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Folds of Honor Campaign **Raises More Than \$1.25M**

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Southeastern Grocers Inc. (SEG), parent company and home of Fresco y Más, Harvey's Supermarket and Winn-Dixie grocery stores, announced the donation of \$1,255,000 to Folds of Honor. The grocer held its 5th Annual Community Donation Program from May 25 through July 5 in support of the organization and its mission to provide educational scholarships to the children and spouses of America's fallen and disabled service members. With the help of Callahan customers, the Callahan Winn-Dixie store was the top fundraising store in the state of Florida!

The fifth tour of giving launched with an initial commitment of \$100,000 from the grocer's charitable arm, the SEG Gives Foundation and store customers were invited to show their support for United States military heroes and their loved ones by donating \$1, \$5 or simply rounding up their total grocery bill to the nearest dollar during the six-week campaign. For the last three weeks of the campaign, the grocer further supported the mission with the addition of Military Mondays. Each Monday from June 20 through July 4, the SEG Gives Foundation matched weekend in-store donations, up to \$100,000 for a educational scholarships

total commitment of \$300,000.

Anthony Hucker, President and CEO of Southeastern Grocers, said, "At Southeastern Grocers, we are committed to our local communities, especially the brave men and women who have answered the call to serve our country. We are proud to stand shoulder-toshoulder with Folds of Honor in support of our American service heroes."

Every cent donated during the campaign will go directly to Folds of Honor to provide more than 250 educational scholarships for spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service members. Scholarships awarded through Folds of Honor provide private education tuition and tutoring for children in grades K-12, along with higher education tuition assistance for children, spouses and dependents.

SEG has raised more than \$6.75 million for Folds of Honor since 2018, which has allocated over 1,350 educational scholarships to the children and spouses of United States military members impacted by their loved one's call to duty. Since 2007, Folds of Honor has awarded approximately 35,000

R & R Wings Pays Tribute to the Late Deputy Josh Moyers



Rathel and Amy Gordon, owners of R & R Wings in Hilliard, wanted to pay tribute to the late NCSO Deputy Josh Moyers. They carefully planned to have a shadow box made in his memory to

hang in the entrance of the restaurant. After several months and many delays. the shadow box was completed.

The Moyers family has been 'regulars' at R & R for years. Many times they have gathered with members of their hunting

club to go and eat at R & R and many times Josh was with the group. Friday night, the family, several deputies from Josh's team, hunting club members and friends met at R & R for the unveiling of the special gift. Rathel shared, "We wanted to do something to show how much his dedication and sacrifice meant to us. We appreciate everything he did and everything you all do every day for the residents of this county."

The shadow box includes Josh's NCSO uniform shirt with patches, badge and name tag, an American Flag, a photo of Josh and a Bible verse. Make sure to take time to look at the display, the next time you visit R & R Wings.

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Letters to the Editor



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Growth Coming!

Dear Editor,

I am certain most all residents of Nassau County have seen the reports of widespread growth in population in our county. In addition, very large areas of land are being cleared for development of home construction. Just in our area, on the north side of Hilliard on Andrews Road, many acres are being cleared for home construction.

On this side of the county, we depend on Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Corporation for electrical services and Windstream for telephone and internet services. We have lived in our home for nearly 50 years now and have seen both services grown over the years from at best marginal service to pretty good service to date. From my observation, now both organizations are responding well to issues.

But, I have concern for the future. With the obvious population growth in our area,

will these utilities be in a position to meet the growth that is to come over the next few years? Will they make the investment in their infrastructure now to meet the coming demand? Or, will they want to make repairs and upgrades when the demand for service causes major disruptions and sever outages in power and communication?

The demographics currently project the coming growth. It is already happening as more and more people move from northern states where the cost of living is very high: where heavy regulations limit personal freedoms; where poor public schools no longer teach the basics and where personal security issues are a serious problem. It is obvious these issues in northern states, due to their politics, will not change in the foreseeable future. All I can say is, "Forewarned, is Forearmed!"

Spotswood B. Watkins, Sr.

EVENTS AROUND TOW

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 745, monthly meeting will be held Monday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at The Pig Barbeque restaurant in Callahan. If you are interested in history during the period of 1861-1865, you are invited to attend.

By opening your heart and home to a youth in Foster Care, you can help forge a lifetime of success and happiness for a child right here in Nassau. Your support can open a world of possibilities. Are you ready to learn more? Contact recruiter@fssnf.org or 904-421-5864 for information.

In the Kitchen... Breaded Parmesan Ranch Chicken

³/₄ cup crushed corn flakes

³/₄ cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 (1 oz.) envelope ranch salad dressing mix ½ cup butter, melted

breast halves

8 (4 oz.) skinless, boneless chicken

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish. Combine corn flakes, Parmesan cheese, and ranch dressing mix in a bowl. Dip chicken in melted butter; roll each chicken breast in corn flake mixture until evenly coated. Place coated chicken in the prepared baking dish. Bake in the preheated oven until chicken is no longer pink in the center and the juices run clear, about 45 minutes.



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Young Republicans News

Ashley Benoit,

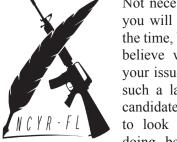
Communications Director

Nassau County Young Republicans is working to reach every citizen in this county. We are a lively group of people who want to see our county and country thrive. In order to do this, we must

surround ourselves with good, honest and hardworking people. This is an easy task here in our county because we have such a vast amount of amazing people!

The Young Republicans meet once a month. This month we will meet Tuesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. at Gators Dockside in Yulee. We will have County Commissioner Klynt Farmer speaking and a candidate forum.

Voting is such a special honor and responsibility and I encourage each voter to research the person they believe is the best person for the job.



Not necessarily a person that you will agree with 100% of the time, but a person that you believe will listen and take your issues to heart. We have such a large pool of quality candidates. I encourage you to look at what they were doing before election time.

It's important to look at elected officials currently serving and their social media platforms. I often notice that they are dormant during serving but get active the closer we get to the election. An ideal candidate would be active in the community at all times, not just a few months before an election.

Nassau County Young Republicans is a great example of a group of citizens that truly care about each other and our community. We are look forward to seeing new faces at this month's meeting!

NCCOA Hosts FREE Senior Expo & Health Fair

Looking for Exhibitors! Deadline is July 20!

Mark your calendars for Nassau County Council on Aging's (NCCOA's) 8th Annual Senior Expo & Health Fair – FREE to the general public – on Friday, September 9, 2022, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.,



Atlantic Recreation Center, 2500 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach. More than 60 exhibitors will be on site providing useful information and resources. There will be giveaways galore, free medical equipment and supplies, and free health screens provided by Baptist Health, including blood pressure and body mass index, as well as information on chronic disease. Exhibitors will include local, state and federal agencies, as well as local businesses geared toward seniors. Deadline for exhibitors is July 20. Interested exhibitors should contact the NCCOA at 904-261-0701.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

As of Monday, July 11th, the approval rating of impostor Joe Biden had dropped to 33%. My question would be what is wrong with 33% of our fellow citizens? How can they not see what this socialist party is doing right before their very eyes? The democratic/communist party is purposely ruining our country at a very rapid pace. They have done nothing that has had a positive outcome for America. I challenge you to name one act by the democrats in the last 18 months that has been good for America. Joe Biden should be charged with treason immediately for the atrocities he has brought upon each of us Americans.

Fuel prices are at an all-time high due to his failed policies. The average citizen is suffering due to inflation that is at a 40-year high and what does the enemy (democrats) of America do? He sells millions of gallons of OUR strategic oil reserve to China. China is our number one enemy and stupid Joe is selling our oil to the enemy all the while we suffer with oil shortages created by the democrats! If that isn't treason, I don't know what is. Of course, we all know the reason we went from energy independence under President Trump to the mayhem we are currently in, it's called the "New Green Deal" to save the planet. They are attempting to deprive us of fossil fuel in order to make us buy into their lie about climate change. It's all about control and has nothing to do with climate.

People, the oceans are not going to rise and flood our lands and we are not going into a massive heat wave or an ice-age or any other catastrophe due to fossil fuels. It's NOT about the environment. A two-megawatt windmill is made up of 260 tons of steel (the tower) that required 300 tons of iron ore and 170 tons of coking coal,

all mined, transported and produced by hydrocarbons. A windmill could spin until it falls apart and never generate as much energy as was invested in building it. Still think it's about the environment? Instead of 830,000 barrels of oil flowing harmlessly through the Keystone XL Pipeline, it takes 4400 semi-trucks and 1300 train cars every day to move the same amount of oil. Still think it's about the environment? A battery in an electric car such as a Tesla, is made of 25 pounds of lithium, 60 pounds of nickel, 44 pounds of manganese, 30 pounds cobalt, 200 pounds of copper and 400 pounds of aluminum, steel, and plastic. One thousand pounds of minerals, that had to be mined and processed into a battery that stores electricity...generated by oil, gas, coal or water. Still think it's about the environment? Electric vehicles are not feasible as a viable means of private transport and certainly not for heavy equipment. A couple from Detroit bought a \$79,500 EV pickup truck and decided to take a road trip, pulling a 6000-pound trailer from Detroit to Los Angeles and back. Their story was documented on their Instagram account. The dismal trip confirms that EVs have no place in society. They had to stop 270 times to recharge the batteries, which calculated out at every 100 miles on their 2,700 miles trip. They spent hours and hours charging the batteries.

All the while many are being asked to adjust their thermostats at home due to power-grid overloads and they think we should all be driving EVs. That's just a special kind of stupid! Once again, our current government isn't concerned about your well-being; they just want to control you!

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



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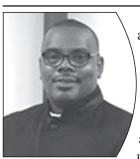
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Try it Again!

Pastor Walter Cooper, He Changed My Mind Ministries, Callahan



Most of us had the opportunity to learn how to ride a bike after falling off many times, and we can still hear our mother or father say try it again; you can do it. Remember the very first time we sat on the seat of our red and white huffy, not knowing what to do? And dad standing behind to give us our first push. Getting our balance seems impossible at times, but after many attempts, we found it wasn't so hard after all. We started with training wheels first, then moving up in bike size but never gave in to defeat. This example

shows we learn early in life if we fail to try it again, which has followed our adult lives.

Now we can ride with no hands and make all kinds of trick jumps. It doesn't matter how many times we may have fallen off our bikes. Each attempt has proven we are determined to overcome any failure in our lives. With patience and determination, we can overcome any situation that we may find ourselves in. With Jesus on our side, we can do all things.

In the book of Luke, Jesus borrowed Simon's boat to preach. Luke 5:3-5, "And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: never the less, at thy word I will let down the net."

Simon informed Jesus about their fishing trip the night before, which produced nothing. The Lord tells Simon to let down his net for a catch, and he doesn't hesitate to obey the King. And in following Jesus, they had a large catch he couldn't handle themselves. Simon then calls for help from the fishers nearby.

Take a moment to reflect on what God has encouraged you to try again? It may be years since you last went to church, but today God may be pressing on your heart to try it again. Proverbs 24:16 declares, "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: But the wicked shall fall into mischief." We are just because of a righteous God. You may wonder how to take the first steps to try it again.

He Changes Moments: God gives us the courage to face our failures and work through them. We should grow from our failures each time we stumble and fall. With God, all things are possible for those who believe.

Today we're riding bikes, driving cars and so many other experiences because we tried it again. Never give in to yesterday; keep moving today; we can make it. Grace and peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.



Making the Grade

Kathy K. Burns, Superintendent of Schools

Report cards are in. On Thursday, July 7th, the Florida Department of Education released school and district grades for the 21-22 school year. Once again, the Nassau County School District is "A rated" and the second highest rated school district in the state.

District Grade: A	District Ranking: 2nd out of 67 Districts	
SCHOOL	GRADE 2022	GRADE 2021
Bryceville Elementary	\mathbf{A}	A
Callahan Intermediate	A	A
Callahan Middle	\mathbf{A}	A
Emma Love Hardee	A	A
Fernandina Beach High	\mathbf{A}	A
Fernandina Beach Middle	e B	В
Hilliard Elementary	\mathbf{A}	A
Hilliard Middle-Senior Hi	igh A	В
West Nassau High	В	В
Wildlight Elementary	A	A
Yulee Elementary	\mathbf{A}	A
Yulee High	В	В
Yulee Middle	\mathbf{A}	В

We began the 21-22 school year facing the continued challenges of COVID, along with the national teacher shortage. The commitment, dedication, and perseverance of the Nassau County School District prevailed. Please join me in celebrating and congratulating "the Team" that makes a difference every day! Take the time to email, call, visit, or write a note to the teachers and leaders in your child's school, your community, and throughout Nassau County. Let them know how much you appreciate their dedication to the success of students and the improvement of our schools!

Moving forward, it's important that we take the steps necessary to continue our academic focus, improve safety, enhance Career and Technical training opportunities, as well as recruit and retain the best teachers! We are fortunate to live and work in a community of leaders, supporters, and friends of education. We Are Nassau!

CHURCH NEWS

KIDZ JAM ADVENTURE will be held Wed. nights July 6-27 at 6:30 p.m. at Friendship Alliance Church, 44491 Mary Sauls Rd., Callahan. All children ages 5 – 5th grade. For more information call 879-1907 or email KIDZ@Friendshipcma.org.

BETHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH will be selling Barbecue Pork Dinners Fri., July 15 from 5-7 p.m. for \$8 each. Eat-in or Take-out! The church is located on CR 108 in Hilliard across from Hilliard Town Hall.



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Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met last Tuesday night due to the Monday, July 4th holiday. The first order of business was the Final Reading and approval of Ordinance 2022-O02 which concerned an

annexation. The property that was annexed into the town is 2.15 acres on US 1 south of Callahan near the car wash

The next agenda item was First Reading on Ordinance 2022-O03. The ordinance concerns amending Chapter Section of the Town Code. The council approved the ordinance on First Reading.

Town Manager Mike Williams addressed the council concerning the TRIM for the upcoming budget season. Williams suggested that the council go with the roll back rate of 2.2799. Williams reminded the council that the rate could be higher but the highest they could go is 3.4738. Williams advised the council to look over these rates and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next item also was an item for Williams. "Our crane is on the down side of working. I've been looking for a new one or used one," said Williams. "The one I have found is a Tiger Crane, 4,000 pound limit. The cost is \$19,168.36."

The council approved the purchase.

"It's been a long time since we have purchased anything for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. We are in need of new back and side fencing at the plant," continued Williams. "I have a quote of \$19,728 of chain link fencing installed."

The council approved the fencing purchase.

In closing comments, Councilwoman Jacquelyn Fleming commented on how pleased she was with the fireworks. She also asked Williams the status on the abandoned homes and buildings within the city limits.

Williams replied, "Larry, the building inspector and Mary, Code Enforcement have been working together on a list. We should have that for the next meeting."

Councilwoman Ashton Vargas also commented on fireworks and how she enjoyed them. She also added that she enjoyed the music but maybe next year we could have someone sing the National Anthem.

Williams also commented that he had received word from Duval Asphalt that the paving on Warrior Drive, Booth Street and Page Street would begin on July 18.

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

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New Beginnings and Milestones

Elizabeth McIntosh Celebrates 105th Birthday



Elizabeth 'Liz' McIntosh, a longtime Hilliard resident, and currently a resident of the Life Care Center of Hilliard, celebrated her 105th birthday July 10. She celebrated her special day with visits from friends, a couple of bouquets of flowers and over 115 birthday cards with well wishes. She was so happy to see so many beautiful cards with beautiful colors. Secretly, a card party was held for her through the Westside Journal Facebook page hoping to present her with 105 cards. As usual, so many people

responded with joy to mail or drop by a card. We delivered the cards

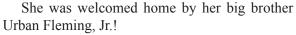
on her birthday and read each one to her.

In her younger days, Ms. Liz was very active in buying and selling real estate. She enjoys sharing stories of her many experiences she has had throughout her life. She is the oldest living charter member of Live Oak Baptist Church. Her brother Johnny Layden, 99, now lives in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.



Nova Victoria Fleming

Urban and Jacquelyn Fleming, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Nova Victoria Fleming. Nova was born April 17, 2022 at 3:43 p.m. at UF Health North in Jacksonville. She weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and measured 20 inches.





Health and Safety Expo this Friday and Saturday









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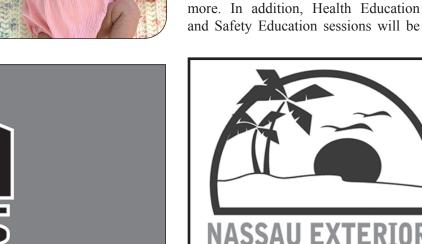
Nelson and Associates Insurance is hosting a Health and Safety Expo this Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16 at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds in Callahan. The two-day event will give residents of Nassau County an opportunity to drop in and collect valuable resources available in Nassau County. Friday's event will be held from 4-7 p.m.; and Saturday's event will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The mission is to educate the community on topics in maintaining a safer and healthier you! This event will include health resources and vendors, safety resources and demonstrations from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, Nassau County Fire Rescue, Trauma One and

offered throughout the 2-day event. All Nassau County school aged children may receive FREE sports physicals and school age immunizations! Gleaners will be on hand Saturday for a bread distribution. There will be representatives from Florida Blue, UF Health, Baptist Health and Conviva Health, along with many other local vendors and non-profit organizations.

It's a great event for people of all ages! Participants include Women's Resources, Teen Challenge, Safe Kids NEFL, Forestry Service Division, Traders Hill Farms, KidCare, FSCJ Cosmetology School, St. Vincent's Mobile Health Unit, the Paul Mitchell School, Barnabas, and many more! Attendees will have an opportunity to win door prizes by visiting the Gold Level vendors and receiving a stamp on the Expo Passport!

The event is FREE so come out for a fun and resourceful time!

Don't forget: this Friday, July 15 from 4-7 p.m.; and Saturday, July 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the NE FL Fairgrounds!



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Gathering of the Saints this Weekend



Pastor Walter Cooper

Greetings neighbors! This Friday, Saturday and Sunday, for the first time in two years, we will hold the Gathering of the Saints. We will gather together at He Changed My Mind Ministries and we are excited about the possibilities of what God is going to do. Each year, October is the traditional time we have this celebration. God pressed upon our hearts this year to do it in July and October because we haven't gathered due to the pandemic. The Friday and Saturday services will be held at He Changed My Mind Ministries at 45035 New Ogilvie Road, Callahan.

First, Friday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m., we will have a powerful word from Bishop Eddie L. Lawrence, my grandfather. Following we will have a question & answer time with the Bishop. God lead me to this layout to gain wisdom from this 93-year-old Bishop, who has been preaching in our community for a very long time.

Saturday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m., our speaker is a local friend and brother, Pastor Gerald Wollitz. Pastor Wollitz is the pastor of Rivers Edge Church in Hilliard. We are expecting a high time in the Lord, filled with an outpouring of God's Spirit.

The Sunday service will be a very special time in God's creation. The Sunday, July 17 service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be held on the beach at Burney Park, 95570 Burney Blvd. in Fernandina Beach. We will also be having Holy Baptism during this service. Bring your chair for an exciting worship service. Afterward, we will have lunch and fellowship with the Saints.

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Saturday, July 2

Victor Joseph Michelson, 45, 14483 Point South Drive, Callahan: Grand Theft

Eric James, 2/3/64, 554820 US Highway 1, Hilliard: Aggravated Battery **Tuesday, July 5**

Angel LeeAnn Howard, 29, Testone Lane, Hilliard: Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance; Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Thursday, July 7

Chad Lamar Tanner, 39, 44147 Woodside Lane, Callahan: Deprive 911 Communications; Battery Domestic Violence

Music Students to Perform Friday at Depot

Joel Pace music students will perform Friday night at the West Nassau Historical Society Ice Cream Social that will be held at the Historic Train Depot. The students will also be collecting hygiene items and underwear for their homeless outreach project with Be the Change of NE FL. For questions or to be a volunteer with Be the Change, visit their Facebook page.



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Dawn S. West

The Town Council of Hilliard met last Thursday night for their first meeting of July. The first order of business was the quarterly reports from the Hilliard Building Official Bryan Higginbotham; Code Enforcement Officer Del Miley;

and the Land Use Administrator
Janis Fleet. All reports were
given to the council with the
council approval for all.
The following four

agenda items concerned approvals for work at the Hilliard Airpark, which is paid in full by the FAA and FDOT. The items included: Replace RW 18-36 Edge Lighting, Signs, REILS, Wind Cone and PAPIs; Equipment Storage Building; Chad Brock Enterprises, Inc. for Turf Runway Maintenance and Improvement for \$9,100; and TCA Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$266,971.85.

The council approved a payment of \$8,750 to Dixon Tree and Lawn Service for mowing of town right of ways monthly. Public Works Director Ritchie

Rowe advised the council Dixon is doing a great job!

The council also approved a payment of \$520 to Florida Roads Trucking, LLC, for the Walker Street Drainage and Paving Project. The total amount of the contract is \$45,000.

The council approved the final payment to KYNEX, Inc. for \$7,500 for the fireworks presentation. Council President John Beasley advised the council he was very pleased with how the fireworks presentation went. He wanted to thank the

Fair Association, Volunteer Fire Departments from each town, and all the food trucks that participated.

The council approved another payable, the final one for the evening, for the Walker Street Drainage and Paving Project to Master Road Clean Concrete Recycling in the amount of \$1,527.60.

The next regular meeting of the Hilliard council will be Thursday, July 21 at 7 p.m.

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JACK BURT BURNS, SR.



Jack Burt Burns, Sr., 90, of Callahan, went home to be with his Savior July 11, 2022. He was a wonderful Daddy, Papa, Uncle and friend. He

was born in 1931 in Jacksonville to William and Sarah Burns. He had nine siblings. As a young man, he served as a Corporal in the US Army, serving in Germany. Later, he met the love of his life, Betty Joyce Camp. They were married and made their life in Callahan. He worked for Irvington Moore USNR Dry Kiln and retired after many years of service. He and Betty were married for 60 years before her passing in 2017. The Lord saw that he was tired and reunited them together in Heaven.

He loved to hunt, fish and be with his family and friends. He always had a story to tell that would make you laugh and you would learn something with each story he told. His fishing trips were mostly more stories than fish! You could find him outside from sun up to sundown, cutting grass, picking up leaves or in his barn or as he says, "Doing much of nothing!" If you needed something fixed or built, he could do it all. He was the perfect example of a working man. In all he did, he made sure that you knew his love for Christ. He would pray with and for people that he met. He was a longtime active member of Callahan First Baptist Church, where he was usually the first to be in his pew on Sunday mornings. He is preceded in death by his wife, Betty; daughter Donna Lynn Burch; and many

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others welcoming him home.

He is survived by his children, Jack B. Burns, Jr. and Jennifer L. (Scott) Mezera; seven grandchildren, Derrick (Kelsey) Burch, Josh (Mabry) Burch, Zack (Kayla) Mezera, Jacob (Jaylen) Mezera, Alec (Elizabeth) Mezera, Caleb Mezera and Ryland Burns; four great-grandchildren Kynlie Burch, Gannon Burch, Ryan Burch and Rori Mezera; one brother/best friend Robert "Bobby" (Delores) Burns; nephews that were more like sons and many friends he loved.

The family will receive friends Thursday, July 14 at 10 a.m. prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. at Callahan First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Edgewood Cemetery.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors in Fernandina Beach, handled arrangements.

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ADRON PARNELL DAVIS



Adron Parnell "AP" Davis, 88, of Callahan, went to be with the Lord July 2, 2022 at the Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach. He was born

on July 18, 1933 in Blackshear, Georgia to the late James and Leola Herrin Davis. Parnell graduated from Blackshear High School in 1952 and then joined the U. S. Army. He married Lawanna "Wannie" Bryant, of Blackshear, in 1953. While stationed at Ft. Eustis, VA their only daughter, Debbie, was born in 1954. Parnell was honorably discharged in 1955.

Parnell and Wannie moved to Fernandina Beach in 1958 where he worked for the Merita Bread Company as a delivery truck driver. In 1960, he was employed by Container Corporation of America where he remained until his retirement in 1995. He was known as "AP" by many of his friends and coworkers. AP loved to fish and spent many days boating and fishing in the local waters. He designed and built a house for Wannie and then built a second house on the Satilla River to have more fishing opportunities. He developed a love for RV travel and became a member of "The Over the Hill Gang." AP was also a member of the Fernandina Beach Shrine Club and devoted much time to supporting their charitable events. He also drove a car in many of the parades. AP was an active member of North 14th Street Baptist Church until moving to Callahan where he became a member First Baptist Church of Gray Gables.

In addition to his parents, AP was preceded in death by his brothers Gerald and Harold Davis; as well as a sonin law Thomas Higginbotham; and a granddaughter Carrie Higginbotham.

AP leaves behind his wife of 68 years, Lawanna; his daughter Debbie Higginbotham of Callahan; a granddaughter Ashley (Bryce) Fowler; great grandchildren Cameron and Brylynn Fowler; a sister Barbara (Thomas) Wright; a brother Royce Davis; as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Friday, July 8 in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors. Burial followed in Green Pine Cemetery.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors handled arrangements.

LEON DERELL EDWARDS, JR.



Leon Derell Edwards, Jr., 49, of Hilliard, passed away Monday, July 11, 2022 in Yulee. He was born September 17, 1972 in Frankfurt, Germany. He

was a former member of Westside Baptist Church in Jacksonville and was attending the First Baptist Church of Hilliard.

He is survived by his parents Leon Derell Edwards, Sr. and Diana Langley Edwards; a brother Ronald (Sharon) Edwards; nieces and nephews Taylor Edwards, Tristan Edwards and Diana Matto.

The funeral service will be held Friday, July 15 at 11 a.m. at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel in Folkston, with Pastor Paul Lucas officiating. Burial will follow in Edgewood Cemetery in Jacksonville.

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

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

EULA FRIDAY



Eula Friday, 86, of Callahan, peacefully went to be with her Lord and Savior on June 30, 2022 and was reunited with her husband Alfred Friday,

Sr.; and daughter Kathy Hurst. Eula was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was an inspiration to many and touched the lives of all who knew her.

She is survived by her sisters Iva Moulder and Betty Dickens; daughter Judy (Skip) Graham; son Alfred (Kellee) Friday, Jr.; three grandchildren Tiffany (Aaron) Outman, Kelley (Jesse) Gilliard and Buck Myrick; five great-grandchildren Kayla, Serenity, Beau, Elizabeth and Olivia.

A small service in honor of her and her life was held Wednesday, July 6 at Green Pine Funeral Home and Cemetery in Yulee.

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JAMES WESLEY HULS



James Wesley Huls, 41, of Hilliard, passed away Thursday, June 30, 2022 in Jacksonville. He was born in Fernandina Beach, the beloved

son of the late Glen Darrell Huls and Toni S. Bennett. He grew up in Hilliard with his two brothers Charles and Brian Huls. James and his brother, Brian, had their own Pipefitting and Fabrication business. He also worked as a shrimper and enjoyed being on the ocean, even sailing in his own sailboat. He was a talented pipefitter and fabricator. He loved building things from scratch and "inventing" things. Above all else he loved spending time with his children. James was much loved and will be missed so very much.

In addition to his father James; he was preceded in death by an older brother Glen Darrell Huls, Jr.; and his grandfathers Donald Wilder, Charles New and Dale Thomas Huls.

He leaves behind four beautiful children Samantha Huls, Jonah Leon Lents-Huls, Evelyn Elizabeth Kathryn Lents-Huls and Ruby James Huls; his mother Toni S. Bennett; two brothers Brian (Brandy) Huls and Charles Huls; his paternal grandmother JoAnne Wilder and his maternal grandmother Shirley New; four nieces Paisley, Bristil, Saylor and Katie; as well as a large extended family.

A gathering to remember and celebrate his life will be held Saturday, July 16 at 2 p.m. at American Beach in Fernandina Beach

The family requests that donations be made in James' memory to: Special Olympics of Florida, 1915 Don Wickham Dr, Clermont, FL 34711.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors handled arrangements.

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ALGEN LAVERNE JONES



Algen Jones, 58, of Callahan, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, June 28, 2022. He was a beloved father, grandfather, brother, nephew,

uncle, cousin and friend. He was born January 27, 1964 in Fernandina Beach to the late Betty Lou Jones and Albert Simmons.

Algen was a member of the West Nassau High School graduating Class of 1982. For over 30 years Algen was employed as a cement mason. He loved spending time with family and friends. His hobbies included shooting pool, playing cards, cooking and most of all fishing.

Waiting in heaven to greet him are: his parents Betty Lou Jones and Albert Simmons; grandparents Retha Mae Melton, Roy Jones and Ivory and Idelia Simmons; son Benard Curry; uncles Harry Simmons and Earl Simmons.

He will be lovingly remembered by daughters Shanavia Jones, Ashley Horne and Latrelle Harris; grandchildren A'yanna Jones, Ashaunti Horne and Amauri Horne; siblings Merrie (Eric) Simmons, Allen (Tracie) Simmons and Omar (Anya) Simmons; aunts Jeanette (Raymond) Roberts, Pearlie Melton, Gwen Kibler, Elizabeth Simmons and Maxine Simmons; uncles David (Alma) Jones, Leroy (Ritchie) Jones, Willie Melton, Cornelius Melton, Ellis (Jessie) Simmons and Derrel (Claudia) Simmons; and countless other relatives and friends.

The family received friends Thursday, July 7 prior to the graveside service at Callahan Community Cemetery, SR 200, Callahan.

Sara Carter Funeral Home handled arrangements, 765-4150.

WILLIE ROBERT McClure



Willie Robert McClure, 67, went out with a bang on the 4th of July, 2022. Willie was born October 3, 1954 in Barberton, Ohio to Willie Marcus and

Evelyn Geraldine McClure. He will be remembered by his sense of humor and quiet presence at every family gathering he attended. Willie will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by three daughters Brandie Black, Jennifer Hoopes and Heather McClure; and many sad friends and extended family members.

A celebration of Willie's life was held Saturday, July 9.

CHARLES PATRICK ZEORLIN



Charles "Pat" Patrick Zeorlin, 80, of Bryceville, went home to be with the Lord on July 6, 2022. He was born on November 8, 1941, in St. Joseph,

Missouri to the late Charles Curt Zeorlin and Rita Winifred Fitgerald Zeorlin. Pat proudly served in the United States Army as a Major. After receiving an honorable discharge, he began a career in forestry working for several companies, the most recent being F & W Forestry Services. Pat and his beautiful wife, Betty,

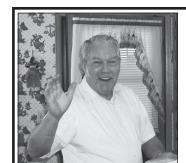
shared 53 wonderful years of marriage and together they had two daughters. He was a faithful member and enjoyed serving in various roles at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church. He also enjoyed coaching softball at the Callahan Little League and Bryceville Sports Association; serving as a Board Member at the Barnabas Center; and the President of the Bryceville Community Club for years. Pat enjoyed traveling, turkey hunting, gardening, photography, going to the Jacksonville Symphony, and watching the St. Louis Cardinals and Jacksonville Jaguars. But more than anything, he loved spending time with his family. He was a devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend that will be missed dearly. Pat is preceded in death by his parents; and sister Ann Elizabeth Crist.

Pat leaves behind his loving wife Betty Whittemore Zeorlin; daughters Jennifer Rae Zeorlin, Amanda (Sean) Zeorlin Thien; one granddaughter Skylar Elizabeth Thien; brother Michael (Marilyn) Edward Zeorlin; and sister Rita Kay (John) Leland.

A Mass Service for Pat was held Monday, July 11 at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church with Father Bui officiating. Interment will follow at Verdie Cemetery. The family received friends Sunday, July 10 at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Barnabas Center: https://barnabasnassau.org/donate/ (1303 Jasmine Street, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034).

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



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Thirteen years ago, you went to your forever home in Heaven. I wish you could be here to see Dayton grow up. You would have been the best uncle to him! It's also sad to me that he won't have cousins on my side or I won't have any nieces or nephews from you. You would have been such a good Daddy too, I just know it. Our hearts have never healed from losing you, we have just learned to live with a broken heart. I love you so much, Bubba, forever and always. Until we meet again.

Love, Heather



Another year has come and gone without you here with us. We love and miss you so much. I know you are happier with Copper with you this year. We wish you were here to watch Dayton grow up but we are blessed you will be watching over him. We love you, Dalton! You are a blessing to us.

We love you so much...forever and always, Mama and Daddy

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NCSO Explorers Compete at Training

On June 24, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Explorer Unit, along with over 150 other Florida law enforcement explorers, set out for the Florida Sheriff's Explorer Association-FSEA State Delegates training & competition event in West Palm Beach.

Training at the event, mostly scenario based, included target & discretionary shooting, traffic stops, active shooter, physical agility, force on force, officer down, domestic & crisis intervention, burglary in progress,



The grand finale 5-day training event included a banquet and awards ceremony. During this ceremony, many explorers were recognized and awarded for outstanding demonstration of their skills.

All of the NCSO Explorers who attended, completed the training and represented the Sheriff's Office and Nassau County in excellent form.

The following explorers received the listed awards: Dylan Clay, 2nd Place Marksman Centerfire 9mm; Jake Curtright, 1st Place Tyro Centerfire 9mm; Tristan Murto, 3rd Place Marksman Centerfire 9mm; Dylan Clay, Ryan Milton, Mitchell Maddox and Christopher Church, 3rd Place Crisis Intervention Scenario; Tristan Murto, Bradley Rowland, Christopher Church and Rylee Wagner, 2nd Place



crime scene investigation, loitering/ prowling, first aid, color guard/drill and team/leadership building. This excellent career based training event was hosted by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and also included law enforcement demonstrations PBSO units such as K9/therapy dogs, SWAT, DUI, mounted/marine, rotary wing-helicopter aircraft, bomb squad,





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