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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
FLASHES
vs Atkinson County
@ 7:00 p.m.

PLAYOFFS:
WARRIORS
vs Fernandina Beach
@ 7:00 p.m.

"IF MY PEOPLE, WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, WILL HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND PRAY AND SEEK MY FACE AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN I WILL HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND I WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND." - 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

Hilliard Holds Mock Council Meeting with HES Students

Dawn S. West

Members of the Hilliard Town Council opened a 'workshop' last Tuesday night. Following the pledge and prayer, Mayor John Beasley addressed the audience from the podium to announce the 3rd grade essay winners from Hilliard Elementary School. The third graders were asked to write about "If I were the Mayor of Hilliard I would…" Honorable Mention were: Lilith Wood and Braylen Oliver. Awarded Third Place was Emma Jo Allen, who wrote… she would make sure all pizza places in Hilliard were open until 1 a.m.; and that school should be out during hunting season!

Second Place was Adalyn Adams, who wrote… "I would build shelters for the homeless and stray dogs and cats; and I would make my town safe and buy groceries for homeless people and stray animals."

First Place was Noah Blake Hughes, who wrote… "I would make everyday no homework because kids are complaining; I would tell every construction worker to fix the water when it breaks so people will have what they need." Noah was chosen to be the 'mayor' during the mock meeting.

During the prior week, the 5th grade classes (5 classes) voted on one person to serve on the council during the mock meeting. Fifth graders chosen to be council persons were: Barren Boucher; Isabella Mason; Raelynn Smith; Lily Strickland and Gavin Tappe.

The council and mayor addressed a few topics during the meeting. The first agenda item was Whether to remove homework from the schools? The council persons voiced their opinions voicing that no homework would allow them to spend more time with their families. The motion passed.

The next item concerned: Building a shelter for animals. All council members agreed that a shelter should be built to feed and care for animals within the town. The motion passed.

The following item concerned: Discuss school closing during hunting season. The council was a little split on this item. HES Principal Mrs. Danielle Loudermilk addressed the council from the podium, "If we closed the school during hunting season, when would we make the days up?"

The council added during Christmas break, summer break, etc. The council passed the motion.

The next item concerned Giving the Parks a facelift and adding a shelter for homeless people. The entire council agreed that the parks needed more things to play on (updating); and they were all for building a homeless shelter so people wouldn't be cold. The motion passed.

The final item concerned adding a hotel in Hilliard. All council members thought a hotel would be a good idea mainly because when people come to visit and can't stay with family, they need a place to stay. The motion passed.

Congratulations to the great Hilliard Elementary students for a job well done and for the Town of Hilliard to come up with such a great idea to get these students involved. It was a great night and a lot of fun!

Fundraiser for Hilliard Donuts & Kolaches Family

On October 19, a devastating fire destroyed the home of Jan and JR Sum (your favorite local Hilliard donut shop owners), leaving them with little more than the clothes on their backs. In a matter of moments, everything they had worked for and cherished was lost—furniture, clothing, keepsakes, and the place they called home. While we are incredibly grateful that Jan, JR and their family, made it out safely, the emotional and financial toll is immense. Now, they are faced with the overwhelming task of starting over from scratch.

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"This is something no one ever expects to have happen to them. We appreciate everyone's patience with us

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In Response

Dear Editor,

I am so glad we have the rights and privilege of: Freedom of Choice and Freedom of Speech that we have. I am also glad that the one reader of this paper has those same rights to share her thoughts and opinions even though they do not appear to be correct or factual. What I do know and is factual is that if the candidate running as the Democrat Candidate, who has never won a primary vote, the only two things she is running on is abortion/roe vs wade/reproductive rights, all the same thing, and Trump is bad. That is all she has. She cannot talk about the economy because she and her boss have destroyed it, just like they have destroyed the border and the immigration system and so much more in America in just 3 years and nine months. By the way just before the election, the current administration has re-implemented the Trump's "remain In Mexico" policy to keep the approximately 150,000 migrants from coming across before the election which would surely hurt their chances of re-election, can't make them look any worse than they already look.

But the candidate, Kamala Harris, for the democrat party made a statement on Tuesday about abortion and Freedom of Choice, which she is not going to allow when she gets in. She basically stated that Christian Doctors and Nurses would not be allowed to be exempt from performing abortions. They would have no choice other than quitting their jobs. Here is a quote from the Washington Post October 25, 2024 - Titled: Opinion - Kamala Harris Forgets to hide her abortion radicalism. The Washington Post, a very liberal publication owned by Jeff Bezos, who owns Amazon, stated: *"Such a policy would contravene prohibits First Amendment protections against government interference in individual conscience. What's more, her statement was politically boneheaded. To blithely ignore a right of such magnitude within two weeks of Election Day raises other questions, such as, does Harris know what she's saying? - Freedom of conscience has been sacrosanct since America's founding, and one of the most important protections against government abuse. Even the most ardent supporter of abortion rights should know better, especially a former state attorney general."*

These actions and comments here, should cause everyone to vote against this candidate. Those voting for her, especially Christians, are going to have even more "Buyer's Remorse" after the election if this is what she is saying now, what other rights would she be willing to take away after being elected? This is outrageous and should cause every Christian to get out and vote against her. Vote Trump 2024

Tommy Burns

Massacre Square Garden

Dear Editor,

If the rally at Madison Square Garden on Sunday night didn't bring down the curtain on the election, it came close. The program was a refreshing and vibrant reminder that New Yorkers have not forgotten how to tell it like it is. In case you missed it, a unified series of speakers from diverse fields told us in no uncertain terms that if B.S. was concrete, Kamala Harris would be the Westside Highway.

An unexpected highlight came as the participants told their truths that America is witness to the disintegration of truth in our country. We are sieged by politeness, poli-speak and outright lying in politics, media outlets and advertising that taken for granted has contributed to our unwittingly coming to fear the truth.

While, ironically, we are surrounded by an abundance of attended religious structures built in the name of a man who said, "The truth will set you free." It's not enough to seek out governmental freedoms. We still know the truth when someone tells it, in spite of being numbed by the daily poisonous lies in our environment. The truth touches a place in us that no lie can ever reach. We can start from there to help ourselves. We need to start telling the truth; to ourselves, to neighbors, friends and relatives. It would also be freeing to take on people and institutions who think they can get away with lying. We deserve the truth.

God bless New Yorkers for reminding us who we are.

B. R. McConnell

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5 *Election Day* Westside Republicans 6 p.m. Hilliard Comm. Center NAMI Family Support 6:30 - 8 p.m. Alachua Club, Fern. Bch.	6 Callahan Garden Club 10 a.m. Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	7 Food Giveaway @Callahan First Baptist 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hilliard Town Meeting 7 p.m.	8 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging American Legion & Auxiliary Post 401 Hilliard 7 p.m. Country Star Quilt Guild Sit-N-Sew 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Callahan Masonic Lodge	9 Town of Hilliard Veterans Appreciation Ceremony 10 a.m. Town Hall Park
10	11 *Veterans Day* WN Genealogical Society 10:30 a.m. Lions Club Country Star Quilt Guild 7 p.m. Anchor Church Ch. 154 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm @ Masonic Lodge	12 Gardening Club of Hilliard 11 a.m. Bethany Episcopal Church Torah Club 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church Callahan Lions Club 7 p.m.	13 NAMI Support 12-1:30 p.m. Hilliard Journey Church Free Community Dinner 5 p.m. Callahan Methodist Church PAL 6 p.m. Hilliard Library	14	15 NAMI Support 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fernandina Council on Aging	16
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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Donald Trump delivered a message Sunday at his rally in New York City that hit the nail on the head. The profound truth of what this election is all about was explained with simple truth. Newsmax stated Trump said, "He's running against 'something far bigger' than Democrat nominee Kamala Harris, who he asserted is a 'perfect vessel' for the 'radical left machine.'"

In a sold out 20,000 plus supporters at Madison Square Garden Arena, Trump said, "We're running against something far bigger than Joe [Biden] or Kamala and far more powerful than them, which is a massive, vicious, crooked, radical left machine that runs today's Democratic Party. They're just vessels."

Now, anyone with an ounce of intelligence should easily comprehend the absolute truth in his statement. Harris was ushered in as the Democratic candidate by the liberal press and the DNC. Not the first vote was cast for her. The far left just needed a "vessel" that they can manipulate. They know she is totally incompetent of being the president, but will be easily and totally their puppet on a string. They also know that if they can get Harris elected, they will finally be able to crush our Constitutional Republic. We, the United States of America are facing the collapse of our once status of being the greatest, most powerful nation in the history of the world. We began our downfall when we kicked God out of our schools, government establishments, entertainment and basically our lives. We have but one chance to save our country, for at least a little while, and that is Donald J. Trump. A savior he is not, but a leader he is!

The one and only Savior said: *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."* 2 Chronicles 7:14

That, my friends, is the ultimate and only way to save America and yourselves. Jesus said, *"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* John 3:3

We are certainly living in the 'last days'. Bible prophesies are being fulfilled at a rapid pace, just look at the world we are living in. From God's creation of earth until the great flood in Noah's time was around 2000 years; from the great flood until the birth of Jesus Christ was around 2000 years; from the crucifying and resurrection of Jesus until now the present has been around 2000 years. Time is drawing nigh. I humbly plea for everyone to pray and receive the Lord Jesus into your life. If you think this is a living hell, I assure you that the real Hell is not where you want to end up in.

As always…that's just my opinion! Vote Trump 2024!

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The One Who Forgives

Pastor Marvin Lee, Ephesus Baptist Church, Hilliard

Author and theologian John Stott tells the story of Marghanita Laski who was one of the most famous authors in England from the last century. She was known for her keen literary insight and one of her books, "Little Boy Lost," that was made into a Hollywood movie. She was an avowed atheist and secular humanist. Not long before she died in 1988, Laski was being interviewed on national television and said these words, "What I envy most about you Christians is your forgiveness. I have no one to forgive me."

Her words were a powerful reminder of the truth of the Bible which tells us that we are all sinners in need of forgiveness. Romans 3:10 declares, *"There is none righteous, not even one."* And verse 23 tells us that *"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."* We are all sinners. We all need forgiveness.

This is a reality that is felt all over the world. This is why there are so many religions on planet earth. People are looking for some means of divine forgiveness. And this leads to a couple of important questions. Why would God forgive us and how can we be forgiven? The answer to the second question is the cross of Jesus Christ. I Peter 2:22 tells us, "Jesus bore our sins in His body on the tree (the cross), so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness." How amazing! Jesus paid the debt we owe so that our sins can be forgiven and our lives made righteous. But what a cost. Jesus, the Son of God, dying on a cross. Why would God do that? Again, the Bible tells us the answer. The answer is love, *"God proves His own love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us!"* Romans 5:8 This is amazing love!

There is another question people often ask. "Will God forgive me? I know the things I have thought and done. I know how unrighteous I am. Can God forgive someone like me? Let a man named John Newton answer that question for you. Newton, by his own account, was a wicked man. He said of himself, "I was capable of anything. I had not the least fear of God before my eyes...I not only sinned myself, but made it my study to tempt and seduce others." He was a cruel slave trader, a notorious sinner and a declared atheist. But in 1748, while on board a ship that was being torn to pieces by a storm, he cried out to God for grace wondering if God would give grace to him. And God did. He graciously saved this sinful man and changed his life. Newton spent the rest of his life fighting the slave trade, preaching the gospel and writing poems and songs. His most famous one goes like this: Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I am found, was blind, but now I see.

Unlike Marghanita Laski, John Newton had someone who could forgive Him. And that someone was Jesus Christ. Sadly, Laski could have been forgiven herself if she had only cried out to Jesus Christ. Today, you can be forgiven. How? By calling out to Jesus Christ and receiving the forgiveness only He can give. Then you too, can experience new life and sing the song of Amazing Grace.

Callahan Garden Club News

The Callahan Garden Club's Wednesday, November 6 meeting will feature guest speaker Laura Kolito, who is the Manager of the Lawn and Garden Department of Callahan Hagan Ace Hardware. Ms. Kolito will be providing information on how to prepare plants for colder weather.

The Callahan Garden Club meets the first Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. at the Garden Club at 45251 Fourth Avenue, Callahan. Anyone interested in horticulture or gardening is welcomed to attend. Please join us, you will be inspired!

CES Warriors of the Month

Shown are the Warriors of the Month for the month of September at Callahan Elementary School. Our character trait for September was HONESTY. Students were chosen for showing honesty throughout their school days.

Spaghetti Fundraiser for John Wayne Nelson

John Wayne Nelson, of Callahan, was involved in an accident Saturday in Callahan while riding his motorcycle. John is currently in UF Health with critical injuries. He is a member of the Callahan Masonic Lodge. His members are holding a Spaghetti Fundraiser Saturday, November 9 at 5 p.m. at the Callahan Masonic Lodge, located behind Callahan Town Hall. The donation is $10 per dinner and you can eat-in or take-out.

CHURCH NEWS

North Hilliard Baptist Church, 552823 US HWY 1, will observe Pastor Appreciation Day this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. with Bro. David Drake preaching.

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The West Nassau Air Force JROTC and the American Legion Post 401 invites all Veterans and their families to a celebration of service Thursday, November 7, 6-9 p.m. at the West Nassau High School cafeteria. The event is free and includes dinner, Callahan Barbeque Nuggets, Grilled Hamburgers and Hotdogs, and numerous sides and desserts.

Please make sure you sign in at the door and pick up your raffle ticket for prizes. There are typically 300-400 attendees so please come join us for a fun evening!

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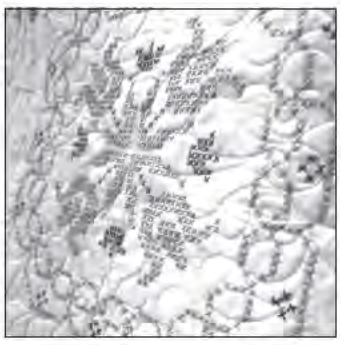

Tickets may be purchased from any Guild member, as well as from the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, Callahan, where the quilt is on display.

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Welcome to The Tribe!

Friday night during halftime of the West Nassau High School football game, participating West Nassau High School seniors along with participating Callahan and Bryceville Elementary School Kindergarteners (and teachers) met on Warrior field at opposite end zones. The WNHS seniors held a coin with a Warrior head on one side and Class of 2037 on the other. As the students met at the 50 yard line the seniors presented their coin to a kindergartener and took their hand to meet their parents on the visitor's sideline! The moment was touching and sweet for all of the students! Awesome event!

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Andi Ataiza started off with a touchdown run to bring the score to 27-0. Preston Coker and Nick Braddock both added interceptions before the first half was done. Mo Green and Andi Ataiza added rushing touchdowns as well to bring the score to 41-0 at halftime.

The second half still found the Warriors executing and making plays. Taylor Revels found Kevin Carter for an 18-yard touchdown pass to make the final score 47-0 Warriors.

Head Coach Gunnar Cox stated, "It was great to honor these Seniors who have put in so much time and effort. We are proud of them for the efforts they have made for this football program but also for the young men they have become."

The Warriors were led on the ground by Avery Griffin who had 2 carries for 89 yards and a touchdown; Mo

Maegyn LaCross

Green had 7 carries for 45 yards and a touchdown; Taylor Revels had 45 yards on the ground; and Andi Ataiza had 39 yards rushing with 2 touchdowns. Pryce Arnold was 4 of 5 passing for 167 yards and a touchdown; Revels was 3 of 3 passing for 27 yards and a touchdown; Griffin had 2 receptions for 66 yards; Stevens had 1 reception for 65 yards and a touchdown; Kevin Carter had 3 receptions for 61 yards and a touchdown; and Braydon Taylor also added a reception.

The Warriors' defense was led by Nick Braddock who had 12 total tackles; Nash Batrous had 9 tackles; and Garrett Rica had 7 tackles and a sack. Preston Coker had 2 interceptions and Braddock had 1. Hunter Gentry added a forced fumble which he also recovered.

The Warriors will be back in action Friday night for the first round of the playoffs against Fernandina Beach at home. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the gate with cash ($8) or online at GOFAN. Go Warriors!

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Flashes Fall to Ft. White

Coach Matthew Yancey

Hilliard was unable to overcome several mistakes and a veteran laden Ft. White team on Friday. The Indians, which are ranked #10 in the rural classification, used a dominating defense to cruise by Hilliard 48-0.

The Flashes played tough and hung around for most of the first half, trailing only 6-0 at the end of the first quarter. The Indians broke open the game late in the first half after a Hilliard pick six. The Indians offense continued to stay hot in the third quarter extending the lead to 48-0.

Offensively, the Flashes were led in receiving by DJ Alderman and Aiden King. Quarterback Ethan Garland led the team in rushing. Defensively, the Flashes were led by linebackers Jake Crews and Brent Leung with 8 tackles a piece.

The Flashes return home for their final game of the season and Senior Night this Friday against Atkinson County with a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Go Flashes!

New Beginnings and Milestones

Ms. Smith and Mr. Hinson Announce Upcoming Marriage

John and Cheryl Smith of Nahunta, Georgia are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Rebecca Smith to Camdyn Hinson, son of Josh and Christen Hinson of Hilliard.

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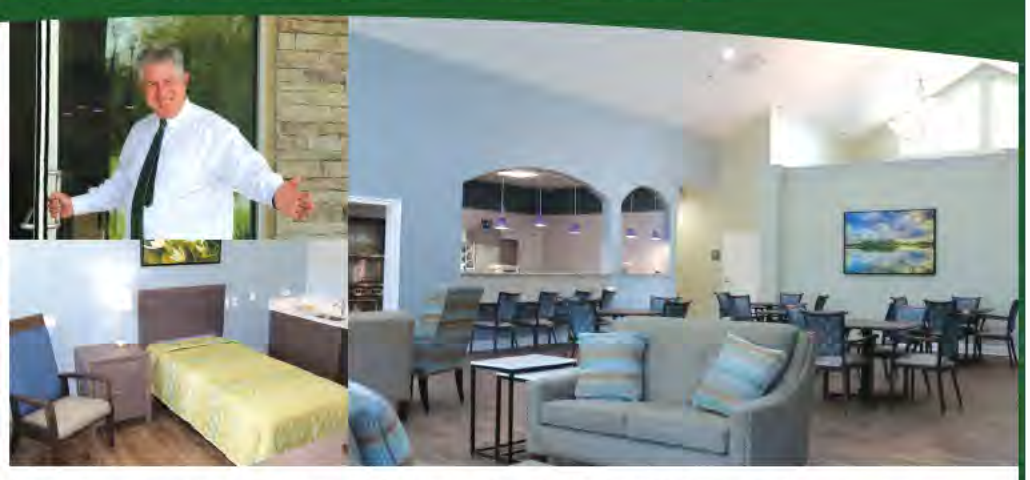

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Thursday, October 24

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Orie Named 2024 Peer Hero of the Year

Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare proudly announces that Ashley Orie, Lead Peer Specialist for the Medicated Assisted Recovery (MAR) Program, has been named the 2024 Peer Hero of The Year by the Peer Support Coalition of Florida. The Peer Hero of The Year Award is one of the highest honors given by the Peer Support Coalition of Florida. Each year, the Coalition recognizes a peer specialist who has gone above and beyond in their efforts to advocate for recovery, reduce stigma, and offer peer-led support.

For many, overcoming substance use disorders is not just a medical challenge, but also an emotional and social journey. Peer specialists like Ashley, who have experienced recovery themselves, bring a unique and empathetic perspective to the table, building trust and providing much-needed emotional support. This award celebrates her ability to connect with individuals on a personal level and guide them through their recovery process with compassion and understanding. "Being recognized for my strength, after emerging from such a low point in my life is an empowering and enriching experience," said Ashley Orie. "This award is more than a personal achievement; it reflects the collective efforts of the entire team at Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare. Together, we are building a resilient recovery community, one person at a time. I want to acknowledge and celebrate all those I've encountered who remain unwavering in their commitment to change their lives. Recovery is possible."

For the past three years, the Peer Hero of the Year has been a Starting Point team member. With professionals like Ashley Orie leading the charge, the organization continues to break down barriers and reduce the stigma surrounding addiction and mental health issues.

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OBITUARIES

Eva Charlene Addair

Eva Charlene Addair, 86, of Jacksonville, passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2024. She was born July 22, 1938, in Woodman, KY, to the late Robert Lee Varney and Freda Marie Wolford Varney. In addition to her parents; she is preceded in death by a son Ronnie Addair; brother Ken Varney; and sister Marie Harding.

She is survived by her three children Mike (Angela) Addair, Jeff (Peggy) Addair and Ray Addair (Beth Chambers); 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Condolences may be expressed at www.srfhcallahan.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Callahan Chapel.

Margaret Hamilton Luna

Margaret Lerline Hamilton Luna, 81, of Waycross, Georgia, passed away Thursday, October 24, 2024. She was born February 15, 1943 in Little River, Alabama, to the late Harvey L. and Carrie Hamilton. Margaret was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She had a green thumb and loved working with flowers.

In addition to her parents; she is preceded in death by a brother Harvey Eugene "Gene" Hamilton; sisters Mary Lou Nelson and Annie Mae "Susie" Hand; and son-in-law Charles King.

She is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, Jose Gilberto Luna; five children Homer "Harold" Nelson, Jr., Harvey "Buddy" (Darlene) Nelson, Linda Nelson (Bobby) Orr, Tammy King and Carmen Luna; nine grandchildren Geneva, Daniel, Crystal, Brandy, Marqita, Tiffany, Patricia, Charles and Marissa; numerous great-grandchildren; brother George "Tudy" (Sharon) Hamilton; and many extended family and friends that loved and adored her.

A memorial service was held Monday, October 28 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardrobersonfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston, GA.

Frank Novak

Frank Novak, 75, of Jacksonville, passed away peacefully October 18, 2024. He was a devoted family man and cherished member of the community. Frank was born to the late Arthur and Letha Novak in Greeley, Colorado. He was known for his dad jokes, unwavering support for his children and taking care of home chores, his lawn and his family. Frank had a passion for life that shone through in all he did. Frank was an avid Corvette enthusiast, loved to read, and had a particular fascination with Egyptian history. He ensured his wife, Carol, was loved and cared for in every way as she was his world. Frank's laughter and love will be remembered by all who knew him. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered. Frank was preceded in death by his parents; and eldest brother Gary Novak.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Carol Novak; their children Emily and James (Alyssa) who was like a daughter to him; proud grandfather to Annie and Ally; and dedicated pet owner to three beloved cats; three brothers Alan, Mike and Jon; and numerous extended family members and friends who were welcomed as if they were his own, all of whom held a special place in his heart.

A celebration of Frank's life was held, on his birthday, October 27 at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Gerald Wollitz officiating. Interment followed at Oakwood Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to one of Frank's favorite charities: St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the Jacksonville Humane Society, or an extension of care to his wife Carol by checking in with her or sending meal delivery service, as he always wanted to be sure she was taken care of and fed well.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US-1, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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

Kathleen Willgohs

Kathleen "Kathy" Elizabeth Donovan Willgohs, 80, formerly of Callahan, a beloved mother, wife, sister and friend, passed away peacefully Monday, October 28, 2024. She was born February 3, 1944, in Zanesville, Ohio, to the late Richard E. Donovant and Anna Deptula Donovan. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister Barbara Ries; and brother Richard Donovan.

Kathy married Robert "Bob" Alan Willgohs February 20, 1965, after their paths crossed while she was working at a jewelry store owned by Bob's aunt and uncle. Together, they embarked on a beautiful journey, living in Ohio, California, Florida and Virginia, while raising their three children: Ann Marie, John Robert and Carol Lyn.

Kathy was a massage therapist who found joy in helping others through her work. She was an adventurous soul, with a love for the outdoors, gardening, kayaking, traveling and camping. One memorable moment from a three-week trip from Ohio to California highlights her playful nature. It was Kathy's first attempt at driving the motorhome. They were nearing a truck stop and as she was traveling down the off-ramp, Bob reminded her that motorhomes don't stop like cars do. In response, Kathy pressed hard on the brakes, sending her family and their belongings flying forward; cabinets swung open, and the floor became littered with various items. When the motorhome came to a stop, John emerged from the bathroom holding an entire medicine cabinet and asked, "What do I do with this?" The moment sparked laughter that captured the essence of Kathy – an ability to find joy even in chaos. Through all her trials, Kathy had an uninhibited sense of humor that she held onto to the end.

At the age of 40, Kathy's longtime dream came true when she got her first horse, Bergie. This opened the door to years of new experiences, traveling to new places, leisure riding and competitive trail riding, even once claiming the title of Grand Champion. She carried on these passions with Bergie for 25 years, but shared that loved with other horses, Maya, Bear (who preceded her in death in June), and more. Along with the horses, there was always a gaggle of cats, dogs, and chickens.

Kathy leaves behind a loving legacy to cherish her memory, husband of 59 years, Robert "Bob" Alan Willgohs; children Ann Marie (Kyle) Bradley, John Robert (Erin) Willgohs and Carol Lyn (Will) Nolan; grandchildren Stephen (Laura), Matt, Josh, Michael, Jacob, Aaron (Allie) and Caelyn; and great-grandchildren Cameron, with one on the way, Ellie.

OBITUARIES

PATRICIA WINGATE

Patricia Adel Atkinson Wingate, 81, of Callahan, passed away Friday, October 25, 2024 in Jacksonville. She was born February 8, 1943 in Jacksonville to the late George Atkinson and Nettie Seller Atkinson. She was the owner of Aquarius Hair Salon for many years until her retirement. She was a member of Live Oak Baptist Church.

She is survived by her children Steve (Beth) Wingate, Michael (Jayne) Wingate, Tammy Bagley and Kevin (Kristy) Whiten; nine grandchildren Tammy, Michelle, Carl, Becky, Mitch, Cameron, Corey, Brock and Holden; and 12 great-grandchildren; sister Delores Higginbotham; and brother Frank Atkinson.

The family will receive friends Thursday, October 31 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Callahan Chapel, 617365 Brandies Avenue, Callahan from 7-9 p.m. The funeral service will be held Friday, November 1 at 11 a.m. at Live Oak Baptist Church with Pastor Dr. David King officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.srfhcallahan.com.

Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Callahan Chapel is honored to serve the Wingate family.

Parent Objection to Obscene Books

Jack Knocke, CDR Executive Director

Who's standing with Jinger Brinkley to keep obscene books out of our school libraries? One voice might be dismissed, but a community of voices can't be ignored. After two years of Nassau Citizens Defending Freedom (Nassau CDF) fighting to remove 34 inappropriate books, the Nassau County School District returned them to the shelves. When Jinger found out, she didn't stay quiet. She immediately objected to 4 specific books that are obscene and need to be pulled now.

Jinger, as a parent, officially submitted her objection Monday, September 16. By Friday, September 20, the News Leader published her name, calling her out as the parent challenging the returned books.

On October 3, Jinger addressed the Nassau CDF speaking passionately about why these books should be removed from our schools.

Here's the thing: the school district takes a parent's objection more seriously than one from Nassau CDF. For example, on June 24, 2024, Nassau CDF identified and reported 22 more books in our school libraries that violate Florida's obscenity laws for minors. These books encourage dangerous behavior, confusion, and acting out. One of these, *Sold*, includes explicit scenes of rape, prostitution, and graphic violence. The Nassau County School District has taken NO action. This particular book is in Yulee, Hilliard, West Nassau, Fernandina Beach high schools (The *Sold* copy in Fernandina Beach Middle school is marked as "lost").

Jinger is one parent taking a stand, but if other parents join her, we have a real shot at stopping the Media Specialists, Superintendent, and School Board from keeping this garbage in our school libraries. Let's focus on real education, not this nonsense.

Ready to take action? You may call or text 470-295-4365 or submit a request through the Nassau CDF tip line. The Nassau County School Board meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the administration office in Fernandina.

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