

HE SAYS, "BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD; I WILL BE EXALTED AMONG THE NATIONS, I WILL BE EXALTED IN THE EARTH." - PSALM 46:10

## Ribbon Cutting Held for New NCSO Training Center

Last Wednesday, July 13, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office held a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new Training Facility. The facility is located on forty acres of county-owned property behind the Sandhill Recycle Center on CR 108. Currently the facility houses two shooting ranges but there are major plans for lots of future growth. Following the ribbon cutting, Sheriff Bill Leeper shot the first shot to officially open the facility.

The continuing growth of Nassau County and the increasing calls for law enforcement and fire rescue services requires the building of a training facility capable of matching the future public safety needs of our citizens. This complex will eventually consist of firearm ranges, classrooms, de-escalation training room, a shoot house, a jail training facility, a burn building, fire training tower, canine training and tracking area, special response team obstacle course, diving and boating rescue and so many other possibilities.

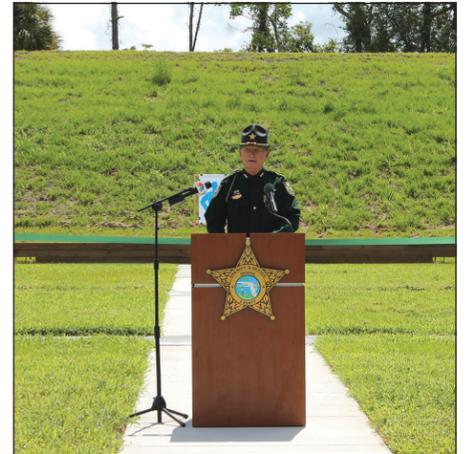
It took NCSO about five years to save up enough money to get to the point of conducting environmental reviews and testing, removing and relocating gopher turtles, developing the infrastructure and designing the gun ranges, which consist of



two pistol ranges and one rifle range. While NCSO needed a space to train, Sheriff Leeper also knew the Nassau County Fire Rescue would also see a need to expand their training capabilities. This public safety training complex will be able to accommodate both, as well as allow NCSO and other agencies to train together.

Sheriff Leeper broke ground on this historic first ever police & fire training complex in Nassau County on March 22, 2021. Phase one is now complete. Phase two of the project will include the training classroom building. "It is my hope to have phase two complete within the next couple of years. This building will be pivotal for the development of the

training complex, which will house our training unit," said Sheriff Leeper. "It will be a state-of-the-art building with office space, a dispatch training room, several classrooms, a mat room, strength & conditioning room, as well as



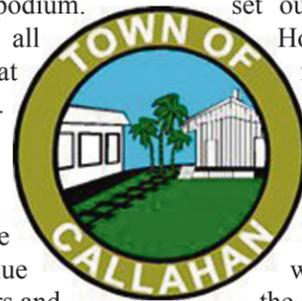
an airnasium for outdoor training. Once this project is complete, it will allow our departments to train more often in a professional environment, which will make us better as an agency."



## Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their final meeting of July. Mr. Doug Conkey, representing St. Johns River Water Management District, approached the podium. "I just wanted to let you all know of a grant program that is available for teachers. School will begin in about 4 weeks, so I thought it might be of interest to you all," said Conkey. "The program is called the Blue School Program for teachers and the total grant is \$2,000. The teacher must use the grant for Environmental Science. The window opens August 1 through September 15, 2022 and is for grades 6-12. Please share this



information with any teachers you may know."

The first agenda item concerned a presentation from the West Nassau Historical Society. "We have recently set our dates for the upcoming Hobos & Hot Rods Festival for Saturday, November 5 at the Depot. We also set the date for the Railroad Day Festival for Saturday, April 15, 2023," said John Hendricks, Director. "We wanted to make sure we have the okay from the council to use the rail bed for each of the festivals."

The council approved both dates. In other business, Ordinance 2022-003 was approved on final reading. See 'Callahan' on page 2

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## A Word From the Publisher

This past weekend, Roger and I took my parents on a little field trip to Daytona Beach for a couple of days. Daytona has been a favorite place of my parents (and Roger & I) for years. We haven't gone on a trip together in quite some time and the opportunity presented itself so we took it. We couldn't have asked for better weather. It was absolutely beautiful. Once we picked them up we headed south. It wasn't too far into Duval County before we hit a complete stop on the interstate. We all took a deep breath and tried not to get frustrated. After a huge sigh, the traffic started to move slowly. We were actually only slowed down about 10 minutes.

Once we got moving, we never stopped until we reached Ormond Beach. Roger had already asked us all if it was okay to eat dinner before we checked in the hotel, and we all agreed! He took us to the River Grille on the Tomoka River. Roger and I have been there before but never my parents. The atmosphere is so peaceful and beautiful, and the food is amazing! We were seated by the window for a beautiful view of the river. We started off with some Cajun Gator bites, which were yummy. Daddy ordered catfish (his favorite) and ate every bite. I was amazed as he has this thing about cleaning his plate! He even shared a piece of Key Lime Pie with mama for dessert.

We got checked in the hotel and headed down to the pool area to watch a rocket launch from Cape Canaveral. What a great location we were at to see the beautiful launch. Later that night, we also got to see the super moon rise over the ocean. What a beauty! Now that's one of my favorite visions!

The next day, we enjoyed breakfast

together and lots more time to visit. We all went to our rooms and changed for a pool day. Again, the weather was terrific. There was cool breeze off of the ocean and a few clouds here and there. The day drifted by as we continued to relax and enjoy God's beautiful creation. Saturday was a little cloudy but still a great day. We hung out at the pool, hot tub



and snacked. We later went to another good eating place for dinner. We all ate so much we decided we might better walk around a store a little bit and shop. That worked well, however we stopped on the way back at a cute ice cream shop and enjoyed some

sundaes! We were blessed to witness another rocket launch Sunday morning before we headed home. It was so cool to see both of them...the night one and then the day!

I'm so thankful for the opportunity to spend some special time with my parents at a beautiful place. I'm also blessed to have a husband that chimes right in and rolls with the flow on these trips. God is so good all the time.

In the world we live in, it's very hard to look for the positive! I must admit for me, time at the beach is all I need to be reminded that God is in control...not me! As the world continues to change every day, remember our God never changes. He remains the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. When the world comes crashing in on you, take time to walk outside and look up! Let Jesus fill you with His peace. Thank you, Jesus, for special memories every day!

Have a blessed week!

*Dawn S. West*

## Letters to the Editor



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### Say it Ain't So, Joe!

Dear Editor,

After all these years we've been told SCOTUS made the law of our land and everyone had to follow them. Now the OBIDENS and PEELOSI'S say if they do not agree with SCOTUS, they don't have to obey and they have the final say.

Since the OBIDENS and Peelosi's have taken charge of our country, they want to tell us how to live and the laws we must obey. While they do whatever suits them. I think OBIDEN has decided to be a dictator and not a president. Hope everyone who voted for him are enjoying high gas prices and empty shelves!

Rocky Lynn & Bobby Keen

### Callahan

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which concerned amending Article 3 of Chapter 103 in the town code.

Ordinance 2022-004 was also approved on final reading, which concerned amending the town Comprehensive Plan to add 2.92 acres that were annexed in the city limits.

Town Manager Mike Williams addressed the council concerning the TRIM for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. "We discussed this at the last meeting so look

over the memo you (council) all have. The town's taxable value increased from \$124,527,926 to \$137,513,205, which added 12,985,279 of taxable value," said Williams. "I recommend that we set the tentative millage rate at 2.0896, which is the roll back rate."

The council approved the roll back rate of 2.0896 mills.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, August 1 at 7 p.m.

### In the Kitchen... Simple Beef Stroganoff

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| 1 (8 oz.) package egg noodles                              | 1 tablespoon garlic powder            |
| 1 lb. ground beef  | ½ cup sour cream                      |
| 1 (10.5 oz.) can fat-free condensed cream of mushroom soup | salt and ground black pepper to taste |

Saute ground beef in a large skillet over medium heat until browned and crumbly; 5 to 10 minutes. At the same time, cook egg noodles at a boil until tender yet firm to the bite, 7 to 9 minutes. Drain and set aside. Drain and discard any fat from the cooked beef. Stir condensed soup and garlic powder into the beef. Simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove beef from the heat. Add noodles and stir to combine. Stir in sour cream and season with salt and pepper.



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## Chamber Announces Leadership Nassau Class 21 Graduates



The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the graduates of Leadership Nassau Class 21. This nine-month program cultivates leadership skills, educates participants on the area's most critical issues, and prepares them with the information, tools and skills needed to help address these challenges in Nassau County.

Leadership Nassau Class 21 is comprised of 16 business leaders from Nassau County, representing various local industries including health care, manufacturing, government, and non-profit. The Leadership Nassau Class 21 Graduates are: Davis Bean (The Fiorentino Group), Summer Bias (Amelia Island Museum of History), Connor Fasel (Story & Song Bookstore Bistro/Fernandina Beach Pride, Inc.), Lisa Finkelstein (Fernandina Beach Main Street), Chason Forehand (Pineland Bank), Jeremiah Glisson

(City of Fernandina Beach), Holly Graf (Nassau County Property Appraiser), John Henderson (Baptist Medical Center Nassau), Miriam Hill (Nassau County Ocean, Highway & Port Authority), Jeanevette Miranda (RYAM, formerly Rayonier Advanced Materials), Sherri Mitchell (Nassau County Economic Development Board), Tina Scannell, Andrew Schmidt (Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County), Lynda Smith (Mary Kay Cosmetics), Pedro Tamayo IV, M.D. (Baptist Health System) and Chelsea Waldron (Amelia Island Vacations).

Applications for Leadership Nassau Class 22 have been received and next year's class will be announced in the coming weeks. For more information about the program, visit the Chamber website at [www.NassauCountyFLChamber.com](http://www.NassauCountyFLChamber.com) or call (904) 261-3248.

## JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

This week instead of voicing my opinion, I want to share the thoughts of fellow Americans. If the left think they are the majority, then they have totally underestimated the vast numbers who love our country and have had just about enough of the ones trying to ruin it.

This is the laugh of the day: think about it... The federal government, which has "Tomahawk" cruise missiles and "Apache," "Blackhawk," "Kiowa" and "Lakota" helicopters and used the code name "Geronimo" in the attack that killed Osama bin Laden, officially objected to the name of the Washington Redskins. Really?

You're being told to lower your A/C usage on hot days to prevent overwhelming existing electrical grids while simultaneously being told to trade in your gas cars for electric vehicles.

"We The People, are the rightful masters of both Congress and the Courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution." -Abraham Lincoln 1859

History is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from it and if it offends you, even better. Because then you are less likely to repeat it. It's not yours to erase. It belongs to all of us.

Domestic oil is the new ivermectin. You can't have it because it would resolve the crisis they need you to go through.

Diane Feinstein: 60 years in government; Chuck Schumer: 45 years in government; Maxine Waters: 47 years in government; Patrick Leahy: 54 years in government; Joe Biden: 51 years in government; and Nancy Pelosi: 33 years in government. All blame Donald Trump, 4 years in government, for all the problems they haven't solved for

decades.

My view on "Gun Control" made simple: I reject the assertion that my family and I must be made defenseless for you and yours to feel safe.

"The founders never intended for Americans to trust their government. Our entire Constitution was predicated on the notion that government was a necessary evil, to be restrained and minimized as much as possible." -Rand Paul

Two Facts: 1) The only valid reason to oppose voter ID is that you plan to cheat. 2) Every Democrat in Congress opposes voter ID. What more do you need to know about the party?

The day our elected officials hid the efficacy of Hydroxychloroquine, it confirmed they would kill us to beat President Trump. Never forget the evil we are fighting.

Democrats held a fake hearing to investigate a fake insurrection to cover up a fake election of a fake President.

"If violent crime is to be curbed, it is only the intended victim who can do it. The felon does not fear the police, and he fears neither judge nor jury. Therefore, what he must be taught to fear, is his victim." -Lt. Col. Jeff Cooper U.S.M.C.

The problem isn't that the Democrats in Washington are unethical, corrupt, criminal, lying dirt bags. Everyone knows that. The problem is that their supporters don't care.

The Earth is not overpopulated, climate change is not man-made, the job is not a vaccine, Hunter's laptop is not Russian disinformation and Joe Biden is not President!

Strange, I agree with every one of these! As always...that's just my opinion!

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# Mistaken Identity

Pastor James MacFarlane, First Alliance Church, Hilliard



One of the most confusing concepts for people today is by what standard are we to base our identity. Worldly standards are inconsistent. Many are based upon cultural and generational expectations. Nearly all are also unrealistic. If you do not believe me turn on an electronic device. Our phones, TV's, inundate us with societal standards that are unachievable to virtually everyone. By our western standards success is measured upon wealth, looks, athletic talent, and ability to entertain. Take a quick look at who we idolize as a culture. Professional athletes, actors, entertainers, models and the wealthy. Take another look around and count how many of these people there are in proportion to the general population. Is the ration more or less than one in one thousand? How about ten thousand? If this is to be believed, then for every person who succeeds there are thousands of us who fail to meet these unrealistic expectations.

We have all had times in our lives when we were striving to meet worldly standards and fell short. When this happens do we let it overwhelm us with feelings of failure? Should we really be so wrapped up in what the world tells us our identity is based upon that we become paralyzed with fear or adopt defeated attitudes because we cannot meet these impossible expectations.

The expectations placed upon us by the societies we live in may be different, but they are no less worldly than other cultural expectations. We cannot let these worldly standards define who we are. Our identity does not come from anywhere else than from God. Genesis 1:27 reads, "We are created in His image."

The truth is that Jesus Christ is the only source of true love and acceptance, the only standards that He requires is that we place our faith in Him. When we come Christ in faith, we are saved by grace, forgiven of our sin, joint heirs with Him, and adopted into the family of God Almighty. Next time you are faced with an expectation you are trying to meet; ask yourself whose standard you are trying to meet. The world's dispassionate, unrealistic standard is not where we should base our identity. Jesus Christ is the only truth that we can trust. Place your faith in Jesus today.

# Hobos, Hotrods and Heroes Festival

## Seeking Vendors and Sponsors

The 2022 Hobos, Hotrods and Heroes Festival, Car Show and Veterans Appreciation is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the historic Callahan Train Depot grounds. There will be live entertainment, food and arts/crafts vendors, exhibits and displays. A Classic Car Show, hosted by Callahan Cruisers, will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Cochrane's Collision Center.

A silent auction and other fundraising events will be held during the festival. Sponsorships are available. The West Nassau Historical Society is an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit and Hobo Day is our autumn fundraiser. For more information on Hobo Day, to volunteer, sponsor or be a vendor, please call 879-3406 or visit our website at: [www.wnhsfl.org](http://www.wnhsfl.org).

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## Being Thrifty with Back-to-School Shopping

Yvette Outler

School will resume next month. If you are like the average mom or dad you are wondering, "How can I afford school clothes?" We are feeling the effects of the inflated costs of everything. It has even trickled down to your kid's necessities, such as school clothes.

Thrift stores could be your answer for 2022-23 school clothes! You typically pay around one third to one fourth the retail price on gently used items.

Here are consignment stores that are in our area that I would recommend:

1. Hope's Closet: Children and Teen Clothing and Shoes (Jacksonville)
2. Plato's Closet: Teen Clothing and Shoes (Jacksonville and Orange Park)
3. Kid to Kid: Children only (Jacksonville)
4. Once Upon a Child: Children only (Jacksonville and Orange Park)

Online sources:

1. thredUp: Children and Teen Clothing and Shoes.
2. Poshmark: Children and Teen Clothing and Shoes.

Create your own:

Have a clothing swap day at your church. No money exchanges hands only clothes. Organize by size and gender. Folks can receive as many items as they donate. The simple, suggested guidelines: Donate items that do not have holes, rips, or color wear. Make sure zippers and buttons are in place and work before donating. Most especially, donate items that are clean and stain free! Email me if you would like me to help your group.

According to thredUp, "1 in 2 people throw their clothes straight in the trash. 73 percent of apparel is sent to landfill or incinerated, 95 percent of which could be reused or recycled." For as long as I can remember I have bought most of my clothes, shoes, and household decor via thrift stores. There is no bad stigma from shopping second hand. Knowing the numbers helps me feel even better about saving money!

Recent thrifting story: Early Spring, I sold a jacket for \$168.00 on thredUP and I only paid \$5.00 at a consignment store in Fernandina. I used that credit to buy items I needed. No money out of pocket. Thrifting is awesome!

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Janet H. Adkins, Supervisor of Elections for Nassau County, announces the release of a new mobile app ahead of the 2022 election cycle. This new mobile app is the first of its kind in Florida. Nassau County voters can now stay connected to their current election information on one convenient mobile app. This new app features services such as viewing polling place wait times, vote by mail ballot status, candidates on the ballot, election night results, and more.

The Nassau County Elections office continually strives to build trust, create transparency in the elections process and promote communication with the voters of Nassau County. This mobile app is

an essential tool to support this ongoing effort. "We urge voters to get election ready by downloading our new app and staying connected to your current election information. We are here to serve you and are excited to provide the voters of Nassau County with this modern mobile app technology," stated Adkins.

Voters with Apple iPhones can download the app by searching Vote Nassau FL in the app store. Approval from the Google Play store is still pending. For any questions regarding this new app or election-related concerns, don't hesitate to contact 904-491-7500 or [info@VoteNassauFL.gov](mailto:info@VoteNassauFL.gov).

## Improved Design for Nassau County Vote by Mail Ballots

Janet H. Adkins, Supervisor of Elections for Nassau County, mailed nearly 18,000 Vote by mail ballots on Thursday, July 14. Voters who vote by mail will receive an envelope with an improved design. The return envelopes now include a signature flap that covers the voter's signature entirely while in the custody of the USPS and transport to the Elections Office. "Election security is my highest priority and this innovative envelope feature is essential to protecting identifying information of Nassau County voters," said Janet H. Adkins.



Vote by Mail ballots must be received by the Elections Office no later than 7 p.m. on election night. Voters can return their ballot one of three ways:

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Voters can track their ballot by signing up for real-time notifications via text, email, or voice. Download the new Vote Nassau FL mobile app and select "Track my Ballot."

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on the next generation of students/future employees. A special thank you to Raymond Fachko of Brandies Ace Hardware; Paul Schwend of Schwend Insurance; and Ken Bass Callahan Council President; for donating their time and experience to this worthy endeavor.

They, along with SCA faculty members Erin Fuller and Jonathan Petree, acted as the interviewers representing a number of different industries. During each interview, a student was rated on their skill in five categories: Appearance, Greeting/Handshake, Communications, Resume, and Overall Impression. After all students completed the process, everyone came together for the opportunity to discuss and give constructive feedback. "The event was a resounding success. The students are now more confident and ready to compete for career opportunities," said SCA Career Coordinator Jonathan Petree.

The future looks bright for these students and they are now ready for that emerging dawn. If you would like more information about Sonshine Christian Academy please call (904) 879-1260.

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## Friday, July 8

Amanda Kay Emery, 43, 452372 Old Dixie Highway, Callahan: Sale of Methamphetamine

Edward Lee Lashley, 75, 11342 Lucas Street, Callahan: Battery on Person Older than 65

## Saturday, July 9

Donald Edward Roberts, 27, 474694 Middle Road, Hilliard: Battery on Law Enforcement Officer

## Tuesday, July 12

James Carrol Cheatham, II, 34, 451711 SR 200, Callahan: Felony Battery Domestic with Strangulation

Dustin Mark Yarbrough, 32, 28046 Rodeo Lane, Hilliard: Deprive 911 Communications; Battery Domestic Violence (x 2)

## Wednesday, July 13

Richard Alan Messer, 54, 54360 Pelican Road, Callahan: Aggravated Battery with Deadly Weapon; Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon; Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance; Battery Domestic Violence

Jack Wesley Tyson, III, 20, 10132 Mulberry Landing Annex, Hilliard: Battery on Detained Person

Taylor Brianna Lloyd, 25, 44276 Pinebreeze Circle, Callahan: Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon; Battery Domestic Violence

## Commissioner Martin Achieves Advanced Level I Designation

Commissioner John F. Martin was presented with the Advanced County Commissioner Level I (ACC I) designation from the Institute for County Government (ICG) at an award ceremony held at the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference and Educational Exhibition in Orange County on June 30, 2022.

The ACC I designation signifies the commissioner's completion of a comprehensive study program designed by ICG. The ACC I education program, consisting of three two-day seminars and 27 hours of total coursework, focuses on leadership development with an emphasis on the future of Florida. Commissioners are given the opportunity to participate following their graduation

from the Certified County Commissioners (CCC) program. Upon completing the program, Commissioner Martin stated, "The program has provided me with a better understanding of the complex issues that counties are facing around the State. This knowledge has further prepared me in planning for Nassau County's future and will be useful in effectively representing our constituents."

The education program is made possible in partnership with the University of Florida/IFAS Extension, who has sponsored this program for the last 15 years and has offices in all 67 Florida counties. To learn more about the ACC program and other education programs offered through the Institute for County Government, please visit [flicg.org](http://flicg.org).



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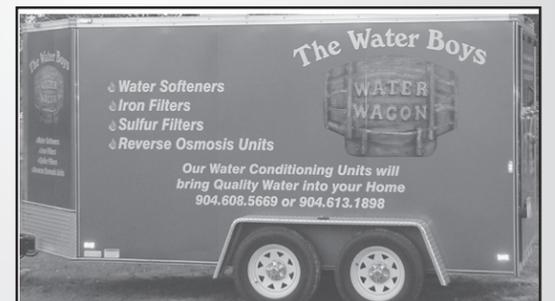
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**JANE ELLEN BOSSERT**



Jane Ellen Bossert, 76, passed away peacefully in her home in St. Petersburg, on July 11, 2022. She was born June 30, 1946 in New Britain, Connecticut. She moved to St. Petersburg as a young teen and later attended Boca Ciega High School where she met her high school sweetheart Stanley (Stan) Drew Bossert. They married on December 19, 1964. Jane worked for the Pinellas County School System as bookkeeper at Tyrone Middle School for over 20 years. After she retired, Jane and Stan flew to Manila and started their three-year journey sailing across the South Pacific where they would create lifelong memories.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents John and Irene Lemchak, and her husband of 52 years, Stan Bossert.

She is survived by her daughters Melissa 'Missy' (Ashley) Coxwell, Faith Bossert, Charity Bossert and Alexandra Bossert; and her son Stanley Drew Bossert, Jr.; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; and a few lucky lifelong friends.

A celebration of life service was held Sunday, July 17 at Grace Lutheran Church and School in St. Petersburg. In lieu of flowers, please consider any donations to Empath Health Hospice Care of Pinellas.

**JEANNE MARIE CLARK**



Jeanne Marie Clark, 79, passed away peacefully July 16, 2022 at her home surrounded by family. She was reunited in Heaven with the love of her life, her soulmate, Butch, after eight years apart. She loved the Lord and was so strong in her faith knowing God would always take care. The times she spent with her family and her little dog, Bobby, were so very treasured and meant the world to her. Jeanne lived her life by showing kindness to all she knew and helping in any way she

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could. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 50 years, Butch; and her in-laws.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: two sons Bob Verpent and Bart Clark; her daughter Carol (Mark) Rose; grandchildren Lyle (Anna) Rose, Emmy Clark and Hannah (Josh) Miller; great-grandchildren Brody Rose and Sunny Miller; sister Tonnie Minor; brother Tommy (Paula) Clark; and many other extended family members.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, July 20, where Jeanne was laid to rest beside her beloved husband at Green Pine Cemetery in Yulee.

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

Arrangements by Green Pine Funeral Home, Cremations & Cemetery, Yulee.

husband; and brother James Fraser.

Shirley is survived by her daughters Linda (Donald) Suriano of Jacksonville and Marilyn (Steve) Kilpatrick of Callahan; sister Delores Brown; grandchildren Brent (Kirianne) Suriano, Brock (Ashley) Suriano, Erin (Lawrence) Ruddock and Austin (Debbie) Kilpatrick; and great-grandchildren Marlei, Lalla, Lennix and Whit Suriano, Kallie and Brady Nowell, Henry, Jacob, and Ellie Ruddock, Taylor and Elin Kilpatrick.

A celebration of Shirley's life was held Thursday, July 21 at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Kinley officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service.

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Rudolph Johnson; sisters Vera and Faye McClelland; and brothers Leon and Mack McClelland.

Gerry is survived by her loving children, Rudy (Lori) Johnson of Hilliard, Reggie (Vivian) Johnson of Jacksonville, Charlotte Johnson Young of Hilliard and Charlene Johnson Mains of Jacksonville; brother J.L. (Louise) McClelland; sisters Brenda Tyler and Peggy Kibbey; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

A celebration of Gerry's life was held Wednesday, July 20 at Calvary Baptist Church, 4040 Dunn Avenue, Jacksonville, with Pastor Jason Kratochvil and Pastor George Kratochvil officiating. Interment followed at Live Oak Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends Tuesday, July 19 at Nassau Funeral Home Chapel.

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**SHIRLEY DOREEN FIELDS**



Shirley Doreen Fields, 91, of Callahan, passed away July 16, 2022, at Palagio Senior Living Center in Orange Park. She was born February 2, 1931 in Bunclody, Manitoba Canada to the late Ernest Fraser and Tina Wiebe Fraser. She was raised in North Dakota and graduated from Thompson High School in Thompson, North Dakota. Shortly after graduating, Shirley married the love of her life, Roy T. Fields. They shared many beautiful years together. Shirley was most passionate about raising her babies, taking care of her home, and she loved spending time with family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and her sweet legacy will live on through the lives she touched. She was preceded in death by her parents;

**GERALDINE M. JOHNSON**



Geraldine "Gerry" McClelland Johnson, 89, of Hilliard, passed away on July 15, 2022 at Life Care Center of Hilliard. She was born February 19, 1933 in Douglas, Georgia, to the late Leonard McClelland and Virginia Garbett McClelland. Gerry was most passionate about her family. She was a devoted wife for 69 years to her beloved husband, Alfred Rudolph Johnson. She was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, reading and traveling. More than anything, Gerry loved spending time with her family and friends. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Gerry was preceded in death by her parents Leonard and Virginia Garbett McClelland; loving husband Alfred

**BETTY REESE LEWIS**



Betty Ruth Reese Lewis, 82, passed away July 1, 2022. She was born n May 15, 1940 in Zionville, North Carolina to Edward and Sarah Reese. Betty moved to Callahan in 1962 when she married. She first worked at Horne's Restaurant, which was located just north of Callahan. Betty was a stay-at-home-mom when her children were young as they were her pride and joy. She spent their younger years making sure they were taken care of and knew that they were loved. Betty especially enjoyed volunteering as a classroom mom and helped organize many activities and events. More recently, you may remember her from Walmart on Lem Turner Road where she was employed as a people greeter for 28 years. She met some wonderful people whom she spoke of

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fondly and made many friends.

We are comforted by the fact that she knew Jesus as her Lord and Savior and is in Heaven for eternity. Betty loved gospel music, tomatoes, coffee and eating other people's desserts. Holidays with family were some of her favorite times. She loved watching her grandchildren hunt for Easter eggs and enjoyed awarding prizes for their efforts. Betty was an amazing southern cook, an excellent seamstress and a proud Wilton Cake Decorating certificate holder. She doted upon her children, bringing them breakfast in bed, sticking pacifiers in jelly and making hand crafted adoption dolls. She was funny, had an easy laugh and was generous with "I love you's." If you didn't spend time with Betty, you missed out on knowing a beautiful soul.

In recent years, she was cared for, in her home, by family members and two very special ladies. We would like to thank Latasha Taylor and Mary Jones for their love and care of our mom. Despite living in Florida, Betty always considered the mountains of North Carolina home. She missed her parents and spoke of them often. It was difficult to give her up here, but her heavenly reunion was most certainly joyous.

She is survived by her children Cindy (Matthew) Rodgers and Cathy (Hank) Martinez, Jr., all of Callahan and Bennett (Stacey) Lewis, Jr. of Jacksonville; grandchildren Taylor (Tommy) Williams, Alison Martinez, Alex Rodgers, Virginia Lewis and Josh Lewis; great-grandchildren Emily Williams, Austyn Kate Williams and Bradley Williams; her sister Marie Mast of Sugar Grove, North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Sarah Reese; sister Jewell Reese; and brothers Johnny Reese, Burl Reese and Arvel Reese.

Betty was laid to rest July 7, surrounded by those who loved her most, at Zionville Baptist Church. Services were provided by Hampton Funeral Home in Boone, NC.

# OBITUARIES

## LOUISE PFAFF PIKE



Louise Kathleen "Kathy" Pfaff Pike, 74, of Callahan, passed away peacefully Wednesday, July 13, 2022, with her loving husband by her side.

Kathy was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota on July 21, 1947 to Norman and Ardale Pfaff. Kathy grew up in Minnesota before moving to Kentucky. She received her degree from the University of Louisville and began her teaching career in Louisville. She moved to Callahan and worked for the Nassau County School Board for a total of 34 years, impacting the lives of her many students daily and retiring as a staffing specialist. Kathy was not only adventurous and vivacious, but was also a wonderful "Nana" and enjoyed traveling with her grandchildren, particularly on road trips. She also loved riding bikes with her friends and spending time at her beach house on Amelia Island. She was a lifelong lover of cats, and loved being with her two kitties, Thelma and Louise.

Kathy is survived by her loving husband of over 21 years, Fred; brother Bill (Leslie); stepdaughters Stephanie (Phillip) and Amy; and grandchildren Nicholas, Ansley and Hally.

The family received friends Tuesday, July 19 at Callahan Funeral Home.

Kathy will be buried with her parents in Georgetown, Wisconsin.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Cancer Research Institute at: [www.cancerresearch.org](http://www.cancerresearch.org).

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 879-2336.

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

## THERESA ANN SALYER



Theresa Ann Salyer, 51, passed away peacefully July 9, 2022, at home following her battle with cancer, with the love of her life Wayne Powers by her side. She was born December 19, 1970 in Jacksonville. She was raised by her loving mother Patsy Ann West (deceased) along with her brothers Paul (Diane) West and Ronald (Tonya) West. She worked as a Dental Assistant in Jacksonville. She was a loving mother with a big heart that was full of sugar & spice. She will be forever loved and missed by all. She was preceded in death by her late husband Robbie Lee Salyer.

She is survived by her children Adam (Johanna) Dyer and Justin Christmas; her beautiful daughter Sara (Timmy) Salyer; and her stepdaughter Jeanie (Derek) Jeffords; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 879-1770.

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## SANDRA THOMAS THOMPSON



Sandra Thomas Thompson, 81, of St. George, Georgia, passed away Friday, July 15, 2022 at her home following a lengthy illness. She was born September 14, 1940 in Hilliard, to the late Ephrain Thomas and Susie Crawford Thomas. She was a homemaker and a member of New Life Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by a great grandson Conner Hollie; and her sisters Virginia Dubberly and Julia Herrington.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, John Ross "Sam" Thompson; her children Angela (Buddy) Conner and Tony (Jeannie) Thompson; grandchildren Rebecca (Ben) Hollie, Dustin (Haylee) Thompson, Mark (Kara) Conner and Dalton (Alisha) Thompson; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family received friends Monday, July 18 at New Life Baptist Church, St. George. The funeral service was held Tuesday, July 19 also at the church with Pastors Brian Herrington and James Conner officiating. Burial followed in Boones Creek Cemetery.

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

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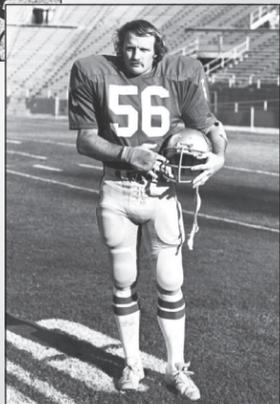
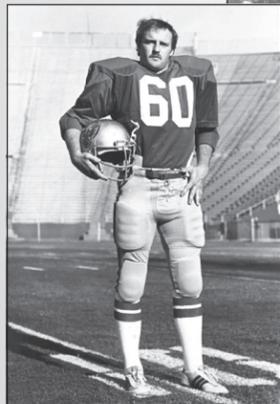
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