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"IN THE MORNING, LORD, YOU HEAR MY VOICE; IN THE MORNING I LAY MY REQUESTS BEFORE YOU AND WAIT EXPECTANTLY." - PSALM 5:3

Outler to Retire from Badcock & More

Dawn S. West

It's always great to hear when someone has made the decision that it is time to retire. Matt Outler, owner manager of Badcock & More in Callahan has made that decision. Although sometimes retirement is bittersweet for the many customers, we are still happy for him. Matt celebrates a huge 43 years of service right here in Callahan.

Matt started his future career in 1979. "My dad, Charles Outler was the president of the bank here in Callahan," said Matt. "Bob Courson, owner manager of Badcock at that time, asked my dad if he knew of any young teenagers that could 'help out' at the store. He quickly offered me for the job."

At that time, Matt was a senior at West Nassau. He went to school and worked after school at Badcock. Following graduation, Matt had planned to attend college and eventually sell insurance. Well, he did attend two years of college at FCJ and then found himself back at Badcock. The original Badcock store



was located where The Pig currently is. In October of 1985, a tornado ripped through Callahan and damaged the store pretty bad. Plans were already in the works for a new building prior to the storm but plans moved swiftly ahead. The new store, at the current location opened in July 1986. Since that time, they have added on to the store two different times. The store is large

with lots of area to see the furniture inventory without being cramped.

Fast forward to January 2002, Matt had the opportunity to purchase the store from the Coursons. "He (Bob) was a great mentor and friend. He taught me so much," added Matt. "He set me up for success. He was such a blessing to me."

Matt has sold this store to a friend

that currently owns 8 other Badcock stores. The sales staff will remain the same so there won't be any changes there. Matt feels confident that the store will continue to be successful and his prayer is that, "They will be more successful than I!"

Through the years, Matt has learned that their customers are very loyal. He now is serving three generations of people and families. He feels that what sets Callahan Badcock apart from the others is their service to their customers. Matt plans his last day at the store to be Wednesday, September 14. If you get a chance to drop in and say hello and 'thank you', I'm sure he'll be glad to see you.

Although we won't see Matt behind the Badcock counter anymore, you will still see the same ladies to greet you and enjoy the great service. Matt plans first, to take some time to just unwind. He and his wife, Yvette, plan to do some traveling and plan to take a trip to Israel next year. Thanks Matt, for your dedicated years of service and good luck in your future endeavors!

Russ Gibson Fundraising Auction Coming in October

Dawn S. West

Billy Davis, of Hilliard, has been a farrier for years. For those of you that don't know what a farrier is, they are a specialist in equine hoof care, including the trimming and balancing of horses' hooves and the placing of shoes on their hooves. They also combine blacksmith and veterinarian skills to care for horses' feet. Billy, known as the matriarch, and a group of farriers have joined together on a Facebook group as the Shoein Amigos! The group has around 8 farriers from all over the northeast Florida southeast Georgia area. I had the pleasure of meeting with Billy and three members of the group to talk about their jobs and how much it means to help out a friend! I was joined by Joe Bennett (and wife Tanya) of Taylor, Chris Francis of Yulee and



Robb Hoffman of Dinsmore. They were proud to agree, "It's not a competitive profession. There are plenty of horses for everyone. We learn things from each other's experiences."

In 2015, Joe was kicked by a horse and broke his leg. The group joined

together to help Joe out by servicing his clients as well as their own. Each farrier sent Joe the money from the job and continued their day. Now their mission is to help out another friend who was seriously injured. "We were truly humbled by the giving of our friends," said Joe and Tanya Bennett.

On June 5, 2022, Russ Gibson, of Waycross, experienced a tragic accident while competing at a roping event in West Florida. After a helicopter ride to Dothan, Alabama and an airplane ride to a Jacksonville hospital, Russ has had 3 surgeries as of June 21. Russ is also a farrier.

These are a hard-working group of men, and some women, who love what they do and take a lot of pride in their work. Billy organized the group on Facebook and they all have a great time

telling 'horse stories' and joking with each other. Once again, the group has rallied together to help out a friend when he's down. They each have reached out to Russ to see what they can do to help while he focuses on healing.

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Food for Thought

Dear Editor,

The other morning, I was thinking about all the rift between the elephant and donkey parties. There is a lot of name calling between both parties and those in between. Then I had another thought, what does God's Word say? I have heard and read it numerous times. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Satan) Ephesians 6:13

Then, I remember that WE the people; that is us, all CITIZENS of this great country – The United States of America! We the people, ALL who are part of the blood bought Church of Jesus Christ. Name calling never settled anything. We need to go to the one who allowed this great nation to be formed some 245 years ago. The God of ALL creation - Jesus Christ!

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him." Colossians 1:14-16 KJV

Or to put into another modern translation: "In Jesus we have redemption through Jesus' blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by Jesus were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Jesus, and for Jesus." Colossians 1:14-16 HMV

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Russ Gibson

In the meantime, a Russ Gibson Fundraising Auction has been organized. The event will be held Saturday, October 1 at 7 p.m. at The Ranch at Traders Hill, 30816 Nelson Road in Hilliard. This event hopes to aid Russ with the medical expenses that are building up. It's going to be a fun event with opportunities to hang out with local horse folks and visit the amazing Ranch at Traders Hill.

Please check your tack rooms and horse trailers to find nice items to donate for the auction including: Headstalls, Breastplates, Girths, Pads and blankets,

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Buckets and feed tubs, Boots, Saddles, Bits, no items refused. They will accept new and lightly used items. There will also be a Cake Auction, Raffle and lots of fun! Food and drinks will be available for you to purchase. Drop off sites for items are: Franklin Equipment Sales in Hilliard; Callahan Feed & Western Wear; Gibson Animal Clinic in Waycross; and Bennett Feed Store in Macclenny. Checks may also be mailed to: Waycross Bank & Trust, Attn: Roping for Russ, PO Box 1339, Waycross, GA 31501. What a great time to help someone in need!

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Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first regular meeting of September. The first order of business was a Public Hearing and First Reading on Ordinance 2022-05. The ordinance concerns rezoning 1.25 acres, more or less, located between Ohio Street, New Front Street, CR 108 and Bay Road in Hilliard from R-2 Single Family District to R-3 Multiple Family District. The council approved the ordinance on first reading. The Second & Final Reading will be Thursday, October 20 at 7 p.m.

The following agenda item had much discussion before a vote was held. The item concerned council approval of the Final Plat Application for the Tracks Subdivision, property owner Ben Buchanan. The property is located off of Railroad Street in Hilliard. The Final Plat included four lots. "When we saw the Preliminary Plat it had 6 lots for this property," said Councilwoman Callie Bishop. "We didn't see a preliminary plat with the changes of 4 lots. We (council) have discussed that any changes have to come back to us (council) for approval."

"Many changes may happen before these plats get to the Final Plat. It happens all the time," said Town Attorney Christian Waugh. "This plat shows everything clearly. However, if the council doesn't like this the council can reject it."

"This sometimes happens when the lot is engineered and the cost was too extreme to continue the build as is," added Land Use Administrator Janis Fleet.

"We (council) have just been through this about making changes in plats that they must come back to the council,"

continued Bishop. "We need to be following the Code as it is stated."

"There have been a lot of problems and delays with this build," said Buchanan. "My effort has been to comply with what the council needed."

The council approved the Final Plat with a vote of 4-1 with Bishop voting no, as per the changes were not brought before the council.

The following items concerned setting several workshops. A Budget Workshop for Department Revenues was set for September 6 at 6 p.m. A Joint Workshop with the Town Council and Planning & Zoning Board to discuss proposed amendments to P/Z Land Development Regulations was set for September 13 & October 11 at 6 p.m. A Workshop was set for the council to establish a process to Close, Abandon or Vacate: Streets, Alleys, Easements or Right of Ways within the Town for October 6 at 6 p.m.

In other business, the following two payables are part of the project that is 100% funded with the FDOT and FAA. The payables are: AECOM payable of \$5,785.80 for work at the Hilliard Airpark; and a final payable to Chad Brock Enterprises, Inc. \$3,500 for Turf Runway maintenance and improvements at the Hilliard Airpark.

The council approved a payable to Dixon Tree & Lawn Service \$8,750 for mowing services of the town right of ways.

The council approved a payable to Office Resources of Jax, LLC for 50% down on the Town Hall Office Renovations in the amount of \$14,246.71.

The next regular meeting of the council will be Thursday, September 15 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

"What we're seeing now is either the beginning or the death knell of an extreme MAGA philosophy. It's not just Trump, it's the entire philosophy that underpins the --- I'm going to say something: It's like semi-fascism." Those are the words of the acting President of the United States talking about over half the population of America. These statements were made at a private home in Maryland last week. Personally, I want an apology from Mr. Biden!

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy stated, "In the past two years, Joe Biden has launched an assault on the soul of America, on its people, on its laws, on its most sacred values. He has launched an assault on our democracy. His policies have severely wounded America's soul, diminished America's spirit and betrayed America's trust."

Biden's words are insulting to the true patriots of this country, but he wasn't done. Thursday night he gave a speech funded by 'we the people' that was just as scathing if not worse. In front of Independence Hall incased in dark demonic red he continued his attack on "We the People." Biden declared that, "As I stand here tonight, equality and democracy are under attack." He continued on by saying, "Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans represent an extremism that threatens the very foundation of our Republic. MAGA Republicans do not respect the Constitution. They do not believe in the rule of law. They do not recognize the will of the people."

Joe, let me be very clear to you and all your cronies, I have more respect for the Constitution, the rule of law and the will of the American people in my little finger

than you and your cronies have combined. You are a lying, corrupt, left-wing ding bat that is nothing more than a puppet on the strings attached to you and controlled by Obama and Rice. You, Joe Biden, are a disgrace to America, a laughing stock to the world, a demented coward and provider to our enemies. Neither you nor any of your followers can defend anything you all have done to America in just two short years. You all can't even debate an issue without bringing up the name, Donald Trump. If you fell and hit your head, nothing but little Trumps would fall out because the leftist liberals' heads are filled with nothing but Trump. What a shame you are to America! You all remind me so much of children, when confronted about a situation, you always say it is the Republicans doing this or that, when in reality it is you that is a threat to our Republic.

When you (Biden) took office, and I do mean took, you negated every Trump policy you could. You took a country that was thriving and turned it into the hell it is today. You Democrats can call me a clinger, deplorable, extremist and fascist all you want, but I know the real truth. I am the Ultra MAGA, God-fearing American patriot that scares the living crap out of you and the rest of your socialist group.

I can hardly wait until the truth is finally revealed, and it will be, what a wonderful day that is going to be. I look forward to seeing your entire regime placed in prison for the tyranny and treason to my United States of America. God Bless Donald Trump and God Bless America! As always...that's just my opinion!

P.S. Thank you to Mr. Shaw and Mr. Burns and others!



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Pastor Walter Cooper, He Changed My Mind Ministries, Callahan



Sometimes we may be asked to testify on behalf of someone, to share all that we have seen and heard. Testifying could not be exceptionally comforting for some of us. Sharing what's on your heart to recall a tragic situation is essential. It may be as simple as looking at different pictures in a lineup to identify someone or testifying things we may have heard someone say. These times should be done truthfully, not adding or subtracting from what we have witnessed. Our testimony could cost someone their life. We have the responsibility to do what's right.

As believers in Christ, we are all called to witness and share God's goodness with those around us. What does it mean to be a witness for Christ, why is it so important, and how do we go about witnessing to others about the Savior? Encouraging others is one of the greatest gifts we can give as children of light.

Do you remember the first time you heard the gospel? Who told you? Did they first share Christ with you through their words or song? Maybe you noticed Christ working in their lives? Just think, if that person never stood before you as a witness for Christ, you may not have ever heard of this fantastic gospel news and been brought into a relationship with God! So, it's essential to be a witness for Christ!

In Acts 1:8, Jesus shares, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost comes upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Without the power of God, we may be timid to share His word; we need his strength.

Part of our Christian duty is to witness for Christ. Throughout scripture, we can see God's people called to be witnesses to declare God's steadfast faithfulness that we know and have experienced. This is not only in words but in deeds. Our lives should testify to the story we are a part of. As God's children, we are set apart, redeemed, sanctified and live in the light of God.

Remember, as a witness, it isn't our job to save people (that's God's job!) but to share all that we have encountered. As you seek to share, do so with a heart of prayer for those we share with. The Holy Spirit should guide our words. We ask God to work through our words and deeds and do His work in the hearts of those around us. Praying diligently and depend entirely on the work of the Spirit of God as we faithfully share his love.

In Matthew, Jesus tell us that if we sow seeds in others' lives, we become his witnesses. In Chapter 13:37-38, "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom, but the tares are the children of the wicked one." When we, as children of God, share the word of God with others daily, we are his witnesses. I encourage you, to tell someone about your Lord and Savior daily, so that we plant more Christians throughout the land.

It shouldn't matter if we are on the stand or writing a report; we have the responsibility to report the truth about what we have seen and heard. We are witnesses for God. Every time God allows us to share his words, we should sow seeds of love, mercy and kindness. As Children of God, our deeds should glorify the king of kings. And the Lord of Lords. Sometimes our words lift people in unimaginable ways, their lives being changed from our witnesses to them. Grace and peace from our father in Heaven.

Barnabas Receives Support for Dental Program

Barnabas Center was recently awarded two grants supporting their Dental Program: The Delta Dental Community Care Foundation grant for \$20,000; and Florida Dental Association 2022 Project: Dentists Care grant for \$4,000. The grants will support Barnabas patients with the purchase of much-needed dental supplies.



their Fernandina Beach office and their satellite office in Hilliard.

"We are grateful for our community who supports our dental program and the partners, like Delta Dental Community Care Foundation and the Florida Dental Association, who invest in our community. We are smiling too!" said Jamie Reynolds,

Barnabas President and CEO.

The Barnabas dental program provides affordable dental services for low to moderate income adults, living in Nassau County, who have no health insurance and includes exams, extractions, cleanings and more. Last year, the clinic was able to serve 506 patients through 1,848 visits out of

Barnabas provides help and hope to individuals and families in need in Nassau County to improve their stability, health and well-being. For more information about Barnabas, visit www.BarnabasNassau.org.

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This year, the Community Bible Study will be offering a remote core group at Gray Gables Baptist Church in Callahan. Classes will begin on Monday evenings starting September 12 from 6-8 p.m. This is a 30-week course that meets within the school calendar year. The class will study a collection of Old and New Testament books including Joshua, Job, I & II Timothy, Titus and Colossians. Community Bible Study is a non-denominational, caring, in depth Bible study that is available to all, and provides a study book for individual study, small group discussion and a message delivered weekly by a trained teacher. To register, call Dawn Kilpatrick at 904-715-0429.

CHURCH NEWS

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

Lannie Road Baptist Church will host a Gospel Sing Friday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. featuring Crossfire Quartet and our hosts The Gospel Sounds. Refreshments will follow. The church is located at 5998 Lannie Road, Jacksonville, off Lem Turner Rd.

Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 45031 Historical Ln., Callahan, will host a Pre-Anniversary Service this Sun., Sept. 11 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. John Gunn, Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church.

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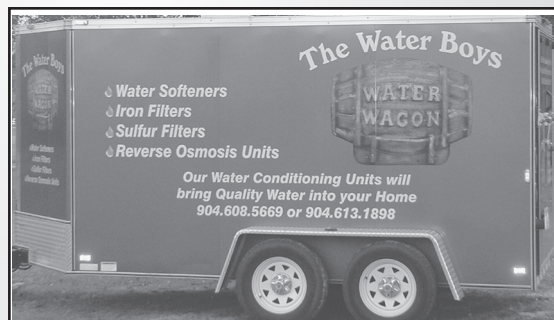
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Kyle Pipkin

Friday night the West Nassau Warriors traveled north to Folkston to take on a very fast and talented Charlton County Indians team. The game did not turn out as the Warriors, nor the fans of the Warriors, had hoped, getting beat 56-12 in a game that was not even close. The Indians always have a very talented team, with a ton of speed and it was on display Friday night. Bad thing is they happened to be playing our hometown Warriors.

In a game that was lead from the start by the Indians, the Warriors found themselves in a huge hole by half time trailing 35-6. They did not look back controlling the game on the ground throughout. The Indians finished the game with 255 yards on the ground. The bigger stat is they averaged 11.1 per carry in Folkston on Friday night. They also scored four rushing touchdowns against the Warriors. The Indians' Ayden Crews was able to tack on two passing touchdowns against the Warriors. The Warrior defense was able to pick off Crews twice Friday night.

Offensively, the Warriors did not fare much better than the defense Friday night. Fumbles continue to plague the Warriors. As a team, they put the ball on the ground

a total of six times. They lost three of them to the Indians. Turnovers have been an issue through the first two weeks of the season and needs to be cleaned up if they want a shot at the playoffs.

West Nassau quarterback Jackson Perry threw the ball 4 times completing two of them. He did have 1 touchdown



Kathy Carter

pass. As a team, the Warriors rushed the ball for 138 yards on 25 carries. Russell Weeks led the team in rushing with 11 carries for 73 yards and a touchdown. Chris Crews had 26 yards on 3 carries and a 19-yard touchdown catch. William Davis recorded 2 of the 3 pancake blocks for the Warriors. Matthew

Berry had the third. Earl Moore led the team in all-purpose yards, 111 to be exact, a bulk of those coming on kick returns.

Connor Scaff and Braxton Russell both had sacks Friday night for the Warrior defense. Stran Copher lead the Warrior defense in tackles recording 7 for the game. Copher and Moore each had an interception. Friday was not the results any of us hoped for.

Hopefully, they will be able to right the ship this Thursday, September 8, when they travel to face McIntosh County Academy, who enter the matchup 1-1 after losing last week! The game will be an early kick off at 5 p.m. Go Warriors!

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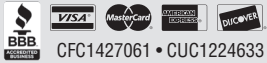
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They enjoy spending time at home and visiting with family and friends. Their love and devotion to each other is so precious even today. They are truly matriarchs of Callahan, as they have raised their children

and many others in the love of God. Lovett is a member of the Callahan Citywide Male Chorus and loves making music with his saxophone. They are members of Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Callahan. The couple will celebrate this special milestone with their family! What a blessing they continue to be in our community!

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

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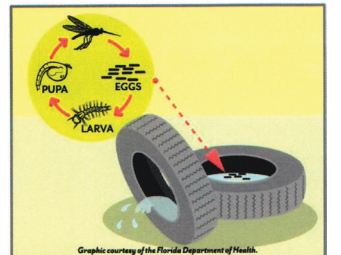
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Locals Travel with Wind Symphony to Europe

Makayla Cauley of Hilliard and Mr. Bill Hazlett, Hilliard Middle-Senior High School Band Director, both members of the First Coast Symphony, traveled to Europe this summer with the Symphony. The First Coast Wind Symphony is an all-volunteer community music organization located in Jacksonville. The group was founded in 1990 and gives several concerts each year in Northeast Florida. The Wind Symphony completed its first international tour in June of 2017, performing concerts in Salzburg and Vienna Austria. Their second international tour was scheduled for June of 2020, however due to the pandemic, the tour was postponed until June of 2022 when the ensemble toured and performed in Switzerland, Germany and France.



got to see the famous Black Forest of Germany. The following day the group traveled to France, starting the morning off having breakfast in Germany, lunch in Geneva, Switzerland and dinner in Lyon, France. Here the First Coast Wind

Symphony performed with L'harmonie de Caluire & Cuire and the Lyon Conservatory students in Lyon, France. In Avignon, France, the group performed with Les Philharmonistes des Pays de Vaucluse. Les Philharmonistes des Pays de Vaucluse traveled to the United States in 2017 to perform with the First Coast Wind Symphony. In return, the European performers graciously allowed each member of the First Coast Wind Symphony the opportunity to stay with a host family, while visiting the region. After a successful concert in Avignon the group traveled to Nice, France which resides along the Côtes d'Azur. Nice was the group's final destination of the trip,

and allowed the members to see and swim in the Mediterranean Sea. The First Coast Wind Symphony is planning its next international tour to Prague and Budapest in the near future.

Makayla is a 2017 graduate of Hilliard Middle Senior High School and a 2021 graduate of JU with a Bachelors in Music Education. She is employed with the Nassau County School Board as a Music Teacher at Wildlight Elementary School. Bill Hazlett is the band director of HMSHS. Makayla and Bill will be performing with the First Coast Wind Symphony this Fall. Information and dates of concerts can be found at the FCWS website at: fcwinds.org.



The group visited Basel, Switzerland where they visited the Basler Paper mill, a Swiss paper museum set in a 500-year-old building. The next stop was Freiburg, Germany, where members

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Constitution Day Celebration Event
September 15, 2022
6:00 pm
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Things didn't get much better for the Flashes in the second quarter. After the Flashes' defense forced another turnover on downs, neither offense gained any traction. The Christians found a gaping hole on the right side and scored from 47 yards out. With the extra point good, the lead widened to 21-0. However, the Flashes began to show signs of fight! It started with help from their special teams unit when Malcom Howard forced a fumble on punt coverage and found Colton Conner on the bottom of the pile with the pigskin. The Flashes used this change to claw their way back.



Lyle Bennett connected with Braydon Holley near sideline, broke a few tackles, and found the end zone from 28 yards out. With a missed 2-point conversation, the Flashes finally got on the board cutting into the deficit a little. Any momentum that could've come from it quickly fizzled out when the Christians returned a short kickoff from their 40 yard line, 91 yards for a kick six. With the extra point good, the Fighting Christians closed out the first half with a commanding 28-6 lead.

The trend continued in the second half. After the defense forced a three-and-out on the first drive of the third quarter, the Flashes offense began their march back into the game. The drive stalled at the Fighting Christians 15 yard line and forced a turnover on downs. The Fighting Christians offense continued to roll with another long touchdown run off the right side, courtesy of a 44-yard touchdown. With

the extra point missed, the Christians strengthened their lead to 34-6 as the quarter came to a close. With the game resorting to a running clock in the fourth quarter, it didn't stop the Christians from finding the end zone one last time, going back to their special teams unit to score on a 55-yard punt return. With the extra point good, and two additional turnovers forced by their defense, it sealed the game. The Flashes fell 41-6.

It was a rough night for the Flashes' offense with half of their 4 turnovers coming from that side of the ball and only generating 121 yards of total offense. Bennett went 6/20 for 82 yards and a touchdown to Holley with Bradyn

Matto (4 catches for 40 yards) and Prestin O'Quinn (1 catch for 14 yards) also on the receiving end as well. Holley also led the ground game with 6 carries for 17 yards; with Billy Cassidy having 4 carries for 12 yards; and Walker Avera having 4 carries for 9 yards.

Defensively, Damon Kibler led the team with 5 tackles; Colton Conner and Brandon Matthews each shared 4 tackles with Conner having a fumble recovery and Matthews a sack. Brogan Johns had 3 tackles and a pass breakup, Howard had 3 tackles and a forced fumble, Klayton Bright had 3 tackles; and Tucker Pickett and Ricky Vining each having 2 tackles.

The Flashes look to rebound from the tough loss as they hit the road again to take on the Paxon Golden Eagles. Kickoff is at 6 p.m. Go Flashes!

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THOMAS ARTHUR KESSENGER



Thomas "Tom" Arthur Kessenger, 77, of Callahan, passed away August 28, 2022. He was born on May 24, 1945, in Louisville, Kentucky to the late Arthur Kessenger and Mary Catherine Goetzman Kessenger. Tom was raised in Louisville and enlisted in the Army National Guard right out of high school. He has been a resident of Callahan since 1981. The Family Lines Merger of the L & N Railroad with Seaboard Systems is what brought Tom to the south. Tom retired from his career with CSX Transportation in 1999. Tom's love of tractors and heavy equipment continued. Blacksmithing, thoroughbred horse competitions, boating and precision machining; he was always busy with some new project or his private ventures into business and design and manufacturing wooden bowl turning units, his Elephant Bowls company. Tom was only stymied by how big of a bowl he could turn. From Rail Supply Mechanic in the shops to Senior Facilities Engineer, he was proud of his workmanship. Whether a committee Vice Chairman in the LMAO, Locomotive Maintenance Association of Officers or cat wrangler, this methodical gentleman was thorough. Tom had a very inquisitive nature and was known for his precision in design and fabrication.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Theresa McGinniss Galloway.

A Mass service for Tom will be held Thursday, September 8 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church with Father Bui officiating. Interment will follow at Jones Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday, September 7 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

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OBITUARIES

JACKIE MCRAE



Jackie McRae, of Callahan, passed away peacefully August 25, 2022. Jackie was working as a roller-skating carhop in 1951, when she met the love of her life, Clayton, who still says today, "In the best move of my life, I chased her until she caught me!" The two were married mere months later and built a solid, loving relationship that has lasted for over 69 years.

Jackie was a homemaker and stay at home mom. She loved to work. In order to be with her children, she started selling everything from Tupperware to Avon to Sarah Coventry jewelry. After her children moved out, she started buying and selling antiques. Until recent years, she had booths in antique malls in Jacksonville, Waldo and Micanopy. Jackie was also an active member of the Antique Bottle Collectors Club of North Florida. Jackie was a sweet, giving person to all she met and was an avid Jaguars fan. She never stopped being a devoted Mom and was the best Granny ever! She will be missed greatly.

She is survived by her loving husband, Clayton McRae; daughters Jenine McLarty and Denita Herres; son Mark (Sharon) McRae; grandchildren Crysta (Mark) Roberts, Sean (Dessica) Mabry, Jennifer (Joel) Long, Carly (Johann) Forrest and Kyle McRae; great-grandchildren Dalton (Connie) Roberts, Brooke Roberts, Audrey Long, Lucas Long and Celia Mabry; and great-great-grandson Trenton Thompson.

She was recently preceded in death by two grandchildren Gina Mabry McGee and Nathaniel Oliver 'Mikey' Mabry.

A celebration of life service will be held Sunday, September 11 at the Jacksonville/Baldwin Senior Center, 850 Center Street North, Jacksonville, 32234.

In lieu of flowers, kindly donate to Community Hospice & Palliative Care. Their tender and attentive care these past few years allowed Jackie to maintain her quality of life and then slip quietly away with grace and dignity.

LANELL AMMONS MITCHELL



LaNell Ammons Mitchell, 80, of Callahan, passed away September 1, 2022, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on February 27, 1942, in Waycross, Georgia, to the late Willie J. and Thelma G. Ammons. LaNell graduated from Nassau County Adult High School and the American Hairstyling Academy. She will be remembered by many for the years she worked at The Beach Beauty Salon in Fernandina Beach, before she opened her own salon, Styles by LaNell. When LaNell was raising her children, she brought them to Stricklands at Kingsley Lake every Summer. She also once owned a Corvette and enjoyed taking drives with her good friend Cecilia. LaNell held membership at United Memorial Methodist Church in Fernandina Beach. She loved to work at the church and was in Gail Shaves Circle. She enjoyed the N.C.I.S. television show so much she named her most recent rescue dog Leroy. LaNell previously rescued Purdy & Gi-Gi. She was a caretaker of everything and loved her plants. One of LaNell's favorite sayings is "go water the plants."

LaNell and Charles' love story was born in the woods where her son Bill hunted with Charles. Bill encouraged Charles to see LaNell for a haircut and the rest is history. They greatly enjoyed traveling and fondly remembered their trip to Alaska and Louisiana. Charles says LaNell just likes to enjoy life. LaNell is preceded in death by her parents; first husband William R. Cooper, Sr.; siblings Louise Allen, Jewell Strickland, Gene Ammons and Larry Ammons.

LaNell is survived by her loving husband of 16 years, Charles A. Mitchell, Jr.; son William "Bill" R. (Joanne) Cooper, Jr.; daughter Lynda (Richard) Cooper Moutray; stepsons Chuck (Cindy) Mitchell and Shawn Mitchell; stepdaughters Regina Mitchell and Nikki Mitchell; brother Terry J. Ammons; grandchildren Kiri (Mark) Ann Cooper Haines, Olivia (Travis) Cooper Young, Kaylee (Daniel) Moutray Freeman, Emily (Rafael) Moutray Moreno, Jacob

Mitchell, Ariel Mathis, Chase Mitchell, Carson Mitchell, Landon Theirbecker, Colton Miller, Lilly Miller; great-grandchildren, Grady, Gabby, Danielle, Will, Caroline and Tatum; dear friends Shelia Nieder, Lynda Taylor and Amanda Rogers; and many extended family and friends from all over who will cherish her dear memory.

A celebration of LaNell's life will be held Sunday, September 11 at 2 p.m. at United Memorial Methodist Church in Fernandina Beach.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Nassau Humane Society, nassa humane.org or Community Hospice Jane and Bill Warner Center for Caring at: www.communityhospice.com.

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THOMAS BEVERLY REED



Thomas Beverly Reed, 94, of Hilliard, passed away August 25, 2022 after a brief illness. Some knew him as "BT" while others knew him as "Beverly."

He was born December 10, 1927 to the late Coyle A. Reed, Sr. and Vera Prevatt Reed. Thomas was a lifelong resident of Hilliard. He was drafted into the US Army in December 1948 and served until December 1950 then transferred to the Army Reserve. While in active duty, he was stationed at Fort Jackson, SC, then transferred to Fort Lewis, WA. During his time as a reservist, he was recalled back to active duty during the Korean Conflict. Thomas was a retired bricklayer and received a gold card for being a 50-year union member. Thomas was an avid hunter and could always be found outside in the yard or at the store playing his lottery.

Along with his parents; BT was preceded in death by his siblings Bobby, Carroll, Alene, Donald, Inez, Vernell, Althea, Coyle Jr., Dallas and Glen.

He is survived by his son James Reed; grandchildren Joel (Tamoka) Reed and Ashley (Dana) Raley; great-grandchildren Karmela and Korbin Reed; and siblings Cleveland Reed and Frances Rodenbarger.

The family will honor his wishes by having a memorial service for Thomas Saturday, September 10 at 4 p.m. at Callahan Funeral Home on Brandies Avenue. We invite all friends and family to join us as we celebrate the life of Thomas Beverly Reed.

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Monday, August 29

Edwin Dean Polatty, 54, 45673 Pickett Street, Callahan: Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Wednesday, August 31

Randy Noah Johns, 53, 45018 Vera Avenue Lot 5, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue; Resist without Violence

Thursday, September 1

Shayna Leann Hollingsworth, 19, 46704 Sauls Road, Callahan: Possession of Alprazolam; DUI with minor in vehicle

NCSO's Inmate State ID Program

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office new Inmate State ID Card service is a part of NCSO's Reentry Program. Their goal is to provide resources to inmates so they can become better citizens to our community. By providing this service, it helps inmates gain employment, schooling and it further assist in reducing recidivism. When people are incarcerated, especially for a long period of time, the government ID that they originally had before they entered prison may no longer be valid and that small piece of plastic, that many take for granted, is needed almost daily in our lives. A few weeks ago, NCSO asked the Nassau County Tax Collector's Office to assist with this service. The Nassau County Tax Collector's Office was happy to assist us in providing this service to the Nassau County Jail inmates. The funds



for this service were provided by the Inmate Welfare Fund and not tax payer dollars.

"Leaving jail without a government issued ID card can prevent important access to housing, jobs, banking and so much more. It's our hope that this service will help our inmates move forward in a positive direction once they are released so they don't end up back in the criminal justice system," said Sheriff Bill Leeper.



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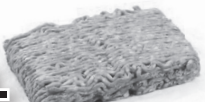
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Plane Crash in Hilliard Last Wednesday



Wednesday, August 31 around 10:30 a.m. a small aircraft crashed into the backyard of a home on Eastwood Road in Hilliard. According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, a single-engine fixed-wing airplane pilot, 69 years old from North Augusta, South Carolina, was conducting maneuvers in the vicinity of Hilliard Airpark. Subsequently, the airplane went into a stall and plummeted. As a result, the airplane struck a tree in the area of Eastwood Road and Poole Road. The plane broke through the branches and

struck the ground just underneath the tree, where it came to final rest.

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol and Nassau County Fire Rescue responded to the scene. The pilot received minor injuries and refused rescue at first, but was later transported to a local hospital out of caution. The pilot told deputies that his plane stalled which caused the crash. There was a small fuel leak from the aircraft and the FAA and NTSB were notified.



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