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HOMETOWN PEOPLE...HOMETOWN NEWS

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"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" - Psalm 27:1

WNHS AFJROTC Shines at The Citadel



This summer, 24 West Nassau High School AFJROTC cadets attended the #1 leadership camp in the United States at The Citadel in South Carolina, each proving to be outstanding leaders and

amazing participants. Cadet Sarah Lucovsky was selected to be Wing Commander, the highest position, leading over 320 basics and cadre; she is our very first cadet to get this prestigious position at The Citadel. Cadet Kolton Wright earned the Outstanding Cadet for Alpha Squadron, putting him #1 over 125 cadets. Cadet Briana Wyman,







Brody Rowell and Kolton Wright won the Outstanding Flight Basic Cadets. West Nassau won 3 out of the 10 flights!

Cadets Briana Wyman and Sebastion Gancerez were both 1st and 2nd out of 250 cadets and were awarded the Top Individual Drill Trophies. Cadets Brooklyn Barnes, Shawn Brosamle, Olivia Cauchon, Kody Doran, Sebastion Gancerez, Chase

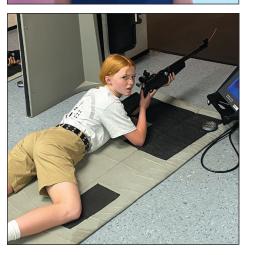
Gester, Bryan Horton, Leen Keene, Braxton Lee, Gabriela Love, Sarah Lucovsky, Kanaan McCosh, Hannah McKelvy, Aidan Melson, Alexander Payne, Allen Price, Brody Rowell,



Noah Vasilas, Alexander Waltman, Ryland Weyburn, Jason Wood, Kolton Wright, Briana Wyman and Shelby Zufall graduated from the course and earned their Cadet Leadership Course Ribbon, along with many other awards. Phenomenal job!

Their months of preparation, running, sit-ups and push-ups, learning drill, making their uniform look sharp, and making their beds correctly really paid off. Congratulations to all the cadets for their dedication and commitment!





Training Camp Offered for Interested JROTC Students

The West Nassau High School JROTC program is having its annual First Year Orientation! All who are interested in JROTC are able to attend the training camp that will be hosted at West Nassau High School Monday, August 2, Tuesday, August 3 and Wednesday, August 4. The camp will begin at 0900 and end at 1230 on Monday and Tuesday, while it extends to 1300 on Thursday to allow for a lunch from Callahan Barbeque.

First Year Orientation allows

interested high school students to have an opportunity to experience JROTC without commitment. Those who attend and decide to join will receive an accelerated rank at the start of school. Attendees will participate in a multitude of events, some being archery, sports, drill, team building exercises, obstacle courses and orienteering. Be sure to wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes! We hope to see you in the JROTC room at 0900 on August 2.





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Khrushchev's Prediciton

Dear Editor.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev spoke at a National Press Club luncheon in 1959, the day after he arrived in Washington on the first visit by a Soviet leader to this country. This is the year I graduated from high school at 17. I was a political zealot even then! Khrushchev made a prediction that day. If this doesn't wake you up, good people, then we have lost our country. I remember Khrushchev's prediction from so many decades ago!

The full prediction is as follows: "Your children's children will live under communism, You Americans are so gullible. No, you won't accept communism outright; but we will keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you will finally wake up and

find you already have Communism. We will not have to fight you; We will so weaken your economy, until you will fall like overripe fruit into our hands." "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not. We will take over your country, and not have to fire one shot!"

It is happening now! Get rid of the socialists that are destroying our American way of life! We are letting them do this! May God spare us, if He finds "just one good man" as Abraham begged God not to vent his anger on Sodom and Gomorrah. Genesis 18:16-33. We all know how that ended!

> From a lover of our country, Jackie Sikes

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In the Kitchen...

Cake Mix Cookies

1 (18.25 oz.) package white cake mix ½ cup vegetable oil

2 eggs

Peheat the oven to 350°. Stir cake mix, oil and eggs together in a large bowl until it comes together as a dough. Form dough into 1-inch balls and place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake about 6 to 10 minutes, depending on how soft you like your cookies. Cool cookies on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to cool completely.

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As a general rule, I normally do not comment on local candidates running for office in Nassau County. The logic behind that decision was for a couple of reasons. As co-owner of the Westside Journal I have felt that I could not in good conscious accept money from a candidate for advertising and then turn around and write something favorable about his/her opponent. Another reason was because so often there have been two of my friends running against each other and I didn't want to publicly

support one over the other.

With that being said, I am going against my rule concerning the District 4 Board of County Commission race. In my many years of political involvement prior to, and while owning this newspaper, I have witnessed some nasty campaigns. One of the worst was the race for School Superintendent about six years ago. I thought that was as bad as it could get, I was wrong. The behavior of the campaigning for District 4 has reached a new level of vile. Whether the two people running against the third candidate are personally involved with all that is taking place is totally unknown

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

to me. However, neither of the two have stepped up and condemned it as far as I know. The three candidates running for District 4 are incumbent Thomas Ford, challengers George Spicer and Alyson McCullough. Supporters of Ford and Spicer have declared war (the likes of Democrats against Trump) on Alyson McCullough to the point of being disgusting. If one can't run on their own merit, then they shouldn't run at all. Attacking a fellow candidate's name, family and personal past moments without a clue of real circumstances is way out of bounds. Calling her 'missy' and saying 'a woman doesn't belong in politics' are old adage and has no place in today's arena. Broadcasting blatant lies about candidate's family members is totally unacceptable. These are the kind of politicians that discourage decent people from wanting to serve as representatives of government.

I have known Alyson for only a few years, but I assure you she is a genuine person, has more backbone than most any candidate I have ever known and a

determined drive to make things better when she leaves than what she first encountered. She has a true passion for agriculture (she really is a farmer), a love for educating and a strong passion for our youth. She is not a politician; she is a citizen that recognizes that Nassau County needs real leadership, sane decision making and a new voice for the citizens of our great county. Her drive is based on love and concern of the future of our county.

While I'm at it, Aaron Bean of Fernandina Beach is now attempting to be elected to the U.S. Congress. I feel it's time for Aaron to get a real job and stop living off the taxpayers as he has done for years as a Florida House Representative and Florida Senator.

Just as in local government, we need new blood. The same ole politicians turn out the same ole results. I whole heartily endorse Erik Aguilar. He is a 20-year Veteran of the US Navy, is America First, Pro 2nd Amendment, and a conservative that is not owned by anyone. He is truly a proud American!

As always...that's just my opinion! Post Script: After I wrote this column, George Spicer came to the office and stated he has nothing to do with the attacks on Alyson McCullough. A short time later, Tommy Ford (Thomas Ford's father) called the office and also said that the Ford campaign has not participated in the attacks on McCullough. Both of these contacts were unsolicited by the Westside Journal and neither knew anything about the content of this week's column.

Sonshine Christian Students Earn Certifications

This year has been history-making in several ways at Sonshine Christian Academy. From earning top scores during the school's re-accreditation, to record high enrollment, to offering 11 new technology programs for students in grades 5-12, SCA has been operating in excellence.

In addition to SCA students learning real-world technical knowledge and usable skills, one of the most astounding achievements this school year has been the sheer number of digital tool certifications earned by the high school and middle school students. "In the inaugural year of the newly created Technology Academy, there were over 100 digital tool certifications earned by our middle school and high school students! This is truly an astounding accomplishment for any school, public or private," said SCA Technology Director Jonathan Petree.



tool certificate can add that certification to their resume, which could increase their chances of getting a job interview or landing a job with an employer who needs people with certain skill sets.

Several students earned multiple digital tool certifications this year in programs such as, Computing Essentials, Word Processing, Cyber Security, Multimedia, Databases, Spreadsheets, Programming and Logic. To acquire all the skills in the 11 separate computer programs the Technology Academy offers students will continue in the

> classes for approximately 2-3 years.

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The Return of Jesus: Revelation

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



It is appropriate for the month of July to think about America's birthday. One of my favorite parts of the 4th of July is the watch a good fireworks display. My favorite part of the fireworks display is the grand finale. In some ways, the book of Revelation is the grand finale for the story of the Bible. Let's review the story of the Bible through Kiel's summary of the story of the Bible.

- Old Testament: Anticipation of Jesus
- Gospels: Manifestation of Jesus
- Acts: Proclamation of Jesus
- Epistles/Letters: Explanation of Jesus
- Revelation: Consummation/Return of Jesus

Unfortunately, many people are attracted to the book of Revelation for the all the wrong reasons. Some people are more excited about finding our information about the antichrist, than what Revelation discloses to us about Christ. Some are more infatuated with a temple which has been destroyed, than they are the real temple, which is Jesus' body. The very first verses of the book of Revelation make it clear that the book of Revelation is the revelation of Jesus (1:2-3). The book of Revelation shows us that Jesus is sovereign over all of history and he is going to return as the king of history and establish a kingdom that will not last a thousand years, for all eternity.

The book of Revelation brings the story of the Bible to an end. The Bible begins with creation and ends with new creation (Genesis 1, Revelation 21-22). Genesis tells us the story of the first Adam and his failures (Genesis 3). As a result of the failures of the first Adam the curse was introduced. The curse destroyed everything and introduced death into the world. In Revelation 22:3, we see that the curse will be removed. In Genesis, the humanity was barred from partaking of the tree of life. In Revelation, the nations can take freely of the tree of life (Rev. 22:3). In Genesis, humanity was alienated from God. In Revelation, God's people will be able to see God's face and live (Rev. 22:4). In Genesis, the reign of death was unleashed. In Revelation, death ceases to exist (Rev. 21:4). In Genesis 3, the serpent deceives and wreaks havoc. In Revelation, Satan, the dragon is defeated (Rev. 20).

Someone once said that the story of the Bible can be summarized in one sentence: Slay the dragon and get the girl. This is the story of the Bible. The dragon is Satan. The girl is the bride of Christ. Jesus is the one that slays the dragon and gets the girl through his conquest over death. Revelation shows us how Jesus gets his bride and defeats the dragon. This is the greatest story ever told. Jesus removes the curse by becoming accursed for us. No one can do what Jesus can do because nobody else is who Jesus is. Revelation shows us the Jesus that is God, Redeemer, Savior, and King. This Jesus is going to make all things new.



County Manager Pope Wins Award

The Florida City-County Management Association (FCCMA) has recognized Nassau County Manager Taco Pope for his personal and professional excellence in local government administration. The FCCMA publicly celebrated achievements of its members and their significant contributions to the management of local government as part of the association's annual State conference. County Manager Pope was one of only two City/County Managers selected statewide for the FCCMA's 2022 Who's Who Under 40 Award.

The Who's Who Under 40 Award was created by the FCCMA to acknowledge the industry's top emerging talent who will serve as an integral part of local government for years to come. To be considered, the recipient must have a great aptitude for local government work; and 2 must exemplify the tenets of the code of ethics established by the International City/County Manager's Association (ICMA). FCCMA's Coordinator, Association Services Nykierama Cooper, stated, "The Who's Who Under 40 Award recognizes top local government leaders in Florida under the age of 40 for their personal and professional excellence. Mr. Pope was selected for this award because of his contribution to the field of Public Administration and for his positive community impact."

Nassau County Commissioner Chairman Jeff Gray stated, "Taco is an excellent example of what a true public servant should be. He is devoted to the success of the County and the wellbeing of its residents. We are happy to have him on our team and are excited about the County's future under his leadership."

In response, County Manager Pope stated, "I am humbled to be recognized by my peers from across the state. I am extremely appreciative to receive validation from a respected, independent third-party like the FCCMA. This recognition reaffirms that we, as a collective community, are making tremendous strides forward."

Pope continued, "Ultimately, this is



our home and it is what we make it."

As County Manager, Pope serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the county government. He provides fiscal, strategic, and operational leadership to the organization, as well as sound analysis and professional recommendations and implementation of the Board's policies. The County Manager promotes quality-of-life/quality-of-place and generational sustainability through the professional management of the organization's resources.

Mr. Pope is a native Floridian and 35year resident of Northeast Florida. He is a certified professional planner through the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) with 17 years of local government experience in the State of Florida. Taco has served Nassau County citizens as both a technical practitioner in the field of urban/community planning and as an administrator/ program manager. Prior to accepting the position of Nassau County Manager in 2020, Taco served the citizens of Nassau County in several roles including, Assistant County Manager, Planning and Economic Opportunity Director, and as a community planner. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and two Bachelor's Degrees in Business Administration.

Beginning this Fall, Mr. Pope will be hosting "Ask the County Manager" sessions across the county where citizens can discuss current topics with the County Manager and senior staff members. Be sure to sign up for the weekly County news blast at https://bit.ly/NassauNews to be notified of the meetings.





Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final regular meeting of July. Mayor Floyd Vanzant asked for any comments from the audience. Mr. Ralph Bennett, who recently had his plat of land approved by the council, approached the podium. "I have a few questions. In December, my plat was approved by the council. At the time, the tap fees were \$600 and now are \$3500. Could we please use the old fees, since my property was already approved?" questioned Bennett. "Next, I was told that I would have to put in a 6" waterline. This is a whole lot more cost than running a 1" line. I was also told I had to put in a fire hydrant! Why wasn't that requested when the engineer looked everything over?"

"I would think if the engineer approved the plat and now we're coming back and wanting to add things; I don't think that's right," said Councilwoman Callie Bishop. "We should stand by our decision."

"I'm not sure why the engineer didn't catch this but there are a lot of areas around town that don't have good water pressure and that area may be one of them," added Councilman Kenny Sims.

Town Attorney Christian Waugh jumped in the conversation and advised the council he would like to look over all these details before we go any further. He also advised the council and Mr. Bennett that this item should be added to the next meeting agenda.

Another resident, Mr. Andy Whitaker, approached the council with his concern. "I live on Georgia Street. Recently, Michael Franklin, who owns the lot next to mine, began to clear his lot. He understood that there is a 30' easement on my property and 30' easement on

his," said Whitaker. "He cut some of my trees on my property, two of them which were hardwoods and hearty trees. I just didn't know how to proceed further about this?"

Attorney Waugh again advised the council and Mr. Whitaker to let him (Waugh) do some research on this and make sure this is on the agenda for the next meeting in 2 weeks.

In other business, the council approved the pool rental agreement between the Nassau County School District and the Town of Hilliard for West Nassau High School and Hilliard Middle-Senior High School Swim Teams to use the pool facility.

Council President John Beasley advised the council that the Nassau County School District is donating a school bus to the Town of Hilliard. The bus will arrive next Thursday. "We will be responsible for getting a driver with a CDL passenger endorsed license to drive," said Beasley.

The council set additional joint workshops for review and discussion of the proposed amendments to the Zoning and Land Development Regulations. The dates are Thursday, August 11 and Monday, August 29.

Following, the council approved another workshop followed by a special meeting on Monday, August 1 at 6 p.m. to set the tentative millage rate.

In closing comments, Town Clerk Lisa Purvis advised the council that the town Building Inspector has put in his resignation for August 31. "He did say he would stay with us until we found a replacement," added Purvis. "I have already placed an ad in the papers."

The next regular meeting of the council will be Thursday, August 4 at 7 p.m.

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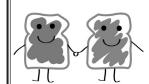
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CHURCH NEWS

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North Hilliard Baptist Church, 552823 US HWY1, will host a Gospel Sing Sunday, July 31 at 6 p.m. Please visit: northhilliardbaptistchurch.org for more information.

Lannie Road Baptist Church will hold a YARD SALE August 4-6, Thurs., Friday & Saturday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The church is located on Lannie Road, off Lem Turner, in Jacksonville.

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If We're Not Listening, We Cannot Know

Douglas C. Pearson Sr.

In a nation that is supposed to be "Of the people, by the people and for the People" how can those we elect respond to situations to ensure that they are "protecting and defending the Constitution of The United States?" Especially when they don't listen, and we are not listening ourselves!

Less than 40% "of the people" participate in elections. Of that figure, most all "of the people" have parroted the responses that they don't read the paper, watch the news or pay attention to the concerns that affect the welfare of the country. Their reason for this lack of interest: "There's nothing I can do about it anyway!" And we've all heard this one: "It's too depressing!"

Break that down further and we find less than 20% "of the people" determined the course that is supposed to be directed by politicians that are charged to represent 100% "of the people". Continuous remarks of "We have a mandate," and because "it's what the people want," smack of falsehoods from the very start. No wonder the radical minority is "Fundamentally" changing the nation. They don't need to demonstrate the perceived benefits of their agenda. All they need to do is get enough (a minority) to put their false ideals over the top by getting them to respond to the lies and false dreams of their Shangri-La with demonstrations.

So now we have a majority "of the people", that don't listen to what is going on, permitting the politicians not to care about the ramifications of their actions. Those who do begin making comments, and telling the truth about

the circumstances, are going to be labelled negatively. For example, in his recent prepared remarks following the rampage of 'mentally ill' persons, our president inferred that those who do not subscribe to his way of thinking are now "White Supremacists". Referencing the Uvalde, TX shootings, the president went off on gun control, before he even knew what happened, or even cared about what happened. It was another chance to put forward his (sic) wishes upon a grieving nation. Guns did not kill those people. A person killed those people. If we took all the pencils from our students they would not fail an exam either. Now, while on the international stage, he has disparaged the integrity of the highest court in the land, which is the last remaining vestige of constitutional checks and balances between the Legislative and Executive Branch.

Joe Biden's opposition (the majority) has gone from being the contents of a basket of deplorable people to right wing extremists and domestic terrorists, etc. All the while his supporters are merely practicing their freedom of speech, as they are breaking the laws and just being highly motivated. I guess Mr. Biden has forgotten that his own Vice-President described him, in the past, as a "Racist". In addition, the most recent Justice, sworn in to a position on the Supreme Court in the shadow of the recent "Roe" ruling, could not even define "Woman" during her confirmation hearings.

But then the contents of this, or any other essays on the subject, are not even going to be seen by the mass populace.

SCV National Reunion Held



Kim Hoffecker

The 127th National Reunion of Sons of Confederate Veterans was held July 20-23, 2022 in Cartersville, Georgia. Six members represented Kirby-Smith Camp #1209. Business meetings, tours of the many local battlefields and Confederate cemeteries was capped with the Grand Ball and Debutante Presentation. Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 received the Dr. James B. Butler Award for Best Historical Project and Past Commander Calvin Hart received the Robert E. Lee Medal for outstanding service to the SCV at the National, Department or Division level. Visit: SCV-Kirby-Smith.org to learn more. Shown are: Calvin Hart, Rick Roberts, Kim Hoffecker, Chris Bunton, Ronnie Nichols and Adam Shaw.

Because they don't read the papers, watch the news or pay attention to anything that might bring a dark cloud into their visions of sugar plums that sweeten their own small world. We are a country "of the people", hiding in our dream worlds without a desire to even try and understand the real problems.

NO, you say? And you would be correct as you are reading this and understanding those concerns. The old adage "preaching to the choir" comes to

mind. Those of us who are singing are only being heard by the congregation. Those who don't attend can't possibly get the message.

In conclusion, after eating an entire Bull, the Mountain Lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept roaring until a hunter came along and shot him. Moral of the story? When you're full of Bull, keep your mouth shut! So pay attention! Then VOTE!

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- Albert J. Wagner



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New Beginnings and Milestones

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Collins Celebrate 71st Anniversary



Albert F. and Elaine Collins, of Callahan, celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on July 28. The Collins were married July 28, 1951. The popular song of that year, "They tried to tell us we were too young, too young to really be in love and yet some day they may recall, we were not too young at all!" God has truly blessed them!

They are the parents of four beautiful children, Linda Collins Brown (deceased), Albert Floyd Collins, Jr., Beverly Collins and Robin Collins Brown. They are also proud grandparents of seven beautiful grandchildren; 10 beautiful greatgrandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.



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POLICE REPORTS

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Thursday, July 14

Derek McKenzie Minchew, 35, 36052 Jades Court, Hilliard: Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance; Tamper/Destroy Evidence; Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue; Burglary of Structure; Theft Over \$750 Under \$5,000

Sunday, July 17

Charles Ryan Suggs, 38, 54233 Plantation Road, Callahan: Aggravated Battery with Deadly Weapon (x 2)

Skyler Mark Morgan, 22, 55333 Mt. Olive Road, Callahan: Felony Criminal Mischief

Monday, July 18

Larry Rubin Hogan, 42, 54215 Jamie Drive, Callahan: Grand Theft Over \$5 less than \$10K

Tuesday, July 19

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

Thursday, July 21

Thomas Lee Sutton, 59, 44107 Mary Sauls Circle, Callahan: Aggravated Battery on Detained Person

Friday, July 22

Norman Kyle Daughtry, 36, 43212 Thomas Creek Road, Callahan: Theft of Motor Vehicle

Sunday, July 24

Royce Andrew Haugh, 35, 55604 Yellow Jacket Drive, Callahan: Grand Theft: False Information to Law Enforcement Officer During Investigation

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JOSEPH E. BENSON, JR.



Joseph "Joe" E. Benson, Jr., 76, of Hilliard, passed away on June 25, 2022. He was born April 23, 1946, to Joseph E. Benson, Jr. and Nellie Paul

Benson in Raleigh, North Carolina. Joe graduated from Southwest Miami High School. After high school, Joe continued his education and received his degree in aviation. He became a flight instructor before getting hired with the FAA and later on with the IRS where he retired. Joe loved flying, motorcycling and any outside activity, but most of all he loved his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Nellie Benson; brother David Benson; in-laws Gene and Jeanette Sisson; and nephew Baylee Sisson.

Joe is survived by his wife of 32 years, Patti Benson; daughter Shirley (Randy) Rand; sons Ray (Alisa) Benson and Shane (Rachael) Beasley; grandchildren Josh (Kelsey) Schetrompf, Brittany (Tonya) Schetrompf, Sterling (Julia) Benson, Spencer Benson, Raely, Haven and Thaddeus Beasley; great-grandchildren, Raegan, Greyson, Emma and Presley Schetrompf, Kyla, Arianna and Caden Black, Killian Benson; and sister Betsy (Bill) Spiegel of Arcadia Florida.

A celebration of Joe's life will be held Saturday, August 6 at 2 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770, www.nassaufh. com

OBITUARIES

JOYCE BUZZARD



Joyce Buzzard, 79, went home to rejoice with the Lord on July 16, 2022. Joyce was born November 2, 1942 in Columbus, Ohio, the third child

born to John and Vernetta Sullivan. Later in 1958, she married the love of her life James H. Buzzard and they raised six children, James, Julie, Jeffrey, Joe, John and Joy. In 1979, the family migrated to Jacksonville for work. Mrs. Joyce is preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband James; son Joe; and siblings Jane and John.

She is survived by her children: James (Helen) Buzzard, Julie (Don) Atcher, Jeffrey (Sue) Buzzard, John Buzzard and Joy (Jack) Pearson; 15 grandchildren, Shane, Jamie, Dakota, Courtney, Nathaniel, Joey, Stephanie, JJ, Shawn, Ashley, Sarah, Amy, Katie JB and Chad; 26 great-grandchildren; and a sister Patricia.

1954. Ron was a lifelong bachelor with no he majored in Journalism. GO GATORS!

Ron is survived by his sisters Belle Nabers and Angela Hunt; and brother Bennie (Cindy) Nabers; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Ron was held Tuesday, July 26 at Nassau Funeral Home. The family received friends prior to the service.

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

children. He was an avid runner – running at least five miles every day and participating in (and winning many) marathons throughout his lifetime. Ron was a graduate of the University of Florida (c/o 1972) - where After graduating college, Ron went on to travel and live in various places throughout the US, such as California, Colorado, and Hawaii. He is preceded in death by his parents Leslie and Bessie Nabers; brothers Jack and Frank; and nephew Benji.

her most prized pseudonym was Nana. She is preceded in death by her parents Mack and Dorothy Hicks; her best friend Jeanne Williams; and her beloved dachshund, Oliver.

around. Little did she know, her daughter

admired her most and aspired to be just like

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to be called a CZ Brat. She was also an

accomplished guitar and piano player,

having her own band in high school. She

held many positions in the secretarial field

to support her daughter. However, her

favorite was with Glidco from where she

retired. Unbeknownst to her at the time,

this is where she met her husband, Michael,

whom she married on February 14, 2015.

He later adopted her daughter in March 2017. She settled in Jacksonville in 1972,

where she raised her daughter until they

moved to her forever home in Callahan in

1986. Pam was not only a mother but also

a wife, daughter, sister, Tia and friend. But

Pam was a proud member of the Panama

Pam is survived by her husband Michael Tipping; her daughter Amyjo (Tom) Means; her grandsons TJ (Kayla) Walker and Brendan Means; her great-granddaughter Kynlie Walker; bonus great-grandchildren Leland Bennett, Brantlev Bennett, Rozlvn Bennett, Trev Popp, Will Brooks, Kamaya Berg and Kaden Walker; siblings Kenneth (Kimberly) Hicks, Richard Hicks and Judyrhea Buell; several nieces and nephews; numerous great nieces and nephews; as well as her dachshund Princess Sophie.

A celebration of Pam's Life will be held Tuesday, August 2 at 7 p.m. at the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel.

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

RONNIE DEE NABERS



Ronnie "Ron" Dee Nabers, 73, passed away on or about July 1, 2022. He was born on February 5, 1949 in Belgreen, Alabama to Leslie and Bessie

Nabers. The family moved to Florida in

PAMELA JANE TIPPING



Pamela "Pam" Jane Tipping, 73, of Callahan, passed away peacefully July 18, 2022, after a courageous battle with ALS. It would be an understatement

to say she passed without a fight. Truth is, she has always been a fighter. She was born July 29, 1948 to Mack and Dorothy Hicks in Ancon, Canal Zone, Panama where she was also raised. To tell her she couldn't do something, would only push her harder to prove you wrong. She graduated from Balboa High School in Panama on June 3, 1966, where she met the biological father of her only child, a daughter. She always said she had no other children because she was blessed with the perfect one the first time

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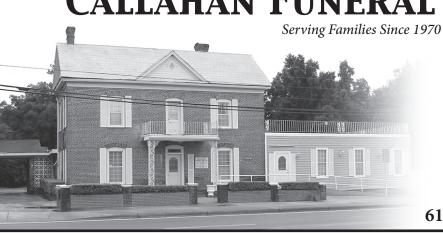




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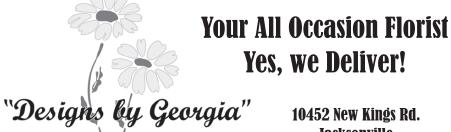
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Private Crossing (Located at end of Artesian Blvd.), Callahan: Thursday, August 4 at 8 a.m. to Friday, August 5 at 8 a.m. One way in and Out

Pickett Street, Callahan: Monday, August 8 at 8 a.m. to Friday, August 12 at 5 p.m. Proposed Detour: US1 to US 301 to Pickett Street

River Road (Brandies Ave), Callahan: Wednesday, August 10 at 8 a.m. to Sunday, August 14 at 5 p.m. Proposed Detour: Old Dixie Hwy. to Bypass Road to River Road

Old Dixie Hwy., Callahan: Monday, August 15 at 8 a.m. to Saturday, August 20 at 5 p.m. Pending Re-Opening of River Road (Brandies Ave.) Proposed Detour: Brandies Avenue to River Road to Bypass Road to Old Dixie Hwy.

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Dyal Road, Callahan: Thursday, August 18 at 8 a.m. to Monday, August 22 at 5 p.m. Proposed Detour: US1 to Henry Smith Road to Old Dixie Hwy. to Dyal Road

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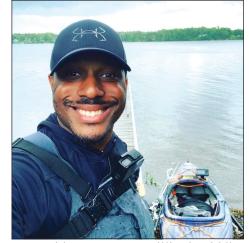
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Jones Saves Child in St. Louis River



David Jones, Jr., a Hilliard Middle-Senior High School graduate, was recently fishing on his kayak in the St. Louis River when he saw a young boy in the middle of the river. The 6-year-old boy was floating by himself with a life jacket on. He had apparently come

loose from a rope while swimming beside his dad as he was fishing and the current swept him away from the boat. Jones called out to boy and asked if he needed help. The child began to scream and panicked. Jones talked calmly to the child as he helped him hold onto the side of the kayak. He paddled to the shore where he asked a homeowner for a towel to warm the child and called 9-1-1. Thanks to the quick action and positive conversation of Jones, the child was reunited with his family to recover.

DJ is an avid hunter and fisherman in Missouri. You can follow him on YouTube at: DJJonesOutdoors. Jones had his GoPro camera on when the entire incident happened and the video can be found on several online sources. DJ's parents are David and Keisha Jones of Hilliard.

FSCJ to Host Open House at Deerwood Center

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) will host a free Summer Open House event at the Deerwood Center to help students prepare for college. The event will be held this Saturday, July 30 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at FSCJ Deerwood Center, 9911 Old Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville. Learn more and register at: fscj.edu/openhouse.

Future college students and their families are invited to attend this informative event where participants will have the opportunity to: Apply to attend FSCJ; Get help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); Explore degree and certificate offerings; Attend information sessions on topics including orientation, paying

for college and career exploration; Learn about FSCJ's First Year Experience program; Discover ways to get involved on campus; Meet faculty and academic program representatives; Ask questions regarding financial aid, scholarships and admissions; and Hear from FSCJ students about their college experiences.

Information sessions for students and parents/families will also be available throughout the day, covering a variety of topics such as career exploration, what students can expect, financial aid and more. Attendees should be sure to check in at the registration area for a chance to win an FSCJ scholarship.



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