, Daniel Luce, TJ Armstrong, Denver Luce, Madison Tradd and Bodhi Armstrong.

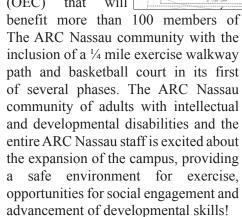
Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US 1, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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

ARC Nassau Breaks Ground on Outdoor Experience Center

John Sherer

The ARC Nassau has broken ground exciting an addition to its Nassau County campus with the addition Outdoor an Experience Center (OEC) that will



Paul Bussell, the Executive Director of the ARC Nassau stated, "What is also so great about this expansion project is the positive input, support and donations already being provided in an overwhelming 'win-win' scenario by Nassau County and area businesses,

companies, organizations and people of our areas of support for the individuals that we serve so diligently!"

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The ARC Nassau is a charitable State of Florida and Federal Non-**Profit** organization providing charitable learning programs, job skills development and employment, and transportation services to our adults with many development disabilities, to maximize their independence at home as well as in our communities for more than 45 years.

To learn more about this outstanding multi-phase project, and how YOU can be a part of it, please call The ARC Nassau at 904-225-9355, or visit: www. ARCNassau.org or Facebook.



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HMSHS Student Wins \$5,000 Essay Competition

Susan Milana, U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation

Savannah Russell, a junior at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School, is the winner of a \$5,000 scholarship from the U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation (USCSF) through the "University of US" essay competition.

Junior class president, Russell served on the school advisory council and as student leader in fellowship Christian Athletes, historian of the National Beta club, a member of the National Honor Society and Great Decisions, and Editor of the HMSHS Pastimes. She has played on the Nassau Champions HMSHS flag

football team the past four years. Russell volunteers at Hilliard Elementary School, where she received the HES Student volunteer of the Year award. She also serves in the Children's ministry at her church, North Jacksonville Baptist Church. While achieving in AP, honors, and dual enrollment classes, she also maintains a part time job at Hilliard Pharmacy. This summer, Russell will be attending a service and leadership program at Woodlands Camp in Cleveland, Georgia. When she graduates in 2021, Russell plans to major in marketing and political science at Florida State University.

"With a passion for US history, I am beyond grateful for the scholarship and the knowledge and skills I gained through the "University of US" program and I will hopefully, be assisting with the program as a Student Ambassador during the coming year," stated Savannah.

college Each year \$30,000 in scholarships is awarded to Nassau

County students by the U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation.

This year the first-place essay of Carly Terry a senior at Fernandina Beach High School, won an additional second-year scholarship for a total of \$10,000. Three additional students were awarded a \$5000 scholarship, including: Sofia Marrero

a senior at Yulee High School, Penny Carr a senior at Fernandina Beach High School, and Emily Vining also a senior at Fernandina Beach High School. To qualify for the competition, a student must be a Nassau County high school junior or senior, maintain a 3.0 GPA, graduate from the free University of US program,

pass a U. S. Constitution final exam and write an essay on an assigned topic related to the U. S. Constitution.

Fifty-eight Nassau students graduated from the program this year each earning a \$100 award. Twenty-five students met all qualifications to submit an essay, earning a \$200 award.

Judge Robert Foster, chair of the Essay Committee, stated that this year's essays were the best submitted since the essay contest started four years ago. The essays are judged in a "blind" competition, so the authors are unknown to the judges. The other members of the committee are Judge James Daniels, Ginny Ardia, Carol Richter Blum, Sue Ann Braddock and Heidi Cook.

The University of US program and scholarships are made possible through the generosity of our community. Learn more about applying to the educational and scholarship program or supporting the U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation at: www.USCSF.net.

Flag Retirement Ceremony Held

Dawn S. West

Sunday night, a US Government Sanctioned 'Official' US Flag Retirement Ceremony was held at the Callahan Speedway. The event was opened by David Hicken, owner of Callahan Speedway. "This is the third year we have hosted this event. It gives me great pride to do this. I feel like my dad is looking down and smiling at me," said Hicken. "I'm so honored for you all to be here tonight. I hope you enjoy this special ceremony."

Mr. Gary Doyle, Chaplain of the American Legion Post 401 in Hilliard, opened the ceremony in prayer. This year, the group honored a huge US Flag that was flown at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. The flag was enormous and several helped to hold it while it was folded honorably. During the folding, Veteran and the Honorable Nassau County Circuit Judge Steve Fahlgren read the meaning of the 13 folds, while the Veterans folded.





The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Mekara, BCS Nassau County Chapter Chaplain, on the podium as the audience joined in.

After the huge flag was folded it was given to David Lewis, Commander VFW Post 10095 and Wesley Baker, Commander American Legion Post 401, to submit the large flag to Eternal Flames. Once the flag was placed into the fire, bugle taps was played in the distance.

Mekara closed the ceremony with a prayer. The groups had hundreds of flags to be retired. They began the process of retiring all of them properly. It was a great ceremony to be a part of. Thank you to the many veteran organizations that helped to make this a special event for all those in attendance. God Bless America and our American Flag!

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