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**FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL**  
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**@ 7 p.m.**

"THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION; WHOM SHALL I FEAR?  
THE LORD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY LIFE; OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID?" - PSALM 27:1

## Traders Hill Farm Partners with Barnabas Center



Barnabas Center and Traders Hill Farm, a Hilliard-based aquaponics greenhouse, are partnering to bring locally-grown produce to doorsteps across Nassau County via the farm's Gather & Give™ affiliate program. Traders Hill Farm mirrors Barnabas Center with their commitment to help people live their healthiest lives. Now, this partnership has made it easier for people to eat healthy produce, while supporting our Nassau County neighbors in need. "The Gather & Give program is a wonderful investment in improving the health of our entire community," said Jamie Reynolds, Barnabas Center President/CEO. "Traders Hill Farm's home delivery subscription service, in support of Barnabas Center, gives you the opportunity to purchase healthy, locally-grown vegetables. In turn, the farm's support for our food programs helps us provide healthy food options to our clients and patients. We all benefit from Gather & Give!"

Known for their signature romaine lettuce, Traders Hill Farm grows their lettuce without harmful chemicals and it arrives at your door within 48 hours of harvesting, staying fresh for up to two weeks. In addition, they partner with farms in Florida and Southeast Georgia to create their flagship wellness boxes, a combination of leafy greens and seasonal produce.

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produce through Gather & Give. Simply visit the Traders Hill Farm website at: [www.TradersHillFarm.com/Barnabas](http://www.TradersHillFarm.com/Barnabas). Browse the many Traders Hill Farm box selections, and be sure to use the code BARNABASGG at checkout. A portion of your purchase will help fund Barnabas Center's Nutrition Services programs, including the food pantry and countywide food distributions, which provide much-needed items to food-insecure adults and children in Nassau County. "As we



continue to gain our balance after the pandemic and navigate the recent increase in many costs, Barnabas still has a significant need for donations of healthy, shelf-stable items from the community," said Reynolds. "We are very thankful for this partnership with Traders Hill Farm and the benefit it will bring to our food programs."

Barnabas Center's mission is to provide help and hope to individuals and families in need throughout Nassau County to improve their stability, health and well-being. To learn more about Barnabas, visit: [www.BarnabasNassau.org](http://www.BarnabasNassau.org) or call (904) 261-7000.

## Hilliard Employee Starts Memorial Project

Dawn S. West

In the world we live in, we see so many people being okay with not having a job and most of those people are young. It's so refreshing to see someone that has a fulltime job and continues to look for ways to do more than just her job. Alicia Head works as an Administrative Assistant for the Town of Hilliard. She has not only taken on her load of work but also finds time to keep the town's Facebook updated with pretty interesting things going on around town. Recently she also took on, yet another project! "For years I have found myself wishing Hilliard had 'something cool', like Folkston has a unique Main Street," said Alicia. "Callahan has its awesome Train Depot, etc. I just felt like the Town of Hilliard needed something. I began chatting with co-workers about my dreams for our town and it snowballed...fast!"

Alicia and friends thought about making or purchasing some crosses and attaching an American Flag to them. She researched purchasing premade crosses but at the number she wanted to start with was way out of budget. Hilliard Code Enforcement Officer Del Miley shared with Alicia about a place called Pine Castle. She googled the company and instantly knew what needed to be done. Pine Castle is a leader in serving adults with intellectual and developmental differences and providing support to their families across Northeast Florida. They are located in Jacksonville. The people at Pine Castle were able to build us 100-24" stakes and 100-12" stakes. Once back to Hilliard, Jason, another employee with the Public Works Department, took them home and put them together. Several others in Public Works assisted with painting all 100 crosses and drilling the holes for the flags! "I kept in contact with Council President John Beasley about my project," added Alicia. "John took



it upon himself to purchase 100 flags to complete our crosses!"

The flags will be placed in the grassy area right beside Town Hall during special holidays. The first time will be this Friday, September 2 for Labor Day! "Currently it's a visual reminder to everyone that Freedom isn't free, it comes at a cost. That soldier left a piece of themselves overseas. Even stateside that soldier left his/her family to fight for what we have here in the US, FREEDOM," continued Alicia. "In the future, we want this to grow. Our plans include hosting an "adopt a cross" so residents can honor their own Veteran and place the names of the loved one, past or present, on the cross for all to observe."

She plans to display the crosses the months of September, November, May and July, with plans to leave them displayed a month at a time.

"As thankful as I am for the recognition, there were MANY HANDS involved in this project and without each of them, it wouldn't have come together," said Alicia. "I am very passionate about this and honestly it's very hard to put my feeling into words!"

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## A Word From the Publisher

Last week, we received our election results. I, for one, was extremely disappointed with the turnout of voters. We only totaled 30.75 percent for the entire county. I have been so frustrated with the 'way of the world' lately, that I just felt there were a few others that felt the same. We can moan and complain, we can say who's right and who's wrong. It's super easy to complain and do nothing else. I was told if you want to change something, you have to start from the bottom and move step by step up the ladder. The same goes with elections...it starts with local government in our towns, county, state, etc. I know this was just the primary but it sure has me concerned about the General Election in November. People, please get out and VOTE! Every vote counts. You might not have the satisfaction of your person winning but you did your part and cast your vote! That's what counts. November will be here before we know it, so start preparing now and make plans to vote. Roger & I always say we're going to vote early but we always forget. We're pretty much old school and are really okay with voting on Election Day! That's what it's for. Whatever way you like...just do it!

This past weekend, we had six of our ten grandchildren for the weekend. The other four have graduated, one is



married and is busy in their lives going to school and working. I went to the West Nassau football game Friday night where I later 'collected' the six to begin our adventure. We have two in the group that are drivers (hard to believe) so he had two in his vehicle and I had three. When we arrived home, they hit the kitchen for pizza and snacks. The smaller girls, Bryistol and Harper (9-10) paired up and chose their room and the high schoolers chatted in the living room. I think it was around 1 a.m. before the house was quiet. There's something

about hearing all the chattering and giggling going on. I'm just thankful they still want to come!

Saturday morning I was up making coffee and an old family favorite, Sticky Buns. The oldest, Hunter, was the first up and helped me get them in the oven. While that cooked I quickly made some turkey sliders for lunch and started filling my bags with snacks. We had a plan to go to the river with a boat, but those plans changed. We loaded everyone up and headed to Trader's Hill landing out of Folkston. There was hardly anyone there. As soon as we parked, the vehicles emptied and the children were in the water. I don't think they were disappointed. Shortly after swimming a bit, one of them noticed a rope swing from a tree. Well, it was on then. Michael, quickly followed by Jayden, Milianah and Hunter headed to the tree. I don't know how many times they

jumped but it was a lot. There's no way I would have done it! We did also have some Frisbee time. I think they were shocked I knew how to throw it! Of course, we made a competition out of it! We ate our sliders, snacks, cookies, etc. The day was peaceful (well...) and fun.

We decided we needed a little more to eat. Once we dried off a little the group decided they wanted Mexican food. We stopped at the Mexican restaurant in Folkston and filled up. The ride home was quiet until the vehicles stopped. After a shower and some rest...they were hungry again. I fixed some grits and eggs, grilled cheese and of course bowls of ice cream. It was a great weekend with lots of memories made. I wouldn't take anything for it. Were we tired? Yes. But a good tired.

I'm so thankful to be able to spend time with our grandchildren and help out when we can. They are super special and lots of fun. God has truly blessed our family with these sweet ones. Yes, they can get a little loud but that's what kids do. Take time, when you can to spend a little extra time with someone special in your life. It will bring a smile to your face.

Have a blessed week!

*Dawn S. West*

## Fatal Accident Sunday in Callahan



According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, a single vehicle fatal accident occurred Sunday afternoon on River Road. The report stated that the pick-up truck was traveling eastbound on River Road and ran off the road to the left, causing the vehicle to collide with a tree where the vehicle came to final rest. The driver, Justin Kish, 22, of Callahan, was transported to UF Health where he later passed away from his injuries.

### In the Kitchen...

- 1 (2 lb.) pkg. frozen hash browns
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 (16 oz.) carton sour cream
- 1/2 cup butter

Combine first 8 ingredients. Spoon into a lightly greased 13x9x2-inch baking dish. Sprinkle cracker crumbs evenly over top. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes or until bubbly.

### Missy Potatoes

- 1 cup shredded cheese (sharp cheddar)
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 cup buttery cracker crumbs (Ritz)

*Thought of the week...*  
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# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>NEVER FORGET SEPTEMBER 11, 2001</b></p>				<p>1 Hilliard Town Meeting 7 p.m. Food Giveaway @Callahan First Baptist 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 <b>Labor Day</b></p>	<p>6 Exchange Club 11:30 a.m. Fernandina Golf Club NAMI Family Support 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Beh. Callahan Town 7 p.m.</p>	<p>7 PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library Callahan Garden Club 10 a.m. Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church NAMI Support 12-1:30 p.m. Hilliard Journey Church</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging American Legion &amp; Auxiliary Post 401 Hilliard 7 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Callahan Farmers Market 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Callahan Depot</p>
<p>11  <b>Never Forget 9/11 Patriot Day</b></p>	<p>12 Food Giveaway FBC Gray Gables 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Country Star Quilt Guild 6:30 pm @ The Anchor</p>	<p>13 Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) 6 p.m. Hilliard Library</p>	<p>15 Hilliard Town Meeting 7 p.m. Food Giveaway @Callahan First Baptist 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>16 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 Westside Optimists 7 p.m. Lions Club Barnabas Food Fairgrounds 12:30 - 2 p.m. Sons of Confederate Veterans 7 p.m. The Pig Callahan Town 7 p.m.</p>	<p>20 NARFE 11 a.m. The Pig NAMI Family 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Beh. NC Young Republicans 7 p.m. Gator's Dockside, Yulee</p>	<p>21 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library</p>	<p>22 Historical Society 6:30 p.m. @ Depot</p>	<p>23 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 NC Beekeepers Association 7 p.m. Multipurpose Building Food Giveaway FBC Gray Gables 9:30 am - 2:30 pm</p>	<p>27 Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging HMSHS Homecoming</p>	

# JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

According to Andrew Miller of the "Trumpet", America's "Deep State" have more agents with firearms than the United States Marine Corps has Marines. In July Rep. Matt Gaetz informed we the people that the IRS has spent \$725,000 on ammunition just this year. Gaetz stated, "Call me old-fashioned, but I thought the heaviest artillery an IRS agent would need would be a calculator." He also commented, "I imagine the IRS in green eyeshades and cubicles, not busting doors down and emptying Glock clips on our fellow Americans."

The IRS has stockpiled 4,500 guns and 5 million rounds of ammunition. However, they are not the only ones. One hundred three executive federal agencies outside the Department of Defense have spent \$2.7 Billion dollars on guns, ammunition and military equipment between 2006 and 2019. The Department of Veterans Affairs alone has spent \$11.6 million on guns, ammunition, body armor, chemical weapons and military supplies. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service spent \$3.9 million on rifles, ammunition, dart guns, night-vision equipment and unmanned aircraft. Even the Railroad Retirement Board spent \$50,000 on guns and ammunition. It's totally understandable that the DOJ and the Department Homeland Security have armed agents, but why are the IRS, the Social Security Administration, the Small Business Administration, and the National Archives and Records Administration stocking up on guns and ammunition? This should be very concerning to "we the people!" The reason for this massive buildup is actually easy to figure out. The out of control "Deep State" no longer trust local law enforcement to enforce their unconstitutional dictates. Therefore, they are creating their own force

armed to the teeth for a future conflict when they force their unconstitutional ideology upon the American people.

"We are in a bitterly weak time in America," Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in his book America Under Attack. "Lawmakers, judges, bureaucrats and others wielding power are shockingly corrupt. Our institutions are crumbling. Our constitutional form of government is almost completely destroyed. These events give us a hard look at what radical leftists are willing to do to seize power and stay in power. They have no respect for the rule of law. They believe they are above the law. Such contempt for the nation's founding principles is a grave threat to the republic!"

An old saying goes, When the government tells you that you do not need to purchase a gun is when you need to go purchase two guns! Just this past weekend, the acting President Biden again stated, "If the Democrats (Communists) take a majority in the Senate, he will ban all assault weapons." The communist's definition of "assault weapon" is far reaching and includes many rifles, shotguns and pistols along with the AR-15s.

Miller stated, "There is conflict on the horizon, and ultimately it will take a miracle to stabilize America long enough for people to have a chance to repent of the sins that allowed their government to be hijacked." Those are words of truth whether we want to believe them or not. It would be very wise to prepare now for this upcoming conflict. Remember, united we stand, divided we fall. Everyone no matter your political registration, needs to unite against this tyrannical regime. If we don't, there is not going to be a Democrat or Republican Party.

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

## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Pine Forest Alumni holds monthly meetings the first Monday of each month (Sept. 5) at 5 p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church on Page Street, Callahan. For information call 904-707-9399.


Greater Mt. Pleasant Church in Callahan, located north of Callahan on US 1, will be selling Fish Dinners with 2 sides Friday, September 2 at 11 a.m. until? Orders may be called ahead by calling the church at 879-2693 or Maxine at 507-1147.



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# A Very Real Enemy

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Satan would love nothing more than for us to believe that he doesn't exist. But God's word makes it very clear that he is real and he is very much against us. *"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."* 1 Peter 5:8

Our battle is a spiritual one for which we have been given great armor: *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."* Ephesians 6:10-12

Here are the 6 tools God has given us according to Ephesians 6:13-17: **The belt of truth:** Our enemy is clever, deceitful, and has been studying human behavior for over 5,000 years. He is the father of lies and uses them against us. The key to recognizing lies is not found in studying each lie that is out there. It is instead found in knowing the truth. When we know the truth well, we will spot lies quickly.

**The breastplate of righteousness:** Our righteousness is found in the person and the work of Jesus Christ. If we wish to see righteous behavior in our lives, we must not rely on our own righteousness (that will fail us), but we must lean on Christ's righteousness. We must put our faith in Him and we will receive His righteousness.

**The readiness given by the gospel of peace:** Spiritual peace is internal. It is not affected by our circumstances. Keep in mind these armor pieces are preparing us for war. This peace exists in the midst of conflict. And this peace is made possible because of the Gospel. *"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* Romans 5:1

**The shield of faith:** The enemy will launch arrows at us. But, we are protected as long as our shield is up. *"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."* 1 John 5:4. Placing our faith in Christ prepares us for whatever the enemy brings.

**The helmet of salvation:** Our enemy would love for us to stop moving forward in our relationship with Christ. *"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure,"* Philippians 2:12-13. Our salvation begins when we first put our trust in Christ, but this is only the beginning. We must now grow in Him.

**The sword of the Spirit:** Every bit of the armor thus far is a defensive tool. Here we have our one and only offensive tool, a sword: *"the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,"* Ephesians 6:17. The word of God is the only thing that we use to attack. We watched Jesus use the scriptures three times against Satan when He was tempted in the wilderness.

I pray that this week you will equip yourself with what God has provided so you can resist our enemy.

# Old Country Church Welcomes New Pastor

The Old Country Church, located at 37299 Oxford Street in Hilliard, recently welcomed Pastor Eddie Hadden to their church. Pastor Hadden has been in the ministry for many years. When he accepted the invitation to pastor the church he said, "God gave him a dream, a call he couldn't resist."



The church meets on Sunday mornings for Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m.; and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

# Callahan Garden Club News

The Callahan Garden Club will kick-off the 2022-2023 year with a 'Share your Summer' meeting on Wednesday, September 7 at 10 a.m. at our Club House at 45251 Fourth Avenue in Callahan.



The new officers are: President Janet Shaw; Vice-President Paula Schutte; Secretary Lisa Emery; Treasurer Shelia Page; Parliamentarian Kay Wilkes; and Chaplain Roxanne Bessett. The officers have been working all summer to plan educational programs for those who are enthusiastic about gardening.

The Callahan Garden Club was founded in 1941 with the desire to promote an interest in gardens, design,

management and the protection of wildflowers and native plants. We continue to pursue those goals.

The club meets the first Wednesday of each month (September – May) at 10 a.m. at the club house. If you are interested in gardening or horticulture, please join us. Visitors are always welcomed! You will be inspired!

# CHURCH NEWS

North Hilliard Baptist Church, 552823 US HWY1, would like to invite all men to our Men's Prayer meeting held the first Monday of each month, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m.

True Believers Church of God by Faith, 45083 White Rd., Callahan, invites everyone to Family and Friends Day, Sunday, September 11 at the 10 a.m. service. Lunch and fellowship will follow the service.

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## Living Financially Free

### Are You Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired?

Yvette Outler

...Regarding debt, that is exactly where you need to be to successfully get out of debt. Everyone I know who got serious about getting out of debt had the same story, "I am sick and tired of being sick and tired of debt." That is where I got. I was tired of seeing the pile of bills. I was tired of seeing all my extra money dissolve by paying bills. I was tired of working hard and having little to show for it. I was tired of having more month than money. Does any of this ring a financial bell with you?

It takes resolve and discipline to get out of debt. As a financial coach, I have had people say that they want help. The people who get out of debt are the ones who are willing to do the hard things. They are the ones who are sick and tired of being sick and tired of debt.

Here are three profitable essentials:

**1. Be willing to wait.** Impulse purchases can wreak havoc on your finances. Whether you want or need something, especially if it is a large purchase, try and wait to make the purchase (at least 24 hours). We are a society that thinks we should get married and have all that our parents have that took them 30 years to scrape, save and build. That is unrealistic and at best it is setting you up for discontentment. Being willing to wait is an inner discipline that will help you in other areas of your life too but especially your finances.

**2. You can live with much less.** Look around you. You have tons of stuff. Are the things around you even paid for? What do you have that you could sell, earn money, and then apply those funds to your debt? Consider purging and selling the items that could help offset your debt. Simplifying your



stuff will probably take a load off of your shoulders. Stuff is not bad when you have it but when the stuff has you, there is discontentment.

**3. Enjoy what you have!** Quit wishing for the next, best, greatest thing. You cannot appreciate what you have unless you are thankful for it. We tend to think that the grass is greener on the other side. In Florida, the only grass that is greener on the other side is the grass that is watered. (smile) No seriously, if you have a roof over your head, clothes on your back and food in your pantry and/or freezer you are blessed! Keep your eyes and heart inside your own home and begin to thank The Lord for all that He has given you. Thankfulness is the seed of contentment. "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5 (Psalm 86:12, Psalm 28:7, Philippians 4:12-13)

Since today is the only day promised to you, no better time to begin than right now.

*Yvette Outler is a Dave Ramsey's Solution Master Financial Coach. If you are in over your head in debt and need hope and help, contact her at Fiscallyfree7@gmail.com.*

## Countywide Food Drive to Restock Barnabas Pantry

### September 3-10

Did you know that 9% of residents in our Nassau County community are hungry or facing food insecurity, which is simply not knowing when or how they will get their next meal? The county's three Rotary Clubs are partnering with Barnabas to collect healthy food donations on September 3-10 at more than 100 countywide, drop-off locations. The effort will restock Barnabas Center's Nutrition Services food pantry. "We are building on last year's successful food drive. Our goal this year is to collect 25,000 pounds or more, preferably low-sodium, low-fat and low-sugar products," said Michael Granucci, a longtime Barnabas volunteer who is again heading up the food drive and a Rotary Club of Amelia Island Sunrise member. "The Barnabas pantry needs these donations to help meet the tremendous, continued need for food in our county."

Businesses, churches, schools, civic groups, neighborhoods and municipalities are providing drop-off locations for donations. On September 3-10, donors can drop off

their unexpired, nonperishable items, including canned, boxed and dry foods; paper goods such as paper towels, toilet paper and paper napkins; and dry or canned pet foods.

Local drop-off locations are:

**CALLAHAN:** First United Methodist Church, Greater Mt. Pleasant Church, Southeastern Bank, The Anchor Church of God, Callahan Town Hall, West Nassau High School, West Nassau Historical Society (Depot) and Winn-Dixie.

**HILLIARD:** First Baptist Church of Boulogne, First Baptist Church Hilliard, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Hilliard High School, Hilliard Parks & Recreation Department and Winn-Dixie.

**BRYCEVILLE:** First Baptist Church of Bryceville.

Barnabas Center extends a special thanks to the Rotary Club of Amelia Island Sunrise, Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach and Greater Nassau Rotary Club for coordinating this effort. To volunteer, contact Kim Cherry at [KCherry@BarnabasNassau.org](mailto:KCherry@BarnabasNassau.org).

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In Response

Dear Editor (Roger),

When did it become okay for a person - any person to steal Top Secret Documents from the Library of Congress. Donald Trump is an ex-President, no better than any of us, worse than most. He stole the records for personal gain, and that is illegal. The Presidential Records Act (PRA) of 1978, 44 U.S.C. §2201-2209, states that the President is a custodian of the records while in office, and leaves all documents for the next president. IF a president wishes to make any of these documents his own, they must first be reviewed and redacted for the security of the country. This was not done.

The judge that signed the Search Warrant was appointed by Trump. The few pieces of paper, I believe that is what you called it, happen to contain names of operatives and undercover agents. It has coordinates of our hidden siloes where our nuclear missiles are housed. I heard this from a very reliable source. Strange that this doesn't bother Republicans. Was he going to sell the information, or blackmail people? What amuses me the most about Donald J. is that he hits home with Christians, yet he is a nontheist. He never goes to church, doesn't read the Bible, and has been overheard saying "God is a HOAX." Donald couldn't tell you the difference between the Old and New Testament. But he does know how to market and religion is just a tool to get what he wants.

There are only two things that Donald believes in: power and money, and you gladly gave all to him. This is who you put your whole spirit into believing. One thing about being retired is that you get to watch all the hearings. I have not seen all of the Jan. 6th hearings, but I watched as it happened. Trump definitely incited a mob to attack the Capital because he didn't like the outcome of the election. Sounds like a dictator or tyrant to me. He instructed the Capital Police to not carry weapons that day. Five people died because of him. Why is this acceptable?

I also watched the entirety of both impeachment hearings. What you refer to as

# Letters to the Editor

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a witch hunt decidedly found the witch. The House wanted the findings turned over to the justice department, the Republicans wouldn't do it. What you heard on Fox was taken out of context. I knew because I watched the hearing and then looked at the Fox news. WOW! What a difference. There was enough evidence given to convict the witch. Donald Trump didn't realize that being President is an elected public servant position, and everything's scrutinized.

What you say about Democrats in your column, is insulting. I left the republican party because I didn't like the direction it was going. It is now full of hate and violence and follows conspiracy theories. Listen to the newscasters, there is a tremendous anger in their voices, very much like your column. Your hate and anger stagnate the country. I just want facts, no suppositions. I'll repeat it, your hate and anger stagnate the country. I know you won't print this because you don't want people reading the truth. I have done volunteer work for both parties and decided to remain a Democrat. None of the hundreds of democrats I have met are socialist. Wanting to address social problems is not socialism. Your hate and anger stagnate the country. Your column insults people. Words matter. Why are your vicious words acceptable to anybody? Who instigates this violence? You do with your column.

I thank God, I have more faith than all of you together. I would hate to live in your mind.

E. F. Hunter

## FBI Raid

Dear Editor,

The F.B.I. raid on the home of President Donald Trump was an act of treachery, not only against the President but of the American people. It was nothing more than a distraction

to him and to those of us who know who he is. It did, however, serve to broadcast how terrified the Democrats are of his competence to lead, something lacking in the Democratic party.

The truth is that President Trump is everything they are not. He's honest, hardworking, a builder and he cares about us, in contrast to the Democrats, who are liars, indolent, and are self-indulgently destroying voters' lives.

The complicity of the F.B.I. in this travesty has J. Edgar Hoover rolling over in his grave. They appear to have forgotten their job is to safeguard Americans. This is not possible if they remain politicized. The Director is a cowardly tool of the people behind Biden who are pulling the strings of an impotent puppet-like figure head.

Start counting the days! No one is fooled when you lower gas prices and at the same time raise interest rates that can result in more citizens losing their homes. Instead, the time is coming to put these miscreants out in the street.

B. R. Mc Connell

## Voting!

Dear Editor,

First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Hal Waite for his well thought out informative letter. Oh Dear Lord, if only there were 20,000 more in Nassau County like him.

I have waited a few weeks to gather my thoughts about this election. Congratulations to Alyson McCullough. Well done! She is certainly a good example of the intelligent women (who are not politicians in Nassau County) that can lead young women to the right path of being honest and honorable women. I spoke to her on the phone for an hour last week and she was pleasant, factual and not at all impatient with my many questions. She was my choice! A farmer's wife who wants to help the little people to survive. She is not at all concerned about what the special interests want. You go, girl! I am not at all interested in even listening to candidates who spend all their money and time denigrating

their opponents! If you can't win on your own merits and accomplishments, go away.

Some of you know my nephew, Alex Newman. He is a UF graduate with two majors: Journalism and Communications. At just 35 years old he writes for two magazines: The New American and The Epoch Times. He has written two books: Crimes of the Educators' and Deep State. He has been invited to make more than 50 speeches all over the United States. He's been asked to speak in churches, World conferences in Europe, a 1/2 hour on a news show and many gatherings of Christian Conservatives. A real Patriot, he has done as much or more for this country informing people with truth and integrity. Alex knows Emily Nunez personally. He received one of the creepy postcards with Ms. Nunez. Alex said she is a pro-life, supporter of the second amendment, and all-around good person. She is not ashamed of her resume.

I actually asked someone who they voted for in the primary. The answer, "Oh I saw so many signs for so and so. I figured they must be good." "WHAT? Sad...but very true. When I asked one thing this person knew about so and so, he actually said, "Nothing. I just thought they would be good!" WHAT? Is it any wonder gas is at an historic high, inflation is out of control, unemployment is outrageous and babies are still being slaughtered with our tax money? Folks, please, please, wake up! We could lose America as we know it. If you think "no way," I feel sorry for you.

Jackie Sikes

## Elections

Dear Editor,

Have you ever wondered about Nassau County's Elections? Are our candidates elected or selected? Don't care if it's the Democrats, Republicans or Independent. Why do we receive so much campaign "junk mail" from these candidates? How did these candidates get our mailing addresses and the correct party that we are registered with? Does the Supervisor of Elections sell our private information? If the Supervisor of Elections doesn't sell this information, who illegally gave out this private information? Who is getting money for our private information? Remember, something ALWAYS costs something! I don't care which party you are registered with...THINK AMERICAN!

Janice Corbin



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## Negaran Named Resource Manager of the Year

The Florida Forest Service is honored to recognize Forestry Resource Administrator Sam Negaran of Jacksonville, as this year's recipient of the prestigious "Jim Stevenson Resource Manager of the Year" award. This special recognition is presented by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency to the Resource Manager who has continually made significant contributions to natural resource management in Florida for many years.

Sam has been recognized that to be successful in land management it takes a team effort. "Sam pays attention to details and teaches foresters the importance of managing budget resources is just as critical as managing our natural resources," said District Manager Andy Lamborn; a must for ensuring timelines and budgets being met accordingly. "I believe one of our most important duties is to involve and engage the public, to showcase our forests, our staff and our management philosophies and activities," said the seasoned Resource Manager Sam Negaran.

Sam has been with the Florida Forest Service since 2007. He began his career as a forester on Jennings State Forest and was promoted to the Clay/Duval County Forester in 2014 and again to Resource Administrator in 2015. His position as the Resource Administrator is responsible for supervising and managing five of the state's forests (Jennings, Cary, Four Creeks, Belmore and Ralph Simmons State Forest) which encompasses roughly 80,000 acres and approximately 12,000



acres for the City of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Aviation Authority.

Training young foresters to become a successful professional land manager takes time and dedication, a process that Sam continues to make one of his highest priorities. Sam leads, teaches, and mentors his team of foresters to meet and frequently exceed numerous land management goals every year. With Sam's guidance, Jacksonville's Forestry District develops and implements land management plans, receives positive ratings at land management reviews and ensures our forest resources are managed sustainably for future generations.

The Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, manages more than 1 million acres of state forests and provides forest management assistance on more than 17 million acres of private and community forests. The Florida Forest Service is also responsible for protecting homes, forestland, and natural resources from the devastating effects of wildfire on more than 26 million acres. Learn more at FloridaForestService.com.

## County Awarded Grant for Removal of Four Derelict Vessels



The County received approval from the FWC to remove four derelict vessels as follows: 1) White antique cabin cruiser located in the St. Marys River, west of Crandall Road; 2) White Columbia Sail located near the southeast bank of Tiger Island, across from the Pogy Plant in Fernandina Beach; 3) White ASPT Houseboat located on the east side of Piney Island in the marsh approximately 200

yards north of the railroad tracks; and 4) White S2 Yacht located in the marshes, north of State Road 200, near the Shave Bridge.

Upon receiving authorization to remove the four vessels, the Board promptly submitted an application to the FWC for grant funding through the Florida Boating Improvement Program, a division of the State that collects revenue through the local Tax Collector by collection of registration fees.

Now that the Board has approved the grant agreement, it will be returned to the FWC for final execution. Once the County receives the executed contract, we will move forward with having them removed.

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Facilities Director, Jeff Little, at (904) 530-6120 or email at: [jlittle@nassaucountyfl.com](mailto:jlittle@nassaucountyfl.com).

Sabrina Robertson, PIO

Recently, the Board of County Commissioners approved a grant agreement with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission in the amount of \$77,500 for removal of four derelict/abandoned vessels in Nassau County's waterways.

According to the FWC, derelict vessels can become safety hazards to the public. When a vessel is abandoned, the County notifies the FWC to investigate the vessel(s) to determine if it meets the criteria outlined in Florida Statute, Sections 705.103(3) and 823.11. Upon the FWC's determination that the vessel is in fact derelict, the FWC provides notice to the last known owner/custodian of the vessel and affords him/her an opportunity for a hearing compliant with fundamental procedural due process. After that process is completed, the FWC will authorize the County to remove and destroy the vessel.

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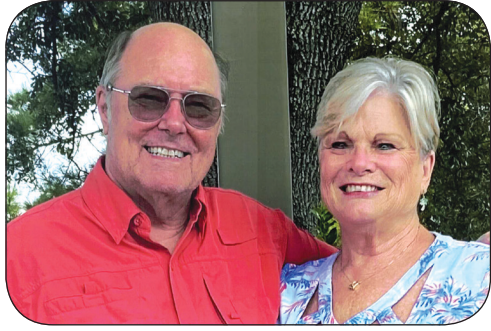
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# New Beginnings and Milestones

## Mr. and Mrs. Nelson R. Keefer Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Nelson and Claudia Lutins Keefer, of Callahan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 1. They were married September 1, 1972 in Kingsland, Georgia. They lived across the road from each other in the Highlands area of Jacksonville, when they were growing up. They were high school sweethearts. Both graduated from Ribault High School in 1968 (Nelson) and 1970 (Claudia). Following graduation, Nelson joined the US Air Force and Claudia worked in a beauty salon.

When Nelson came home for a visit with family and friends, he had been overseas for an assignment, he proposed to Claudia! She had been waiting for him to ask! They loved each other then, now, tomorrow and forever! Nelson retired from the US Air Force following 23 years of service. He has been employed with UF Health for 23 years. Claudia enjoyed her life as a housewife.

They celebrated their special milestone by taking a cruise on the ship Celebration. Once they return, they will also have an anniversary party with family and friends.

They have two sons Nelson Christopher (deceased 2017) and James. They also have three grandsons, Zayne, Jeremiah and Isaiah Keefer and one granddaughter Emma Leigh; and a great-granddaughter Aleiyha.



## Nora Pearl Fouraker



Thomas and Amanda Fouraker, of Bryceville, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Nora Pearl Fouraker. Nora was born July 16, 2022 at 4:15 p.m. at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville. She weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Earl and Lou Ellen Fouraker of Bryceville.

Maternal grandparents are Alan and Rose Abbott of Sardis, Ohio.

Proud great-grandparents are Stella Thornton of Bryceville; and Allen and Joann Workman of Morgantown, West Virginia.

Nora was welcomed home by siblings Emma and Thomas Junior!

## Westside Journal Visits Virginia



Kenneth and Sandra Arowood and daughters Leona and Mira, of Bryceville enjoyed a 6-day family vacation to Williamsburg, Virginia. They enjoyed the Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Battlefield. Our girls enjoyed all the rich history, the beautiful historic buildings, especially the Governor's Palace inside and out, and experienced things that they have learned at school. Our

favorite part was the carriage ride through town in the Governor's carriage, the Haunted Ghost Tour and the Cry Witch Trail. It was a great vacation with so much to explore and learn. It is definitely a place worth visiting and enjoying everything it has to offer! Somehow, the family remembered to take along a copy of the Westside Journal on their great trip! Pictures are taken in front of the Jamestown Settlement; and family in front of the Capitol in Williamsburg.



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## West Nassau High School Taking Hall of Fame Applications

West Nassau High School is currently taking applications for the 2022 Hall of Fame. Do you know a West Nassau alumnus that would be a great candidate for the 2022 West Nassau Hall of Fame? Maybe there was a special teacher or coach, great student, etc. that is deserving of that honor. Download the application form at: [www.nassau.k12.fl.us/page/4970](http://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/page/4970).

In order to be inducted, an individual, living or passed, must meet at least one or more of the following criteria: 1) Have graduated from WNHS at least 10 school years prior to the current one. 2) Served as a staff member at WNHS for a minimum of 15 years and have been retired for a minimum of 5 school years. Staff members may be considered

for inclusion for accomplishments outside of their duties as a WNHS staff member or coach at any time. 3) Exhibited excellence in athletics at WNHS and/or in college, professional, or semiprofessional sports. 4) Exhibited excellence in their trade or profession. 5) Exhibited excellence as a member of society in the form of community service or leadership. 6) Exhibited exemplary service and commitment to the WNHS community.



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## Westside Journal Visits Cincinnati!



Jeff and Karen Byrd, of Callahan, recently enjoyed a vacation trip to Cincinnati, Ohio where their son Eric lives. Somehow, they remembered to take along a copy of the Westside Journal on their fun trip! Eric, who is a West Nassau graduate and former 4-Her, is employed with the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens. Eric is the

Manager of 11 people in the African exhibit of the zoo. The Byrds were able to go behind the scenes at the zoo and shared just a few of their great pictures!



## Opening Night Production



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## Companion Named Engineer of the Year

The Board of County Commissioners is excited to announce that at the Florida Engineering Society's (FES) annual conference held recently, Deputy County Manager/County Engineer, Robert Companion, was named the FES 2022 Government Engineer of the Year. The FES is the State's leading organization committed to supporting engineers and the engineering profession. The FES supports their 3,000+ members by providing educational opportunities, professional licensures, and promotion of ethical and competent practices. To be considered for this prestigious award, an individual must be able to demonstrate outstanding contributions within their communities, as well as to the advancement of other engineers employed by the Federal, State, County or Municipal Governments in the State of Florida.



**Robert Companion and Taco Pope**

As Deputy County Manager/County Engineer, Mr. Companion provides direct support to the County Manager as part of the executive leadership team charged with strategically aligning the County's goals and resources. He also oversees the County's Public Works and Community Development Divisions as they relate to community planning, capital improvement projects, stormwater/drainage improvements, and construction/maintenance of roads. "As County Manager, I am extremely proud of Robert. As a citizen of Nassau County, I am thankful that Robert has chosen to apply his professional talents to making our community the best it can be," said Pope.

Jess VanEyck, Chair of the Florida Professional Engineers in Government, stated, "When reviewing potential award recipients, we look at the applicant's noted contributions to the engineering practice and how they have improved or enhanced that practice. Mr. Companion's adaptation and enhancement of capital improvement projects and corresponding mobility projects were the key factors in our vote. Another factor in this vote was Mr. Companion's development of Nassau County's first pavement management plan. Mr. Companion's contributions are a demonstration of meaningful engineering planning and its benefit to Nassau County and its residents."

Mr. Companion is a life-long resident of Nassau County who is committed to improving the quality of life for our residents. Mr. Companion's education includes an Associate of Science Degree in Computer Aid Drafting and Design (CADD) from ITT Technical Institute, as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of North Florida.



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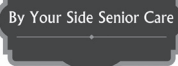
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# OBITUARIES

## MARK ALAN ABERNETHY, SR.



Mark Alan Abernethy, Sr., 65, decided it was time to go on August 20, 2022, with his children by his side after a battle with cancer. He was born March 22, 1957 to Frank Abernethy, Sr. and Nancy Petty Abernethy Thornton.

Dad tried to live his life as a good man and more often than not he succeeded. He was a welder by trade and an avid fan of the Jaguars and lover of music, Neil Young in particular. Dad was a Cub Scout den leader and Little League Coach. Win or lose he was always proud of his kids, be they Giants or later Orioles. He was especially proud of his work with the Special Olympics and the Dorcas Drake Toy Drive.

He is survived by his children Mark Abernethy, Jr., Jeremy Abernethy and Samantha Abernethy; sisters Susan (Ken) Abernethy Simpson and Valerie (Rusty) Abernethy Elwood; along with many nieces and nephews. He will be welcomed to the hereafter by Granny, Granddaddy, Uncle Frank, Michelle and countless others.

As a final message, he urged us to legalize marijuana as soon as we can and was a little upset he won't be here to see it.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Nassau Humane Society ([nassauhumane.org](http://nassauhumane.org)), 639 Airport Rd., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

## JUSTIN KALEB KISH



Justin Kaleb Kish, 22, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, August 28, 2022. He was born January 31, 2000, at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville. Justin was a 2019 graduate of West Nassau High School where he enjoyed being a force on the field playing soccer and football. Currently, he was happily employed with Jax Utilities Management. Justin loved fishing, hunting and riding dirt roads with his sister listening to country music. His most favorite thing to do was hitting the jumps on his dirt bike with his dad. Justin was a loving and caring son, brother, cousin and friend to so many people. He was a protector by nature making sure that all who surrounded him were safe and taken care of. Justin was as a great uncle to his three youngest cousins. He was gentle, kind, fun and nurturing. Justin loved his family and friends so much. He will be dearly missed and never forgotten! Until we meet you again, we love you.

Justin is survived by his parents Kimberly Kish (Jamie Bryant) and Wayne Kish (Michele Gibson); sister Jenna Kish; step-sister Maegan Bryant; step-brothers James Bryant, Austin Gibson and Cody Scott; great-grandmother Clara Hunter;

grandmothers Debbie Hunter and Nancy Ritter; cousins Jay T. Kish, Kaitlyn (Ryan) Reardon, Johnathan, Robbie, and Kirsten Hunter; aunt and uncle Dana and Chris Hunter; aunt Carol Kish; and many other extended family members.

A celebration of a Justin's life will be held Saturday, September 3 at 1 p.m. at River Road Baptist Church, 21067 CR 121, Hilliard, with Pastor Hal McIntosh officiating. Interment will follow at River Road Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

Visit [www.nassaufh.com](http://www.nassaufh.com) to sign the family's guest book.

## DAVID PEYTON PAGE, SR.



David Peyton Page, Sr., 88, of Yulee, passed away August 25, 2022 at the Warner Center for Caring. David was born August 8, 1934 in his family's home on Page's Dairy Road and lived on the same road most of his life. His parents were John and Clara Belle Higginbotham Page. David grew up working on his family's dairy and enjoyed riding his horse to Yulee School when he "accidentally" missed the bus. He wasn't a scholarly student. He remembered that one of his favorite teachers would let him sleep in class, saying "He was up working during the night." That was true because he had been milking cows at 2 a.m. David excelled in 4-H activities, particularly in Cattle Judging. He won many awards including several state awards that gave him the opportunity to travel to other states as a Florida Cattle Judging Team member. David was a proud Yulee Hornet, graduating in 1952. He said it was his class that chose green for the school color, adding that it was chosen because green was his favorite color.

David married Betty "Betsy" Satterfield

in 1955. They attended his home church, Yulee Baptist Church, with their children, Patti and David, Jr. David felt led to become a Pastor. His family moved to Macon where he went to Mercer University and then with baby Angie moved to Goldston, North Carolina and attended Southeastern Baptist Seminary. In 1971, after the birth of their fourth child, Jonathan, and several months in Fernandina, David accepted the pastorate of Silk Hope Baptist Church in Savannah.

In 1974, the family moved back to Page's Dairy Road to stay. David continued to preach at churches in the area: Ruhamah Baptist in Kingsland, Pleasant Park Baptist in Jacksonville, North 14th Street Baptist in Fernandina, and Harriett's Bluff Baptist in Camden County. He especially loved the children in his churches. Many of their earliest words was "preacher" because they loved him, too. He also loved to sing and often added beautiful harmony. He was on the Nassau County School Board for 12 years.

He owned and operated Page's Nursery for 40 years. Many Nassau residents fondly remember their visits to the nursery and their golf cart rides and talks with Mr. Page. David was an active member of Yulee Baptist Church until February 2021 when he moved into the Jane Adams House for memory care. David was preceded in death by his wife Betsy; daughter Patti; and grandson John-Curtis Page.

Survivors include his sons David (Kim) and Jonathan (Moya), all of Fernandina Beach; daughter Angela "Angie" (John) of Yulee; his grandchildren Crandall (Kristin) McClellan, Annie Page (Austin) Barnhill, Page McClellan (Michael) Thorne, Laura Page and Katherine Page; and a great-granddaughter Elizabeth "Libby" Barnhill.

A funeral service will be held Sunday, September 11 at 5 p.m. at Yulee Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Yulee Baptist Church Nehemiah Fund.

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

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Words of thanks seem so inadequate for all the kindness that was shown to our family during the loss of our loved one George Earl Timmons, Jr. To Pastor Watson, deacons, trustees, members of Mt. Olive Baptist Church and surrounding churches, family and friends that made the celebration of life service beautiful. The flowers, cards, calls, texts, visits and food were so appreciated. May God continue blessing you all richly throughout your life.

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# OBITUARIES

## CLAYTON W. ROMAN, JR.



Clayton Welcome Roman, Jr., 77, went home to be with the Lord, Wednesday, August 24, 2022. He was born on June 26, 1945, in Crescent City, Florida. Clayton gave his life to the Lord in 1975 and later became a member of Shiloh Free Baptist Church. He was a truly gifted musician and singer. He loved to sing and play guitar for the Lord, his church, friends, and especially his family. Clayton loved his wife and family dearly however, everyone who knew Clayton knew that music was his life's passion. Music, especially playing the guitar, was the other love of his life. He played in a band called The Ambers who he traveled the country with. They played music in the 1970s in Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Michigan and even played in Greenland once. His favorite song was "The Lighthouse" and he treasured reading and quoting scripture. Clayton loved his wife, children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Clayton Welcome Roman, Sr. and Eunice Alma Fore Roman; brothers Walter "Bud" Roman, Willard Roman and Raymond Roman; sisters Jewel Jones and Eunice "Babydoll" Roman; and his adorable puppy Tia-Mia.

Clayton leaves behind his wife of 19 years, Karen Roman; children Clayton Roman, Jonathan Roman, Joshua Roman, Rachel (Emir) Flores, Jeremy Roman and Kristina (Scott) Davis; grandchildren Kennedy Roman, Trinity Roman, Lily Flores and Tristan Davis; sister Susie (Rick) Lucas; and Uncle George Lynch.

A celebration of Clayton's life will be held Friday, September 2 at 6 p.m. at Nassau

Funeral Home, 541720 US 1, Callahan with his son Joshua Roman and daughter Rachel Flores leading the service. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

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

Visit [www.nassaufh.com](http://www.nassaufh.com) to sign the family's guest book.

## LAURA MAE REED SPURLOCK



Laura Mae Reed Spurlock, 75, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away Wednesday, August 24, 2022. She was born in Hilliard on September 15, 1946 to the late Vinter Hubert Reed and Ruth Glover Reed. She was a member of Camp Pinckney Baptist Church. In addition to her parents; she is preceded in death by a son Chuck Spurlock; a grandson Tony Geoghagan; and her siblings Helen Etienne, Eula Mae Murray, Hubert Reed, Leona Reed, George Reed, Harry Reed, Mary Lee Hodges, V.H. Reed and Jean Whittle.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Charles Edward "Red" Spurlock; her children Sandra (Darrell) Geoghagan, Charlotte (Paul) King and Kenny (Charity) Spurlock; a sister Julia Ann Spurlock; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Monday, August 29 at Camp Pinckney Baptist Church with Rev. Tim Hall officiating. The family received friends prior to service. Burial followed at Camp Pinckney Cemetery.

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

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

# USCSF Announces Beginning of University of US Classes for 2022-23

The University of US, an educational program of the U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation (USCSF), announced the beginning of its 7th year of operation. The afterschool classes are held at the FSCJ Bean Center from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Monday of each month from September thru March.

The first class, held on Monday, September 26, features "Our Heritage and the Founders," a lecture by Judge Adrian Soud. Other subjects covered during the first semester include "The Federalist Papers," "The Articles," "The Amendments," "The Most Important Supreme Court Justices" and "The Most Important Supreme Court Cases." To be eligible to participate in the University of US, students must be enrolled in high school and live in Nassau County, Florida.

In the spring, at the completion of classes, USCSF distributes the following scholarships and awards:

- \$100 award to any student who graduates
- \$100 award to any student who submits a qualified essay
- \$1500 scholarship to each of four members of the winning Constitution Bowl team
- \$500 scholarship to each of four members of the 2nd place Constitution Bowl team

Last year the Yulee High School team won the Constitution Bowl and the Home Educated team came in 2nd.

This year, Juniors and Seniors who submit qualified essays are eligible to win one of five college scholarships.



The student who places first receives a \$10,000 scholarship and each of the other four winners receive a \$5000 scholarship. This year there will also be two Leadership Scholarships for students who don't win an essay scholarship, but are considered top contributors in the classes. To date, the University of US has delivered over \$200,000 in scholarships and awards.

Nassau County high school students who are interested in participating in the program can attend an orientation session held at FSCJ Bean Center on September 19th at 6pm, or email the University of US at [universityofus2023@gmail.com](mailto:universityofus2023@gmail.com) before September 19th.

The U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit educational and scholarship organization dedicated to increasing knowledge and understanding of the U.S. Constitution and American Heritage. Since inception in 2016, USCSF educational programs have delivered over \$200,000 in scholarships and awards to high school juniors and seniors in Nassau County, Florida. Visit [www.uscsf.net](http://www.uscsf.net) for more information.



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## POLICE REPORTS

*Names, Addresses and all information appearing in the Police Reports are taken from the Sheriff's Department files and do not necessarily indicate guilt, only that arrests were made or charges were filed.*

### Friday, August 12

Amanda Lynn Goss, 8/10/87, 28183 Lake Hampton Road, Hilliard: Accessory After the Fact (Assault)

### Wednesday, August 17

James Frank Faircloth, 10/13/71, 37063 W. Fifth Street, Hilliard: Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon; Criminal Mischief more than \$200 less than \$1,000

### Monday, August 22

Glenn Paul Darby, 51, 54464 Turning Leaf Drive, Callahan: Felony Battery Domestic with Strangulation; Aggravated with Deadly Weapon; Battery Domestic Violence

### Wednesday, August 24

Adam Eugene Bowman, 34, 55140 Shug Road, Callahan: Aggravated Battery Pregnant Woman

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## NCSO Sergeants Graduate from Leadership Academy

Congratulations to Nassau County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Brian Higginbotham and Sgt. Johnetta Howard-Myers for graduating! The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute announces the graduation of 41 first-line supervisors from the Florida Leadership Academy, Class 51. These graduates serve in leadership roles representing 27 criminal justice agencies throughout the state.

The graduates met for four week-long sessions at the Cape Coral Police Department in Cape Coral, Florida, and graduated August 12. They learned skills necessary to support the needs of their agencies and their communities as they prepare for future challenges.

The goal of the Florida Leadership Academy is to prepare first-line supervisors in criminal justice organizations to exemplify the character and integrity expected of criminal justice professionals and to examine the various components necessary to being



an efficient leader.

The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute, which is housed within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and affiliated with the State University System, was established in 1990 by the Florida Legislature to address the need for an innovative and multi-faceted approach to the education and training of criminal justice professionals.

## NCSO Arrests Juvenile for Criminal Mischief

On August 16, 2022, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office was called in reference to graffiti that was spray painted on the sidewalk near a public school designated bus stop for middle and high school students on Timberlake Drive in the Timberlake neighborhood. The graffiti was vulgar and included racial slurs. The Sheriff's Office was also called on August 17, 2022 in reference to different graffiti spray painted on the sidewalk within the subdivision. Nassau County Road & Bridge was called to erase the graffiti,

which required resurfacing.

Wednesday, August 24, NCSO arrested a 12-year-old male Yulee Middle School student and charged him with Felony Criminal Mischief. He was booked into the Nassau County Detention Center and transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

"I want to thank the residents for quickly notifying us about the graffiti and commend NCSO deputies for investing and finding the person responsible," Sheriff Bill Leeper.

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# West Nassau Wins Against Zarephath

Kyle Pipkin

Friday night the West Nassau Warriors defeated the Zarephath Eagles 22-6. It is always a good thing when you start the season with a win, however, there was a lot to be desired in certain areas of the game that needs to be cleaned up before they take on the Charlton County Indians.

The defense for the Warriors played well in a bend but don't break, sort of way. The defense gave up 201 yards through the air. They also gave up 160 yards on the ground. In the key moments, the Warriors were able to keep the Eagles out the end zone, only giving up one score. Christopher Crews had the lone take away for the Warriors when he picked off Eagle quarterback. The Warriors were in the back field of the Eagles all night long. Recording 8 tackles for loss with Alex Holmes and Braxton Russell leading having two tackles each. Russell Weeks and Samuel Coxwell both lead the team in tackles with 11. Weeks had one of his for a loss. The defense also recorded three sacks against the Eagles by Holmes, Russell



Kathy Carter

and Owen Layfield each having one a piece.

Offensively for the Warriors, they did what they do! They ran the ball well and used a ton of different backs to do it. Chris Crews lead the team in rushing with 122 yards on 7 carries and a touchdown. Weeks chipped in with 72 yards on 10 carries with a touchdown. West Nassau quarterback Jackson Perry only threw the ball 6 times connecting on three of them. Perry did hit Coxwell for a 30-yard touchdown reception.

Up front for the Warriors were the true MVPs of the Friday night contest. They recorded 11 pancake blocks as a team. Matthew Berry lead the way with 4 pancake blocks by himself. Conner Denmark and William Davis both had multiple pancake blocks. I do not remember the last time the Warrior offensive line had five different people with

pancake blocks! A round of applause to the big guys up front leading the way for the Warrior win last Friday.

If the Warriors want to be successful this coming Friday night against the Charlton County Indians, they do have to cut the mistakes and the turnovers. Four turnovers are just too many in one game. The biggest concerns were the fumbles which can be corrected and I do not see it continuing next week. All in all, good week for the Warriors that got the win.

This Friday night, September 2, the

Warriors will travel to Folkston to take on the Charlton County Indians in a non-district match up. Kickoff is 7 p.m. so come out and support your Warriors as they attempt to go 2-0 to start the season!



Kathy Carter



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## Sheriff's Citizens Academy Taking Applications

The Nassau County Sheriff's Citizens Academy is now taking applications for county residents who would like to attend an 8-week class to learn more about the Sheriff's Office. The Academy will provide attendees a transparent look at what the Sheriff's Office does in detail by explaining our procedures and why the agency functions the way it does.

This FREE program gives adults, 18 years old and older, a behind the scenes look at Sheriff's Office operations through hands-on participation and expert speakers. It's conducted in a classroom setting, as well as "in-the-field" utilizing instructors from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines.

The Citizen's Academy is designed to provide members of the community with the opportunity to gain specific knowledge about the workings of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and a general insight into the field of law enforcement. The program is informational only and does not train or promote citizens to act in a law enforcement capacity. The Academy is 8 weeks, every Thursday night starting September 15, with one class on a Saturday morning for residents to see firsthand what NCSO does, including time at the gun range.

Interested residents should contact Nicole Maddox at 904-548-4020 or email: ni1468@nassauso.com.

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# Flashes Defang Baby Rattlers

Holden McMillen

The real season began for the Hilliard Flashes as they traveled to Tallahassee to take part in a new challenge against the Florida A&M Baby Rattlers. In any sporting event known to humanity, everyone knows the importance of getting off to a fast start. If you get off to a fast start, you can dictate the pace of the game and impose your will against the opponent. That was the case for the Flashes early in the game. The Flashes offense got off to a hot start by generating big plays from the run game to go down the field and score when Lyle Bennett found his favorite target in Bradyn Matto for a 10-yard score. With the extra point good, the Flashes had an early 7-0 lead. The Flashes kept the momentum going, using the passing game to their advantage. Bennett dropped a dime into the waiting arms of Braydon Holley in stride for 46 yards, and then connected with Matto for 10 yards before stepping out at the one-inch line. After using the running game with Walker Avera to punch it into the end zone and a botched snap on the extra point attempt, the Flashes closed out the opening quarter with a healthy 13-0 lead.

It was more of the same in the second quarter. The Flashes continued to ride the wave of momentum into another promising drive. This time, it was the run game and the efforts of Avera that helped propel the Flashes to where they wanted to go. Using expert blocking by the left side of the offensive line, Avera sprung out to daylight and left the Rattler defense for a 21-yard score. On the ensuing drive, the offense continued to roll with the run game powered by



Avera, who then found paydirt again for a 4-yard score. This was the second straight game Avera completed the hat trick, and the Flashes closed out the first half with a commanding 27-0 lead.

The second half, however, both teams traded scores. In the 3rd quarter, the Baby Rattlers started to show a little bit of life. The Baby Rattlers' offense used a big play from their passing game to set themselves up inside the Flashes 10 yard line. They followed that play up with a 2-yard run aided by a good push up the middle from their offensive line. With the 2-point conversion good,



the Baby Rattlers got on the board to avoid the shutout. However, the Flashes offense kept their foot on the gas and continued to add to their advantage when Holley bounced outside on the right side of the field and found enough space to score from 17 yards out. With the extra point missed, the Flashes closed out the third quarter still with a huge 33-8 lead. The fourth quarter was a matter of trading touchdowns. The Baby Rattlers started when their quarterback scrambled out of the pocket and took advantage of the Flashes' defense being in zone coverage for a 19-yard score.

The Flashes responded in kind with another score using the legs of Bennett on a zone read for a 4-yard score. Finally, the Baby Rattlers closed the festivities with an 11-yard touchdown pass on the far side of the field. As the smoke settles, the Flashes went into Tallahassee and took care of business on the road with a

40-20 victory over the Baby Rattlers to open the season 1-0.

Offensively, the Flashes had 324 yards of total offense, one punt, and one turnover. Leading the charge was Avera, who shouldered the load of the Flashes run game with 15 carries for 106 yards and 3 touchdowns; Holley with 4 carries for 50 yards and a score; and Billy Cassidy with 6 carries for 29 yards. Bennett had a productive night, going 7/13 for 105 yards and a touchdown and had 4 carries for 34 yards and a score. On the receiving end were Holley with a catch for 46 yards, Matto with 3 catches for 36 yards and a score; and Prestin O'Quinn with a 19-yard catch.

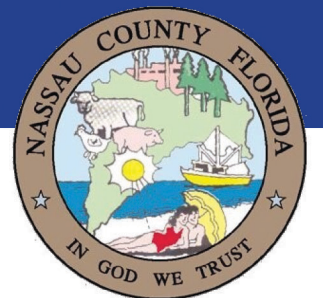


Defensively, the Flashes got after it by getting 3 sacks and pitching a shut out in the first half. Damon Kibler led the team with 8 tackles, a sack, and a pass breakup; Billy Moore had 4 tackles; Malcolm Howard with 3 tackles and a pass breakup; Blake Ray and Ricky Vining each having 2 tackles and a sack a piece; and Klayton Bright and Jacob Hoover both tallied 2 tackles.

This Friday night, the Hilliard Flashes will host University Christian, their first true test of this young season. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. Go Flashes!

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