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Simpkins Declared Winner of District 4 School Board Seat

In what was one of the closest primary races in quite some time, only 74 votes separated incumbent Cindy Grooms and challenger Kristi Simpkins, with Simpkins ahead, for the District 4 School Board Seat in the August 20th Primary Election.

Per Florida Statutes, a recount was held for the District 4 School Board Seat. The Nassau County Canvassing Board, for the 2024 Primary Election, met to conduct a Manual Recount of the ballots for the School Board District 4 Race Sunday, August 25, at 9 a.m. and continued until complete. The count was held at the James S. Page Governmental Complex, Supervisor of Elections Canvassing Board Room/Conference Room A, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee. Following the count, the totals were confirmed to be Kristi Loyd

School Board Member, District 4 Kristi Simpkins



Simpkins with 10,176 votes, as the winner, to Cindy Grooms with 10,101 votes. With the recount, the candidates were still only separated by 75 votes. Nassau County has 75,406 registered voters. Of those, 22,486 ballots were cast, for a 29.82% voter turnout.

NCSO Alerts Parents About Dangerous Media Apps

ATTENTION PARENTS: Stay Informed About Your Child's Digital World! The Nassau County Sheriff's Office wants to remind parents of the dangers of many social media apps to our children. In today's connected age, it's crucial to be aware of the social media landscape your children navigate. Some apps may fly under your radar, potentially exposing your kids to risks you're unaware of.

Shown are some popular apps: Snapchat, TikTok, and Discord, to be aware of including less known but potentially risky apps that could pose a danger.

DID YOU KNOW, that parental monitoring apps like Bark and Qustodio can be powerful allies in overseeing your child's online activity? These

tools help shield against cyberbullying and other digital threats. Remember: Engaging with your child's digital life isn't about limiting their freedom. It's about fostering safety and nurturing healthy online habits.

We encourage parents and/or guardians to:

1. Stay up-to-date on popular social media platforms.
2. Have open conversations with your children about their online activities.
3. Set clear guidelines for safe internet use.

By staying informed and involved, you're not just protecting your child—you're empowering them to navigate the digital world confidently and responsibly.

NCSO SCAM ALERT!



We've received reports of fraudulent calls from individuals impersonating a Nassau County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant. They will use various names and/or titles. These scammers claim that you have a warrant due to missing jury duty and demand payment to clear the charges. They even request that the payment be made in Bitcoin. Please be aware: This is a SCAM to steal your money!

Here are some important reminders:

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office will NEVER call you to demand money. If you receive such a call, hang up immediately. Do not share any personal or financial information.

How to protect yourself:

Be skeptical of unsolicited calls, especially those that create a sense of urgency. Verify any claims by contacting official numbers found on government websites. If you've been targeted

by this scam, report it to NCSO. If you received one of these calls, report it to the Seniors Vs. Crime Project at 1-800-203-3099.

For more information about the Seniors Vs. Crime Project, visit: <https://www.seniorsvscrime.com>.

DON'T FALL FOR THE CALL! Help us keep our community safe by sharing this information with friends and family, especially elders and those not on social media. Stay safe, Nassau!

25 APPS

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A Word
From the Publisher

Is it just me, or does most things not stay the same anymore? It seems during the weekend I counted about three things that have changed since last year. Surprise, I can't think of them all but one was the start of college football. It's in my blood to love college football and have an idea when it starts. Well, used to they would have a season opener and I think it was the Thursday before Labor Day weekend. They would play that game then none until the Saturday of the weekend. Saturday, Florida State played in Ireland (the country) and there were more games after that.

I guess I should have figured it out, as it seems our high school teams started a little earlier. Who knows...it could be just me. There's nothing like a good high school game on Friday night and then following it up with college football on Saturday. Probably sounds crazy coming from a girl but when your dad was a coach for football and baseball and kept the clock for basketball, sports were pretty much in my blood. I learned so much about the game and what happens during those days and it still rings loud and clear today. I love some football!

When I was growing up, Daddy was the coach for Callahan High School. Following each home game, we would get up and eat breakfast and go to the football field. Daddy would start washing football uniforms and me,

my siblings and mom would go clean up the trash in the stands. To this day, I get so frustrated when I see people just throw their trash on the ground or leave it in their seats. This day and time they pretty much have trash cans all around the field. They didn't back then, obviously. That was our routine following home games.

Also following the actual game, my mom, for some reason, cooked enormous amounts of chili and invited the football team and cheerleaders to our house after the game. I remember all of the people and a lot of laughing and talking. It was a great time and lots of fun. It was a great way to get to know everyone and to unwind after the game.

Even though I'm a well-seasoned alumni of West Nassau High School I still enjoy going to the games. From the time I step foot into the gates, see the lights, here the band it still brings chills! As the National Anthem is played, I feel so honored to live in a tight knit community that cares about our country and our children. Then, it's pretty well over for me when I hear the Warrior band play Cherokee! Yes, it may be an old saying however...Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior! Enjoy the season! Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

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Letters to the Editor



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Explaining Amendment 4

Dear Editor,

I address this letter to the editor and Christian Friends and God loving people. Do you want to face your Heavenly Father at the judgment and tell Him that you killed one of the most precious of his creation? I have heard every argument there is that can be given by uninformed, ignorant people. When can a heartbeat be heard in a developing embryo? Six weeks from conception to heartbeat. There are not a lot of people that could kill a puppy that was six weeks old. God is watching people!

One argument for abortion (the most popular) is, "It's my body." And I agree fully, it is your body. You have fingers that belong to your body, and lots of other parts of your body. You want to cut them off and thrown away? Go ahead it's your body. You can never make me believe that God's conception inside your body is your body. It's not! It's someone else's body. A new person with a soul. Excuses 2, 3, & 4: Your significant other does not want it. You should have thought of that before the conception. Can't afford it, I'm going to

college or it will mess up my life. Again, the thinking was not done in time.

The reason for this letter is to try to do a reasonable and comprehensive explanation of amendment 4. First of all, Vote No on Amendment 4. Amendment 4 was intentionally written in gibberish. It was written to be incomprehensible so that the normally schooled people of this state would be totally confused as to what it means. Amendment 4 wants to allow a right to abortion before fetal viability (It has been proven scientifically the life begins at conception). Also, minors can get abortions without their parents consent at any week of gestation. It also requires that taxpayers will pay for abortions. Even if you still agree to abort, do you want to pay for others to kill their babies? This final explanation should say volumes to sane minded people.

Supporters of Amendment 4 include the ACLU, they would love to give us the bill for their abortions and Planned Parenthood (the largest provider of baby killers in the entire country). Please Vote No on Amendment 4.

Jackie Sikes

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Preheat oven to 400°. Grease casserole dish. Stir chicken, water, rice, cream of chicken soup, cream of celery soup, and cream of mushroom soup together in the prepared casserole dish; season with salt and pepper. Arrange butter evenly over the top of the chicken mixture. Bake in preheated oven until the rice is tender and the chicken is cooked through, 1 hour to 75 minutes. Cool 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

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1	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3 Callahan Town Meeting 7 p.m. Westside Republicans 6 p.m. Hilliard Comm. Center NAMI Family Support 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Bch.	4 Callahan Garden Club 10 a.m. Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	5 Food Giveaway @Callahan First Baptist 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hilliard Town Meeting 7 p.m.	6 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	7
8	9 WN Genealogical Society 10:30 a.m. Lions Club Country Star Quilt Guild 7 p.m. Anchor Church Ch. 154 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm @ Masonic Lodge	10 Gardening Club of Hilliard 11 a.m. Bethany Episcopal Church Torah Club 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m.	11 NAMI Support 12-1:30 p.m. Hilliard Journey Church Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	12	13 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging American Legion & Auxiliary Post 401 Hilliard 7 p.m.	14
15	16 Barnabas Food @NE FL Fairgrounds 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Westside Optimists 7 p.m. Lions Club Sons of Confederate Veterans 7 p.m. The Pig Callahan Town Meeting 7 p.m.	17 Torah Club 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church NARFE Nat'l Active & Retired Federal Employees 11 a.m. The Pig NAMI Family Support 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Bch.	18 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	19 Food Giveaway @Callahan First Baptist 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Hilliard Town Meeting 7 p.m.	20 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	21
22  <i>First Day of Fall!</i>	23 Ch. 154 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm @ Masonic Lodge NC Beekeepers Association 7 p.m. Multipurpose Building	24 Torah Club 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m.	25 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	26 Historical Society 6:30 p.m. @ Depot	27 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	28
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EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The Country Star Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of each month at The Anchor Church in Callahan at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

If you or a loved one have been a victim of Domestic Violence, FREE Domestic Violence Support Group. For time, date and location, call for more details: (904) 548-7312.


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Thank you, NCSO!

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

The DNC wrapped up its convention last Friday without any big splash. Actually, the Palestine protesters and the mobile “Planned Parenthood” RV were more of a topic of interest. Yes, Planned Parenthood had a mobile abortion clinic and were offering free abortions and vasectomies. Although not listed as a vendor to the DNC, it was set up just a few blocks from the night time venue. They filled every appointment slot and had to turn people away. How low can you go?

It’s fairly easy to see where the Democrats stand, they have chosen to support Genocide over Life, Israel’s Enemies over Israel, Muslims and Illegal aliens over Americans, Socialism over our Republic, Communism over Capitalism, Criminals over our Police, Globalist over America, Wall Street over Main Street, and sadly Atheism over our Almighty God.

An interesting thing about the DNC convention was that nearly every speaker focused on Donald Trump. Now keep in mind that Democrats have occupied the White House for 16 years out of the last 20 years. Yet every problem facing our country is the fault of Donald Trump. Every speaker that mentioned Trump also spewed lie after lie. Inserting that Trump is the co-author of the 2025 plan, to stating very false statistics on the economy. They really are despicable. Perhaps the most ironic speech was by a female (I can’t remember her name), that went on a rant about what Trump would do if elected. The following are her words: “Donald Trump would be able to weaponize the Department of Justice to go after his political opponents. He could even turn the FBI into his own personal police force. That is not how it works in America. That’s how it works in dictatorships!” Okay, I don’t know where she has been the last few years, but that’s exactly what the Democrats have been doing against Trump forever. They always accuse the other side of what they themselves are guilty of.

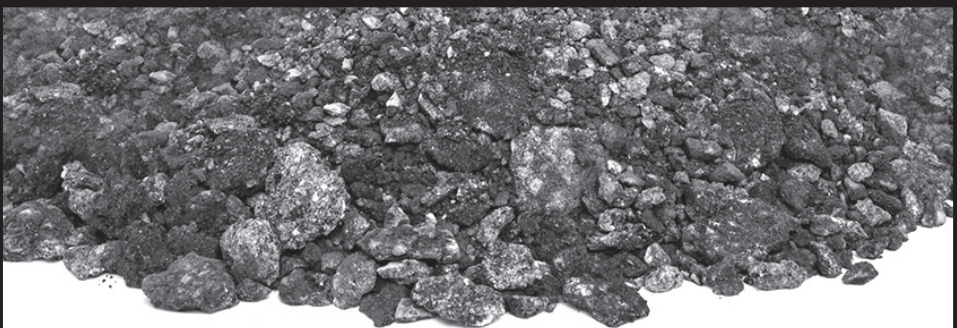
The main (lame) stream media are in full force promoting biased reports. Just a few days ago, Kamala copied Trump’s plan to implement a no tax on tips policy, this is how CBS reported on her exact same proposal. CBS: “Vice President Kamala Harris is rolling out a new policy position, saying she’ll fight to end taxes on tips for service and hospitality workers.” CBS on Trump’s announcement several days prior to Kamala’s. CBS: “Former President Donald Trump’s vow to stop taxing tips would cost the federal government up to \$250 billion over 10 years, according to a nonpartisan watchdog group.” Nothing to see here folks. Unbiased reporting at its finest...NOT.

The Democratic Party have lost their collective minds, trampled all over their most favorite word “Democracy” by disenfranchising millions of their voters by dinking Joe and waving the magic wand over Kamala’s head.

As always...that’s just my opinion!

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What does that mean? A phrase that is being used a lot lately is “faith over fear.” You have probably heard it said or saw it on a sign or on Facebook. But what does that actually mean? Does it mean we are not to be concerned about anything and just throw caution to the wind? Or does it mean something more? As Christians we should walk in faith over fear, but we need to understand it from a biblical perspective. I’m afraid it’s one of those phrases that is in danger of becoming a Christian cliché and losing its meaning. So, what does faith over fear mean?

Faith over fear means we have faith in God as we live wisely in accordance with His word. We are not to live carelessly or foolishly, but as Paul commands in Ephesians 5:15, we are to “pay careful attention” to how we “...walk - not as unwise people but as wise.” We do not throw common sense out the window. The other day I was reading an article about a snake handling church. The pastor was holding a 6-foot rattlesnake and dancing around, claiming that based on Mark 16, he would not be injured or die from a snake bite. Sadly, the snake bit him but he refused treatment and died. His son, who was at that church, said he would follow in his father’s footsteps. He would not have fear, but faith. Not only is this an incorrect interpretation of that passage, it is, in essence, tempting God. When Satan was trying to tempt Jesus to sin, he said to Him, “throw Yourself off this cliff - after all, the Scripture says that angels will protect You, and You won’t even hurt Your foot on a stone. Jesus replied that the Scriptures also say, you must not tempt the Lord your God.” That is faith over fear. Walking wisely in accordance with God’s word and trusting Him.

Faith over fear means we trust God is at work in our life even in stressful or fearful times. Through all that is going on in this world, and in our lives, we can know God is at work. He is growing us. Teaching us. Conforming us to the image of Jesus Christ.

Faith over fear means we trust God is in control. Things are a mess right now. Our country is in a mess. Our world is in a mess. But God is still God. He is still in control and because of God’s sovereignty we can take our fears and worries to Him. In 2 Kings 18 and 19 it tells the true story of a godly man name Hezekiah, who was king of Judah. Assyria was trying to conquer the kingdom and they sent a letter threatening Hezekiah and dishonoring God. Was Hezekiah fearful? I’m sure he was. But instead of staying in that fear, he took it to God, laid it before Him, and then trusted Him. God answered his prayer and delivered the kingdom. That is faith over fear.

The greatest fear people have is the fear of death. As believers, we can face death fearlessly. Why? Because we believe Jesus died and rose again, He defeated death, and because of this, we too, shall defeat death. Again, this is faith over fear. Let me encourage you to truly walk in faith and not fear. How? Live wisely in accordance with God’s word, know God is at work, and remember He is in control. That is true faith over fear!

Callahan Garden Club News

The Callahan Garden Club summer break is over and the club will kick off the 2024-2025 Year with a Welcome Back meeting! The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 4 at 10 a.m. at their club at: 45251 Fourth Avenue, Callahan. Current, former and those interested in becoming members are welcomed back and encouraged to share any new gardening ideas picked up during your summer travels.

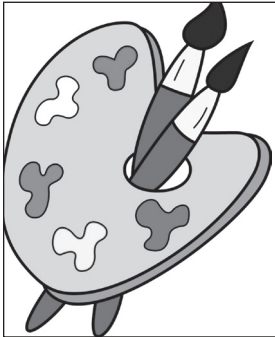
The Garden Club meets the first Wednesday of each month, September through May at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse. Anyone interested in gardening and the environment is welcomed to join us! You will be inspired!



Art Classes for Adults

The West Nassau Historical Society is hosting an adult art class for those age 18 and over on Saturday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to noon at the historic Callahan Train Depot. The class will be taught by renowned and extremely talented local artist, Ed Mosher. The Historical Society will provide all of the canvases and art supplies needed for the two-hour class.

Participants must pre-register by filling out the entry form and mailing it to the Historical Society or dropping it off at their office at 45383 Dixie Avenue, with the \$15 entry fee. Make sure to call them before you go by the



office as they have different hours. Entry forms can be found on the Historical Society website at: www.wnhsfl.org.

The West Nassau Historical Society is an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to the discovery and celebration of the rich and diverse history and culture of Nassau County, with focus on the western half of the county. The Historical Society is also an active member of Nassau Council of Arts and Culture. For more information, call the Historical Society at 904-879-3406 or email callahanrrdays@aol.com.

CHURCH NEWS

Hilliard First Assembly of God Youth Group will be selling Barbeque Pork Sandwiches Saturday, August 31 at 11 a.m. at the traffic light in Hilliard. Pork sandwiches, chips & soda, \$10. Monies raised are for youth to go to the Rise Conference in Orlando.

North Hilliard Baptist Church, 552823 US HWY1, would like to invite all men to our Men's Prayer meeting held the 1st Monday of month & the 3rd Saturday of the month, both at 6 p.m.

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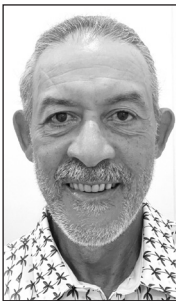
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NCCOA Announces 2024 Board of Directors Appointment

Karen Hackett, Chair, Nassau County Council on Aging (NCCOA) Board of Directors, is pleased to announce a new appointment to the Board. David Sharpe lends a career in public service to NCCOA's Board of Directors. David emigrated from Jamaica to the United States in 1979, enrolled in college and immediately entered law school in New York. After graduation, he worked in the District Attorney's Office - Witness Aid Services Unit which officially began his career serving the public. He worked with victims and witnesses, as well as reorganized administrative functions through policy change. David then joined the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office as an assistant prosecutor. After a decade of



litigating cases, he was in search of other ways to effect change within the office and eventually volunteered to run the juvenile division. During his eight-year tenure, juvenile complaints were cut in half resulting in the closure of the youth detention facility, saving the county approximately \$3 million per year. Not only did juvenile crime drop, but other adult crimes decreased, resulting in fewer victims and a better quality of life for all concerned.

With NCCOA, David finds himself on the other end of the age spectrum. However, similarities include the challenge of annual funding, outcome-focused programming and technology-driven opportunities. He is equally passionate about both demographics.

Nassau County Credit Rating Increased

Nassau County recently received its Aa1 credit rating by Moody's Investors Services, a global risk assessment firm who analyzes the financial health of businesses, including local governments. This is an increase from its previous rating of Aa2 issued in 2021 and is considered a "high investment grade". This means that Nassau County signifies a low-risk on investment with a high probability that we are able to meet financial commitments.

Moody's July 19, 2024 Issuer Comment stated, "Nassau County's issuer rating reflects the County's growing underlying economy and prudent budget management and fiscal policies that support maintenance of strong financial reserves." The report directly credits Nassau County's strong

financial position based on revenue growth and management's commitment to maintenance of unassigned fund balance at 16% to 20% of operating, in line with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommendation of having at least two months operating expenses in Reserves.

Over the years, the BOCC has implemented strategies to increase its credit rating and the County's overall financial health. These efforts have been developed through the County's strategic plan and implemented through programs including, but not limited to, the Pavement Management Plan, Chip Seal Program, Capital Improvement Plan, and the County's budgeting process.

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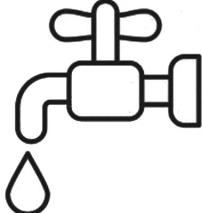
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Flashes Fall to Pirates

In a challenging season opener, the Hilliard High School Flashes fell short against county rival, the Fernandina Beach High School Pirates by a score of 40-8. For the second straight week the Flashes were their own worst enemies, committing four turnovers on offense that turned into four Fernandina touchdowns.

The game was the latest chapter in poor field conditions that has plagued Hilliard for years. HHS coaches were literally pumping water off the sidelines the morning of the game in an effort to make the field playable. The game started out promising with Hilliard forcing a Pirates punt on the first drive. From there the Flashes would fumble the exchange which allowed



Fernandina to start their second drive from the Flashes 10.

Despite the team's overall performance, DJ Alderman emerged as a bright spot for Hilliard. With over 100 total yards rushing and a stunning 67-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. The Flashes were led defensively by Brogan Johns who finished the game with nine tackles.

The Flashes look to rebound this Friday as they travel to Jacksonville to face the Stanton Blue Devils with a 6:30 p.m. kickoff.

Go Flashes!



Warriors Beat Knights in Home Opener



Maegyn LaCross

The West Nassau High School Warriors kicked off their 2024 home opener against the Frederica Academy Knights from St. Simons Island, Georgia, and came out victorious by a score of 34-7. The Knights started with the ball but were forced to punt after a quick three and out. The Warriors put together a methodical drive leaning on the run game. The drive was capped off by a 2-yard touchdown run from Andi Ataiza. On their next drive, the Knights were able to get a couple first downs before they lost a fumble that was forced by defensive lineman Caiden Williams and recovered by Stetson Brown.

The Warriors marched the ball down the field and after a spectacular diving catch from receiver Colby Gay, were able to punch the ball in the end zone for another touchdown from 5 yards out by Skyler Freeman. The Knights were

able to put points on the board right before half to bring the score to 14-7.

The Warriors got the ball first in the second half and after an explosive run from Andi Ataiza, punched the ball to take a 21-7 lead. The Warriors controlled the rest of the game to cap off a terrific home opener.

The Warriors were led offensively on the ground by Skyler Freeman who had 17 carries for 110 yards and 3



Maegyn LaCross

touchdowns; quarterback Pryce Arnold was 5 for 8 with 148 yards; Colby Gay had 2 receptions for 92 yards; and Avry Griffin added 2 receptions for 36 yards.

The Warriors were led defensively by junior defensive back Nick Braddock who had 8 tackles; Garrett Rica added 7 tackles with 2 for a loss; and linebacker Nash Batrous added 6 tackles with 1 tackle for a loss.

Warriors Head Coach Gunnar Cox stated, "We have been preaching do the little things right. We made a big jump this week and just want to continue to get better."

The Warriors return to action this Friday night at home against the Ridgeview Panthers with a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Go Warriors!



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A Tribute to Elizabeth McIntosh

Dawn S. West

Since we began the Westside Journal, once we receive the papers from the press on Wednesdays, I deliver samples around town to the local gas stations, stores and restaurants. The Life Care Center of Hilliard is my last stop. At first, I would just drop off a few copies at the reception desks for residents and leave. For about the last 12 years or so, I've dropped off some copies at the front and taken a few and walked the halls visiting residents I knew. I have lost many sweet friends during those years and am sad to say I've lost another friend. Miss Elizabeth McIntosh, 107, passed away last Thursday, August 22. I was so thankful to receive a call from Life Care about her condition that I was able to spend a few hours with her prior to her passing.

You may remember about seven years ago, I believe it was her 100th birthday, we reached out to our readers hoping to receive 100 birthday cards for her. We also asked if you would mind sending \$1 to purchase her honey buns that she loved. Our readers and Facebook followers showed up and showed out. I think we had well over 100 (closer to 150) cards and they were all so thoughtful. Many had a \$1 bill and others had \$20 or more. There were pictures to share with her and lots of sweet notes.

On that birthday, I sat on her bed and one by one read them and looked at them. As I continued, she stopped me and told me she was tired. It took us about 3 weeks to get through them. She couldn't believe that people actually did that for her.

She was truly one of a kind. I well remember the first time we met. I was visiting another dear friend and Miss Elizabeth came in her room in her wheelchair. She roamed around the center walking in her wheelchair. She was a mess and feisty little thing.



She asked me who I was and quickly told me where her room was. From then on, she was one of my regular visits. I was called the 'paper' lady forever. She also had Brenda, who brought her honeybuns, the 'donut' lady. We didn't ever know if she really knew our names but... it didn't really matter.

I enjoyed listening to her stories of her past. She was a feisty thing then too. She enjoyed her life and lived it to the fullest until she fell and broke her hip. She only had some eye drops early in our visits that she made sure she didn't miss the time to put them in. I was in charge of making sure her clock had a battery so she knew what time it was for the eye drops. She eventually quit worrying about eye drops.

She loved Wrigley's Doublemint gum. She was so unique in that she knew what she wanted and nothing else would do. One year, I got her a sweet potato pie for her birthday, that's the only kind she liked. Luckily, I thought before I took it and also took some small plates and foil with me. She was so excited but quickly told me, "You can't leave that here!" I whipped out my little plate and cut her two slices and wrapped them and she was content! She was something else.

The picture shown of her was taken when Life Care held a Fall Festival and residents could come outside and get a hot dog and hamburger. Once she got her hot dog, she made sure to let me take her picture. Of course, she had to approve anything I ever put in the paper about her!

I will miss that sweet soul but thankful for the time I had with her. We've been working for the last few years about saying I love you! I would always kiss her on the forehead and say it when I left. She would quickly reply, "I'm glad someone does!" For the last couple of years, she has finally responded with I love you too!

New Beginnings and Milestones

Sue Marsh Celebrates 95th Birthday



Sue Marsh celebrated her 95th birthday August 20. She was born August 20, 1929 in Griffin, Georgia. She graduated from Griffin High School and attended college at Georgia Southern, where she met her husband, Craig Marsh. They moved to Callahan in 1952. She was a teacher at Callahan Elementary for many years before becoming the school Librarian. Her husband Craig, passed away in 2018. Sue still lives in their family home in Callahan. She is an avid reader and enjoys going to the library to check out books. She celebrated her special milestone with family and friends and also attended a luncheon for retired teachers on her birthday. She has always been a blessing to those who know her. She is a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Callahan.

She has two sons, Barry Marsh of Callahan and Ed Marsh.

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PATRICIA ANN BAZEMORE

Patricia Ann Nipper Bazemore, 71, of Alma, passed away August 24, 2024, following a short illness. She was born December 31, 1952 in Bacon County to Frank and Dorthy Harris Nipper. Mrs. Bazemore was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by two children: Ricky Bazemore and Denise Bazemore Cribbs; brothers Jr Nipper and Bobby Nipper; sisters Gloria Nipper, Shirley Nipper Chancey, Patsy Nipper Ruis, Illa Jean Nipper Taylor and Nell Nipper Morrison.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Danny Bazemore; daughter Peggy Bazemore (Chris) Cravey of Hilliard; son-in-law Charles Cribbs; grandchildren Carlee Cravey (Lantz) Sullivan, Kinsley Cravey, Morgan Potts (Trey) Cribb and Maci Potts (Austin) Drew and Chase Cravey; great-grandchildren Hazel and Vera Cribb and Dallen Drew; brothers James Nipper and Ronnie (Cheryl) Nipper; special niece Joyce Medders; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Michael Ruis, Robbie Ruis, Tony Nipper, Mark Nipper, David Trowell and Mike Morrison. All others in attendance will be considered honorary escorts.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Wednesday, August 28 in the chapel of Crosby Funeral Home with Pastor Jimmy Miles officiating. Interment followed in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Crosby Funeral Home, Alma, was in charge of arrangements.

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JOHN NATHAN BROWN

John Nathan Brown, 97, of Hilliard, went to be with the Lord August 19, 2024. He served his country as a proud US Marine during WWII. He worked for the railroad for more than 30 years before his retirement. He loved spending time with his family, but most of all his grandchildren. He is survived by his children Teresa Brown (Fred) Wulf, Linda Brown (James) Vincelli, Vicki Brown (Charles) Cornett and David Nathan Brown; grandchildren Tania K. Smith, Leo N. (Ty) Dykes, Rebecca A. Merritt, Adrienne M. Stahler, Perry W. Poe and Stephen M. Chancey, 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. A private family graveside service will be held at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

MARY ELLEN CLARK

Mary Ellen "Cookie" Clark, 81, of Fernandina Beach, passed away Saturday, August 17, 2024, at the Warner Center for Caring. Cookie, as she was affectionately known, was born in Jacksonville and was a daughter of the late Horace and Florence Davidson Anderson. She was raised in Jacksonville and was a graduate of Andrew Jackson High School. She had made her home in Atlanta and Fort Myers Beach before moving to Fernandina Beach in 2009 to be near family. While working some outside the home in the past, she had most recently been a homemaker. She loved walking on the beach, gardening, playing board games and spending time with family and friends. She

dearly loved her whole family but especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her eternally positive outlook towards life and always being accepting of others. She leaves behind her children Herbert (Vanessa) Stokes of Hilliard, Ellen (Tommy) King of Fernandina Beach, Cheryl Boyce of Fernandina Beach and Cathie (Brooks) Andrews of Jacksonville; grandchildren Donny (Michelle) King, Thomas King, Herbert (Katie) Stokes, Jennie (Justin) Self, Amanda (Dustin) Bishop, Nicole (James) Highsmith, Lindsay (Doug) Roland and Kelly (Taylor) Humburger; and many great-grandchildren and extended family and friends. The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 22, prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors. She will be laid to rest in a graveside service at the Anderson Family Cemetery on Cedar Point Road in North Jacksonville. Arrangements by Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors, Fernandina Beach. Condolences may be expressed at: www.oxleyheard.com.

ANITA ALTON EVESKCIGE

Anita Alton Eveskcige, 77, of Callahan, passed away peacefully August 21, 2024. She was born October 20, 1946, in Vero Beach, Florida, to the late Glenn E. Smith and Mamie Alice Crosby Smith. Anita was a former employee of Bio Med in Guilford, Connecticut. She dedicated many years to making respirators for infants, a testament to her nurturing and caring nature. Anita retired in 2017 and relocated to Callahan, to be closer to her

daughter, Monica. She enjoyed traveling, cooking, shopping, and watching episodes of Longmire. More than anything, Anita cherished spending time with her children and grandchildren, who will remember her as a loving and devoted family member. Her legacy of kindness and compassion will be fondly remembered by those who knew and loved her. Anita is preceded in death by her parents; husband Flea Eveskcige; son Kenneth Jordan; infant daughter Brandie Denise; brothers Donald Smith and Gary Smith; and sister Patti Hardin. Anita is survived by her daughter Monica (Ricky) Ursry of Callahan; brother Jimmy (Sandy) Smith; daughter-in-law Shani Jordan; grandchildren Tiffany Jordan, Joseph (Daphne) Jordan, Christopher Atkinson, Kaylee Ursry, Dalton Jordan and Miranda Jordan; 10 great-grandchildren; and many extended family members and friends. A memorial service for Anita will be held Saturday, September 7 at 2 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Barney officiating. Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US Hwy 1, Callahan, 904-879-1770. Condolences may be expressed at: www.nassaufh.com.

GARY WAYNE HOLMES

Gary Wayne Holmes, 79, of Callahan, passed away Tuesday, August 20, 2024. He was born February 28, 1945, to the late Cary and Marie Holmes. Gary enjoyed fishing and hunting and he did so until his illness prevented it. He will be missed greatly by all who have the honor of knowing him. Gary is survived by his wife, Velice Holmes; son Terry (Bonnie) Holmes; brother Johnny "Corky" Holmes; sisters

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DONNA ELAINE HUNT

 Donna Elaine Hunt, 68, passed away peacefully Friday, August 23, 2024, surrounded by loved ones. She was born October 15, 1955 to Delva Marie (Taylor) Cash and Clyde Herman Cash. She was the eldest daughter of seven children. She spent the majority of her life in Jacksonville, but she was recently of Camden County, Georgia. She was married to Walter George Hunt on January 10, 1975 and remained his dutiful wife for the next 44 years until his death August 4, 2019.

Donna’s greatest strength was her dedication to family. She was a loving mother, caring daughter, thoughtful sister, and beloved Nana. She also enjoyed her career as a bookkeeper and tax preparer for many years. She took pride in her many years of volunteer work with the Dorcas Drake Christmas Party.

She was also known to her family as a great cook and was special to all who knew her. Donna was a Christian woman and has gone to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We love you always, Mom, Nana, Aunt Donna. You are missed by us all.

In addition to her husband and parents; she is preceded in death by two older brothers Clyde Ronald Cash and John Michael Cash.

She is survived by her five children Christopher George Hunt, Sara Elizabeth

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(Daniel) Higginbotham, Lisa Marie (Kevin) Hoffman, Kenneth Adam Hunt and Laura Elaine Hunt; four siblings Richard Mark Cash, Bobby Glenn (Marlo) Cash, Patricia Marie Hunt and Randy Lloyd Cash; 13 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 31 at 2 p.m. at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home – Callahan Chapel, 617365 Brandies Avenue, Callahan. Reception will follow at 45401 Mickler Street, Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at: srfhcallahan.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Callahan Chapel, 879-2336.

ELIZABETH LAYDEN MCINTOSH

 Elizabeth Ann Layden McIntosh, 107, of Hilliard, passed away Thursday, August 22, 2024, at the Life Care Center of Hilliard. She was born July 10, 1917 in Pasquotank County, North Carolina, to the late Thomas L. Layden and Cora Felton Layden. She was a homemaker and loved to work outside in her yard. In her younger years, she was a telephone operator for 13 years in Elizabeth City, NC. Mrs. McIntosh was a faithful member of Live Oak Baptist Church for over 66 years.

In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by two husbands John Clayton Braddock; and Arnold McIntosh; three sisters Dorothy Pendleton, Roxie Palmer Jones and Mildred Archer; and three brothers Tullie Lee Layden, Henry T.

Layden and Johnnie F. Layden.


She leaves behind to mourn her passing 16 nieces and nephews that loved her dearly.

A celebration of her life was held Tuesday, August 27 at 3 p.m. at Live Oak Baptist Church with Pastor David King officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.srfhcallahan.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home-Callahan Chapel, 617365 Brandies Avenue, Callahan.

CAROLYN B. STOKES

 Mrs. Carolyn B. Stokes, 85, of Hilliard, passed away Saturday, August 24, 2024 in Jacksonville. She was born August 20, 1938 in Hilliard, to the late David H. Buchanan, Sr. and Alberta Davis Buchanan. She is preceded in death by her husband; and three siblings.

She is survived by two children; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A private interment was held in Boones Creek Cemetery in St. George.

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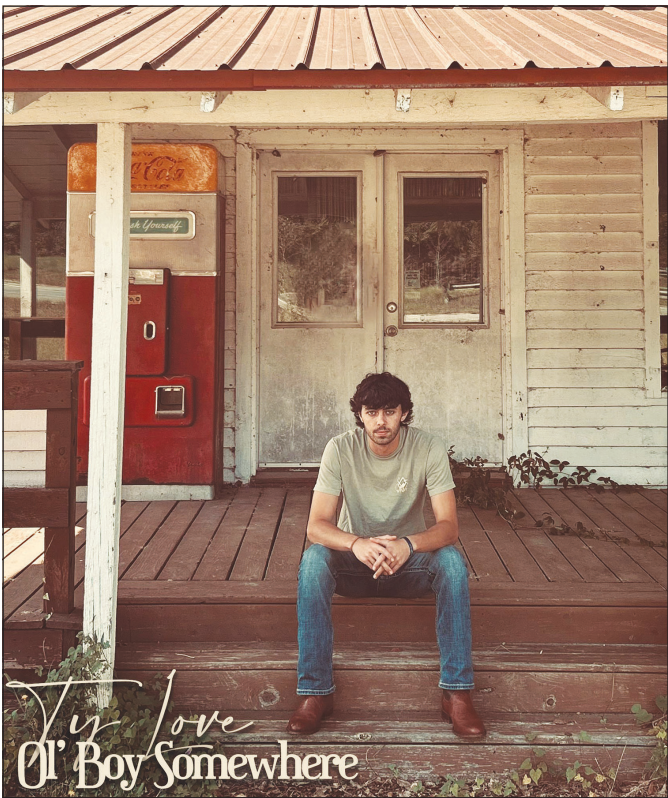
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Ty Love to Release First EP

On Friday, August 30th, Ty Love will be releasing his first EP, *Ole Boy Somewhere*, on all streaming platforms. Ty was able to record this EP (Extended Play) with the Orange Blossom Opry Band which is comprised of professional Nashville Artists. The EP was produced by Mainframe Studios owned by Nathan Smith.

Ty is excited to have everyone in his hometown to have the opportunity to listen to his original songs. Ty is the son of Joey and Kristen Love of Callahan.



West Nassau AFJROTC Excels *Correction*

Editors Note: In last weeks article about the WN JROTC, some cadets names were left out of the story.

This summer, 36 West Nassau High School's AFJROTC cadets attended the number 1 Leadership Camp in the United States, The Citadel in South Carolina. The Citadel hosted 320 cadets from over 20 schools.

Cadet Charles Owens placed in the top 10% for the academic test. Cadets Leona Arowood, Brianna Gancerez, Colton Horton, Lucas Lobb, Colhton Moore, Kory Moser, and Richard Nelson, all placed in the top 10% for the drill evaluations. All the cadets earned their Cadet Leadership Course Ribbon and many other awards.

Congratulations to all the Cadets at West Nassau High School for their dedication and determination!



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Remember to Pray for Our Troops

The Westside Journal would like to pay tribute to all the brave servicemen and women. Please take time to remember each of these service members in your daily prayers.

Gabriel Albert (Hawaii), Jacob Ash-Medina (Japan), Jewel Rene Barron (Virginia), Timothy Beasley (Cuba), Cody Beaver (Virginia), Jessica Bell (Hawaii), Chad E. Black (South Carolina), Kevin & Brooke Blanton (Georgia), Sgt. Caleb Bohannon (Oklahoma), Israel Marcos Bonilla (Missouri), Derek Borden, Benjamin Black (Iraq), Conrad Brauhn (Afghanistan), Ryan Brooks (Connecticut), John Brookshire (North Carolina), Aaron Brown (Japan), Branden Brown (USS Nimitz), Anthony Broekema (Virginia), Ethan Bulford, (Virginia), SSGT Thomas W. Burnette (North Carolina), Ahmad Butler (Japan), Brayden Lamar Carroll (North Carolina), Allen L. Carter (Alaska), Samuel S. Clemons (Japan), John Coltrane (NAS Jax), Cody Cooper (Florida), Scott Cooper, Trevor Corum (Nebraska), Charlie I. D. Cox (South Korea), Quinn Coxwell (Georgia), Gavin Crews (Germany), Tison J. Crews (Korea), Charles 'CJ' Cribbs, III (Washington, DC), Dennis L. Davis II (Alabama), Joshua M. 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It is our honor to recognize our local Armed Service members. We would like to update our 'Pray for our Troops' list, adding those who have recently joined our Armed Services or removing those who no longer serve. Please read over the list. If you need to make a correction, addition or deletion, just give us a call, 879-4180. You may also email changes to news@westsidejournal.net.

God Bless our Troops!