

"YET A TIME IS COMING AND HAS NOW COME WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN THE SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, FOR THEY ARE THE KIND OF WORSHIPERS THE FATHER SEEKS." - JOHN 4:23

## NCSO Warns of Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency Scam Alert



The Nassau County Sheriff's Office has observed an increase in Bitcoin-related scams. These scams often involve impersonation of law enforcement officers. Scammers call victims, claiming to be from local law enforcement agencies. They target individuals with publicly available professional certifications or licenses (healthcare, insurance, real estate, etc.). Scammers use names of actual officers from agencies like Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Nassau County Sheriff's Office.

The scam typically includes false warrant claims. Victims are told they have an outstanding warrant. Scammers then demand payment of a "bond" to avoid arrest. Cryptocurrency payment demands are a key feature of these scams. Victims are directed to use CoinMe Machines (often found in CoinStar kiosks) or other cryptocurrency ATMs. Scammers provide a phone number for victims to enter into the machine. Victims are instructed to deposit cash, which is converted to cryptocurrency.

Important Warnings: No government

agency will ever request payment via cryptocurrency or standalone machines in businesses. Be cautious when asked to pay using Bitcoin, Ethereum, Dogecoin, Litecoin, or other cryptocurrencies. Exercise caution when using CoinMe, Bitcoin Depot, Coinsource ATM, LibertyX ATM, and other cryptocurrency ATMs. Be wary of requests to pay bills using gift cards, QR codes, Cash App, or Venmo.

If You Receive a Warrant Call: Hang up immediately. Contact your local law enforcement agency directly to verify the claim.

If You've Been Scammed: Contact Detective Owens at 904-548-4034 or email HU1597@nassauso.com. Alternatively, contact the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, 904-548-4009, to file a report.

Preserve all evidence, including transaction receipts, phone numbers used by scammers, and QR codes provided by scammers. Stay vigilant and protect yourself from these evolving cryptocurrency scams.

## WNHS Selected to Host Smithsonian Exhibition

Florida Humanities, in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), has



Smithsonian

launched a new exhibition partnership program, "Exhibition Starter Kit: FOOD" and selected the West Nassau Historical Society as an inaugural recipient. In total, eight nonprofit organizations received funding from Florida Humanities in June 2024 to create exhibitions that capture and share local narratives on food, utilizing templated resources as well as virtual and in-person support from the Smithsonian Institution.

Exhibition Starter Kits provide a Smithsonian-developed framework to guide selected venues through the development of local humanities-based exhibitions using their own collections and cultural content. While working on their exhibition project, funded venues will receive guidance from the Smithsonian on how to design and develop compelling exhibitions that highlight their local history and culture through the lens of food. By incorporating local elements directly into the exhibition, each installation will be unique while broadly addressing the same national themes curated by the Smithsonian.

All sites have received initial funding of \$5,000 from Florida Humanities to work with the Smithsonian over the next year to create their exhibition script, collect physical objects such as artifacts and images to accompany their exhibition, and design an exhibition floor plan. Exhibitions will then be fabricated and installed at each venue in early 2026 with additional support provided by Florida Humanities.



The funded sites include:

- African American Cultural Society (Palm Coast, Flagler County)
- Citrus County Historical Society (Inverness, Citrus County)
- Florida Remembered Society (Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County)
- Hastings Main Street (Hastings, St. Johns County)
- Historical Society of Bay County (Panama City, Bay County)
- Key West Art & Historical Society (Key West, Monroe County)
- Main Street Apopka (Apopka, Orange County)
- West Nassau Historical Society (Callahan, Nassau County)

"Exhibition Starter Kits give small museums a great opportunity to use a Smithsonian framework that gives national context to local exhibitions," said Carol Harsh, Director, Smithsonian Institution Museum on Main Street program. "Florida Humanities contributes state-specific resources and scholarship, which adds an even richer training opportunity for host organizations to bring out the unique local flavors of each community."



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## A Word From the Publisher

There are many signs of our broken world, but none so prominent as the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump on Saturday. Such a sad display of another human being's life. The event, a Trump Rally, held in Pennsylvania, had over thousands of people attending. One attendee was killed by the spray of bullets, as he covered his wife and daughter from them. Two other attendees were injured. I, myself, have been to a Trump Rally and the energy is contagious. How someone could make the event a nightmare, is horrible.

I'm not really political however, if people can't see through all the trials, accusations, raids and issues that Donald Trump has been through, yet he continues to pursue the office of the President of the United States, he continues to prove just how much he loves America, I just don't understand. My prayers for our country and leaders are ongoing constantly. Just please, be informed as a voter, when you make your choices. It really matters. Pray for our country!

On a lighter note, have you ever thought back about your childhood and some of the memories you made? I was recently reminded of a couple of things. During the July 4th week, my son's wife's family came to visit from out of town for the week. One of the nights Summer shared a picture of all the kiddos laying on pallets on the floor filling the room! So precious!



As I've shared many times before, both sets of my grandparents lived out of town: one in Arkansas and one in South Carolina. When we went to visit, all seven of us, first of all, it was a carload. The rest of the extended family was notified that we were coming and most of them came too. When we arrived at either of the two places, our cousins were there waiting. We all stayed at the same house. Nothing but kiddos everywhere, especially when we began to grow! I can't tell you how much fun the trips always were for us! Not too sure about the parents, but we sure had fun. That's really what memories are made of...time together. It's so special!

The next memory came when spending the day at the beach with my sister, daughter, granddaughter and her friend! We just enjoyed the day! The two young girls couldn't wait to get on the beach. They ran to the water and both screamed as the water was chilly! That didn't last long before they were

diving, floating and riding waves on their tummies! It was nice to see them without worrying about their phones!



Here comes the memory bank again. My dad and brothers were famous for riding waves, on their stomach. We didn't have boogie boards or floats, just our body. I only tried a few times but once my belly got scraped on the shells, I was done! Many of our 'summer vacations' growing up, was at the beach. Somehow, my parents were

able to rent a house for the week and off we would go. I clearly remember, there was no air conditioning but it was still amazing. From the time the sun came up, we jumped into our suits (all five of us) and hit the beach. Mom called us in for a sandwich and a brief resting period, then off we went again. Today, one of my favorite beach times is late afternoon, when not too many people are there. The beach is my happy place to enjoy the beauty of God's creation!

Spending time with the ones you love is so very important, as we do not know what tomorrow may bring. Each moment of our lives is important. We make choices millions of times in our lifetime. The most important choice you can choose today is to follow Christ and ask Him to be your Savior and Lord. There is no time like the present. Is today your day?

Have a blessed week!

*Dawn S. West*

### MARK'S AUTOMOTIVE NOTICE

Mark's Automotive in Hilliard is currently closed due to a planned surgery. If all goes well with recovery, they hope to reopen by late October. Thank you to all our valuable customers for your understanding!

### EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Smooth Jazz in Ewing Park in Callahan this Saturday from 12 - 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Pine Forest Alumni Association.

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](http://www.palgroup.org) to learn more. Free educational support group for parents and families.

If you or a loved one have been a victim of Domestic Violence, FREE Domestic Violence Support Group. For time, date and location, call: (904) 548-7312.

### In the Kitchen...

#### Summer Pepper Salad

- 1 green bell pepper, seeded & chopped
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- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded & chopped
- 1 medium cucumber, seeded & chopped

- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
- 8 oz. crumbled feta cheese
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

In a large bowl, mix the green bell pepper, red bell pepper, yellow bell pepper, cucumber, parsley, feta cheese, and olive oil. Chill at least 30 minutes in the refrigerator before serving.



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## Debate: Burns VS Gaus Tuesday

The Nassau County Young Republicans Club is proud to present the GAUS versus BURNS Debate. Mr. Curtis Gaus and Dr. Kathy Burns (incumbent) are running for the office of Superintendent of Nassau County Schools.



Street in Callahan. This will be a traditional debate conducted by members of the Young Republican Club. Following the debate, there will be question and answer time with the audience.

Everyone is invited and the event is free. For more information, look at the Facebook page @Nassau County Young Republicans.

The event will be held Tuesday, July 23 at 7 p.m. at the Walter Junior Boatright County Building, 45401 Mickler

## Callahan Town News

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first and final meeting of July, due to the July 4th holiday. The first order of business was to discuss and set the tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Last year, the towns gross taxable value was \$162,822,128.00 with a millage rate of 1.8504. This year the town's taxable value was \$169,128,017.00 with a rolled-back millage rate of 1.7814. Town Manager Mike Williams advised the council that the tentative millage rate could be set however the council would be able to lower the rate prior to the final but not make it any higher. Williams also advised the council to choose the rolled-back rate (1.7814), as the town did well at that rate.

Councilman Matt Davis made a motion to set the tentative millage rate at 1.8504.

"So, we can lower the rate but we can't make it any larger before the final reading, correct?" said Councilwoman Jacquelyn Fleming.

"That's correct," added Williams.

Fleming seconded the motion to set the tentative millage at 1.8504.

In other business, Williams also advised the council that the Governor approved a bill that we must add into our Comprehensive Plan, which is Allowing

Affordable Housing in any district (Industrial, commercial, etc.). "We will need to amend our Comp Plan to include this language," said Williams.

In closing comments, Mayor Randy Knagge thanked everyone that helped out with the Independence Day Celebration at the fairgrounds. "The event was well attended and I think everyone had a great time," said Knagge. "I've heard a few comments from residents about the parking and the mud but mostly people saying how much they enjoyed it."

Councilwoman Ashton Vargas added, "We were parked in the parking lot. There were quite a few people with large fireworks near us. I was a little frightened so my family and I moved from the area. I think it should be discussed next year that no one can bring fireworks to the event. Sparklers and firecrackers maybe, but not fireworks. A few of them really got out of hand. I'm really surprised no one got hurt."

"I'm sure the towns of Callahan and Hilliard will be meeting around January to get things going again and I'll make sure to share this with the committee," said Knagge.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, August 5 at 7 p.m.

## JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

The course of our country changing drastically was just a mere inch away Saturday afternoon. The assignation attempt on President Trump has already brought forth many questions, however, if it had been successful, I shutter as to what would be transpiring throughout America today. If you remember, in my June 30th column I wrote, "I personally would like to see Trump scale back on his public appearances out of safety concerns. The DNC got rid of JFK and it's not out of their realm to resort to drastic measures again." Saturday is the prime example as to why I stated that.

The evil that abounds throughout our country is personally frightening to me. As I stated above, there are so many questions that need to be answered concerning this attempt on Trump's life. Was it a planned conspiracy by the left? Was the secret service part of it? Why the delay from the rooftop sniper team? Did the secret service actually pull agents away from the Trump rally and send them to Jill Biden's event that was occurring at the same time in the same state? Not wanting to be a conspiracy theorist, however, there are things that transpired Saturday that raises the bar of suspicion!

How is it even consciously possible for citizens at the rally see the gunman on top of the roof, notify law enforcement and no action taken. One police officer did climb the ladder, saw the gunman and retreated. The secret service sniper on a different roof top observed the sniper approximately two minutes prior to the first shots being fired. An anonymous source has said the Secret Service sniper was not given permission to shoot until after the gunman started shooting. There is plenty of video of the gunman on the rooftop prior to shots being fired along with video with sound of citizens attempting to get law enforcement to engage. Another suspicious video shows

what looks like a shot came from the crane that was supporting the jumbo screen. In that clip it shows a puff of smoke and the man killed falling onto the stands. So, were there two shooters?

Regardless, the primary blame lies on the backs of the liberal left. From Hollywood actors holding a Trump facsimile of a Trump head, to another saying she has contemplated blowing up the White House, to another actor asking when was the last time an actor killed a President, to Rep. Waters telling people to attack White House staff members amongst other violent rhetoric directed at Trump since 2016. Just last week, acting president Biden made a disgusting comment when he said, "It's time to put Trump in a bullseye."

The Democratic party has fueled hatred towards Donald Trump through lies, insane impeachments, lawfare, and any other way they can to not only ruin his stellar reputation but to steal the man's livelihood. The news media has assisted the corrupt Democrat Party by assisting in spreading their vile hatred toward a man that simply loves America. They (Democrats) are scared of what Trump knows about their deep state crimes and atrocities that they have perpetrated against the American citizenry. They know if he is elected as President, that the cookie is going to crumble. Not our Democracy (Republic) as they shout, but their evilness.

There will be more facts found as the investigation continues, perhaps. Remember, the same people that illegally raided Trumps home, which by the way was just dismissed by the overseeing judge, are the same people investigating the attempted assassination. May God Bless America and President Trump.

As always...that's just my opinion! Trump 2024!

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# Freedom Unto Everlasting Life

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On the heels of celebrating Independence Day in America... I find myself grateful. Grateful to live in a nation that is free. I know she does not look the same as she once did at the moment, but she still looks better than anywhere else. It would be easy to focus on the negatives, because there are so many. However, what if we worked at seeing the good things about our freedoms and nation?

We attribute freedom to many and rightly so. To say I am thankful for the following is an understatement: our founding fathers and the Constitution; our veterans and their families; and our first responders... to include specifically the Nassau County Sheriff's Department, Nassau County Fire Rescue (firefighters and paramedics) and medical staffs.

But did you know that the original idea of freedom comes from the Lord Jesus Christ and the Bible? Galatians 5:1 states, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Now while words like liberty and free elicit thoughts of national freedom... let's be clear that true liberty is found when you are personally made free from the bondage of sin. And this kind of freedom has been given because of the finished work and sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary.

Romans 8:2 records, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Jesus shed His blood so that you could be made free from sin and an eternal bondage in Hell. This is supported by Romans 6:22, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

If you were born in America then you were born free as far as your citizenship is concerned. However, you were also born into the bondage of sin, spiritually speaking. So, the Bible also tells us, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." John 3:7

I would like to invite you to know the true freedom that can be enjoyed for eternity if, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

# Clerk's Office Recognized for Best Practices

Nassau County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, John A. Crawford, Chief Deputy of Operations, Mitch Keiter, along with other members of the Clerk team, recently spent a few days in Orlando at the Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers (FCCC) Summer Conference.



The FCCC annually awards the Florida Clerks who have met or exceeded current statewide benchmarks in their policies and procedures for service to their citizens. Mr. Crawford was presented with all 10 Best Practices Recognition of Excellence Awards for Appeals, Civil Contraband Forfeiture, Court Record Retention and Destruction, Department of Revenue Parenting Plan Fee Waivers, Determination of Indigency, Marriage License, Public Records Requests, Risk Protection Orders, Service of Documents by Clerks for Pro Se Litigants, and Vexatious

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## CHURCH NEWS

Bethany Episcopal Church, located across from Hilliard Town Hall, will be selling Barbecue Dinners Friday, July 19 from 5-7 p.m. for \$8 each.

Community Indoor Yard Sale, Lannie Road Baptist Church, 5998 Lannie Rd., Jacksonville, Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

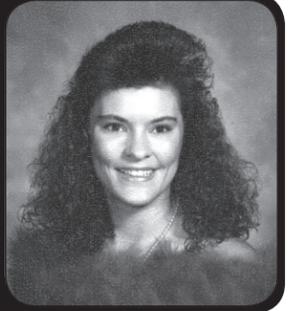
North Hilliard Baptist Church, 552823 US HWY 1, would like to invite all ladies to the Daughter's of God meeting from 12-2 p.m., Saturday, July 20; as well as, men to the Men's Prayer meeting at 6 p.m.

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2 <sup>nd</sup> MATH	2 <sup>nd</sup> GEOMETRY	
6 <sup>th</sup> 5TH GRADE SCIENCE	1 <sup>st</sup> 8TH GRADE SCIENCE	
2 <sup>nd</sup> CIVICS	4 <sup>th</sup> U.S. HISTORY	8 <sup>th</sup> BIOLOGY

The Nassau County School District is proud to announce its outstanding performance in the recent spring assessments, solidifying its reputation as one of the top-performing school districts in the state. The results, which were just released, represent the district's exceptional achievement across multiple subjects and grade levels, emphasizing its commitment to academic excellence and student success.

According to the data, Nassau County School District secured impressive rankings, with a 2nd place in the state for both Math and ELA, showcasing the district's mastery in crucial foundational subjects. Additionally, the district excelled in science, clinching the 6th position in 5th Grade Science and 8th in Biology while claiming the top spot as 1st in 8th Grade Science. The district's dedication to a well-rounded and comprehensive education is further demonstrated by its success in social studies subjects, as it ranked 2nd in Civics and 4th in US History. The district also proved its strength

in advanced mathematics, securing a notable 2nd place in Geometry after a 15% increase from 2023 to 2024.

Dr. Burns, the superintendent of the Nassau County School District, expressed her pride and satisfaction with these remarkable achievements, stating, "We are thrilled to see our students' hard work and dedication reflected in these outstanding results. The success in the spring assessments is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our educators, staff, and students to academic excellence. We are incredibly proud of our district's performance, and we remain committed to providing a supportive and enriching learning environment for our students."

These exceptional results are a testament to the unshakable dedication of the Nassau County School District to provide a top-tier education and a relentless pursuit of academic excellence.

*Please note: Finalized district rankings and individual school grades are due to be released later this month.*

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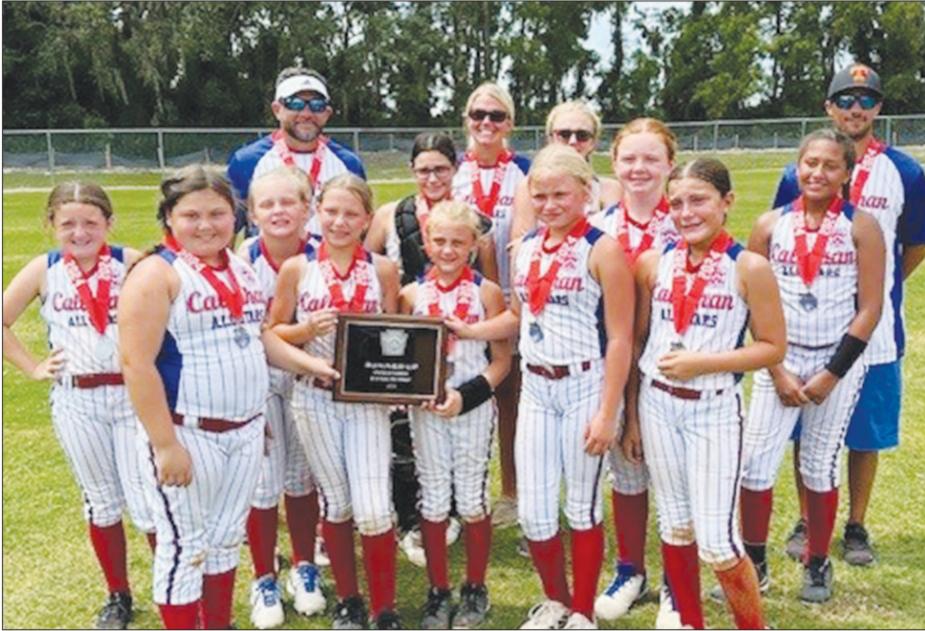
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## New Beginnings and Milestones

### Elizabeth McIntosh Celebrates 107<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Miss Elizabeth McIntosh, a longtime Hilliard resident, and a resident of the Life Care Center of Hilliard, celebrated her 107th birthday July 10. Miss Liz has been a resident of Life Care for several years. She has a big heart and enjoys seeing people. This picture is a few years old, but it's one she loves. She doesn't care to have her picture taken very often! Of course, she's 107 and can do what she wants! Her mind is still good and she is happy to let you know just what she needs.

In her younger days, she 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. She is a dear soul!

## Jacquelyn White Retires from Tax Collector's Office

After 25 years of diligently serving our citizens, Jacquelyn White has retired from the Nassau County Tax Collector's office. Jackie began her career in the Property Tax department in 1998. During her tenure, she certainly has seen many changes over the years! Jackie was often recognized by her co-workers and customers for her kindness, empathy and friendship. She has helped lead our office with her loving spirit, which will be greatly missed!



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They also enjoyed sitting and listening to their stories from their past. They spoke with many residents that said they don't get visitors much and that it meant so much to them to have a sense of home in their rooms with the potted plants they gave them! It's the little things in life that matter. Kindness goes a long way!



## NCSO Unveils Child Custody Exchange Safe Zone

Sheriff Bill Leeper is pleased to announce the establishment of a dedicated Child Custody Exchange Safe Zone at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office (NCSO). This initiative provides a secure, neutral location for parents sharing custody to safely transfer their children. "The safety and well-being of our community's children are paramount," said Sheriff Leeper. "This new safe zone offers a secure environment for custody exchanges, reducing potential conflicts and ensuring peace of mind for parents during what can often be a stressful process."

The designated parking spot is conveniently located in front of the sheriff's office, adjacent to the memorial wall. This new facility aligns with a Florida law that took effect on July 1st, requiring all Sheriff's Offices in the state to create at least one such safe exchange location. Governor Ron DeSantis signed this legislation into law in early June.

Parents can utilize this service at the sheriff's office, located at: 77151 Citizens Circle, Yulee, FL 32097. To ensure the utmost safety and security, the exchange zone is under 24/7 video



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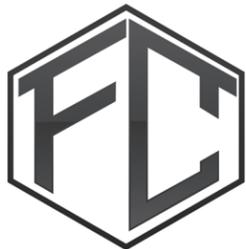
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### Monday, July 8

Justin Campbell, Sr., 35, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Community Control Felony

Alexander Troy Lanham, 35, Callahan: Out of State Warrant Felony

### Thursday, July 11

Richard Frank Sanford, 41, Hilliard: Possession of a Weapon by Convicted Felon; Resisting Officer with Violence; Threat to Throw of Destroy Device; False Report Plant Bomb; Aggravated Assault on Officer, Firefighter/EMT, etc. (x 5)

### Saturday, July 13

William Cooper, 71, Hilliard; Battery on a Person Older than 65 years of age

Amanda Faye Dahkoshay, 34, Callahan: Driving while License Suspended or Revoked (No Prior Forcible Felony); Refuse Breath Test; Leaving the Scene of a Crash with Injuries; Resist without Violence; DUI 4th of Subsequent Offense (Felony)

## NCSO Announces Arrest in Disturbing Animal Cruelty Case

Sunday, July 7, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) received a call about a suspect, identified as Jasmin Tedrick, 26, of Yulee, who was allegedly threatening customers and mistreating a kitten outside the main entrance of Target in Yulee.



Upon arrival, deputies reviewed the store's surveillance footage. The footage reportedly shows Ms. Tedrick grabbing a kitten from her lap and forcefully throwing it. Due to the collar and leash, the kitten's neck snapped back violently. Shortly after, Ms. Tedrick is seen throwing a cup of water at a nearby wall and repeatedly yanking the kitten's leash from side to side. "When I watched the video of this crazy person abusing this kitten it made me sick," said Sheriff Leeper.

Based on this evidence, it was determined that Ms. Tedrick intentionally inflicted unnecessary pain and suffering on the animal. Consequently, she was taken into custody and charged with Aggravated Animal Cruelty. "We take cases of animal abuse very seriously, and cruelty to animals will not be tolerated in our community," emphasized Sheriff Leeper.

The kitten has been named Bullseye and is now in the custody of Nassau County Animal Services and receiving appropriate care.

Sheriff Leeper concluded by urging the public to report any instances of animal cruelty immediately. "Together, we can protect the vulnerable members of our community, both human and animal alike," continued Sheriff Leeper.

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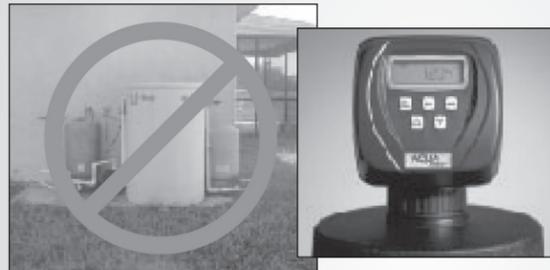
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**THOMAS VIRGIL BEASLEY**



Thomas Virgil "Tommy" Beasley, 95, of Hilliard, went home to be with his Lord, Sunday, July 14, 2024. Mr. Beasley was born June 19, 1929 in Hilliard, to the late Joseph Thaddeus Beasley and Vera Davis Beasley. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He attended Jacksonville University and Auburn University. Mr. Tommy retired as a rural mail carrier with the USPS. He coached numerous Little League teams in Hilliard for over 10 years. In life, Mr. Beasley always put God first. He loved his Lord, his big beautiful family and his church. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Callahan where he was a Deacon Emeritus. In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by a son Ronald Gilbert "Ronnie" Beasley.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Jeannette Beasley; three children Valarie Diane Beasley, Joseph Woodrow (Kathy) Beasley and Anjanette Beasley (Bill) Saunders; 10 grandchildren Cayla (Bobby) Elrod, Shali (Jason) Geiger, Victoria (Josh) Conner, Carrie April Beasley, R.G. Beasley, T.J. Beasley, Shane (Rachel) Beasley, J.D. (Melissa) Sauls, Jenny (Adam) Hamilton and Heather Kern; 14 great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law Brenda Beasley.

A celebration of life service was held Wednesday, July 17 at the First Baptist Church of Callahan, 45090 Green Avenue.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.srfhcallahan.com](http://www.srfhcallahan.com).

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home - Callahan Chapel, 617365 Brandies Avenue, Callahan, 904-879-2336.

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**CECIL LEONARD CRAVEY**



Cecil Leonard Cravey, 75, of Callahan, passed away July 7, 2024. He was born October 21, 1948 in Jacksonville, to the late Leonard William Cravey and Kathryn Jones Cravey. Cecil proudly served his country in the United States Army. While serving during the Vietnam War, he demonstrated immense courage and resilience. Upon returning home, Cecil transitioned to a career as a road grader operator, where he worked diligently for several years.

After retiring, Cecil embraced his passion for farming, dedicating himself to cultivating bountiful gardens filled with a variety of vegetables. His love for gardening and Farmall tractors was evident to all who knew him. Cecil welcomed neighbors and friends to pick vegetables from his garden, never asking for anything in return. His pride came from the joy of sharing his harvest and knowing that his hard work was appreciated by many. Cecil had a passion for Farmall tractors and had an impressive collection over the years. He was also a skilled mechanic who could restore and maintain his tractors. Cecil will be remembered as a brave Veteran, devoted farmer, an enthusiastic tractor collector, and a generous soul who left a memorable mark on his community. His spirit will live on in the land he tended and the hearts of those who knew him. Cecil was preceded in death by his parents; son Eric Carlyle Cravey; and daughter Fara Lanae Cravey.

Cecil leaves behind his brothers Edgar

(Glenda) Cravey and Larry (Linda) Cravey; grandchildren Zachary Burch (Kyndal Deen), Joseph Milton (Cheyenne Nadeau) and Carson Williamson; and a great-granddaughter Kinsey Milton.

A graveside service for Cecil was held Friday, July 12 at Jones Cemetery with Pastor James Conner officiating, where military honors were rendered.

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

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**ROBERT V. HAMRICK, JR.**



Robert Vincent Hamrick, Jr., 68, of Callahan, passed away at his home Thursday, July 11, 2024. He was born September 25, 1955, in Jacksonville, to the late Robert Vincent Hamrick, Sr. and Patricia Ann Strickland Hamrick. Robert loved fishing and hunting. He proudly served his country in the United States Army National Guard. In addition to his parents; he is preceded in death by his daughter Laura Freeman.

He is survived by his loving wife, Christi Michelle Moore Hamrick; four children William Dingler, Robert Dingler, Brett Hamrick and Alan Dingler; two sisters Linda Vansickle and Melony Hires; a brother Tony Hamrick; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.srfhcallahan.com](http://www.srfhcallahan.com).

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home-Callahan Chapel, 617365 Brandies Avenue, Callahan, 904-879-2336.

**THURMAN EUGENE HARRIS**



Thurman Eugene Harris, 65, of Callahan, passed away Monday, July 8, 2024. He was born in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, to the late Pauline Luna Harris and Rev. Raymond Daniel Harris. Thurman moved to Jacksonville in the mid 1970's where he met his future wife, graduated high school, and started his career as a Correctional Officer with the State of Florida. He retired after 25 years of service.

He and his wife moved to Callahan in 2005. He enjoyed spending his free time doing woodwork, playing softball, reading, camping, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Daniel Harris; and sisters Debra Harris and Sharon Hooper. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Darlene Harris; daughter Christina (Ronnie) Jennings of Colorado Springs; son Jonathan (Jennifer) Harris of Jacksonville; grandchildren Kathryn, Blair, Alexander, Keiran, and Allison; brothers Carl (Zoila) Harris and Marvin (Faith) Harris; sister Marilyn Whaley; numerous other relatives, and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to: American Kidney Foundation ([kidneyfund.org](http://kidneyfund.org)) or American Diabetes Association ([diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org)).

A private family service was held.

**FRANK HOWARD JONES**



Frank "Howard" Jones, 81, of Callahan, met his Lord and Savior July 12, 2024. He was born May 22, 1943 in Jacksonville to Frank Pelzer and Helen Louise Jones. Howard grew up in the Arlington area of Jacksonville. He was proud of where he was raised and loved telling stories of his childhood and family memories. He enjoyed researching his family history and

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collecting old family pictures and taking new ones. Howard was an incredible father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend. Being a part of Howard's life was a blessing to many.

Howard served his country as a United States Merchant Marine. He was also a member of the Arlington Historical Society, the Jacksonville Moose Lodge and a member of Crossroads Church in Callahan. Throughout his lifetime, he worked hard to provide for himself and his family. Howard started working at a young age at the Arlington Theatre, Parkhill-Goodloe Dredging Company and as a Supervisor at Jaxon Industrial Services, before retiring.

Later in life, Howard moved to Callahan, where he could finally enjoy the slower pace of life. He loved living in Callahan and enjoyed the peacefulness of living in the country. He enjoyed reading the paper on his front porch and looked forward to Saturdays eating with friends at the Pig Barbeque. His hobbies included going to the Gatornationals, Antique Car Shows, watching softball, telling jokes and eating with family and friends. One of his favorite things was volunteering and helping out at his church. He really enjoyed the love and fellowship from his church family. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Charles Jones; and sisters Louise Dickson, Kathleen Terry and Faith Jones.

He is survived by his daughter Jennifer Jones; granddaughter Savannah Miller; and stepchildren Michael (Whitney) Forsythe and Michele Wright (John Lee). Even though Howard had his own family, God had a different plan. God gifted Howard with a best friend Darrell (Sandra) Andrews, Sr.; and a bonus family that loved and adored him. Darrell, Sr. shared his family with Howard to give him a bonus family: Janice (David) Crawford, Wil Epps, Hope Epps, Janet (Gene) Clay, Peyton Bass, Darrell (Amanda) Andrews, Jr., Bubba, Makenna, Gracie and Presley Andrews.

Howard was and will always be the final piece to our family. Our heart will forever be broken and a void that could never be filled. His sweet spirit, smile and laughter will be missed by us all. Heaven gained a wonderful soul on July 12.

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Callahan, Dr. Lawson, Suzie Purvis and the office staff for going above and beyond to help Howard. He always felt loved and supported during every visit! Last but not least, go rest high Howie Baby. Your family loves you and will see you again.

The family will receive friends Thursday, July 18 from 1-2 p.m. prior to the funeral service at 2 p.m. at Hardage-Giddens Greenlawn Funeral Home, 4300 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, with Pastor Jeul Strickland officiating. Interment will follow the service at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home and Crematory, Jacksonville.

## MARY LEE LEMACKS



Mary Lee Lemacks, 94, of Hilliard, passed away peacefully July 13, 2024, at her home. She was born February 19, 1930, to the late Gilbert Dexter Cannon and Theresa Radej Cannon in Bell, Florida. Mary was a lifelong resident of Hilliard and was proud to call it home. She was a faithful member of Ephesus Baptist Church where she enjoyed attending church services and worshipping her Lord and Savior. She was a Sunday school teacher in the children's ministry for many years and loved sharing the word of God with the children.

She was also involved in many other activities within the church. Mary enjoyed cooking, gardening, word searches and spending time with her family. She was a loving and devoted grandmother to her grandchildren. Mary will be missed dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Onice C. Crook and Vern Lemacks; brother Gilbert Cannon; and sisters Dorris Williamson, Elizabeth Huey and Deloise Forrester.

Mary leaves behind her daughter Denise (William) Cumbus of Hilliard; sister Rose Williamson of Bell; grandchildren Justin Cumbus and Holly Cumbus.

The family received friends Wednesday,

July 17 from 5-7 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. A celebration of Mary's life will be held Thursday, July 18 at 11 a.m. at Ephesus Baptist Church with Pastor Marvin Lee officiating. Interment will follow at Edgewood Cemetery.

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

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## DANA E. WINE



Dana E. Wine, 91, of Hilliard, passed away July 10, 2024. Mr. Wine was born July 28, 1932 in Orlando, West Virginia. He was one of 12 children born to Ernest and Frena Heath Wine. Mr. Wine was one of the kindest people to all and a true gentleman. He loved his country and showed it with his continued service throughout his lifetime. He left a mark on all those whose paths he crossed. His generosity and care for others was unwavering.

Mr. Wine proudly served his country in the US Air Force, for four years, during the Korean conflict. It was during his time in the service, that he met his future wife Shirley, in Biloxi, Mississippi. The Wine family moved to Hilliard in 1965. Dana and Shirley made a great pair in serving for the VFW and AMVETS for many years. Mr. Jack Howarter and Mr. Wine, both were instrumental in the fundraising efforts on behalf of the Nassau County AMVETS (and the National AMVETS) to have the 40' Carillon Bell Tower placed and erected at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. The dedication of the tower was held in 2014.

Dana and Shirley also made time to travel, as both enjoyed it. They somehow

managed to visit 47 of the 50 states. Quite an accomplishment! When Mrs. Shirley's health began to fail, Mr. Dana stood by her side and cared for her until her passing. The two had 64 wonderful years together, before her passing in 2017.

Mr. Wine was quite an overachiever at heart, but handled it all with humility. He was a member of the Slidell, LA, Volunteer Police Department; the Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department; worked as an EMT; a Lifetime member of the VFW and AMVETS; National Rifle Association and American Legion. He also served on the Nassau County Hospital Board. He is a retired Air Traffic Controller from the FAA in Hilliard. He had a pilot's license and loved to fly! Following retirement, he continued his education at Jones College to achieve his 4-year Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. From there he sold real estate for Dan Jones; and taught Adult Basic Education at FJC and Hilliard.

He somehow also had time for fun, that included cook-outs and Oyster roasts, which he loved to share with family and friends. He loved to deer hunt and fish when he got the chance. His 'therapy' was gardening, and of course, he was excellent at it! Mr. Wine was a wonderful person and his soft smile and sweet conversation will be missed by all who had the honor to know him. He is preceded in death by his wife Shirley; and his son Dana Wine, II.

He is survived by his children Sheila (Randy) McMillan of Jacksonville and Earnie (Beth) Wine of Hilliard; granddaughter Kelly (George) Antonio of Jacksonville; and great-grandson Callan.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, July 23 from 10-11 a.m. with a celebration of life service at 11 a.m. at Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan. Interment will follow at 1 p.m. at the Jacksonville National Cemetery (Lane 2) with full Military Honors rendered.

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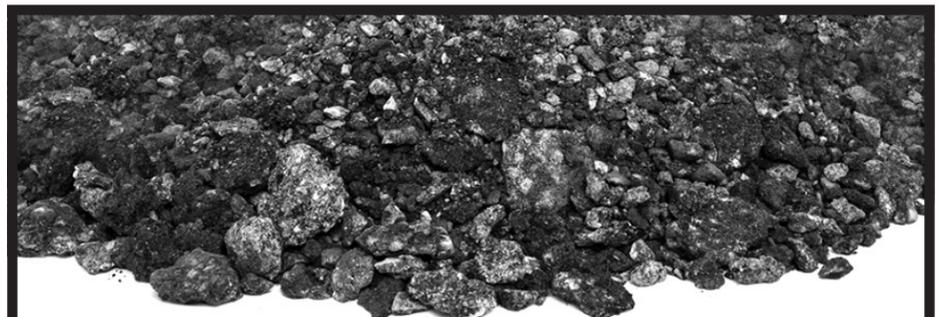
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Nassau County Animal Services maintained no-kill status in 2023, according to Best Friends Animal Society's annual data report. Shelters receiving the no-kill recognition award saved more than 90% of the dogs and cats in their care in calendar year 2023.

Best Friends Animal Society, a leading national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters in 2025, recognizes this incredible achievement as one that can be replicated by other shelters in around the State. "This award represents extraordinary leadership, both within your organization and the broader animal welfare movement," said Julie Castle, CEO of Best Friends Animal Society, "I want to acknowledge and thank the organizations around the country who work tirelessly to save lives, helping move us closer to ending the killing of cats and dogs in shelters in 2025."

NCAS Director Tim Maguire stated, "We are excited that our hard work is being recognized. I am very proud of all the NCAS employees who work tirelessly to find homes for animals entering the shelter. I am also grateful for the many volunteers who work every day to help us in our mission to promote responsible pet ownership, compassion towards animals, and safe human-animal interactions."

A variety of methods are used to maintain our no-kill status including hosting numerous adoption events



each month, transferring of pets to rescue groups, and returning pets to owners, when possible. To learn more about NCAS, please visit: <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/845/Animal-Services>.

A 90 percent save rate is the nationally recognized benchmark to be considered "no kill," factoring that approximately 10 percent of pets who enter shelters have medical or behavioral circumstances that warrant humane euthanasia rather than killing for lack of space.

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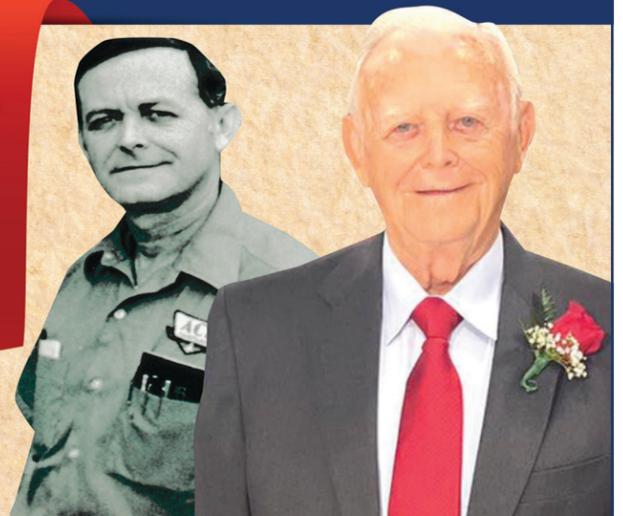
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