

"CONSIDER IT PURE JOY, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHENEVER YOU FACE TRIALS OF MANY KINDS, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE." - JAMES 1:2-3

## Thankful for a New Roof!

*Dawn S. West*

In these trying times, what a blessing it was to be able to meet the family, who is so thankful, that was the recipient of a free, new roof! Several months ago, we were asked by one of our advertisers about advertising giving away a roof to someone. Florida Coastal Construction owners Laurie Anne and Scott Huggins came us with this idea and we jumped on board! "Honestly, it was Scott's idea. He came into the office one afternoon, and said "I want to give away a free roof," said Laurie Anne. "And what a wonderful idea it was! We just feel we have been blessed in so many ways. And to be able to give back to our community, where we live and work, is Amazing! They say when God blesses you it's not just for you. It's for you to bless others! We know God made this possible, and guided us in the direction of this wonderful family."

The Huggins received almost 200 generous thoughtful people who contacted them with nominations for the new roof. Out of the 200 nominations, there were actually about 20 families or homes that were nominated. They compiled as much information as they could on each family and home. First they looked at the age of the current roof, if there was any damage and the overall condition of each roof. "Next we looked at each family or persons current situation," said Laurie Anne. "When we put the two lists together, one family stood out. Once Scott met April and the children, he just knew!"



Shown (l to r) are Laurie Anne Huggins of Florida Coastal Construction with homeowners April and Dani Rivera.

The family that received the new roof was the Rivera family from Callahan. A young family with four young active boys! Dani and April Rivera and their sons Daniel, Noah, Isaiah and Ezekial are



Shown are the Rivera family Dani, April, Daniel, Noah, Isaiah, Ezekial, Janet Armstrong and Lisa and Bud Van Wie in front of their home.



a sweet family, and mom, April, couldn't say enough of how thankful she and her family are for this precious gift they have been given. April was still emotional while talking about the experience two weeks after the new roof was installed. "This was truly a God thing," said April. "Our entire family has prayed and prayed for a way for us to afford a new roof. And God was faithful!"

Dani and April moved back to Callahan from California about four years ago. They moved in with April's mother, which was April's great-grandparents former home. The home was built around 1980



and hadn't been taken care of very well. The worst was the roof. It was hard to start making repairs when everything would get damaged by water. A couple years later came a hit from Hurricane Irma. Then the roof was really leaking. They tried to get help through FEMA, P3 Nassau, etc.

April saw the ad in the paper about the free roof and got excited. They were aware that they had

been nominated but had kind of given up that they were chosen as so much time had passed and they hadn't heard anything. Dani had made several attempts to repair the roof but it was far beyond repair. Each time it rained, the family quickly gathered buckets to place throughout the house at the many locations it was leaking. April, desperate to get the roof repaired, talked with her husband, mother and father and mother-in-law (who also live in the home) about pooling their money together and getting it fixed. "Our plan was to call and get a price and see if they could possibly put money down and make payments," said April. "We were desperate and again, ready to try anything. The worst thing they could say is no."

April called Florida Coastal Construction and asked for someone to come out and look at their roof and give them an estimate at the cost to get a new one. She never mentioned her family had been nominated. Scott came out to the

house to check it out. All the children were outside playing in the yard when he came. He began looking around to see what he would be dealing with on a new roof. April confessed that her family had been nominated and they realized that someone much more in need must have received it. They just needed to move forward.

"Hold on just a minute," Scott told April as he walked back to his truck. He began to look through several folders, got on his phone, and paced for couple of minutes while he talked. He walked back to April and said, "You got the roof!" Shocked, she fell to her knees and began crying.

Once the permitting was finalized, the crew showed up to their house on a Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. The entire

family came outside and set up chairs to watch the progress. They gave the workers coffee and at lunch made sandwiches for them. "I know they probably thought we were nuts but we were just enjoying the moment," said Dani. "We have prayed and prayed about a roof. We prayed with our children and they have prayed for a roof. It was so cool to see their faces when we told them we were getting a new roof. God answered our prayers was their reply. Our children have truly experienced God's goodness first hand!"

The roof was completed in one long day, 12 hours to be exact. About a week later, the rains came. The family was finally able to enjoy their home during a rain by just sitting and watching it rain outside.

"There are truly no words to express how grateful we are to Florida Coastal Construction, Laurie Anne and Scott, for receiving this gift," continued April. "God is the reason we received this roof."

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## A Word From the Publisher

We are on the last week prior to the Primary Election in our county. I hope that every registered voter will get out there and cast their vote! I hear so many people complain about different things throughout our county. You do realize that if you don't vote, you really don't have anything to complain about. Voting is such a privilege and one that should be taken seriously! Last week, we published a 'Meet the Candidates' issue. Most candidates took the time to fill out our questionnaire and return it. I was very pleased with the participation we received from the large group. We have over 25 candidates running for offices in our county. I seriously hope that our readers took the time to look the guide over to find out more about these candidates before you vote. We all need to pray about our decision and then pray for the candidates. In this world we all need prayer!

I still well remember, shortly after my 18th birthday, my daddy took me to the supervisor of elections office, helped me fill out the forms and just like that, I was a registered voter. Shameful to say, as I have matured a little, I realize just how important that vote is. Even if our person isn't elected, it is so important to continue to pray for our elected officials, from the small towns, county government, state government and national. Prayer can make things happen and people change. Early voting is going on now through Sunday. Election Day is Tuesday, August 18 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Make your vote count!

On another note, our world is in a crazy time. We hear so much information from all sources and sometimes it makes your head spin. I am reminded often, that our God remains faithful day after day. He never changes.

About three months ago, Roger and I saw one of the (many) turtles from our pond

right in front of our sidewalk. We finally decided she must be laying her eggs. About two hours later Roger texted me and said the turtle was through and went back to the pond. She covered up the hole neatly and went about her business. Roger did a little research and found that the gestation of the eggs is 2-3 months.



We had kind of given up on the eggs hatching. About 3 months to the day, we were watering our flowers and Roger said look at this! In his hand were two little turtles he found near a hole. I went back over to the hole and told him there were more. He pulled four more out of the hole and I found two more heading to the pond.

Isn't God's creation amazing? Those sweet little turtles had been under the ground in the sweltering heat and survived. They dug their way out, just like they were supposed to, and headed to the pond. They weren't worried about a virus or distancing, they just did what they were supposed to do. Just like God created them to do. You know sometimes it takes just the little things to make things better. Maybe this week is a great time to enjoy the little things that God has to offer to us every day. They're there for our enjoyment and relaxation!

Have a blessed week!

*Dawn S. West*

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## Not Taking the Knee

Dear Editor,

As sports teams take to the field this year, they are greeted with mostly empty stands, fans at home are greeted with players kneeling during the National Anthem. It's a silent protest for a cause they believe in and blindly support, but they have to think about that they are kneeling at their job. What would happen to any person if we did a silent protest while on the clock at their job? It's a First Amendment right to protest, but on the job may be different. A right that veterans and active duty military members fought for and some died to defend. But, let's really dissect this. It started a few years ago with a quarterback in the NFL. People were angry and saw it as disrespecting the American flag and country. What I saw was a person who had influence and a means to make a positive impact on his community but he took the cheap way out. Taking a knee at his job did not cost him time, money, effort, nothing. I know some would say it cost him his career. I believe that was more of his inability to play in the pocket. This is a fault that would end any quarterbacks' career. Today, more and more players kneel for the anthem. I say the exact same thing of them as well. They could do so much more to fight the injustice and racism they claim exists. I say "they claim" because when I looked at the numbers, I see nothing to support this bitter mentality towards law enforcement. To me, bending a knee, kneeling, is nothing more than a form of submission. If you kneel, you have given up your right to stand for anything.

Countless Americans see Taking the Knee during the National Anthem as a very deceptive symbol, and regard it as insulting to the armed servicemen who died to protect the Constitutional rights to free speech and the right to free assembly. Peaceful protests are protected. However, the Taking the Knee has a very dark hidden agenda, tied to Black Lives Matter. BLM is an arm of the Democratic

party's far left radicals and their agenda is to undermine and attack every American institution. And nothing will be enough. Every time the BLM shows up, their rallies begin orderly and peaceful. However, as night falls, the most orderly peaceful demonstrations turn into violent crimes, including, vandalism, defacing monuments, looting, burning down police cars, buildings and churches.

Conservative Black Americans and Pastors, including Candace Owens criticize and argue that those who claim to care about black lives never want to discuss black abortions, absentee dads, or black on black crime. While BLM claim to care about police brutality and social justice, they continue to ignore the real issues plaguing black communities. It's fraud and they have absolutely offered no solutions to solving these attacks and assaults in America's communities.

The Federal Government must identify and investigate who is orchestrating these rallies, who is paying these protestors, and who is organizing them? BLM is funded by enemies who support totalitarianism, oppression, and tyranny. It is anti-American with an ideology and goal to undermine western civilization, republic, and American exceptionalism. This is truly a WAR in America's streets. It must be stopped. Law and order matters!

In spite of losing fans or customers, sports franchises and corporations wholeheartedly embrace the Taking the Knee and BLM slogans. Why? Do they support US Liberty? Or do they support Chinese Communism and is BLM an arm of the cancel culture? Choose wisely to support America and its future with the true intention to find solutions to repair America's communities, not kneeling to my flag. Failure in repairing communities is a failure in local elected leadership.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Erick Aguilar  
U.S. Navy Retired

# JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

I just can't help my enjoyment watching our President as he continues to totally frazzle and out-smart the worthless bunch in Congress. Yes, that means Democrats and some Republicans. For weeks Congress has been aware that the COVID-19 relief measures were coming to an end. Both sides have bickered back and forth in an attempt to pass legislation to help citizens who are adversely affected by this 'dempanic'. The Democrats proposal exceeded 3 trillion dollars and was packed with pork that has nothing to do with helping people in need. The Republicans proposed a bill that was 1 trillion dollars, also including some items not necessarily COVID related. President Trump informed them that if they could not reach an agreement to help the people in this country that he would, and he did. With the majority of the government-approved help coming to an end on August 1st, Congress had not reached an agreement as of Friday July 31. Instead, they closed their doors and went home.

Saturday, President Trump once again lived up to his word and signed an Executive Order and three memorandums to protect the American

citizens who still are in need of help. His skills and intelligence is beyond the comprehension of most everyone, especially those in Congress. What is so skillfully crafted is the fact that He may or may not have the authority through Executive action to circumvent Pelosi's House of ill repute, but the Democrat's will have to take the President's actions to the court system to reverse it. This means the Democrats will have to sue the President for helping the citizens that are in need! Can you see what that action would do to the image of the Democrat Party? It would cast the entire Democrat body as not caring about "We the People" and highlight the fact that they are more interested in overall power (which in my opinion is the only thing the Dems want).

I am sure President Trump's motive was twofold; one was to ensure citizens in need did not get thrown to the wolves due to selfish unwilling compromise from both sides of the aisle. Secondly, his actions will hopefully bring Congress back to Washington and actually do their job in a professional bipartisan manner to help those who need help and toss out the political pork.

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

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For some time now, we have seen things happen here in the United States of America that we had never dreamed would happen. Our nation has been under a spiritual attack from the powers of darkness and evil. Satan is doing everything he can to destroy this Nation that was once called "One Nation under God." Strife, conflict, civil unrest and strong division all across this land has brought unbelievable chaos. But I want you to know that God is Faithful even in the hardest of times.

Throughout the Bible we read how men put their faith in God when going through difficult times. They put their trust in God even when things looked impossible. Daniel was one of those individuals. When laws were created by wicked and evil leaders to attack Daniel's faith in God, he refused to surrender his faith. Daniel knew that he could trust God no matter how difficult they made it for him. These leaders were jealous of Daniel because the favor of God was all over him. Daniel loved God with all of his heart, mind and soul. Because Daniel loved God so much, he was determined to pray and serve God regardless of what they did to him. Daniel knew that there was going to be consequences if he continued to pray to God, but he didn't care. Daniel trusted God to deliver him from the lion's den. In Daniel 6 we read that after having to spend the night down in the Lion's den, God spared his life. Daniel came out of that lion's den without even a scratch.

God hasn't changed. He can still deliver His children from the clutches of the enemy even today. We just need to put our faith in God like Daniel did when he was thrown down into that lion's den. It was God who protected Daniel and brought him out of that lion's den without a scratch. He's the same God that brought Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego out of the fiery furnace. In that story we read that God was the fourth man in the fire with those three Hebrew children.

When you are going through a difficult time like many are today, you just need to put your trust in Him. Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

The best thing that we can do as Christians is to put our trust in God. Put on the armor of God and stand firm. Our God will come to our rescue if we will just trust Him. God will fight our battles for us if we will let Him. Our God is Faithful.

## Is COVID Impacting Your Relationship?

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The Coronavirus pandemic has changed our world - from how we work, learn and recreate to how we interact with our family and friends. Not surprisingly, the situation can cause friction between partners and families who may be feeling cooped up and frustrated.

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Join Starting Point Tuesday, August

11, at noon for an engaging conversation led by mental health professionals. The online event is free and open to anyone.

"Being Well Starting Now is a safe space for people to exchange ideas and talk about the issues, all in a virtual environment that keeps everyone safe," said Starting Point CEO Dr. Lauren Pagel. "Our discussions are led by mental health professionals who are listening and encouraging the conversations, while also providing valuable insight to the participants."

For more information about the series, or to register for the session, visit <https://www.spbh.org/being-well-starting-now/>.

## Clothes Closet at Bryceville

The First Baptist Church of Bryceville, ladies group, is stocking their Clothes Closet in preparation for the upcoming school year. They are currently collecting donations for all age children. The Clothes Closet will begin opening next Thursday.

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# Hilliard Town News

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The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first meeting of August. The first order of business was the public hearing and the second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-04. The ordinance concerned amending Chapter 62 Zoning & Land Development regulations to modernize Chapter 62 by adding Section 62-386 to include Wireless Telecommunications Facilities. The council unanimously approved amending the ordinance.

Following, the council approved Ordinance 2020-06, which concerned a Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana for an additional 6 months from September 1, 2020 to March 1, 2021.

The following agenda item concerned direction concerning past due water bills and disconnects. At the July 16 town council meeting, Town Clerk Lisa Purvis was asked to provide an update to the council with a total, concerning COVID-19, water and sewer billing accounts. "We have a total of \$6,502.61 of accounts that are behind in paying since March," said Purvis. "These customers have been contacted. Also, the town has not cut-off services since the end of March. This total is actual bills with no late fees added. We (the town) have partnered with the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency to direct these customers to concerning payment. The money would come directly to us from the agency but the customer had to contact them (NEFCAA) to receive the assistance."

The council directed Mrs. Purvis to send out letters to all customers concerning the assistance, catching up overdue bills and that suspension of late fees and cut-offs ends October 1, 2020 and disconnects expires November 1, 2020.

The next order of business,

Councilwoman Callie Kay Bishop advised the council that she has had some complaints from residents about the upkeep and maintenance at the Hilliard Airpark. "I feel like this warrants a written notice from the council," said Bishop. "I make a motion that we file a written complaint. I was told there was a fuel tank issue. It took a customer 2 hours to refuel his plane."

"I'll second that motion following more discussion on this issue," said Councilman Kenny Sims.

"Councilwoman Bishop, if there is a written notice, you must be more specific about what the issues are?" said Town Attorney Christian Waugh.

"Maintenance would be the tall grass around the fence lines and around the hangars. In my opinion, I feel like this is a reflection on the Town of Hilliard," said Bishop. "Then we also have the fuel tank issue."

"The technician on the fuel tank is scheduled to be here tomorrow (Friday). This is the third one we have had out there," said Lucian Bailey, representing Hilliard Aviation. "We focus on the runway. We could obviously do a better job on the rest of the grass. We have to have someone certified to apply weed killer on the property."

"You can't just put weed killer on it! You have to pull the weeds out and clean it up," said Bishop.

"Do you think we can have the fence area cleaned up soon?" asked Councilman Lee Pickett.

"We'll do better," said Bailey. "In my 20 plus years at the Airpark we've never had issues with the town concerning the Airpark. You talk to one of the members and the problem has been resolved."

"Who's the emergency contact number on the fuel tank?" asked Bishop

"It's probably the old Public Works

Director's number. It will be changed as soon as possible," said Bailey.

"What's the point of having an organizational agreement if you don't follow it?" asked Bishop. "I'm just following up on complaints I have received. After all, I'm the Commissioner for the Airpark."

"I suggest you withdraw your motion about the written notice, since it looks like all the issues are being taken care of," said Mayor Floyd Vanzant.

Bishop refused to withdraw her motion. The council voted 1-4 against sending the written notice.

The next item concerned a presentation from representatives from the Historical Recovery Association of NE Florida, a metal detector group. "We are asking for permission for our group of men and women to offer free labor to the Town of Hilliard to clean up the parks," said Chip Kirkpatrick. "Club members are all history buffs and are all trained to search and clean up areas. When we pinpoint an item, we make three cuts in the grass and fold it back. Then we find the item and return the grass back to its location. Normally we find many can tops, costume jewelry, etc."

After a lengthy presentation, the council tabled the item and advised Town Attorney Waugh to draw up a liability form for the group, and for the council to review at the

September meeting. Once that is done, the council is supportive of the group cleaning all three town parks.

The next agenda item included a discussion from Mr. Cris McConnell. "I'm relating back to the July 24 meeting, during public comments. I feel like town employee Mr. Charles Chavarria, who said he was speaking as a resident, was unethical and insensitive of the issues that someone else had been going through," said McConnell. "I feel like it was a violation of the town's personnel policy."

The next item was added to the agenda by Councilman John Beasley concerning an issue with the Parks & Recreation Department. "After looking at time cards from some of the lifeguards, I realized that some of the cards were changed," said Beasley. "I think this is forging documents."

After much conversation, Councilman Sims made a motion to direct compliance with the law to Attorney Waugh by consulting with the Public Works Director to get the facts. The council approved the decision. The item will be discussed at a September 3 workshop prior to the regular meeting.

The next meeting will be held August 20 to take care of payables and the next regular meeting will be held Thursday, September 3 at 7 p.m.

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In the quietness of Callahan Town Hall Monday night, Matthew Davis was sworn into office as Callahan Mayor for the next two years. Mayor Davis was joined by his wife Micolle Rosenberry Davis and three children Brayden Lloyd, Aubrey Grace and Taelyn Summer, as he took the oath of office by Council President Ken Bass. Town Clerk Stephanie Knagge, Assistant Clerk Krista King and Councilwoman Shirley Graham were also present.

Mayor Davis is the owner/manager of Callahan Property Renovations, a remodeling company doing complete in-home remodels. The company is also a property investment company that purchases properties and rehabilitates them. The properties are then managed and maintained by the company.

His background includes a general manager of ProSource Wholesale in

Jacksonville; sales manager at Lowe's Home Improvement; Real Estate Agent with Amelia Island Associations of Realtors; and a Police Officer for 12 years in Miami Township Police Department, Milford, Ohio.

Mayor Davis is looking forward to the opportunity to bring a new perspective into the Callahan Town Council. He plans to learn as much as possible and bring some fresh ideas into his new position. His wife Micolle, has her law practice in Callahan and their children attend our local schools.

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## BEHIND THE BADGE: Meet Corrections Deputy Elizabeth Smith

Deputy Smith is one of our newest K9 handlers. She's been with us for two years and she is the FIRST female K9 handler for NCSO. She is a Hilliard High graduate and now lives in South Georgia with her husband (retired Navy, he now works for Jesup Federal Prison) and 8-year-old son.

Deputy Smith wanted to be a police officer since about the age of six...she watched her older brother in that role and decided her calling was also law enforcement. "The main purpose of law enforcement is to help people. I don't think I was meant to do anything else in life but to be a law enforcement officer. That's my purpose. I love my job, I really do, and love where I work. I'm so ecstatic to work out in the community with the K9. Each day is different you don't know what you're going to get," said Smith.

I asked Smith what it's like working in our jail...if there's ever been a time where she felt she was really making a difference.

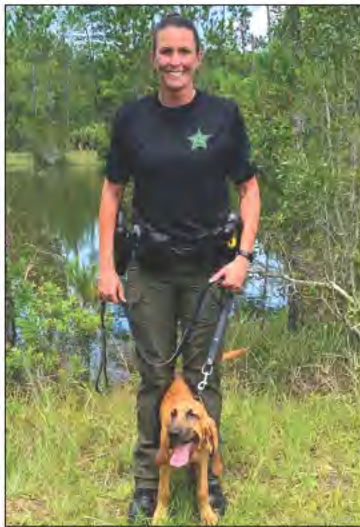
Smith recalled a time when a woman kept coming in and out of jail and finally Smith said enough is enough so she printed off her booking pictures and showed them to the inmate and said why are there so many of these? What are you doing with your life? The inmate had overdosed and was brought back with Narcan so Deputy Smith told her she had a second chance of life to make herself a better person.

That inmate after being released for a little while came back up to the jail...but this time not because she committed a crime but to talk to Deputy Smith. She told Smith she wanted her to see the sober version of herself. It was then Deputy Smith realized she is having an impact on inmates in the jail, and hopes to continue to.

As far as being our first female K9 handler...

Smith has always loved dogs but with Rogue it is different. Smith says it's not even work for her, she loves hunting down people and is a natural. Rogue even knows the difference in her uniforms (what that means for her). Rogue should be certified next October and Smith is looking forward to seeing how much good Rogue can do on the force. "It's kind of funny, I'm not treated like a female. I'm treated like one of the guys...a person. It put the pressure on. I have that feeling like I have to perform. It's pretty awesome to be the first female handler here. I have wanted to work here for 14 years and here I am, and

I have a dog now on K9. I am living my dream! I am making a difference over in the jail. It's a great place to start," said Smith.



## New Beginnings and Milestones

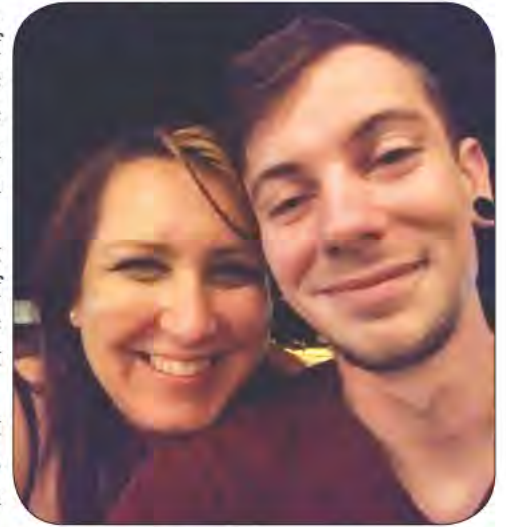
### Ms. Batten and Mr. Deacon Announce Engagement

Deborah Baldwin Harper of Callahan, Florida and Charles Russell Batten of Moniac, Georgia are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Chrystal Gayle Batten to Jacob Anthony Deacon, son of Sean and Rachel Deacon of Lake City.

The bride-elect is a graduate of West Nassau High School and Eves School of Cosmetology in Lawton, Oklahoma. She is employed as a Hair Stylist at Great Clips of Kingsland.

The groom-elect is a graduate of West Nassau High School and is employed as an Assistant Manager at Burger King in Callahan.

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## Edna Sain Celebrates 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Edna I. Sain, of Callahan, celebrated her 95th birthday on August 7, 2020. She was born in Worcester, England on August 7, 1925. She met the love of her life, Don Sain in England during World War II. They were married for 58 years before his passing in 2001. She loves to cook and bakes the best fruit cake and pies! She also loves to work in her yard! She is considered a Prayer Warrior and attends Gray Gables Baptist Church. She faithfully reads her Bible every day. She loves to read all books. She has lived in Callahan for the past 40 years. She celebrated her special milestone with a party held in her honor at her daughter's

home with family and friends.

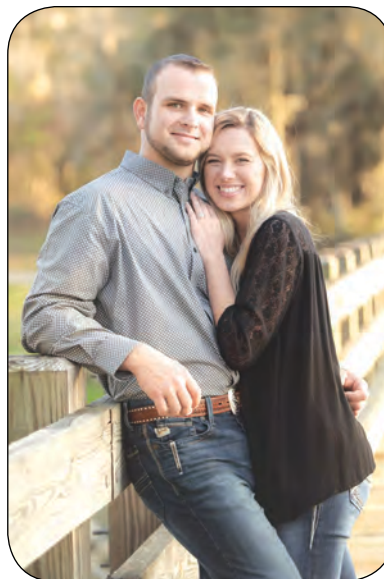
She has three children Donnie (Jan) Sain, Jeanette (the late Richard) West and Roger (Peggy) Sain. She also has seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

*"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."* Proverbs 31: 28-31.

We would like to wish our mom a very Happy 95th Birthday! We are blessed to have each wonderful day with you in our lives. We wish you the best always and pray you celebrate many more birthdays. Happy 95th birthday mom, a very special woman! We love you very much!

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## Ms. Edwards and Mr. Rigdon Announce Engagement



Jonathan and Dana Durbin, of Hilliard, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Morgan Edwards to Derek Rigdon, son of Keith and LeAnn Rigdon of Glen St. Mary.

The bride-elect is a 2015 graduate of Hilliard Middle Senior High School; AA Degree from Florida State College at Jacksonville and from Florida Gateway College for Cosmetology, 2020. She is self-employed.

The groom-elect received his degree from Florida Gateway College. He works and manages Thousand Oaks Ranch. He is also the proud owner of two businesses, Daughtery Branch Whitetails and Daughtery Branch Pointers in which they both look forward to growing together.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, October 17 in Glen St. Mary.

## Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Caroline Fay Johnson




Caroline Fay Johnson celebrated her first birthday July 29, 2020. She celebrated her special birthday with a party at her house with her siblings Hunter, Fisher, Chase and Wyatt joining in the fun! Her proud parents are Kevin and Tianna Johnson of Callahan.

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### Friday, July 31

Cynthia Marie Handley, 29, 45892 Pickett Street, Callahan: DUI

### Saturday, August 1

Mitchell Lynn Bandy, 42, 553579 US Highway 1, Callahan: Violation of Probation 2 Counts Possession of Controlled Substance

### Monday, August 3

Ronald Edward Bennett, 36, 552428 US Highway 1, #14, Hilliard: Grand Theft Over \$5 less than \$10K; Burglary with Damage \$1,000+

Jennifer Elizabeth Stephenson, 41, 551664 US Highway 1, #14, Hilliard: Accessory After Fact/Felony; Tamper/Destroy Evidence

Steven Daniel Weare, 36, 37080 Canterbury Drive, Hilliard: Resist with Violence Simple Assault; Disorderly Intoxication

### Friday, August 7

Christopher John O'Donnell, 23, 54055 Debra Lane, Callahan: Failure to Appear Contempt of Court, Writ of Attachment

### Sunday, August 9

Mason Edward Guthrie, 43, 37029 W. Fourth Street, Hilliard: Walton County Georgia Warrant Failure to Appear Possession of Methamphetamine

## Drug Arrest Made



On Sunday, August 2, 2020, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant at 97150 Caravel Trail in Yulee. The suspect, Timothy Wayne Bates, white male, 03-22-1968, had recently returned from a trip from Athens, Georgia, where he had purchased Methamphetamine to sell in Nassau County.

Upon service of the search warrant, detectives took the suspect into custody without incident, and discovered a large plastic bag containing about 1.2 pounds of crystal meth. Bates was booked in the Nassau County Detention Center.



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**TRACY LEON DIXON**



Tracy Leon Dixon, 62, of Jacksonville, passed away on August 4, 2020. He was born on January 11, 1958 in Jacksonville, to William Ernest Dixon and Frances Allene Higginbotham Dixon. Tracy was born and raised in Jacksonville, a true native. Tracy and his loving wife Debra married on March 31, 1984 and have been happily married for 36 years. Tracy enjoyed hunting and playing the guitar. He is preceded in death by his parents; and his brother Raymond Dixon.

Tracy is survived by his wife, Debra L. Dixon of Jacksonville; daughter Mary Laine of Jacksonville; son Justin (Sarah) Dixon of Callahan; sister Peggy (Leonard) Baker of Jacksonville; grandchildren Brooklyn and Whitley; and many cherished friends.

A Celebration of Tracy's life was held Wednesday, August 12 at the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Robert V. Lee, III officiating. Interment followed at Dinsmore Cemetery. The family received friends Tuesday, August 11 at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

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**BERNICE G. GEE**

Bernice G. Gee, 86, a resident of Life Care Center of Hilliard, formerly of Callahan, passed away August 11, 2020.

For arrangements, please contact Nassau Funeral Home, 879-1770.

**OBITUARIES**

**PHILLIP BRANDON HANSON**



Phillip Brandon Hanson, 36, passed away on June 24, 2020. He was born on October 21, 1983. Phillip was currently enrolled at University of Phoenix in the Bachelor of Science and Information Technology program. Phillip was dearly loved and will be missed by all. Phillip is preceded in death by his sister Rachel Denise Hanson (2010).

He leaves behind his mother Julie (Charles) Alford; father Charles (Karen) Hanson; grandparents Jack and Bonnie Murray; brothers Creag Hanson and Charlie Hanson; sister Zorina Wilson; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Phillip's life was held Saturday, August 8 at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

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**LINDA M. HICKS**



Linda M. Crews Hicks, 74, of St. George, Georgia, passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2020 in Waycross, Georgia. She was born December 6, 1945 in St. George, Georgia to the late Joseph Lee Crews and Eula V. Conner Crews and lived most of her life in Fernandina Beach.

She was a homemaker and member of Five Points Baptist Church in Fernandina Beach.

In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Kellon Hicks; a brother Earl Crews; and two sisters Leah Snowden and Jenny Smith.

She is survived by her children Ken (Melissa) Hicks and Rusty (Stephanie) Hicks; two sisters Violet Harvey and Judy Holybee; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Thursday, August 6 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. A graveside funeral service was held Friday, August 7 in Boones Creek Cemetery with Rev. James Conner and Rev. Joseph Crews officiating.

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

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston, Georgia.

**ELMER LONNIE MILLS, JR.**



Elmer Lonnie Mills, Jr., 73, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on April 3, 2020 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He was born December 21, 1946 and was a lifelong resident of Jacksonville.

He served proudly as a US Marine during the Vietnam War, which left him disabled. When he returned, he married the love of his life Wilma Mills and stood by her side for the rest of his life. Wilma and he had two children, Lonnie and Darrin and were God parents to nieces Melissa and Tonya. Elmer, despite his many hardships and challenges, ensured his family was always taken care of and knew how much he loved them.

Later, Lonnie married Sheila and Darrin married, making Elmer a doting grandfather

(a.k.a. Papa) to Jeffrey (Kayla), Brittany, Destiny, Dalton and Camryn; and later great-grandfather to Kristopher, Noah, Kasen and Kaden. In addition, he was lovingly known as Uncle Elmer to most any family or close friend that had the pleasure to know him. His love for humor and people were well known and he left an impression on all he met. He cared deeply for others and was always willing to help, be it with a helping hand, kind word, or a quick-witted joke.

He is also survived by his brothers Julish (Linda) and Robert; sister Pauline (Roland); brothers-in-law Marshall (Joyce) and Eddie; sister-in-law Carolyn; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. He is preceded in death by his parents Irene and Elmer Mills, Sr.; brother John; and three sisters Alline, Irene and Hazelene; and numerous in-laws and other extended family.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 15 at 12 p.m. at Fraser Funeral Home with Pastor Larry McGinley officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Interment will follow at Gethsemane Memorial Gardens with Military Honors.

Fraser Funeral Home assisted the family, (904) 781-4314.

**RUBY DIXON PITTMAN**



Ruby Dixon Pittman, 57, of Yulee, passed away Monday, July 27, 2020 in Callahan. Mrs. Pittman was born in Jacksonville and lived in Yulee most of her life. She was of the Baptist Faith. She enjoyed spending time with her family and was a devoted mother and grandmother. She also enjoyed fishing and the outdoors with her family. She was predeceased by her husband Carroll Pittman; and by her parents Arnold and Evelyn Dixon.

Survivors include her three daughters

*Guynn Family Thank You*

To everyone who supported and comforted us during the brief illness and untimely passing of our blessed mother Evelyn Guynn, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation. We are so grateful for all the telephone calls, cards, visits, food, flowers, prayers and condolences that were extended to our family. We are forever grateful.

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A memorial service was held Tuesday, August 4 in the Stephens Chapel at Green Pine Funeral Home with Brad Freeman officiating.

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

Arrangements by Green Pine Funeral Home, Cremations & Cemetery, Yulee, 904-261-0876.

**EVELYN LOUISE WHITE**



Evelyn Louise White, 78, of Jacksonville, formally of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on August 5, 2020. She was born on March 29, 1942 in Jacksonville, to Ernest Wilson Carroll and Gertrude Smith Carroll. Evelyn had a passion for crocheting and embroidering. She loved to travel and especially to the Smokey Mountains and Cades Cove. Evelyn enjoyed gardening and working in her yard. She was an active member of Grace Baptist Church for several years. She is preceded in death by her parents; and husband Charles "Red" Allen White.

Evelyn is survived by her daughter Nancy (Darrell) Hall; son Wayne 'Bubba' (Tamara) White; grandchildren Tiffany (Charles) Angles, Jarred (Destinie) Hall, Jake Hall, Emily (Amos) Geiger and Hannah (Jonathan) Wignall; great-grandchildren Jackson Angles, Henry Angles, Luke Angles, Ellie Geiger, Addie Geiger, Emmarae Wignall and Anna Grace Wignall.

The family received friends Sunday, August 9 at Nassau Funeral Home. A Celebration of Evelyn's life was held Monday, August 10 at Nassau Funeral

**OBITUARIES**

Home. Interment followed at Westview Cemetery.

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

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**BRO. LARRY THOMAS WILBUR**



Rev. Larry Thomas Wilbur, 64, of Brunswick, Georgia, peacefully entered into the arms of his Lord and Savior Monday, August 3, 2020 with his loving family by his side.

Rev. Larry Thomas Wilbur, affectionately known as Bro. Larry, was born June 26, 1956 in Memphis, Tennessee the son of J.W. Wilbur and Kitty Sewell Wilbur. He graduated from Kingsbury High School in Memphis and later from Memphis State University (University of Memphis). He then earned his Masters of Religious Education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He became a Doctor of Theology at Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary. He was devoted to teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Tennessee, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina. Bro. Larry was the current Director of the Southeast Baptist Missions Association. He was also the Associate Pastor at the First Baptist Church in Brunswick, Georgia. Bro. Larry and his childhood sweetheart have been married 46 years. They have lived in Brunswick for the past eight years and were members of the First Baptist Church. He was a man who boldly proclaimed the name of Jesus both from the pulpit and in his everyday life.

Bro. Larry loved to spend time with his family and friends. He enjoyed golfing and fishing in his spare time. He was also an avid supporter of his grandchildren

and their extracurricular activities. Bro. Larry was very talented musically and had a wonderful voice. If you spent any time around him, it was very apparent how deeply he loved his wife and always put her needs above his own. He was a selfless man and touched thousands of lives as he served the body of Christ.

Left to cherish his memories are his parents of Bartlett, Tennessee; the love of his life Theresa Gail Wilbur of Brunswick; his three sons and their families, Jason and Casey Wilbur (Caroline, Nolan, and Toby) of Callahan, Jeremy and Kacie Wilbur (Riley, Ellie, and Molly) of Arlington, TN and Jordan and BreAnne Wilbur (Spencer and Emersyn) of Chesterfield, SC; he also leaves behind a brother Michael (Cheryl) Wilbur of Munford, TN.

The family received friends Friday, August 7 at Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home in Brunswick. A funeral service to celebrate the life of Bro. Larry was held Saturday, August 8 in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in Brunswick with Dr. Chris Winford officiating. Interment followed in Palmetto Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made in Bro. Larry's name to 1 Generation 2 Another Capital Campaign at First Baptist Church Brunswick or The American Cancer Society.

Edo Miller and Sons is in charge of the

arrangements.

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

**JUDY ARLENE WILLIAMS**



Judy Arlene Williams, 71, of Jacksonville, passed away August 3, 2020 with her loving husband by her side. Judy was born April 18, 1949 and was the daughter of John and Faye Martin. Judy worked for Wells Fargo Bank in the trust department for 19 years before seeking retirement. Judy had a passion for kitty cats, cooking, designing jewelry and vacationing in the mountains. Judy was a member and a volunteer at The Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-Day Saints. Judy is preceded in death by her father John Martin.

She is survived by her husband Mitchell Williams; his children; and her mother Faye Martin.

Services were held Tuesday, August 11 at Nassau Funeral Home. Visitation was held prior to the service. A graveside service followed at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made, in memory of Judy Williams, to the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-Day Saints, 798 Chaffee Road North, Jacksonville, Florida 32220.

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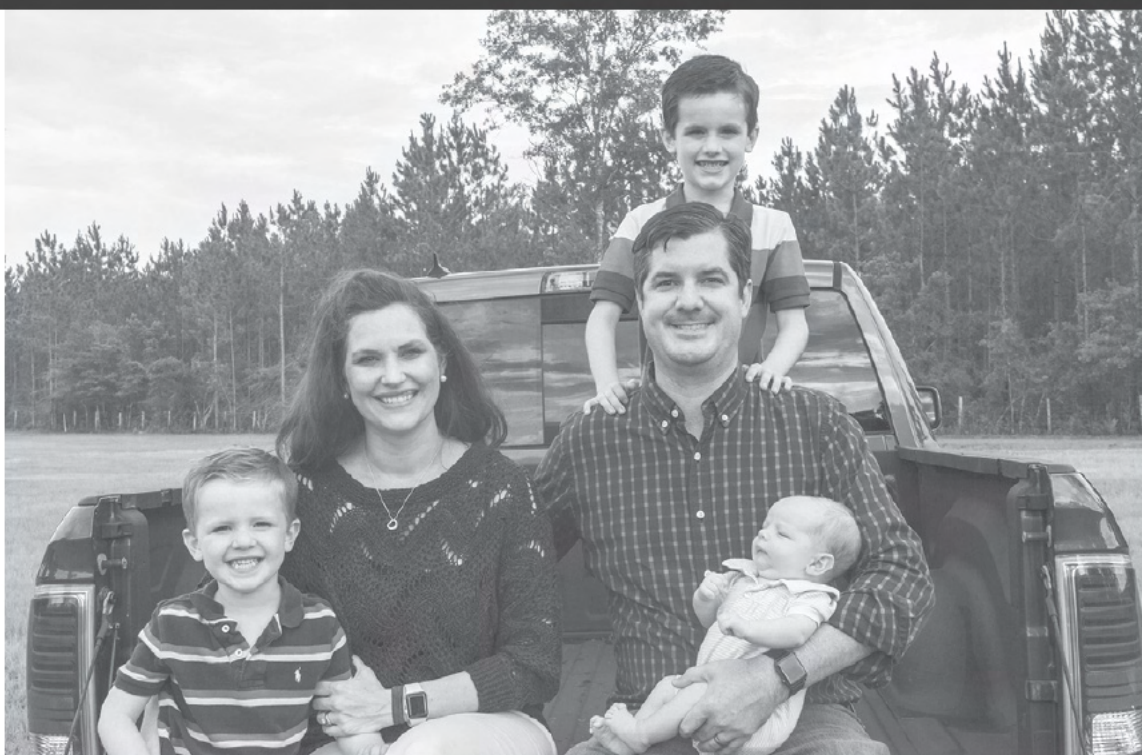
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"Like many nonprofits, we have had to think outside of the box because of the pandemic. We are proud of our first-ever virtual awards ceremony. It was an opportunity to recognize affiliates and volunteers across the state. KFB Affiliate leaders found creative ways to keep people engaged in safely picking up litter in communities and along our beaches. Our goal is to keep Florida in a

continuous state of eco-improvement. We also work to increase recycling, reduce waste and encourage sustainable practices," said Elizabeth DeWitt, Keep Florida Beautiful board chair and Beverage Association president.

Keep Nassau Beautiful received: Outstanding Great American Cleanup, Drive It Home "Trash-Off" - Keep Nassau Beautiful.



Shown are the Keep Nassau Beautiful team: (1 to 1): Kelley McCarter, Project Chair/KNB Officer; Jules Ruppel, KNB Program Manager; Ashley Powell, KNB Board Member; Lynda Bell, KNB Executive Director; and Janet Vining, KNB Board Member.

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## Callahan Troop Participates in Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Callahan Boy Scout Troop #351 recently joined the Keep Nassau Beautiful Adopt-A-Road program. Their Adopt-A-Road signs are mounted on Warrior Drive where the Troop has committed to sponsoring roadway clean-up events to help keep the area around West Nassau High School clean and litter free.



Following safety guidelines for small group gatherings in the outdoors and for the safe collection of litter, the Troop completed their first cleanup event on Saturday, August 8. Members were so enthusiastic about cleaning the roadway of trash that they extended their event to Brown Street, S. Mickler Street and several other connecting streets. More than 175 pounds of litter and debris were removed from Town of Callahan roadways.

“It is an honor to work with such a fantastic group,” said Jules Ruppel, Keep Nassau Beautiful Program Manager. “The Scouts and Scout Leaders left no stone unturned in their commitment to leaving the roadway clean, green and beautiful.”

Keep Nassau Beautiful thanks Callahan Boy Scout Troop #351 for keeping Nassau County beautiful by removing more than 175 pounds of litter and debris in their first clean-up event!

## Elementary Schools Receive School Supplies



CES Principal Melissa Johnson and HES Principal Danielle Loudermilk

Many thanks to Country Financial Credit Union, Callahan Elementary and Hilliard Elementary Schools each received several boxes of school supplies that were donated to their schools. This is just one way of giving back to the community. Tuesday, principals from both schools picked up their supplies at the Country Financial Credit Union. Thankful for this gift, both principals expressed their gratitude that will be of help to many children at their schools.

- ✓ **5<sup>th</sup> Generation Nassau County Resident**
- ✓ **Only Candidate with In-County, SECONDARY EXPERIENCE, 33 Years**
- ✓ **Proven Leadership: Fair, Firm and Consistent**



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for

**County Commission  
District 1**

**Honest • Ethical • Qualified**

**Professional Experience**

- U.S. Navy Senior Chief (Ret) 1981-2002
- Manager, CSX Transportation 2002 – 2004
- Teacher, Yulee Middle School 2004 – 2005
- Nassau County Veteran's Service Officer 2005 - 2018

**Education**

- Bachelor of Business Administration, University of North Florida
- Master of Business Administration, University of North Florida

**Volunteer Community Service**

- Nassau County Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Coordinator
- Veterans Council of Nassau County
- Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors
- Nassau County Code Enforcement Board

**Personal**

- Married to Donna Martin, Executive Director, FSCJ Nassau Center
- Daughter, Janel, Teacher, Fernandina Beach High School
- Proud Grandfather to Kenley, John Michael, Zachary, and Emily
- 27-year Nassau County resident

**Committed to...**

- Protecting the Taxpayer
- Oversight of County Management
- Transparency
- Fiscal Sustainability
- Growth Must Pay for Itself



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*Experienced & Qualified Visionary Leader*

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# NCSO Special Response Team Visits Camp Sorensen!

Campers at Camp Sorensen, a division of the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, got a treat this week! The group had a visit from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team. Not only did the campers get a chance to visit one-on-one with the officers, but they also got to check out all of their equipment and vehicles!



## VOTE FOR AUTHENTICITY

- The Only County Commission Candidate in Any Race NOT Funded by Special Interest
- A True Fiscal Conservative Who Will Stand Up and Vote to Stop Tax Increases
- Believes in God Above All, The 2nd Amendment, The Value of Family, Low Taxes and Small Government, and That Growth Hasn't Paid for Itself

**VOTE FOR SOMEONE WHO REPRESENTS NASSAU COUNTY - NOT TALLAHASSEE!**

**ON AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> VOTE  
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FARMER  
FOR  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
DISTRICT 5**