

“YET YOU, LORD, ARE OUR FATHER. WE, ARE THE CLAY, YOU ARE THE POTTER; WE ARE ALL THE WORK OF YOUR HAND.” - ISAIAH 64:8

Hilliard Approves Rezoning for Apartment Complex



Starting Point Callahan Facility

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their last meeting of June. The first agenda item was a presentation from Candace Tierney, C.O.O. of Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare. “I am honored to be here tonight to let you know soon, we are hopeful for July 15, that Starting Point will open their Callahan location, located at 617225 Brandies Avenue,” said Tierney. “I just wanted to share with you a few of the opportunities available for westside residents. We will offer Outpatient Therapy: for individuals, groups and families, to help with addressing patient concerns, treatments and relationships. Care Coordination: to help individuals living with a diagnosed mental illness to achieve their highest level of functioning. Child Welfare: Our family services team helps to provide a dedicated children and families by Child Welfare System.” They also offer Problem Solving Courts, Medical Services, Substance Use Disorder Program and much more. The most important offering is a Mobile Response Team at 904-580-0529; and a 24/7 Crisis Hotline at 904-206-1756.

The next agenda item was a proclamation by Hilliard Mayor John Beasley. “This is a proclamation designating Mr. Rodney Mills Day in the Town of Hilliard on July 4, 2024. However, it will be presented

to Rodney Mills at the Festival Thursday, July 4,” said Mayor Beasley. “The proclamation included: Mr. Rodney Mills is a renowned American Record Producer who has been active in the Music Industry for over 60 years; he has earned over 50 Gold and Platinum records for engineering, producing and mastering; he and his

wife Mary have been Nassau County residents for over 40 years; some of his records for national acts ranging from gospel, country, R & B, Rap, Rock & Roll and everything in between; worked with legendary artists includes: .38 Special, B.J. Thomas, Classics IV, Gregg Allman, James Brown, Lynrd Skynrd, Sugarland, The Doobie Brothers, just to name a few; it is an honor to have Mr. Rodney Mills and his family in attendance to the Westside 4th of July Celebration; where local bands will preform lots of his music.”

In other business, the council approved the Engineering Services of agreement to continue from Mittauer & Associates, Inc.

The council also approved the Engineering Services Agreement with Mittauer & Associates to perform a Water & Wastewater Systems Impact Fee Analysis. This agreement allows for the review of the existing water and wastewater impact fees, system assets, financial audits, future water and wastewater facility expansion requirements, potential expansion increments and associated costs, on development impact fees calculations and the recommendation of updated impact fee values.

The following item concerned the adoption of Resolution 2024-13, which calls for a General Election to be held

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Christian Heritage Parade & Faith Festival this Saturday!

We have parades for all sorts of things these days. There will be a parade in honor of America’s Christian Heritage this Saturday, June 29, the Christian Heritage of America Parade will be held at 10 a.m. on Centre Street in Fernandina Beach! Following the parade, there will be a Faith Festival from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Central Park with food, games, music, Amish ice cream and more festivities! American Independence and our great Christian heritage will be honored! Make your plans now to attend!

America has a great Christian heritage. Christopher Columbus, the first Christian American, was a devout Christian who wanted to share the Gospel with the New World. The Pilgrims said that they came here for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith. George Washington, the father of our country, was a devout Christian, whose prayers and leadership led to victory in the Revolutionary War. The vast majority of our Founding Fathers were Christians, and many were Christian ministers. Our Declaration of Independence and Constitution were both

founded on Biblical and Christian principles and values. The prayers of Abraham Lincoln led to the end of slavery and victory in the Civil War. The prayers of Franklin Roosevelt and George Patton led to victory in World War II. We believe that it is time to honor this great heritage.

There will be floats, cars, trucks, people walking and marching bands. Please wear patriotic colors – Red, White and Blue. And feel free to dress up like Columbus or Washington or other Founding Fathers! This is the day to honor America, the greatest nation in the history of the world, and her Christian heritage! Please don’t forget to attend the Faith Festival following the parade in Central Park, 1200 Atlantic Avenue, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.



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Hilliard Approves

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 for the positions of three Council Members to serve four-year terms each. Council seats that are up for election are: Council President and Street Commissioner Kenny Sims; Council Pro Tem and Water & Sewer Commissioner Lee Pickett; and Councilman and Fire Commissioner Jared Wollitz.

The following five agenda items (4 Ordinances) concern the annexing of 37.35 acres into the corporate town limits for the Lofty Investment Planned Urban Development. The developer plans to build an apartment complex and also have two commercial buildings on the property.

The first, Ordinance 2024-06 was approved on First Reading which concerned Annexing into the corporate limits, three parcels of real property containing approximately 37.19 acres. The second, Ordinance 2024-07 concerned amending the Hilliard Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map Designation of 16.32 acres located on the east side of US Hwy 1 and south of Cosmos Trail, adding the designation of commercial. The ordinance was approved on First Reading.

The third, Ordinance 2024-08, concerned changing the Zoning designation from Nassau County Zoning Open Rural to Town Zoning C-1, General Commercial District; for the 16.32 acres, located on the east side of US Hwy 1 and south of Cosmos Trail. The ordinance was approved on First Reading. The fourth, Ordinance 2024-09 concerned Amending the Hilliard Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map Designation of property consisting of 21.03 acres, located at the east side

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of US Hwy 1 at Cosmos Trail, adding the designation of mixed-use; allowing for commercial and high density residential. The council approved the ordinance on First Reading.

The fifth, Ordinance 2024-10 which concerned changing the zoning designation from Nassau County Zoning Open Rural to Town Zoning PUD (Planned Unit Development), for the property located on the east side of US Hwy 1 and south of Eastwood Road. The council approved the ordinance on First Reading.

The next agenda item concerned the approval to accept the resignation of Public Works Director Joel Hall, effective July 31, 2024.

The council approved to cancel the July 4th regular meeting due to the July 4th holiday.


The council approved the payable to Kynex, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2024 Fireworks Display at the NE FL Fairgrounds on July 4, 2024. The 4th of July Festival will begin around 4 p.m. with lots of activities, food trucks, live music and fireworks around 9 p.m. The event is FREE!

The council approved a payable to Manzie & Drake Land Surveying for project: North Oxford Street Park Phase II, in the amount of \$4,500. This is a portion of the FRDAP Grant for a total of \$200,000.

The council approved a payable to Waugh PLLC, for project: North Oxford Street Park Phase II, in the amount of \$250. This is also part of the FRDAP Grant total of \$200,000.

The next meeting of the council will be July 18 at 7 p.m.

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pine Forest Alumni Meeting 5 p.m. Bethel A.M.E. Church	2 Torah Club 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Westside Republicans 6 p.m. Hilliard Comm. Center NAMI Family Support 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Bch.	3 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	4 	5 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	6
7	8 WN Genealogical Society 10:30 a.m. Lions Club Country Star Quilt Guild 7 p.m. Anchor Church Ch. 154 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm @ Masonic Lodge	9 Torah Club 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m.	10 NAMI Support 12-1:30 p.m. Hilliard Journey Church Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	11	12 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging American Legion & Auxiliary Post 401 Hilliard 7 p.m.	13
14	15 Barnabas Food @NE FL Fairgrounds 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Westside Optimists 7 p.m. Lions Club Sons of Confederate Veterans 7 p.m. The Pig Callahan Town Meeting 7 p.m.	16 Torah Club 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church NARFE Nat'l Active & Retired Federal Employees 11 a.m. The Pig NAMI Family Support 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Bch.	17 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	18 Food Giveaway @Callahan First Baptist 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Hilliard Town Meeting 7 p.m.	19 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	20
21	22 Ch. 154 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm @ Masonic Lodge NC Beekeepers Association 7 p.m. Multipurpose Building	23 Torah Club 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m.	24 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	25 Historical Society 6:30 p.m. @ Depot	26 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	27
28	29	30	31 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	LIGHT UP THE SKY INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION JULY 4 @ NE FL FAIRGROUNDS GATES OPEN AT 4 P.M. FIREWORKS AT 9 P.M. FOOD VENDORS * LIVE MUSIC CONTESTS * MORE!		

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Hilliard Library. PAL provides hope through education and support to parents of addicted loved ones. Visit: www.palgroup.org to learn more. Free educational support group for parents and families.

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Roger R. West

This week I think I'll just share others' opinions and facts from social media. It sometimes refreshes me to realize there are so many that believe as I do.

"Russia says it will go nuclear if the Ukraine gets into NATO. China says it will go to war if we interfere with Taiwan, Iran says it will attack the USA if we get involved with Israel. North Korea says 'now' is the time to go to war with the USA. Funny how 4 years ago this never happened."

"All Americans, not only in the states most heavily affected, but in every place in this country, are rightly disturbed by the large numbers of illegal aliens entering our country. The jobs they hold might otherwise be held by citizens or legal immigrants. The public service they use impose burdens on our taxpayers. That's why our administration has moved aggressively to secure our borders more by hiring a record number of new border guards, by deporting twice as many criminal aliens as ever before, by cracking down on illegal hiring, by barring welfare benefits to illegal aliens. In the budget, I will present to you we will try to do more to speed the deportation of illegal aliens who are arrested for crimes, to better identify illegal aliens in the work place as recommended by the commission headed by former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. We are a nation of immigrants but we are also a nation of laws. It is wrong and

JUST MY OPINION

ultimately self-defeating for a nation of immigrants to permit the kind of abuse of our immigration laws we have seen in recent years and we must do more to stop it." That last quote, are you ready for this? Was Bill Clinton addressing both the Congress and Senate in 1995. What happened?

The 550 US billionaires together are worth \$2.5 trillion. If we confiscated 100% of their wealth, we would raise enough to run the federal government for less than 8 months. Perhaps our problem isn't how much billionaires have but how much politicians spend!

Politicians hate hot mics, because truth can be heard as to what the corrupt are doing. This hot mic episode was between Acting President Biden and Communist Senate Leader Chuck Schumer:

Schumer: If you reschedule, can I get credit for it?

Biden: We'll see.

Schumer: I just need more delays to show one particular donor I'm delaying reform. I know I can keep blaming Republicans and MAGA. I'm a pro. I've done it for six years now, I can keep doing it.

Biden: You really think that's still working?

Schumer: Yeah, yeah.

Biden: My problem is that all these voices pushing for reform are getting loud. Cops, lawyers, governors, DA's, Weldon Angelos...I even have Mike

Tyson calling out my bull\$###. Warren is calling me for reform every freaking day!

Schumer: That's okay, you're the president, you can do it. Look at how I'm fully using my privileges and power of Senate Majority Leader. I can delay as much as I want and blame my opponents!

Biden: Okay, let me think about it.

Schumer: Don't use the word "soon" or they'll climb up the walls! I overused that word a little bit.

Biden: I'll use "impending."

I'd like some Democrat, any Democrat to explain to me how Joe

Biden can say he's going to beat Trump in two debates and is fit to finish this term and serve another four years when a DOJ investigator reports that he's too cognitively impaired and mentally incompetent to be tried. If he can debate and serve, he should be tried. Opinion of James Moore PhD.

So, if we don't let athletes bet on games, they have the ability to influence, why do we allow Congress to invest in companies they regulate? And lastly from Harry S. Truman, "Show me a man that gets rich by being a politician and I'll show you a crook." Yep, there are some that have like minds!

As always...that's just my opinion! God Bless America!

Vintage Tractors and Farm Machines Needed for Hobo Festival

The West Nassau Historical Society is looking for Vintage Tractors and Antique Farm Machines to display at the Hobos and Heroes Festival, Tractor Show scheduled for Saturday, November 16 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Autumn Fundraising will be held at the historic Callahan Train Depot, adjacent Florida Railroad rail bed and Depot Pavilion. If you have an antique tractor or farm machine that you want to display at the event, please call 904-879-3406.

For more information on the Hobo Day event or the Historical Society, visit their website at: www.wnhsfl.org. You can also like their Facebook page.

The event will also offer live entertainment, food and arts/crafts vendors, exhibits and displays centered around the 143-year-old Depot. The



Historical Society will celebrate Nassau County's bicentennial and honor our veterans during a mid-morning ceremony. There will also be a Kids area, Depot and Caboose tours, silent auction, student art exhibit and other family-friendly activities. Sponsorships are available.

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The Major Prophets

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We are now up to the last major group of writings in the Old Testament. The books referred to as the Prophets make up the last 18 books of the Old Testament. The Prophets are divided into two groups (major and minor prophets). This designation has nothing to do with their authority or message, this is simply because of their length. The major prophets consist of 6 books (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel). The 12 remaining minor prophets were originally called the book of the 12 in the Hebrew Bible. We will examine the content of the Minor Prophets next month.

The major prophets are not arranged in chronological order. These writing prophets were not the only prophets that were operative in Israel and Judah. Elijah and Elisha were considered to be the greatest prophets of Israel, but they were not writing prophets. The historical background of the prophets are found in the books of Kings and Chronicles. Isaiah and Jeremiah were pre-exilic prophets. This simply means that their books were written before the exile. Jeremiah was the author of Jeremiah and Lamentations and books covered the fall of Jerusalem and he was taken into exile personally. The books of Ezekiel and Daniel were written during the exile.

• **Isaiah:** Isaiah is commonly referred to as the prophet of God's salvation. Isaiah is a beautiful and eloquent writer and his writings contain some of the most memorable passages and prophecies in the Old Testament. The book of Isaiah is divided into three major sections. Chapters 1-36 are messages of judgment, followed by a historical interlude in chapters 37-39, and concludes with his message of salvation through the Suffering Servant of the Lord in chapters 40-66.

• **Jeremiah:** Jeremiah is viewed as the prophet of God's judgment. The book of Jeremiah is brutally honest about his experience and struggle as a prophet. Jeremiah's prophecies are arranged in a thematic way as he experiences the effects of God's judgment after warning the people repeatedly of the looming disaster. Chapters 1-33 are written before the fall of Jerusalem, chapters 34-45 reveal the fall of Jerusalem, and chapters 46-52 deal with the aftermath of the fall.

• **Lamentations:** Lamentations is a book of poetry that reveals the lament of Jeremiah regarding the fall of Jerusalem. Lamentations consists of 5 poetic laments that reveal the horrifying reality of judgment on the people of God. The poems reveal the devastation of judgment from the vantage point of a broken city (chapter 1), a broken people (chapter 2), a suffering prophet (chapter 3), and ruined kingdom (chapter 4), and a humbled nation in (chapter 5).

• **Ezekiel:** Ezekiel is the weirdest and most eccentric prophet in the Bible. The major theme in Ezekiel's writing is the glory of God. Of all of the prophets, Ezekiel gives us a picture of a big God whose purposes are not limited to Israel. Ezekiel presents God as a God of Glory (1-3), a God of judgment (4-24), the God of the nations (25-32), the God of hope (33-36), the God of life (37-39), and the God of the future (40-48).

• **Daniel:** Daniel is probably the most famous of the major prophets. Daniel speaks of the future of God's kingdom and his people. Daniel was an exile in Babylon and his prophetic writings are included in the wisdom literature in the Hebrew Bible. Daniel's prophecy showed the exiles how to have a distinctive faith in exile. Faith in God is fostered by the simple fact that God rules the world. Since God rules, God's people will not compromise (1), take credit for what God alone does (2), bow to idols and remain loyal to God even if the result is death (3-6), and by knowing that God has planned the future (7-12).

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local races: Clerk of Court; Supervisor of Elections; School Superintendent; School Board seats; Property Appraiser; County Commission Districts seats; and Ocean Highway & Port Authority, seats.

The following races will be represented in our Nassau County

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

Attempted Murder Stems from Online Dispute

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office held a news conference Monday, regarding an arrest in an attempted second-degree murder case. The incident involved 20-year-old Edward Kang, who allegedly flew from New Jersey to Florida to confront an individual in Fernandina Beach following an online dispute. The two were playing a video game online, from their prospective homes, that includes role playing with different characters. Obviously, something went wrong, in the game, causing Kang to fly to Florida to confront the victim.



the subject were not present. Shortly after, the victim was observed lying face down on the ground and noticed he was laying atop another individual who was in possession of a hammer.

On Sunday, June 23, The Nassau County Sheriff's Office responded to a Fernandina Beach residence as the lead investigator of an attempted second-degree murder with a weapon and armed burglary. Upon arrival, deputies observed a substantial amount of blood located near the entry way and into a bedroom. Both the victim and

Both were transported to Baptist Nassau, where deputies spoke with the victim that stated he was playing an online game. Later, he walked to the doorway of the room and opened the door. There stood a person with a hammer raised in the air ready to strike. The suspect, Edward Kang, struck the victim atop the head with the hammer. The victim began to defend himself and was struggling with Kang to obtain the hammer from his grasp. A family member heard the yells for help and called 911.

Edward H. Kang, 20, of New Jersey, was arrested and charged with Attempted 2nd Degree Murder; and Armed Burglary.

CHURCH NEWS

North Hilliard Baptist Church, 552823 US HWY1, would like to invite all men to our Men's Prayer meeting held the 1st Monday of month & the 3rd Saturday of the month, both at 6 p.m.

Sanctuary Baptist Church meets Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Callahan County building, 45401 Mickler St. in Callahan. Come join us as we Worship Jesus.

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Celebration of the United States Flag

As we, proud citizens of the United States of America, celebrate Our Independence on July 4th, let's remember some important moments in history of "Old Glory," our American Flag. I am the flag of the United States of America. I was conceived in the dreams of liberty and the hopes of freedom. Though I was never an orphan, my current form of Red, White & Blue was adopted by the Continental Congress in 1777 and proclaimed the National Emblem of a nation newly born on this continent, fighting valiantly for survival and destined to bring to all mankind a new concept of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I have been many places and witnessed many events in our American History. I was born shortly after the midnight ride of Paul Revere that led to the shot that was heard round the world at the battles of Lexington & Concord, and when General George Washington became our first Commander in Chief. I felt the biting cold at Valley Forge and gave comfort to the tired and hungry Continental Army. I saw Molly Pitcher take the cannon swab from the hands of her wounded husband and helped carry on the fight for freedom.

I was flown above the decks of "Old Ironside," and John Paul Jones' warship the "Ranger" during the Revolutionary War. I was still flying after the bombardment by the British in the late twilight at Fort McHenry during War of 1812 inspiring Francis Scott Key to write, The Star-Spangled Banner. I blazed the trail west with Daniel Boone and Davey Crockett. I stood beside Crockett and Jim Bowie at the Alamo.

I was carried by troops during the Civil War. I fell to the ground at Custer's Last Stand at Little Big Horn and there were no friendly hands left to pick me up. I was carried by Black Jack Pershing's army during WWI.

I have seen many of the men of our nation fall and lie still in death. I have kept my vigil over graves, amid the crosses, row on row, around the world. The Purity of our veterans is remembered in my White Stripes; their Blood has given me Stripes of Red. Their Souls are cradled in my Stars and their Courage Embedded in my Blue. I am many things to many people. I am an inseparable link in the chain that binds men to God and Country. I am the Red, White and Blue, The Star-Spangled Banner, The Stars and Stripes, but I am most commonly known by a nickname...OLD GLORY.

This year the Flag retirement ceremony will be held on Thursday, July 4th at the Callahan Speedway at 7:30 p.m. This year, we are honored to retire a US Flag that was flown at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. There will be boxes displayed for the placement of unserviceable flags. We encourage the community to stay, following the ceremony, as we will officially retire thousands of flags.

Following the Memorial Ceremony, all attendees are encouraged to stay and sit in the stands at the Speedway and observe the July 4th Fireworks Celebration at the NE FL Fairgrounds.

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Growing up in a small town was a great experience and continues to be so. I grew up in Callahan and learned of so many gems within the town. When Roger and I got married, we moved to Hilliard and I'm continuing to learn about many gems here as well. A friend of mine, Derrell Burnsed, dropped by the office and asked me if I could visit Hoffman Automotive in Hilliard. He shared a little information about the owner, Mr. Jim Hoffman, and his shop. Derrell, his son and grandson, have been helping Mr. Hoffman to organize the shop a little better. "I just enjoy going up there and spending time helping out," said Derrell. "He's such a great person."

Actually, I didn't even know the store was still open but it is. The store is located in downtown Hilliard right beside the Kangaroo Station. I met Derrell and Mr. Hoffman, who is 84 years old, Saturday at the store. What a pleasant person he is and his story is about as interesting as the store. Mr. Hoffman began his business in 1962, when he lived in Illinois. In the day, Hoffman Automotive Custom Car Shop was thriving, as he had three stores. If you have ever been to a real Car



Show, it's amazing how many custom classic cars, hot rods and antique cars they have displayed. Most all of those cars are brought 'back to life' with original parts. That's where Hoffman Automotive fits the bill. If you are restoring a vehicle and need that one piece to finish the job, you probably want to call Mr. Hoffman to see if he has the part or will get it for you. By being in the business for so many years, his contact list for custom parts is huge.

In 1976, following a divorce and later remarrying, Mr. Hoffman and new bride found a home in Hilliard, where her family lived. He purchased the current building he is in and brought



all his inventory and began his business here. He semi-retired about 10 years ago, and his son ran the business then later decided to turn it back over to his father.

Once you step into the shop it's like you've stepped back in time. I've never seen so many pieces and parts of vehicles. It's a car enthusiast's dream! There are carefully wrapped

windshields, bumpers, motor mounts, chrome everything, all kinds of sheet metal for all kinds of vehicles and so much more. The most interesting part is, as we walked around, he told me specifically what kind of bumper that was and the glass was for a '57 Chevy. I'm pretty sure I was just in awe of the knowledge this man has. And he knows what's in every box and what year it is. It's incredible. "It's Classic Car and Hot Rod heaven," said Mr. Hoffman. "I have so much here but I'm ready to retire. I'd really like to travel."

His story doesn't stop there. In October 2006, he had a heart transplant and a few months prior, his wife had a lung transplant. His wife, Jean, passed away in 2009. Mr. Hoffman also has had four rounds of cancer: lung, bladder and colon cancer twice. He has been cancer free for 10 years. He is an amazing person and again with so much knowledge of what he does. He has learned that the internet and computers have stalled a lot of his business. He still has people calling from all over asking for parts for their custom, classic or hot rods.

He has decided that he wants to close his shop to try to enjoy the remainder of his life by traveling some. His wish is to sell the inventory of the shop and is looking for a buyer. Until that happens, he will continue his current hours of Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. – noon. However, he allows people to call him, 904-845-4421, and he will meet you at the shop for your specialty custom car and hot rod parts!



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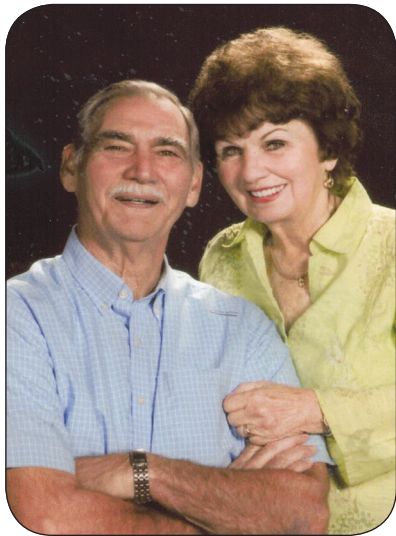
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Danny Acker, 51, Hilliard: Possession of Methamphetamine
 Dana Marie Kelly, 36, Hilliard: Bond Surrender Felony (x 2); Bond Surrender
 MM: Possession of Schedule 1-5 Substance

Tuesday, June 18

Christopher Reece Tanner, 23, Callahan: Possession of Schedule 1-5
 Substance; Possession of Methamphetamine

Thursday, June 20

Joshua Eric Cook, 43, Callahan: Possession of Weapon by Convicted Felon;
 Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Altered Firearm

Friday, June 21

Kristina Marie Bowden, 38, Bryceville: Failure to Appear Felony
 Brianna Danielle Jackson, 22, Bryceville: Violation of Probation Community
 Control Felony
 Jon Daniel Ralbovsky, Sr., 33, Hilliard: Out of County Warrant Felony (x 2)

NCSO Recovers Cocaine on Amelia Island Beach

In a significant drug seizure, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office recovered cocaine valued at nearly \$1 million at the south end of Amelia Island. The street value of the drugs is around \$4.8 million. The discovery, weighing 71.4 pounds, was made after a watchful citizen spotted suspicious contents washed up on the shore.



Responding to the call, just before 6:30 a.m., the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit quickly



secured the area and seized the illegal drugs. While the origin of the drugs remains unknown, authorities are actively investigating the matter. The investigation is still ongoing. More information will be released as it becomes available. "This significant seizure demonstrates the importance of community vigilance and cooperation with law enforcement. We're grateful for the alert resident who reported this discovery. Our team is working diligently to trace the source of these drugs and keep our communities safe," said Nassau County wSheriff Bill Leeper.

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ELBA HOWARD CALDWELL



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved brother, Elba Howard Caldwell, 73, of Callahan, Monday, June 17, 2024. Elba

was born June 16, 1951 to the late Harrie and Alma Caldwell of Callahan. He grew up in Jacksonville, where he attended Andrew Jackson High School. After school as a young man Elba enlisted with the US Army National Guard. Elba was a hardworking and dedicated person who excelled in his career as a Millwright. Elba worked as a Superintendent with Milton J. Woods for 30+ years upon retirement. He was known for his exceptional skills and professionalism and was respected by his colleagues and peers alike.

Despite his busy schedule, Elba always made time for his family and friends. He was a loving and caring brother who was always there for Dewey whenever he needed him. He had a great sense of humor and always knew how to put a smile on someone's face. In his free time, Elba enjoyed the beach in his younger years, was known as a hunter on more than one occasion, loved a good NASCAR race, bluegrass music, visiting the mountains, playing a hand of cards, sweet tea and just about anything chocolate!

Elba is survived by his younger brother Dewey (Mary) Caldwell of Callahan; his niece Firefighter Shelby Caldwell of Gainesville; Ella Kay and Jerry Williams who were more like best friends than cousins; and numerous extended family members and friends, who loved and will miss him dearly.

A funeral service to celebrate his life was held Friday, June 21 at Cedar Bay Funeral Home, Jacksonville. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

In memory of Elba, his family requests you learn how to enjoy life, don't put off what you want to do today for tomorrow; as one never knows when God will call you home. Rest in peace, dear son, brother,

uncle, nephew, cousin and best friend. You will always be in our hearts and memories.

Arrangements by Cedar Bay Funeral Home, Jacksonville, 904-714-1110.

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NICKEY DEWAYNE CLARK



Nickey Dewayne Clark, 56, of Hilliard, passed away peacefully June 23, 2024, surrounded by his family. He

was a beloved father, husband, Poppy, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Nick was born on January 23, 1968, to Mickey Clark and the late Judy Johnson (Gauze). He proudly served his country for 23 years in the United States Navy, earning the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Throughout his career, he was known for his hard work, dedication and passion for helping others. To know Nick was to love him. You would always know when he entered the room by his gracious smile and personality. He always made sure to acknowledge everyone whether it was a handshake or one of those good ole slaps on the back that about knocked you out of your shoes.

In his free time, Nick enjoyed spending countless hours at the ball field, golfing and watching any and every sport that was on TV. He was a diehard Arkansas Razorback fan. His family will greatly miss hearing "Sou Pigs" on football Saturdays. He was an active member of his community, volunteering for various causes and organizations. More than anything, Nick was a devoted husband, father and Poppy. He loved spending time with his family and playing with the grandkids. He was always there to offer guidance, support and

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encouragement, no matter what challenges they faced. In addition to his mother; he is preceded in death by his son Christopher Harris, Jr.

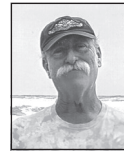
He is survived by his loving wife, Renee Clark; his children Brian (Ashtyn) Clark, Christie (Bobby) Newman, Jessica (Colton) Weinberg, Brittany (Cody) Weinberg, Robert (Savannah) Weinberg and Christian Clark; his father Mickey (Jackie) Clark; his step-father Steve Johnson; his grandchildren Tyler, Mason, Chris, Jacob, Zoey, Lane, Aubree, Emma, Henley, Bentlee, Hagen, Jade, Stanton, Brody, Brynson, Hudson and Emmie; and his brothers Craig (Susan) Clark and Steven (Mel) Johnson.

The family will receive friends Monday, July 1 at the Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston from 6-8 p.m. The funeral service will be held Tuesday, July 2 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Hilliard with Pastor Ryan Mason officiating. Burial will follow at the Jacksonville National Cemetery with Military Honors. Pallbearers will be Brian Clark, Robert Weinberg, Steven Johnson, Craig Clark, Kevin Bayless and Troy Linton. Honorary pallbearers will be Chris Harris, Jacob Harris, Tyler Newman and Mason Newman.

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

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

LESLIE WARREN DEVILLE



Leslie (Les) Warren Deville, affectionately known as "Pop-Pop," lived a wonderful life. Les was born May 4, 1954 in Cranston,

Rhode Island to his loving parents Dewey and Winifred Noyes-DeVile. He moved to Jacksonville at the age of 5 and was raised there with his three siblings. Les was a hardworking man, dedicated to his wife and family. Everything he did was for them. He was a dedicated employee to the United Parcel Service (UPS) for 40 1/2 years and never idle, utilizing every minute to build, fix or create something with his hands. He spent many years dedicating his time to coaching, educating and mentoring the youth of the local community with the West Duval Youth Association (WDYA). He was extremely proud of his many years

of ensuring the local youth always had an opportunity to enjoy the game of baseball. Les's work ethic was unmatched and his problem-solving abilities, mechanical ingenuity, and being a craftsman at heart, that led to accomplishing every wish his loving wife would ask of him, to include to their home and property in Callahan.

Les loved riding his Harley Davidson motorcycles. His favorite saying was, "I eat, sleep, dream, live, love and ride Harley Davidsons and one redhead!" He deeply missed his friends Jim Harris and Dave and Cindy Eaton. He took frequent trips across the country to explore and enjoy his passions for motorcycles. He was always prepared to share a great story with everyone and sometimes tell it twice. He was well known for his sharp wit and odd sense of humor. He could find something funny in almost all situations and tired to make those around him comfortable (or maybe a little uncomfortable) through laughter. He had a habit of sharing his love and affection to those closest to him by poking fun and cracking jokes at their expense. He loved watersports, boating and classic Rock & Roll, with preferred music by artists such as John Lennon and Van Halen.

We will miss you, immensely. You were our 'go-to' when life got rough and our comfort when we needed clarity. You were always someone we could count on and although you were a straight shooter, you always provided us with sound advice. You always made sure we made our decisions after thinking things through. You never left a project unfinished or waiting for another time to complete. We thank you for all the calls, wise words of advice, the love you gave to us and the beautiful lives we've lived because of you, your hard work and your endless love for us. We are all better people, because of you. We will focus on the positive and never dwell on the negative, as you would want us to. We will forever keep you in our hearts. Les was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 49 years and 10 months, Vickie Drury DeVille; sons Christopher W. (Debbie) DeVille and Benjamin M. (Elizabeth) DeVille; grandchildren Gracie, Devin, Cheyenne, Benjamin, Jr., Blake and Bryce; his siblings Thomas (Geraldine) DeVille, Judith (Charles) Fessler and Janet Rhodes.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 27 at 11 a.m. at Chapman Funeral Home, Brunswick, Georgia.

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KAREN DIANE JACKSON



Karen Diane Jackson, 66, passed away Thursday, June 6, 2024. She was born July 6, 1957 in Jacksonville, to the late Joseph M. Jackson and Elsie C. Jackson. From the time she was a child, Karen was the life of the party. She could keep you laughing. She was also very protective of those she loved. She would go out of her way to help people.

Karen attended Destination Church in Jacksonville, where she recommitted her life to Christ and was baptized. She was in a life group there and enjoyed the friends she made. Due to unforeseen circumstances, she moved in with her sister and began attending Chets Creek North. Karen worked many jobs over her lifetime (mostly retail) and was always well-respected by her peers. She would go out of her way to make sure things ran smoothly and would work extra hours when necessary. Karen will be greatly missed by those who loved her.

She leaves behind two sons Cisco Napier and Warren Napier; three grandchildren Tyler Calhoun, Caleb Napier, and Carra Napier; she also loved Cayla as if she was her granddaughter; two siblings Janice H. (Gerald) Peterson and Richard K. (Elaine) Jackson. She had cousins who grew up with her like siblings, Marie Hatcher (deceased), Patricia Jagers and Thomas Jackson; along with many other cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and friends. She loved her dogs Jazz, Koala, and Scooby. They were the bright spot of her day but could drive her crazy at times.

A graveside service was held Friday, June 14 at Restlawn Cemetery, in Jacksonville.

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JOHN FREDERICK KAST, JR.



Mr. John Frederick "Freddie" Kast, Jr., 77 of Baldwin, went home to Heaven Wednesday, June 19, 2024. A lifelong Baldwin area resident, Mr. Kast attended and played football at Baldwin High School where he was known as "the toe" for his barefoot kicking style. He was employed by CSX Railroad for 35 years and was an Engineer at the time of his retirement. Mr. Kast was an active member and deacon at First Baptist Church in Baldwin until the time of his passing.

He enjoyed hunting, watching westerns and sports and was an avid FSU football fan. Having a heart for service and his community, he volunteered at the Baldwin Community Center delivering meals on a weekly basis and also distributing food for Feeding Northeast Florida once a month. A devoted family man, Mr. Kast was the true head of his household. He was dedicated to his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and even stepped in to help raise some of his grandchildren. He is greatly loved and will be forever missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Laura Kast; children Andrea Beth (Rob) Keen of Jacksonville, Amy Marie (Robert) Stanley of Jacksonville and Matthew (Libby) Kast of Callahan; grandchildren Laura (Joshua) Santiago, Chad (Chloe) Tison, Kristen (David) Rios, Alyssa Kast, Nate Kast, Braden Keen, Rebecca Kast and Addison Stanley; and great-grandchildren Chloey, Mackenna, and Sage "George" Santiago and Grayson and Carson Tison.

He was preceded in death by his parents John Frederick and Willow Mae Fouraker Kast, Sr.; and brother Watson "Doc" Kast.

The funeral service was held Saturday, June 22 at the First Baptist Church

of Baldwin, with Pastor Chris Drum officiating. Interment followed at Brandy Branch Cemetery, Bryceville. The family received friends prior to the service.

Warren Funeral Services of Baldwin was honored to serve the Kast family.

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

JOANN ALLEN SPIVEY



Joann Allen Spivey, 80, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, June 23, 2024. She was born August 21, 1943, in Statesboro, Georgia to the late Jim and Juanita Allen. Joann had one of the warmest personalities you would ever come across in life. For many years she taught preschool in Duval and Nassau counties. Joann adored being around the children and giving them the best foundation to begin their education. She treated everyone she met with kindness and love. Her love would always shine through when she was cooking a meal for everyone. She would prepare enough for five even if it was just her and Monroe. Joann made sure if you were invited over for supper, you never left hungry. When she wasn't educating or cooking, she usually would be spotted enjoying a coloring book or spending time creating art by ceramics. Nothing compares to her love for her family and especially her grand-babies and great-grandchildren. Joann was preceded in death by her parents; son Jamie M. Spivey; and brothers Jim Allen and Johnny Allen.

Joann leaves behind her loving husband of 65 years, Monroe Spivey; children Debi (Bill) Eason and Jody (Kathy) Spivey; brother Jerry Allen; sister Joy Wright; grandchildren Jason (April) Eason,

Jonathan (Christine) Eason, Brittani Eason and Julian Spivey; great-grandchildren Jay Eason, Julius Alvarez and Eleni (Ellie) Shilling; and countless extended family members and friends.

Pallbearers will be Jason Eason, Jonathan Eason, Jay Eason, Jack Wright, Ricki Ford and Chris Lynch.

A celebration of Joann's life was held Wednesday, June 26 at Callahan First Baptist Church with Dr. Lynn Hyatt officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US Hwy. 1, Callahan.

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JACKSON "JC" VANN



Jackson "JC" Conley Vann, 40, of Hilliard, received his wings June 24, 2024. He was born June 5, 1984. He was a lifetime resident of Hilliard. JC was born with many special needs. He has now shed his earthly pain and gained his angel wings. JC will always hold a special place in many hearts he touched. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jack Vann, Patricia Haddock, and Hubert Vanzant.

JC is survived by his parents Ed Vann and Cathy Vanzant; grandmother Ruth Vann; aunts and uncles Janice (Peter) Corbin, Larry (Sue) Vanzant, Henry Vanzant, Kim (Michael) Howell and Kevin (Laura) Vann.

A celebration of JC's life will be held Saturday, June 29, at 11 a.m. at Bethany Episcopal Church in Hilliard, with Rev. Peter Reed Corbin officiating.

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

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In 2020, Firehouse Subs co-founder Robin Sorensen and his wife, Tabitha, made a generous offer to the Youth Ranches. They funded the purchase of the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville Retreat Center in Hilliard, on the condition that it be transformed into a summer camp.

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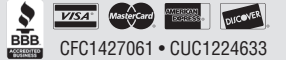
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