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MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY, BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL.” - EPHESIANS 5:15-16

## Welcome to Callahan Journey Food Store!

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Journey Food Store had a soft opening last Wednesday, August 26. I say soft opening because there was still some outside landscaping happening along with making sure that any glitches were all worked out. Journey Food Store is a family owned and operated business, owned by Max and Stephanie Davis of Macclenny.

They own another store which is located in Glen St. Mary. “What started as a run to Hilliard for some hay, turned out to be



an opportunity,” said Max. “I passed the property and thought this would be a good place for another store. We did some checking into the property and purchased it, then began the process.”

The property is located caddy cornered across from Cedar River Seafood and right beside the Country Financial Credit Union. The store, offering Mobil gas, houses 6 diesel pumps in the rear of the building and 12



pumps in the front of the store. They offer regular and premium gas, non-ethanol, farm diesel and regular diesel. The store is a very handy convenience store along with a truck stop for tractor-trailers to fuel up or catch a nap. When finished and striped, there will be 24 parking spaces in the rear for semis. Truckers will be able to freshen up with

a shower, enjoy a hot meal and rest if necessary. There's even an outside eating area with fans. Entry and exiting from the store are very convenient. Coming from US 1 north, entry can be made by turning right on Old Dixie Highway and entering from the rear of the property or you can turn right directly off of US 1. Entering from US 1 south, drivers must turn left onto Old Dixie Highway and enter from the rear. To exit, heading



Owners Max and Stephanie Davis

back into Callahan, you exit in the front drive; heading north you must exit onto Old Dixie Highway and turn left to continue traveling.

Little Caesars Pizza is located in the store and they also have a drive-thru. Orders can be made in the drive-thru or come in the store to order your favorite selection! They have your normal convenience store items along with JOYO ice cream and frozen yogurt, available in regular cones, waffle cones or cups along with about 15 toppings.



They also offer Icees and specialty coffees with all kinds of creamers. Their deli serves cookies and cinnamon rolls and eventually will offer salads, sub sandwiches, taco salads, etc. They are currently offering pulled pork sandwiches.

The store is decorated with an array of wildlife, far beyond anyone's reach. It's a beautiful display and fits right in with the many hunters we have in our area. “During the initial set-up we had all hands on deck!” continued Max. “My wife and mother were in the deli and training in Little Caesars. My father was also here helping in any way he could and of course, I've been here tying up loose ends everywhere! It's truly a family business! We are so excited to be in Callahan and we look forward to being a huge part of this community for



years to come.”

Journey Food Store Callahan is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and they are still looking for employees. If you are interested, just visit the store and pick up an application.

“It is a great job opportunity to check into!” said Max. “Make sure to stop by and check us out!”



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# Successful Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Nassau County residents showed strong support for the rescheduled spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHWC) event on Saturday, August 15. In addition to collection of hazardous waste, residents also supported Barnabas Food Pantry during the event with the donation of 1,068 pounds (1/2 ton) of non-perishable food items.

Historically, averages of 350 residents participate in each Nassau County HHWC event. This year's event was an exception. During the same 4-hour period, 538 residents participated in the event making this the largest Nassau County event on



record. The event was scheduled as a contactless collection; residents were asked to stay in their vehicles and allow volunteers and staff to remove approved items from their vehicles. For the first time in event history, two residency verification stations were set up so two rows of vehicles could be processed simultaneously. Volunteers and staff worked through the sweltering heat at an average speed of 45 seconds per vehicle!

Twelve Keep Nassau Beautiful (KNB) Board Members and community volunteers, and approximately fifteen temporary staff were outfitted with

masks and gloves to unload resident vehicles and sort approved items for proper disposal or recycling. The 12 volunteers donated more than 60 hours of time on the day of the event.

It may be more than 30 days before full reporting on the weight and type of items collected, until then it is estimated electronics and latex paint will once again be in the top 3 items collected. "Year after year one of the most popular items for disposal during the HHWC event is latex paint. Many residents aren't aware they can dispose of latex paint throughout the year by following a few easy steps," said Lynda Bell, Executive Director for KNB. The steps include the purchase of any brand of cat litter. Add the cat litter to the latex paint can. Leave the lid off and give the

mixture time to dry out and solidify. Once the mixture has solidified the latex paint is not considered a hazardous waste. The can and solidified mixture may be disposed of during regular trash collection which may allow tax dollars to be used for disposal of other household hazardous waste items.

Becky Diden, Nassau County Solid Waste Recycle Coordinator, reminds residents the Nassau County Solid Waste Department Tire Amnesty Day is scheduled for September 12. "While Nassau County residents may dispose of up to 4 tires per household per year, Tire Amnesty Day provides an additional opportunity to properly dispose of up to 15 tires per household with no fee for disposal," said Diden. Visit the Nassau County website: <http://www.nassaucountyfl.com/368/Convenience-Recycling-Center> for more information.

KNB and Nassau County Solid Waste Department appreciate Nassau County residents and community volunteers, Nassau County Road Department, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, U.S. Ecology, Sensible Recycling, Barnabas Food Pantry, and Nassau County Sheriff's Department for their participation in the collection and responsible disposal of household hazardous waste. The next Nassau County Household Hazardous Waste Collection event is already being planned. Sign-up for the Keep Nassau Beautiful newsletter at: [www.keeptnassaubeautiful.org](http://www.keeptnassaubeautiful.org) for details.



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## Warrior Band Needs Help!

As we move forward in to the second week of school, the athletics programs are also getting started. When I rounded the corner to catch a few pictures of the Warrior band practicing, I timed it just right! They began playing 'Cherokee'! Yes, as my eyes filled with tears! Such a softy!



I truly cherish the memories and times as an alumnus of West Nassau High School!

The West Nassau Warrior Band is a huge part of the athletics of West Nassau. The band members, along with Band Director Jason Eason, have been practicing outside in the heat for the upcoming season, as well as the football teams. This year's season has been changed somewhat as for people attending the games. However the Warrior band will still be performing at the games.

The Warrior Band has chosen to pull



out of the stands and move to one of the end zones to allow more seats for the public. The only problem is, they (the band) need some bleachers to sit on. Mr. Eason has priced some out at a cost of around \$15,000. This will be something the band members must raise privately. Also, one of the band's largest fundraisers happens at the NE FL Fair, which has been cancelled this year. They do plan to still have the food fundraiser at the same time the fair would have been here. Plans are being finalized now for that.

Those wishing to donate to the 'Bleacher Fund' for the band may make checks payable to the Warrior Band Boosters. Checks may be dropped off at West Nassau High School or mailed: 1 Warrior Drive, Callahan, FL 32011. A GiveButter account at: [www.givebutter.com/wbbleachers/warriorbandboosters](http://www.givebutter.com/wbbleachers/warriorbandboosters) has also been started for the band.

## JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Popeye used to say, "Enough is enough and enough is too much", and then he would eat a can of spinach and correct the situation. That's how I feel about the continuous rioting, looting and destruction that have been occurring nightly for over 90 days all across America. Enough is enough! This criminal behavior has long since been about the death of George Floyd or even the criminal Jacob Blake. This is the result of the "time out" generation that feels they are due everything they want because mommy and daddy taught them this way. Of course this narrative falls right in to the hands of the Progressive Left's agenda. What we are witnessing today in our great country is verbatim to the communist manifesto on how to conquer America. These criminal protesters are being well funded to wreak havoc on these major cities while the liberal mayors and governors sit back and refuse to restore law and order. There are millions of true red blooded Americans of all ethnicities that are growing very tired of this lawlessness behavior. Many are about to open a can of spinach!

I by no means am indicating that vigilantism is the answer or would be healthy for our country. It would actually be a sad blemish to our country. However, Americans are not going to sit around forever as lawlessness abounds and the governments do nothing to control it. The occurrences of today's

times reinforce the reason our founding fathers created the 2nd Amendment. It is the same reason the oath of service states that one protects America from both foreign and domestic enemies. The Antifa and Black Lives Matter organizations are domestic enemies. The BLM movement attempts to disguise themselves as a group concerned about black lives, which would be fine, but the truth of this organization is dark and divisive. Research BLM's founding for the real truth. Why does it not resonate that all lives matter? This year as of August 30th there have been 661 civilians shot by law enforcement officers, 123 of whom were black. This means 528 were not black. How many names of this 528 have you heard of? My answer is zero. Why? It only fits the progressive socialist agenda if it a black. The black community is unfortunately being used by the people that will destroy them once they have control. The continued practice of the socialist to dangle the carrot of free everything if you follow me and vote for me is going to turn out very bad for the people.

All the while, the true loving American leaders are offering a much greater free give-away. They are offering Free Markets, Free Trade, Freedom of Religion, Free Speech and Freedom to Bear Arms according to the Republican Insight. I'll take it!

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



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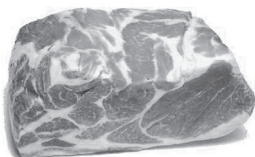
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# What Divides Us? What Unites Us?

Pastor Marty Paparo, Friendship Alliance Church, Callahan



This month, in our church on Sunday mornings, we have begun a study of the book of 1 Corinthians. We refer to the church in Corinth, at that time, as being a “Hot Mess.” Paul addresses several problems in the church including sex, food, gatherings, the resurrection and of course, division.

Paul spends the first 4 chapters talking about the division found in this church. He lays out how they are divided by who their leader is: *“I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?”* (1 Corinthians 1:10-13 ESV). The people of the church in Corinth found their status in who their leader was.

It reminds me of my Facebook newsfeed today. I have some very liberal and very conservative friends. Every day different ones make their case with a meme or article showing how great their political leader is and how bad the other is. Then others come along and agree and still others come along and argue. After a few comments, things begin to get ugly.

Today, we have picked our leader and we stand strong for them. We are proud of our party and our leader. But should it cause division? Paul asks us this question in the passage above: *“Is Christ divided?”* He also urges us: *“that all of you agree.”* Another translation says, *“speak the same thing.”* In fact, the exact definition of the Greek word, “speak” (Strong’s 3004), is “to profess one and the same thing.”

As Christians, how do we do speak the same thing. Aren’t the candidates and the principles and the ideas we all support mutually exclusive? What do we say and do when our newsfeed is full of political ads, new stories about how each candidate is a liar, protestors and rioters and everyone’s opinion on who is right and who is wrong. I found one Christian who has discovered a great response. His name is Sam Bethea and every day he can be found in the streets of Charlotte, NC, holding his written message: “Jesus Saves.” Concerning the protests, he said, “With the protesters, you know, I welcome them. For me, it’s a bigger platform than what I normally have being everyday Uptown. So, I’m out here with the same simple message. Good news, Jesus Saves and Jesus loves you.”



When our nation is a “Hot Mess,” we, as Christians, can speak the same thing. We can proclaim the Gospel to anyone who will listen. Our message to speak the same thing is simply: “Jesus Saves.”

# Quilt Guild to Meet September 14!

Lori Frederick

What is it about Fall that almost feels like a new beginning? Perhaps it’s the hope of cooler days after a long hot and wet summer. Or perhaps it’s the return of all things Pumpkin Spice. Along with all the wonderful things that embodies the season of Autumn is the fact that we begin a new year for our guild meetings. This is also a good time for any quilters (new or seasoned) from the community to join us.

In spite of the past 6 months of our lives being disrupted by the virus, we will return to our regularly scheduled meetings beginning Monday, September 14 in a new location: The Anchor Church, in Callahan, 541798 US Highway 1, Callahan. We have plenty of space to social distance and take the necessary precautions that are appropriate for this season of community life.

We are looking forward with much

anticipation to this coming guild year as it will be packed with great speakers, interactive activities, workshops, sit-n-sews, a retreat in February, just to mention a few things planned. Our speaker for September will be Kathy Stipe, the Non-Traditional Quilter.

Kathy is a wealth of information. You will not want to miss her presentation.

We will be limiting our business portion of the meeting to allow Kathy to have enough time. Please be prepared to vote on our new budget. Our new Opportunity Quilt will be revealed and tickets will be available to purchase at the meeting. Please limit your show-n-tell finished projects to only two (2) for this meeting. Please bring your deposit/payment for the February retreat if you plan to attend.

See you Monday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, 7 p.m. meeting. Bring a friend or two!



# Upcoming Blood Drive & Child ID Event

The Callahan Chapter #154 Order of the Eastern Star will host their second annual Blood Drive and Child ID Event Saturday, September 19 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Callahan Masonic Lodge behind Callahan Town Hall. The address is 45085 Brookins Drive, Callahan.

Don Nichols, of the Masonic Lodge, will 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 on prevention, and provides a kit that

enables parents/guardians with the capability to quickly distribute digital information.

OneBlood will be on hand accepting blood donations. Vendors will be present including Premier Jewelry, Extreme Outdoors, Pampered Chef, Thirty-One, Handmade by Jewel and several craft vendors.

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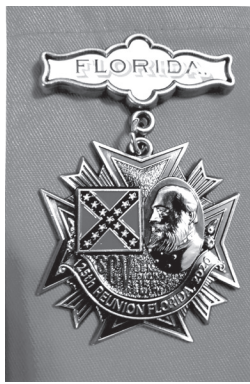
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## Kirby-Smith Camp Hosts National Reunion

Kim Hoffecker

On Wednesday - Saturday, July 15-18, 2020, the Kirby-Smith Camp #1209 was privileged to host the 125th National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at the Renaissance Hotel at World Golf Village. Business meetings, luncheons and tours all culminated with the Grand Ball on Saturday evening. Shown is the 2020 S.C.V. Reunion medal.



## Clothes Closet at Bryceville



The First Baptist Church of Bryceville, ladies group, is stocking their Clothes Closet in preparation for the upcoming school year. They are currently collecting donations for all age children.

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

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

## NCSO Charities Announces Golf Tournament

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office and NCSO Charities, Inc. are sponsoring the 6th Annual Sheriff's Golf Tournament on Friday, October 23, at Amelia National Golf and Country Club, 95211 Clubhouse Road, Fernandina Beach. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.; and the scramble shotgun start begins at 8:30 a.m.; followed with the awards ceremony and a great meal.

Please join us and test your skills against Sheriff Bill Leeper, fellow law enforcement officers and our area leaders while helping raise money for NCSO Charities, Inc. to benefit our community.



Form a 4 person team for \$500; or \$125 per person. If you are not a good, golfer, don't worry. You can still support a great cause by being a sponsor! Sponsorship levels are: Hole Sponsorship (signs) \$150; Beverage Sponsorships \$500; Event Sponsorship \$1,250; Long Drive Sponsorship \$300; and Closest to the Pin \$300.

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## WN Key Club Gives Thanks



Destiny Armstrong

On Friday, August 21st, West Nassau High School Key Club officers met to create thank you cards for the faculty and staff of WNHS. These students worked together to create and deliver goody bags and personalized notes for each member of the faculty and staff. This marks the beginning of Key Club's school and community outreach this year.



## RECREATION MEETING

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

The public is invited to make a comment or ask questions prior to the meeting by way or email or phone. Please submit your comments or questions no later than September 17 at 4 p.m. The email address is: parkcomments@nassaucountyfl.com. The phone number is: 904-530-6120.

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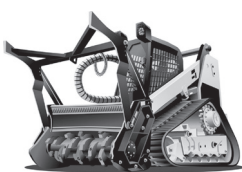
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# New Beginnings and Milestones

## Mr. and Mrs. Lovett Raulerson to Celebrate 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Lovett and Narine Raulerson of Callahan will celebrate their 69th 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 plans to celebrate this special milestone with a trip to Daytona to relax and spend time with some of their family! What a blessing they are to 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.



## Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore Celebrate 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Jack and Delores (Henderson) Moore, of Hilliard, celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on September 1. They were married in September 1, 1961 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Jack worked as a Systems Analyst for the FAA for 30 years and then as a contractor for DISC for five years in Hawaii, Atlantic City, NJ and Taiwan. Dee worked as a bank teller in Jacksonville and Hilliard for many years. They plan to celebrate their special milestone with family at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse in Jacksonville. They have two daughters Kim Galvin of Fernandina Beach and Lisa Morgan of Laurel Island, Georgia. They also have three grandsons Justin (Ashley) Morgan of Woodbine, Grant Galvin of North Pole, AK and Cody Morgan of Kingsland; and two great-grandsons Jayce and Kallen Morgan.



## Aubryn Marie Bolger



Adam and Ashley Bolger, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Aubryn Marie Bolger. Aubryn was born July 24, 2020 at 12:35 a.m. at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville. She weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and measured 20 inches. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Brenda Cole of Callahan. Paternal grandparents are Sharon Dodd of Callahan; and Larry Bolger. Aubryn was welcomed home by her proud big sister Anniston and big brother Asher!

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## Rose Wins 1<sup>st</sup> Place!



Brody Rose, 6, of Hilliard, won 1st Place in his age division in the "Back to School Kid's Kingfish Derby" held recently in Jacksonville. The kingfish weighed 29 pounds. Brody was fishing with his dad Lyle! His proud parents are Lyle and Anna Rose of Hilliard!

## Westside Journal Visits Key West!



Congratulations to Holly and Eric Lowe, of Callahan, who celebrated their 30th anniversary in Key West, the same place they celebrated their honeymoon in 1990. Their actual anniversary is August 10. Holly shared with us, "In a small way, the Westside Journal was a part of this anniversary!"



They had a great anniversary trip in Florida's own paradise Key West! Holly is shown with the famous 'end of US 1' sign!

## Fundraiser at Country Financial

Country Financial Credit Union is holding an Afghan Fundraiser to benefit the West Nassau Relay for Life. "We understand that many non-profits have suffered through this pandemic and year," said Branch Manager Susan Patterson. "This is our way of giving back to the community!"

Four handmade crocheted throws are on display at the Country Financial Credit Union in Callahan. There are four different colors to choose from and you may donate to all or your personal favorite. They were made by Paula Nettles, a teller at the Callahan Country Financial. You can choose from GA Bulldog themed, FSU Seminoles themed, American (red, white & blue) themed or FL Gator themed. Tickets are \$1; or 6 for \$5. They may be purchased inside the branch or even through the drive-thru!

Help support our local Relay for Life event! In case you don't know, Country Financial Credit Union is located at the corner of US Highway 1 and Old Dixie Highway, right beside the new Journey Food Store!



## Truck Rally Held to Honor Camron



Friday evening, the family of Camron Rogers was overwhelmed with joy at the huge impact their son had made in his short lifetime. Camron was involved in a horrific single vehicle accident Sunday, August 23. He was transported



the area where Camron lived, where his family and neighbors greeted them. Many thanks to so many people who helped including Callahan Speedway to allow the group to meet; Callahan Graphics for the many signs; Sign Dreamers (Phyllis) for the beautiful sign for the yard; ribbons made for all the mailboxes in the neighborhood! So many to list! The family was beyond thankful for such a special show of love for Camron! Thank you to any and all that worked to make this happen and participated. It was such a blessing for everyone.



to UF Health Jacksonville where he passed away from his injuries Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

Camron's sisters Tara, Kayla and Maegan joined together with friends to organize a truck rally in memory of Camron and to show their love for him and his family. Over 150 cars and trucks drove thru



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Birdbaths can be made from any shallow slope sided container. It's preferable that the container has a textured or rough surface to provide traction for bird feet and allows for other small animals like lizards to escape if they fall in. Water depth should only be an inch or so at the deepest and it's also helpful if the bath is sloped slightly so it has a shallow water portion, gradually deepening into a slightly deeper water level. This accommodates birds of a variety of sizes.

Locating the best placement of the birdbath is also important. Placing the birdbath closer to shrubs and plants provides a quick avenue of cover for birds and also provides shade for the water feature. Shade will also help cool the water and slows the growth of algae and bacteria.

A good maintenance program is also important. Change the water daily or no less than every 48 hours to keep the bath clean. This is particularly important in our hot summer months.

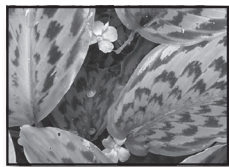
Birdbaths can also become a hatchery for mosquitoes. Refreshing the water on a daily basis or every 48 hours you will remove any mosquito larvae present. You can also buy mosquito larvicide

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**Q: Can I grow hostas in Nassau County?**

**A:** Hostas are popular plants in various regions of the country because of their broad leaves and ability to fill large spaces in landscaping. However, they can present specific challenges for growing in northeast Florida. They have winter requirements for a certain number of cold days during dormancy, acidic soil preferences and sensitivity to sunlight and salt spray. There are some varieties that do well locally, such as the African hosta (*Drimiopsis maculate*).

A lovely alternate to a hosta is the peacock ginger (*Kaempferia pulchra*). This lovely little plant has variegated and dappled leaves, small and delicate purple flowers, and enjoys shade. It's an excellent ground cover and blooms throughout the growing season. They are recommended for hardiness zones 8 through 11, so they're suitable throughout Nassau County.



Peacock gingers are deciduous, which means they will lose their leaves in the fall and winter but will briefly sprout in late winter/early spring. They are best planted in full shade to dappled sunlight and grow best in rich, well-drained soil. Be sure the soil does not dry out. They also do very well in flower pots and are a lovely accent for landscape patios or shady decks.

**Q: My neighbor has some of these plants in her yard. I was thinking about planting some in mine. Someone else said that they are invasive. Can you tell me what they are?**

**A:** Thank you for your question and the photograph you provided. The plant in the photograph, common name

## Garden Talk

Rebecca Jordi, UF/IFAS Nassau County Horticultural Extension Agent is a University of Florida faculty member. Mail questions to: Garden Talk, c/o Karl Shaffer, Nassau County Extension, 543350 US Hwy. 1, Callahan, FL 32011 or email kushaffer707@msn.com

elephant ear, *Xanthosoma sagittifolium*, is a non-native invasive plant species under the prohibited plant list In Florida. Elephant ear have big umbrella elephant ear shaped leaves which are very showy and dramatic. They have been introduced around Nassau County. This plant grows in a wide range of soil types and moisture levels, sandy soil to wet swampy areas. It can reach 9 feet tall and quickly overwhelming native and Florida friendly plants. The end result is a significant negative loss of native habitat and any animal communities associated with the native species.

Controlling elephant ear presents certain challenges. Physically removing the roots is one option but one has to be very careful as the leaves contain oxalic acid which can be irritating to exposed skin. Chemical control of elephant ears is somewhat limited. Repeated applications of glyphosates



may be effective if coupled with mechanical removal first. Be sure to follow manufacturers recommendations whenever applying a herbicide.

Another plant that is very close in appearance to elephant ear is the wild taro, *Colocasia esculenta*. It, too, is invasive but is generally found in wet soil areas. Like elephant ear, taro spreads rapidly and displaces more desirable native plants. It can also clog waterways impeding navigation and contribute to increased potential flooding by restricting runoff. These plants grow to over 4 feet tall and spread rapidly. Control is best done by physically removing plants and their root systems.

There are a number of native or Florida-friendly plants to consider that are better alternatives than elephant ears for our area. These plants are not invasive and can provide beautiful foliage and blossoms.

Plants to consider as alternatives to elephant ear are philodendron, many species of gingers, Fatsia, crinum and fire spike. Japanese Holly ferns, Farfugium, and lady palm are also good options.

## POLICE REPORTS

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**Wednesday, August 19**

Alison Lin Logue, 36, 27105 W. First Avenue, Hilliard: Failure to Appear No Motor Vehicle Registration

**Tuesday, August 25**

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### DAVID NOEL HICKS, SR.



David Noel Hicks, Sr., 45, of Hilliard passed away Friday, August 14, 2020 at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville. David was born in Macclenny on September 19, 1974 to the late Mr. Noel Hicks and Mrs. Barbara (Conner) Hicks. Mr. Hicks was a lifelong resident of Hilliard and worked as a Paramedic with Liberty Ambulance Service in Jacksonville for over 18 years. He was very passionate about his work. In his free time, David loved the outdoors, gardening, golfing, riding four wheelers and fishing, especially in the St. Marys River. Most of all, David enjoyed a simple life surrounded by family. He was preceded in death by his father, Mr. Noel Dwight Hicks.

He leaves behind to cherish the memories his beloved wife, Amanda Hicks of Hilliard; sons David (Brogan) Hicks and Adam (Courtney) Hicks, all of Hilliard; daughter Shealyn (David) Hicks of Hilliard; grandchildren Henry Hicks and Peter Hicks; mother Barbara (Frank) Hicks of Hilliard; brother Donnie (Melissa) Hicks of St. George; sisters-in-law Tracy (Drew) Yeaton of Tennessee and Kristie (Savannah) Poturich of Macclenny; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Tuesday, August 18 at New Life Baptist Church, St. George, Georgia. He was laid to rest in Conner Green Cemetery, Hilliard.

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

Condolences may be expressed at: [www.forbesfuneralhome.net](http://www.forbesfuneralhome.net).

### ALLEN CYLER KIRKLAND, JR.



Allen C. Kirkland, Jr., 82, passed away peacefully August 25, 2020. He was born August 16, 1938. Allen was a member of the Hilliard congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1986. He was a devoted follower of his faith not only with

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his words but by his example. He's been known over the years as: Junior, Red, AC or Kirk, but preferably as Allen and Brother Kirkland. He will be remembered as one whom thoughtfully made decisions and kept his word.

Allen is survived by his wife for nearly 50 years, Shirley L. Kirkland, knowing each for over 75 years; he was a father, mentor and friend to his children Ronald A. Kirkland, Cindy (Dan) Taylor, Debra (Wayne) West, Andrew (Francis) Herrin, Sharon (Robbie) Ormandy and Mark (Lynn) Herrin. They all love and miss him. The children all joke about how he managed to know when one was doing wrong. What was thought as punishment then were life lessons that are passed on now to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Allen spoke often and fondly of them with a special memory he had for each. Allen had fond memories also of cousins, nieces and nephews as children and into adulthood. Allen is also survived by one brother Larry (Patricia) Kirkland.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents Allen C Kirkland, Sr. and Mary Ann Kirkland (Crews); sisters Vera (Martin) Peck and Ruby (Martin) Beville. He truly loved his childhood and growing up with them as evidenced by his strong memory of that time. Born at home, working at an early age, he said many times it was a happy life.

The family wishes to thank the many friends of Allen, whom over the last few days have shown to us, the care and compassion he cherished and knew for many years.

A virtual memorial service is planned for Saturday, September 12 at 2 p.m. via Zoom meeting. The meeting address and information to access the memorial will be provided on the Callahan Funeral Home website: [www.callahanfh.com](http://www.callahanfh.com).

### GLYNN RICHARD LLOYD, SR.



Glynn Richard Lloyd, Sr., 84, of Homeland, Georgia gained his heavenly wings Wednesday, August 26, 2020, following a lengthy illness. He was born July 14, 1935 in Folkston, to the late John Rufus Lloyd, Sr. and Winnie May Guinn Lloyd. He enjoyed golfing, baking and building cabinets and wood working. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Folkston and served on the Homeland City Council.

Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by his wife Meryl Hannaford Lloyd; brothers Carl Alfred "Bud" Lloyd,

Sr., Ronald Roy Lloyd, Sr. and George Albert Lloyd; a sister Hazel Ruth Wise; and a grandson Jarrod Thomas Brannan.

He is survived by his children Glynn Richard (Angela) Lloyd, Jr., Ronald Wade (Joanne) Lloyd, John Wayne (Joann) Lloyd, Brenda Lloyd (Larry) Brannan and Teresa Anderson (Harry) Guinn; grandchildren Brian Richard Lloyd, Michael Anthony Lloyd, Gabriel Adam Lloyd, Timothy Joseph Lloyd, Eric Wade Lloyd, Anthony John Lloyd, Johnna Lloyd Taylor, Melissa Graham, Deana Bawkin and Tracey Guinn; brother John R. "Bo" (Janie) Lloyd, Jr.; sisters Judy Annette Dixon and Linda Gail (Kelly) Brown; 32 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Monday, August 31 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston. A graveside funeral service was held Tuesday, September 1 with Rev. Ray McMillan officiating, in Pineview Cemetery.

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

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

### CAMRON MICHAEL ROGERS



Camron Michael Rogers, 21, of Callahan, passed away August 25, 2020 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Camron was born June 5, 1999 in Camden County, Georgia. He was a 2017 graduate of Yulee High School. Camron was employed with TRF Kings Bay Naval Base. He loved and raced in motocross all over the place. He loved riding! He was a generous, kind person and he was the reason to be kind. He gave the gift of life as he was an organ donor. He was an outdoorsman who loved ATV riding, his truck and his friends! He was so kind to everyone.

He is survived by his parents Jason and Toni Rogers of Callahan; his mother Karen Rogers of Pensacola; sisters Tara Meyers of Maine, Kayla Greene and Maegan Boucher, both of Callahan; and many other family members.

A private family service will be held in Anderson, South Carolina.

### MARGARET L. SEELEY



Margaret L. Seeley, or more affectionately known as Mema, peacefully went to be with the Lord on August 29, 2020, surrounded by family and those that loved her most. She was born on May 16, 1938 in Chesapeake, Ohio. In 1955, she married her husband of 65 years, Raymond Seeley. They moved to Florida with their three children in 1967. She worked for the State of Florida as an Agricultural Inspector and retired after 26 years of service.

As a faithful wife and mother, she devoted herself to serving her family in many ways. This included creating a welcoming home where all could gather around for a cup of coffee or a glass of sweet tea. You could often find her in the kitchen willing to make you a most delicious meal. If she wasn't in the kitchen you could find her outside around the pond or tending to her garden. Her greatest joy, however, were her grandchildren. She always felt she was placed on this earth to take care of her grandbabies and great-grands.

She leaves to cherish in memory her loving husband, Ray Seeley; children Karen Seeley, Kenneth (Peggy) Seeley and Eric Seeley; sister Geri Maxson; brother Garland Mannon; grandchildren Nikki (Nic) Huston, Brittany (Jared) Cales, Chad (Kristi) Seeley, Halee (Michael) Tallman, Josh Seeley, Candace Huston, David Huston and Jessie Seeley; and many beloved great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of life service was held Wednesday, September 2 at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church with Pastor Jesse Pickett officiating. Interment followed at Oakwood Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service.

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

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### VICKIE ROBINSON SIMMONS



Vickie Sue Robinson Simmons, 73, was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 after a brief illness. She was born April 21, 1947 in Jacksonville, to the late Thomas James Robinson and Kathryn Cobb Robinson. She was a graduate of Baldwin High School Class of 1965 and

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resided in Hilliard since 1972. Vickie was a retired employee of the Nassau County School District giving more than 30 years of service. She worked as a Data Processor and was known by most who walked through the front office of Hilliard Elementary School. She was an active and faithful member of Gateway to Life Ministries. She and her husband Robert dedicated much of their time to Ravens of Elijah (Kingsland, GA) and Gateway to Life Food Ministry (Hilliard). She truly enjoyed serving her community and helping those in need. Vickie was a faithful servant of God and gladly shared her love for Christ with all she knew. She will be remembered for her sweet and kind heart who always put others first. She met the love of her life when she was just 13 years old and they were happily married for 55 years. Vickie dearly loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was always eager to show off the latest photos of her loves.

She is survived by her loving husband, Robert L. Simmons; two daughters Michelle (Charles) Plybon and Melissa (Clifton) Thomas; one sister Janie (John) Loftus; five grandchildren, Jamie (Heather) Simmons, Heith (Kodie) Plybon, Tyler Plybon, Ireland Dodd and Cross Thomas; four great-grandchildren Graylin, Brooklyn, Lee and Elle; many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews and hosts of friends. She is preceded in death by her parents Thomas James Robinson and Kathryn Cobb Robinson; sisters Foy Ann Robinson Blair and Mary Harris Robinson.

A celebration of life will be scheduled and announced in the near future.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

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

## MARY ALICE SPAULDING



Mary Alice Spaulding, 82, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, August 26, 2020. She was born May 9, 1938 in Florence, South Carolina to the late Thomas “Pete” Hudson and Julia Beville. Mary had lived in Jacksonville and Callahan for most of her life. She worked at Woolworth’s in downtown Jacksonville in the 60’s and after that became a fulltime house wife and mother. Mary was a member of the Good Samaritan Church. She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years,

Dewey Spaulding; and two stepdaughters Faye Tanner and Janet Spaulding.

Survivors include her daughter Tammy Castleberry; stepdaughter Shirley Hazelett; stepbrother Kirk Brannen (Dewayne); special angels Susan Copeland and Jane Bowen-Haley; grandchildren Scott (Rebecca) RuBright, Chris (Sherry) RuBright, Jai McCormick, Steve Tanner and Daniel (Hope) Tanner; 20 great-grandchildren; 24 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous other family and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 31, in the Chapel at Cedar Bay Funeral Home with Dr. David Thompson officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service.

Arrangements by Cedar Bay Funeral Home, Jacksonville, 904-714-1110.

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

## MIRANDA ‘MANDY’ ZORTEA



Miranda ‘Mandy’ Grace Zortea, 32, of Jacksonville, passed away unexpectedly on August 16, 2020. She was born in Jacksonville, to Huey Griner and Ethel Anderson. Mandy was an inspiration to many. She had a troubled past, but it gave her the strength and wisdom to help others change their lives for the better. Her kindness will be remembered by all who knew her. Mandy is preceded in death by her late husband, Robert Dwight Zortea; and Uncle Johnny Jacobs.

Mandy is survived by her parents; her son Jaidyn Zortea; her sister Terri (Kevin) Duett; her grandmother Louise Rogers; her aunts Evelyn Jacobs and Mary Swords; her uncles Eddie (Carmen) Rogers and Ernie Joyner; her nieces Hope Kelly, Breyana Duett and Gracie Duett; her great-nephew Colin; her great-niece Isla Rose; many cousins, numerous other family members and friends.

A Celebration of Mandy’s life was held Friday, August 28 at First Baptist Church of Gray Gables, Callahan, with Pastor Cody Page officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Entombment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

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

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