

"EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS, WHO DOES NOT CHANGE LIKE SHIFTING SHADOWS." - JAMES 1:17

Davis Chosen as Callahan Mayor

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met via conference calling on Monday night. The first order of business was a discussion of the Fire contract with Nassau County. At the previous meeting, the council discussed increasing the rent to Nassau County for the fire station from \$1,800 per month to \$2,100 per month. "I'm asking to increase the rent because the electric bill is now \$800-\$850 per month for them," said Council President & Fire Commissioner Ken Bass.

The council approved going ahead with the increase in the contract and sending it back to the county for approval.

In other business, the town advertised for a mayor and received two responses. Both gentlemen were at town hall during the meeting. They were: Matthew Davis; and former Mayor Bobby Rau. Both presented resumes for the council to look over. Councilman Bass introduced Matthew Davis as a Callahan business owner and of course resident. "I called Mr. Davis on the phone today and we had a lengthy conversation," said Councilwoman Shirley Graham. "He seems very enthusiastic about the job and the opportunity to serve. He also has some ideas concerning growth here in Callahan."

"How much time do you think you could give us (the town)?" asked Bass.

"I am very flexible and feel I can be available whenever I'm needed," said Davis.

Bass introduced Rau as the former mayor and asked for questions from the council. "Do you plan on keeping your current job?" asked Graham.

"At this time I plan to," answered Rau. "I love the town of Callahan. If I didn't I wouldn't live here. Maybe we could visit new directions for the town."

Bass asked, "What's the pleasure of the council?"



Mayor Matthew Davis

"I make a motion to appoint Matthew Davis as Interim Mayor," said Graham.

The motion was seconded by Councilman David Mellecker followed by a unanimous vote by the council to appoint Matthew Davis as Interim Mayor.

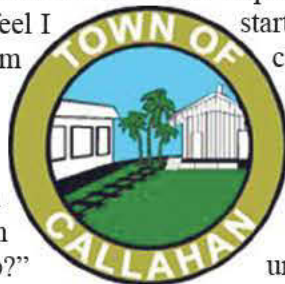
"I like Bobby Rau a lot but I don't feel like he got things done as Mayor," added Graham.

The council approved having a special meeting Monday, August 10 at 7 p.m. to swear in Mr. Davis.

Town Manager Mike Williams advised the council about the town receiving one of the two FERDAP Grants that were applied for. "We (the town) submitted two grant applications, both for Depot Park," said Williams. "We could only have one open grant per park so we got one grant worth \$50,000 for Depot Park. This will allow us to start on Phase I of Depot Park. We can apply for another one next year."

Williams also advised the council that Governor DeSantis has extended the State of Emergency until September 1, meaning our meetings will continue by conference calls.

A special meeting of the council will be held Monday, August 10 at 7 p.m. to swear in the new Interim Mayor. The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 17 at 7 p.m.



Remembering Becky Jordi

Rebecca 'Becky' Lynn Jordi, 66, passed away July 31, 2020, after a courageous battle with cancer. A private service will be held for the immediate family. A Celebration of Life service will be held this fall to coincide with the dedication of the new Extension Building on Miner Road which will bear her name.

She found her calling as an Extension Agent for the University of Florida here in Nassau County. It was here Becky thrived, starting as the Horticulture Agent, achieving certification with the International Society of Arborists, and becoming the Nassau County Extension Director.

Rebecca initiated many projects including the Demonstration Gardens at the Governmental Complex and the Yulee office; Landscape Matters; Crash Course on Gardening; Garden Talk; and many clinics on native plants, birds, rain barrels, herbs, and her beloved citrus. The Master Gardener program has thrived under her leadership, with many of them tirelessly serving the community with science-based knowledge gained through IFAS/UF. She was often a feature speaker during the Home and Garden shows at Epcot, and did occasional TV appearances on WTLV 12 First Coast Living.

Her many awards include the Florida Association of Natural Resources Professionals-Mid Career Leadership Award; Florida Nassau Extension Director and author Rebecca Jordi, and Master Gardener volunteer Carol Ann Atwood, all hold Jordi's newly-released book, for Excellence Team Award, *Zoe's Mission*.

National Finalist; National Finalist in Landscape Horticulture; Computerized Graphic Presentation Silver Award; and Extension Professional Association Young Professional of the Year.

One of her greatest achievements is seeing her children's book "Zoe's Mission" published, which was illustrated by local artist and Master Gardener Joanne Roach.

Becky had a passion for her job and truly loved what she did and you could see it in her many awards. Even through her illness she strived to continue her work and did it well. With her

knowledge she expanded the extension office.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and her extension family during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, fans of Becky can support the local Extension Master Gardener program by purchasing her book, "Zoe's Mission" from the County Extension Office in Yulee by calling 904-530-6350 to order your copy.



Master Gardener volunteers Lynn West, Karl Schaffer and illustrator Joanne Roach, UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director and author Rebecca Jordi, and Master Gardener volunteer Carol Ann Atwood, all hold Jordi's newly-released book, *Zoe's Mission*.

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THE EASIEST DECISION ON THE PRIMARY BALLOT

By Robert (Bob) Sturgess

The election for Commissioner of the Ocean Highway and Port Authority (Dist. 1) is the most straightforward voting decision in many years. Through litigation, resolutions and regulations, the city is trying to take control of the Port's revenues and operations.

If you want a Port commissioner who works to benefit ALL the citizens of Nassau County and not just the City of Fernandina Beach, re-elect Bob Sturgess.



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Bio: Mr. Sturgess is an attorney who has represented counties and county commissioners throughout Florida, as well as the Republican Party of Florida. He is also a Florida Supreme Court certified mediator and a court-approved arbitrator.

Mr. Sturgess plays guitar in the Amelia Baptist Church orchestra, and was a founding member of the Board of Directors of 'The Nest - A Women's Center'.

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Letters to the Editor

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Special Visit!

Dear Dawn,

I just had to write a note to let you know how excited my sweet Aunt, Joyce Feagle, was to meet you the other day. She told me how she loved to read her paper and looked forward to its arrival each Thursday. She felt like she knew both you and Roger even though she had never met you. She knew you both were Christians and could see and feel your love for Jesus and our community in your writing. Her words were "I just know they are precious people and I want to meet them one day."

With that being said, I had to make a point to bring her by to meet you in person. It totally made her day! I take both my beautiful sweet Aunts, Joyce Feagle of Callahan and Evelyn Cline of Oceanway, once a month to get their hair done and out to lunch so the timing was perfect. Both my parents are deceased and my two Aunts are the last left of 11 siblings from

my Mom's side. None are left from my Dad's side of four boys total. I count it a blessing to spend time with both of them and a double blessing to help make her wish come true!

This is perfect proof of what you both put into our community. You are such a blessing and I'm sure my Aunt is not the only one who feels she already knew you long before she met you. I know my Dad felt the same way and was overjoyed when he finally met you. Keep doing what you're doing! Our community is so blessed to have you in our lives!

Love & Prayers,
Rhonda Melton

America today...

Dear Editor,

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!" Abraham Lincoln, March 30, 1863.

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BRENT LEMON

For County Commission District 3

Dear Nassau County Neighbors,

Are you sick of political slogans and politicians pretending to be someone they're not? Campaign season is when everyone claims to be a conservative Republican out to diversify our tax base. We've heard it before, but all we get is more sprawl, residential rooftops, and increased demand for government services. Taxpayers are stuck with the bill along with huge capital deficits to fund needed parks and pave roads.

I have served Nassau as our Career Ed Director and stand on my track record. I entered this race to fight the cronyism and corruption in our local government that has stood in the way of REAL efforts to positively impact our economy. My opponent, Jeff Gray, has been Pat Edwards's appointee to the Planning and Zoning board for the past 8 years. He voted in favor of every residential development approved during this time, including allowing Edward's "friend", Greg Matovina, to build townhomes along railroad tracks. Gray's campaign is funded by Edwards, Matovina, the builders' association, and their ilk. Which candidate do you believe is truly committed to more balanced growth and a diversified tax-base?

We have a great opportunity to move our county in a NEW direction. If elected, I will give you everything I have. I trust you to see past the propaganda and encourage you to "Think Nassau!" I do hope that you will vote for me, Brent Lemond, as your next county commissioner for district 3.

Sincerely,

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Fish Talk

Flounder Talk

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

I'm guessing by now you probably have your dove fields planted and are awaiting opening day. Or, maybe you are doing the last minute work in the hunting club. For some reason, I always wait until the hottest months to prepare for deer season. By the time the actual season rolls around, it's so hot that I'd rather just stay home! That is unless I hear the fish are biting.

Well, that's just what happened this past weekend. We had a hunch so we tried to beat the storm. Although there weren't many effects from this system, the pressure dropped just enough to turn the bite on. We made it our mission to find where the flounder were holding. Starting at the jetties, we moved inland fishing everywhere we could find rock structure. It wasn't long before we found that perfect balance where flounder were holding. The water wasn't dirty nor clean but had just the right clarity. We had approximately three feet of visibility which is great for predatory fish feeding from the bottom. There we found the right bait and the perfect tidal flow.



We used plastics for search baits to begin with then, switched up to live mullet after a couple of decent fish. It didn't take long to find some really solid flounder. They were lying just outside of the structure and were hammering our baits when we presented them properly. The bite tapered off after about an hour but not before we landed seven solid fish.

The moral of the story is, those prefrontal systems will many times bring the big fish out of hiding. So check the forecast and get in on the action. Also, if I haven't said it enough, the St. Johns River is loaded with good quality fish. Look for that to only get better as we move toward the end of August and into September.

I hope you all have a great weekend and as always, I look forward to seeing you on the water!

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Just some random thoughts today, I don't know which local candidate is paying for a telephone poll here in Nassau County. Whoever it is sure enough are wasting their money. I have never believed that polls were accurate or trustworthy and this local poll has confirmed my belief. One afternoon last week our home phone rang, I looked at the caller ID and it showed something like "political poll." Just out of curiosity, I answered it and it was a recorded message asking questions concerning different local politicians and local races. The questions were such as, what's your opinion of Janet Adkins, Stan Bethea and Justin Taylor, who would you vote for if the election were today for Supervisor of Elections and County Commission District 1 and 5. More questions concerning Supervisor of Elections than any other race, which gave me a clue as to which candidate was sponsoring this poll. After each question you were given a choice of answers by pressing 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the phone. This is the typical way that most polls are conducted. The kicker is that later that evening the telephone rang again, lo and behold it was the same poll. So once again I listened to each question and punched in my appropriate answer. This proved to me that this poll was going to show bogus results. Then the very next night at nearly 9 p.m., the telephone rang again, yep, you guessed it, the exact same poll once again. So I was able to give my opinion three times! So there is why poll numbers do not reflect reality.

Sometimes I just marvel at the ignorance of the liberals in this great country. The same people that think conservatives are a bunch of dumb ignorant deplorables, actually want to

defund police departments. The scariest part of this is that many city officials across America agree and some have even begun slashing law enforcement budgets with plans to continue with more cuts or completely do away with their police departments. Even Uncle Joe Biden is in agreement with slashing law enforcement. I cannot even fathom what society would be without our law enforcement officers. Now what really intrigues me about this scenario is the "what if?" What if there were no longer any police? Do these liberals not realize what would happen? That would mean it's the good guys against the bad guys! If there is no police then there are no trials and no jails, just good vs. evil. The next time they started rioting, looting and destroying property, do they not know that the good guys are going to roll in and end the riot very quickly. The good guys aren't going to be sensitive to their unjustified feelings and snowflake ideals. If the good guys see drug deals they are going to put an end to it. No police no worries. After the good guys eliminate the threat, then the SWAT team (not Special Weapons And Tactics teams, but Social Workers And Therapists teams) can move in if there are any one left standing.

It sounds barbaric and it is, but it is what would happen if there were no law enforcement. We all would have to police our surroundings. One more issue that would play against this liberal ideology, while the largest portion of conservatives are stocking up on self-defense weapons and ammo, the liberals are still trying to figure out their gender. It's not going to end well for the snowflakes.

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

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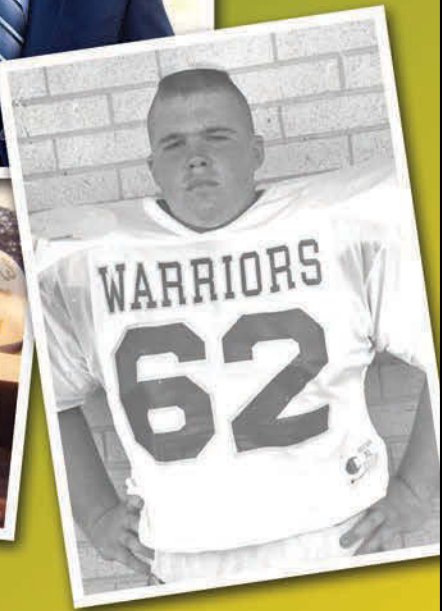
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In Southern Greece, there is a city called Corinth. Almost 2,000 years ago the Apostle Paul wrote a series of letters to the church in this city; two of which are preserved in the Bible called 1st and 2nd Corinthians. If I were to describe this church, I would use the words "Hot Mess."

Here are some of the problems that were going on in this church: Division based on allegiance to Paul, Apollos, Peter, and Christ; Puffed up (proud) (1 Corinthians 4:6); Rejecting authority; Self-deception (1 Corinthians 3:18); Division between license and legalism (1 Corinthians 8); Christians suing each other in secular court; Patronizing prostitutes; Participating in ceremonial meals of pagan cults; One man was even sleeping with his father's wife (1 Corinthians 5:1)

They had gone as far to resent Paul, the other apostles, and the Gospel itself. They thought he was simple and lacked wisdom. So how does Paul handle all of this? He reminds them how he came to them: "When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come with superior eloquence or wisdom as I proclaimed the testimony of God. For I decided to be concerned about nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and with much trembling. My conversation and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not be based on human wisdom but on the power of God." 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (ESV)

Paul came with the simple truth of the Gospel. Paul knows it is this Gospel (Good News) that saved them several years earlier. And that it is this same Good News that will rescue this church from all the problems it is experiencing now.

I believe that on either side of any of the issues we face in our country today (and there are a lot of them), both sides would agree, we are a "Hot Mess." The solution to every problem we face is the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Gospel is not just for saving people from hell (although praise God that it does); it is for daily application in our lives.

I love how 22-year-old Jonathan Isaac, NBA Orlando magic player, put it. When asked why he was the only player on all the teams that didn't kneel for the National Anthem, he used the opportunity to present the Gospel as the answer to it all: "I think when you look around, racism isn't the only thing that plagues our society, that plagues our nation, that plagues our world, and I feel like coming together on that message that we want to get past not only racism but everything that plagues our society," Jonathan Isaac said. "The answer to it is the gospel."

What is this Good News that Paul and Jonathan Isaac are talking about? It is that even though every one of us has broken our relationship with our Creator through sin; He has made a way to restore our broken relationship. Jesus Christ took our place of punishment so that we can have right relationship with God. On the cross, He took our sin. And because He rose on the third day we too, will rise to be with Him on our last day if we have received what He is offering us. Have you accepted Jesus' offer? If you would like to speak to someone about your relationship with Jesus, contact this newspaper and we will make sure to connect you to a pastor in your area.

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Shown (l to r) are: Paul Bussell, Executive Director ARC Nassau, April Taylor, Rayonier Advanced Materials and Steven Carr, Board Chairman ARC Nassau.

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Mr. Drew said it best, "Her dedication to the citizens and her belief in the office will be greatly missed."

Jackie, on behalf of all the citizens of Nassau County (and the thousands of Duval residents who drive over the line) Thank You for all that you have done to better our government! May our good Lord continue to bless you in the next chapter of your life."



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Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

Is it possible to predict the winner of the U.S. Presidential elections through genealogy? The recent theory of "Most Royal Blood" publicized by Harold Brooks-Baker promotes the idea that the candidate with the most royal blood would win.

From the election of 1976 (Carter vs. Ford), through the 2012 (Obama vs. Romney) this held true, with the exception of the 2004 election (Kerry vs. Bush), the theory maintained Kerry should have won: however if you include their running mates Dick Cheney had more royal blood than John Edwards giving the Bush ticket the most royal blood. In the 2016 election, Hillary Clinton has no royal blood. Some sources (not documented) show Donald Trump is descended from royalty.

In this year's election, sources indicate Joe Biden has no royal blood and as before some sources (not documented) show Donald Trump is descended from royalty. Only the November elections will provide us with the answer.

Our meetings have been postponed indefinitely due to the virus. Hopefully, we will return to our normal scheduled meetings soon. Pray for our country, be safe and don't forget to vote!

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By Robert (Bob) Sturgess

The election for Commissioner of the Ocean Highway and Port Authority (Dist. 1) is the most straightforward voting decision in many years. Through litigation, resolutions and regulations, the city is trying to take control of the Port's revenues and operations.

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Vote for Robert (Bob) Sturgess!

Bio: Mr. Sturgess is an attorney who has represented counties and county commissioners throughout Florida, as well as the Republican Party of Florida. He is also a Florida Supreme Court certified mediator and a court-approved arbitrator.

Mr. Sturgess plays guitar in the Amelia Baptist Church orchestra, and was a founding member of the Board of Directors of 'The Nest - A Women's Center'.

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Election COVID-19 Preparations for Voting, Polling Place Changes

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We are nearing August 18th Primary Election Day with early voting beginning on August 3, 2020. My colleagues have gone above and beyond the call of duty to prepare for the upcoming elections. I am deeply grateful for the commitment they have to the citizens of Nassau County and our nation! Likewise, although many of our election workers are not able to work during the pandemic and we support their decisions wholeheartedly, we are also deeply grateful for the election workers and county employees who have committed to working during early voting and on Election Day.

By now, all registered voters in Nassau County should have received a new Voter Information Card and a Sample Ballot in the mail. It is important to make sure the voter information in the official mailings from our office are accurate and, if not, contact our office as soon as possible to ensure that you have no delays in receiving your Vote by Mail ballot, if requested, or when voting in-person during early voting and on Election Day.

COVID-19 SUPPLIES AND PREPARATIONS:

Election Workers will:

- Have their temperatures taken and answer questions upon arrival as recommended by guidelines
- Wear face shields or face masks and gloves (when needed)
- Have hand sanitizer at their stations and will wash their hands and clean surfaces regularly
- Voting booths will be cleaned after each use and will have a "reserved" sign to provide social distancing between the booths

Air Purifier machines will be running throughout the day (and evening during early voting)

Voters will be provided:

- A face mask and gloves, if requested, and hand sanitizer before entering the polling room and at various stations during the voting process
- A disposable cotton tipped wooden stick to sign the signature pad



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Everyone in the polling room will be requested to keep conversations to a minimum for the protection of all. To show your appreciation, give the dedicated election workers of Nassau County a "thumbs up."

ACCESSIBLE SAMPLE BALLOT:

An accessible sample ballot is available at www.VoteNassau.com. Although a local news station recently reported that Nassau County was directed to provide an accessible ballot as a result of a recent lawsuit, our county had an accessible ballot for the 2020 Presidential Preference Primary election and had a contract in place for a new online ballot delivery system for persons with disabilities (once it was certified) even prior to the lawsuit. The new system was certified by the Florida Division of Elections on July 14, 2020 and will be implemented for the November 3rd General Election. Five counties in Florida, including Nassau County, volunteered to be pilot counties for Florida. Should any voter need assistance now or in the future, email access@votenassau.com or call 904.491.7500 or TDD 904.491.7510 for assistance.

POLLING PLACE CHANGES:

As a result of losing five polling places due to 2019 legislative changes and due to the limited number of election workers available to work in the upcoming elections, we consolidated polling places and are using school gyms and large facilities to allow for social distancing for voters who wish to vote in-person. Most locations are landmarks (schools, community centers, etc.) and, therefore, easy to locate. Prior to the 2022 Gubernatorial Election cycle, the county will have completed the redistricting process and precinct boundaries and polling places will be changed as a result. All voters will then receive a new voter information card in preparation for the 2022 elections.

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• **EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND STATUS:** All voters can vote at any of the five early voting locations. Early voting locations, dates, times and even wait times are displayed at this link.

• **BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS:** A list of all drop box locations and information.

• **FIND MY POLLING PLACE:** Before or on Election Day, make sure you know where your polling place is located. Florida law requires that you vote in your assigned polling place on Election Day.

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RECAP OF PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT FROM PREVIOUS

PRESS RELEASE:

• **BALLOT STYLES:** In a primary election, your ballot style is based on your residential address and your party affiliation. Every voter will receive a ballot with the same races, except for the Republican ballot style which will have one additional race: Representative in Congress, District 4.

• **REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 4 RACE:** In order to vote in this race, a voter must be registered as Republican. The deadline to change party affiliation for this election was July 20, 2020. The Republican candidate who receives a majority of the votes will face a Democratic and write-in candidate in the General Election.

• **UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CONTESTS:** There are seven (7) races that are Universal Primary Contests on the ballot. This means that candidates with the same party affiliation qualified for the seat and, because there were no other candidates to face in the General Election, all registered voters in Nassau County are eligible to vote in these races. The candidate with the highest number of votes in the Primary Election will be elected to the seat.

• **DISTRICT RACES:** In Nassau County, the County Commission, School Board and Ocean, Highway and Port Authority are at large districts. This means that all registered voters in the county are eligible to vote in all district races. Provided your address is correct in your voter record, you are eligible to vote for any contest on your ballot. You will never be issued a ballot with a race for which you are not eligible to vote.

• **NONPARTISAN RACES (COUNTY JUDGE AND SCHOOL BOARD):** The following nonpartisan races are on the ballot:

• **County Judge:** There are four candidates in this race. If one candidate does not receive a majority of the votes (50% plus 1 vote) in the primary election, the two candidates with the highest number of votes will be on the ballot in the General Election.


• **School Board:** There are only two candidates in this race. Therefore, the race will be decided in the Primary Election and will not be on the General Election ballot. The candidate with a majority of the votes will win.


In closing, if you have questions or suggestions, please contact our office—we are here to serve you. Supervisor of Elections Office, 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 3, Yulee, 904-491-7500. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable voting experience!

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Local Racer Competes for National Motocross Championship



Hilliard's Braxton Lee just made his dream come true. The 13 year-old dirt bike racer has qualified for the largest amateur motocross race in the world! The 39th Annual Monster Energy AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship will take place August 3-8 at the historic Loretta Lynn Ranch. This year's AMA Amateur National "The Amateur National at Loretta Lynn's is the best of the best motocross racers in America and around the world," said Tim Cotter, Director of MX Sports. "Just being here makes you an elite racer and a top athlete. A solid finish at Loretta's would give you

instant National recognition and a possible professional career."

Most of America's top professional motocross racers, including James Stewart, Ricky Carmichael, Travis Pastrana and Ryan Dungey, have won AMA Amateur National titles at Loretta Lynn's.

Lee, who attends Callahan Middle School in the 8th grade, has been riding dirt

bikes since he was 5 years old. He currently trains at an elite facility located in Jacksonville at WW Ranch MX track with Club57mx three days a week.

With the help of sponsors such as Teamzmmx, Answer racing, Nana & Papa Lee, Roost mx, Premier Homes of North Florida, Mom & Dad, who help pay his way to the races, Braxton

has had the opportunity to pursue his dreams. He competes nearly every weekend at local tracks.

Braxton will make the long journey to Hurricane Mills, Tennessee along with his family and friends. The race runs August 3-8. Braxton and his family will be camping onsite for the week-long event, and will participate in many non-racing evening activities.

Due to COVID-19 this year's qualifying process was broken into a five-week Regional third Championship system from June 5 until July 3. Braxton

is one of nearly 10,200 racers across the country that spent the last couple of months qualifying for the event. Racers may enter a wide variety of classes, however Braxton will compete in the highly competitive Mini Sr. 1 and Mini Sr. 2 classes.

The race action will be



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MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, August 18 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Please review your new Voter Information Card as many polling locations have changed for the 2020 Primary Election. Early voting begins Monday, August 3 and runs through Sunday, August 16, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily. Early voting is held at two locations on the west side; the Hilliard Community Center, 37177 Pecan St., Hilliard and the Callahan Public Library, 450077 SR 200, Callahan. Following are your local candidates that participated in our informative political questionnaire.

CANDIDATES FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



Dale P. Braddock

Residence: Hilliard **Party:** Republican
Family: Married to wife Carol, two children, Bishop (Ashley) Braddock and Blake (Tucker) Jenkins and three grandchildren, Jack, Lexi and Logan Braddock
Occupation: Director of Secondary Education/Principal Hilliard Middle/Senior High School - Retired

Key Issues and Concerns: 1. SAFETY is always the number one issue to ensure all district students and employees work in a safe, secure learning environment. We are entering a school year with uncharted waters and issues! We must realize that ALL decisions that we make has the safety of all stakeholders in mind. 2. LET OUR TEACHERS TEACH and pay them a living wage. 3. STOP WASTEFUL SPENDING - the first and main priority would be to review the nearly 200 million dollar budget with school district consultants and explore ways to reduce current expenses.

Goals: To make the Nassau County School System the number ONE School district in Florida! 1. Teacher freedom to challenge our young minds! 2. Increase Vocational/Technical/Industry certification course district wide. 3. Raise our teacher salaries from 36/67 counties—pay a living wage to all employees. 4. Prepare college bound students with ACT/SAT prep.



Kathy Knight Burns (Incumbent)

Residence: Callahan **Party:** Republican
Family: Married to George Burns for 39 years, one daughter, Tara
Occupation: Current Superintendent of Schools

Key Issues and Concerns: Over the last 4 years it has been my goal to work every day for the success of students and the improvement of our schools. We have worked to build collaborative teams of instructional leaders at every level to ensure student success in the classroom. We have made great progress. There is still much work to be done. Looking ahead we must 1. ensure a safe and healthy return to learning for the 2020-2021 school year; 2. be effective and efficient with all resources as we face the economic impact of COVID-19; 3. ensure quality academic programs are provided for all learners.

Goals: My goal is to make Nassau County the very best place to work and learn by preparing our children for the best and brightest future they can achieve. We need to: 1. Increase learning opportunities for students: project-based learning, STEM, the arts, advanced courses, dual enrollment, and virtual options; 2. Expand career and technical training opportunities to include: county-wide agriculture program, more career shadowing, and additional apprenticeship opportunities; 3. Recruit and retain the best teachers, launch our paras to pros program which will provide college and career training opportunities for our employees; 4. Increase mental health and life skills training for all students, including those with disabilities.



Albert J. Wagner

Residence: Yulee **Party:** Republican
Family: Married for 14 years to Kendra Wagner with two daughters, Rylee and Addisyn
Occupation: Educator

Key Issues and Concerns: Currently, the biggest challenge facing the district is how we are going to respond to the COVID-19 crisis to ensure the safety of all our staff and students and still maintain high expectations for student growth. The second challenge facing the district is the need to educate the whole child - intellectually, socially, and emotionally with teacher autonomy and by integrating a true behavioral mental health program. Another key issue is teacher retention and valuing our teachers. This also includes getting our budgeting in order so we are always ready to negotiate with our unions fair, honest and equitable raises.

Goals: Change the culture by moving away from teaching to the test to teaching to the individual student by valuing teacher talents and expertise. Change the teacher evaluation model from critiquing to coaching. Increase student enrichment courses in the M.S. and H.S. to provide more options. Develop our career and technical program to provide students opportunities for internships in local industries. Develop trust with the community through communication, transparency, and accountability. Dotting our I's and crossing our T's before sending out communication to the community and making sure clear explanations are given as new programs or changes regarding COVID-19.

CANDIDATES FOR NASSAU COUNTY JUDGE, GROUP 1



Jenny Higginbotham Barrett

Residence: Callahan
Family: Wife to Scott Barrett with two children, Max and Isabella
Occupation: Attorney

Key Issues and Concerns: Nassau County is one of the fastest growing counties in Florida. The County needs leadership that understands the community but is also capable of growing with the county. The Judge needs to make rendering justice less about how it has always been done and more about how it makes sense to be effective now. All too often I hear citizens say they did not get their day in court. The next County Judge needs to be innovative in how justice is served and be prepared to make the system more accessible to the Community.

Goals: The County Judge is the face of our justice system to the citizens who appear before her as well as the citizens of the community. Justice should not be scary; it should be consistent and fair. As the next County Judge, I believe I would serve the citizens of Nassau County as a tough but fair Judge and bring a renewed sense of confidence and fairness back to the justice system now and for generations to come.



Jan Carver

Residence: Nassau County
Family: Widowed, 2 adult children
Occupation: Magistrate, Attorney, Nurse Practitioner

Key Issues and Concerns: I am uniquely qualified to serve as Nassau County Court Judge. As the first and only Nassau County Magistrate, I have presided over five different courts in Nassau County. I am the only candidate with experience presiding over our courts, which is quite different than being an attorney in a courtroom. Another very important expertise that I alone bring is my experience as a Nurse Practitioner. The major issues before the court today involve substance abuse issues and mental health issues. I understand the issues and the treatments and resources available to help with those issues. All of my fields of expertise come together in a way that makes me the ideal person to serve as Nassau County Court Judge.

Goals: Judges have the opportunity to change people's lives for the better - I have done that as a magistrate and I will continue to do that as County Judge. I cannot think of a more interesting position. People are interesting. Every case is different by the people involved. I want our citizens to really know that if they should have to be involved in a lawsuit, they will always get treated fairly in our courts.

John Cascone - No Response



Harrison Wesley Poole

Residence: Fernandina Beach
Family: Married to Debra with three sons, Hudson, Cameron, and Jack
Occupation: Attorney/Owner of Poole & Poole, P.A.

Key Issues and Concerns: As a fourth generation resident of Nassau County and a lifelong member of St. Michael Catholic Church, this is and always has been home, and my wife and I are raising our three young sons here (ages 6, 4, and 2 months). Keeping the community safe for my family and every other family in Nassau County is of the utmost concern. I'm the only candidate in the race with jury trial experience as a prosecutor, defense attorney, and civil litigator, and have handled virtually all of the types of County Court cases here in Nassau County over the past 11 years, making me uniquely qualified to serve as our next County Court Judge.

Goals: I vow to serve Nassau County by upholding and enforcing our Laws and Constitution in a fair, impartial, and efficient manner. I will never legislate from the bench and will ensure that every party that appears in my Court is treated with respect and dignity.

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CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1



Danny Leeper (Incumbent)

Residence: Fernandina Beach

Party: Republican

Family: Married to Kelly with three children

Occupation: Currently serving as County Commissioner, District 1

Key Issues and Concerns: Growth management is one of the most pressing issues along with maintaining positive financial stewardship during these uncertain times. We've been able to maintain an overall

good financial position with healthy reserves. I will stand up to Raydient's corporate greed and hold them to the promises they made to our taxpayers. We must become less dependent on residential taxes and grow our tax base with commercial businesses that do not require a lot of county services. We must continue to improve our public safety in law enforcement and fire rescue as we grow. We closed the Internet Cafés and stopped the criminal activity.

Goals: Priority is to keep our citizens safe through this pandemic, keep our businesses open to have a healthy economy and assist our residents and businesses who have been impacted by COVID-19. We have a diverse county and people looking to relocate can choose from a variety of lifestyles across this great county. I will lead the charge to keep taxes low, keep healthy financial reserves, improve our public safety and broaden our tax base with good paying jobs. I will continue the fight so we, our children and grandchildren, do not pay into Raydient's Wildlight development.



John Martin

Residence: Fernandina Beach

Party: Republican

Family: Married 33 years to Donna Martin, daughter Janel and four grandchildren, Kenley, John Michael, Zachary, and Emily

Occupation: Retired U.S. Navy Senior Chief, Served 21 years in the Submarine Force Nassau County Veterans' Service Officer 2005-2018

Key Issues and Concerns: 1. COVID19 recovery efforts and getting the local economy on track. 2. Reverse the upward trend in Property Taxes. I will not vote for a budget that increases the burden on existing taxpayers. 3. Oversight of County Manager and County Attorney. These positions should never be held by one person. 4. Rayonier lawsuits. Never should have happened and was preventable. Nassau County is on the losing end of multiple lawsuits pertaining to parks and recreational facilities in the Stewardship District, the County Attorney/Manager's (Mike Mullin) fiduciary duty to his former client (Rayonier), and my opponent's violation of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Goals: Restore public's trust in County Government. 2. Diversify tax base. Bring commercial, industrial, manufacturing, warehousing and distribution business to Crawford Diamond. 3. Identify/prioritize road/flood area needs and fix them. 4. Manage growth. Developers should not purchase land zoned for one use and assume it will be re-zoned for a different use the community does not desire.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3



Jeff Gray

Residence: Yulee

Party: Republican

Family: Married to Diana Gray, with two children

Occupation: Business Unit Manager at Mack Trucks Inc. / A.B. Volvo Global Corporation

Key Issues and Concerns: 1. Control county growth through open and transparent planning. County staff to provide community outreach

workshops in our communities, to allow residents concerns and voices to be heard. 2. Diversify our county's tax base to provide homeowners property tax relief. 3. Callahan's community center needs. 4. Taxpayer funded Economic Development Boards mission. Nassau County needs results, to provide employment opportunities for our residents. Amazon recently opened five low impact Logistics employment centers next door in Duval, as well as newcomer Wayfair. 5. Support Westside Heritage Preservation Committee Plan developed by the residents of Nassau's west side, to preserve charm, heritage, and community.

Goals: 1. Create good, high paying, new jobs that provide our residents children a place of employment to raise their family... allowing them to live, work, and play here in Nassau County. 2. Utilize my professional private corporate business experience to streamline government operations, processes, and increase efficiencies, to save taxpayer dollars, as private business operates. 3. Require action driven results, from local government funded departments, operations, and boards. Implement annual personal business plans for governmental departments, establish defined goals with required expectations, to save citizen taxpayer dollars. 4. Keep America & Nassau County GREAT...with conservative, professional business leadership, securing our future for economic prosperity.



Brent Lemond

Residence: Yulee

Party: Republican

Family: Married to Brandy Lemond with three children, Robert, Elizabeth, Benjamin

Occupation: Director of Career and Adult Education for Nassau County School District

Key Issues and Concerns: My biggest concerns for our county are the persistent cronyism, poor asset allocation, and shady backroom deals. These are the root causes of most problems in Nassau County – as a few homebuilders and suppliers got rich over the past several years while our property taxes went up while our government services, capital infrastructure and quality of life declined. If we want improvement, we can't have the people that put us in these predicaments choosing their successors.

Goals: 1. Create sound ordinances that ensure development pays for itself. 2. Create a county government devoid of cronyism and nepotism that enforces all ordinances consistently and fairly for EVERYONE. 3. Deliver high paying jobs and a revenue stream to our county by bringing infrastructure and manufactures to the Crawford Diamond. 4. Prioritize youth sports facilities in the areas of our county where we are deficient. 5. Create an environment that allows small businesses to thrive and recover quickly from the economic strains due to the pandemic.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5



Klynt Farmer

Residence: Callahan

Party: Republican

Family: Parents, Kendrick 'Kenny' A. Farmer; and Vicki Eddy; sister Kati Farmer

Occupation: Self Employed Small Business Owner 27 years

Key Issues and Concerns: 1. Growth that doesn't pay for itself, isn't 'Smart Growth'. 2. Keeping taxes low for existing families and small business. 3. Finding ways to increase funding for parks, recreation and conservation. 4. Maintaining and improving our infrastructure.

Goals: My goals are to add genuine transparency, honesty and integrity to the Nassau County Commission. I pride myself on being approachable, accessible and fair to everyone as we work to make Nassau County a safe, healthy community worthy of praise. I would like to see our county develop a virtual checkbook online so citizens can review real time expenditures as our government was designed to work for us not the other way around.



Charlie Gressman

Residence: Callahan

Party: Republican

Family: Married to wife, Linda for 48 years, 2 sons and 5 grandchildren

Occupation: Retired

Key Issues and Concerns: COVID 19: The COVID 19 is definitely a disaster in progress, no one knows when it will end or what the monetary ramifications will be. It will take much planning and belt

tightening as time goes on to manage for the lost revenues from the business shutdowns. Thankfully, we entered this with some good reserves available if needed to see us through. UNMANAGED GROWTH: The growth in our county has been astounding. If we hope to keep some semblance of our look and culture, we have to do everything we can now to manage it and or slow it down. Along these same lines I believe we must find ways to ensure some conservation and conservation easements. TAXES: Our taxes at the present are some of the lowest of the counties in Florida. With this being said, we will have to be very cautious of our spending and find ways to diversify our tax base so that we do not rely on residential rooftops for most of our revenue. We need to continue to look for businesses that can bring good jobs and also help diversify the tax base in order to keep our residential taxes low.

Goals: Build trust through transparency; hold all department heads and leaders accountable; Find ways to acquire conservation land and conservation easements; Diversification on boards and committees. I would strive to build trust and transparency through any way possible. I will, when elected, set up quarterly meeting in my district to ask and discuss citizen's concerns and to also keep them up to date with anything new going on in the county. This would build trust.



Anthony Stamps

Residence: Callahan

Party: Republican

Family: Married to wife, Michele with six children

Occupation: Business Owner; Stamps Automotive Repair and Service and North Florida Finishers, LLC

Key Issues and Concerns: FRESH PERSPECTIVE - We do not need another politician on the county commission. I am a Nassau County

native and successful business owner. I am the only candidate in my race with no ties to current or past commissioners. The current 'good old boy' political establishment has plagued Nassau County for years with corruption, very poor planning, and a record of short-term biased decisions that only benefit an elite few. ENHANCE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE - Growth is here. We need to sustain our community's charm and keep our quality of life high. Growth is out of control and disruptive because of very poor long-range planning and money management.

Goals: KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE - Boost Nassau County's response to public health and safety without raising taxes by eliminating wasteful spending. ENHANCE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE - Growth should be smart, measured, and carefully planned to benefit all residents! We can stabilize much of this out of control growth and tackle many of the challenges facing us by managing our money better! We need to stop paying cash and start using bonds for long-lived capital projects. Folks, consider this: Did you pay cash for your house? SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES - I built my businesses from the ground up and understand the importance of hard work and dedication. I will use my experience and proven track record in business and economic success to fight for Nassau County's businesses and workers on issues important to their success. FIGHT FOR CONSERVATIVE VALUES - 1. Keep property taxes low; 2. Repeal government red tape; 3. Balanced budget; 4. Stop wasteful spending; 5. Allocate taxpayer dollars to the best interests and greatest needs of the taxpayers.

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CANDIDATES FOR OCEAN HIGHWAY & PORT AUTHORITY DISTRICT 1



Todd S. Ericksen

Residence: Fernandina Beach

Party: Republican

Family: Three adult children, Ashley, Brylen, and Holly; Parents William D. (Bill) & Sally Ericksen

Occupation: Appraiser/Broker

Key Issues and Concerns: Port revenues have fallen from over \$1,600,000 to around \$429,000 in the last 3 years. During this time the current board has voted themselves TWO SALARY INCREASES, doubling their pay from \$1,000 a month to \$2,000. Meanwhile the Port operator and the Ocean Highway & Port Authority is in a dispute with the City of Fernandina over the Payment in Lieu of Tax payments of \$50,000. Racking up legal fees and not paying bills is just bad business. It's time to be fiscally responsible and act in the best interests of the residents the OHPA has sworn an oath to serve.

Goals: As the only Nassau County native in this race, I have greater historical perspective, but even more so I feel I have a greater responsibility to influence positive changes. When elected, I'll use my entrepreneurial background to see the OHPA use its broad powers to not only seek ways for the Port to be profitable but to also diversify the OHPA's revenue streams. This will not only reverse the current course of deficits and debts, but with more revenue comes more opportunity to invest in opportunities which will help create the high paying jobs our citizens deserve. I am humbly asking for your vote on August 18.



Miriam Hill

Residence: Fernandina Beach

Party: Republican

Family: Married to Chris Hill, one daughter, Rahni (pm. "Ronnie")

Occupation: Attorney licensed in Florida and New York, MBA, former OHPA interim attorney 2018-2019

Key Issues and Concerns: As interim OHPA attorney, I became intimately familiar with the day to day business operations at the Ocean Highway and Port Authority. The key issues I saw first-hand are declining revenues at the Port, multiplying legal disputes, and a lack of oversight and accountability by the OHPA Board. OHPA should give equal attention to the needs of the whole County, including making up for deferred investments in infrastructure and investing in projects that bring good paying jobs to all of Nassau County. OHPA is and should be more than just the Port!

Goals: I will: 1. Show up. I was the only candidate for District 1 who attended in person the mediation with the City of Fernandina Beach and I am the only candidate campaigning County-wide. 2. Implement financial controls so that OHPA will survive for generations to come and our children can grow up and work and live in Nassau County, the best County in the state of Florida. 3. Give the public better access to meetings and seek public engagement from ALL of Nassau County. This election is County-wide for a reason. Please vote Miriam Hill on August 18!



Robert (Bob) Sturgess (Incumbent)

Residence: Fernandina Beach

Party: Republican

Family: Married with one daughter

Occupation: Attorney, Mediator, Arbitrator, Current Port Authority Commissioner

Key Issues and Concerns: The Ocean Highway and Port Authority ('OHPA') resides in the City of Fernandina Beach (District One). In recent years, however, the City has sought or intends to methodically override OHPA's legislative Charter through lawsuits, resolutions, regulations, ordinances, etcetera. Since 1941, however, OHPA has been a tax-exempt, independent special district of the State of Florida. OHPA's express legislative purpose, history and intent is to 'benefit ALL the citizens of Nassau County and the State of Florida.' That mandate should guide OHPA – not the preferences of one city, and my commitment to that mandate separates my candidacy from others' in District One.

Goals: My goal is to finish the job started when I was elected in 2016. The port has a new operator, new attorney, new administrator, a new Operating Agreement, a new Port Director, and all the new issues related to rebuilding a port that was neglected by Kinder Morgan for decades. I will assure our agreements are enforced, our expectations are met, profits are made, and jobs are grown. In the next four years, the port should become the economic driver for Nassau County it was fifteen years ago, even in the face of the international trade war affecting all ports.

CANDIDATES FOR OCEAN HIGHWAY & PORT AUTHORITY DISTRICT 2



Joe Francis-Zimmerman

Residence: Fernandina Beach

Party: Republican

Family: Married to Jennifer, children

Occupation: IT Engineer

Key Issues and Concerns: 1. Transparency –The Port Authority is missing records, struggles to keep minutes updates to the website, and does not stream meetings. 2. Wasteful Spending - From 2017-2019 operating revenue fell from \$1.6 million in 2017 to \$429,000 in 2019 – and then posted a LOSS of \$6.7 million. Despite this, during that time Port Commissioners voted to double their own salary. 3. When the Authority director left, the Authority appointed the Port Operator's representative Port Director. The Port Operator and the Port Authority have competing interests. We need someone working for taxpayers – not the shareholders.

Goals: 1. The incumbent has had three terms – over a decade - to make the Port transparent. I want to see records made public on our website within 48 hours, and I want to see the meetings streamed over the internet like county commission meetings. 2. We need to roll back the salaries! When everyone else – including the Port, is struggling – it is fiscally irresponsible to give yourself a salary increase. I will propose and vote to roll back the salaries. 3. We need to bring someone on board at the Port to represent the interests of the taxpayer – not the Port Operator.



Danny Fullwood (Incumbent)

Residence: Fernandina Beach

Party: Republican

Family: Married to Joann

Occupation: Retired Nassau County School Teacher

Key Issues and Concerns: 1. We must find ways to increase revenue. 2. Facility must be brought up to safety standards. Dock area was reinforced. Need more covered storage area. 3. Some equipment is old and needs to be replaced. We recently purchased a 2 million dollar top of the line crane. More equipment needs to be purchased to increase productivity such as forklifts and smaller cranes. Just signed a contract for a large fabric warehouse. 4. Need another access for trucks to enter Port. 5. Need a new Customs and Border Patrol house.

Goals: 1. Must improve cargo capacity; 2. Provide facilities and services that address Port users' needs; 3. Develop adequate land in other parts of Nassau County; 4. Development manufacturing, warehousing, roads, parks and recreation facilities and infrastructure; 5. Have Port meetings broadcast using live streaming or Zoom; 6. Keep working with the City of Fernandina thru workshops to improve relations; 7. Provide scholarships for high school seniors and grants for service men and women who want to enter the maritime industry.

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Dr. Cynthia 'Cindy' Grooms

Residence: Hilliard

Family: Parents, Garry and Karen Sparkman; Married to Greg Grooms with one daughter Morgan (Justin) Crosby, one granddaughter, Kollyns

Occupation: Teacher (Exceptional Student Education) Charlton County School District; Former Educator, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, Coordinator of Student Services and Director of Secondary Education.

Key Issues and Concerns: If elected, I will be the only elected school official who has developed and administered school-wide discipline plans. 1. Safety: Operating Safe, and Orderly Schools with Positive Learning Environments: Stronger policies need to be in place to support schools. We need safe schools that have clear discipline policies which are enforced fairly. Bullying of students cannot be tolerated. 2. Keeping Students First: All students should have a plan for success after graduation from high school. Students should either be prepared to pursue a college education, enroll in a post-secondary career program, or enter the world of work. 3. Expand Career and Technical Education- Additional career and technical training programs should be offered to students who do not plan on attending college. This will enable the students to pursue additional training after graduation or to enter the workforce. We need to work towards making all programs available to all students.

Goals: 1. Ensure the thoughts and wishes of the community are reflected in the management and operation of schools. As your school board member, my job is to listen and relay to the board and superintendent what the community wants and needs from their schools. I will work hard to maintain open communication with the community through trust and transparency. 2. Adopting and maintaining an annual budget that is aligned with the vision of the Nassau County School District. The NCSD has an approximate budget of \$200 million per year. As your school board member, my job will be to ensure the board and superintendent are prioritizing what is important and what is promised to the public and money is being spent with guidance and fidelity. It is important that funding is used to guide and strengthen the institution's efforts to improve student performance and system effectiveness. 3. Ensure that effective policies are in place for the school system: Provide for fair, reasonable, consistent, and objective treatment of issues. Establish a procedure for handling problems. Save time and effort for eliminating the need to make a decision each time a recurring situation arises. Eliminate or sharply reduce crisis decision making. Aid boards in appraising district educational services. Help keep the community and staff informed of board philosophy and action. Enhance school-community relations and staff morale by getting the public and employees involved in developing policies. Improve board-superintendent-staff relationships. Foster stability and continuity.



Russell L. 'Rusty' Johnson (Incumbent)

Residence: Hilliard

Family: Married to Nancy Carroll Johnson; two sons, Jake (Leah), and Kyle, one granddaughter Kaylin

Occupation: Retired: State Conservation Specialist, United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency 1977-2012 Florida Department of Transportation 2014-2019; Current School

Board Member

Key Issues and Concerns: STUDENT SAFETY: Students must feel safe for learning to occur. School police, guardians, resource officers, as well as guidance counselors, nurses, and mental health support is available throughout our district to ensure all students feel safe and secure while on campus. EDUCATIONAL NEEDS: Meeting academic needs as change takes place this coming year, so students are able to successfully accomplish learning differently: at school (face-to-face instruction) or Nassau Virtual (online learning from home). SUPPORT: For all stakeholders as adaptations are being made to a new realm in the field of education which focuses heavily on technology during this year of uncertainty.

Goals: PROFICIENCY in all school functions by preserving our level of excellence, maintaining exemplary teachers, and providing support to non-instructional personnel who wish to continue their educational journey to becoming an educator. PRODUCTIVITY: to improve global performance, the continuation of our vocational training programs with expansion to include hospitality, welding, small engine repair and commercial truck driving while continuing to partner with local businesses for on-the-job training. PROVISIONS: training for every employee as new standards and practices come into play, salary allocations that broaden the gap between a seasoned educator and a new teacher by revising the salary table.

CANDIDATES FOR SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



Janet H. Adkins

Residence: Fernandina Beach

Party: Republican

Family: Married to Doug Adkins for 23 years with two children, Emily and Douglas

Occupation: Chief Administration Officer

Key Issues and Concerns: Ensuring safe, accessible and secure elections will be my top priority. Technology must be constantly checked to ensure that the coding and firewalls are effective and to ensure that malware is not loaded on a workstation with access to election data. All devices that are removable or transmit data should be inspected/replaced periodically to ensure that voter data is not compromised. I would expand the camera surveillance system to enhance security. Other key issues include: 1. Federal lawsuits aimed at expanding "vote by mail" - sending ballots to all voters regardless of whether they requested these ballots. I am opposed to this policy and will lend my voice if elected to serve to offer the reasons why this should NOT be permitted. 2. Federal lawsuits aimed at "ballot harvesting" - to allow an expansion of current state law to authorize more people to pick up "vote by mail" ballots. I am opposed to this change. The handling of ballots should be restricted to prevent election fraud. 3. Infection Control - with COVID19 we will need to consider safe, smart methods to maintain voting facilities that prevent infection and allow voters the confidence to early vote and to vote on election day. Because of my healthcare experience, I have the necessary skills to address this challenge and keep our voters safe. **Goals:** Maintaining the public trust is the highest priority. Helping our veterans, seniors, disabled and citizens register to vote, find their voting location, resolving their eligibility questions, and keeping the voters informed are core responsibility of SOE. I would use the Electronic Registration Information Center to engage in targeted outreach to eligible, unregistered residents and use public service announcements on radio and TV to help people understand how their vote can make a difference. I will also explore using the Nassau County Emergency Alert Notification system to communicate early voting dates; locations and hours; vote by mail opportunities; and precinct locations. The power of one voice in this nation can make a difference and I will work to ensure all voices are heard.



Stan Bethea

Residence: Callahan

Party: Republican

Family: Married to wife, Nancy; one daughter, Hayden

Occupation: Chief Elections Officer and Director of Information Services at the Duval County Supervisor of Elections Office

Key Issues and Concerns: Biological and Health Hazards - The COVID-19 situation affects us daily. Keeping voters and election workers safe is vital. Larger voting facilities allow for social distancing, but "common sense" among the public helps. Additionally, voters can avoid lines and contact with others by choosing the Vote-By-Mail (Absentee) option. Poll Worker Recruitment - The average age of poll workers rises each year. It is important to have a continual supply of younger poll workers. In several Florida counties, various companies and civic groups participate in "adopt-a-precinct" programs, which provide people to serve as poll workers and hands-on election lessons.

Goals: My goals as Supervisor of Elections are three-fold. First, I plan to continue the stellar legacy of elections begun by Mrs. Vicki Cannon, the current Supervisor of Elections. Second, I will continue to move the elections office forward and innovate as Nassau County grows. Third, I plan to teach and explain the elections process to any who wish to learn more about it. I am blessed to have a rich elections background due to my 14 years of service administering 43 elections at the Duval County Supervisor of Elections office, and I welcome the opportunity to share best practices with others.



Justin M. Taylor

Residence: Yulee

Party: Republican

Family: Married to wife, Shannon, with one son, Brayden

Occupation: Nassau County Commissioner, District 5

Key Issues and Concerns: Voter confidence has been a concern throughout the state. Lack of proper oversight and carelessness can cause issues such as equipment not operating properly, incorrect ballot styles and sizes, and lack of ballot chain of custody. Attention to detail, properly testing the equipment, training the staff, and protecting the ballot all remains critical to our democracy and to ensure that the process is fair, secure, and accurate. I would offer an open door program and invite the public and media to attend for a mock election so everyone can see how the process works.

Goals: UTILIZE SHARED RESOURCES: Millions of tax dollars have been saved through the sharing of information technology (IT), geographic information systems (GIS) and staffing services through interlocal agreements. I will continue to collaborate with other offices to utilize shared resources in order to reduce costs and save tax dollars. INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION: Creating awareness through partnerships will be a key initiative to help increase voter turnout. I will work with community organizations to establish programs that raise awareness and builds excitement. In addition, I will work to establish educational programs within our libraries, schools, and other youth organizations to help educate our younger generation on the importance of the elections process.

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Courts, where he has spent the past 7 ½ years.

Director Johnson graduated from West Nassau High School in 1973 and then served three years in the United States Army attaining the rank of Sergeant. He began working at NCSO in August of 1977. Director Johnson has served the citizens of Nassau County for many years with professionalism and honesty. He has touched many lives during his career and he will be missed by all who worked alongside him. We wish Director Johnson well in his retirement as he enters the next chapter of his life.



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- Master of Business Administration, University of North Florida

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The American Red Cross, CDC, FEMA and national public service campaign Ready.gov are all good resources for making a family plan, lists of essentials and how to prepare and store your family's preparedness kit. Among the most important items you need are:

- A 3 to 7-day supply of food: canned goods, dry mixes, dried fruit, protein and/or breakfast bars, tuna/salmon/chicken pouches
- A gallon of water per person per day—minimum of a 3-day supply
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- Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes
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EDGAR RICHARD BENNETT, SR.

Edgar Richard Bennett, Sr., 70, of Hoboken, Georgia, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday July 22, 2020 at Clinch Memorial Hospital in Homerville. Born in Eastman, GA, his parents were Jessie Franklin Bennett and Effie Lee Brack Bennett. He is also preceded in death by six siblings Joyce Sapp, James Bennett, Benjamin Bennett, Billy Allen, Leroy Bennett and Bud Bennett.

Edgar was self-employed and was a cultured marble worker. He enjoyed doing wood crafts, yard work, gardening, helping others, singing, loved his family and grandchildren. He was also a big jokester.

His is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jeannette Bennett of Hoboken; two sons Steven (Dawn) Tripp of Eastman and Edgar Richard (Melissa) Bennett, Jr. of Hilliard; a daughter Valarie Ann Mackie (fiance' Tyrell Stevens); 16 grandchildren; two sisters Mattie Heath and Jane Selph; three sisters-in-law, Patsy (Mike) Witherspoon, Jacquelyn (Arnold) Evans, Margaret (Melvin) Hall; two brothers-in-law Presley Cindy Gill and Kenneth (Rose) Gill; also several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and other relatives and a host of friends.

The family received friends Friday, July 24 at the chapel of Frye Funeral Home, Nahunta. The funeral service was held Saturday, July 25 at the chapel of Frye Funeral Home with Rev. Wade Mask and Pastor Walter Bowers officiating.

Pallbearers were Richard Bennett, Doug Meyer, Jessie Bennett, Pastor Wade Mask, Tyrell Stevens and Casey Tripp.

Arrangements are with Frye Funeral Home, Nahunta, www.fryefh.com.

OBITUARIES

MEHRISSADAT V. BREJANI

Mehri V. Brejani, 29, of Jacksonville, and formerly of Macclenny, passed away Sunday, July 26, 2020. Mehri was born on September 29, 1990 to Mr. Mansoor Brejani and Ms. Vickie (Brown) Baty. She attended Baker county schools and was a BCHS graduate. She worked for several years as a bartender in the Jacksonville area and was passionate about her work. In her free time, Mehri loved the outdoors, barrel racing horses and riding four wheelers. She also took part in Civil War reenactments with her family for many years in Olustee and all over the Southeast.

She was preceded in death by her brother John Levy Brown; and her son Kenneth Levy Brejani Tate.

She is survived by her parents Ms. Vickie Baty; and Mr. Mansoor Brejani, both of Macclenny; sisters Sarah Aline and Rachael Rachelle, both of Hilliard and Ariel Mae of Jacksonville; brother Daniel Keith of Macclenny; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

Memorialization will be by cremation and the family will be holding a celebration of Mehri's life at a later date.

Forbes Funeral Home are assisting the family with arrangements, 904-259-4600.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.forbesfuneralhome.net.

ROBERT E. CAMPBELL, SR.

Robert 'Soupy' Eugene Campbell, Sr., 91, of Callahan, also known as Robert Eugene, Bob, Bobby, Ball, Campbell, Soupy, Daddy, Granddaddy and friend to all he met. Soupy passed away Monday, July 27, 2020 to go home to be with the Lord and his beloved family who passed on before him. Daddy doesn't hurt anymore.

Bobby was born June 8, 1929 to Liston B. Campbell and Beulon V. Ball Campbell in Asheville, North Carolina. The Blue Ridge Mountains were home to him. He was raised in Asheville and lived there until he entered his military service in 1946. He was a WWII Veteran. He served on the USS Kearsarge. His service to his country was a source of great pride to him. He returned to Asheville after his discharge where he took very good care of his mother and married. He moved to Jacksonville, Florida in June 1958 with his wife and 4 children in tow to pursue his career as an Air Traffic Controller for the Federal Aviation Administration. He also served as a Callahan Town Councilman from 1989-1996. He had a love for flying and airplanes until his last breath. He was an avid golfer, bowler, fisherman and pilot.

Bobby was predeceased by his grandparents Enoch G. Ball, Sr. and Alma I. Westmoreland; his parents; his sisters Evelyn Stevens and Norma Kaiser; and his beloved wife Agnes I. Campbell.

His is survived by his four children (from his first wife Betty J. Gross), Patricia D. Wolf of Jacksonville, Vivian C. (Tracy) Nuich of California, A. Bettina Hammond of Cumming, Georgia and Robert E. (Maria) Campbell, II of Jacksonboro, South Carolina; his aunt Lillian Parrish and uncle Enoch G. Ball, Jr. both of Ashville, North Carolina; 13 grandchildren Mandy, Shana,

Joshua, Anglea, Shawn, Kristin, Christian, Danielle, Mandy, Lisa, Michelle, Issac and J.D.; 14 great-grandchildren Micah, Ashton, Ava, Joseph, Zachary, Sullivan, Declan, Brennen, Shannen, Collin, Haley, Wyatt, Peyton, Emma, Belle and Mason (who was born on his birthday); stepchildren Gene Brandies, Jr. and Diane 'Bo' Hunt; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends he loved dearly.

The family will receive friends Saturday, August 1 from 10-11 a.m. prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. at Gray Gables Baptist Church.

A graveside service will be held Monday, August 3 at 9 a.m. at Jacksonville National Cemetery with full military honors.

Callahan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 879-2336.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

BRENDA JOE GREEN

Brenda Joe Green, 74, of Callahan, passed away July 28, 2020. Brenda was born on February 5, 1946, in Charlotte, North Carolina to Chalmers Parks Gibbs and Hattie Orlean Mullis (Gibbs). Brenda moved from Jacksonville to Nassau County in 1970 and she has been a resident ever since. Brenda was a member of First Baptist Church Callahan where she enjoyed attending church services. Brenda enjoyed cooking, camping and her pet bird "Hombre." She is preceded in death by her parents; brother Troy Thomas Gibbs; and sister Francis Nushan.

Brenda is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Earnest Green; sons Darrin Christopher Green of Jacksonville and Danny (Misty) Wade Green of Charleston, SC; sister Pat Flowers of Callahan; grandchildren Isabella Green, Garrison Green, Hannah Green, Maele Green and Gannon Green.

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The family received friends Friday, July 31 at Nassau Funeral Home. A celebration of Brenda's life was held on Saturday, August 1 at Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US 1, Callahan, 904-879-1770. Visit www.nassaufh.com to sign the family's guest book.

REBECCA LYNN JORDI



Rebecca Lynn Jordi, 66, of Fernandina Beach, passed away July 31, 2020, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was at home, surrounded by family. Becky was born March 1954 in Jacksonville. A daughter of Doyle and Sylvia Haddock, she graduated from Florida State University (BS) and Kutztown University (MS). A teacher at heart, she taught at Northwestern Junior High, Word of Life Christian School, First Coast Christian School and Penn State University Berks College, until she found her calling as an Extension Agent for the University of Florida here in Nassau County.

It was here, that Becky thrived, starting as the Horticulture Agent, achieving certification with the International Society of Arborists and becoming the Nassau County Extension Director. Rebecca has initiated many projects including the demonstration gardens at the Governmental Complex and the Yulee office; the Landscape Matters; Crash Course on Gardening; Garden Talk column in the local papers and many clinics on native plants, birds, rain barrels, herbs and her beloved citrus. The Master Gardener program has thrived under her leadership, with many of them tirelessly serving the community with science-based knowledge gained through IFAS/UF. She was often a feature speaker during the Home and Garden shows at Epcot, and did occasional TV appearances on WTLV 12

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Her many awards include the Florida Association of Natural Resources Professionals-Mid Career Leadership Award; Florida Association of County Agricultural Agent Search for Excellence Team Award, National Finalist; National Finalist in Landscape Horticulture; Computerized Graphic Presentation Silver Award; and Extension Professional Association Young Professional of the Year.

One of her greatest achievements is seeing her children's book "Zoe's Mission" published, which was illustrated by local artist and Master Gardener Joanne Roach. She also included her grandchildren in the plot.

Becky's priorities were always her love of the Savior, Jesus Christ, and her family, especially her three sons Ben, John, and Nathan, and the fine young men they have become. Her faith guided her through every major decision and event. If it didn't line up with the Word of God, it just didn't happen. She was always kind and thoughtful, putting others before herself.

She was preceded in death by her stepmother Sylvia Haddock; sister Carolyn Osburn; and brother Billy David.

Rebecca is survived by her husband of 43 years, Doug; father Doyle Haddock; sons Ben (Julie), John (Stephanie) and Nathan (Jessica); sister Marolyn (Randy) Bristowe; brother Dan (Brenda) Haddock; and grandchildren Eli, Silas, Noah, Rowen and Sophia; and nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held for the immediate family; however, a Celebration of Life will be held this fall to coincide with the dedication of the new Extension building on Miner Road which will bear her name.

In lieu of flowers, fans of Becky can support the local Extension Master

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Gardener program by purchasing "Zoe's Mission" from the County Extension Office in Yulee, phone 904-530-6350.

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CHARLOTTE E. MUSSLEWHITE



Charlotte Elisabeth Musslewhite, 91, crossed into Gloryland at 3:00 a.m. on July 30, 2020. She was born to Richard and Mathilde Kunkel on April 30, 1929 in Fuessen, Germany. Mrs. Charlotte is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Eugene in 2004; and grandson Joshua Loveland in 2019.

Charlotte came to the United States in 1955 with her husband Eugene, gained citizenship, raised her family and started her career retiring from S.G.E. as an accountant assistant. She enjoyed the game of golf, playing in her younger years and watching the PGA Tours. She also loved watching football on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. She loved the Lord, was active in her Sunday school class and attended and helped with the senior events at River Road Baptist Church. One of her biggest joys was to see her family be close and share love for one another. No matter the distance between Florida and Germany, she always made it work. Taking many trips overseas to visit along with enjoying the time family would travel to visit her. She was wonderful

in all categories and will be dearly missed.

She leaves behind two daughters Gerdi (Connie) Ackermann of Ismaning, Germany and Susan (Don) Kluge of Jacksonville; and a son Ricky (Sheryl) Musslewhite of Callahan; grandchildren Brian Kluge and family, Mark Kluge and family, Andrea Hermann and family, Christopher Ackermann and family, Amelie Ackermann, Jeremy (Alison) and family.

The family received friends Monday, August 3 at Nassau Funeral Home. A celebration of Charlotte's life was held Tuesday, August 4 at River Road Baptist Church with Pastor Hal McIntosh, Pastor James Conner and Pastor Benji Loyd officiating. Interment followed at River Road Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions made in her honor to the R. Neil Hampton Scholarship Fund at River Road Baptist Church.

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RUBY DIXON PITTMAN

Ruby Dixon Pittman, 57, passed away Monday, July 27, 2020 at her Callahan residence.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, August 4 in the Stephens Chapel at Green Pine Funeral Home in Yulee.

Green Pine Funeral Home in Yulee assisted the family.

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Treasurer and will eventually progress to the role of president in 2023-2024. This past year Leeper served as vice-chair of the FSA Board of Directors.

“It is an honor to be selected by my peers from around the state to serve in a leadership role for the FSA,” Sheriff Leeper said. “I welcome the opportunity to help guide the efforts and direction of the Florida Sheriffs Association and its 67 member Sheriffs in order to make our state a safer place to live, work and raise families.”

The FSA has been in existence since 1893 and is one of the oldest professional law enforcement associations in the country. Their mission is to foster the effectiveness of the sheriffs through leadership, innovation, legislative initiatives, education and training, while providing a unified voice for the protection of Florida’s citizens and visitors. These law enforcement leaders are responsible for meeting the needs of 21st Century America. For more information, visit flsheriffs.org.

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‘Be the Change Northeast Florida’ will hold a yard sale this Saturday, August 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 14244 Pace Road (off Lem Turner), Jacksonville. FREE clothing is still available during the pandemic. Families are asked to contact ‘Be the Change’ by messaging them on Facebook or email: joelpace@juno.com to set-up appointments to shop for clothing for their family.



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 be open Thursday, August 20 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the church.

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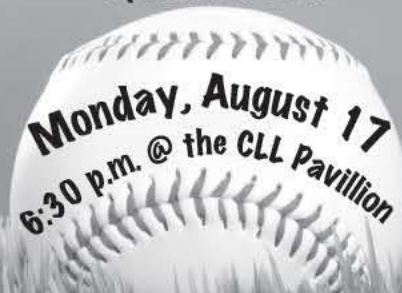
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A Tribute to ‘Soupy’

Dawn S. West

Mr. ‘Soupy’ Campbell was quite a mess! He was a regular visitor to the Journal office. I haven’t known Mr. Soupy very long, only about four years, but to me it seemed like a lifetime. I had always heard about him, I’m sure because of his name, but had never actually met him. We met each other a few years ago at one of the Hilliard Veterans Appreciation Ceremonies. He was just sitting on a row by himself. I quickly took a picture of him and then walked over to talk to him. Oh my...from there, we were friends!

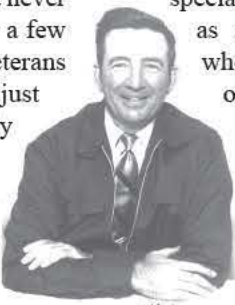
He began to tell me of his military service in the US Navy and how proud he was of those days. He was wearing his USS Kearsarge cap and of course pointed it out to me. I think he had everything ever made about the USS Kearsarge. He remarked about how he used to go to the reunions from his unit and how he missed not going anymore. Actually, he told me a lot about his life in that little bit of time. I encouraged him come by the office anytime he wished. We talked about his family and his sweet wife, Agnes. He loved and missed her so much. At the time, she was very ill. In 2018, she passed away and took a piece of his heart with her.

In 2018, Mr. Soupy was our ‘Veteran’

for our Veterans Day issue. He was so proud of that. I went out to his house to interview him and I think I was there about 2 hours. If you knew Soupy, he loved to talk! He showed me his home and his barn and of course, his Jeep! So cool it was! It was a special day for me but not as special as seeing the smile on his face when the issue of the paper came out with him in it! I think he got every extra copy I had to share with family and friends.

Mr. Soupy loved butterscotch candy so I made sure to stock up when I ran out. Most of the time, I just bought an extra bag just for him! How awesome it was that he loved to golf and bowl! He was a top bowler even at 90! He and his friend Charlie would go all over the place. He was so frustrated that he wasn’t able to bowl due to the alleys being closed and seriously too hot to golf.

As I checked with the Town of Callahan to see the dates Mr. Soupy served as a councilman, we also found a cool picture of him and a cool story...imagine that! Mr. Soupy served from 1989 to 1996. The minutes from the September 6, 1989 meeting stated, “Ms. King, Supervisor of Elections was present to ‘flip a coin’ to decide who would win the tie vote for the town council seat. Mr. Wilkerson and Mr. Campbell agreed that flipping a coin was an acceptable method of decision.” Mr. Wilkerson called heads, Mr. Campbell called tails. Mr. Campbell won the flip! Mr. Soupy was known to be pretty ornery at times however pretty much he would speak his mind. Our town is a much better place from the history and wisdom of Mr. Soupy Campbell. I’m thankful we had the opportunity to be friends. Robert ‘Soupy’ Eugene Campbell, Sr., 91, of Callahan, passed away Monday, July 27, 2020.



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Community Celebration Saturday

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Lighthouse Prayer Center, located on Ratliff Road, south of Callahan will hold a Community Celebration this Saturday at 6 p.m. The service will be on a Saturday, as to not interrupt church services on Sunday for those that wish to visit. The church has currently gone through an extensive renovation that the Lord provided. The membership is inviting former members and visitors to come and enjoy an evening of praise and worship to God.

The entrance of the church has a fresh coat of paint and a beautiful tile floor so pleasing and welcoming to those who enter. Each of the restrooms have been updated and refreshed. The nursery and toddlers room has new carpet, paint and also new shelves and artwork!

The sanctuary has new flooring and



seating. The pews have been repurposed and padded chairs have taken their place. The chairs can be moved and separated as needed during this time of



distancing. The pulpit area has a new lighting system which goes hand in hand with a completely new designed and upgraded media room. "I am celebrating my eighth year here," said Pastor Gary Linn. "Eighth means new beginnings and our church is starting a new beginning."

The church also has a separate building at the rear of the property. This building, which houses the youth room, kitchen, café and family life area, is also being renovated one room at a



time. "We (pastors) have had to go out in faith during this online process," said Pastor Linn. "I was in a comfort zone but showed me that more could be done. We've reached so many people through our online worship services. It's good to have people back in the sanctuary but we are continuing to stream our services."

"God asks us to change from the inside out and that's what is happening here at our church," said Rhonda Melton, Church Secretary. "God has great plans for this church. We're following in obedience to God's command."

Lighthouse Prayer Center is currently having Sunday morning services at 10:30 a.m., which are also streamed on the church's Facebook: Lighthouse Prayer Center.

This Saturday, August 8 at 6 p.m. visit Lighthouse Prayer Center, located at 43694 Ratliff Road, Callahan for a Community Celebration. Enjoy walking around the facility but better yet enjoy the service featuring the singing of Josh and Jennifer Berry; and Pastor Simone Fouraker bringing a special message of love and encouragement.

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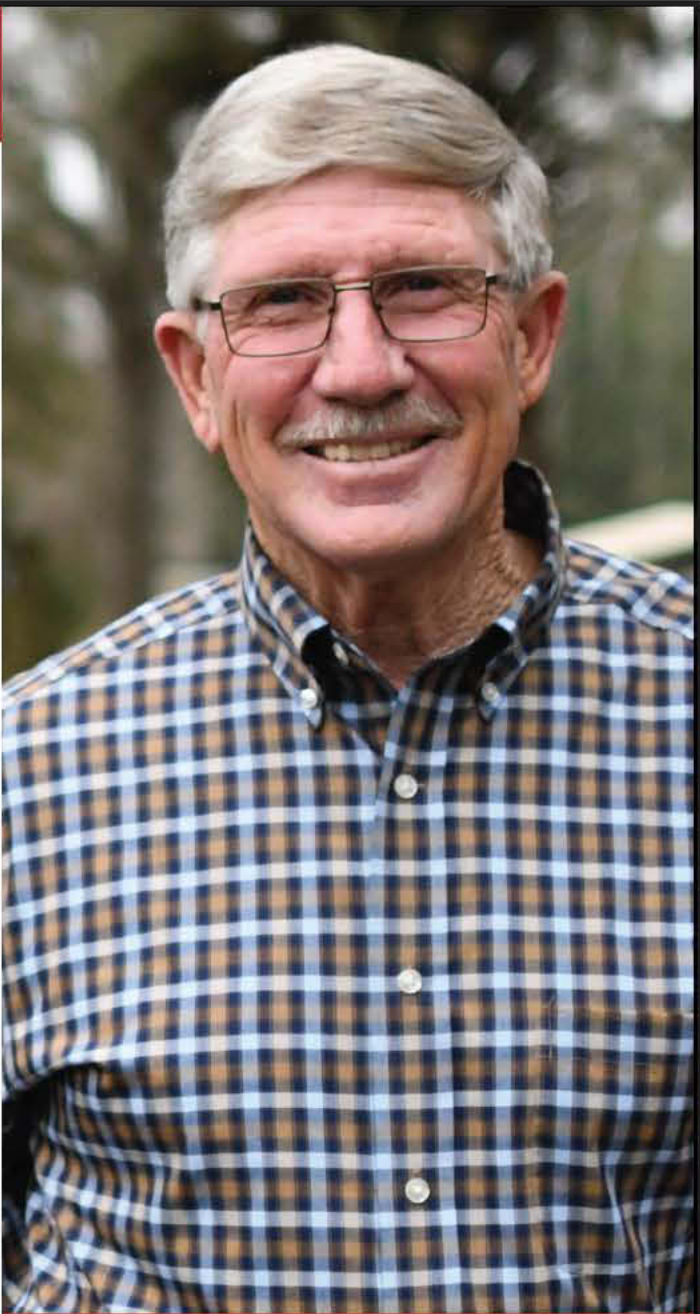
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