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"HE ONLY IS MY ROCK AND MY SALVATION: HE IS MY DEFENSE; I SHALL NOT BE MOVED." - PSALM 62:6

## And the Winners are...

**County Commissioner,  
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Port Authority, District 3  
Justin M. Taylor**



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**State Representative  
District 15  
Dean Black**



## Headed to the General Election November 8 will be...

**School Board Member,  
District 1**



Shannon Hogue Jamie Deonas

**School Board Member,  
District 3**



Curtis Gaus Albert Wagner

**Representative in  
Congress, District 4**



Aaron Bean Republican LaShonda Holloway Democrat

**Commissioner of  
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Naomi Blemur Democrat Wilton Simpson Republican

Nassau County has 74,467 registered voters. Of those registered voters, only 22,872 (30.71%) cast their votes on August 23, 2022. Locally, voters elected two new County Commissioners and two new Port Authority Commissioners. In the County Commission race for District 4 (Hilliard, Bryceville), Alyson McCullough won with 10,067 votes with George Spicer coming in second with 6,028 votes, both beating incumbent Thomas Ford. County Commission District 2 (Fernandina),

A.M. "Hupp" Huppman won easily with 62.59% of the votes totaling 13,612 to beat incumbent Aaron Bell. Two School Board seats, District 3 and District 1 will go to the General Election in November for a run-off due to FL Statutes for a universal non-partisan election, one candidate must win at least 51% of the vote.

As we move to the General Election in November, let's all exercise our right to vote and be informed about who and what we're voting for.

## First Swim Meet at Hilliard Pool Soon

*Dawn S. West*

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final regular meeting of August. The first part of the meeting included public comment. Hilliard residents Tawana and Kevin Webb and Alzada Harrell approached the podium. "Starting in 2017, I was having events down at Oxford Street Park. I was told that y'all (council) were going to clean up the park, build a new building, fix the bathrooms, etc.," said Tawana. "They came out there and knocked the concession stand down, covered over the concrete, nothing was pressure washed.



I can't even take my grandchildren to that park. The playground equipment is so old and dangerous. You wouldn't take your grandchildren there."

"The concession stand was in disrepair, that's why it was torn down," said Council President John Beasley. "We have been shorthanded with people to maintain the area, too."

"I have been trying to get a grant for that park since 2008," added Town Clerk Lisa Purvis. "The grant would re-do the dugouts, new grills and new playground equipment. We are asking for \$400,000

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# Hilliard

of grant money.”

“My concern is the potholes in the streets,” said Kevin Webb. “They just keep getting bigger.”

“We fixed the one at Pine and Oxford Street and also the one at 6th and Oxford. We’ll keep a watch on it as the rainy season comes,” said Public Works Director Ritchie Rowe.

“I’m okay with apartments coming on Oxford Street. My concern is what about safety. We don’t have enough Fire-Rescue for everyone now,” said Alzada Harrell. “Everyone wants to build but no one thinks about safety. We have people on top of people. Also, I want everyone to know that drug dealers aren’t the only people that live on Oxford Street!”

“On addressing the Fire Rescue situation, we (council) have no say so, as the Fire Rescue is managed by the county,” said Councilman Jared Wollitz. “I would suggest you call your County Commissioner and tell him your thoughts. I’m calling them constantly about a new fire station in this district.”

The first agenda item concerned the approval of Resolution 2022-10. The resolution concerns construction of a New Box Hangar at the Hilliard Airpark. The entire project will be paid by the FDOT at a cost of \$340,000.

The next agenda item was the approval of an updated contract for the town Building Official/Inspection Service for Bryan Higginbotham. “Mr. Higginbotham has reworked his normal schedule and will still be able to service the town in a timely fashion on Wednesdays and Fridays,” said Purvis.

The council approved the updated contract with the new days of service.

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The following item was a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board to appoint LeeAnn Wollitz to the board for the remainder of Dallis Hunter’s term, which ends in December 2023.

The council approved the recommendation.

The council approved the Capital Budgeted ADAPCO Mosquito Larvicide Sprayer purchase of \$5,480. “This will allow us to spray low wet areas, ditches, storm drains, etc. for mosquito larvae and use our fogger at night,” said technician Charles Chavarria.

The final agenda item was authorization for a Swim Meet. “Gabe is unable to be here tonight however he asked me to request authorization to host a Swim Meet at the town pool with Hilliard High School, West Nassau High School and Bishop Kenny High School,” asked Beasley. “We’re not sure when it will be but we wanted to make sure it was approved.”

The council approved the request.

In closing comments, Town Clerk Lisa Purvis announced that there would not be a Hilliard election as no one was opposed. Congratulations to future Mayor John Beasley and future Councilmen Joe Michaels and Dallis Hunter.

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, September 1 at 7 p.m.

# Letters to the Editor

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## Wake Up America

Dear Editor,

While attending public school in the 60s and 70s, I thought that we were being punished by having to study Civics, Social Studies and History. The classes seemed boring and I couldn’t imagine what possible use we would have for any of that “outdated information” in the future. My arguments fell on the deaf ears of my teachers and parents. My father told me, “Son, I am sending you to school to get an education, so shut up, pay attention and you MAY just get one.”

I thought at the time he was a mean old man and out of touch. But I found that I was wrong! It is now apparent to me, as I look at the constant state of flux, that we as a nation are in, that not all parents loved their children as much as mine loved me. For had they, their children would have learned about the Founding Fathers, The Revolutionary War, the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the special GOD GIVEN rights that we enjoy as Americans. Those same children laughed and poked fun at those of us who attended Church. They weren’t taught “The Golden Rule.” We, as children, watched helplessly, as prayer was taken from our schools and The Ten Commandments were removed from the Courthouse. Nobody asked us. I still remember the sting I felt when it happened.

Fast forward fifty-few years, now the kids that didn’t listen in Civics, Social Studies and History class are the Progressive Democratic Socialists and RINOs, that are running our country. What THEY learned in school, was how to cheat, be popular, not do the work, and instead use charm, good looks and lies to get by. That learned behavior has carried over into their adult lives. They lie about the most beloved and effective President in the history of the country. They support the illegal activities of ANTIFA. They court the LBGTQ+ “community” for their vote. They allow illegal aliens to invade our sovereign nation, for their vote and when that isn’t enough to sway the election, they are not above outright stealing the election. They are disgraceful, despicable and cowardly.

They tell me, I need to be more tolerant and politically correct. Well, I disagree.

This Country is OURS. If you love it, show it. We cannot afford to look the other way or turn the other cheek any longer. I was already awake. I didn’t need any self-serving organization or group of cry-babies to “WOKE” me. I’m sure that by now, you have realized that I am NOT politically correct. I am also unconcerned about my “carbon footprint” and most of the other rubbish that Al Gore, the C.C.P. and NATO try to convince me are my fault.

I am also tired of being lectured on Gun Control, by the administration that armed the Taliban (TWICE)!

We owe a debt to the soldiers who have bled, suffered and died for this nation, as well as those we’ll ask to do the same in the future, to do our part to preserve and protect our freedoms. Right now, voluntary enlistment in ALL branches of the military is at a 50 year low. When asked why, the response, “Why would I serve, risk MY life, under a bunch of spineless “woke” commanders who are willing to disregard the Sacred Oath they swore to the Constitution, for the sole purpose of climbing the ladder of rank.

Get involved! Go to the polls and VOTE! Watch your fellow citizens, to make sure that no one is cheating. Call your Sheriff, and ask where you can help, to bolster our neighborhoods. Start or join a neighborhood watch group. At the very least, come out of your house and meet your neighbors. The Bible says, “Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, rather than a fool in his folly.” Proverbs 17:12.

A person with no fear of GOD will lie to you, steal from you and even murder you if he thinks he can get away with it. Career politicians will lie to you, steal from you, and what is abortion if not murder. So, the parallels, are clearly there. “Fools in their folly!”

As the Legendary Earl Pitts was fond of saying, “Wake up Amurica!”

Hal Waite

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## New Member Service Representatives at OREMC

Okefenoke REMC is pleased to introduce its newest Member Service Representatives Kari Johns and Conner Selph. While they actually joined OREMC back in March, they have been training over the past few months getting ready for their permanent placements: Johns in Hilliard and Conner in Nahunta.

Kari Johns comes to OREMC with customer service experience gained while working at FNB South in Folkston. Johns exclaims, "I am super happy here at OREMC. I love the people and it is such a family feel."

Growing up in Callahan and a graduate of West Nassau, working in OREMC's Hilliard office will keep

Johns connected to home. She has three daughters and three grandchildren.



Conner Selph is the Nahunta office's newest member service representative, but he is not new to OREMC. Selph initially worked at OREMC beginning

in June 2018 as part of the work-based learning program at Brantley County High School, from which he graduated in 2019. After graduation he took some accounting classes before starting a job at Heritage Bank. "I like numbers," Selph notes, "and I liked working at OREMC when I was in high school. It is a good company to work for, very personal. I like the people and the work environment."

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## JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

The hypocrisies of the liberal left continue to astound me. Did you know that "we the people" paid nearly \$500,000 to build a fence around the acting President Biden's beach house in Delaware? In September 2021, Homeland Security Department contracted and paid the Delaware based construction company, Turnstone Holdings, \$456,548 for the purchase and installation of "security fencing" surrounding Biden's Rehoboth Beach property. This is according to USAspending.gov. Since then, two additional payments were made. One bill was for \$6,844 in November 2021 to cover expenses resulting from extra gravel pads and crane services. Then June of this year another bill, \$26,933 was submitted and was described as simply "to add funds to current project."

The total cost of the fence now stands at \$490,324. Originally the project was expected to be completed by the end of 2021, however, it is now being projected as a potential end date of June 6, 2023. That's an 18-month delay. With that being said, you can just bet the final cost to us will be even higher. I do not have a problem with presidential security however; the hypocrisy totally galls me. With the record numbers of illegal crossings at our southern border it seems logical to me that a fence there could be security for our nation just like Joe's fence is security for him. He shouldn't have a fence all the while America doesn't.

On another note, liberals are

slithering propagandists that expect us all to be stupid and believe their screwed-up agenda. CNN on Friday published a report that suggested Americans should view a slight dip in gasoline prices as a "\$100-a-month raise" or a "\$100-a-month tax cut." Now there will be some gullible enough to buy into this crazed logic, but I hope most will see it for what it really is, bull. Fuel is not down \$0.50, it's up over \$2.00. Know the difference and don't let them program your mind.

Financial analyst Gordon Johnson responded to CNN, "Next time you stop at a gas station remember prices are STILL up 90% since @POTUS took office. You are paying in after-tax-dollars and draining of the SPR in the U.S. ends in October, just in time for mid-terms, which will contribute to gas prices going RIGHT BACK UP." Truth! Psychologist Geoffrey responded, "Next time you read anything @CNN says, think of it as shameless propaganda for the @DNC." Brian Riedl, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute said "CNN just makes it so easy for its critics; this is some next level gaslighting."

I would like to think our country is being run by a bunch of idiots, however just the opposite is true. They are smooth performing crooks who know just what they are doing to America and are driving our country into the ground on purpose. Wake up people! Portions derived from "Resist the Mainstream!"

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

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# Eternity Changes Everything

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



As a pastor, I do a lot of funerals. Funerals are very sobering reminders of my future. Unless Jesus returns, somebody is going to do my funeral one day. I am like most people; I want to push the idea of death as far back into my consciousness as I can. I don't want to think about death or dying. I want to act like I am going to live forever. This is not healthy. I am not trying to be morbid, but there is something healthy about thinking about death. Thinking about death will have good and profound benefits on living your life in the present.

Oftentimes I ask at funerals, what you going to be doing 20 billion years from now? As a Christian, I know that death is inevitable. I also know that death is not the end of the story. After death and the intermediate state, eternity is going to ensue. Everybody that has ever existed is going to be bodily resurrected. For the believer, the eternal state will be one of reward and joy. For the unbeliever, the eternity will be a nightmare of epic proportions. Since this is true, the truth of death and eternity should change the way we live in the present.

In II Corinthians 5:9-10, Paul shows us how death, the intermediate state, and eternity should impact our behavior in the present. With the reality of death and eternity, we cannot go on living with business as usual. Death and eternity change our ambitions. In 5:9, Paul says that whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him. Right now, while I am in this body, I am not with Jesus. Death and eternity will allow me to be with Jesus. In this body, in this realm of existence, I am only in a temporary dwelling. I look forward to the resurrection and to eternity. So much so, that the reality of the future, changes me in the present. Since I will be with Jesus one day, I want to please him in the present. My highest ambition is not to make a name for myself or make a lot of money for myself. My highest ambition is to please Christ.

Not only do I aspire to please Christ, I am accountable to Christ. Paul is addressing believers in verse 10. Paul wants to impress upon us the reality that we would like to forget, we will all appear at the judgment seat of Christ. We are going to be repaid for what we did in our bodies, whether it was good or bad. What if we do everything that we do in our bodies right now? Our bodies will be resurrected so that we can be repaid for what we did in our bodies. I know that there is no condemnation for those that are in Christ (Rom. 8:1). This grand truth does not mean that we are not accountable for what we do in our bodies in the present. I desperately want to hear Jesus' words: "Well done thy good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you master over many. Enter into the joy of the Lord." Matthew 25:21. The only way that you will ever hear those words is to trust and to make pleasing Christ your ambition in the present.

# Hilliard First Assembly to Hold Vision Sunday

The Hilliard First Assembly of God is preparing to relaunch their vision for the future! Actually, the church has planned to have Vision Sunday on September 11. Pastor Arlie Johns and other members will take time to share the Vision, Values and a three-year strategic plan. "The Lord has commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel," said Pastor Johns. "Our goal on Vision Sunday is to bring our church into action to accomplish God's mission of reaching our community for Christ." On Vision Sunday, everyone that attends will be given a t-shirt with the church's name and vision statement.



class that is appropriate for couples of any age. To register for this class, sign up at [www.AimClasses.org](http://www.AimClasses.org). Registration closes September 8.

The next class is: Understanding Depression.

This class will meet on Tuesdays starting September 13 from 7-8 p.m. This small group class is for people who are experiencing depression and/or those who want to help someone close to them who is struggling with depression. Our goal is to help people overcome despair through Jesus Christ. To register, call the church at 845-2642.

The final class is: Stepping Into Freedom. This class will also meet on Tuesdays starting September 13 from 7-8 p.m. at the church. Both classes are taught from the Living Free program. The purpose of this class is to help you develop roots and steadfastness in Christ so you can confidently master any life-controlling problems you encounter (substance, behavior, relationship). The class will benefit anyone who wants to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To register, call 845-2642.

The church is also back with Wednesday night services at 7 p.m. for all ages: Adult Bible Study; a Youth program; Royal Rangers; Missionettes and Rainbows for the young children. These are just a few of the things happening at Hilliard First Assembly of God. The church is located at 550920 US Highway 1.



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## Country Star Quilt Guild News



WOW! The time has really flown by! Summer is nearly over and we look forward to starting a new year of quilting. We had a great meeting in June 2022 installing our new slate of officers for the upcoming year. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. Join me in thanking our previous board members and all the good work they did.

Remember, our monthly meetings will resume on the second Monday night in September (12th), at the Anchor Church at 6:30 p.m. In the meantime, we will continue with Sit-N-Sew on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Callahan Masonic Lodge Hall. Bring a friend. I hope that we will see you there!

Did someone say the Fair is coming to town? Yes, the Northeast Florida Fair will start Thursday, October 13 – Sunday, October 23. I mention this because we will begin to sell raffle tickets for our beautiful Opportunity Quilt. You won't want to miss out on the chance to win this quilt! We will reveal the quilt at our September 12 meeting. Stay tuned for locations where you may purchase tickets.

Please come and join us at our September meeting and bring your Show & Tell projects completed over the summer. I know I can't wait to see all of your beautiful projects. We are currently hard at work on our VA quilt that we will present to the VA Hospice in Lake City sometime in October.

We hope to see you at our monthly evening meetings or at a Friday Sit-N-Sew. Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay cool!

Happy Sewing,  
Peggy Smith, President

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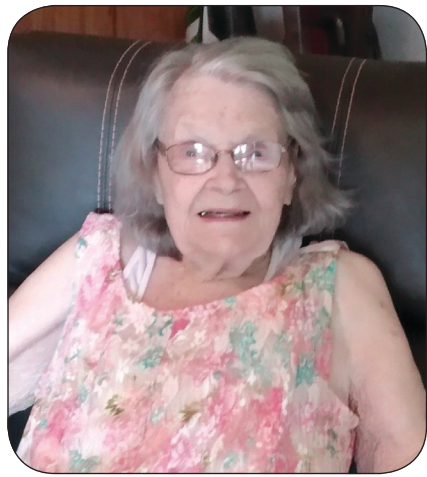
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# New Beginnings and Milestones

## Luemma Paxton Celebrates 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Luemma Paxton, longtime Callahan resident, celebrated her 95th birthday August 23. Ms. Paxton, aka Mama Lu, was born August 23, 1927 in Hampton Roads, Virginia. She and her family moved to Callahan in 1973. She served as the Callahan Librarian for several years and also worked as an accountant. She was married to Bill Paxton for 15 years before his passing in 1976. She celebrated her special day a little early with a party held in her honor last Saturday at her home! The party was attended by lots of family and friends who enjoyed great food and wonderful fellowship with Mama Lu!

She has four children, Chuck (deceased), Lee and Beverly Paxton of Callahan, Ronnie and Julie Paxton of North Carolina and Betty and Tim of Jacksonville. She also has five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren

## Elli Danese Slayton

Corey and Kelli Slayton, of Hilliard, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Elli Danese Slayton. Elli was born August 8 at 5:24 p.m. in her parents' car while on the way to the hospital! Thankfully the delivery was okay and after making it to the hospital, little Elli weighed in at 8 pounds 5 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.



Paternal grandparents are Deanna Cubbedge of Hilliard; and Ronnie Slayton, Jr. of Callahan.

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Proud great-grandparents are Carey and Brenda Silcox; Ronnie Slayton, Diane Drury; Barbara Colley; the late Peter Jarvis; and the late Robert Caswell.

Elli was welcomed home by her siblings Luke and Ilah Slayton!

## Bryceville Library Book Sale Saturday



The Friends of the Bryceville Library will hold a Book Sale this Saturday, August 27 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Bryceville Community Center, 7280 Motes Road! For more information, call 904-530-6551.

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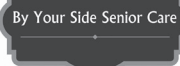
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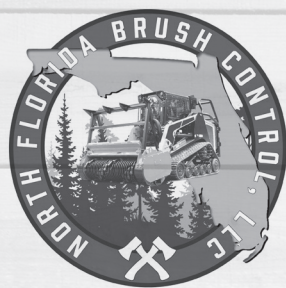
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**JANICE HINES BENNETT**



Janice Hines Bennett, 84, of Callahan, passed away peacefully August 17, 2022, surrounded by her family. She was born August 15, 1938 to her father, Lynn H. Berry in Joplin, Missouri. Our mama grew up in Missouri with her father, grandmother Berry and sister Eleanor. She and Eleanor were separated from their older sister, Betty when they were young girls. In the 50's the three sisters were reunited and life was whole again, they were thick as thieves. On August 6, 1954, our mama married our dad and they started the family that would become her pride and joy until the day she was called home to be with the Lord. Later in life when we were grown, our mama found the man she called her soul mate, Billy Bennett. They shared 34 years of happiness and love to last a lifetime. Mama had a sense of humor that will never be forgotten, even up until her final days that humor gave us the strength to smile. To know mama was to love her. She never met a stranger and loved so many.

She was predeceased in death by her father, Lynn H. Berry; sister Eleanor Poindexter; son Steve Hines; baby boy Hines; granddaughter Crystle Lang Crews; grandson Chad Lang; our dad Kenneth Hines; and many close friends.

Mama is survived by her husband, Billy Bennett; daughters Phyllis (Paul) Ladson and Bobbie (Rick) Boatright, all of Callahan, Tori (Billy) Harris of Augusta, IL. and Lori (Dallas) Morris of Charleston, S.C.; daughter in-law Shari Hines of Leesburg, GA.; sister Betty Love; grandchildren Shaye (John) Sawyer, Wayne (Lorrie) Bell, Amy Bell, Kevin (Stephanie) Boatright, Stephanie Burrows, Sawyer Hines, Misti Crews, Baylee Harris, Brad Lang, Adam Lang and Ashley (Dawain) Phillips; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren with another one on the way. Mama also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and many friends that she loved dearly.

Our mama, was wife, sister, granny to

many and friend to all. She left behind so many memories. Growing up with five kids there was never a dull moment and we kept her on her toes. Her love for us, faith in God and the amazing strength is what we will always remember about our mama. When her grandchildren, came along, they referred to her as Granny Moody and she loved them all. Today, we say, "See ya later," to mama and Granny Moody/Bennett and "We love you!" She is saying, "Sister, I love you too!"

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Janice Bennett's name to the Downs Syndrome Foundation.

Per Mrs. Bennett's request, there will be no service.

**WALTER ODEST BROWN**



Walter Odest Brown, 85, of Callahan, passed away August 18, 2022. He was born on November 27, 1936, in Keiser, Arkansas, to W. L. Brown and

Edith M. Williard Brown. Walter proudly served as a mechanic in the United States Army as a Master Sergeant. In 1969, he started coaching football at the Ribault Lions Club. In 1970, he started Forest View Pop Warner and was the first to integrate Pop Warner in Jacksonville. Walter continued to coach for the next 35 years for Victory Christian Academy and Callahan Pop Warner Association. He was a member of the Shriners of North America and started the Shiners rodeo. Walter was also a Mason and a member of Oceanway Assembly of God. He loved hunting, his farm animals, pets but more than anything he loved to spend time with his family. Walter was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 61 years, Sadie L. Brown; son Walter Lewis Brown; sister Francis Brown; brother-in-law Dean Metcalf; and sister-in-law Nancy Brown.

Walter leaves behind his wife, Carol

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Mae Thomas Brown; son Brian A. (Tami) Brown; brother Welton Brown; sister Mary Lou Metcalf; grandchildren Misty (Jake) Dailey, Katrina (Travis) Foures, Walter O'Ryan (Justine) Brown, Ryan (Ismaley) Williams, Miranda Proffit and Sarah (Rob) Campbell; daughter-in-law Susan Brown Purvis; 23 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

A celebration of Walter's life was held Tuesday, August 23 at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Barney officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery where Military Honors were rendered. The family received friends prior to the service.

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**AMANDA ELIZABETH HASTY**



Amanda Elizabeth Douberly Hasty, 103, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord August 15, 2022. The youngest of 11, Elizabeth was born October 10, 1918 in Fort White, Florida to the late Alice Amanda Edwards Douberly and Lewis Benton Douberly.

Elizabeth was a longtime resident of Oceanway, in Duval County, and attended services at First Baptist Church of Oceanway and Oceanway Assembly of God. Elizabeth worked at King Edward Cigar as a cigar roller for 40 years. She spent her last years in Hilliard, living with her son Joseph and his wife Bearnese before transitioning to the Life Care Center for just over 3 years.

Elizabeth was a faithful woman who loved the Lord, her family and the community. She could work wonders in the kitchen and was always willing to share her home-cooked meals. She was truly selfless, cared more about others than herself and was never one to complain about anything. Elizabeth was loved and will be missed by all! She was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, Ezell Joe Hasty.

She is survived by her sons Joseph Glenn Hasty and Thomas Wade Hasty; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Friday, August 26 at 10 a.m. prior to the graveside service at 11 a.m. with at Evergreen Cemetery, 4535 N. Main St., Jacksonville, Pastor Ken Barney officiating.

**JOE CARLTON LEE**



Joe Carlton Lee, 63, of Callahan, passed away on August 19, 2022. He was born May 11, 1959 in Newnan, Georgia but resided most of his life in Callahan, where he met his wife Tammy Miller Lee. Together they shared 41 beautiful years of marriage and had two daughters Casey Selph and Tiffany Hardemon. Joe worked many jobs and was the jack of all trades, but his passion was land prep and operating heavy equipment. He was loved by all that knew him. Joe was the biggest jokester but also one that everyone could depend on. He is preceded in death by his father Paul Lee; mother Jaqueline Kilgore; stepdad William Kilgore; brother Garey Lee; nephew Robert English; father-in-law Clarence Miller; brothers-in-law James Miller and Dwight Miller.

Joe is survived by his wife, Tammy Miller Lee; daughters Casey (Jimbo) Selph and Tiffany (Shawn) Hardemon; five grandchildren Chloe, Linkin, Kash, Korbin and Colton, and many others that he loved as his own; sisters Jeannie (Clegg) Jarvis and Susan Lewis; sister-in-law Beth Lee; mother-in-law Mert (Sam) Miller Turner; brothers-in-law Randy Miller and Dwaine (Tanya) Miller; many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and many friends he considered family.

Pallbearers will be Jimbo Selph, Shawn Hardemon, Dwaine Miller, Jamie Farah, Brad Adams, Brandon Miller, Dylan Miller and Chip Johnston. Honorary pallbearers will be Randy Miller and Donnie Peeples.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, August 24 from 6-8 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. A celebration of Joe's life will be held Thursday, August 25 at 12 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Carter officiating. Interment will follow at Jones Cemetery.

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**MELINDA MCCLINTOCK**



Melinda "Mindy" Edwards McClintock, 58, of Callahan, passed away peacefully August 15, 2022. She was born September 10, 1963. Mindy enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and cracking jokes at every available opportunity. The memory of her laugh will keep her alive in the hearts and minds of all she knew. She is preceded in death by her parents Bobby and Pat Edwards; and two siblings, whom she loved very much, Cindy Edwards Brown and Marshall Edwards.

She is survived by sons Cody (Sierra) McClintock and Ryan McClintock; her younger sister Sally (Dawn) Warren; two brothers Danny and Allen Edwards; and many nieces, nephews and beloved grandchildren.

**THOMAS M. MEKARA, SR.**



Thomas Michael Mekara, Sr., 82, of Fernandina Beach, passed away on August 12, 2022. He was born September 15, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio to

Florence Wells Mekara and Peter Mekara. He grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and left high school his junior year to serve honorably in the US Navy. After his military service, he wed his long-life bride, Daren Estelle Genutis. They were happily married for 47 years. After his honorable military service, he then retired from the Cleveland Plain Dealer Newspaper after 37 years of service.

Thomas enjoyed watching old TV shows/movies, football, golf, working crossword puzzles and fishing. He enjoyed attending baseball and football games. Thomas also visited Canada on numerous vacations. Thomas was a faithful member of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Mission of Yulee. He donated the handicap railing along the entrance to the Church building. Thomas is preceded in death by his wife,

Daren; his parents Peter Sr. and Florence Mekara; sister Florence Sabarese; and brothers Peter Jr. and William.

Thomas leaves behind his four children; Thomas M. (Tina) Mekara, Jr. of Jacksonville, Michael T. (Jessica) Mekara, Sr. of Hilliard, Coleen S. (Brian) Mumley of North Augusta, SC and Richard T. Mekara of Yulee; his sister June (David) Erickson; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday, August 25 from 4 – 6 p.m. in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley Heard Funeral Directors. The funeral mass will be held Friday, August 26 at 11 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Mission in Yulee. Thomas will be laid to rest in the Atlantic Ocean to join his beloved wife, Daren.

Donations may be made in his memory to Fernandina Beach Community Hospice and/or the Ackerman Cancer Institute of Fernandina Beach.

**KONNER DAVIS SHARP**



Konner Davis Sharp, 22, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, August 18, 2022. He was born on December 24, 1999 in Jacksonville. Konner was home schooled and graduated with high honors. He attended Southeastern University. Konner was a mighty man of God who loved Jesus and participated on the media production team at Celebration Church and Bold City Church of Jacksonville. He had a compassionate soul and was always willing to listen and counsel his friends ministering by praying and laying of hands. Konner was an avid reader and enjoyed all genres of music. He was musically inclined and taught himself to play the guitar. Konner

had a special connection to nature and animals, even the ducks from the pond would follow him around the yard. His dog, Jake, and cat, Forrest, were his faithful fur companions. Konner loved to joke around and his beautiful smile would light up any room like a lighthouse. His bright light will forever shine in the hearts of his family until we all joined together in Heaven. He is preceded in death by his grandfather Hubert Sharp, Jr.

Konner is survived by his parents Kyle and Kelli Sharp; sister Sierra (Brandon) Boer; niece Stella Boer; maternal grandparents Marvin "Ben" and Carol Kelly Cason; paternal grandmother Sheila (Jack) Davis Sharp Caulkins; aunt Susan (Joe) Miano; uncles Marvin "Benny" Cason (Michelle Hillyard), Derek (Tamara) Sharp and Brett Sharp (Shylah Cole); and many other extended family members.

A celebration of Konner's life will be held Friday, August 26 at 1 p.m. at Buford Grove Baptist Church, 553274 US 1, Hilliard with Pastor Lyle E. Shiferdek officiating. Interment will follow at Buford Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

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**WARREN SIMPSON**



Warren Simpson, 82, of Callahan, passed away on August 19, 2022. He was born March 30, 1940 in Jonesboro, Arkansas to Lonnie Simpson and Gladys Dann Simpson. Warren proudly served his country in the United States Navy for 8 years and in the United States Army for 3 years. He later went on to serve in the

Air National Guard. Warren's passion in life was being a pilot, and flying airplanes. A huge accomplishment for Warren was building two airplanes. He was a founding member of the Hilliard Airpark. To say Warren was a brilliant man would certainly be an understatement.

He was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family. His favorite motto was "Work, Learn, Family" which he lived by every day. Warren was preceded in death by parents; brother Bob Simpson; sisters Leitta Rowell and Lola Fay "Suzie" Stafford.

Warren leaves behind his beloved wife of 61 beautiful years, Grace Kathleen Simpson; daughter Deborah Waters and Brenda (Brian) Rhoden; brothers Bill Simpson, Raymond Simpson, Edgar Simpson, Jackie Simpson and Johnny Simpson; sisters Jeanette Giannini and Irene Parks; grandchildren Heather Waters-Dale, Juliana (Brenda) Allen-Waters, Kara (Nick) Brown, Tara (Andy Mitchell) Middleton and Alex (Jackie) Middleton; and 15 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Warren's life was held Wednesday, August 24 at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor James Conner officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery where military honors were rendered. The family received friends prior to the service.

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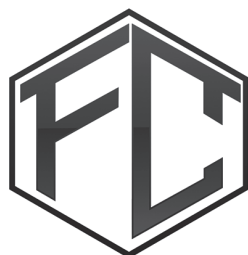


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The Flashes began the contest with the pigskin first and marched down the field, mainly aided by penalties. As they were knocking on the door, the Pirates defense forced a fumble, stalling the drive deep in their own territory. After forcing a three-and-out on the ensuing drive, the Flashes offense went right back to work and began the scoring festivities with a Walker Avera 6-yard touchdown run, recovering from the lost fumble on the prior drive. With the extra point good, the Flashes struck first, going up 7-0. Same song, second verse for the Flashes as Lyle Bennett connected with Bradyn Matto over the middle for a 41-yard score. After the extra point was good, the Flashes closed out the first quarter with a healthy 14-0 lead.

It was more of the same in the second quarter. The Flashes offense continued having their way with the Pirates defense as they used the ground game to generate another scoring drive with Avera reaching the end zone again, this time from 3-yards out. With a doinked extra point, the Flashes still controlled the lead as they went up 20-0. Things were looking up for the Flashes; however, the Pirates found a counter move to answer back. Using a methodical drive of their own, with some tempo mixed in, the Pirates found the end zone for the first



time on the night courtesy of a 16-yard touchdown. But the Flashes answered doing what they do best and using the legs of Avera to find pay dirt from 5-yards out. With the extra point good, the Flashes went into halftime going up 27-7.

While the offense was doing their thing, the Flashes defense decided to join the party by forcing two turnovers. The first turnover, a forced fumble and recovery from Ricky Vining and a perfectly played interception by Malcom Howard. With Braydon Holley reaching the end zone from 1-yard out; and Rocco Miranda connecting with Nate Vroman for a 16-yard score. Sprinkle in a 69-yard score from the Pirates in garbage time, it was enough for the Flashes to strengthen their 3-game winning streak against the Pirates and making the home crowd happy with a 42-13 final result.

Outside of the fumble on the first drive of the game, it was a great night for the Flashes offense. Leading the charge was Bennett, who went 11/15 for 138 yards, a touchdown, and a 38-yard run; Walker Avera led the Flashes' rushing with 14 carries for 68 yards and 3 scores; Billy Cassidy had 10 carries for 47 yards, and Braydon Holley had 8 carries for 19 yards and a score. On the receiving end were Matto with 8 catches for 108 yards and a score; Holley and Vroman each having 29 yards receiving; and Vroman with a score.

Defensively, the Flashes held their own, forcing 2 turnovers and holding the Pirates' offense to 7 points. Damon Kibler led the charge with 5 tackles; Colton Conner had 3 tackles; Tucker Pickett had 2 tackles and a sack; Brogan Johns, Klayton Bright and Jacob Hoover each had 2 tackles.

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