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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

IN THAT DAY YOU WILL SAY: "GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD, PROCLAIM HIS NAME; MAKE KNOWN AMONG THE NATIONS WHAT HE HAS DONE AND PROCLAIM THAT HIS NAME IS EXALTED." - ISAIAH 12:4

## Callahan Chainsaw Artist Living His Dream

Dawn S. West

Recently I had the privilege to spend some time with Callahan resident Brandon Yantis. Brandon was raised in Callahan but shortly after finishing school he moved away, as many do. Trying to find his niche, he first tried out tattooing. To do tattoos you have to be a good artist with a creative mind. As a tattoo artist, Brandon thrived. He is so talented and so creative in what he does, however he was self-taught. He tattooed for 18 years and decided to move on.

He later learned the trade of welding, self-taught. He enjoyed what he did and excelled within his trade. Welding was again something he could do for work but on the side continued to try different things while welding. "I had some tough times growing up. There were a lot of complications in my life that still remain bottled up," said Brandon. "Welding is a tough job and you have to be precise in what you are doing. It helps me to relax to work on my own."

One day while hanging out at his sister's home in Callahan, he noticed a log and thought 'I bet I could carve something on this.' He picked up a chainsaw and carved a cross in the end of the stump in a short amount of time. The satisfaction he felt by being able to carve a cross so fast got his mind working. It was then that he decided to try out being a chainsaw artist. He has numerous pictures from when he started



and what he is doing now. What an improvement he has shown. Brandon had a booth at the Railroad Day Festival this past April. He did several pieces at the festival. The one that grabbed everyone's eye was the carving he did for Joel Pace Piano. He carved musical notes on a piece of wood and gave it to Joel. He was thrilled and the finished piece was beautiful.

Currently, he is working at a private home where the homeowner

is renovating his home. The home is in Jacksonville and sits on an inlet off the river. He is carving a lighthouse. Not just a lighthouse but with an octopus sliding up the tree. A deck will be built around the tree with the top of the lighthouse as the light. Brandon will also make the light (welding) for the top. "This is one of the biggest projects I've done

and I'm really excited about it," added Brandon. "So far I'm very pleased with how it looks. I want my carvings to look different than anyone's."

Brandon has only been doing the chainsaw carvings for a year. When looking through a book, he realized he doesn't even have the correct tools to do what he does...he just has a chainsaw. He has recently added carving bars to his tools. I can't wait to see what he will do with the right tools! He was looking at the national magazine Woodcarving Illustrated when he noticed they (magazine) were asking for artists to send some of their photos of their work. Just to see what happened, Brandon sent in two pictures: one of his prize wolf; and the other a dolphin. One of Brandon's carvings (dolphin) appeared in the Fall 2021 issue of the magazine. He was shocked but thrilled.

I think we will be seeing and hearing a lot more about the beautiful precise carvings of chainsaw artist Brandon Yantis. If you would like to see more of his work, visit his Facebook page at: Brandon Yantis.



## Meet the Student Growers: Buyer's Information Dinner October 1

The Hilliard FFA Program is hosting a 'Meet the Student Grower: A Buyers Dinner' on Friday, October 1, 2021 at the Multi-purpose Building at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required so that adequate food can be prepared! This is a no-cost dinner. Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 24 to: <https://FAIR2021.RSVPIFY.com>. The event is open to all Nassau County students who are raising market animals. The purpose of this dinner is to invite all prospects looking to fill their freezer with farm fresh local meat. We are also looking for local businesses and/or families that are looking to support these entrepreneurs in their endeavors. We have so many young advocates for agriculture who look forward to sharing their stories of stewardship and sustainability.



Fair is in the air! With all the hustle and bustle of back to school, it's so rewarding to see more students than ever before, excited about agriculture in our county! The fair is a showcase of students' hard work and endeavors. The beauty of teaching agriculture education is that my students are living out the FFA motto daily: Learning to do, Doing to learn, Earning to Live and

Living to Serve! Students have put in hundreds of hours working to raise livestock for the Market Sale at the Northeast Florida Fair on Friday, October 22. If there is one thing, we have learned this last year, it is that nothing is certain.

The Hilliard FFA, through a grant by the Nassau Education Foundation, was able to purchase five livestock animals to start an Entrepreneurial Market Animal Program. "Scholars" received an animal at no cost and have spent the last few months preparing this animal for your plate! All proceeds from the Market Sale will go towards next year's Animal Entrepreneur Program and FFA members will be able to take their add-on earnings and continue to grow their own Supervised Agriculture Experience Programs within the FFA program.



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# A Word From the Publisher

First of all, God, thank you! I don't think I say that simple phrase enough. It's easy to get wrapped up and stressed out in current events but it's also easy to start and finish each day with those words. It certainly puts a different light on things. When the world seems to flip around in a hundred different directions...our God remains the same. His grace and mercy sustain us through all the turmoil the world produces. However many choose to continue to struggle through each day where the answer to eternal peace is right before their eyes. I know Heaven is real and I know when the trumpet sounds and the Lord returns, I'm headed home.

I, for one, am blessed beyond what I deserve. I have heard many people respond like that when asked, "How are you?" What a perfect answer. With each day that passes, God continues to amaze me with the works He does in and through my life. Sometimes I don't know how anyone else can be receiving help from God as I feel like He has to work extra hard on me. I'm thankful He knows everything about everyone and knows our every need. We just have to ask. Recently, I, with much help from my daughter Jenny, organized an event. I'm not an event planner or decorator or anything like that. I can put plates on a table but that's about it. The event turned out so beautiful and just what I had envisioned. There is no way I could have even thought about doing anything without praying about it and asking for God's help and blessings. There's that word again...blessed.

How beautiful it has been to see the bright sunshine for the last few days. We have certainly had our share of rain. Even our yard has been pretty soggy and our property is normally dry. Our prayers go to the people in Louisiana who just went through Hurricane Ida. Once again we were spared however September is the prime time for

hurricane season. Start now, to make your provisions just in case.

My final thought is concerning the employment situation. I realize that the government has encouraged people to stay home and they (government) will take care of us. Have any of you noticed how many businesses are looking for people to work? It's crazy! And why? Because people would rather stay home and let someone else take care of them. I guess I'm crazy but I feel pretty accomplished when I've worked a hard day and completed my task. It's great to go home after work, relax and work a little around our house to unwind. If I decided that I didn't want to work for a few weeks, umm, pretty sure we wouldn't have a paper to come out for a few weeks (some would probably be okay with that). That's just an example of what you mean to your employer. The only way that businesses can remain open is to have courteous employees to show up for work and be thankful for their jobs again. It's so sad to see so many businesses struggle. God bless them. I just pray that people will get their self-esteem back and want to make a difference in this world and make something of their selves. There is nothing more rewarding than receiving my paycheck and knowing that I worked hard, gave my all and was rewarded for it.

I know I've gone a hundred different directions in this column but it was on my heart to share my convictions. I know without Jesus, I am nothing. He is my sole provider. He has provided me with a wonderful husband that loves me, a supportive family, a home, clothes, food, etc. He has also provided me with common sense to do my part to keep Him first in my life and the rest will follow.

Have a blessed week!

*Dawn S. West*

# Letters to the Editor



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## Unbelievable Treason

Dear Editor,

If the American people have an excuse for the unbelievable treason of giving terrorists (at this time in our history) these weapons, TO KILL AMERICANS WITH! Otherwise go into a corner and pray harder for an end to this Anti-American administration.

If you think this is fake news or worse a lie, please feel free to go in your yard and bury you head in the sand and wait for HELL to come to Americans. Visit this Facebook post to see the truth: <https://www.facebook.com/kcnatalie.burraage/posts/4858051937557880>.

Jackie Sikes

## In Response

Dear Editor,

I do not care for your misinformation on medicines concerning COVID. You claimed Hydroxychloroquine, Ivermectin and Ciclesonide to be effective, however: The National Institutes of Health clinical trial evaluating the safety and effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of adults with coronavirus disease, (COVID-19), has formally concluded that the drug provides no clinical benefit to hospitalized patients. Ivermectin is most commonly given to livestock

as an anti-parasitic, but people are now buying the product for themselves in an effort to stay protected from COVID. Using Ivermectin for COVID is not recommended by the FDA and isn't proven to be effective. Ciclesonide study results were not positive, although there was a trend toward earlier cough cessation in the ciclesonide group. Further studies may want to look at whether this treatment may prevent or lessen post-acute COVID-19 syndrome however healthcare professionals say there is currently insufficient evidence that inhaled corticosteroids (Ciclesonide) are beneficial for people with COVID-19.

HOWEVER...when you mentioned our freedom being taken away, I agree. No government body should be able to dictate how we live our lives. If I want to drive 120 mph through a school zone, who is the county or state or federal government to tell me no, it's my right to do so. Why do they put speed limits up? Or stop signs and traffic lights? All of those impede on our freedoms. Let's be honest here, we were brought into this world naked, who is man (government) to force us to wear clothing? If I want to drive a 120 mph through a school zone, running stop signs and red lights to go to the store to shop while naked, that is my right, my freedom to do so. This is (in theory) a free country, right?

Satirically,  
Matt Yates

## In the Kitchen...

### Friday's Supper Casserole

- 1 lb. ground chuck
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 - 10 oz. can cream of mushroom soup

- 4 large potatoes, sliced
- cheddar cheese, sliced
- salt and pepper to taste

Boil potatoes in lightly salted water until tender. Drain and set aside. In a skillet, brown ground meat and chopped onion. Sprinkle liberally with salt and black pepper while browning. Drain and set aside. In a 2-quart casserole dish, layer ingredients as follows: potatoes, meat/onion mixture, cream of mushroom soup (undiluted) and sliced cheese. Repeat layers until all ingredients are used. Use extra cheese on top layer. Cover and bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Labor Day	<b>7</b> Exchange Club 11:30 a.m. Fernandina Golf Club NAMI Family Support 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Beh. Callahan Town Meeting 7 p.m.	<b>8</b> Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6:30 p.m. First Baptist Boulougne	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging American Legion & Auxiliary Post 401 Hilliard 7 p.m.	<b>11</b> Patriot Day
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> WN Genealogical Society 10:30 a.m. Lions Club Food Giveaway FBC Gray Gables 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Country Star Quilt Guild 10:30 am @ The Anchor	<b>14</b> Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m.	<b>15</b> Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6:30 p.m. First Baptist Boulougne	<b>16</b> Hilliard Town Meeting 7 p.m. Food Giveaway @Callahan First Baptist 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	<b>18</b> Wildlight Market Place 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Food Giveaway FBC Gray Gables 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Callahan Town 7 p.m. Sons of Confederate Veterans 7 p.m. The Pig Westside Optimists 7 p.m. Lions Club	<b>21</b> NARFE 11 a.m. The Pig NAMI Family 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Beh. Bryceville Club 11 a.m. NC Library Advisory Board 3 - 5 p.m. Callahan Library	<b>22</b> Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6:30 p.m. First Baptist Boulougne	<b>23</b> Historical Society 6:30 p.m. @ Depot	<b>24</b> NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	<b>25</b> Callahan Farmers Market 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Masonic Lodge
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> NC Beekeepers Association 7 p.m. Multipurpose Building Food Giveaway FBC Gray Gables 9:30 am - 2:30 pm	<b>28</b> Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m.	<b>29</b> Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6:30 p.m. First Baptist Boulougne	<b>30</b>		

## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 2273 meet on the third Tuesday of each month at The Pig at 11 a.m. This organization looks out for earned benefits at the national and state level. There are numerous federal employees and retirees that live in West Nassau County. Not all are members, but all are welcomed to the meetings.

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# JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

I am still reeling in my emotions from the lame-brained imposter that sits in the White House claiming to be America's President and his disastrous pull-out plan in Afghanistan. In all my years I have never witnessed such ineptness from a President. I really didn't think anyone could be more anti-American than Barack Obama, but Joe proved me wrong.

The blood of our 13 service personnel last week rests in Joe Biden's hands and the hands of anyone still supporting this treasonous regime in Washington D.C. Does anyone truly believe this catastrophe would have happened if Donald Trump was still in command? I say absolutely not! The world respected the simple fact that he loves America and they knew he was serious when he said if one American is injured during the withdrawal, he would retaliate like the world has never seen before. He meant it and they knew he meant it. The flip side of this is no, and I mean no country or terrorist group is afraid of Joe. They know America is at its weakest point perhaps of all time. Even the little man in North Korea has fired up his nuclear reactor that had not been in use since 2018.

My question is, did Joe withdraw our troops strictly to end the 20-year-war, or did he purposely withdraw leaving behind Americans and allies along with \$80 million worth of

weapons and aircrafts to appease his Chinese beholders? Seriously, can one be so foolish with lives and property if it weren't a planned scenario? He has now gone so far down the treasonous path by his giving a list of Americans still in Afghanistan to the Taliban, trusting the terrorists will aid in their safe exit from the country. Joe basically signed these American citizens' death warrant. As "officer\_parker.g" stated, "Even if you're not conspiracy minded, something in your soul has to be telling you something isn't right with any of this." Just hours after the final departure, the Taliban was flying a U.S. military helicopter around Kabul with a body hanging by the neck. Sickening!

There are many calling for impeachment of Biden. I feel impeachment is too lenient; I feel he should be tried for treason! He and his staff should be put away to never see the light of day again. They have nearly destroyed America in just seven months. Can you even imagine what our country will be like if he serves four years as President? The very same people that said Trump was going to destroy our nation have now themselves destroyed our nation. We told you so, but you wouldn't listen. I have never heard 80.4 million people be so quiet, but at least there haven't been any mean tweets for seven months.

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

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# All of Jesus For All the World

Pastor Marty Paparo, Friendship Alliance Church, Callahan



The church I pastor is part of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Long before we were ever a denomination, we were a missional movement among many denominations. Today that missional drive has not changed. We call ourselves an Acts 1:8 family. In this verse, Jesus, talking to His followers, said: *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

Jesus’ instructions to his followers in the 1st century still apply to His followers today. “All of Jesus for all the world.”

Over the next four articles, I want to share with you Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King. In the C & MA, we call it the Fourfold Gospel. I think it’s important because, some reading this may have never experienced Him as Savior. While others may have never taken steps to being sanctified (made holy).

I want to take the next four articles and bring all of Jesus. At the same time, I want us to keep in mind how important it is to follow Jesus’ instructions to be His witnesses “to the end of the earth.” Not all of us will be international missionaries. However, all of us need to be local missionaries who proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Witnesses testify. So tell your testimony.

As far as international missionaries, don’t be quick to dismiss the idea that anyone of us could be called to carry His message to the ends of the earth. In the C & MA, we have over 700 missionaries in the field from the US. We are finding a great deal of these missionaries are starting out, second career in their 50’s. Regardless, when it comes to international missionaries, all Christ followers should either Go, Pray, and/or Send. Pray for those who Go and ask Jesus who can I share you with today.

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On this day, we’ll have lots of FREE items in our front parking lot. These include the following: bathroom aids, bed pans, bed rails, bed trays, crutches, enhanced vision machine, floor cushions (bed), hand sanitizer, hospital beds (2), incontinence supplies, masks, pill dispensers, quilts, rollators, standing canes, 3-wheel walkers and more...first come, first serve!

We also have awesome promotional giveaways (Hint: Beach) and even a few odds ‘n ends! Beyond Horizons’ Courtney Thompson will be there with her food truck stocked with yummy bites (a portion of the proceeds will benefit Nassau County seniors). “We were disappointed to postpone this year’s Expo



due to COVID spikes, but most of our attendees are seniors and we wanted to be abundantly cautious,” said Janice Ancrum, NCCOA President & CEO. “Instead of a large indoor gathering, we’ll be outside in our parking lot for our Great Giveaway...a much safer spot to pick up FREE medical equipment and supplies, as well as a few surprises. We hope to see you there!”

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This contribution was made possible by generous Fresco y Más, Harvey's Supermarket and Winn-Dixie customers who were invited to support their local schools by simply rounding up their grocery bill to the nearest dollar or by making a donation of their choice at checkout. Each cent raised will be donated directly to each store's school partner to support and uplift teachers, staff and students during the new school year. The grocer's commitment to foster the education, development and wellness of children provides support both inside and outside of the classroom, including job opportunities to shape and empower future leaders.

Elizabeth Thompson, Chief People Officer of Southeastern Grocers, said, "Our communities are the heart of our business, and we care passionately about

enriching the lives of neighbors we serve each day. We want to share our sincere gratitude to our customers who donated in our stores to help elevate school programming for 424 local schools and support our leaders of tomorrow. It is through their generosity that we are able to positively impact vital educational needs and uplift teachers, staff and students as they begin a new school year."

SEG is committed to making a difference by giving back to the local communities it serves. In 2020, the grocer and SEG Gives Foundation expanded its focus with the addition of education as its fourth charitable giving pillar. Last year, SEG donated more than \$8.25 million to support neighbors in need through partnerships with more than 4,700 local organizations, hosted more than 30 mobile food pantries and provided more than 10 million meals to help fight hunger.

The Foundation also established the Romay Davis Belonging, Inclusion and Diversity Grant program to support the fight for racial equity and social justice, and awarded a total of \$100,000 in funding to nine nonprofit organizations to help address racial disparities in education, health care and food insecurity. Now through Sept. 30, organizations supporting underserved populations throughout SEG's five-state footprint are encouraged to apply online for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 by visiting [www.seggives.com/grantapp](http://www.seggives.com/grantapp). SEG and SEG Gives Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to alleviate hunger throughout the Southeast, aid in disaster relief efforts, support military service members and their families and enhance educational facilities, teachers and students.

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Yvette Outler

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Go to [www.visible.com](http://www.visible.com) to check them out. They have a place on their page where you can find out if your cell phone is compatible. Visible makes the transition very easy.

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Yvette Outler is a Dave Ramsey's Solution Master Financial Coach. If you are in over your head in debt and need help, contact her for a free consultation at [Fiscallyfree7@gmail.com](mailto:Fiscallyfree7@gmail.com).

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# A Tar Pit

Douglas C. Pearson, Sr.

The dictionary defines, "Tar" as an "odorous viscous liquid obtained by destructive distillation of organic material (as wood, coal or peat)." Further, a "Pit" is defined as "a hole, shaft, or cavity in the ground."

All that had to be said in order to forewarn everyone that the majority are all subject to falling into one of these things just by the careless actions that they do in their everyday lives venting frustrations. When it happens, you'll feel like you fell into one and the smell and stains will be with you forever. No matter how we live our lives after (or before for that fact) that moment of indiscretion will always come back to haunt us, if we're lucky, or restrain that ability for success that we all strive to achieve.

A microcosm of that affect is going on right now, with Hollywood trying to find a "suitable" replacement for the late Alex Trebek (Jeopardy host). After a myriad of temporary hosts they had announced the selection of Mike Richards, the current executive producer, to fill those shoes. It wasn't but after a few hours when a past action, or words, from 20 or more years ago came back to haunt him and he announced not only his resignation, from a job that he had not even started, but also his former job. Not long after that another person was announced as merely a "temporary" host. Mayim Bialik, of The Big Bang Theory fame, herself an achieved PHD in the study

of Neuro Sciences, was attacked for a position she had taken some years ago in an OPED (Opinion Editorial). It was truly a position that was her right to take, in accordance with our constitution. However, it ruffled some feathers of another small group of small minded thinkers and her position is now also tenuous.

Having worked for nearly 34 years with the Government, I remember a memorandum that came out to all employees, back when personal computers and emails were just becoming popular in the early 1980's. Without quoting the entire memorandum, it advised, "If you don't want it on the front page of a newspaper don't put it in an email!" Since that time Twitter, Facebook, etc., have all become very popular. Employers are so much aware of them that when applying for a job the potential candidate is asked for their "Passwords" so their thoughts and comments can be reviewed. Even those, that during interviews, candidates were not straight forward with in the discussions.

While there are many out there like me, retired now and feeling free to let our feelings known, there are more that are still trying to establish careers and reputations. So avoid falling in! Doing so will leave a stain and smell that will surround you for the rest of your lives and, before you know it, come back to haunt you. Sometimes, it is best to just say nothing at all and avoid the "Tar Pit" altogether.

# County-Wide Food Drive to Stock the Barnabas Food Pantry

On September 13 through September 18, Barnabas Center will partner with the Rotary Clubs of Nassau County to collect food donations to aid thousands of people struggling with hunger. This county-wide food drive will benefit the Barnabas food pantry by restocking its shelves with healthy food.

During this current COVID-19 spike, Barnabas is asking the community to come together and help restock the Barnabas food pantry with healthy, nonperishable food items. Suggested healthy food items include low-sodium, low-fat products, and low sugar products. The healthy food choices are a new initiative this year, however, Barnabas will accept with gratitude your canned food choices.

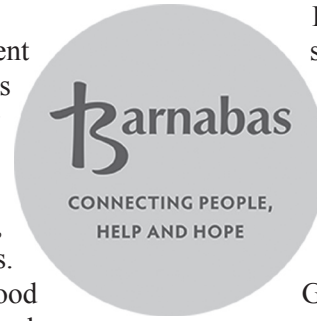
Businesses, churches, and civic groups have come together to provide drop-off locations for donated food items. During the week of September 13, community members can stop by any of the drop-off locations to deposit their donations. Food items will be collected and brought to the Barnabas food pantry on September 18.

The drop-off locations in Callahan:

Callahan Town Hall; Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church; and Southeastern Bank; Hilliard: Hilliard Schools; and Mt. Olive Baptist Church; Bryceville: Brandy Branch Baptist Church; Bryceville First Baptist Church; and Lighthouse Baptist Church.

Barnabas Center extends a special thanks to the Rotary Club of Amelia Island Sunrise for coordinating this effort. For more information about drop-off locations and the food drive, contact Michael Granucci at [mfgranucci@aol.com](mailto:mfgranucci@aol.com) OR contact Barnabas Center at [info@BarnabasNassau.org](mailto:info@BarnabasNassau.org).

The face of hunger in Nassau County includes working families, children, and the elderly. It is estimated that 9 percent of our community is hungry or facing food-insecurity, which is simply not knowing when or how they will get their next meal. Barnabas Center helps combat food insecurity through its food pantry and mobile food distributions. For more information about Barnabas' food programs, visit [www.BarnabasNassau.org/get-help/food-programs/](http://www.BarnabasNassau.org/get-help/food-programs/).



## Volunteers Needed!



The Northside Christian Service center, an outreach of Be the Change NE FL, is in need of volunteers. Contact Joel Pace at: [joelpacepiano@gmail.com](mailto:joelpacepiano@gmail.com), if you can help! The food pantry serves all in need in Northeast Florida.



## Baby Donations needed!

The Nest, A Women's Center is in need of baby items. The Nest Women's Center is a place where women can receive Pregnancy Testing, Ultrasound, Counseling and join a Parent Education Program (PEP) along with many other services. They also provide counseling for young mothers and provide some baby items. The Nest has two locations, Jacksonville and in Yulee. Appointments can be made by calling 904-619-4914.

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## American Legion Post 401 Donates to Veterans Treatment Court



Nassau County Circuit Judge Steven Fahlgren accepted a generous check from the C.W. Hilliard American Legion Post 401 in Hilliard. Judge Fahlgren is also a Veterans Treatment Court Judge. Gary Doyle as well as Commissioner John Martin serve as mentors.

Veterans Treatment Court is a court-supervised treatment program designed to provide alternative sentencing options to military veterans who are facing criminal charges. It offers a collaborative approach to treatment and rehabilitation, including peer mentor support. To learn more or to volunteer to be a mentor, contact John Martin at 904-261-9015.

Shown (l to r) are: Gary Doyle, Wes Baker, representing Post 401, Judge Fahlgren; and County Commissioner John Martin.

## American Legion Auxiliary Donate



Two members of the American Legion Post 401 Auxiliary, Tonya Sawyer and Karen Marks, met with a representative from the Ronald McDonald House in Jacksonville. The ladies delivered over \$200 worth of items from their wish list.

## Labor Day Was God's Idea

Yvette Outler

We've celebrated "Labor Day" in the United States of America as a federal holiday since 1894. Its inception was birthed from an idea of Peter J. McGuire, who was a labor union leader and carpenter by trade. At its core, it's intended for us to celebrate the American worker and her achievements! As we celebrate "Labor Day 2021" things are very different.

Covid-19 changed the landscape of America's workforce. From corporate America, store front shopping, hospitals, restaurants and gas stations. Things are different. It's not uncommon to find stores staying only open a one eight-hour shift because they don't have enough employees to support more than one shift. Some businesses have had to close due to employees not willing to work. I went to a famous chain restaurant, where I formerly lived, a couple weeks ago in the evening and there were two workers in total; one cook - one cashier. I applauded them for "showing up" to work!

According to Webster's Dictionary, Labor is defined: work, especially hard physical work. While Peter McGuire

may get credit for the holiday, God gets credit for work. It was established by God. Work is not a bad thing. It's a good thing. The law of first mention brings us all the way back to Genesis. God worked by creating. He gave man (Adam) his first work assignment in the Garden of Eden. (Genesis 2:15) God has an assignment for each of us whether it's in the home or at a jobsite. He wants us working!

As we celebrate Labor Day this year it feels different because things are different. While you and I can't directly change some of that we can make a positive uplifting difference. I challenge all of us to be thankful for every employee we encounter this Labor Day.

Idea: Dollar Tree sells a pack of thank you cards for \$1. You could pre-fill them out and say something like this, "I appreciate you. Thank you for working so hard!" If you don't have time to write thank you notes, just verbalize your appreciation to those who serve you, wherever you go!

Together let's be the salt and the light this Labor Day. Let's sprinkle God's love all over the place!

## Donations Welcomed!



Elvis visited the 'Be the Change' booth at the flea market last Saturday. The non-profit, Be the Change, will visit downtown Jacksonville next weekend and hand out care bags to the homeless. Donations are always appreciated. Contact Joel at: joelpacepiano@gmail.com.

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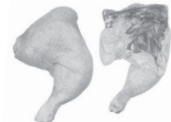
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## Westside Journal Visits Washington State!

Vivian Armstrong, of Hilliard, totally enjoyed her recent trip to Washington State to visit a friend. We were so pleased that she took along a copy of the Westside Journal on her trip! She flew out to Oregon and drove home catching many sites along the way. She



drove through 10 states. While traveling through South Dakota they came to Vivian, a town named after her! She saw the Pacific Ocean for the first time, Mount St. Helens, Seattle Space Needle, Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore and so much more. She enjoyed so many natural wonders that God created.



## Westside Journal Visits Ecuador!

A copy of the Westside Journal made it all the way to Ecuador with a Mission Team from the First Baptist Church Boulougne. This team joined with Pate Ministries for a wonderful week of sharing about the compassion of Jesus with children and adults along the coast and in the jungles of Ecuador. If your church or group is interested in supporting this ministry, please visit [www.pateministries.org](http://www.pateministries.org). Gary and Dena Pate, of Pate Ministries are former Callahan residents.



## New Beginnings and Milestones

### Mr. and Mrs. Lovett Raulerson to Celebrate 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Lovett and Narine Raulerson of Callahan will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary September 6. The Raulersons were married September 6, 1951 in Folkston, Georgia. They were married by a Justice of the Peace in his home. Mrs. Narine remembers they had the biggest dining room table she had ever seen. The house where the two were married has been moved but is still standing.



They are both retired and enjoy spending time at home and visiting with family and friends. Their love and devotion to each other is so precious even today. They are truly matriarchs of Callahan, as they have raised their children and many others in the love of God. Lovett is a member of the Callahan Citywide Male Chorus and loves making music with his saxophone. They are members of Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Callahan. The couple will celebrate this special milestone with with their family! What a blessing they continue to be in our community!

The couple has five children: Kay (deceased) and Jay Edwards and Melinda (Willis) Aderhold, all of Callahan, Vincent Raulerson and Margie Raulerson, all of Daytona and Minister Carlton (Vanessa) Raulerson of Jacksonville. They also have 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

### Colton Allan Watson



Brett and Tiffany Watson, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their son Colton Allan Watson. This precious baby boy made his grand entrance into the world and into our hearts on August 26, 2021 at 9:39 p.m. at UF Health North. He weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and measured 19.5 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Jonathon and Sabrina Watson of Jacksonville.

Maternal grandparents are Mark and Rhonda Melton; and Randy and Belinda Horton, all of Callahan.

Big brother Bryce, age 5, was especially excited to welcome Colton home with lots of cuddles! He loves his baby brother so much!

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you..." Jeremiah 1:5. Thank You Lord, for this amazing and beautiful blessing You have brought into our lives!

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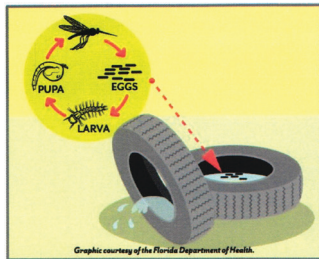
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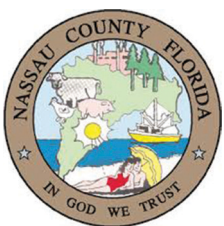
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# Naturally Nassau: Bike Riding Might Have More Benefits Than You Realize

Nancy Lee Bethea

My husband, Stan, has always loved to bike ride. After we married in 2006, we started riding together in our neighborhood. It was lovely, but after a while, we both wanted to expand our biking horizons.

“Want to ride to Callahan?” Stan asked me one Saturday morning about twelve years ago.

“On our bicycles?” I questioned. “How far is that?” Did I want to expand my biking horizons that far?

“About five miles or so. Maybe we will see a train pass on the tracks,” he said. Little did I know, Stan already had our tires pumped, bike chains oiled and snacks packed. How could I say no? I didn’t realize it then, but that bike ride started a healthy habit in our marriage, a habit we still practice today.

Of course, biking is good exercise. The physical and mental benefits are numerous. Bicycling helps manage weight, boosts mental health and improves balance, posture, and coordination, according to healthline.

com.

There are many other benefits. Biking gives you a perspective you miss if you stay inside your car. For example, I never realized Hodges Road in Callahan had an incline until Stan and I biked it. My legs let me know we were climbing in elevation!

Bicycling is an individual activity, but it works well as a group outing. We have biked both the Amelia Island Trail in Fernandina and the Baldwin Rail Trail in Baldwin with friends and family many times. A few years ago, we invited our good friend Butch Krug to bike ride with us in Amelia Island. As we rode, Butch told us stories from his past careers as a firefighter and as a bicycle shop owner. Later, we rode with him on the Baldwin Trail. Stan and I rode a little bit ahead of Butch that day because he wanted to stop and rest. On our way back to the car, Butch called Stan on his cell phone and asked if we could pick up him and his bicycle at the intersection of the Rail Trail and US-301. “I have broken three spokes on my bicycle and my butt hurts,” Butch said. We have such sweet memories of



higher than her current elevation, kept going. We all followed. She was so glad when that bike ride ended!

Another benefit of bike riding is meeting new people. When Stan ran for Supervisor of Elections in 2020, we rode our bicycles through neighborhoods all over Nassau County, from Nassauville to Bryceville, Old Town to Yulee, Hilliard to Callahan. We met so many wonderful Nassau County residents. I remember when one Yulee couple wanted to know how they could sign up as poll workers to serve their community.

If you have a bicycle in your garage or workshop, I encourage you to get it out, pump up the tires, and ride it. We’re headed into the fall, a beautiful time in Northeast Florida. Get outside in the fresh air and enjoy a bike ride. Maybe we’ll see you up by the train tracks in Callahan!

Nancy Lee Bethea directs the Creative Writing Program at LaVilla School of the Arts in Jacksonville. She is also a freelance writer.



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# Wreaths Across America National Tour Exhibit to Stop in Wildlight

Wreaths Across America (WAA) is proud to announce a local stop in Wildlight, for the WAA Mobile Education Exhibit (MEE) national tour. This unique museum on wheels is free to the community and helps honor local veterans. The MEE started its tour at the WAA Headquarters in Maine and will be in the area Thursday, October 28, 2021 for a scheduled event that is both free and open to the public. The event will take place at Wildlight located behind the Red Story Center Building, 123 Tinker Street from 2-4 p.m.

The MEE goal is to bring the local community, veterans, active-duty military and their families together through interactive exhibits, short films, and shared stories. The exhibit serves as a mobile museum, educating visitors about the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes as well as to serve as an official 'welcome home' station for our nation's Vietnam Veterans.



The public tours for the MEE are free and open to the public with social distancing, sanitation and COVID-19 safety procedures in place to protect the health of all visitors in accordance with the CDC's recommendation for large gatherings stemming from concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the media, dignitaries, veterans and other interested groups are urged to come, ask questions, share stories and experience this one-of-a-kind exhibit.

You can sponsor a veteran's wreath anytime for \$15 at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/FL0482](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/FL0482). Each sponsorship goes toward a live, balsam wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero locally at Jacksonville National Cemetery. We endeavor to honor all veterans laid to rest at noon on Saturday, December 18, 2021, as part of National Wreaths across America Day.

## County MRC Provides After-Hours COVID-19 Vaccinations

Nassau County Emergency Management has activated its Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit to make getting vaccinated against CoViD-19 more convenient for residents who work or attend classes during the day. MRC personnel administered 130 Pfizer-BioNTech CoViD-19 vaccinations during the evening hours on Thursdays from 4-8 p.m., 86026 Pages Dairy Rd., Yulee as long as the need exists.

While no vaccine can prevent a virus from entering the body, CoViD-19 vaccines have proven highly effective in priming the immune system to recognize and neutralize the SARS-CoV-2 virus, keeping vaccinated individuals from becoming severely ill or dying.

With local healthcare systems at capacity, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Florida Department of Health continue to

recommend all residents take action to avoid exposure and continue responsible infection control measures (i.e. stay home when sick, cover coughs and sneezes, wash hands well and often, keep hands away from the face, avoid crowded spaces, clean/disinfect touched surfaces, avoid close contact with non-household members) regardless of vaccination status.

Immunocompromised individuals in need of a third mRNA CoViD vaccination and anyone age 12 years and over needing a first or second dose are welcome at the Thursday evening vaccination events; appointments can be made through the [www.OneNassau.com](http://www.OneNassau.com) website. CoViD-19 vaccine is also available through local pharmacies and Department of Health clinics during their business hours.

## 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.*

### Monday, August 23

Shannon Frank Brown, 33, 33250 Rattlesnake Trail, Callahan: Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance; Possession Marijuana less than 20 grams

### Thursday, August 26

Rachael Elizabeth Baisden, 30, Hilliard: Bond Surrender Felony (x 3); Failure to Appear (x 3)

### Saturday, August 28

Angelique Christine Abraham, 34, Callahan: Violation of Probation Community Control Felony (x 2)

### Monday, August 30

William Cleve Hash, 53, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Felony (x 2)  
Jason Allen Wood, 44, Callahan: Failure to Appear

## Collecting Wreaths for Festival of Wreaths Event

The Life Care Center of Hilliard will once again be having the Festival of Wreaths event on Friday, September 24. The event will be held from 5-7 p.m. at Life Care, 3756 West 3rd Street, Hilliard. The event will be a silent auction allowing you to bid on the wreath or wreaths you like. Life Care Center is currently accepting wreath donations to be displayed and sold at the event. All wreath 'themes' are welcomed! Bring your best wreath and share it! All the proceeds will go to the Pinky Promise.

The Pinky Promise is a resource center for women who have recently been diagnosed with cancer. Pinky Promise Foundation was founded in January 2015 to offer services to women that have been diagnosed with cancer of any kind. "We want every woman to know that she is not only special but that she is also beautiful, inside and out," said Pinky Promise founder Sybil Purvis. "We strive to let that special someone know,

that there is always someone out there to listen to their concerns and also show love and support in her time of need."

The only requirement for Pinky Promise is that the ladies must have their cancer diagnosis from their doctor. They are welcomed to the center by women volunteers, many that are survivors of cancer. They are encouraged to browse through our boutique of wigs, head wraps, etc., all provided free of charge. The ladies are given a grocery gift card and gas card to help them through their journey. They also receive a chemo bag filled with lots of items including a comfort blanket for treatments. The goal is to assist as many ladies in our community and surrounding communities as they travel through this very difficult journey. They try to have fundraisers throughout the year however, with the pandemic, have been limited.

For more information on the Festival of Wreaths call admissions at Life Care Center, 845-6712.

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**WALTER DONALD ADAMS**



Walter Donald "Don" Adams passed away August 23, 2021 after an 8-year battle with ALS. He was born in Albany, Georgia on September 4, 1953. From the time he was diagnosed and throughout his ALS battle, he maintained a positive attitude, saying, "It could always be worse & what can you do." He was, and continues to be, an inspiration to all.

He played high school and college football, enjoyed playing and watching golf, and going to the beach. He attended the University of Kansas on a football scholarship. He later transferred to Washburn University to continue playing football, earning his degree in Business Administration and Computer Science. He moved to Jacksonville in 1979, where he met his wife Debi. He worked and retired as a butcher at Winn Dixie and went on to become a Financial Advisor, until diagnosed with ALS.

As his disease progressed, Mayo Clinic and Vitas Hospice provided support and comfort to his family. A special thank you, to the ALS department at Mayo and to Vitas hospice team, most notably nurse Connie, respiratory therapist Darlene, health aide Joe, ARNP Pia, and ARNP Donna (My Choice House-calls).

Debi and Don married in 1986 and continued to live a beautiful, fulfilled life for over 35 years. They enjoyed spending time with family and friends, trips to the mountains, and simply enjoying each other's company. Don always tried to make things as easy as possible for his wife and caregiver, Debi. They never let ALS get in the way of having fun and enjoying each other, always keeping life interesting.

Don is survived by his wife Debi; brothers Jimmy (Cindy) Adams and Jack (Valerie) Jones; brother-in-law Sam (Sue) Henson; nephews and nieces Robby (Tina), Jami (Ralph), Brianne (Brad), Craig, Taz and Christopher; and great nephews Javy, Clay, Noah and Brady.

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

Arrangements by Integrity Funeral Home and Cremations.

# OBITUARIES

**JOANN HARVEY BROOKS**



JoAnn Harvey Brooks, 62, of St. George, Georgia, passed away August 24, 2021 at her residence. She was born December 27, 1958 in St. George, to the late Williard Harvey and Irene Crews Harvey. She worked for the Charlton County School System as a Paraprofessional and a Bus Driver and also for the Charlton County Sheriff's Office as a Corrections Officer.

In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Malcolm Logan Brooks; a sister Merlyn Yarbrough; and a brother W.L. Harvey.

She is survived by her daughter Arlene Brooks; a granddaughter Mika Stamps; a grandson Ernest Duane Stamps, Jr.; two brothers Phillip Harvey and Melvin (Kathy) Harvey; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Friday, August 27 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. A graveside funeral service was held Saturday, August 28 in Boones Creek Cemetery with Rev. James Conner officiating.

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

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

**TOMMY GILLIARD**

Tommy Gilliard, 73, of Callahan, went home to be with Jesus August 11, 2021 at Baptist North Jacksonville. He was born October 8, 1947 in Waycross, Georgia to Joe and Reba Gilliard. He loved the Lord and attended First Pentecostal Apostolic Church in Hilliard for many years with his wife.

He is survived by his wife Pat Gilliard; step-daughter Barbara (Robby) Cook; granddaughters Jessica Wright of Jacksonville and Peyton Cook of Callahan; great-grandchildren Lucas and Kerri

of Jacksonville; brother William Roger Gilliard; sisters Reba (Mike) Screws and Aline (Ray) Fox; brothers-in-law Richard Fitchett and Steven Fitchett; sisters-in-law Geneva Batten and Sheila Garland; and many more family members.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**SUZANNAH NICHOLE HURKES**



Suzannah "Nikki" Nichole Hurkes, 41, of Yulee, passed away August 27, 2021 surrounded by loved ones.

Nikki was born on September 5, 1979 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Nikki's life wasn't easy nor was it glamorous, but regardless of what people saw she taught us so much about love, patience and kindness. She truly was an angel that God sent to earth. No matter the situation, when you walked into a room where she was, you felt genuine love and happiness. Her love for chocolate and ice cream would always make you smile a little longer. We will smile for the memories we have. She will be dearly missed. Nikki was preceded in death by her mother Miney Jean.

Nikki is survived by her siblings April (Joshua) Johnson, Martha (Antonio) Nance, Gloria (Jon) Ross Ashley and Nicholas (Jessica) Hurkes; special niece Peyton Barnes; nieces Honey Annaka; nephews Tristan, Jaison, Alexander, Emre, Levi, Tobias, Rayf, Xander and Dakota; special cousin Penny; and many more cousins and the family from Care Center of Nassau; along with many other special friends and extended family.

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

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**JAN PAULA KELLY**



On Tuesday, August 17, 2021, Jan Paula Kelly, 74, of Valdosta, loving wife, and mother to three children, was received into the arms of her Loving Savior.

Jan was born on January 1, 1947, in Jacksonville, to Herbert and Carolyn Langenfeld. She would later join the Boatright family and affectionately referred to Clem A. Boatright, as "Dad." On January 1, 1963, she married William "Avery" Kelly Jr., and together they lovingly raised three sons. She received a Nursing degree from FCCJ and worked at Nassau General Hospital in Fernandina Beach; Baptist Primary Care in Callahan; and for a season, provided instruction to students at Hilliard High School who had a desire to enter the field of nursing upon graduation. Although recognized for her expertise in each of these areas of employment, her greatest contributions were made alongside her adoring husband of 58 years in faithful

ministry. Her lifelong selfless sacrifice and influence offered to those in need of physical, spiritual, and emotional support will extend for generations to come.

Jan had a lifelong passion for music that glorified the name of her Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. As an outstanding Alto and pianist, she was always in demand, as was her participation in leading teen, children, or adult ensembles. In the role of "Nana" to family, she was the epitome of a southern cook who cherished and orchestrated Sundays where the family would gather and together enjoy the immeasurable blessings of God. Her vigilant watch care, fervent prayers, and devoted participation with family throughout her years have permanently secured her place in the hearts of her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Jan Kelly was predeceased by her father Clem; her mother Carolyn; and sister Karen Scroggins.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Dr. William "Avery" Kelly, Jr.; her three children Avery Kelly III of Atlantic Beach, Dr. Michael (Lindi) Kelly of Kingsland and David (Kersti) Kelly of Callahan; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; as well as brothers Clem (Valerie) Boatright, Rusty (Kelly) Boatright and Lynn (Wayne) Thomas.

The family will receive friends Saturday, September 4 at 9:30 a.m. prior to the memorial service to celebrate Jan's life at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Valdosta, 200 W. Central Ave., Valdosta. Dr. Mike Kelly will officiate the service and be joined by Dr. Wayne Higginbotham and Dr. Chuck Owens who will also share additional words of comfort.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.callahanfh.com](http://www.callahanfh.com) for the Kelly family.

**JACK ALLEN MOORE**



Jack Allen Moore, 86, passed away August 25, 2021 at home under the passionate care of Community Hospice, surrounded by his loving

family from complications from diabetes and Alzheimer's. He was born at home in Atkins, Arkansas on September 12, 1935 to Dooley Lovard and Minnie Ilta Deal Moore. He was the second of four sons. He grew up in Shawnee, Oklahoma, graduating from Shawnee High School in 1953. He held many jobs in his youth, most notably at Shawnee Mills and Woolworth where he began sweeping up and became a trusted key-holder at the age of 16. Jack worked summers for his father as a plumber's assistant and this is where he learned how important it was to have a good work ethic.

Jack joined the US Army in 1955 and became an Artillery Survey Specialist. After serving three years, he was honorably discharged and took advantage of the GI Bill to attend the University of Oklahoma in Stillwater where he studied electronic engineering. He moved to Jacksonville, in 1959 to begin work at the Imeson-based Federal Aviation Administration Center.

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In 1977, the family moved to Hilliard and Jack built their dream home on a lush green hill amidst beautiful oaks and a gently flowing creek that dissected five acres. He worked shifts at the FAA Center in Hilliard and tended his land during his days off. He saw the computer industry change through the years from room-sized machines with vacuum tubes to tape to punch tickets to floppy disks to USB drives. He could write code in many computer languages and was often sought out to diagnose problems in troublesome systems. Jack retired as a Systems Analyst after almost 35 years with the FAA. He and his wife lived in Honolulu, Hawaii for four years while Jack worked as a Site Manager for Diversified Information Systems Corporate, contracted to work for the FAA Center located in Diamond Head. They must have seen the Charo Show at the Hilton Hawaiian Village two dozen times. After a short stint working for Regal Decision Systems, Inc. in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Jack returned to work for DISC in Taipei, Taiwan as a Senior Software Engineer before retiring for good. He was a member of NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees). Jack was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hilliard for many years. He enjoyed fishing with his grandsons and great-grandsons, could work on any machine, build any plan he drew out, sewed one of his daughter's final home economic projects so she could graduate high school and completed an anatomy assignment for another so she could pass a class. He always helped his daughters succeed. He dabbled in painting, jewelry making and photography. He was truly a "Jack of all trades."

He is preceded in death by his parents Dooley and Ita; his brothers William Alfred, Robert David and Jimmy Lovard; and his beloved first grandson Justin Allan Morgan.

He is survived by his loving wife Delores Jean of Hilliard; his daughters Kimberly Jean Galvin of Fernandina Beach and Lisa Marie Morgan of Kingsland; his grandsons Grant Patrick Galvin and Cody Alan Morgan; his granddaughter-in-love Ashley Daniels Morgan; his great-grandsons Jayce Carter Morgan and Kallen Everett Morgan; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Wednesday, September 1 prior to the memorial service held at First Baptist Church of Hilliard. Interment with military honors followed at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

In lieu of donations, contributions may be made to Community Hospice; First Baptist Church of Hilliard Building Fund; or the Nassau County Humane Society.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.shepardfh.com](http://www.shepardfh.com). Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

# OBITUARIES

## BETTY ROBLING

Betty Robling, 86, of Hilliard, passed away Saturday, August 28, 2021 at her home. She was born March 7, 1935 in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Walter and Laura Jarvis. She will be missed and never forgotten.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 66 years; two daughters Katherine and Jean Marie; siblings Elmer, Chub, Grady, Cotton, Shorty, John, Roy and Edna.

She is survived by her daughter Judy (Dale) Burkett; five grandchildren Dianna, Shawn, Jamie, Chad and Casey; nine great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and a sister Liz Jennings.

The family will receive friends at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 7, prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Callahan Funeral Home, Brandies Avenue. Interment will follow at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 879-2336.

## STACY MICHELLE ROWE



Stacy Michelle Rowe, 49, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on August 28, 2021. She was born on May 23, 1972 in Jacksonville, to her parents, George Alfred Rowe and Gale Elaine Murphy Rowe. One of Stacy's greatest qualities was how big and caring her heart was. She would send anyone she knew a card for just about any occasion. It filled her heart with so much joy to brighten someone's day. She had a love for nature and enjoyed going to the lake. With everything Stacy went through she never wanted to burden anyone and never had a complaint. Stacy was preceded in death by her grandparents JT "Papa" and Beulah "Nana" Murphy; and her grandmother Lois Rowe.

Stacy is survived by her loving parents George and Gale Rowe; and fur baby Bella.

A celebration of Stacy's life was held September 1 at Callahan First Baptist Church with Pastor Lynn Hyatt officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery.

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## CLARENCE LOREN THORNTON



Clarence Loren Thornton, 81, of Bryceville, passed away Friday, August 13, 2021 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lake City. He was born in Duval County on February 10, 1940 to the late Mr. Clarence R. and Leona (Boyd) Thornton, one of four boys. He proudly served with the United States Marine Corps.

He later would work for the Florida Department of Corrections as a vocational instructor before his retirement. He worked as a mechanic for many years and was a member of Local 673 Operating Engineers. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his children as they were coming up. Clarence was an old fashioned, hardworking type of man. He loved his family, and especially the individual quality time he got to spend with each of his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Earl (Estelle) Thornton and Willard Douglas (Anna Joyce) Thornton; and three children: David C. Thornton, Lorie Lee Thornton, and Mary Denise Hutto.

He is survived by his beloved wife of sixty years, Mrs. Doris (Surrency) Thornton of Bryceville; daughters: Dorothy Dee (David) Gomillion and Michelle Thornton all of Bryceville; grandchildren: David (Brittany) Gomillion, Krissi (Larry) Gomillion, Shane (Tori) Gomillion, Sonny (Beth) Aman, Christopher (Kendra) Thornton, Jessie (Reyna Roland) Aman, Brittany Hutto, Cody (Amber Watson) Hutto, and Hailey (Reese Hollie) Hutto; great-grandchildren: Charlotte Gomillion, Savannah Gomillion, Lauren Steinmeyer, Lane Gomillion, Lucas Gomillion, Raylon Aman, Tyler Aman, Aubrey Thornton, Lawson Aman, Shailey Williamson, and Jayden Hutto; brother: Jimmie Ray (Jean) Thornton of Jasper; as well as numerous extended family members.

Private funeral services will be held at South Prong Cemetery with Rev. Richard Fish officiating.

Hawke M.T. Forbes and H.M. "Hank" Forbes Jr. of Forbes Funeral Home are honored to assist the Thornton family with arrangements. "With Your Family In

Mind". (904) 259-4600. Please leave your condolences for the family in the online guestbook at [www.forbesfuneralhome.net](http://www.forbesfuneralhome.net).

## WILLIAM "GREG" YOUNG



William "Greg" Young, 64, of Hilliard, passed away on August 27, 2021. He was born on January 11, 1957 in Charleston, West Virginia to his parents, Charles William Young and Faye Lillian Cyrus Young. Greg enjoyed attending Calvary Baptist Church where he was a member for 50 years. He worked as a welder for the railroad for 20 years. When Greg wasn't working, he could be found in the woods, hunting in the South Hilliard Hunting Club or out in the boat at his favorite fishing spots. Not only was Greg an avid hunter and fisherman, but he also loved to golf, dance and play the guitar. Music was a big part of his life. From running the sound at church to listening to the same Elvis CD play over and over again in his truck, he always had that smile as he sang each lyric word for word. More than anything, Greg enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He was very meticulous about his yard and took pride in his landscaping. Greg was a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, brother and friend who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother Kent Young.

Greg leaves behind his loving wife of 45 years, Charlotte Young; son Allen (Jade) Young; daughters April Bryant and Amber (Brandon) Jordan; brothers Dale Young, Wally (Francine) Young and Steve (Donna) Young; sisters Karen (Gary) Burnsed, Suzie Ratliff, Jannie Weaver and Renee Edge; grandchildren Kennedy, Kaylee, Colby, Chloe, Hayley, Leighton, Mya and Kolt; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, September 1 from 6-8 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. A celebration of Greg's life will be held Thursday, September 2 at 11 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor Jason Kratochvil officiating. Interment will follow at Jones Cemetery.

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It is our honor to recognize our local Armed Service members. We would like to update our 'Pray for our Troops' list, adding those who have recently joined our Armed Services or removing those who no longer serve. Please read over the list. If you need to make a correction, addition or deletion, just give us a call, 879-4180. You may also email changes to news@westsidejournal.net.

God Bless our Troops!

## Boys Scouts Hold Court of Honor Ceremony



Christina Waltman

On Thursday, August 26, Troop 351 celebrated their successes for Spring/Summer 2021 at their Court of Honor, a formal recognition ceremony. Over the past six months, the Scouts collectively earned 36 merit badges; 2 Scouts earned their Fire'm'n Chit and Totin' Chip awards; and 2 Scouts earned the 50th Anniversary EPA Award. Five of our Scouts advanced their rank including one that achieved the rank of Life Scout, the last rank before Eagle.

In addition, the Troop earned a total of 123 community service hours by participating in several service events including our quarterly Adopt-A-Road clean-up; Railroad Day Festival; the sale of mulligans for First Readers of Nassau County at the Pull for Early

Literacy; clothing sorting for the River Road Baptist Church's clothing giveaway; along with many hours individually working with various organizations that are not included in the total hours. The Scouts earned two separate service awards, 100 Years of Service and Summer of Service, for their many hours of community service. For more information on Troop 351 check out our Facebook page at Callahan Boy Scout Troop 351.

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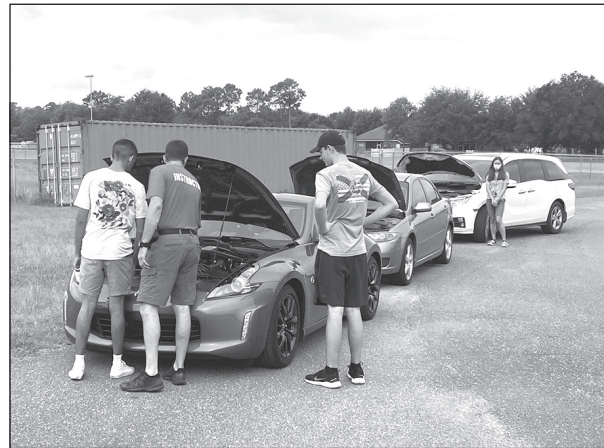
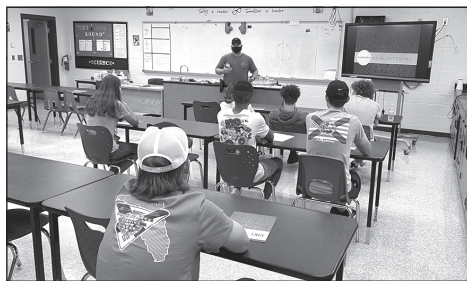





## NCSO Teen Driver Challenge Held

Thank you to all who participated in the Nassau County Sheriff's Officer Teen Driver Challenge that was held Saturday, August 28! The next challenge will be held October 9.

Did you know that teen drivers are three times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash as other drivers? The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is committed to protecting our young drivers while doing everything possible to significantly reduce the number of injuries and deaths associated with traffic crashes. That is why the Sheriff's Office offers a program called the Teen Driver Challenge. It is a free course designed to help teens boost their driving skills and lessen the chances of being involved in a crash. The program will



provide a mixture of classroom instruction and hands-on driver training. Teens 15-19 are eligible and must have a valid Florida Operators License and participants must provide their own car. A current copy of a driver license, vehicle registration and insurance is required. The class is limited to 12 students.

The Teen Driver Challenge is not an advanced driving

course. It is a defensive driving program that covers the following topics and driving exercises: Vehicle Dynamics; Human Factors; Responsibility; Liability; Drug and Alcohol Use; Night Driving; Aggressive Driving and Road Rage; Safe Driving Habits; Aggressive Driving; Using your Senses; and Knowing your Vehicle.

All Instructors are Nassau County Sheriff Deputies. Upon successful

completion of the program, students will receive a certificate of completion. Certificates may be presented to your auto insurance company for a possible reduction in your insurance premium. Teen Driver Challenge classes will be conducted periodically throughout the year. To find out more about the program please contact Lt. Jeff Stull, Jr. with our training division at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office at [jstull@nassauso.com](mailto:jstull@nassauso.com) or visit: <http://nassauso.com/programs/teen-driver-challenge/>.



## WN Volleyball News



The West Nassau High School Volleyball teams, varsity and JV, recently took big wins against First Coast High School! Shown is the varsity team.

## Cub Scouts to Hold Sign Up Night



Cub Scouting is designed to be a fun experience for the whole family. To find out more about the Scouting journey and how fun the Cub Scout Pack 351 program is, visit us at Sign Up Night:

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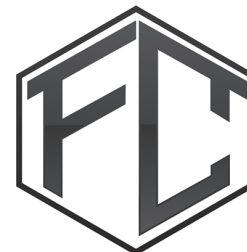
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# Flashes Tame Wolfpack in Home Opener

Holden McMillen

Fresh off their win, the Hilliard Flashes returned home for the first time this season as they welcomed the Wolfson Wolfpack to Flashes Field on a muggy, breezy, overcast evening under the lights.

The Flashes opened the game on defense. The Wolfpack drove the ball down the field, but the Flashes rose tall and forced a turnover on downs. The Flashes set up shop with prime field position courtesy of their defense and took full advantage of it using the legs of workhorse DJ Coston. With the assist of a tremendous push from the offensive line, the seas parted and Coston sprung free and kicked on the afterburners for a 49-yard touchdown run. With the extra point good, the Flashes sprung out to an early 7-0 lead. After that score, there wasn't much headway on offense for both teams as the Flashes left the first quarter with a 7-0 lead.

When a bowling ball rolls downhill, it generates momentum and it cannot be stopped. That was the case for the Flashes in the second quarter. It started on offense when Coston found daylight up the middle and scored from 16 yards out. With the extra point good, the Flashes built the score up a little to 14-0. But wait, there's more! DJ's brother, Dylan Coston contributed to the effort as he recovered a muffed kick on the ensuing kickoff setting the Flashes up at the Wolfpack 38 yard line. On the very next play, Lyle Bennett joined in on the scoring fun as he busted through a hole on the left side of the o-line and showed off his wheels for a 38-yard touchdown run. With the extra point short, the Flashes extended the lead to 20-0. The



defense got in on the fun when Chris Northern read the quarterback's eyes and intercepted a pass, causing the first turnover on the night. The Flashes then parlayed the turnover into another touchdown thanks to Walker Avera as he busted through the Wolfpack defense for an 11-yard touchdown run. After a failed 2-point conversion, the Flashes strengthened the lead to 26-0. The defense continued the good vibration with another interception, this time in triple coverage as the Flashes went into halftime with a comfortable 26-0 lead.

Looking to continue scoring, the Flashes opened the second half with the football. Same song, second verse! The Flashes offense repeated their success. It started off on the legs of DJ Coston, this time with a 9-yard score. With the extra point missed, the lead grew to 32-0. On the next defensive drive, the Flashes created another turnover with an interception courtesy of Damon Kibler. The Flashes then used the turnover to find the end zone again, this time it only took 2 plays to do it. Braydon Holley scored from 1-yard out. A missed extra point led the Flashes to grow the lead

38-0, but they wouldn't be done scoring just yet. After the defense forced another turnover on downs, the Flashes offense kept their foot on the gas and used what got them to where they were all night: the run game, done courtesy of Avera, this time with a 36-yard touchdown. The Flashes ended the third quarter in full

cruise control leading 44-0.

While they may have been beaten down, the Wolfpack did not give up and kept fighting until the final whistle. It took them to the fourth quarter to get the Wolfpack on the board and they used the ground game to do it with a 1-yard touchdown run. With a failed 2-point conversion, the Wolfpack started to cut the deficit down slowly and continued to build momentum. The Wolfpack took advantage of a botched kickoff by the Flashes and generated a scoring drive using a combination of both the run and pass and it led to them having a 9-yard touchdown. With a successful 2-point conversion, the Wolfpack continued



to widdle the deficit down. Despite scoring 16 unanswered points, it was not enough for the Wolfpack to stop the offensive onslaught by the Flashes and the Flashes gave the hometown crowd something to cheer about with a 44-16 domination over the Wolfpack.

Offensively, the Flashes dominated from start to finish, generating 382 yards of total offense with 334 of them coming on the ground. Leading the charge was DJ Coston with 12 carries for 169 yards and 3 touchdowns; Walker Avera had 4 carries for 65 yards and 2 touchdowns; Lyle Bennett had 3 carries for 45 yards and a touchdown; Braydon Holley had 5 carries for 34 yards and a touchdown; and Brogan Johns had 3 carries for 20 yards. Bennett went 3/8 for 48 yards. On the receiving end were Coston with a catch for 18 yards; Dylan Coston and Bradyn Matto each having a catch for 15 yards.

Defensively, the Flashes forced 4 turnovers which led to 25 points; 2 turnover on downs; and 4 sacks. Avera led the charge with 5 tackles and a sack; Angelo Benjamin had 4 tackles; Gerald Clamp had 3 tackles, a sack, and a forced fumble; Kibler had 3 tackles and an interception; Colton Conner and Travis Sapp had 3 tackles; Dylan Coston had 2 tackles and a fumble recovery; Holley and Klayton Bright had 2 tackles; and Northern had a tackle, a pass breakup, and 2 interceptions.

This Friday, the Flashes look to continue the positive momentum as they travel to face the Stanton Blue Devils with a 6:30 p.m. kickoff! Come out and support your hometown team.

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