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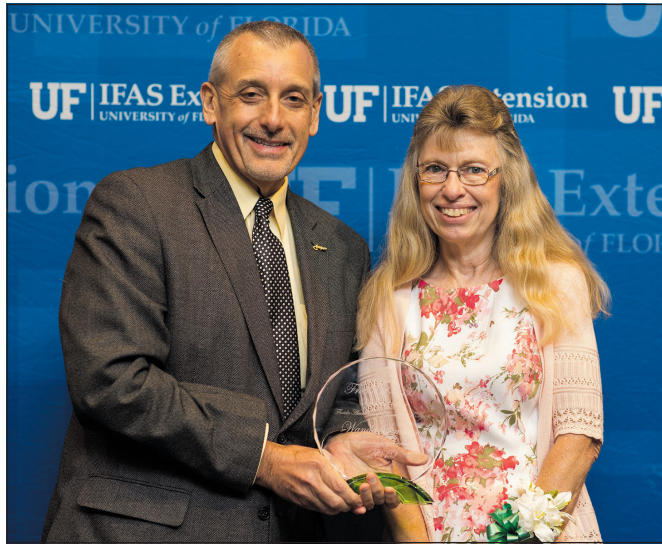
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## Nassau County Extension Receives State Recognition

Kelsey Irvine

This year at the University of Florida's Extension Professional Association of Florida conference in August, Nassau County received two very special recognitions.

Mrs. Wanda Simmons was awarded the State Friend of 4-H Award distinguishing her 29 years of service to 4-H. Mrs. Simmons was accompanied by her husband and presented the award by Dr. Nick Place, the Dean and Director of Extension. Agent Kelsey Irvine spoke about her accomplishments and detailed how her contributions have impacted hundreds of youth, families and agents statewide. Wanda serves as the Nassau County 4-H Poultry Project leader of the Callahan Country Kids 4-H Club; Chairperson of the Nassau



County 4-H Association; Poultry Chair for the Northeast FL Fair; and Superintendent for poultry and rabbit programs at the Greater Jacksonville

Agricultural Fair. She also provides workshops, advice, leadership and guidance for many.

The late Kristen Poppell was recognized and awarded several awards for her outstanding work throughout her career. Kristen passed away in a tragic accident in May. Kristen received recognition for the Youth Leadership Nassau program and was awarded the Excellence in Teen Programming and Greg Yost Memorial Youth in Leadership Awards. Kristen also received the prestigious Achievement in Service Award,

celebrating all her success throughout her career. To get a glimpse into the impact this amazing agent left behind, a standing ovation and tearful speech was given in her honor. These awards were accepted by her loving husband, Chase Poppell. Her family and in-laws also attended the ceremony in support.



## See You at the Pole Held Wednesday

Dawn S. West

The National See You At The Pole Day was held Wednesday and our students really showed up and showed out! See You At The Pole is a national event that is held the fourth Wednesday of September every year. It is a time where those students, who want to, are able to meet at their school's flagpole for time with Jesus and prayer for

their school, classmates and faculty! It was a blessing to me to see so many students and administration being a part of such a great event. We traveled to West Nassau High School, Callahan Middle School, Hilliard Middle-Senior High School, and even Callahan Elementary! Thank you to those who organized the events for each school and to those students who participated!



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## Judges Complete Computer Forensics Course



Judge Steve Fahlgren and 21 other judges from around the country recently attended a federally sponsored, week long Computer Forensics for Judges Course at the National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI) in Hoover, Alabama. The NCFI is a partnership between the United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security, State of Alabama, and The National Judicial College. The course uses a combination of lectures and practical exercises to familiarize judges with computer, network, and mobile device technology and the emerging legal concepts related to the admissibility and use of digital evidence in judicial proceedings.

Digital evidence is more and more the norm. In *Riley v. California*, 573 U.S. 373 (2014), the Supreme Court ruled that law enforcement must generally have a warrant to search the contents of a cell phone even if the cell phone is

seized incident to an arrest because "cell phones, as a category, implicate privacy concerns far beyond those implicated by the search of a cigarette pack, a wallet, or a purse." Phones and computers have much larger storage capacity than ever. For example, many authorities believe that the printed text in the Library of Congress could be stored with 20 terabytes of computer data. In recent times, there has been an explosion of digital data including pictures, movies and documents. Phones are sometimes considered a person's "castle in the cloud." Currently, an iPhone 11 Pro 512GB could hold approximately 1/40th of the digitized text of all of the printed books in the Library of Congress.

Judge Fahlgren serves as a Circuit Judge in Yulee and primarily handles civil, family law, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, probate and guardianship matters.

## Letters to the Editor



### Christian Morals

Dear Editor,

While the Westside Journal opinion column and Fox News bash AOC a freshman US Representative, Trump passed a tax plan that decreased the corporate tax rate by 15% and increased the deficit to over a trillion dollars. His administration pushed deregulations that endanger the environment and Florida specifically. As Christians we need to protect what God's created, but greed has control of the White House and everything has a price tag including immigrant children.

Is this the way we treat humanity as a nation built on Christian morals? Cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and food stamps are coming to pay for the greed at the top. Go

ahead and point your finger at the 70-year-old grandma on food stamps trying to get food for her grandchildren. I was there. My grandma raised me and my sister on social security and food stamps. It wasn't much, but we appreciated every scrap that we got. We need to lift up the poor and down trotted, not continue to give the nations wealth to the greediest at the top. Does anyone remember the seven cardinal sins: Pride, Greed, Lust, Envy, Gluttony, Wrath and Sloth.

*"For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world."* John 2:16

Jim Halpert

## American Legion Receives Donation



As Veterans Day draws near, the American Legion Post #401 in Hilliard is working hard to finish their outdoor stage. Just in time, FNB South Bank in Folkston stepped up! Folkston Branch Manager Jared Cardwell is shown presenting a check for \$500 to the officers of Post 401.

From the post and all the area Veterans, thank you!

### In the Kitchen...

- 1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 (3 oz.) lemon Jell-O, dry

### Autumn Apple Salad

- 1 cup apples, peeled and diced
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup Cool Whip

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# Fish Talk

## Windy Conditions Continue!

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Wow, the hurricane saga continues. There have been a few close calls and lots of concern in the Atlantic. Thank goodness we've been very fortunate by dodging the worst part of these storms. I say it all the time, a ten degree shift in a storm's path and we'd have a completely different outcome. With that said, if the forecast holds true, it looks like we will be receiving more wind this weekend. The heaviest portion is expected along the coast. This could be a good thing in a sense right? Why or why not? Well these easterly flows keep our tides pushed in. That in return makes our tide swell and the bottom line is it creates much tougher tide to fish. Predator fish like moving water and an easterly wind on an outgoing tide is no good. On the incoming, the wind usually pushes the water in extremely fast. With all that said, a nor'easter really is a good thing. It solidifies the fact that we are in a true fall pattern and that's what triggers our fish to eat.

Typically, flounder move in during the first big push, but to have several nor'easters back to back, boy that should definitely fire them off. Our inshore species will stack up all over Northeast Florida from now on through November. I can honestly say that I am ready.

So where are the fish? Well as of right now, most of them have continued to be stacked up at the beach and our Jetties. Why? That's where the majority of the bait has been. Nearly every species of predatory fish are out there gorging on mullet as they begin their annual migration south. Trout, red fish, tarpon and a variety of sharks are in the mix to clean up. Clean water is the key and the incoming tide still seems to be the best tide to fish. Obviously the best bait at the moment is going to be live finger mullet. Man oh man, there are schools everywhere, so make sure you have your cast net handy.

Flounder are getting bigger and there have been some studs caught in Mayport as well! They are still spread out but the bite and numbers are picking up. Look for them to only get better throughout next month. Keep your eyes and ears out. When that bite in the St. John's River picks up, you'll want to be on it. When they make their run in the river, they will be eating anything in their path.

Lastly, look out for the sheepshead as well now! They are really firing off. Hope you all have a great weekend. Be safe out there and I hope to see you on the water!

# JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

"Hell, yes, we're going to take your AR-15s and your AK-47s. We're not going to allow it to be used against our fellow Americans anymore." If that quote by Democrat Presidential hopeful Beto-O'Rourke doesn't scare you, then you had better wake up. The new Socialist Democratic Party is full steam ahead at disarming the common law abiding American citizen. When they do away with our 2nd Amendment our 1st Amendment is also gone. Then we will be living in a Socialist/Communist country. Socialism is just one election away!

Why is socialism becoming such a popular idea for the upcoming populous in America? A young lady explains it rather well. The following was written by a 26-year-old college student by the name of Alyssa Ahlgren, who is in grad school studying for her MBA.

"AOC and the Blind Generation"

My generation is blind to the prosperity around us! I'm sitting in a small coffee shop near Nokomis (Florida) trying to think of what to write about. I scroll through my newsfeed on my phone looking at the latest headlines of presidential candidates calling for policies to "fix" the so-called injustices of capitalism. I put my phone down and continue to look around. I see people talking freely, working on their MacBook's, ordering food they get in an instant, seeing cars go by outside, and it dawned on me. We live in the most privileged time in the most prosperous nation and we've become completely blind to it: vehicles, food, technology, freedom to associate with whom we choose. These things are so ingrained in our American way of life we don't give them a second thought. We are so well off here in the United States that our poverty line begins 31 times above the global average. Thirty-one times! Virtually no one in the United States is considered poor by global standards. Yet, in a time where we can order a product off Amazon with one click and have it at our doorstep the next day, we are unappreciative, unsatisfied

and ungrateful! Our un-appreciation is evident as the popularity of socialist policies among my generation continues to grow. Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez recently said to Newsweek talking about the millennial generation, "An entire generation, which is now becoming one of the largest electorates in America, came of age and never saw American prosperity." "NEVER saw American Prosperity!" Let that sink in! When I first read that statement, I thought to myself. That was quite literally the most entitled and factually illiterate thing I've ever heard in my 26 years on this earth. Many young people agree with her, which is entirely misguided. My generation is being indoctrinated by a mainstream narrative to actually believe we have never seen prosperity. I know this first hand, I went to college, let's just say I didn't have the popular opinion, but I digress. Why then, with all of the overwhelming evidence around us, evidence that I can even see sitting at a coffee shop, do we not view this as prosperity? We have people who are dying to get into our country. People around the world are destitute and truly impoverished. Yet, we have a young generation convinced they've never seen prosperity, and as a result, we elect some politicians who are dead set on taking steps towards abolishing capitalism.

Why? The answer is this... My generation has ONLY seen prosperity. We have no contrast! We didn't live in the great depression, or live through two world wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War nor did WE see the rise and fall of socialism and communism. We don't know what it's like to live without the internet, without cars, without smartphones. We don't have a lack of prosperity problem; We have an Entitlement Problem, an Ungratefulness problem, and it's spreading like a plague.

I agree with Alyssa 100%!  
Of course...that's just my opinion!

## RED DOT PROJECT COLLECTION

Harley Miller, of Callahan, is collecting small cosmetic bags with teen feminine products. The Red Dot Project solely depends on donations of teen feminine products such as pads, panty liners, tampons, panties, individually wrapped feminine wipes and small cosmetic bags (Ipsy bags). Donations may be brought to the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200 (across from Dollar General) Callahan, 879-4180. The care packages are distributed to our middle schools and are available as needed in the nurse's office.



## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Mill Creek Cemetery Association will hold a meeting and clean up at the cemetery Saturday, September 28 at 9 a.m. Make sure you bring your gloves and tools to work.

Callahan Garden Club meets the first Wednesday of each month from September to May at 10 a.m. at the Garden Club.

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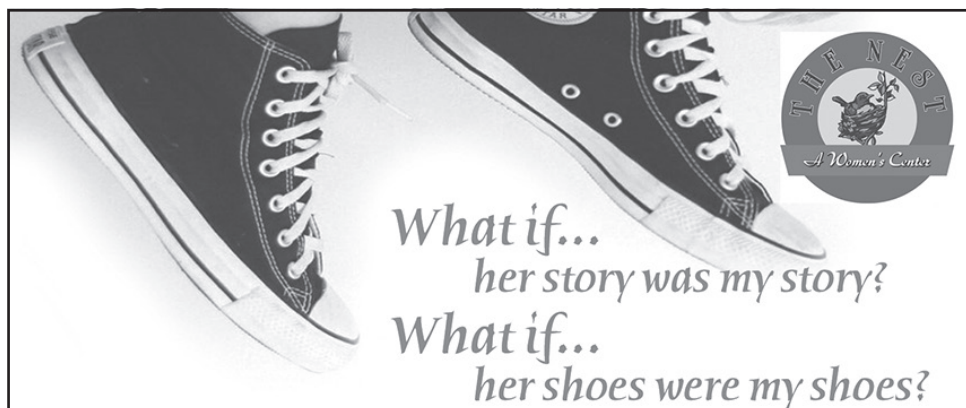
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# Implosion

*Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard*



On Wednesday evenings, I have been preaching through the Minor Prophets. I know that this may not sound all that thrilling, but these neglected books are full of powerful truth for our current time. In the book of Malachi, we see that God's people have returned from exile and they have been back in their land for almost 150 years at the time of Malachi's ministry. You would think that this would have been a great time of spiritual vitality, but this was an unprecedented time of spiritual decay. The nation was not prospering it was decaying.

The reason that this is so incredibly alarming is because we find ourselves in a time that is very similar to 5th century BC Israel. History has a funny way of repeating itself. Edward Gibbon wrote a masterful work on the fall of the Roman Empire. Throughout his six volume set on why the Roman Empire fell, he lists five major reasons. Gibbon was not a Christian, he was a secularist and he partially blames Christianity for the fall of the empire. Two of his reasons for the fall of the Roman Empire really grabbed my attention. For our purposes, Gibbon blamed the implosion of the empire on the weakening of the family and the widespread practice of divorce throughout the empire. Again, Gibbon was not a Christian, but he understood how a weakened family will produce a weak state.

The second relevant factor was the decay of religion. Gibbon is a little difficult to follow on this, but his conclusion is sound. From Gibbon's vantage point, he blamed Christianity's worldview for making its adherents bad citizens of Rome. Christian's were not patriotic because they had their ultimate hope in another world. While Gibbon did not appreciate this, our hope should be in another kingdom. So this understanding of ultimate allegiances is a sign of faithfulness to the Gospel. However, his observation concerning religion is very helpful for us to consider.

Before the time of Constantine, the Roman Empire persecuted Christians. In the 300's the Roman Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the state. When the church suffered, it was strong; when the church was privileged it became weak and started to implode from within. Instead of trusting in the gospel, the church began to trust in political favor. This led to a hollowing out of true Christianity and Christianity became more ritualistic and ceremonial and a lot less powerful. Gibbon's conclusion is that Rome did not fall because of invaders from outside of the empire, Rome imploded from within. As Americans and more importantly, as Christians, may we see the absolute necessity of the power of the Gospel. Decay is happening all around us. Only the Gospel can stop the decay. Rome wasn't built in a day and Rome did not die in a day. It was a slow death marked by decay from the inside.

# Hilliard Assembly Youth Rate Superior

On July 30 through August 3, Hilliard First Assembly's youth were invited to attend the National Fine Arts Festival for the Assemblies of God. The event was held at the convention center in Orlando. Churches from all over the nation were in attendance. The purpose of this event is to develop talents and gifts that these young students have. It gives them opportunities to learn how to use them to further the kingdom of Christ.

Hilliard First Assembly was one of many youth groups to attend, perform and learn. They performed in the category of Human Video, along with 201 other groups. They were rated Superior, which is the highest rating, and they were in the top 75. The group also



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had other performers as well including: Female Vocal Solo Senior, Musical Theatre and Short Sermon Senior. All of the students were outstanding and we are very proud of them.

If you or your student is looking for a home church, we would love to have



## CHURCH NEWS

Lannie Road Baptist Church will hold their Fall Festival this Saturday, September 28 from 4-7 p.m. Come and enjoy games, prizes, food and fun! The church is located at 5998 Lannie Road, Jacksonville, 904-924-9240

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## Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their final meeting of September. Two public hearings were held prior to the actual meeting concerning amending Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations, however there was no public comment for either ordinance.

The first order of business concerned the possible large project on US 1 being discussed with Mr. Bobby Franklin, contractor of the project. The council held a workshop with Mr. Franklin where the council requested Mr. Franklin to have a traffic study done concerning the project. The council will wait until the study is done to discuss further plans about the project with Mr. Franklin.

Per Town Clerk Lisa Purvis, the Planning & Zoning Board met September 10 and approved unanimously Ordinance 2019-07 and Ordinance 2019-08.

Second and final reading was held on Ordinance 2019-07 which concerned amending Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations of the Hilliard Town Code; amending Section 62-287 Mobile Home District RMH. "We are adding Recreational Vehicles to this section, correct?" asked Council President John Beasley.

"Yes. That is the only change," added Purvis.

The council approved the ordinance.

Second and final reading was held on Ordinance 2019-08 which concerned amending Chapter 62 Zoning and Land Development Regulations of the Hilliard Town Code; amending Section 62-355 Mobile Homes and Temporary Offices. "Exceptions will be reviewed twice a year for new homes, correct?" asked Beasley. "That is correct,"

answered Purvis.

"There are six (6) homes that are exempt from the new amendment, correct?" asked Councilman Lee Pickett. "This change does not affect those six residents. If we did not change this it would have," answered Town Attorney Christian Waugh.

The council approved the ordinance.

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis advised the council that bids went out for Grant Administrators and we only received one proposal. The proposal came from Fred Fox & Associates, which is our current Grant Administrator. These proposals were sent to our local papers plus Jacksonville. Their fee is before you: \$52,000 for grant writing and \$5,000 for applications. I am requesting to approve and sign the contract. The council approved Fred Fox & Associates.

Purvis also advised the council that bids went out for Engineering Services for the Community Development Block Grant FFY 2018. Again, we only had one proposal from Mittauer & Associates, Inc. Their cost is also before you: \$105,700. I am requesting to approve and sign the contract. The council approved Mittauer & Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services.

Assistant Public Works Director Greg Grooms requested approval to repair storm drains on W. Sixth Street off of a state contract using Enivrowaste Services Group, Inc. "The project will replace the basin, 1 storm drain, lining, repairing the manhole and filling around it," said Grooms. "The cost will be \$14,129."

The council approved the repair.

The next meeting of the council will be Thursday, October 3 at 7 p.m.



## Schwend Insurance Inducted into Hall of Fame

Schwend Insurance (Paul Schwend), in Callahan, was among 50 agents from around the country to be inducted this past week into the Foremost Insurance Hall of Fame. The event was held at the Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Foremost Insurance (Farmers Insurance Group) has over 30,000 agents nationwide.

"I'm very proud of our team, Brenda, Stephanie, Susan and Joshua to be named among the very best agencies in the nation," said Paul Schwend.



Shown (l to r) are: Bob Sadler, SVP of Foremost; Paul Schwend, Schwend Insurance; Mike Cok, CEO of Foremost Insurance; and Eric Kappler, President of Foremost.

## Callahan Garden Club News

The Garden Club of Callahan began its 2019-2020 year on September 11 with a 'Welcome Back' meeting that included a plant share and discussion of garden tips. President Donna Rau welcomed members back from our summer break.

The Garden Club of Callahan meets at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month September through May. Garden education is the focus of each meeting and we enjoy learning from guest speakers who are highly skilled and experienced in various areas of horticulture. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 2 and visitors are always welcomed! Meetings are held at our clubhouse at 45251 Fourth Avenue in Callahan.



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## Pate Ministries News



of the Word of God, by praying and praising the Lord is worth it all. We are so grateful for our partnership with the smallest of churches that displays our newsletters on their bulletin boards to our largest churches that put us on their websites.

To support Pate Ministries financially visit: [www.pateministries.org](http://www.pateministries.org) or mail your contributions to: For The Children Ecuador, Inc., DBA Pate Ministries, Gary Pate, PO Box 893, Callahan, FL 32011. We are all a TEAM and it is for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you and God bless you for your continued prayers and financial support to For the children Ecuador and Pate Ministries. There are many ways to see what the Lord is doing through Pate ministries, so check out the following:

Our new website [www.pateministries.org](http://www.pateministries.org) and social media sites: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat. We also have a YouTube channel.

We always have to be flexible! Sometimes we have to do a Children's Bible lesson outside (the weather may not be so friendly) to doing the Bible lesson inside where it is more comfortable.

The children bring their small siblings and friends, but sometimes they bring a various array of pets to Bible Club. Sometimes the buildings we meet in are super nice and others may be in a basement with a dirt floor and an outhouse. Some places the children sit on the floor, in chairs or benches.

Sometimes we get to sneak in a special treat, such as the random ice cream truck that we found on the street and treated the children in our Bible Clubs to an ice cream cone. What a treat for these children!

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# The Nest, A Women's Center

Dawn S. West

For a couple of years, we at the Westside Journal have been a collection site for The Nest. Recently, I have been asked questions about The Nest and what they do. That's when I realized we probably needed to do an updated story about them. First and foremost, thank you to the many people that have donated baby items, diapers, lap blankets, cribs, formula, clothes and even maternity clothes. They have all been appreciated and gratefully accepted. You have helped to get their 'baby boutique' stocked and up and running and it is precious!

The Nest is a women's center that offers: FREE Pregnancy Testing; Limited OB Ultrasounds; Options Counseling; Parent Education Programs; Adoption Advocacy; and



Post Abortion Healing Support; and much more. They cater to any woman or young lady that thinks she may be pregnant and doesn't know where to go. They not only do the pregnancy test but give you direction. Many of these young ladies don't have anything so any items that are donated are welcomed.

Once these ladies have decided to move forward with their pregnancy, they are taught how to take care of themselves and their babies. The Nest also offers parenting classes in which these young mothers-to-be can earn points to shop in the boutique. Many also bring their boyfriends with them to the classes. The Nest also offers Bible study classes for those wishing to take them. Everything is free.

So young mothers who read this and are ready to get rid of your newborn clothes, pack and plays, playpens, blankets and yes maternity clothes...bring them to the Westside Journal and we'll



see that they make it to The Nest. Currently, they are looking to open a branch in Nassau County but haven't found a location. They are currently working out of Dr. McGrath's office in Yulee on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, October 10, The Nest will host a women's event 'In Her Shoes'



with guest speaker Stephanie Shott. Stephanie has quite a story to tell and you don't want to miss it. The event will include a Vendor Fall Market, dinner, door prizes and of course Stephanie Shott. The event will be held Thursday, October 10 from 5-9 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach, 1600 S. 8th Street. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be ordered by calling 904-619-4914 or by visiting [www.thenestwomenscenter.org](http://www.thenestwomenscenter.org).

## Out with a Boom Fireworks Viewing at FBC

Mayor Marty Fontes

Callahan First Baptist has not only contributed to the Callahan Parade and Out with a Boom Fireworks but is also setting up an alternative viewing site for those who want to watch the fireworks from the church's parking lot on Sunday, December 29.

Other committed contributors include: Schwend Insurance, Florida Power and Light, The Anchor Church, the Nassau County Record, First United Methodist Church, Westside Journal, Northeast Florida Economic Board,

Rivers Edge Church, VyStar, West Nassau High School and the Town of Callahan.

When you are watching the parade in town or viewing the fireworks from the WNHS football field, Callahan First Baptist or your backyard, remember to thank and support the churches and businesses that have contributed to these great events.

For more information on the Christmas Parade, A Callahan Christmas and Out with a Boom please visit [www.townofcallahan-fl.gov](http://www.townofcallahan-fl.gov).

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# Hilliard Homecoming King & Queen Candidates



Hilliard Middle-Senior High School will celebrate homecoming this week with activities all week. The celebration will culminate Friday with the Homecoming parade in Hilliard beginning at 2:45 p.m. starting at the Hilliard Elementary School. The parade will travel down Ohio Street, turn left and travel to CR 108, turn left on Oxford Street and left again on 6th Street to return to Hilliard Elementary.

The crowning of the Homecoming Court will be Friday night at the

football game. Hilliard Middle School candidates will be announced prior to the game beginning at 6 p.m. Hilliard High School candidates will be announced at halftime of the football game.

Shown are the Hilliard High School candidates for Homecoming King and Queen: Chloe Arnold, Alexis Coleman, Katelin Franklin, Sara Rewis, Sarah Smith, Dylan Browning, Dillon Hbaba, Tre' Rush, Cole Tilley and Nathan Dowie (not pictured).

# New Beginnings and Milestones

## Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Conner Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Donnie and Joan Conner, of Hilliard, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 8. They were married August 8, 1969 in an outdoor wedding at Joan's parent's home in Folkston. Donnie was in the US Army and had just returned from 1 year in Vietnam. They left right after their honeymoon for a year of duty in Germany. They returned to Florida in August 1970.

They celebrated their special milestone with a wonderful dinner, hosted by their children, at the home of (their son) Gannon and Amy Conner. Amy made a beautiful 50th Anniversary cake! They had a wonderful time with all their children and grandchildren!

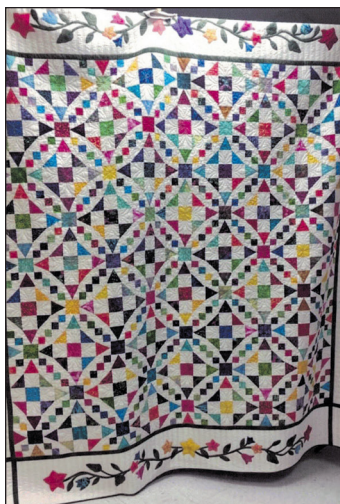
They have four children,

Tara and Bobby Franklin of Hilliard, Gannon and Amy Conner of Hilliard, Erin and Ted Owens of Fruit Cove and Garrett and Lara Conner of La Plata, Maryland. They also have 11 grandchildren, Grace, Katelin and Jake Franklin; Landon and SaraLisa Conner; Tucker, Tanner and Courtney Owens; and Jackson, Tyler and Hunter Conner!

"We thank God for the joy and the blessings of our marriage and our life!"



## Quilt Raffle for Quilt Guild



The Country Star Quilt Guild is selling tickets for their Annual Opportunity Quilt. It is a colorful, queen/king size pieced quilt with appliqued borders. Two matching pillow shams are included. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the Westside Journal office (450034 State Rd 200, Callahan) until December 9. The quilt will be displayed at the Journal office.

Tickets will be available at the Northeast Florida Fair in Callahan October 10 - 20 where it will also be on display. The drawing will be held during the Guild's December meeting on the evening of December 9. All proceeds go towards the Country Star Quilt Guild's charity projects. Five members of the quilt guild made the beautiful quilt with a combination of

"Flight" and "Shoo-Fly" pieced blocks, appliqued flowers and hand sewn seed bead accents dressing the borders and custom quilting.

## Makenna Rene' Peebles



Matthew and Kristen Peebles, of Bryceville, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Makenna Rene' Peebles. Makenna was born July 22, 2019 at 7:53 a.m. at Baptist Hospital Jacksonville. She weighed 8.5 pounds and measured 20.5 inches.

Proud grandparents are Mack and Beverly Peebles of Bryceville; Nita Svendsen; and Keith Tucker,

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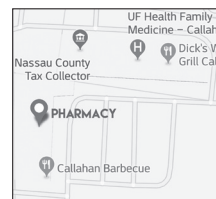
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# Billy Flynn 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Held Saturday

Dawn S. West

Once again I am reminded of my childhood when I think of the special Flynn family. The 50th anniversary Memorial service was held Saturday for Billy Flynn. Many questioned (even myself) why this service was being held 50 years later? By attending the service, I understood why. This was above all a special memory for the family. When Billy passed away 50 years ago, he not only left behind his parents but also six siblings and numerous other family members and countless friends. This was such a special service that gave the family time to reflect on the amazing life of their brother and see the many lives he touched in the short time he was on this earth. The service began with a presentation of colors by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Nassau County Chapter #1088 Color Guard. The National Anthem was sung beautifully by



Chapter #88 presented each of Billy's siblings with a Vietnam War Certificate of Honor and a lapel pin. He was assisted by State Representative Cord Byrd.

Natalie Drake sang God Bless America as the service came to a close. Bobby Flynn once again addressed the crowd thanking the many that



Emily Ford, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, lead by Brent Sikes (nephew of Billy) Boy Scouts Troop #351. The powerful invocation was said by Chaplain (COL) Daniel O. Davis, Jr.

Billy's brother Bobby compiled a letter that he wrote to Billy and shared it with the audience. Bobby's wife Kay read the letter as he was too emotional. His thoughts included, "...How I have thought about you many times and wandered what awesome things you would have accomplished in your life. You have so many nieces and nephews that you would be so proud of but you never got the chance to meet. Our lives have never been the same since that day. Our only hope is that we will one day see you again, thanks to Jesus."

Callahan Mayor Marty Fontes read a proclamation from the Town of Callahan proclaiming September 20, 2019 Billy Flynn Day in the town. Fontes presented the proclamation to Bobby Flynn who accepted it for the entire family.

MSG (R) Mike Ricketts, President Special Forces (Green Beret) Association



attended this special service. The service was closed in another powerful prayer by Chaplain (COL) Daniel O. Davis, Jr.

Following the service, everyone enjoyed some food and a time of fellowship together. Several members of Billy's Callahan High School graduating Class of '68 attended the special service.

May God continue to bless the Flynn family.



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# POLICE REPORTS

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**Tuesday, September 17**

Levi Thomas Cole, 38, 46112 Second Avenue, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine

**Wednesday, September 18**

Jason Charles Riker, 33, 28236 Bow Tie Ally 16, Hilliard: Driving While License Suspended with Knowledge

**Thursday, September 19**

Austin Blaine Martin, 24, 474760 Middle Road, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Theft of Motor Vehicles Less than \$100,000

Edward Michael Szakacsi, 33, 43239 Pinewood Court, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Prescription Drugs without Prescription

## Human Remains Found off Dyal Rd.

On September 15, 2019, Nassau County Sheriff Deputy David King responded to the intersection of Dyal Road and Silcox Place in Callahan in reference to a death investigation.

Upon his arrival he made contact with the complainants, Justin Blount and Brian Higginbotham. Both individuals stated they were in the woods looking for artifacts. Once the complainants got near a creek that runs through the property, they noticed what appeared to be a human skull lying in the creek. After that, they called for law enforcement to respond to the area.

Once deputies arrived back at the

scene more bones were discovered in and around the creek. The Nassau County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division and Crime Scene Unit were contacted to respond to the scene. Detective Thirsk, Detective Anno, Detective Herrington were first to arrive. The bones were collected from the creek.

Nassau Funeral Home was called per rotation to respond to the scene. Nassau Funeral Home transported the bones to the Medical Examiner's Office in Jacksonville. The identity of the subject is unknown at this time.

## NCSO Explorers Shine at State Meeting



The Nassau County Sheriff's Office Explorer Unit attended a Florida Sheriffs Explorers Association Delegates meeting in Manatee County recently. NCSO Explorer Elena Sharkey was voted onto the FSEA State Youth Board of Directors as the Northern Florida Vice President. Three NCSO explorers won awards for the shooting competition and two explorers won awards for the Physical Agility Test competition.

Award winners were: Kara

McLendon, Physical Agility Test 3rd Place Team; Jude Hendricks, 3rd Place .22 rim fire shooting competition; Tristan Murto, First Time Shooter High Score .22 rim fire shooting competition and Physical Agility Test 2nd Place Team; and Dylan Clay, 1st Place .22 rim fire shooting competition. Congratulations!

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**CLARK DAVIS**



Clark Davis, 67, passed away September 18, 2019, in Fernandina Beach. He was born October 25, 1951 in Folkston, to the late Bennie Davis, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Dixon Davis. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict.

Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 37 years, Brenda Davis; a brother Tracey Davis; and a sister Dixie Purcell.

He is survived by three children Sheri (Billy) Gaines, Mindy Davis and Misty (Johnny) Cao; four sisters Elizabeth (Charlie) Turner, Kelly (Chris) Palmrose, Avie Peebles and Lelila Murphy; three brothers Bennie Davis, Jr., Larry Davis and Wayne Davis; five grandchildren Auburn Gaines, Elizabeth Gaines, Jaymie Gaines, Makenzie Canaday and Alexxa Cao; one great-grandchild Jase Gaines; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The family received friends Monday, September 23 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, September 24 with Rev. Matt Rouse officiating at Jacksonville National Cemetery with full Military Honors.

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

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

**MARGARET BALES HALL**



Margaret Ann Bales Hall, 79, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away Tuesday, September 17, 2019 in St. Marys, Georgia, following a lengthy illness. She was born August 16, 1940 in Valdosta, Georgia to the late Robert Mathew Bales and Agnes Booth Bales.

She is survived by her husband of 60

**OBITUARIES**

years, Donald Ray Hall; children Darrell (Nancy) Hall of Callahan, Donya Cannon and Denise (Mark) Sikes; 13 grandchildren, Tiffany (Charles) Angels, Jared (Destiney) Hall, Jacob Hall, Tyler (Sarah) Cannon, Austin Cannon, Cody Cannon, Ryan (Amanda) Smith and Mark (Shelby) Sikes, Jr.; and eight great-grandchildren Brayden, Presley, Layne, Hope, Jackson, Henry, Luke and Liam.

The family received friends Sunday, September 22 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. The funeral service was held Monday, September 23 at Victory Baptist Church in Folkston, Georgia with Bro. Tim King officiating. Burial followed in Jacksonville National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Victory Baptist Church, PO Box 544, Folkston, GA 31537.

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**SHIRLEY C. HIGGINBOTHAM**



Shirley Catherine Higginbotham, 75, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on September 22, 2019.

She was born on April 3, 1944 in Jacksonville to Joe and Macy Sweat. Shirley was a member of River Road Baptist Church. She retired from the Nassau County School Board after many years of driving the school bus. Shirley was very active in her children and grandchildren's lives and found her joy in watching them participate in the things they loved.

Shirley is survived by her children Amanda (Larry) West and Wayne (Lauri) Higginbotham, all of Callahan;

siblings Leon Sweat and Linda Fischer; grandchildren Kaylee Higginbotham, Joshua (Sarah) Higginbotham and Taylor West; great-grandchildren Hunter and Ellie Higginbotham; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Albert Lee Higginbotham; and brothers J.E. Sweat, Sammy Sweat and Alvin Sweat.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, September 25 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel from 6-8 p.m. The funeral service will be held Thursday, September 26 at River Road Baptist Church at 11 a.m. with Pastor Benjie Lloyd officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations in her memory be made to her great-grandson Hunter Higginbotham's Leukemia fund: <https://www.facebook.com/Hunters-Leukemia-Journey-606056363248854/>

Pallbearers will be Mike Harris, Tony Higginbotham, Charlie Sweat, Jeremy Youmans, Thomas Pike and Brett Marchant. Honorary pallbearers will be Buddy West, Jimmy Higginbotham, Gene Cheshire, Ivey Cheshire and Georgia Cheshire.

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

**MARY STERLING MATTOCKS**



Mary Helen Stokes Sterling Mattocks, 85, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on September 22, 2019. She was born on January 16, 1934 in Lorida, Florida, to Robert and Mary Stokes. Helen retired from AT&T and was a member of the AT&T Pioneers. She enjoyed watching the squirrels play outside and loved her grandchildren dearly.

Helen is survived by her loving husband, Elwin Mattocks; children Ted (Susie Simmons) Sterling, Beverly (Kerry) Morgan and Debbie (Doug) Love; grandchildren Charlee (Jamie) Lindsey, Kohl Morgan, Jessie Hersey, Courtney Cunningham, Britanie Sterling, Chad Sterling, Shelby Simmons and Blaine

Sterling; great-grandchildren Chasadie Lindsey, Remington Lindsey, Kirie Phillips, Sylar Neipp and Alessa Neipp.

A viewing will be held Thursday, September 26 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel from 5:30-7 p.m. The funeral service will begin at 7 p.m. with Pastor Lloyd Mattocks officiating.

Interment will be held Friday, September 27 in Jacksonville National Cemetery at 10 a.m. Lane #3. Everyone invited after service to Ed and Helen's home.

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

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**MARIE CAROLYN MERCER**



Marie Carolyn Mercer, 78, of Callahan, went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Saturday, September 21, 2019. She was born May 20, 1941 in Alexander, Alabama to Martin and Eula DeBerry.

Marie was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She was a housewife who raised four children. She was a member of Lannie Road Baptist Church. Mrs. Mercer was preceded in death by her husband James Mercer; and a son Rodney Mercer.

She is survived by her children, Frank (Deidre) Mercer, Debbie (T.J.) Harrison and Derek (Kimberly) Mercer; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Tuesday, September 24 at Lannie Road Baptist Church in Jacksonville. Interment followed in Jones Cemetery, Callahan.

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

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 879-2336.

**PAUL DAVID STEELE**



Paul David 'PeeWee' Steele, 69, of St. George, Georgia, passed away on September 20, 2019. He was born on December 21, 1949 in Lexington, South Carolina to Henry and



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Ada Steele. PeeWee enjoyed coon hunting, driving his number 7 Race Car, playing cards with his family and he loved to fish.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Candy Steele; children David Steele and Shannon Lince; siblings Eddie Steele, Bianca Winter, Maxine Baker, Jeanie Baker, Raymond Steele, Gloria Frey and Patty Roush; grandchildren Brittany Cubbedge, Tiffany Steele, Garrett Steele and Gavin Steele; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Ada Steele; and siblings Helen Hyman and William Steele.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Tuesday, September 24 at New Life Baptist Church with Pastor James Conner and Pastor Trey Keene officiating.

Pallbearers were Charlie Rewis, Jason Rewis, Jerry Rewis, Jeremy Rowell, Keith Rowell and Conner Rewis. Honorary pallbearers were Harold Cardwell, Norval Conner, Johnny Robinson and Robert LaFollette.

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always be remembered for his big heart and compassion for others.

He is survived by his parents Donald and Nancy Strickland of Kings Ferry; son Chase (Lauren) Strickland of Hilliard; Chase's mother Dorothy Strickland; brother Mark Strickland; nephew Marcus Strickland; niece Presley Holman; his best friend Bobby (Christy) Gentry; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Donnie's life will be remembered on Saturday, September 28 at 2 p.m. at Ephesus Baptist Church, 48413 Ephesus Road, Hilliard.

## EVELYN LOUISE WHITEHEAD



Evelyn Louise Whitehead, 96, of Hilliard, went home to be with the Lord on September 19, 2019. She was born on June 16, 1923 in Jacksonville, to Earl Ray and Minnie Jane Smith. She was a member of the Methodist Church in Dinsmore and a graduate of Andrew Jackson High School. Evelyn loved to hunt, fish, gardening and working in her yard.

Evelyn is survived by her loving husband of 74 years, Horace E. Whitehead; daughters Sandra Hall and Elaine Whitehead; a brother Harold (Bertie Lee) Smith; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Monday, September 23 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Otis Whitehead officiating.

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## DONNIE STRICKLAND



Donnie Strickland, 48, of Kings Ferry, passed away from a brief illness on September 18, 2019 at Baptist Hospital in Jacksonville. Donnie was born on December 24, 1970 at St. Vincent's Hospital. He grew up in Kings Ferry. He graduated from Hilliard Middle-Senior High School in 1988. He loved to hunt, fish and spend time with his family. Donnie will

## Changes at the Fair!



Aerial view of the back parking lot

There was a little coolness in the air earlier this week making me think of the fair! The fair is coming in a couple of weeks (October 10-20)! We have had many questions concerning all the activity at the fairgrounds and wandering what's going on out there. We have an update from board member Paulette Kirkland about the current happenings at the fairgrounds!

The back parking lot is currently under construction. The entire back lot is scheduled to be paved. The main entrance to the fair will be in the back parking lot with entry on Musslewhite Road. There will still be grass parking on the north side of the fairgrounds. The



entire road in the front of the fairgrounds will be for handicap parking only. The booths in the vendor barn have been remodeled.

After tearing down the old Rodeo Arena bleachers, the wood from the seating was used to build benches for sitting areas around the fairgrounds. The North East Florida Fair Association (NEFFA) believes in recycling any of the used material. The legs are made from recycled plastic and the wood benches from the old bleachers.

When visiting the fair you will see many improvements around the grounds. During the fair, the erection of three additional buildings will be underway on the north end of the fairgrounds. These will be the Show Barn and two animal barns that will be used during the 2020 Fair.

NEFFA will continue to pursue state funding through the Department of Agriculture until the completion of this expansion project. We are very thankful for the help from our local legislators, senators and Governor DeSantis for their support.

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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!



## Hilliard Elementary School's Annual Pow Wow

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# Flashes Strike Down Knights

Holden McMillen

In the first home game since Nathan Dowie's injury, the Hilliard Flashes returned to Flashes Field energized and ready to roll as they looked to rebound against a formidable opponent the St. Joseph's Knights.

The Knights opened the game with the ball and got off to an electrifying start, by returning the opening kick 83 yards for a touchdown. After a missed 2-point conversion, the Knights got off to a good start with an early 6-0 lead. But, the Flashes were able to respond on offense when freshman quarterback Lyle Bennett was escorted into the end zone by the offensive line. After a missed extra point, the Flashes tied the game at 6-6. The defenses stood tall and ended the 1st quarter tied.

Much of the same happened in the 2nd quarter, but it did not come without any controversy. After an explosive play on offense, the Knights' quarterback took a knee, but the clock stopped. When the quarterback takes a knee, the clock continues to run, basically ending the half. That wasn't the case and the Knights were able to kick a 27-yard field goal to end the 1st half leading 9-6.

Having extra motivation, the Flashes were determined to change the outcome of the game. And they were able to do just that, when Bennett threw a 49-yard pass to junior running back Tywuan Lee for a touchdown. After a failed extra point, the Flashes took their first lead of the night 12-9 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Going into the 4th, the Flashes wanted to take control of the game. They did and then some when senior linebacker Seth O'Neil intercepted a deflected pass and returned it inside the 5-yard line. The Flashes made the most of it when Bennett punched it in from 6-yards out. After a failed 2-point conversion, the Flashes extended the lead to 18-9. But wait, there's more! The Flashes defense continued to impose their will when a pair of

seniors made plays when defensive end Tanner Morgan forced a fumble and linebacker Kale Corbitt recovered at the 1-yard line. The next play, the Flashes' offensive line helped Bennett score, similar to their first score of the game. After a failed extra point, the Flashes extended the lead to 24-9. Senior safety Jacob Crews capped off the night with an interception, the Flashes dominated in their return home with an emphatic 24-9 victory of the St. Joseph's Knights.

Offensively, the Flashes, as a team, ran the ball 41 times for 136 yards and 3 touchdowns. Junior running back Tywuan Lee led the charge with 14 carries for 72 yards; D.J. Coston had 13 carries for 35 yards; Lyle Bennett had 7 carries for 16 yards and 3 touchdowns; and Cody Bright had 7 carries for 13 yards. Bennett threw 4/13 for 91 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Lee caught a 49-yard touchdown pass; Jason Sheffield had 2 receptions for 37 yards; and Bright had a reception for 6 yards.

Defensively, the Flashes held a potent Knights offense to 9 points, sacked the quarterback 5 times, and forced 4 turnovers. Leading the charge was Tanner Morgan with 6 tackles, a forced fumble, and 3 sacks; Seth O'Neil had 4 tackles, an interception, and a fumble recovery; Kale Corbitt had 3 tackles, a fumble recovery, and a pass break up; Jason Sheffield had 3 tackles; Tristin Moody had 2 tackles, a forced fumble, and a sack; Josh Yancey and Anthony Conner had 2 tackles; D.J. Coston had 2 tackles and an interception; Cameron Cheverra 1 tackle; Nathan Wilson 1 tackle and a sack; and Jacob Crews had an interception.

This week will be a special time of the year, Homecoming 2019! The Hilliard Flashes look to repeat their success from last week as they welcome the Wolfson Wolfpack to Flashes Field at 7 p.m.

Come out and support your hometown team. Go Flashes! #Nathanstrong



# Warriors on the Winning Path!

Kyle Pipkin

The Warriors extended their winning streak to three in row against Bishop Kenny with a 31-20 victory Friday night. We keep this up and could be primed for another playoff run. The game was also the 'Game of the Week' for Channel 4!

The Warrior offense looked a little different this week. They threw the ball 29 times which is much more than any other game thus far. Chaz Hirschman was 11 of 15 for 150 yards with one touchdown completing almost 75 percent of his passes. Blayze Padgett was 8 of 15 for 149 yards and one touchdown. Zorian Stanton was on fire with nine receptions for 152 yards and a touchdown. The Warriors, as a whole, had almost 300 yards through the air Friday night.

The Warriors again had a committee of rushers totaling 163 yards on the ground. Chaz Davis had a very nice 28-yard run the longest of the night. Blayze Padgett and Leggarius Johnson both had one rushing touchdown a piece.

The Warrior defense played well having as a team, nine tackles for loss. Ethan Webb and Dallas Raulerson had

two tackles each; Ethan Webb had the lone sack for the game for an 8-yard loss on the play. Zorian Stanton also got it done on defense with a nice fumble recovery.



Also want to make sure we give a shout out to William Carroll who made a 40-yard field goal for the Warriors and also went 4 of 4 on extra points. Overall,

it was nice to have another win this Friday. I'd like to see some passing out of the Warrior offense. This is something we may have to have moving forward. For the most part the Warriors, as a whole, did clean up the turnovers. Great job guys! The Warriors will be off this week with an open date. Their next game will be Friday, October 4 as they travel to Bradford!



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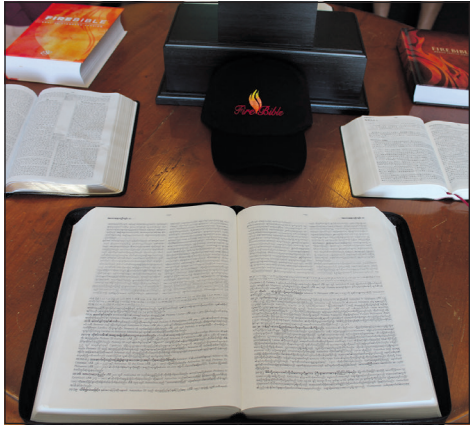
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# Fire Bible Golf Tournament Held



Dawn S. West

Last Friday, Hilliard First Assembly held their 4th Annual Fire Bible Golf Tournament. The Lord truly blessed the day with beautiful weather and a breeze! The event was held at North Hampton Golf in Yulee. There were 12 teams with over 45 golfers participating in the event. Hole sponsors signs were placed at holes throughout the course. Pastor Arlie Johns welcomed the group and thanked them for being a part of such a great event.

The event began with a word of prayer and the tournament began. Coolers filled with ice cold water and apples were available for the golfers throughout the course. When the golfers finished playing, they were treated to a dinner in the clubhouse.

The winners were: 1st Place, Al Force and Steve Goss (not pictured AV Shaw, III, AV Shaw, IV); 2nd Place winners: Bobby Wilfong, Rick Omesol, Hal Davidson and Steve Schaich.

The tournament is a ministry



of Hilliard First Assembly of God to purchase Fire Bibles to be sent throughout the world. The Fire Bible is a study bible that has been translated in many different languages to be used throughout the world. Some of the first translations were completed in Portuguese, Spanish, English, Russian and Chinese. Since 1996, over 50 languages have been produced, with over 10 million in print worldwide, and other language editions are continually being published.

## Yard Sale/Blood Drive/Child ID Event Saturday, September 28 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. @ Callahan Masonic Lodge



The Callahan Chapter #154 Order of the Eastern Star will host a Yard Sale Fundraiser Saturday, September 28 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Callahan Masonic Lodge behind Callahan Town Hall. The address is 45085 Brookins Drive, Callahan. A portion of the proceeds from the yard sale will go the Wreaths Across America organization to purchase wreaths for Veterans graves at Christmas.

Members of the Masonic Lodge will also be on hand to do children IDs and the service will be free. The Florida Masonic Child ID Program has exemplary volunteers. It is focused

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