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Hilliard Parks & Recreation Director Resigns

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night, in-person, for their first meeting in September. The September 17 meeting will be by phone conference. There were four public hearings prior to the meeting: Comprehensive Plan Amendment; Ordinance 2020-06 Temporary Moratorium Medical Marijuana; Ordinance 2020-07 Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Tentative Millage Rate (TRIM); and Ordinance 2020-08 Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Tentative Budget. All were approved with no public or council comments.

The first agenda item was a presentation from Sherri Mitchell, Interim Executive Director of the Nassau County Economic Development Board. “First of all, our director Laura DiBella, left in November and I was chosen to fill the position. The board and I have been working on the 3 to 5 year strategic plan. One of those things includes having a smaller board of 15/16 members,” said Mitchell. “Our purpose continues to entertain businesses to come to Nassau County. At this point, we have Florida Power & Light bringing jobs to the Crawford Diamond in Callahan. We also have a beverage facility looking at both the Crawford Diamond and the Wildlight area. We thank you for your continued support.”

In the following item, the council

approved the transmittal of amendments to the town of Hilliard Comprehensive Plan by Land Use Administrator Janis Fleet.

Tim Norman of the engineering firm of Mittaurer & Associates advised the council about a Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity Mitigation Grant. “This is a grant that is 100% funded,” said Norman. “I am asking the council approval to submit the application for sewer system rehabilitation for the town in the amount of \$4,733,000.00.” The council approved the request to submit the application for the grant.



The next item also involved Mittaurer & Associates concerning the engineering and design for the Oxford Street Park Drainage & Improvements. The design fee is \$22,500 which was a budgeted item. The town received the \$250,000 grant for Oxford Street Park and this work must be completed before the grant work can begin.

The council approved the cost and the design and improvements to begin.

The council approved Ordinance 2020-06 which concerned extending Ordinance 2017-05, known as the Medical Marijuana Moratorium ordinance, for a period of an additional 6 months from September 1, 2020 to March 1, 2021.

The next item was the first reading on Ordinance 2020-07 which concerned the

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Tentative Millage Rate (TRIM). During the previous budget hearings the council has been having, they agreed on the tentative millage of 2.5 mills up from the rollback rate (of 22 years) of 2.0774, which is an increase of taxes. For the final reading, the council may lower the millage but cannot raise it. Town Clerk Lisa Purvis advised the council that raising the millage would allow an increase of \$37,000 from taxes. “This rate is still lower than any municipality in the county,” said Purvis. “I was under the impression that we (council) wanted to increase the millage. The increase equals \$6 for the year on the 2020-2021 fiscal year assessed value.”

“I don’t know where you got that (increase) from,” said Council President John Beasley. “I have never wanted to increase taxes.”

“I don’t think any of us (council) wants to raise taxes,” said Councilman Lee Pickett. “But we have a lot of infrastructure that needs to be done that we can’t pay for.”

“This is first reading on the millage. The number can be lowered but cannot be raised at the final hearing that will be Monday, September 21,” said Purvis.

The council approved Ordinance 2020-07 Tentative Millage Rate of 2.5 by a vote of 4-0. Councilwoman Callie Bishop was absent.

Ordinance 2020-08 was also approved on first reading which concerned the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The tentative budget was set at \$9,279,490.00.

Mr. Bobby Franklin approached the

podium for the next agenda item. “As Veterans Day approaches, I am asking the council if you will be sponsoring the Hilliard Veterans Day Appreciation Ceremony?” said Franklin. “Our American Legion group is ready to have it at our post. We are hoping to have the town’s support in this special event. This is an event that does not need to be put off. We have set the date for Saturday, November 7 to have the event.”

After some discussion, the council approved donating \$2,000 to the American Legion to continue with the event and offered to help in any way they (the town) needed to, to make this event complete.

Prior to this meeting, the council held a workshop to evaluate and have a 30-day review concerning Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Malucci. At the meeting, Councilman Jared Wollitz made this opening comment, “I don’t have confidence in his direction. I think his position is over and I suggest to terminate him. Kyle, you’re not the person for this position.”

“I feel like you were given a second chance. I’ve not tried to find a reason to find fault in you,” said Councilman Kenny Sims. “I feel like you were spiteful to the lifeguards and that bothered me.”

“I feel like I’ve done everything the council requested of me,” said Malucci. “I would prefer to resign if the council would allow me to.”

The council unanimously approved to accept his (Kyle Malucci) resignation

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A Word From the Publisher

Oh it did me so good to see lights at the football field in Hilliard Friday night! Yes...I'm one of those crazy football fans but better yet, I'm so happy that these students get the opportunity to enjoy their high school years. They will be gone so fast. It's truly the 'little' things in life that matter. I'll never forget my high school years. Yes there were ups and downs but the great times far outweighed the bad. I was a flag girl with the Warrior band. It was my 10th grade year and I'd never done anything like that. But oh the satisfaction of fitting in with a great group! While in the stands we helped pump the crowd and cheered with the cheerleaders. While on the field, I was filled with the pride of being a part of representing my school. Such awesome memories! Take advantage of these times and enjoy them to the fullest!

Of course for years my dad was a coach and a teacher (some years my teacher...ugh)! My sister and I were almost the only girls around that knew so much about football. It was and is great. Speaking of my dad, my parents celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary this week (September 8). Gee...69 years of marriage. That's quite a feat. I'm so thankful for my parents and the many life lessons they have taught me. They instilled in all of us (their children) early to believe in God and put our faith in Him. Through their guidance as parents I was taught respect, love and character. They taught me to believe in myself and put my faith and trust in God always, not just when things got tough. Through the years, my parents love has grown. They

are as close now as 69 years ago when they got married. They are prayer warriors for their children and grandchildren and continue to keep God first and foremost in their lives. I'm thankful to have such loving and giving parents to call mine!

It seems like I've seen many people using the term 'Not on My Watch' lately. I get what they're trying to say however have you ever thought that we are under God's watch all day every day. There could be no one stronger or smarter to have on my watch. We have all been stressed and torn through these long trying days lately. Yes, it has taken a toll on everyone. The sad thing is we as Christians are supposed to give all our troubles to the Lord. He promised to never leave us or forsake us. So why do we stress over all this mess? Ultimately, God is in control. Remember, He gave us common sense to make correct decisions. When all else fails, do as I do. Take a moment to walk outside and look up. God is in control. What a beautiful creation he provides every day! Even when it's rainy! He knows just what we need and when we need it. Accepting Christ as your Savior is the most important decision you can make. And it's so easy. Just accept Him. Remember, the problems in the world are a sin problem. We're either saved or we're not. I'm thankful to say I'm saved and Heaven bound. Won't you make that decision today? Praise God!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

Letters to the Editor



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Mask Mandate

Dear Editor,

Once again our Board of County Commissioners on August 26, 2020 extended for a second time the initial Executive Order (EO) 16 implemented on July 2 regarding the requirement of the wearing of face masks "inside public places unless social distancing can be followed" or for those who are medically exempt. The initial EO went through July 29 but was extended a first time until August 26 and again for a second time through September 25. I listened to the taped videos of all BOCC meetings on this topic. Again the BOCC caved in a third time to pressure. Commissioner Ford, at the July 2 meeting stated, "I feel like this puts a burden on the people with a mandate right now. I would vote no. I feel like the city's (Fernandina Beach) mandate on the island is a burden. However, I feel it is a burden to our citizens on the Westside, my people. I think we should strongly encourage the use of masks and source." During the July 29 meeting, both Commissioners Ford and Taylor felt that the wearing of face masks should be "strongly encouraged as Dr. Seidel mentioned" not required or mandated. Commissioner Ford at the August 26 meeting stated, "It's our job to make hard decisions" when addressing the extension of EO 16. The chairman stated that the BOCC can overrule the EO manager who can agree or disagree in making mandates, EOs, whatever they want. But yet you all voted FOR this EO and two extensions, so what does that say to your constituents out here regarding every single one of us?

YOUR jobs are to work for the People, each one of us in this county, as of the current US Census showing that shows 91,768 residents in Nassau County, and not a majority or minority. You are OUR servant representatives and are supposed to honor your oaths to us, the People, and our Supreme Law of the Land, our Constitution. This document defines and limits the legitimate authority that "We the People" delegated to our government which means our local Nassau County government: YOU as well. Those things not delegated to our government at every level (federal, state, local) then government does not legitimately have. This means that (1) the behavior of the People has been managed and controlled unlawfully by our servant representatives for many years and (2) that our servant representatives at ALL levels are not delegated to mandate, write EOs, statutes, requirements or anything else that manages, controls, or regulates the behavior of "we the people." This is also why our country was based on Common (Natural) Law because

it is about what God instills (right vs. wrong, morals, ethics) in our hearts, minds, and souls and not Civil Law which is based on man's reasoning and man-made laws, statutes and other things.

Our Commissioners need to understand that in a county of 91,768 residents the Covid positives listed as of 9/7/2020 is 1717 with 24 deaths. Putting this into perspective related to the total population means that 1.87% is positive with 0.026% deaths. These statistics are very low and saying "face masks" should be continued is ludicrous. Those who are sick or need to wear them wear them but healthy people do not. Even Dr. Fauci stated in a Coronavirus Task Force briefing August 20, "in the history of respiratory illnesses, there is no evidence that asymptomatic people transmit such viruses" which was his response to a reporter asking about asymptomatic transmission of Covid. We ALL need to remember that like during the influenza season, nobody wears a mask at all, has been locked down, mandated to stay at home, restricted to numbers who can go into a store, to a restaurant, the beach, or to a football game or anything else. I can only ask the Board of County Commissioners how long you expect to let this EO and the restrictions go on before more businesses close down, more people lose jobs, and more county residents become unemployed, homeless, and more? People need to do what they need including stay home when sick, wash hands, and other things like always in the past. If you are sick from anything, then by all means stay home and do what you need.

I am concerned that our representatives in government will continue to cave in because of continued pressure, other excuse and fear that Nassau County may make the national news if "Covid" numbers go up because you stop these requirements that should never have been done. When you do things like this, I can only wonder what will happen when a vaccine comes out for those people who do not or cannot take the vaccine. Will those people be forced or required to stay home, wear masks, or do something else because you choose to not follow your oath to honor the Constitution and remember we ALL have UNalienable God-given rights not just those who do as the majority or some minority expect. Remember WE the People vote you in and if you continue in this fashion, residents like me will seek out those who are Constitutional and God believing and abiding people who will remember they work for every single one of us, the People.

Rhonda E. Lowe
Callahan

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

I received this from a friend and it's too good not to share: WHAT IS GASLIGHTING? The term originates in the systematic psychological manipulation of a victim by her husband in Patrick Hamilton's 1938 stage play Gas Light, and the film adaptations released in 1940 and 1944. In the story, the husband attempts to convince his wife and others that she is insane by manipulating small elements of their environment and insisting that she is mistaken, remembering things incorrectly, or delusional when she points out these changes. The play's title alludes to how the abusive husband slowly dims the gas lights in their home, while pretending nothing has changed, in an effort to make his wife doubt her own perceptions. The wife repeatedly asks her husband to confirm her perceptions about the dimming lights, but in defiance of reality, he keeps insisting that the lights are the same and instead it is she who is going insane.

We are living in a perpetual state of gaslighting. The reality that we are being told by the media is at complete odds with what we are seeing with our own two eyes. And when we question the false reality that we are being presented, or we claim that what we see is that actual reality, we are vilified as racist or bigots or just plain crazy. You're not racist. You're not crazy. You're being gaslighted. New York State has twice as many deaths from Covid-19 than any other state and New York has accounted for one fifth of all Covid-19 deaths, but we are told that New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has handled the pandemic better than any other governor. But if we support policies of Governors whose states had only a fraction of the infections and deaths as New York, we're called anti-science and want people to die. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted.

We see mobs of people looting stores, smashing windows, setting cars on fire

and burning down buildings, but we are told that these demonstrations are peaceful protests. And when we call this destruction of our cities, riots, we are called racists. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted. We see the major problem destroying many inner-cities is crime; murder, gang violence, drug dealing, drive-by shootings, armed robbery, but we are told that it is not crime, but the police that are the problem in the inner-cities. We are told we must defund the police and remove law enforcement from crime-riddled cities to make them safer. But if we advocate for more policing in cities overrun by crime, we are accused of being white supremacists and racists. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted. The United States of America accepts more immigrants than any other country in the world. The vast majority of the immigrants are "people of color," and these immigrants are enjoying freedom and economic opportunity not available to them in their country of origin, but we are told that the United States is the most racist and oppressive country on the planet and if we disagree, we are called racist and xenophobic. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted.

Capitalist countries are the most prosperous countries in the world. The standard of living is the highest in capitalist countries. We see more poor people move up the economic ladder to the middle and even the wealthy class through their effort and ability in capitalist countries than any other economic system in the world, but we are told capitalism is an oppressive system designed to keep people down. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted. Communist countries killed over 100 million people in the 20th century. Communist countries strip their

citizens of basic human rights, dictate every aspect of their lives, treat their citizens like slaves, and drive their economies into the ground, but we are told that Communism is the fairest, most equitable, freest and most prosperous economic system in the world. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted.

The most egregious example of gaslighting is the concept of "white fragility." You spend your life trying to be a good person, trying to treat people fairly and with respect. You disavow racism and bigotry in all its forms. You judge people solely on the content of their character and not by the color of their skin. You don't discriminate based on race or ethnicity. But you are told you are a racist, not because of something you did or said, but solely because of the color of your skin. You know instinctively that charging someone with racism because of their skin color is itself

racist. You know that you are not racist, so you defend yourself and your character, but you are told that your defense of yourself is proof of your racism. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted.

Gaslighting has become one of the most pervasive and destructive tactics in American politics. It is the exact opposite of what our political system was meant to be. It deals in lies and psychological coercion, and not the truth and intellectual discourse. If you ever ask yourself if you're crazy, you are not. Crazy people aren't sane enough to ask themselves if they're crazy. So, trust yourself, believe what's in your heart. Trust your eyes over what you are told. Never listen to the people who tell you that you are crazy, because you are not, you're being gaslighted. ~unknown author Sophocles said: "What people believe prevails over the truth," and that's just what the media are trying to exploit. This is the truth and nothing but the truth.

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

Hilliard

effective Thursday, September 17, 2020.

Public Works Director Ritchie Rowe requested approval to accept the bid from DT Services at a cost of \$6,950 to install concrete miters per FDOT specifications at the Mikkelsen Estate culvert project. The council approved the request.

Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Malucci requested approval to continue

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the Flag Football season with less than 50 participants. "Currently we have 36 players and 2 cheerleaders for the flag football program, which is less than the 50 required," said Malucci. "The cost analysis proves that the town will still make \$894 with the number of participants we have."

The council approved the request to continue the flag football program.

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 is open Thursdays through September from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the church.

The church is planning a Christmas giveaway! For this event, they are also looking for donations of clothes for all ages, toys, housewares, etc. Call Tammy at 904-400-1296 for pick-up of donations!

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"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Unfortunately, there is sorrow in this life. Death is an ever-present specter that all men fear. All around us, in most every family the gloom and pain of death is with us. The Bible tells us that because of man's sin and his sin nature, he falls 'short of the glory of God' and will not only die once physically but will die a second time for eternity (Rom 5:12).

A writer could compose a happy, humorous essay that could make us feel good for a time. But there is still a darkness that will invade and cause sorrow and without a specific cure for it will be our undoing.

No one is immune from this pall of death as illustrated by God's Word in Luke 8:51-56. A young girl has died and one of the family members sends for Jesus. There is much weeping and moaning because of the perceived finality of the child's death. Jesus comes to the home and He and Peter, James and John go into the girl's room. He tells the family that she is not dead but sleeping. Gone is the mourning. It is not rejoicing they exhibit but mocking scorn as they ridicule Christ as a fool and buffoon for saying such a thing. Dead is dead, they believed.

Is it not interesting that the same thing happens today? People mock and scorn the person and gift of Christ when He says that they do not have to die. They weep and moan without hope at the prospect of death, but Christ comes and offers hope and they laugh Him to scorn.

Jesus walked into the girl's room and said to her, "Arise." She immediately came to life. Death cannot reign where there is the presence and person of Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the Life." (John 14:6). He not only brings life, He is life. He came into the world to take the penalty of death so that we would not have to suffer eternal death (Rom. 5:8). Jesus came for the express purpose to bring life to the dead, and that life will be abundant. A life that will be uplifting, a life that will be an encouragement to those in spiritual need, and a blessing to everyone around them.

Do not allow the thief called death and the foolishness of personal unbelief to steal the life that God wants to give you through the finished work of His Son on the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ. Accept this life and live abundantly now and then live forever in the presence of God and the Savior. If you have received this life already by grace through faith, then share it everywhere you go. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

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As the major safety net organization for Nassau County residents in need, Barnabas Center is on the front line of helping residents in need during the COVID-19 crisis. Services offered to Nassau County residents with low to moderate incomes include food assistance, financial assistance and medical and dental care.

Food Assistance: We provide about a 3-day supply of food per household that may include produce, dairy, meat and nonperishable items. For more information visit: www.BarnabasNassau.org.

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- Monday, September 21: First Baptist Church, Hilliard (15850 CR 108, Hilliard) 1-3 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 23: Bryceville Baptist Church (7732 US Hwy 301) 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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For information about available assistance and eligibility, contact Barnabas at (904) 261-7000, visit www.BarnabasNassau.org, or follow our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/BarnabasNassau. For your safety and others during the pandemic, please call Barnabas for a telephone pre-screening for financial assistance, food stamp and/or Medicaid applications before visiting the office.

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Callahan Approves Rollback Rate

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night via phone conference. The call was very low and difficult to hear the entire meeting.

The first order of business was the first reading and public hearing on Resolution 2020-R06 which concerned setting the Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The council has been in budget workshops for a few weeks prior to this meeting. Town Manager Mike Williams advised the council that the millage that has been discussed in the workshops was 2.6079, which is an increase from last year. "This is due because we had a budget shortfall in the neighborhood of \$95,000 last year," said Williams. "This new rate, 2.6079 would give us a 5.48% increase which adds out to be about \$30 a year for residents."

Councilman David Mellecker made the motion to go back to the rollback rate of 2.4723 for this year. The council approved in a 3-0 vote (with Councilman Ken Bass absent). In the final reading the council can lower the millage rate but not increase it.

Next was the first reading and public hearing on Resolution 2020-R07 which concerned the Tentative Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. "The tentative budget will be set at \$8,064,166.00, with the tentative millage you voted on," said Williams. The council approved the tentative budget.

The council approved sending the revised contract to the county concerning the rental on the Fire Station with the new rental agreement at \$2100 per month.

The next item was the site plan review for the new The Sheik building project located on US Highway 1 south of Callahan. Councilman and Planning & Zoning Commissioner David Mellecker advised the council that the Planning &

Zoning Board approved the site plan for The Sheik and recommended approval by the council. The council approved the site plan by a vote of 3-0.

Only one resident, Ashton Vargas, applied for the vacant Town Council seat position. The council voted to accept Ms. Vargas on the council. Vargas had already qualified to run for election in the November election. "I really appreciate the opportunity to serve on the council," said Vargas.

Town Attorney Jeb Branham advised Ms. Vargas that she must withdraw from the election. She will be sworn in at the next council meeting Monday, September 21 at 7 p.m.

The final agenda item was a request from representatives from the tower company, contracting for T Mobile, to move their current tower. "We have been working with Callahan Farm Bureau since December 2019 concerning moving the T Mobile tower in the rear of their location," said Richard Shirer, contractor. "Since December 2019 to current, the Callahan council has changed the zoning district at Farm Bureau from Highway Commercial to Commercial which does not allow towers. We're requesting the zoning be changed back for this situation. Moving the tower north could cause a void in coverage for customers."

"We are trying to accommodate the needs of all the carriers at that location," added Jay Shirer. "It is not unusual for a tower to be allowed in a Highway/Commercial area. We've seen it in other locations."

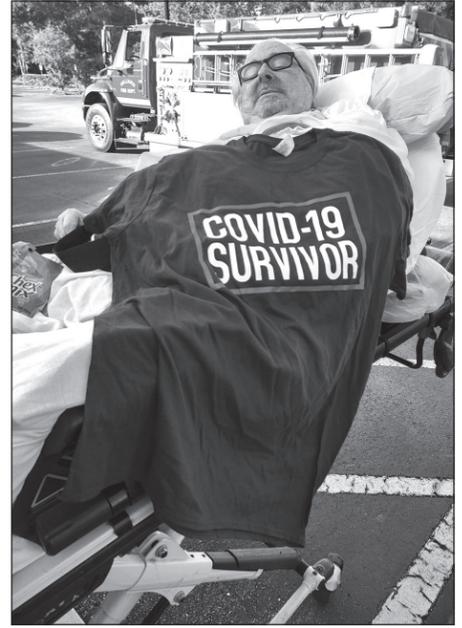
"I suggest we take this situation back to the Planning & Zoning Board and discuss it there," said Mellecker. "Our next meeting is next Monday. Once the decision is made with P&Z it will come back to the council for discussion and a decision." The council agreed to send this back to the P&Z board.

COVID Survivor Returns to Life Care

Mr. Pete Rouse, a resident of the Life Care Center of Hilliard, felt so blessed to be discharged from the hospital COVID free. Mr. Pete suffered a severe stroke 10 years ago and has been in Life Care since.

He contracted the virus and spent 10 days in the hospital with four of those days struggling to recover. Once he left the hospital, he was transferred to Life Care Orange Park for an additional 10 days.

Recently, Mr. Pete arrived back in Hilliard! He was greeted by his wife Carol with a big smile, a sign and a COVID Survivor t-shirt, made by Tina Bishop and donated by their friend Elaine Libby! We're so thankful for your recovery Mr. Pete!



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RECREATION MEETING

The Nassau County Parks & Recreation Department and the Parks & Recreation Commission will be holding their quarterly meeting on Thursday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be held via phone conference.

The public is invited to make a comment or ask questions prior to the meeting by way or email or phone. Please submit your comments or questions no later than September 17 at 4 p.m. The email address is: parkcomments@nassaucountyfl.com. The phone number is: 904-530-6120. If you would like a return phone call during the meeting please provide us with your phone number.

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New Beginnings and Milestones

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stearn Celebrate 69th Anniversary



Jim and Julia Stearn, of Kingsland, Georgia, celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary September 8. They were married September 8, 1951 in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Jim is a retired teacher/coach from the Nassau County School Board. Julia worked for Dr. Parker Shaffer for 15 years and was a homemaker. They are very active members of Kingsland First Baptist Church and enjoy being with their church family. Their true enjoyment comes from spending time with their children and grandchildren! They will celebrate their special

milestone with a trip to Ft. Walton Beach!

The Stearns have five children: Dub and Carol Stearn of Ft. Walton Beach, Marci and David Scott of Thomasville, Georgia, Mark Stearn (Stephanie Titus) of Callahan, Gus and Christie Stearn of Fernandina Beach, and Dawn and Roger West of Hilliard. They also have 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Hal Fulton Celebrate 60th Anniversary



Harold 'Hal' and Marlen Fulton, of Callahan, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary September 10. The Fultons were married September 10, 1960 in Pomona, California. Hal was a car hauler for Commercial Carriers and then worked for the Ryder Corporation where he retired after 24 years of service. Marlen enjoyed a few years as a drafting engineer and later worked and retired from Fed Ex after 20 years of service. Hal enjoys landscaping at their new Callahan home

and working outside. Marlen enjoys scrapbooking and they both love reading! They are members of Our Lady of Consolation in Callahan where Hal is a sacristan at the church and Marlen has joined the Council of Catholic Women. They plan to celebrate their special milestone with a family dinner!

They have three children Theresa Montgomery of Aurora, Colorado, Jon (Nancie) Fulton of Albany, Oklahoma and Cheryl Sprague (Kenny Greene) of Callahan. They also have six grandchildren, Taylor Ulfstam, Travis Montgomery, Savannah Sprague and Ellie and Shelby Thomas; and two great-grandchildren Oscar and Felix.



Great Racing at Callahan Speedway



Dawn S. West

I know lately everyone has had a difficult time finding things to do with all the restrictions everywhere. If you want to enjoy a laid back Saturday evening, visit Callahan Speedway. The racers aren't very relaxed but it sure is fun for the spectators to enjoy. It's a safe environment for the entire family. There is plenty of parking and seating. The races are very organized so there is not much down time with nothing happening on the track. They also have a great concession stand with really good food. Thankfully, the nights seem to not be so sweltering and it's pretty comfortable.

This weekend, Saturday night, there will be over 100 carts at the track racing at one time or another. It is one

of the Big 10 Points Championship events. Hopefully, it will be another beautiful Saturday night, with no rain, so they can get the race in! Admission is \$10 per person; with children 5 and under free. The Callahan Speedway is located directly across from the NE FL Fairgrounds on US Highway 1.



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Flashes Win Over Cardinals as Friday Night Lights Return

Holden McMillen

In the midst of uncertainty, with the pandemic still ongoing, there is still one thing that still remains certain: Football on Friday nights! Although it looks different compared to years past, the thrill and pageantry of high school football still goes strong. For the Hilliard Flashes, it remains true as they open the 2020 season in front of the hometown crowd hosting the Bishop Snyder Cardinals.



The Flashes began the game on defense and got off to a strong start. Huntley Moore caused a fumble on the opening play of the game and was recovered by teammate Brantley Hengerer. With that turnover, the Flashes' offense set up shop at the Cardinals 44-yard line, but the drive stalled when the Cardinals defense forced a turnover. The Cardinals orchestrated a scoring drive capped off with an 8-yard touchdown run. After a failed two-point conversion, the Flashes found themselves trailing early 6-0. But, the deficit didn't last very long. Running back Tywuan Lee dashed into end zone on 4th and 4, walking on a tight rope down the sideline for a 66-yard touchdown. With a successful extra point, the Flashes took the lead away, holding on to a slim 7-6 lead at the end of the 1st quarter. After that,



everything started clicking for the Flashes offensively. Using their aerial attack, the Flashes added another score on the board when quarterback Lyle Bennett found Jason Sheffield for a 20-yard touchdown. With a failed 2-point try, the Flashes went into halftime with a 13-6 lead.

It didn't take long for the Flashes to find the end zone again, but this time it was on special teams. Using good blocking, D.J. Coston went coast-to-coast, returning the kickoff 80 yards for the score. With a failed extra point, the Flashes continued their roll, extending the lead 19-6. The Cardinals responded, marching down the field on a drive that chewed up the majority



of the quarter. But, the Flashes rose tall and brought the drive to a screeching halt, forcing a failed field goal attempt. Pinned back at their own 10-yard line, the Flashes used the energy created by the defense. Thanks to a double team block by linemen Ethan McMillen and Gage Fossick, Lee busted out into the open field and returned a house call 79 yards for the score. The Flashes ended the quarter with a 27-6 lead.

The momentum kept building for the Flashes. It didn't take long for the Flashes to find the end zone again thanks to Lee's 'Sports Center' type play, catching a pass out of the backfield and shedding would-be tacklers for a 43-yard score. After a failed 2-point try, the Flashes went up 33-6, but the Cardinals responded. They went down the field on a drive, this time finding the end zone. With a successful extra point, the Cardinals cut the deficit to 20, but it was too little too late. The Flashes used an onslaught, both offensively and defensively, to grab a



33-13 win over the Cardinals.

Offensively, the Flashes racked up 342 yards of total offense with 202 of those yards on the ground. Leading the charge on the ground was Tywuan Lee, who had 6 carries for 142 yards and 2 touchdowns; Brayden Holley with 2 carries for 24 yards; D.J. Coston with 3 carries for 18 yards; and Kolby Dybalski with 2 carries for 15 yards. Bennett had a good night throwing the ball, going 8/12 for 140 yards, 2 touchdowns and an interception. On the receiving end was Jason Sheffield with 3 catches for 74 yards and a touchdown; Lee with 2 catches for 53 yards and a touchdown; and Coston with 3 catches for 13 yards.

Defensively, D.J. Blake led the charge defensively with 9 tackles, 2 sacks, and a forced fumble; Lane Beasley had 6 tackles and a sack; Cameron Chavarria had 5 tackles; Brantley Hengerer and Lee each had 4 tackles; with Hengerer recovering a fumble; Huntley Moore had 3 tackles, 2 sacks, a pass breakup and a forced fumble; and Malik Farakhhan and Josh Johnson each had 3 tackles with Johnson recording a sack. As a team, the Flashes held the Cardinals to 149 yards of total offense, 21 yards passing and sacked the quarterback 5 times.

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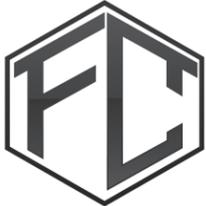
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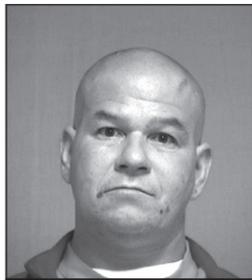
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Machete Attack in Yulee

On Monday, September 1, at approximately 6 p.m., Nassau County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a reported dispute at a residence on Green Pine Road in Yulee. While deputies were responding it was reported that a person was struck by a machete. An off-duty Jacksonville Sheriff's Officer, who was driving by in his patrol car, witnessed the victim run out of the house with blood on the front of his body. The JSO officer also detained the suspect who also came out of the residence.



From interviewing witnesses and observing physical evidence it was determined that the suspect was having

an argument with another individual inside the home. The suspect grabbed a machete and stood over the person he was arguing with and raised it up in the air like he was going to strike the person. The victim came out from another room and observed the suspect raise the machete up and tried to stop him.

The suspect then struck the victim in the head and arm with the machete. The victim was checked by Nassau County Fire-Rescue but was not transported.

Ralph James Natrillo, III, age 51 from Yulee, was arrested for Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

FSCJ Nursing Program Helps Elementary Students

Nursing students from Florida State College at Jacksonville's (FSCJ) Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society Alpha Lambda Chapter are working to help Henry F. Kite Elementary School students go back to school safely this year. The future nurses developed and distributed educational materials to help the elementary students adapt to wearing a mask, and to teach them about social distancing, vigilant handwashing and sanitizing surfaces. They are also supporting caregivers who are being asked to provide resources to help slow the spread of the virus in addition to traditional school supplies.

"While schools, parents and businesses prepare for students to return to class, as future registered nurses, we

recognize there are many challenges our schools and teachers are facing," said FSCJ Alpha Delta Nu President Charre Garvie.

With this year's heightened financial challenges and the limited access to supplies, FSCJ's Alpha Delta Nu members were able to raise funds and procure donations to provide individual eight-ounce hand sanitizers for each of the 55 third graders, a dozen 32-ounce antibacterial cleaner pumps, a case of 4,000 paper towels, and three non-contact infrared thermometers.

"We appreciate the support of these students. They may be future nurses, but they are already heroes," said Henry F. Kite Elementary Principal Bianca Hill, M.Ed.



Sept. 10: World Suicide Prevention Day Starting Point Programs to Address Suicide Awareness and Prevention Throughout September

More than 44,000 Americans die by suicide every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Suicide is a devastating blow to friends and family members, who often were unaware of the signs and symptoms that their loved one was thinking about suicide," said Starting Point CEO Dr. Lauren Pagel. "We feel it is very important to raise the awareness of this issue in our community, and provide helpful information and services to those at risk, or who are survivors of suicide."

September is Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month, and Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare is focusing on this important and emotional subject all month long, including on September 10, which is designated World Suicide Prevention Day. From social media posts to virtual programs on the topic, Starting Point is working to share information with the community and

provide tips on suicide prevention to #StopSuicide.

On Tuesday, September 15 at noon, Starting Point will present a virtual program on Zoom titled "Suicide is Preventable: Be the 1 to Help." The free session is part of its ongoing series called Being Well, Starting Now, a discussion group open to anyone. Registration for the program is at www.SPBH.org.

On Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, Starting Point has a month-long campaign in September to talk about the subject that is often only whispered about. Additional resources are available on the website at www.SPBH.org.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 800-273-8255 (800-273-TALK). If you or a loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis, contact Starting Point 24/7 at 904-206-1756 (adults) or 904-580-0529 (child/adolescent).



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JUNE LOUISE ANGLEA



June Louise Anglea, 91, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on September 6, 2020. She was born on June 1, 1929, in Jacksonville, to the late William Perry Rountree and Liza Mae Wilson. June grew up in the area all her life, and was a member of the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Bryceville. She worked at many different churches within the daycare centers, caring for children. Most of all, June was devoted to her family, and was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. June is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Wallace S. Anglea; and her brothers Folta Rountree and Jimmy McMains.

June is survived by her children Sharon Anglea and Del W. (Elsie) Anglea, all of Callahan; her sister Virginia Rountree of Callahan; her grandchildren Allison (Cliff) Hutcheson, Amy (Scott) Wyman and Brian (Christie) Anglea; her step-grandchildren William (Sheri) Murphy and Tanya (Brad) Street; her great-grandchildren Hunter Hutcheson, Haleigh Hutcheson, Garrett Anglea, Macy Wyman, Morgan Anglea, Andrew Murphy, Morgan Wyman, Amber (Justin) Burkholder, Adam Murphy, Stone Street and Pierce Street; and her great-great-grandchildren Brighley Burkholder, Reagan Burkholder, Sutton Pompey and Finn Pompey.

A Celebration of June's Life will be held Friday, September 11 at 11 a.m. at Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Joey Rountree officiating.

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

Visit www.nassaufh.com to sign the family's guest book.

TRUDI COLSEN HARRIS



Trudi Colsen Harris, 65, passed away peacefully at UF Health in Jacksonville on September 1, 2020 to Bill and Marie Coleman. She was born and raised in Callahan, along with her two brothers. She later moved to Fernandina Beach, where she called home, for most of her adult life and where she raised her family. Trudi was married and worked alongside her husband for 37 years in the IT industry where she was deeply respected and highly sought after. They also worked and lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota where they established themselves and made many great friends through work and their shared love for boating. Trudi was a loving wife, proud mother, doting grandmother, beloved sister and a loyal friend to many. She loved

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entertaining family and friends, especially during the holidays. Everyone enjoyed her skills in the kitchen and her hospitality. She will be remembered for her love of family, sense of humor and heartfelt generosity. Trudi was preceded in death by her parents William (Bill) and Marie Foreman Colsen.

Trudi is survived by her husband Skip Harris; sons Ryan (Beth) Murray and Jake Murray; stepchildren Ivy (William) Gray and Wesley (Jonelle) Harris; five grandchildren Ryan, Eva, Alana, Rhaelyn and Vander; one great-grandchild Arya; her brother Billy (Claudia) Colsen, niece Hayley (Zach) Napfel; and her brother Ken (Linda) Colsen and nieces Melissa (Jonathan) Crews and Sarah (Charles) Adams; and numerous extended family members.

The family will be remembering Trudi's life-well-loved with a private service.

Callahan Funeral Home is handling all arrangements, 879-2336.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

JULIA 'THERESA' HENDERSON



Julia 'Theresa' Henderson, 87, passed away on August 28, 2020. She was born on July 21, 1934. Theresa loved her hometown of Hilliard. She spent her last two years as a resident of the Life Care Center of Hilliard. The residence had a special place in her heart, as she had been a former employee for 25 years. Theresa's quick smile, loving manner and hearty laughter will be missed by all the family and everyone who came to know her. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Kelly Henderson.

Theresa was the loving mother of Roxanne (Allan), Donetta (Ritchie), Don (Sue), Dario, Mario (Sally), Lesa (Jeff) and Jody and Becky Henderson; grandmother to 27; and great-grandmother to three.

The family extends warm thanks to all the staff at Life Care Center for the care she received and for the dignity that she was shown in all her time at the center.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Life Care Center of Hilliard, activity department.

A graveside service will be held Sunday, September 13 at Buford Grove Church Cemetery at 1 p.m.

VELERA ANN KING



Velera 'Ann' Mayo King, 78, of Jacksonville, passed away on September 5, 2020. She was born August 20, 1942 in Metter, Georgia, to the late William Turner mayo and Dorothy Frances Mayo. She was a loving mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Ann was a dedicated member of the Good News Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Michael Cribb of Jacksonville Beach, Brian (Debbie) Cribb and David Cribb, all of Callahan; sister Lynda Flurry of Mobile, Alabama; brother William 'Bill' Mayo, Jr. of Jacksonville; sister Patricia Adams of Jacksonville; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A private family service will be held Saturday, September 12 at Good News Baptist Church with Pastor Steve Bailey officiating. The service will be live on the Good News Baptist Church Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ann's memory to: Good News Baptist Church, 2600 St. Johns Bluff Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32246.

WINONA THRIFT LLOYD



Winona Thrift Lloyd, 89, of Hilliard, passed away Friday, September 4, 2020, in Jacksonville. She was born in Hickox, Georgia to the late Louis Thrift and Louisa Lake Thrift. She was a longtime member of Buford Grove Baptist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years.

Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Woodrow W. Lloyd; a son Joseph O'Quinn; a sister Edith T. Caudle; and two brothers Robert Thrift and Gene Thrift.

She is survived by two sisters Beulah Thrift Strickland and Joann Thrift Herrin; grandchildren Joseph O'Quinn, Tina

Simons and Joseph Poole; a number of great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 8 at Buford Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Curtis Harrington officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

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

ELIJAH 'TOMMY' MATHIS, JR.



Elijah Thomas 'Tommy' Mathis, Jr., 88, of Hilliard, passed away on September 4, 2020. Tommy was born in Mitchell, Georgia, on August



1, 1932 to the late Elijah Thomas Mathis and Martha Susan Mathis. As a young man, Tommy joined the United States Air Force in 1952 and proudly served his country during the Korean War. After being discharged, his passion for the skies lead him to a longtime career as an Air Traffic Controller with the Federal Aviation Administration, where he worked until his retirement in 1988. On September 27, 1958, Tommy married the love of his life, Patricia Ann Gentry. Outside of work, Tommy loved to hunt, fish and fly, and he was a member of Rivers Edge Church. Missions were dear to his heart, whether traveling to South Africa or volunteering at a local food ministry. Most of all, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, who loved spending time with his family. He will be dearly missed.

Tommy is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Lamar Mathis and Harry Mathis; and his sister Ruby Davis.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Pat; his sons Darrel (Mary Kay) Mathis of Lake City and Larry (Kandy) Mathis of Decatur, Alabama; his daughter Kim (Tony) Clemons of Smyrna, TN; his brother Roy (Jane) Mathis; his sister Daisy (JL) Chalker; his grandchildren Stephanie, Katherine, Danielle, Matthew, Chance and Zak Mathis, Alex (Jordan) and Evan Clemons; and his great-grandson Clayton Clemons.

A Celebration of Tommy's Life was held Wednesday, September 9 at The First



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Alliance Church, Hilliard, with Pastor Gerald Wollitz officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Interment followed at Oakwood Cemetery, Hilliard.

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TUCKER RILEY O'SHIELDS



Tucker Riley O'Shields, 13, went home to be with his Lord on August 29, 2020. He attended Callahan Middle School and was active in both basketball and baseball. He was also a three year member of the Ninjas baseball organization that became family. Tucker was an outgoing young man with a great sense of humor and a contagious smile. In his short time on this earth, he touched so many people. He will forever be missed by family and all who knew him. Although we said goodbye far too soon, he left an everlasting gift by being an organ donor. He is preceded in death by his father Mitchell Thomas O'Shields; and his mother Theresa Gail O'Shields.

He is survived by his sister Anna Cheyenne O'Shields; maternal grandmother Celia Branch; maternal grandfather David (Donna) Gaither; paternal grandmother Rheba Hensley; great aunt Connie (Jon) Knoblauch; great uncle Stanley Holland; uncles Jimmy Branch (fiancé Gabrielle Pasquale), Wayne Smith (fiancé Heather Harden), Sam (Theresa) O'Shields, Bradley (Kari) Vennard, Jimmy Vennard and Joseph (Lindsey) Vennard; and numerous cousins.

A memorial service was held September 5 at The Anchor Church in Callahan.

CHARLOTTE J. REDDISH



Charlotte Johnson Reddish, 80, of Folkston, passed away Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at the Life Care Center in Hilliard. She was born December 19, 1939 in Jacksonville, to the late Joe Johnson and Lucy Tennon Johnson. She was a member of Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Jim Reddish, Sr.; a son Jim Reddish, Jr.; a sister Vinie Johnson Howell; and two brothers Fred Johnson and Charles Johnson.

She is survived by her children Joe (Michele) Reddish, Minnie (Marvin) Rowell and Junior (Wilma) Reddish; a sister Minnie (Bill) Howell; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The family received friends prior to the graveside service held Saturday, September 5 at Sardis Cemetery with Rev. Buddy Wimberly officiating.

Pallbearers were Jesse Anderson, Dale Reddish, Joe Howell, David Howell, Mike Foreman and Robert Rowell.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

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

HORACE ALLEN RICKS



Horace Allen Ricks, 103, of Callahan, passed away on August 30, 2020. Horace was born in Mississippi on December 3, 1916 to Talbert D. and Della Hooper Ricks. Horace enjoyed his lifelong career of being a boilermaker and he was a member of The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Tampa Lodge #433. Horace married the love of his life, Beatrice, on Christmas Day of 1935. They lived an incredibly long life together, sharing in their love and joy through all the changes of the world.

In 2017, the Worldwide Marriage Encounter organization honored Horace and Beatrice with an award for being the longest married couple in the United States. In an interview that same year, Horace said that the key to staying married for so long was, "Well...you just stay quiet." True to his words, Horace was a very quiet man. However, nothing lit up his world more

than his wife and his family. Spending time with them was of the utmost importance to him, and he always looked forward to his family's visits. He will be dearly missed.

Horace is preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice C. Ricks; his parents Talbert D. Ricks and Debra (Hooper) Ricks; and his siblings Holbert B. Ricks, Bolivar G. Ricks, Virginia Ricks Rowland Wilson and Virgie Mae Ricks Ford.

Horace is survived by his children Boyd Allen (Sandra) Ricks and Bobbie Gail (Jim) Milton; his nine grandchildren Anna (Rick) McDonald, Karen Johnson, Lynda (John) Basgall, Brad (Karin) Milton, Stacey (Doug) Mayer, Michael (Angie) Ricks, Leah (Eric) Newsome Conner, Jennie (Chuck) Newsome Griffin and Steven Newsome; his 21 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will be holding a Celebration of Horace's Life at a later date.

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

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The event will be held Tuesday, September 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kraft Athletic Club, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach. To attend please email Ashley at: abeaz22@gmail.com so she has a head count. We will practice social distancing and those wishing to wear/bring a mask.

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The Warrior defense was absolutely

dominant throughout the game, forcing five turnovers in the first half and seven tackles for loss for the game. They only gave up 80 yards of total offense to the Panthers.

Conner Nobles led the way on both sides of the ball Friday night. He had three tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries. He also led the team in rushing with 64 yards on just

four carries. He scored two rushing touchdowns to add to his stat line.

The Warrior offense also showed up and showed out Friday night. They rushed for 200 yards total, scoring three times on the ground and once through the air. Brady Wright led the way through the air going 7 of 11 for 84 yards and one touchdown. Rushing was by committee with Nobles, Davis and Rochay leading the way. Chaz Davis led the team in receiving with two catches for 34 yards and two touchdowns. Great job to all of the Warriors this week on the big win!

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