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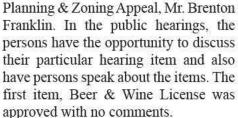
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020

"HE MAKES ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES; HE LEADS ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS. HE RESTORES MY SOUL; HE LEADS ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE." - PSALM 23:2-3

Franklin Zoning Appeal Returned to P/Z Board

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final meeting of June. The meeting began with two Public Hearings: The Beer & Wine License Application for THYSE Properties, LLC DBA Steamboat Lilly's, Mr. Micheal Shawn McClinton, owner; and second,



The second item, Planning & Zoning Appeal was different. Brenton Franklin addressed the council with a very good presentation concerning facts about his appeal. Franklin plans to live in the top floor of his building, AXIS, located at the corner of US Highway 1 and Henry Smith Road. The building was zoned Commercial and approved not zoned Industrial. Franklin proved in the P/Z staff report 2 errors: the building was not permitted Industrial but Commercial and it's located in a manufacturing district; second the definition/language of dwelling was incorrect. "I'm asking the council to consider the facts when you make your decision," said Franklin.

"I was the Land Use Administrator at the time the building was built. I am in support of Mr. Franklin's appeal. He was approved with a commercial building permit with storage and office space," said Glenn Higginbotham. "He received a Certificate of Occupancy for a commercial building. Manufacturing district does not require a separate unit for security purposes. For these reasons,



this building. It's the right thing to do."

"I am a lifelong resident in Nassau County and Hilliard. I think it's good to see young people trying to do the right thing with their lives and businesses," said Greg Franklin. "Let's don't make it so hard for us to work and live here when we're trying to make a difference."

"I (and I don't think any of us do) don't have a problem with him living there. I'd like to see a fire inspection done and I'd like to see this go back to the Planning & Zoning Board for consideration," said Councilman Kenny Sims. "I'd also like to check into having the zoning changed to C1."

"I hate to see undue costs for Mr. Franklin and I don't want this to drag on," said Councilman Jared Wollitz. "And I don't want a secondary building. Safety is my biggest concern about this

The public hearing was closed.

The first agenda item was the approval for the beer and wine license application for Steamboat Lilly's.

The next item was the Planning and Zoning appeal. The council discussed the issue again. The final outcome, Councilman Sims made a motion to send this back to the Planning & Zoning Board with the current information to make his building safely livable with a necessary fire inspection. A second

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Two Charged with **Child Neglect**

On Tuesday, June 16 at approximately 3:30 a.m. the Nassau County Sheriff's Office responded to Baptist Hospital Nassau Emergency Room regarding a possible child neglect case. Deputies were informed that a 7-monthold infant was brought in by Nassau County Fire/Rescue

earlier around 10:15 p.m. for having seizures. The original medical call to 911 occurred at 9:47 p.m. There were no apparent signs of physical injury for the child's respiratory distress, unresponsive state and seizures. The child was stabilized and was not in any life threatening condition, however, a toxicology exam was conducted and the results revealed methamphetamine in the child's system. The child was eventually transferred to Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville.

Through the investigation, NCSO Detectives learned that the father and mother of the child (who are not married, but living together) obtained methamphetamine on June 14, while the child was away with a sitter. They crushed a small rock of meth inside a \$5 bill then placed it on a glass table and snorted it through a straw. The \$5 bill was then placed back into the father's

The following afternoon, the mother





went to work and the father came home to care for the child. At approximately 9:30 p.m., the father and child were in the bedroom on the bed. The father stated that he looked away at his phone and then noticed the child had taken money, including the \$5 bill out of the wallet and spread it on the bed. Shortly thereafter, the father said he found the child unresponsive, gasping for air and having seizures. That's when 911 was called. The father believes there was meth residue on the money, which is how the child got it in his system. When asked where the wallet was he stated they stopped at an unknown gas station in Fernandina Beach and he threw it in a trash can. The Department of Children & Families is also investigating the incident.

Travis Arrested were: Hendricks, 35, from Fernandina Beach, charged with Child Neglect; and Jessica Lorin Leclair, 33, from Fernandina Beach, charged with Child Neglect.

motion by a vote of 4-0. Councilwoman Callie Kay Bishop abstained her vote.

"I am proud of the town council for taking notice of the errors that were made in the staff report that was presented by the P&Z board," said Brenton Franklin. "I am looking forward to working with the P&Z once again, and I believe this time around we can arrive at a positive outcome for both the town and myself with correct information provided for

The following item was a septic tank exception for Mrs. Chasidy Bulger. The council approved the exception.

Resolution 2020-12 was approved which concerned calling for a General Election on November 3, 2020. There will be three (3) council seats. The seats up for election are Kenny Sims, Jared Wollitz and Lee Pickett.

The next council meeting will be Thursday, July 2 at 7 p.m.

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Defund the Police

Dear Editor,

To all you people that keep screaming, 'Defund the Police' I got one thing to say about that. Sit back and watch those cities that choose to defund their police departments and see how long it takes them to "refund" them. End of conversation.

Hank Martinez, Sr.

In Response

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the June 18 'Just My Opinion'. You again come across as a Christian Evangelical Fascists and Trump Cultists with your anti-intellectual, antireason and anti-science rhetoric. COVID-19 is not used "conveniently," it is a reality. It is here and it has no political affiliations. You continuously denounce Dr. Fauci, The C.D.C and other experts about the seriousness of this virus. You seem to subscribe to the Mike Pence philosophy of, "Pray it Away"...and that to me is a real tragedy.

I ask you, sir, do you want to eliminate a woman's right to choose? Do you want to abolish the 14th Amendment, which protects

a woman's right to choose? You claim there's an "outrageous amount of black abortions" with one sided numbers. In the 96 percent of the abortions reported in Florida, just over half of the women were white (51 percent), while 34 percent were black, the remaining being Hispanic and unknown, according to reports from Tallahassee. Nationally, white women sit at 49% of all abortions while black women are at 40% and 11% are Hispanic and other. "Women who obtain abortions are predominantly poor or lowincome, in their 20s and unmarried; Black women and Hispanic women continue to be disproportionately represented among abortion patients." - Guttmacher Institute (But I guess these numbers don't work with your anti-Black Lives Matter rhetoric, does it?)

Seeing as I am only allotted 300 words, I will close with this, if you want to talk about the most hypocritical and corrupt organizations, look no further than this Fascist Evangelical Republican Party...but...that's my opinion.

> Longevity. Matt Yates

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Farmer Announces Candidacy for Commissioner District 5

Klynt A. Farmer was born, raised and educated in Callahan. As an Honors graduate of West Nassau High School, Class of 1995 and Florida Gold Seal Academic Scholarship winner, Klynt is rooted in the community he wishes to serve. He has 27 years of private

sector business experience in the liquid waste industry serving Nassau County as a Septic Tank Contractor. Klynt worked alongside his father who started the company, K.A. Farmer's Septic Tank Service in 1984. Through his years of service to our community, Klynt has employed

and trained dozens of employees, implemented safety programs, operated and managed large budgets and has developed effective networks that provide our neighborhoods with honest, reliable customer service at affordable prices throughout all construction trades.

Outside of business, Klynt honorably served the City of Jacksonville as a Reserve Police Officer from 2006-2017 assisting patrol, K-9 and narcotics during his tenure and received many awards through the thousands of hours he gave in service to the community.

Klynt Farmer is a staunch conservative, self-motivated, accessible, accountable, transparent public servant who takes pride in serving his neighbors. Klynt pledges to the community that he will not accept special interest or big developer donations during his campaign to serve as the next District 5 County Commissioner. "My integrity isn't for sale" expressed Klynt in his own

words that tells the story of who he is as a businessman and a decision maker. "I believe growth is inevitable and can be beneficial, however we must intrinsically channel our money in government to ensure we grow (infrastructure, public safety, roads and bridges, etc.) alongside

> these new developments to ensure the citizens get what they need to guarantee a safe, secure neighborhood worthy of praise," said Klynt.

> Klynt has participated with many civic and social events throughout his years as a Shriner affiliated with both the Morocco Shrine Temple

in Jacksonville as well as the Alee Shrine Temple in Savannah, proudly supporting the Shriners Hospitals for Children. He is a past master of Callahan Masonic Lodge #32 and is a member of Callahan First Baptist Church. He is an active member of the Florida Onsite Wastewater Association participating with the Political Action Committee by assisting with the literature of several bills and lawmaking associated with his trade.

Farmer believes we should also promote small local business, low taxes and smaller government for the benefit of the next generation who wish to raise their family in their hometown or for those wishing to contribute to clean healthy living.

I would appreciate your consideration on August 18th and humbly ask for you and your family's vote, Klynt A. Farmer for County Commissioner District 5.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

I personally have never been a Confederate Flag enthusiast. However, never did it make me think of slavery or being oppressive. My guess would be that the greatest majority of ones who like the Confederate Flag associate it with just being a southerner, and there is nothing wrong about being proud of where you came from and/ or where you are currently. I love the south. I was born and raised here and I don't plan on leaving until the Good Lord calls me to my next home. The flag simply represents their heritage and not the first one of them today have ever owned a slave, never knew anyone who had been a slave nor has ever known someone who owned a slave. The southern heritage is dirt roads, fried chicken and mashed potatoes for Sunday dinner, sweet tea, slow talking and some long conversations. It's deer hunting and fishing, four-wheeling and mud bogs, it's swinging on a rope and dropping into the river and some more sweet tea (preferably from the Chicken House), it's drag racing, Friday night high school football and NASCAR, well not so much NASCAR now. It is not about hate or oppression. The dark side of southern heritage is what I know as HISTORY! You should never erase history, we all learn from our mistakes of the past and vow not to make the

same mistake in the future. I do not sit around and fret, blame or hate just because I failed at something. I pick up and move on.

The destruction of monuments and statues from our history being destroyed by mobs and taken down in the wee hours of the night by gutless politicians is a lame gesture by the socialist liberal state of mind. Those pieces of history have not caused any harm to anyone for the hundreds of years they have stood. Well, except for the one that fell on one of the rioting mob members as they were pulling it down!

Leave our history alone! Black Americans are not the only people that are ancestors to slaves. Do a little research and you will find that there were more white European slaves in North Africa than there were blacks sold and brought to America. My advice is, get over it. Be thankful for the hardships of your ancestors that have now given you the honor of living in the greatest country in the world. Where would you be if not for them? The only limitation for your future is what limitations you place on yourself.

And by the way, my favorite flag is the American Flag...always has been always will be. One nation under God!

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

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Jesus and Social Barriers

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard

Jesus is a fascinating figure. If you are a Christian, Jesus is your Savior and Lord. The goal of our existence is to glorify God (I Corinthians 10:31) and to be conformed into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29). We are living in a complex and complicated world, but the complexity of the current situation does not change our agenda as Christians. We make it our aim to please God while we are in this body.

During these complicated times, the church must remember that its mission has not changed. We are to fulfill the great commandment and the great commission. The great commandment calls us to love God and neighbor with everything we've got. The great commission calls us to make disciples of all nations. God expects and demands us to be faithful in these times of chaos and normalcy. What does faithfulness look like in the present time?

When I think about the times that we live in, there is a passage that keeps screaming to me. This passage is found in John 4. In John 4, Jesus does the unthinkable. He sits down and talks with a Samaritan woman at a well. In order to understand why Jesus' actions are so extraordinary, we have to consider the historical background behind this encounter. The hatred between Jews and Samaritans has been well documented. Listen to a sample prayer that Jews would pray concerning Samaritans: "and Lord, do not remember the Samaritans in the resurrection." Jewish disdain for Samaritans was expressed in these following sentiments by Jewish rabbis: "Let no man eat the bread of the Cuthites (Samaritans), for he who eats their bread is as he who eats swine's flesh." This hatred for these people was very real. They would not worship together, they would not communicate with each other, and they would never try to convert them. So when Jesus offered this woman living water, he was crossing every social barrier imaginable. He was crossing moral barriers, social barriers, racial barriers and even moral barriers.

This is what being faithful in the difficult times looks like. Don't forget, that the only thing the government ever did for Jesus was to put him to death. The mission of the church is not dictated to us by the government or the culture. We get our marching orders from Christ. The church is called to penetrate a world of darkness with one display of light at a time. Sitting at a well or a dinner table and offering a woman water is an act of faithfulness because we possess the only living water there is. The church does not need to reinvent the wheel, the church needs to be faithful to the mission that has already been given to us.



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Callahan Lodge Masonic News

John Page

The Masonic Lodge members returned this month, after having suspended meetings due to COVID virus.

We began our meeting by recognizing Brother Jasper Griffin for his 55 Years of Membership in Freemasonry. On June 16, 2020, Brother Jasper Griffin was presented his Grand Lodge of Florida 55 Year Certificate and Pin by Brian Jahay, Worshipful Master of Callahan Lodge. Brother Griffin became a Freemason in Callahan Masonic Lodge #32 when he was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on January 12, 1965. He was then Passed to

the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 30, 1965 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 11, 1965. During his years as a Master Mason he has served in many positions and as Worshipful Master of

Callahan Lodge #32 in 1971. He then served as District Deputy Grand Master of the old 10th Masonic District in 1976. He has served as Lodge Secretary (1972-1975 and 1977-1980) and many years as our lodge Marshal. He has always been a very active member for his 55 years as a Mason as an officer, mentor, instructor, degree team member, historian, and ambassador of good will.



Right Worshipful Jasper Griffin being pinned by his daughter Angie Smith.

Brother Griffin has also been an active member of Callahan OES Chapter #154

> and served as the Worthy Patron (1971, 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1979).

Next on our agenda was the formal presentation to Brothers: Tim Beazley, Gary Burchfield, Jeromy Holmes, Donald Hood, Glenn Miller and Quentin

Register of their Lambskin or White Leather Apron. The presentation was made by their instructor, Right/ Honorable Al Martinez, as recognition for their passing their Master Mason Catechism and Proficiency. Each Brother was then presented their Masonic Bible in a beautiful Bible presentation by Worshipful Eddie Bides.



Shown front row (1 to r) are: Glenn Miller, Quentin Register, Tim Beazley, Jeromy Holmes, Gary Burchfield, and Donald Hood. Back row (1 to r) are: Right Honorable Al Martinez, Worshipful Master Brian Jahay and Worshipful Eddie Bides.



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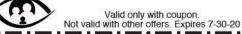
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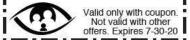
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Juneteenth Celebration Held Friday in Callahan

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The Concerned Citizens of West Nassau gathered together in remembrance of Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day. It is a holiday celebrating the **Emancipation Proclamation** for those who had been

enslaved in the United States. It was originated in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves. It would eventually take 2 ½ years before the Confederate States received the news of all slaves to be free. Freedom finally came on June 19, 1865 in Galveston Bay, Texas. The Army announced that more than 250,000 enslaved blacks in the state were free by an executive decree. The day came to be known as Juneteenth.

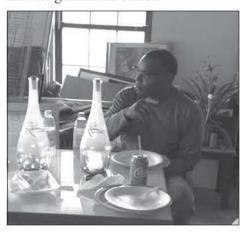
Brother Bernard Jones thought that it would be necessary to gather together as Concerned Citizens and celebrate Liberation Day. Phone calls were made and texts were sent out; and we gathered for a day of fellowship with



laughter, food and fun to commemorate the history of yesterday. Also, to remember how far God has brought us. Sister Maxine Simmons hosted the event at her home, where we

played the history game with questions and answers about Juneteenth.

We decided the best way that we could honor our history is to be a vehicle for change, to educate, to empower and to inform each generation to be better that the generation before.



Nassau County ID Cards Available

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the County temporarily closed Nassau County beaches due to concerns related to spread of the virus. On May 1, 2020, the beaches were reopened for most normal activities, with the exception of beach driving and camping. On May 14, the County issued Executive Order No. 7 to reintroduce vehicles to County beaches to allow for greater utilization of beach areas. Beach driving has been limited to Nassau County residents with a valid drivers license or State ID with a Nassau County address. The restriction is based upon limited driving and parking areas on the beach.

There are many individuals who own property in Nassau County but reside elsewhere. These individuals have not been able to drive onto the beach due to their identification not

reflecting a Nassau County address. The County Manager and Tax Collector have been working together to create a property owner card to resolve this issue. Beginning this past Tuesday, the Tax Collector's Office located at 86130 License Road in Fernandina Beach, began issuing these cards by APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule an appointment, please call (904) 491-7400.

Each property owner will need to download and complete an affidavit outlining each licensed driver over the age of 16 that will require a card to drive on the beach. The affidavit will be provided to the Tax Collector's Office during your scheduled appointment. The affidavit can be located on the County's www.nassaucountyfl. website at: com/752/Beach-Permit.

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CANDIDATE QUALIFYING DATES

TOWN OF HILLIARD



Qualifying for the Hilliard Town Council will begin on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at Noon and will end on Friday, August 7, 2020 at Noon. The deadline for candidates to submit all petitions for verification will be Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Noon. For potential candidates there are three positions for Town Council up for election. For the

offices of the three Town Council Members the three qualified candidates that receive the highest number of votes shall be elected for four-year terms. Any person meeting the qualifications set forth in the Town Charter and desiring to qualify as a candidate may pay the qualifying fee and file their qualifying papers with the Town Clerk at the Hilliard Town Hall located at 15859 West County Road 108. The Hilliard Town Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. For more information please contact the Town Clerk at (904) 845-3555.

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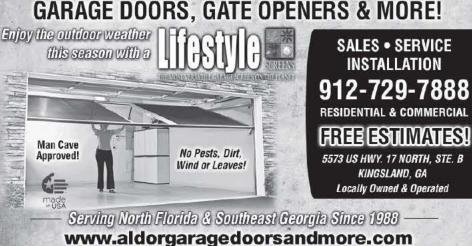
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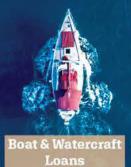
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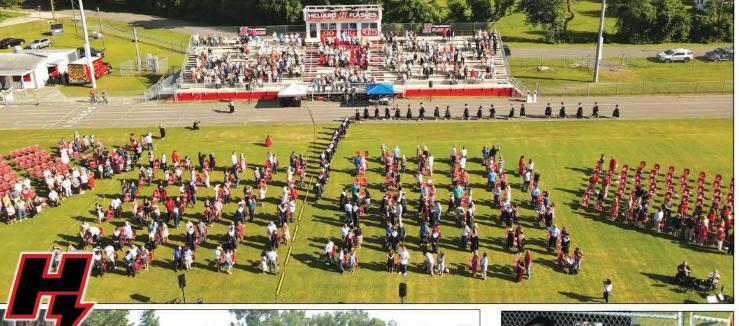
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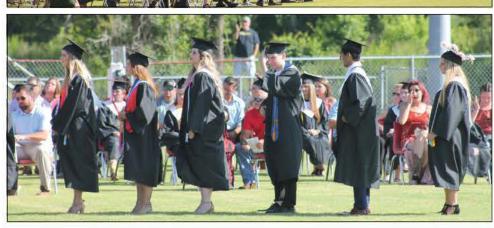














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Francis Stephen Wolosko, 49, 27227 W. 1st Avenue, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

Tuesday, June 16

Joshua Charles McHenry, 32, 19248 Conner Road, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

Christopher Clyde Perry, 39, 54245 Huckleberry Lane, Callahan: Violation of Injunction; Reckless Driving

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Thursday, June 18

Christopher Allen Helmick, 40, 37093 Testone Lane 4, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

Friday, June 19

Jamie Lorraine Davis, 38, 2727 Ruby Drive, Hilliard: Violation of Probation **Battery Domestic**

Ashton Narin Jadoo, 32, 540111 US Highway 1, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine

Sunday, June 21

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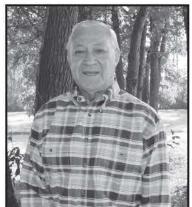
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JERRY P. ARNETT



Jerry P. Arnett, 63, of Homeland, Georgia, passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2020. He was born in Bunnell, Florida to the late Paul Joseph

Arnett and Mary Virginia Grimsley Arnett. Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by a daughter Melinda Holton; and two sisters Lucille and Bobbie.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Mary Keene Arnett; children James Johnson, Laura Arnett, Herbie Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Bonnie Lopez, Tammy Jones, Jerry Arnett, Jr., Betsy Arnett and Connie Arnett; sisters Pam and Shirley; brother Terry Arnett; 19 grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 19 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in Jones Cemetery in Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston, GA.

CARL HOWARD BARR, III



Carl 'Skip' Howard Barr, III, 79, passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2020, in Hilliard. He was born November 13, 1940, in Miami, to Carl and Nora

Barr. He was an US Air Force Veteran and had a career as an Air Traffic Controller. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge 2352. He was an accomplished pilot, avid fisherman and most likely found in his Lodge's kitchen.

He is survived by a son Carl H. Barr, IV; a granddaughter Charlotte Barr; and two great-grandchildren Ben and Collin; a sister Marilyn (Mike) Samuelson; and a brother Roger (Cathy) Barr.

Funeral services will be held at a later

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date at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US-1, Callahan, 879-1770.

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JEAN MARIE CARTER



Jean 'Jeannie' Marie Carter, 64, passed away June 19, 2020. She was born on June 14, 1956 in Ocala, Florida to R.J. Ridaught and Jewell Perret. She

lived most of her life in Dinsmore and was a member of Dinsmore Baptist Church. She married Paul Allen and had two children. She chose to stay at home and be a mom to her children while they grew up. She then pursued a degree in Elementary Education and became a Kindergarten teacher. She had a passion for children. She loved to watch them learn and grow. Her other passion was being a grandmother. She loved nothing more than being with her grandchildren.

She is survived by a daughter Lauren (Michael) Tomberlin; son Branden (Samantha) Allen; four grandchildren Teague and Tynlee Tomberlin, Brayden and Emma Jo Allen; five brothers John Perret, Ray, Mike, Mark and Rod Ridaught. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation for friends and family will be held Thursday, June 25 from 5-7 p.m. at the Anchor Church in Callahan. The funeral service will be held Friday, June 26 at 11 a.m. at the Anchor with Pastor Joey Roundtree officiating. Interment will follow at Edgewood Cemetery in Jacksonville.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 879-1770. Visit www.nassaufh. com to sign the family's guest book.

'GRUMPY' HIGGINBOTHAM



Maurice 'Grumpy' Higginbotham, 81, of Callahan, passed away June 18, 2020, with his family by his side. Grumpy was born on August 17, 1938,

in Jacksonville, to Theodore and Hazel Higginbotham. Grumpy loved NASCAR, his cows and genealogy. Most of all, he enjoyed his family and friends gathering at his home to visit with him. Grumpy was a member of the West Nassau Historic Society, Florida Cattlemen Association, Masonic Lodge and Shriner. He is preceded in death by his parents; and siblings Theda, Theodore, Betty, Robert, Elmore 'Dink,' Timothy 'Timbo' and Russell.

Grumpy is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Dorothy Deese Higginbotham of Callahan; children Donald (Gail), Gerald and Tracy, Bradford (Stephanie) and Donna (Joe) Moore; sister Omeria Davis; grandchildren Jody (Stacy) Moore, Cory (Stephanie) Moore, Ryan (Kailee) Higginbotham, Amanda (Jason) Reins, Erin (Josh) Sing, Kendra Taylor, Josh Taylor; and nine great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Grumpy's life was held Saturday, June 20 at New Life Baptist Church in St. George, Georgia, with Pastor James L. Conner officiating. The family received friends prior to service.

Interment followed at Ogilvie Cemetery in Jacksonville.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 879-1770. Visit www.nassaufh. com to sign the family's guest book.

Naomi I. Higginbotham



Naomi 'Noni' Irene Higginbotham, 86, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on June 18, 2020. She was born on July 18, 1933, in Canoga

Park, California, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Mumford. Naomi loved to cook for her family, gardening and hunting. She was married to the love of her life Neal 'Cotton' Higginbotham, for 68 years.

Naomi is survived by her three sons Raymond (MaryAnne) Higginbotham, Albert 'Buddy' (Shari) Higginbotham and Chuck (Joyce) Higginbotham; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, June 23 at Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Patrick officiating.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 879-1770. Visit www.nassaufh. com to sign the family's guest book.

KATHY RENAY HUNTER



Kathy Renay Hunter, 62, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on June 22, 2020. She was born on March 16, 1958 in Tampa, Florida to James

Alfred Friday, Sr. and Eula Mae Friday. Kathy adored her grandchildren and loved spending time with her family and friends. She greatly enjoyed Elvis Presley and her weekly girls' night out. She delighted in entertaining, gardening and crafts. Kathy was widely known for her sweet spirit and kind heart. She is preceded in death by her father.

Kathy is survived by her loving husband of 25 years, Kenneth Hunter; mother Eula

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The family will receive friends Wednesday, June 24 from 6-8 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. A Celebration of Kathy's life will be held Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Callahan First Baptist Church with Pastor Lynn Hyatt officiating.

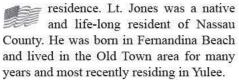
Interment will follow at Green Pine Cemetery in Yulee.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 879-1770. Visit www.nassaufh. com to sign the family's guest book.

WILLIAM SHELTON JONES



William Shelton Jones, Lt., Nassau County Sheriff's Office, Ret., 70, peacefully passed June 17, 2020, to his Heavenly Home at his Yulee



He retired as a Lieutenant with 25 years of service with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps when he was 17 years old, having to get his mother's written permission as he was under the age of consent. As a man of the Baptist faith, he took the Lord's call to action and His commandments seriously. Shelton loved helping people. It was his passion. There are numerous accounts of him helping those in need. He loved his family and always enjoyed eating-out.

He was predeceased by his parents Willie and Willie Mae Jones: brothers Roland Jones, Howard Jones, Otis Jones and Jimmie Lee Knight; and a sister Gladys Bly.

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Survivors include a brother Vernon (Becky) Jones of Yulee; sisters Sandra (Marvin) Cooner of Coonerville and Leecie Dennard of Nassauville; several nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

A Celebration of Shelton's life was held from the graveside Wednesday, June 24 at Green Pine Cemetery with Pastor Carl Lindsey and Marvin Cooner officiating.

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WILLIE NELSON



Willie Nelson, of Callahan, passed away May 28, 2020. He was laid to rest June 6, at the Callahan Community Cemetery.

He preceded in death by his son Willie "Manky" Nelson, Jr.; parents Roosevelt, Sr. and Martha Nelson; step-father Eugene "Darling" Neeley; siblings Roosevelt Nelson, Sr., Kelly Nelson and Martha Nelson.

Willie leaves to cherish his memories his children Martha Yvonne (Henry) Perkins and Juan Nelson; grandchildren Alreginald Marcellus Nelson, Telvin White, Marcus May, Warren Williams, Jr., Keenan Perkins, Nyle Perkins and Juan Nelson, Jr.; and one granddaughter Jasmyne Yvonne Perkins; great-grandchildren Marcus Daniel May, Jr., Kenneth King May and Nyomi Williams.

The immediate family has been identified by either a signed Birth Certificate or by Scientific DNA Testing. If you're not listed above, you're being excluded because there's not a signed Birth Certification or Scientific DNA evidence to support the kinship. As the matriarch of this existing family, we would like to acknowledge those family members by evidence only. If no evidence, then no kinship. R.I.P!

CHARLES E. SPURLOCK, JR.



Charles Edward 'Chuck' Spurlock, Jr, 56, of Folkston, passed away June 22, 2020 at his residence. He was born January 23, 1964 in Folkston.

He retired from the State of Florida Department of Agriculture after 16 years of

He is survived by his daughters Amber (Keith) Sweat, Jennifer (Jason) Love and Jessica (David Lindsay) Spurlock; his parents Charles Edward 'Red' Spurlock, Sr. and Laura Mae Reed Spurlock; his grandchildren Gavin Spurlock, Gabby Wright, Baileigh Love, Brody Hale, Lakelynn Mimbs, Heartleigh Hale, Daniel Lindsay, Cy Love and Maverick Sweat; sisters Sandra (Darrell) Geoghagan and Charlotte (Paul) King; brother Kenny (Charity) Spurlock; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held Friday, June 26 at 4 p.m. at the Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel. Memorialization will be by cremation.

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

ALORA JAYNE WALLS

Alora Jayne Walls, infant daughter of Randy Walls, Jr. and Cari Tippins, passed away June 17, 2020 in Jacksonville.

Along with her loving parents, she is survived by her grandparents Gary and Terri Tippins and Margaret Smith and a host of other relatives.

A private family graveside service will be held in Corinth Cemetery.

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spending their next 40 years together! Happy Anniversary, and Dad! We love

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