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MEET YOUR NEW TEACHERS!



Bryceville Elementary

Jaclyn Campbell, 3rd grade; Colleen Watts, 3rd grade; and Anna Love, Kindergarten



Callahan Elementary

Traci Armstrong, Pre-K; Lauren Paolillo, Pre-K; Brianna Grimes, Kindergarten; Mackenzie Trujillo, Kindergarten; Jenifer Walker, Kindergarten; Sarah Heth, 1st Grade; Veronica Lynch, 1st Grade; Ariel Mathis, Kindergarten; Ivelisse Debenadto, 2nd Grade; Alexandra Schaarf, 2nd Grade; Brooke Carr, Guidance Counselor



Callahan Intermediate

Renee Balderson, 3rd Grade; Tara Erickson, 5th Grade ELA; Caitlyn Newton, 3rd Grade; Kasey Hoffman, 4th Grade ELA; Phillip Thompson, Media Specialist; Brandon Crowder, 5th Grade; Alisa Jackson, 4th Grade; Nicolette Goodin, 4th Grade ELA (not pictured); Kayla Hooper, 4th Grade ELA; Hannah Gonzalez, 4th Grade ELA; Christian Bruno, 5th Grade



Hilliard Middle-Senior High

Brooke Smith, Assistant Principal; Will Cribbs, Agriculture; Ann Recke, Math; Terry Weyman, Government/Economics; Amber King, CNA Program; Alexis Barber, Science; Grant Graves, Social Studies; Stephanie Fortier, English; Holden Whiten, ESE Support Facilitator; Madison Moore, ESE Support Facilitator; and Renee McMillen ESE Support Facilitator



West Nassau High

Mary Barcellos II, Agriculture; Anita "Terry" Bass, Reading; Stephen Benge, Social Studies; Kyle Bridge, Social Studies; Karla Cook, Science; Blair Harris, Guidance; Timothy Hendricks, Science; Dr. Ely Leon, Physics/Chemistry; Emily Parks, ESE; Anita Pittman, Math; Amber Rice, Spanish; Tammy Roberts, Business Education; Robert Scott, Math; Jana Sheffield, Digital Media/Financial Literacy; Karl Simmons, Math; David Smyth, English; MacKenzie Washington, Science; and Susan Winters, English



Sonshine Christian

Diana Harelson, Elementary; Jessica Goff, Middle School; Frances Jethro, Elementary; Amy Gibbons, Support Staff; Kylie Hyer, High School; Casey Sheely, Preschool; and Michelle Stewart, Preschool



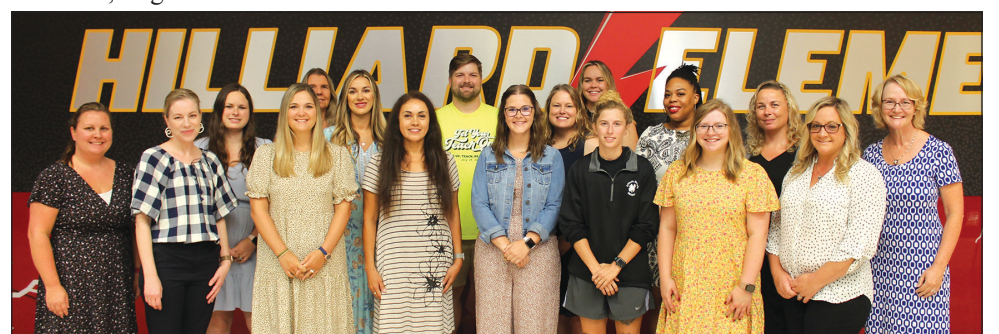
Callahan Middle

Susan Greco, ELA; Angela Griner, ELA; Rebecca Hawkins (not pictured); Laura Hobson, Math; Autumn Lawhon, Science; Ashley Reynolds, Social Studies; Macy Reynolds, Math; Heather Davidson, Guidance; Susannah Fleming, Social Worker; Dana Geoghagan, Social Studies



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Hilliard Elementary

Kailey Johnson, 1st Grade; Brittany Mason, 1st Grade; Hunter Williams, 1st Grade; Adriana Vasquez, 3rd Grade; Donnette Williams, 3rd Grade; Melanie Garland, 4th Grade; Lindsey Mentzer, 5th Grade; Sean Myers, 5th Grade; Julia Nagy, PE; Emmalee Brown, ESE Access Point; Jennifer Gaus, ESE; Alexis Roscoe, ESE Resource; Lelani Kuhn, ESE Pre-K; Lizane Dahlhausen, Occupational Therapist; Ivey Mitchell, School Psychologist; Wendy Phou, Speech; Kristin Willis, Occupational Therapist; Kristen Ward, Mental Health (not pictured)

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Elevate Salon Opens in Callahan

Following 21 years of working in the same salon, stylist Ronda Hooper has branched out on her own and opened her own salon. Elevate Salon is located beside Dick's Wings in Callahan. She and her daughter, Savanna Blake, are currently the only stylists. The salon is decorated beautifully and is a very peaceful place, which is what most of us need!

"I just wanted to have a comfortable, roomy area where everyone feels at peace," said Ronda. "I'm totally excited about this new journey and looking forward to what God has



in store for us."

Ronda couldn't say enough about Teenie Causey and Chelley Ellis, her former bosses. "They have been so supportive with my decision and have offered to help in any way I might need them," added Ronda. "I'm so

blessed to have had the opportunity to work at the same location that many years."

Appointments are preferred, however they do take walk-ins when they have an opening. They offer hair and waxing services for both women and men. They are open Tuesday - Friday. Elevate Salon is located at 450077 SR 200, Callahan. Contact them at 904-320-5928 for an appointment.

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Thank You!

Dear Editor,
Grateful Thanks to our Road Department! Our road was getting multi-deep pot holes and the sides were caving in where the dirt had washed out from under the asphalt. We had to dodge the holes. I called County Commissioner Klynt Farmer and he said to call the Nassau County Road Department, and gave me the phone number. He said the people at the road department were great and would be happy to help me.

I did call them. They listened to my concerns and the issues we were having. They put out a work order that day. The next day the road was repaired, followed by the second day mowing. Kudos, to the Nassau County Road Department.

Jean Hodges

to our children in other lockdown states. Studies are now coming out about the long-term damage of lockdowns, many kids are suffering from learning losses caused by virtual learning, but in Florida we are not facing those same difficulties because our kids were never locked out of school.

Instead of becoming overly fearful that schools could not reopen, Governor DeSantis developed a plan to bring students back into the classroom. Such a decision was based on facts and science, ensuring that students and teachers were safe in the classroom.

While students in other states, particularly in our inner cities, have experienced significant learning losses, in Florida, the achievement gap between white, Hispanic, and black students narrowed instead of increasing during the pandemic.

We have Governor DeSantis to thank for that, which is why I will be voting to re-elect him for four more years in November.



Semper Fi,
Caleb Stoner,
NCYR Vice Chair

Gov. DeSantis Approval!

Dear Editor,
As a father of two, it was great to see Governor Ron DeSantis make sure that kids stayed in school for in-person learning, five days per week, eliminating the harm done

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

I know that I am not the only one that sees exactly what's happening in America. We are no longer a free nation, we are no longer a 1st World Country, and we are now on the verge of being a full-fledged 3rd World Socialist/Communist Nation. It is totally mind blowing how in just 18 months, the democrats have taken us down the road of destruction. This current democratic party is exactly what our founding fathers warned us of and why they framed the Constitution and our Bill of Rights the way they did. There are clear and precise measures within these documents that permit us, "We The People," to stop the tyranny we are currently facing. It is almost time to act upon those directives.

What occurred Monday, a raid on President Trump's home, is possibly the straw that breaks the camel's back. The socialist democrats have proven they will do anything they can to destroy the best President this nation has ever had. Doesn't it make you ponder why? If you can't see what this is all about, you are totally blind or totally stupid.

President Trump's team has been working with the Federal Government concerning the possibility of papers being packed up when he left the White House, under duress. Can any intelligent human think that Trump personally packed up everything in the White House? I can only imagine how many people it took to accomplish that task. So, if the process of going through boxes and boxes of paperwork was already being accomplished, why did the FBI raid his home? Easy, it is just one more way the socialist regime can throw daggers at a man they despise. The process of

returning certain records to the Archives is an ordinary and routine process that occurs during a transition. This process is nothing new and nothing covert. They are determined to totally destroy Donald Trump! They will stop at nothing until they have completed their task at hand. They are so afraid that he will be voted into office for the third time and expose the corruption and criminal antics in Washington.

I have to wonder why the FBI didn't raid Hillary Clinton's home and retrieve the personal hard drives from the illegal servers she was using during her Secretary of State appointment. How did she get away with destroying 33,000 emails that had been subpoenaed? The answer is another easy one; she is part of the Washington crime family.

As for Donald J. Trump, a man that gave up his earned elite lifestyle to serve as President and did not take one red penny of pay during his four years of true leadership and service to America, I pray to our Almighty God that He will protect President Trump and his family. I pray that God will continue to provide the strength and courage to battle the evil forces that have assaulted him every day for the past six years. I pray God will intervene and expose the vile corruption in Washington D.C. so that everyone can see what has happened to our Republic. I pray to God that the evil criminals that have taken control of our nation will be convicted of their crimes against us citizens. I pray that God will once again turn his face toward America and we will acknowledge Him as our Lord and Savior! God is our only hope.

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

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Don't Let Death Catch You By Surprise

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There's a show on the Discovery Channel that many people enjoy watching, Alaska the Last Frontier. They have short spring and summer days where families find themselves hunting, fishing, and gathering food to prepare for the long winter. They spend time away from the homestead hunting the backlands of Alaska, searching for big game like moose, elk down in the valleys, and sheep on top of mountains. It's enjoyable to see how they fish for crabs, Salmon and halibut. These tasks are a part of life for the Alaskans. There is no local Walmart or Publix nearby to go shopping. They often find themselves coming up empty from their hunting or fishing trip. I believe they understand that they may not make it if they're not prepared for the winter with food and supplies, so they prepare as best as they can.

The most important thing we can do today is to prepare for death. We should know where we are going to spend Eternity when we die. Death is the bottom line of our earthly existence, and it's the end of all human efforts. In the book of Amos, he warns the children of Israel to prepare to meet their God. Amos 4:12, "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: And because I will do this unto thee, Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

It will be too late to try to prepare after we are dead. The rich man and Lazarus found that when you die, there are no adjustments, do-overs, or returns that can be made once we pass from life to death. The moment we die will be the first moment of our future existence. Death is the doorway waiting for all of us. When a person goes to heaven to meet God, he has the Authority for the individual to remain there or be cast into outer darkness where there should be weeping in gnashing of teeth. God has promised to be with us and provide peace during our struggles in life; his word offers us comfort and hope of eternal life heaven is for all who have faith in his son Jesus Christ. Romans 14: 8, "If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."

Preparing for death is similar to preparing for a long winter. As we see, dog teams, snowmobiles and airplanes are some of the tools Alaskans use to search for food to prepare for the long winters ahead of them. Our life is no different from the Alaskans' each day. As we prepare to see God, we should seek him daily, read His Word, and stay in prayer. Also, asking for forgiveness of our sins and trying to live our lives holy pleasing unto the Lord. Forgive others as Christ has forgiven us. Grace and peace from our Lord savior Jesus Christ.

VFW Donates School Supplies



Members of the VFW Post 10095 and Auxiliary have been purchasing school supplies to donate to our local schools. The members had 40 backpacks for elementary and 40 backpacks for high school students along with lots of notebook paper, folders, markers and crayons. They also had several bottles of hand sanitizer and wipes.

Shown (l to r) are Auxiliary members Cat Johansen, Jean Kutzler and Laurie Despres, Lee Ann Jackson and John Crawford. Last Thursday, members of the auxiliary presented the donations to Hilliard Middle-Senior High School Principal John Crawford and Hilliard Elementary School Assistant Principal Lee Ann Jackson. Both schools were very appreciative of the donations and added they will be used!

Nassau County Teen Court

Join us for Teen Court! Real Teenage offenders...Real Crimes...Real Court Sanctions handed down, all by Teen Attorneys, Jurors and Court Officers. We need you to volunteer to serve on our Jury!

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CHURCH NEWS

North Hilliard Baptist Church will have an INDOOR YARD SALE, Friday & Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The church is located on US 1 north of Hilliard. Look for signs!

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Kerri Boatright - Principal of CIS



Ms. Kerri Boatright begins her first year at Callahan Intermediate School with excitement. The newly appointed Warrior is entering her 17th year in education, all of which she has spent in Nassau County. After graduating from UNF, she taught 5th grade for 12 years and has spent the last 5 years in administration at Yulee Primary School as the assistant principal and principal.

Living in Callahan and having two children who attended Callahan Intermediate School, she is excited to be immersed into the strong community and traditions all while learning what it means to be a Warrior. She is looking forward to working alongside the talented faculty and staff of CIS and getting to know the students, families, and community. She believes every single child should have access to the highest level of instruction and her job will be to ensure that students and faculty feel safe, loved, and supported while at CIS.

John Crawford - Principal of HMSHS



John Crawford is a 1989 graduate of Fernandina Beach High School. After graduation, he enlisted in the US Air Force and served as a security police officer from 1990-1994. Following his military career, Mr. Crawford attended UNF, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Communications/Journalism. After college, he worked as a reporter from 1999-2003.

As he transitioned into Education, Mr. Crawford used his educational background and experience to teach English/Language Arts and Journalism, while also coaching football and track at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School. Upon earning a Master's degree in Educational Leadership in 2014, he became the Dean of Students at HMSHS, then Assistant Principal at Callahan Middle School. In 2018, Mr. Crawford returned to HMSHS to serve as the Assistant Principal for the past four years. He is proud to now serve as the Principal of the Flashes.

Jonathan Goodwin - Asst. Principal CMS



Mr. Goodwin is beginning his seventh year with the Nassau County School District. He earned a bachelor's degree in Social Science Education from FSU. Starting off his career with Nassau County, he has taught History and AP Psychology at Yulee High School while overseeing the Student Government program and mentoring new teachers.

The desire to reach students, teachers, and families at a larger level led him to pursue a Master's degree in Educational

Leadership from Saint Leo University. Since then, he has had the pleasure of serving as the Assistant Principal at Fernandina Beach Middle School and now at Callahan Middle School. He is proud to be chosen as the Assistant Principal for CMS and is excited to work alongside teachers and the community of Callahan to continue the commitment of success for every student.

Lee Ann Jackson - Asst. Principal HES



Lee Ann Jackson has been in education for over 35 years in Nassau County. A proud graduate of West Nassau County High School, she continued her education at JU, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and later received her Master's degree in Leadership and Administration from UNF. Further studies include a Juris Doctorate from Florida Coastal School of Law.

Ms. Jackson has worked as an elementary teacher at Hilliard Elementary and Callahan Elementary, but most of her time, 23 years, was spent at Callahan Intermediate School where she served as principal. She also worked at Hilliard Elementary as the principal for seven years. Following a year of retirement, Ms. Jackson returned to CIS to serve as the principal for the 2021-2022 school year. She will now serve as the assistant principal for Hilliard Elementary School where she feels at home since she's been a resident of Hilliard for almost 50 years.

Brooke Smith - Asst. Principal HMSHS



Mrs. Smith is beginning her tenth year with the Nassau County School District. She earned a bachelor's degree in Secondary English Education and a masters' degree in School Counseling from UNF. She then continued her education at The American College of Education to earn a degree in Educational Leadership. Mrs. Smith started her career at West Nassau High School as a teacher and then transitioned to a Counselor. She has loved serving hundreds of students, parents and staff members at her time at WNHS.

Mrs. Smith is excited for the opportunity to be the Assistant Principal for Hilliard Middle Senior High School. She is looking forward to working with the staff to make a difference in student lives and the community of Hilliard. She is committed to pushing students to think critically and always work hard to be successful.

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Access to Technical Education Programs	Mr. Wagner has been listening to the constituents in Hilliard and Callahan and discussing ideas to solve the issue with them.	Mr. Gaus is on record dismissing the idea that students are having problems with the transportation to the Bean Center. (Chamber of Commerce Forum)
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New Beginnings and Milestones

*Happy 1st Birthday
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Asher Johnson celebrated his first birthday August 3. He celebrated his special day with a party held in his honor at his house with lots of family and friends joining in the fun! His proud parents are Mathew and Kailey Johnson of Hilliard.

Proud grandparents are Teddy and Phyllis Johnson; and Ralph and Karla Bright, all of Hilliard.



Mr. and Mrs. Asher Forsyth



Kaylie Arnold and Asher Forsyth were united in marriage May 14, 2022 at 4 p.m. at The Barn at Cottonwood Ranch in Callahan.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Shelly Arnold of Bryceville. She is employed with UF Health Jacksonville as a Registered Nurse.

The groom is the son of Scott and Penny Forsyth of Atlantic Beach. He is employed with Whiting-Turner Contracting Company.

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He celebrated his special milestone with a trip to Waldorf, Maryland to visit his on Steven and a couple days later traveled to Banner Elk, North Carolina to visit his daughter Kathy. He later returned home to his Callahan ranch where he again celebrated his birthday with his three sons: Tony, Daniel and John, all of Callahan! Congratulations!



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Adam and Taylor Lowe, of Hilliard, are proud to announce the birth of their son William Elijah Lowe. William was born July 29, 2022 at his home at 2:24 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and measured 21.5 inches.

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Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first meeting of August. The first order of business was the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-02. The ordinance concerns amending Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations of the Hilliard Town Code; creating Section 62-281 and amending Section 62-289 to implement revised permitted uses and permitted uses by exception in the Commercial District. The council approved the ordinance.

The following two items were tabled until the next meeting.

The next item concerned a Capital Budgeted item for Town Hall Renovations. New workstations are needed due to the old ones falling apart and inadequate to take on the increased workload. Flooring is coming up in all rooms due to water coming up through the slab. This also damaged the existing carpet in several areas. The existing flooring will need to be sealed before new flooring is installed. All walls need fresh paint due to age of existing paint and new construction. The cost for the

renovations is \$70,000 and estimated to take 6-8 weeks.

Council President Beasley asked, "The office will still remain open through the renovations, correct?"

"Yes sir. We will continue to work as normal as possible," said Town Clerk Lisa Purvis.

The council approved the renovations.

The next agenda was approved by the council for a payment to Dixon Tree and Lawn Service for Mow number 5 through July 18, moving of Town Right of Ways, in the amount of \$8,750.

The final item was to accept the resignation from the Planning and Zoning Board from Mr. Dallis Hunter. The council approved the resignation.

In closing comments, Councilman Jared Wollitz advised the council that he had talked with Jeffrey Bunch of the Nassau County School Board, concerning building a sidewalk on Ohio Street beside Hilliard Elementary School, because many children walk down that road after school. Wollitz will update the council as he learns more.

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, August 18 at 7 p.m.



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ERNEST DUANE HARDEN, SR.



Ernest Duane Harden, Sr., 79, of Callahan, passed away August 6, 2022. He was born and went to school in Homestead, Florida but resided most of his life in Jacksonville, with his wife Linda Guy Harden. His accomplishments were many, including serving in the United States Navy, earning Eagle Scout, and becoming a Mason. Some of his best and favorites were graduation from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Science, graduating from the University of North Florida with his Master's Degree, and becoming a father to two children and stepfather to two more.

Ernest started at IBM in his first career as a computer engineer, but his real talent was as a business owner. He had several successful businesses: Professional Computer Solutions of Jacksonville, Computer Traders of Jacksonville and then property management. He loved to build, work and accomplish things. He also had time for his adventures which included scuba diving, airplanes, boating, hunting, fishing and camping. Ernest touched many lives in a positive way, especially through Bible study to understand the word of God. He was proud of the relationships he built with others over so many years. He is preceded in death by his parents William "Joe" and Evelyn Gamber Harden; grandmother Floy Gamber; and stepdaughter Jami Havelin.

Ernest is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Linda Guy Harden; children Captain (Retired) Ernest (Cindy) Harden, II, Elva Peppers and Mary (Keith) Parramore; grandchildren Ben (Missy) Harden, Sam Harden, Joel Harden, Micah Harden, Lindsey (Cody) Boomer, Austin Peppers, Lacey (Nicholas) Zaharevitz and Haley Wojtowicz; great-grandchildren Evelyn and Penelope Zaharevitz, Aiden White and Alton Boomer; siblings Joanne Mattson, Floyd (Judi) Harden and Pat Kittle; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Saturday, August 13 at 11 a.m. at Nassau Funeral Home, prior to the celebration of life service at 12 p.m. with Bro. Lee Bradley officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations can be made to the Mayo Clinic Cardiac Research Department at: www.philanthropy.mayoclinic.org.

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JAMES CARLTON HAYNES, SR.



James Carlton Haynes, Sr., 61, of Hilliard, passed away August 5, 2022. He was born September 7, 1960 in Jacksonville, where he grew up and resided in Hilliard for over 30 years.

He was retired from the Ironworkers Union Local #597 and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Hilliard Branch. Jim loved playing his guitar and was a loyal fan of the Lynrd Skynyrd Band. He loved riding his bike and had belonged to several motorcycle clubs, including the Patriot Guard and often raised money to help the less fortunate. He was also a very big Alabama Crimson Tide football fan.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Gwendolyn Lee Dickey; three sons Josh (Tina) Hubbard, James Carlton (Kalina) Haynes, Jr. and Justin Lee (Jamie) Haynes, Sr.; sister Norma (Jim) Barker; four grandchildren called him PaPa, Justin, Dixie, Memphis and Aryia; and several nieces and nephews will miss him dearly. Preceding him in death were his parents James Norman and Ruth Horne Haynes; and a brother Thomas Lamar Haynes, Sr.

The family will receive friends Thursday, August 11 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Peoples Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held Friday, August 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Event Center at Peoples, 14165 N. Main Street (Building C). Burial will follow in Riverside Memorial Park.

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WADE HAMPTON HODGES, JR.



Wade H. Hodges, Jr., 80, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away peacefully Friday, August 5, 2022, at his home. He was born in Folkston on March 7, 1942 to the late Wade H. Hodges, Sr. and Clara Bell Green Hodges. Wade spent all but six years of his life in Hilliard. He was a graduate of Hilliard High School and played basketball for the Hilliard Flashes. He went on to work for the City of Jacksonville; a Supervisor at Gold Kist Eggs; a driver for Dixie Auto Transport; and then he retired from hauling wood for local business owners. He served 7 years on the Hilliard City Council. He was

ordained as Deacon at Boulougne Baptist Church on April 26, 1980. Many years were spent teaching Sunday school, helping to build local churches and witnessing to anyone that would listen about the love and salvation of Jesus Christ. Buford Grove, Boulougne Baptist, Maranatha Baptist, First Avenue Baptist and finally Philadelphia FW Baptist, all benefited from many hours of prayer sent up in their behalf from Wade. His motto: Love God, Family and Country—the rest will fall into place.

In addition to his parents; he is preceded in death by his sisters Eloise Bennett and Maybell Lintao; a niece and several nephews.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Virginia Davis Hodges; son Jarrett (Leslie) Hodges; daughters Carrie (Stan) Wildes and Beth (Steve) Smith; grandchildren Hamp Wildes, Cody (Madison) Wildes, Brent (Heather) Wildes, Cheyenne (Bryant) Wildes, Conner (Gabby) Hodges and Blake Smith; great-grandchildren Hayden Wildes, Oakley Hodges, Brylynn Hodges and CJ Wildes; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family received friends Monday, August 8 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. The funeral service was held Tuesday, August 9 at Philadelphia Freewill Baptist Church in Folkston with Bro. Billy Champion and Bro. Ray McMillan officiating. Burial followed at Bethel Cemetery in Hilliard.

Pallbearers were Hamp Wildes, Cody Wildes, Brent Wildes, Cheyenne Wildes, Conner Hodges, Blake Smith and Hayden Wildes. Honorary pallbearers were Johnny Lewis, Billy Joe Franklin, Russell Sikes, Everett Sikes and Frank Scussel.

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NANCY JANE HOWELL



Nancy Jane Howell, 82, of Hilliard, passed away peacefully August 8, 2022. Nancy was born February 1, 1940, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Around the age of 12, her family moved to Jacksonville. She later met and married the love of her life, Jerry D. Howell. The two were married April 11, 1972. Nancy began her career working for American General and Gulf Life Insurance. Later she worked for Dr. Bennett until his retirement, and also with Dr. Day and Dr. Solomon. Although she had some health

issues she continued to be a very active lady. She was constantly taking care of the needs of others. She was an amazing cook however her specialty was baking cakes, and they were always amazing! She used to bake individual cakes for Jerry to take to work to all his workers for Christmas. Nancy loved to garden and canning was a joy for her. Her children remarked, "She was a Nancy of all trades!" So true! She was a wonderful wife, mother and Nanny and will truly be missed by all who loved her.

She also loved to paint and made sure that each of the children had one of her paintings. She was talented beyond her years. She took up ceramics, crocheting, sewing, etc. She didn't understand the word stop, as she was constantly on the go doing something! She and Jerry were faithful members of River Road Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by two sons Michael Collins and Richard Collins; and three sisters Dot Pillsbury, Frances Swearingen and Cobby Bullock.

She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Jerry D. Howell; daughters Beth (Alberto) Martinez of Jacksonville and Christie (Gus) Stearn of Fernandina Beach; daughters-in-law Michelle Collins and Debbie Collins; grandchildren Brandon Collins, Ashley (Langdon) Rawls, Paige Thrower, Luke Stearn, Chase O'Quinn, Tyler Collins and Craig (Sheri) Alack; great-grandchildren Piper Tucker, Silas and Ana Jane Thrower; sister Marie (Tommy) Smith; and numerous extended family members.

The family will receive friends Monday, August 15 at 11 a.m. prior to the funeral service at 12 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home, with Pastor Benjie Loyd officiating.

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HOWARD TILLMAN MASON



Howard Tillman Mason, of Hilliard, away August 8, 2022. He was born August 19, 1937 in Athens, Tennessee to T.C. and Dorothy Wilcox Mason.

He served as a Surgical Technician in the U.S. Air Force from 1955-1959 in Rantoul, Illinois. After leaving the military, Howard and his wife, Bobbie, and first child, Kimberly moved to Jacksonville. There he worked in the pest control business which led to owning Gateway Services, Inc., for 40 years until his retirement in 2005. He had many long-lasting friendships with his employees and his many clients. Howard was past president of the Northeast Florida Pest Control Association, Jacksonville Executive Association and a member of

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He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Elden Mason; and niece Ashli James.

In addition to his wife of 65 years, Bobbie; he is survived by his children, Kimberly (Glenn) Rentz, Steven (Rhonda) Mason, Pamela Nelson and Brian Mason; sister Joyce James; sisters-in-law Lynne Duggan and Bella Mason; niece Megan James; six grandchildren Adria Youngblood, Ryan Mason, Halston Nelson, Christian Nelson, Joe Nelson and Zachary Mason; seven great-grandchildren Aiden, Elijah, Micah, Bella, Hoss, Dallas and Delaney.

The family received friends Wednesday, August 10 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. A graveside service was held Thursday, August 11 at Jacksonville National Cemetery with Pastor Ryan Mason officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

The family is grateful to the entire staff of the Jacksonville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for the loving and compassionate care shown to Howard for over five years.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardrobersonfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

ARIANA LEA NASH



Ariana Lea Nash, 7, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord on July 31, 2022. She was born on February 5, 2015, in Jacksonville, to David Michael Nash and Meredith Horton Nash. Ariana was a social butterfly and never met a stranger. She hugged everyone she met and your day was brighter with her around. Ariana's nicknames were Tweety and Monkey Doodle. She enjoyed jumping on her trampoline, playing with her Barbie dolls, playing on her playground, especially hanging from the monkey bars, but most of all she loved the water. She loved music and her favorite song was "You are My Sunshine." That was her go-to-sleep song. Ariana and her Papa were currently building a tree house together. This precious angel was taken far too soon and will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Ariana leaves behind her parents David

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Michael (Angie) Nash of Lake City and Meredith Nash (Justin Griffin) of Hilliard; brothers Wyatt Lamar Lowther of Hortense, GA, Dakota Lamar Dixon and Jesse Tyler Nash, both of Jacksonville; sisters Breanna Renea Lowther of Hilliard and Cheyenne Lee Lowther of Hortense, GA; grandparents Roger and Barbara Horton and David Mark and Alice Carol Nash; step sister Ashlynn Alder; uncle Mark Horton; aunts Whitney Bozeman and April Lea (Rick) Butler.

A celebration of Ariana's life was held Friday, August 5 at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor James Conner officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the children's ministry at New Life Baptist Church in St. George, Georgia.

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

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

SCOTT LESLIE NEWMAN



Scott Leslie Newman, 67, Hilliard, left his earthly home September 29, 2019.

A memorial service will be held Friday, August 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on Lannie Road.

DR. DENNIS PALLAN



Dr. Dennis Pallan, of Fernandina Beach, passed away on July 28, 2022, peacefully in his home. He was born in 1946 in Pittsburgh, PA, the son of the late Bertha May. Also preceding him in death are his infant son Mark Pallan; his sister Patricia May; and his former wife Ethel Pallan (mother of his children).

Dr. Pallan grew up in Pittsburgh and graduated from Central Catholic High School. He then attended Duquesne University where he obtained a degree in Psychology and Pre-Med. Ever the adventurer, he traveled to Karnataka, India where he completed medical school

at Kasturba Medical College. When he returned to the U.S., he moved to Flint Michigan, where he completed his residency at St. Joseph's Hospital and served as the Chief Resident.

After his residency, he moved to Clinton, NC, where he practiced family medicine at Sampson County Memorial Hospital for 7 years. Following a move to Florida, Dr. Pallan wore many hats as he worked for the University of Florida as Medical Director, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Chief Medical Advisor. He was a proud committee member of Correctional Care, Quality Assurance and served on the Aids Task Force. He also held positions with the Florida Department of Corrections, among many other accomplishments. He even held the first key to Baptist Primary Care in Callahan, where he provided family care services for over 20 years.

Whether referred to as Dr. Pallan, Dennis, or "Doc", he never met a stranger. He enjoyed working on his classic Mustang, building model airplanes and fishing with his friends. He loved his family, friends, and patients and was a dedicated husband and father. One of his favorite pastimes was watching football, especially when the Steelers were playing, and he loved to share his adventures from his time in India. Volunteering with the Jacksonville Sheriff Reserves and marine patrol gave him great joy. On the weekends he could often be found tinkering in the garage, and he adamantly believed in the existence of Big Foot. He was also a generous gift giver and never failed to share a joke, a drink, or a laugh.

He is survived by his wife Janice Pallan; his children Christopher Pallan and Emily (Toby) Smith; stepchildren Bryan, Scott and Christopher Simpkins; and his grandchildren Peyton, Emma and Kai.

A memorial service was held Saturday, August 6 at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home. The family received friends prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Cat Angels, Inc. SPCA: www.catsangels.com, 709 South 8th St., Fernandina Beach; or Concerns of Police Survivors: www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org.

MARCUS DEVON PRICE



Marcus Devon Price, 51, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away August 2, 2022. He was born February 26, 1971 in Folkston, to the late Buster Price and Eloise Baker. He received his education from the Nassau County Public School System, graduating from Hilliard High School class of 1990. He also attended Florida Community College in Jacksonville. He loved playing basketball and the Miami Hurricanes! "Killa," as so many people knew him, as was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many. He will be deeply missed and always remembered by his devoted family. In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by two siblings Larry Clark and Tanya Price.

He is survived by his children, LaCresha Price (Terrance) Bascom, Naka'ya Price, Marcus Price, Jr., Nyela Price and Nya'lani Price; grandchildren, Amere Bascom, Rhyann Bascom and Kei'Auri Boger; siblings Venereal (Alphonso) Thompson, Jack Cherry, Kenneth (Allison) Cherry, Schenna (Deric) Jordan, Effrin (Jamie) Baker, Dorcel Price, Cheryl Dangle, Glenda McNeely, Denise McNeely, Lauri Price and Roger Price; Uncle Ivin Baker; aunts Patricia Smiley and Sally Lewis; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, August 13 at 3 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Folkston. Interment followed at Mt. Carmel Church Cemetery.

FRANKLIN DAVIS STARLING



Franklin Davis Starling, 82, of Hilliard, passed away on Friday, August 5, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family and friends. He was born February 18, 1940 in Green Cove Springs to the late Fleam and Nettie (Chesser) Starling. Franklin had a strong work ethic and was employed with Adcom Wire for 46 years. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who enjoyed gardening, camping, fishing, was an avid bowler and played softball. He grew up in his home church, Oak Grove Baptist Church, and was a current member of Trinity Baptist Church.

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Franklin loved serving the Lord and worked diligently to teach his family and friends how to live for Christ. Family was extremely important to him, and he always tried to be there for them to lend a helping hand or a helpful word of guidance. He was a father figure not only to his children, but his nieces, nephews, and children in the neighborhood. Franklin will be truly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Franklin Scott Starling; and siblings Thomas Starling, Lucille Cauley, James Starling and Robert Starling.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Alice Sellers Starling; children, Christopher (Patricia) Starling, Gene (Tina) Starling and Crystal (Alan) Hannah; grandchildren Jammie (Stefanie) Starling, Tony (Danielle) Starling, Joshua Starling, Tiffany (James) Shrull, Sara (Greg) Kelley, Dustin (Samantha) Starling, Libby Hannah and Remington Hannah; great-grandchildren Kelsey Starling, Brianna Shrull, Cody Shrull, Gracelyn Starling, Abbygaile Shrull, Jackson Starling, Sutton Starling and Jacob Starling; siblings Martha (Calvin) Lee, Mark Starling and Timothy (Toni) Starling; along with many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Tuesday, August 9 at West Park Baptist Church. The funeral service was held Wednesday, August 10 at West Park Baptist Church, 372 Jones Road, Jacksonville, with Pastor Robert Bulmer, Pastor Bill Turner, and Pastor Paul Haney officiating. Interment followed in Sellers Cemetery in Jacksonville.

Funeral arrangements by Blackburn-Curry Funeral & Cremation, Macclenny, (904) 259-2806. Please share condolences at: www.blackburncurryfh.com.

HELEN A. TIMMONS



Deaconess Helen A. Timmons, affectionately known as Mama Helen, 100, of Hilliard, joined arms with her Savior August 1, 2022. She was born October 15, 1921 in Kings Ferry. She worked for the Nassau County School District as a Maintenance Supervisor at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School for many years. She loved to cook but baking cakes was her specialty. She also enjoyed growing flowers seeing their beautiful blooms. She was the matriarch of her family and a strong and faithful member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving and caring daughters, Betty Timmons Barr and Jeanetta Timmons (Johnnie) Hill; adopted son William Lyons; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; Aunt Victoria Jones; sisters-in-law Ruby Taylor and Cora Lee Timmons; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends Friday, August 12 from 5-7 p.m. at Alphonso West Mortuary, Inc., 4409 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville. The funeral service will be held Saturday, August 13 at 11 a.m. at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Kings Ferry.

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