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"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE." - JEREMIAH 29:11

Nye Inducted into National Softball Hall of Fame



Dawn S. West

On November 9, 2019, Mike Nye, of Callahan and owner of Nye's Auto Sales for 38 years, was inducted into the National Softball Hall of Fame in Reno, Nevada. Nye, who graduated from Ribault High School in 1968, signed with the Chicago Cubs right after high school. He played with the Cubs for two years before returning home and making Callahan his home. "Growing up, I played ball all the time. I played in Little League and baseball all through school," said Nye. "I started playing tournament softball when I was only 16. From then I learned about the game and to be the best I could at it. Now it has paid off with the Hall of Fame. I am so honored."

Nye played with numerous teams, Jacksonville Metro, Warren Motors, Nelsons Paints, Ken Sanders Ford, Steele's Sports Company and professional softball with the Detroit Ceasars. During his 3-year time in Detroit he was named All Pro all 3 years. He has taken home numerous MVP awards. His credits are many for his some 30 years of playing softball including: 12 World Championships; 12 time All American; Record holder for most MVP's in a 2 year span at 15; Held Highest Batting Average Record in the Country for 17 years; Won MVP in 40 year era, 50 year era and Open Division. Over the years Nye has been called the

greatest player to every play the game and said to be the purest hitter ever! He played on the greatest team ever with Warren Motors as their season had 94 wins and 2 losses.

Nye's team won the Softball World Series twice and he was named MVP in the 1977 World Series. He won Professional Athlete of the Year in Detroit in 1977; and won Amateur Athlete of the Year in 1976. He had a lifetime batting average of .725. In his younger years, he loved lifting weights and at one time benched 530 pounds while weighing 190 pounds.

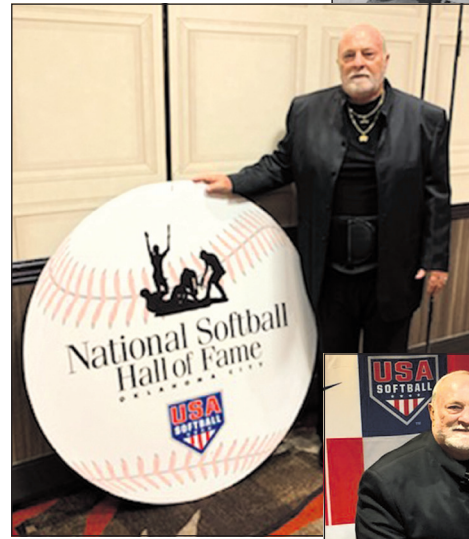
At the Hall of Fame induction service he was introduced as: Mike Nye: Winner; crowd favorite; one of the best pure hitters in the game who

had a 25-year upper level career. "Mike was one of the greatest all-around athletes and competitors to ever step on a softball field," said former manager of the Detroit Ceasars, Robert Brown. "In today's vocabulary, he was a five-tool guy who hit



he did it all. He is a true superstar who brought excitement every time he suited up." Mike and his wife Tammy attended the induction service in Reno, Nevada.

Today, Mike continues to own his used car lot in Callahan, which he has for 38 years. He has helped and served many of the residents in Callahan through the years. Congratulations on this honor, Mike!



for average, hit for power, could run, throw, catch...



AXIS PLEX Apartments Near Completion

Dawn S. West

After talking last Friday with AXIS PLEX contractor Brenton Franklin, the apartment complex is on schedule for an April 1, 2020 move in date for residents, weather permitting. The complex is located on Ewing Park Road in Callahan, The complex, which broke ground in May 2019, is closing in on completion. In fact, pre-leasing for apartments has already begun.

Franklin is offering quite a deal for those wishing to pre-lease now. By pre-leasing now, the \$500 deposit is waived. You will pre-lease by paying \$300 down, which will go towards your first month's rent. The 3 bedroom 2 bath apartments are \$1,175 per month; and the 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments are \$975 per month. All apartments include all appliances and also a



washer and dryer. The complex will be completely fenced with sidewalks to each apartment, ample parking and curbing. Residents will have access to Ewing Park with swings, pavilions, grills, walking track and lots of play equipment for the children. Separate storage units will also be available for

residents to rent for additional storage items.

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A Word From the Publisher

Now that the holiday busy times are over it's time to settle back down to our 'normal' routines. Sad to say, many don't have a normal. I joke numerous times about being 'normal' when I realize sometimes I don't know what normal is. During our Christmas break, I got sick. Thank you Jesus, for me, I haven't been sick in quite some time. I really feel like Jesus has a way with me when He gently asks me to slow down but...I don't heed His advice. Eventually, He just shuts me down to slow me down. This time, I was down. I didn't feel well enough to hardly get out of bed much less go anywhere or do anything. It certainly gave me lots of time to rest and reflect on lots of things in my life.

I am really a procrastinator and I hate that about myself. My job is demanding, but I feel like I have ample time to do the things that are necessary to do. It's at that time, that my selfish side moves in and says, "We don't have to do this right now. There's plenty of time." I'm so thankful to have a loving heavenly Father that gives me mercy and grace. When I am sick I start to think about how bad I am. It's also those times that God once again intervenes and places someone in my path that is much worse off than I.

I have about four devotionals that I like to read through. One of those 'down' days, I got up, fixed me a cup of coffee, got my Bible and all my books and journal. God is amazing! As I opened the first one and begin to read the verse was, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14. Some light I am, I thought. I can't even hold my head up. We are to shine the light of Christ's

love by gestures of kindness and a welcoming spirit. Okay Lord...your're right, I'm just feeling a little down. Moving on to the next devotional, the first sentence was, "Do you ever have the blues?" Oh wow! God does have a sense of humor. As I read the verse, God just takes over, "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phillipians 4:19. Thank you Jesus for always supplying just what I need when I need it! The devotion ended with a thought, "No burden is too heavy for God's almighty arms." Amen and amen.

I certainly don't want to portray myself as the perfect Christian...as I'm far from that. There was only one perfect one and His name is Jesus. I must say the days I was infirmed was truly a blessing from God. As I continue to grow in grace I know that I will still have 'down' days. That's normal and that's okay but I will not dwell on those days. I'm so thankful for my life and the life God is building in me. I only strive to be the person God wants me to be. Part of that is being more organized and prepared with my work and my schedules. Taking advantage of those 'special' opportunities when they are presented as we do not know what tomorrow will bring.

As my new planner has on the front, "For I know the Plans..." Jeremiah 29:11. Pretty sure the Lord had something to do with me finding just that one for me! As I will follow His plans for my life!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

Letters to the Editor



Letters to the Editor may be emailed to news@westsidejournal.net but must include a complete name. Letters should be no longer than 300 words.

Keeping America Safe

Dear Editor,

This past week, President Trump did the world a huge favor and in the process took a bold step in honoring his promise to keep America safe when he ordered the drone strike that took out the notorious terrorist, Qasem Soleimani. Soleimani, an Iranian Major General and commander of the Quds Force, the Iranian force involved in clandestine (i.e., terrorist) operations, had been directly responsible for killing approximately 700 Americans and seriously wounding and maiming many more. Most recently, Soleimani had directed an attack that killed an American contractor and orchestrated the attack on the American Embassy in Baghdad. Intelligence confirmed that Soleimani was planning attacks to kill many more Americans, including attacks on additional embassies (an act of war).

So, did the Democrats and the mainstream media thank the President for ridding the world of this brutal killer and in the process, almost certainly saving additional American lives? Of course not. Based upon the public statements from Pelosi, Schumer, and most in the media, Soleimani was painted as a revered Iranian General and one of the most beloved figures in all of Iran – you would have thought he was an Iranian war hero. And President Trump was lambasted as this unhinged Commander in Chief who had led us to the brink of war with Iran. As former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley pointed out, the only ones in the world who seemed to have a problem with Soleimani's death (including even Russia and China) were the Democrats

and the so-called mainstream media.

What happened next was interesting. Yes, as expected, the Iranians retaliated. However, none of the 16 missiles they launched at two bases in Iraq resulted in any loss of life, American or otherwise. Either the Iranians were incompetent (probably not the case), or they missed intentionally because they were scared of what President Trump would do to their country if they took additional American lives. As this attack was happening, MSNBC reported the false story (as repeated from Iranian press reports that they did not bother to verify), that the bases had been leveled by the missiles and that at least 30 Americans had been killed. This, of course, was totally false. It is a sad day when a political agenda is more important to a major television news network than either the truth or journalistic ethics.

President Trump's response came the next morning. This "unhinged" war monger chose the path of peace. While announcing additional sanctions and also announcing that Iran would never be allowed to have nuclear weapons, the President dialed things back a notch, and chose not to make an additional military strike. He also gave Iran an out – an opportunity to seek a diplomatic solution and to eventually join the rest of the civilized world. We may have additional challenges ahead with Iran. But if we do, I, for one, am glad that we have a President who has the courage to make the tough decisions necessary to keep America strong and to keep America safe.

Thank you, President Trump, for always having our back.

Sincerely,
Peter Reed Corbin

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The Nassau County Library Advisory Board will meet Tues., Jan. 21 from 3-5 p.m., Yulee Library FSCJ/Nassau Center, Conference Room T106, 76346 William Burgess Blvd. The public is invited to attend.

The Westside Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tues., Jan. 21 at the Mickler St. County Building in Callahan. Special guest will be Donna Deegan candidate for Congress District 4. Dinner will follow. Call 904-879-5163 for more information.

Lifeline Concerts Presents an Arts & Crafts Festival Sat., Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Old Plank Road Baptist Church, Jacksonville, followed by a gospel concert at 2 p.m. featuring The Kingdom Heirs from Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN. Concert cost, \$12 at the door. To be a vendor call Leslie at 904-507-8718.

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Fish Talk

The Ghost Fish of Brackish Waters

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

I was just taking a look over the local forecast. Although we can't see too far out, it appears as though some decent days are ahead. This weekend is going to be mostly cloudy which is typically when I have my best times. Yes I know we can't rely on the meteorologist but, there is a little hope ahead. Some of my best trips have come from the worst weather days, so don't let that bother you in the least. So, let's get to the fishing!

We haven't spoken about striped bass in quite some time. None the less, there has been a great bite going on behind the scenes. While everyone targets the typical inshore species, our brackish waters have been firing off. Where to look? What kind of baits should I throw and what are the best tides? Well, just like most predatory fish, you need tidal movement and I love the outgoing. Funnels, rip rap, tree tops and rubble of any sort is key. Pay attention for the slightest flickering of bait and look for fleeing fish as the tide recedes the grass when the water's moving out. All of these items are huge in being successful for catching what I call the Ghost Fish of Northeast Florida. Striper can be on the surface one minute and gone before you make your next cast.

As far as lures go, I typically target them with hard baits and plastics. Rapala skitter walks, Bomber Pro Long A's and Spook Jr's are fantastic search baits. Whether it be top water or sub surface, you can't do wrong as long as you adjust to the conditions. During low light, I will use bright colors. As the day progresses and the sun begins to peak, I will switch to large paddle tails to get down deep. Weighted chartreuse jig heads will need to be switched out to compensate for the tidal current you're fishing.

Lastly, where are we catching striper? Well, because they move so much, the best starting points always seem to be at our bridges. This could be US 17 on the Nassau River, I-95 at the St. Marys River and the Buckman Bridge on the St. Johns River. All of these waterways provide great fisheries for striper. Stay focused and get into the mindset of really searching for them. If you can focus on the hunt, you will be surprised of the outcome. Hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy your weekend. Until next time, be safe out there and tight lines!

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

There is a meme floating around social media that states, "If you are not mad yet, then you are not paying attention!" The Democratic Party is now totally out of control. Through their partisan impeachment (coup) they are attempting to over throw a legitimately elected President strictly on the basis of dislike and sore loser syndrome. Since the impeachment is not turning out so well for them, as it has only strengthened the approval rating of President Trump, they are attacking him in other ways to weaken his leadership and the security of America.

Randy DeSoto wrote a commentary for the Western Journal that was intriguing. He titled it, "Hypocritical Dems Trash Trump but Are Fine With Obama's 2,800 Strikes Congress Didn't Approve." With nothing more being said or written, the title says it all. However, he explained that House Speaker Pelosi along with her fellow Democrats are blasting President Trump's use of force to eliminate Iranian Quads force commander Qassem Soleimani without congressional authorization, but the Dems gave ole' Barack free rein to carry out many military operation without their authorization.

The Washington Times reported back in April 2005 that the U.S. strikes to targets in Syria and Iraq surpassed 2,800 over the course of several months with NO authorization from Congress. Obama referenced his powers as

Commander in Chief, as well as the September 2001 "Authorization for Use of Military Force," a resolution passed by Congress, which recognizes, "the President has authority under the Constitution to take action to deter and prevent acts of intentional terrorism against the United States."

That was then and this is now, suddenly the Dems are concerned that President Trump overstepped his authority as Commander in Chief by approving the killing of Soleimani just days after our embassy was attacked and Americans were killed and injured by Iranian backed forces. Even though the "Associated Press" reported that Trump met the "48-hour deadline required by the Wars Powers Act to notify Congress, it didn't satisfy Pelosi or Schumer. In their great two-faced game of rule, the Pelosi-led House passed a war powers resolution that mandates that if no further Congressional action is taken, the Administration's military hostilities with regard to Iran must cease within 30 days. The Dems will do anything to make Trump incompetent but in all reality they are showing their own incompetence and their disdain for our great Republic.

I don't know if it is just me, but I think someone should take a serious look into the mental health of Nancy Pelosi. There is something terribly wrong with that woman.

Of course...that's just my opinion!

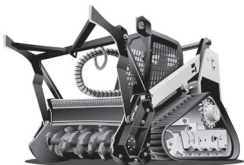
In the Kitchen... Chicken Tetrizzini for a Crowd

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| 1 lb. spaghetti, broken into pieces | 1 lb. sauteed mushrooms |
| 3 (10.75 oz.) cans cream of mushroom soup | 1 (4 oz.) jar sliced pimento peppers, drained |
| 12 oz. shredded Cheddar cheese | 2 cups reserved chicken broth |
| 6 cups shredded boiled chicken breast meat | |

Preheat oven to 350°. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add uncooked spaghetti (broken into thirds) to the pot and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente. Drain and set aside. In a large saucepan, heat soup over low heat. Add shredded cheese (reserve some for topping) and stir together. Then add the cooked shredded chicken, mushrooms, pimento peppers and cooked spaghetti and stir all together. Add enough of the reserved broth to make it 'sloppy' and mix all together. Pour mixture into a 9x13 inch baking dish. Sprinkle reserved shredded cheese on top and bake in the preheated oven for 25 to 35 minutes or until bubbly.

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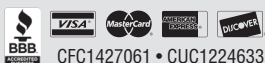
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One vacant lot of property within the Hilliard City limits. The lot measurements are 105' x 105', approximately one quarter acre. This is a conforming lot of record that was previously occupied by a dwelling, therefore is exempt from current impact fees. City water and sewer is also available to this lot. The property is located at 3775 Fifth Street east of Oxford Street and is adjacent to the Railroad property.

There is a minimum bid amount of \$10,500. Any bid received after the specific time and date will not be considered.

The Hilliard Town Council will take action on the bid at their regularly scheduled meeting on that same date at 7:00 p.m.

The bidder who is awarded the sale shall submit a cashier's check in the amount of the bid to the Town Clerk on or before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020. The cashier's check shall be made payable to the Town of Hilliard. Failure to submit the cashier's check by the time required shall result in rejection of the bid and the Town of Hilliard will make the sale to the next highest bidder.

The Town of Hilliard reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive informalities in any bid, make the award in part or whole and to make the award in the best interest of the Town of Hilliard. Dated this 15th, day of January 2020.

Gifts

Pastor Ted Heglund, First Alliance Church, Hilliard



Have you ever struggled with what gift to get for someone? As most men, I wonder what to get my wonderful petite wife for her special days. Over the years she has often clued me in. When our children were babies, she wanted a rocker. Some of the more interesting ones for working in the yard included a Sawzall, a JawSaw (small enclosed chainsaw for limbs) and her own toolbox.

Hannah, our 10-year-old granddaughter, is a person that likes to do things with her hands. It is sometimes hard to buy gifts for her. This past Christmas her Dad made her a potter's wheel. It was amazing to watch her turn on that wheel and begin to work the clump of clay. She would wet her hands and wrap those little hands around the clay and before long a beautiful bowl was formed. We asked if she had ever worked with clay before and how she learned to work the clay so well for a beginner. Her simple answer was "No, just YouTube!"

Hannah's older sister, who is usually very proficient in everything she tries to do, could not make the clay do what she wanted. She exclaimed, "This is hard! Hannah makes it look so easy!" Hannah seems to have a gift of shaping the clay. It reminded me that each person is gifted in some way.

In Jeremiah 18 we have the picture of a potter working at his wheel. It reminds us that the potter can do what he wants with the clay. If he finds the vessel has a fault in it he can remold and reshape it. The potter does this to make the vessel just the right size and shape for the intended use. True, this passage is referring to the people of Israel but the significance is not lost that we are clay in the Master's hands.

Often we get upset because we think God should have done things differently. Why did He allow this or that to happen? I don't understand why God is leading me in this direction. It is a lesson we have to learn that when we trust the Lord for what is taking place in our lives we find that He also gives us strength. His work in us produces vessels that are perfect for the work and life He has made for us.

Every believer has been called to live to bring glory and honor to the Lord God. The Lord has given you gifts to use and opportunities to do things for Him that no one else can do. Just like Hannah and Alyssa have different skill sets you do too. No one else can do what God has called you to do. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

Hilliard Assembly Welcomes Varnes

Hilliard First Assembly Pastor Arlie Johns invites everyone to come hear Richard Varnes. Richard is passionate about encouraging the body of Christ to pursue His presence and encounter the transforming power of Christ's love and His healing anointing. He will be speaking this Sunday, January 19 at 10 a.m. at Hilliard First Assembly of God, located at 550920 US Highway 1 a quarter of a mile south of the caution light at Eastwood Road in Hilliard. For more information, you can call 904-845-2642.



Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation Donates to Barnabas



said, "We are proud to support Barnabas Center in its mission to fight hunger in Nassau County, Florida. Since the Fill Your Tank program launched in 2016, we have been committed to addressing food insecurity around the globe and making a difference in the communities where we live and work."

Although there is enough food produced to feed the population, one in nine

Barnabas Center received \$10,000 from the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation to address food insecurity in Nassau County. The donation is part of Enterprise's Fill Your Tank program, which launched in October 2016 to mark Enterprise's 60th anniversary by providing \$60 million to fight hunger globally.

people still go to bed on an empty stomach, according to the World Food Programme. In the U.S. alone, 37 million people face hunger, including more than 11 million children, according to Feeding America. More information can be found at www.enterprise.com/FillYourTank (U.S.) or www.enterprise.ca/FillYourTank (Canada).

Now in its fourth year, the Fill Your Tank program has distributed a total of \$40 million among larger food banks and charities throughout North America and Europe, in addition to smaller local food banks and pantries in North American communities. The Fill Your Tank program donations made locally are determined by regional Enterprise operations, and this year \$5 million was distributed to food banks and pantries throughout communities served by Enterprise.

Wanda Lanier, President and CEO of Barnabas Center said, "We are so grateful to Enterprise as a partner for helping Barnabas provide food to families and children in our community who don't know where their next meal is coming from. The support and generosity of our community enables Barnabas to address significant issues of hunger and food insecurity, as well as access to quality medical and dental care for adults who are uninsured in Nassau County."

In presenting the donation, Todd Broadwater, Enterprise Holdings Human Resources Manager in Jacksonville

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CHURCH NEWS

Gateway to Life Ministries will have a Food Giveaway Saturday, January 18 for families in need from 10 a.m. - noon. The church is located at 37837 Eastwood Rd., Hilliard.

Bethany Episcopal Church will serve Spaghetti dinners for \$8 this Friday, January 17 from 5-7 p.m. The church is located on CR 108, across from Hilliard Town Hall.

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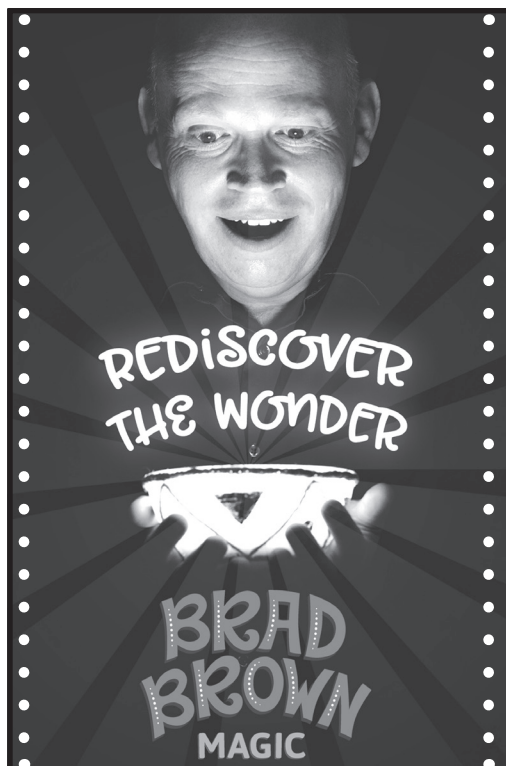
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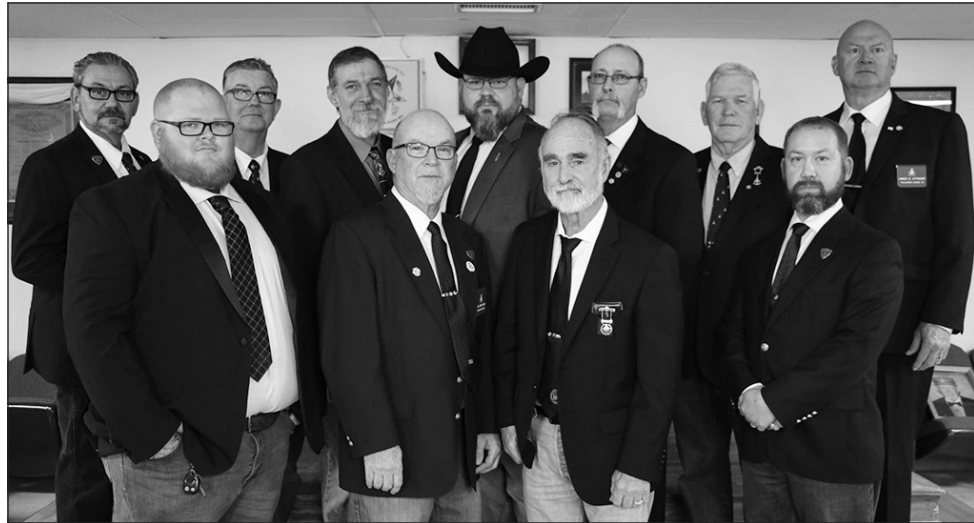
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Callahan Masonic Lodge Installs Officers for 2020

Rite Worshipful Ed Constance acted as Installing Officer during Callahan Masonic Lodge #32's recent 2020 Officer Installation. As Rite Worshipful Constance introduced each man, he described the office and also the emblems which denote each office.

Each new officer was then escorted to his new position in the Lodge by the Installing Marshall Jesse Tiner, a Past District Deputy Grand Master. Rite Worshipful Constance also presented the new Worshipful Master, Brian Jahay, a hat; showing another symbolic emblem of leadership.



Shown (l to r) are: John Wayne Nelson (Sr. Deacon); AJ Wright (Tyler); George Spicer (Treasurer); Ben Derr (Sr. Warden); Jerry Smith (Sr. Steward); Brian Jahay (Worshipful Master); Bob Eubanks (Marshall); Tom Siebers (Jr. Warden); John Page (Secretary); Gary Burchfield (Jr. Steward); and Jim Ottinger (Jr. Deacon). Not pictured is Robert Stewart (Chaplain).

Senator Bean Unveils New Bill

Senator Aaron Bean (R-Fernandina Beach) hosted a recognition event for firefighters last Thursday at Nassau County Fire Station 20 in Fernandina Beach. The event was a reception for firefighters in recognition to a successfully passed bill that he co-sponsored last session, CS/CS/SB 426 "Firefighters," which helps firefighters diagnosed with cancer to receive disability payments. In addition, Senator Bean unveiled a new bill for the 2020 legislative session, SB 1092 and HB 487 "Fire Prevention and Control," relating to decontamination of firefighter equipment.

"Our firefighters are the first ones to rush into a burning building to save lives and it is time to make sure they are not in harm's way from the residual

fire contamination that comes back with them," said Senator Bean.

SB 1092 creates the Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program within CFO Jimmy Patronis' Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Financial Services to fund this effort to protect the firefighters. It will require the division to administer the program and annually award grants, and distribute equipment and training to qualifying fire departments.

Senator Aaron Bean represents District 4, which includes Nassau and parts of Duval Counties. He can be contacted in Tallahassee at 850-487-5004 or in his District Office at 904-757-5039. To learn more about his bills, please visit www.flsenate.gov.

Callahan Masonic Lodge Christmas Happenings



Recently, the members of Callahan Lodge #32 fulfilled the Christmas wishes of 24 kids by way of an Angel Tree. They collected presents, wrapped them and distributed them to children within the community. They also made Christmas food baskets for 8 families. This is the 2nd Annual Angel Tree, and the lodge expects to continue this tradition. One of the people involved described the warm feeling knowing that they had spread love and Christmas joy to those less fortunate. Callahan Lodge once again demonstrated one of the main tenets of masonry, that tenet of Charity.

Relay for Life Rod Run & Vendor Event!

For those of you that have those unique cars and hot rods, we'd love for you to join in the Rod Run to benefit the Relay for Life of West Nassau County! The event will be held Saturday, January 25 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds. Registration will be from 8-11 a.m. Car Show registration is \$20. For information on the car show call Al at 904-322-3794 or Greg at 904-654-2918.

Vendors are encouraged to also come and rent a spot for your business. All vendors are welcome! Vendor spots are also \$20. For information about vendor spots, call Wanda at 904-294-2088.

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New Beginnings and Milestones

MaKenzie Rae Steedley & Tommy Lane Steedley

T.J. Steedley and Bethann Bell, of Hilliard, are proud to announce the birth of their twins, a girl and a boy, MaKenzie Rae Steedley and Tommy Lane Steedley. The babies were born December 23, 2019 at Baptist Nassau Hospital in Fernandina Beach. MaKenzie was born at 5:26 p.m. She weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces and measured 19 inches. Tommy was born at 5:27 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces and measured 21 inches.



Paternal grandparents are Tommy and Penny Steedley of Hilliard.

Maternal grandparents are John and Kathy Ballance of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents are Betty Kennedy; and Florence Johnson, both of Hilliard; and the late Maryann and Eugene Steedley; and the late Nita Ballance.

The twins were welcomed home by their siblings Kylie and Kyle Bell!

Ms. White and Mr. Whitley Announce Upcoming Marriage



Chris and Mandy White of Hilliard are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Jesse White to Mr. Joshua Whitley, son of Jennifer Whitley and Donald Miller of Bryceville.

The bride-elect is a 2016 graduate of West Nassau High School. She is employed at First Coast Realty and is also attending nursing school set to graduate as a Registered Nurse in 2021.

The groom-elect is also a 2016 graduate of West Nassau High School and is employed with Weather Engineers.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, January 25 in Folkston, Georgia.

Rambler Cheerleaders Win 1st Place!



Congratulations to the Callahan Middle School Rambler Cheer Squad on their First Place Victory that was held Saturday at West Nassau High School. This was the first competition for Callahan Middle School and also this cheer team! The team has 26 girls and 3 boys, another first for CMS.

The team includes these girls: Connor Vilett, Khamani Way, Peyton Platt, Hanna Starling, Shyanne Purvis, Rhylee Tillis-McLain, Abigail Keeton, Brylie Lane, Lacy Johnson, Laura Leigh Conner, Baileigh Love, Hayleigh Young, Payton Davis, Hallie Driggers, Kierson Jaques, Abby Clayton, Madison Green, Amelya Smith, Kayla Manasco, Emma White, Molly Miller, Jaycee Dover, Tatum Faircloth, Jayden Massengill, Michaela Perret and Rylee Shaw; and boys Austin Johnson; Connor Scaff; and Caden McDuffie. The coaches are Kaitlyn Green and Kathy McDuffie.



Hilliard:

The Concerned Citizens of Hilliard will hold their annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk Monday, January 20 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Hilliard Police substation on CR 108. From there the group will head west on CR 108 to US Highway 1 and turn left on US Highway 1 and head north to Sixth Street; turn left on Sixth Street and end at Hisbon Baptist Church, 37214 W. Sixth Street, where the service will be held with guest speaker Rev. Stanley Palmer.

Callahan:

Second Baptist Church, 45019 Johnson Road, Callahan, will host a Martin Luther King, Jr. service beginning at 10 a.m. with guest speaker Dr. Gary L. Williams, Sr.

Following the service, the Patricia V. Williams Chapter of the Concerned Citizens of Nassau County MLK parade will start from the church at noon. The parade route will begin at Second Baptist Church to US 1 and turn right; travel through Callahan, take a left at Ewing Park Road where a Community Fellowship will be held at the park! Come and join us for fellowship, food, fun, and music.

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Royal Recognized for 50 Years of Membership In Freemasonry

In December, Brother Monroe Royal was presented his 50 Year Certificate, Pin, and Gold 50 Year Membership Card by Tom Kutz, Master of Callahan Lodge. Brother Royal became a Freemason in Riverview Lodge #306, in Jacksonville where he was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on June 6, 1969. He was then Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on July 7, 1969 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on Sep. 29, 1969.



During his years as a Master Mason he has served in many positions and as Worshipful Master of Callahan Lodge #32 in 2010. He has been an active member for his 50 years as a Mason as an officer, mentor and a district representative. Brother Royal has also been an active member of Callahan OES Chapter #154 and served as the Worthy Patron and as Florida OES Grand Chapter Representative to South Carolina.

Monday Road Blockage



Monday, around noon, a loaded semi with a full dump trailer tipped over at the S curves near Rowe Cutoff on River Road. Not only did the load dump but made a mess on the roadway keeping the road closed until it could be somewhat cleaned up. The driver was not transported to the hospital. It took about four hours to clean up the mess.

Climate Change at Callahan Middle



Laura Mock, CMS Teacher

Something feels different at Callahan Middle School. Students are smiling, words of encouragement are the norm and being a silent bystander to bullying is now a thing of the past. The big change is in large part due to the implementation of Advisory.

Advisory is teaching young adults the fundamentals of effective communication, listening, and problem solving in their homeroom classes. It allows them to reflect on relative issues and learn life lessons with their peers. Teacher Whitney Kibler describes, "Our overall goal is for our students to be able to take these lessons and apply them to life outside of the classroom." The most important part of this program, however, is what the students have to say about it.

Eighth grader Charlotte Robinson explains, "Students are communicating more

with each other. In the beginning of school, teachers made us talk to each other, so now we are connecting and problem solving on our own."

"The biggest difference from last year, that I noticed, is people are more respectful to each other. Students are acknowledging each other, either with a 'Good Morning' or 'Hello,'" says Casselli Ingraham, eighth grader.

As sixth grader, Khamani Way, expresses, "Advisory makes people happier throughout the day, even though they wouldn't ever admit that they like advisory. It sets you off for having a good day."



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County Begins Historic Resource Survey

In 2018, Nassau County submitted a Small Matching grant application to the Florida Division of Historical Resources to complete a Historic Resource Survey for the County. The County received the grant award in July 2019. The project began in Fall 2019 and will be completed by June 30, 2020.

The first goal of the survey project is to update existing Florida Master Site File forms. The Florida Master Site File is the state of Florida's official inventory of historic and cultural resources. It does not have a regulatory component; it is simply a record of historic sites. Nassau County has many listings already on the Master Site File that describe a range of historic and cultural resources. Archaeological sites, homes, commercial buildings, churches, barns, chicken houses, syrup sheds, bridges, railroad beds, and cemeteries are just an example of the diversity of historic resources already included on the Master Site File. However, many of these site file listings are thirty or forty years old. It is not known whether many of these sites still exist and an update will help determine what is still in existence.

The second portion of the survey project will be to survey areas for new additions to the Florida Master Site File. Areas of unincorporated Nassau County should be included, in addition to possible sites in the incorporated towns of Callahan and Hilliard. Sites for possible survey and inclusion are included but not limited to: underrepresented history sites, cultural landscapes, sites related to agriculture and transportation, and mid-century resources and sites related to early and mid-century tourism. Properties built in 1970 or earlier will be reviewed for the project, as the threshold for historic properties is 50 years.

The last part of the project will recommend preservation strategies for the County. These strategies will be utilized to inform planning efforts throughout Nassau County. The County does not currently have a historic preservation

program. A baseline survey updating our historic resource information will help in bringing the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code up to date and inform future steps in preservation planning.

The County has contracted with Environmental Services Inc./Terracon to complete the survey work. Representatives from ESI/Terracon will be in the field in Nassau County completing field work over the next few months, including documentation of sites. This involves their team members photographing a site and recording information about the site, such as construction and architectural details. Information is shared with the State Division of Historical Resources. Requests for information require approval of the Division of Historical Resources and are granted only to researchers, local government, and others with a qualified reason for obtaining the information. All work is completed from the right-of-way and does not involve going on private property.

General information from the survey will be shared with local historic societies and museums. Education and outreach programs around the survey information will be conducted to generate interest and support for preservation projects in Nassau County.

The Nassau County Planning and Economic Opportunity Department is charged with leading long-range and current planning for the community, with a focus on technical planning, implementation and management of the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan, development and site plan review, and assistance to citizens, the Board of County Commissioners, County Manager and other staff, advisory boards, government agencies, and the private sector regarding growth and development in Nassau County. For more information on our Plan, Code, or current initiatives, call (904) 530-6300 or visit our website at: www.nassaucountyfl.com/planning.

POLICE REPORTS

Names, Addresses and all information appearing in the Police Reports are taken from the Sheriff's Department files and do not necessarily indicate guilt, only that arrests were made or charges were filed.

Thursday, January 9

James Russell Moore, 29, 54222 Pelican Road, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Friday, January 10

Patricia Ann Mock, 63, 38328 Patsy Lane, Callahan: Duval County Warrant Leaving the Scene of a Crash with Injuries; No Valid Driver's License; Failure to Appear

Nancy Kay Boyett, 52, 241935 CR 121, Hilliard: DUI Property Damage, Personal Injury (Bicycle) Misdemeanor; Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

Saturday, January 11

John Wesley Echevarria, 28, 45025 Vera Avenue, Callahan: Theft Under Retail

Sunday, January 12

James Austin Bray, 37, 372190 Kings Ferry Road, Hilliard: Violation of Condition of Release Domestic Battery

Local Teenager in Fatal Accident

A tragic accident occurred late Saturday night on Plummer Road in Jacksonville. The accident was not noticed until Sunday morning when a passerby noticed something had crashed through a fence in a portion of the Jacksonville Ranch Club. Police are still investigating the accident where a car was pulled from a pond with a body still inside, according to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Police said an older Honda was traveling east on the rural two-lane road that runs between Duval and Nassau

counties, left the road, plowed through a fence and landed in a retention pond. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Dive Team was called to assist police at the scene. The driver of the car was the only occupant in the vehicle.

On Monday, the victim's mother identified the driver of the car as Nathan Gallant, 19, who graduated from Lighthouse Christian Academy's Callahan campus in 2018 and was working at UPS.

A GoFundMe account has been set up to help with funeral expenses.

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CLAUDIA ANN DENNIS



Claudia 'Ann' Dennis went home to be with the Lord on January 11, 2020 after a long battle with cancer. Ann will be remembered as a strong, caring and loving wife, mother, Nana and friend to all who knew her.

She survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Danny Dennis; daughters Sandy (Brian) West of Callahan, Shannon (Paul) Wilson; son Jason (Jennifer) Dennis; nine grandchildren, Lexi, Cameron, Taylor, Abby, Peyton, Susie, Jaxson, Maddie and Cole; as well as many other loving family members and friends.

The family will receive friends Thursday, January 16 from 6-8 p.m. at Callahan First Baptist Church. The funeral service will be held Friday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m. also at the church.

ANNA L. HUNTER DUBOSE



Anna L. Hunter Dubose, 83, of Hilliard, passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2020. She was born July 7, 1936 in Lake City, to the late Abraham Knight Hunter and Louise Lessie Curry Hunter. She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Hilliard.

Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Marvin Dubose; two sons David Aurand and Michael Dubose; a brother Irvin Hunter; and a sister Lillian Skinner.

She is survived by her children J.R. (Cheryl) Aurand, Dianne (Michael) Matuch, James (Lori) Dubose, Danny (Cindy) Dubose, Selena (Mark) Barnes and Anthony (Karen) Dubose; two sisters Betty (Wayne) Huber and Nancy (Tom) Laws; a brother Mack (Janie) Hunter; 18 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday,

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January 11 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 3741 Heavenly Lane, Hilliard. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in Greenlawn Cemetery, Waycross.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

KAREN HARDEN HEATON



Karen Patricia Harden Heaton, 64, of Folkston, passed away Thursday, January 9, 2020 in Jacksonville. She was born July 9, 1955 in Folkston and was a 1973 graduate of Charlton County High School. She was the Housing Authority Manager for Charlton and Camden Counties and a member of Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her father Charlie Earl Harden; and a brother Stanley Harden.

She is survived by her mother Jessie Ruth Harden; a sister Sharon (Kenny) Crocker; a brother David (Becky) Harden; three aunts Jimmie Jane Glisson, Louise Bryant and Rachel Dixon; an uncle George (Faye) Harden; nieces Erin (Danny) Waters, Emie Harden, Ashley Brown, Leila Harden and Alie Harden; nephews Travis Padgett, Daniel (Mary Ann) Harden and Chris Brown; and several cousins, great nieces and great nephews.

The family received friends Saturday, January 11 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. The funeral service was held Sunday, January 12 at Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Keith Lloyd officiating. Burial followed in Sardis Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

LESLIE 'LES' A. MOSLEY



Mr. Leslie "Les" A. Mosley, 87, of Hilliard, passed away Tuesday, January 7, 2020, after a brief illness. He was born in Baldwin, the youngest son of the late Lester and Eva Mosley. His father passed away just prior to his birth and growing up during the depression, he was a very responsible, hardworking young man who took care of his mother and sister. He worked at the Baldwin Drug Store when he wasn't playing basketball for the Baldwin Indians. Upon graduation from Baldwin High School, he worked for C.I. Capps in downtown Jacksonville and for the railroad, eventually retired from CSX, Waycross yard. He also served as a board member of the Coastline Credit Union. After retiring, he and Mrs. Dot moved to Hilliard, where they became members of River Road Baptist Church. Mr. Mosley enjoyed camping and traveling with his family and friends. He held a special love of the Tennessee Mountains. He loved country and bluegrass music, cars, motorcycles and planes. He was fond of dogs and horses and talked of hunting rabbits and squirrels. He took pride in helping his extended family and friends and his nieces and nephews thought the world of him.

He is survived by his son James L. (Sarah) Mosley, Sr.; daughter Lynn (Keith) Letellier; sister Lillie Mae (Ronnie) Pittman; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; older sister; three brothers; and the love of his life, his wife of 58 years, Dorothy Mae Thornton Mosley of Macclenny.

Mr. Mosley's family received friends

Friday, January 10 in the chapel of Warren Funeral Services of Baldwin. The funeral service was held Saturday, January 11 at River Road Baptist Church with Pastor Benjie Loyd officiating. Interment followed at River Road Baptist Church Cemetery.

Warren Funeral Services of Baldwin is honored to serve the Mosley Family.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.warrenfuneralservices.com.

EDNA EVELENA WILSON

Edna Evelena Wilson, 83, passed away peacefully Sunday, January 12, 2020 at her home in Hilliard. She was born May 10, 1936 in Pierce County, Georgia, to Annie Laura Terrell and Elijah Lloyd Aspinwall. She had four sisters. She was married to Earl Wilson for 68 wonderful years. The couple had no children but had several nieces and nephews they loved very much, along with friends who became family along the way. Many have been blessed to have learned valuable lessons from her. When she gave her life to the Lord, it was no secret. She loved Him and wanted everyone to know Him as well. She gave and supported many charities. She loved traveling to camp meetings and loved listening to gospel music. Her favorite song was "Never been this homesick before." She loved riding in the car with Sheri (Evelena's daughter as she would call her) and singing that song. When the song would end, she'd say "Hit it again Sheri."

Family, friends and others whose lives Evelena touched are invited to attend a "Celebration of Life" ceremony for her Thursday, January 16 at 12:30 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home in Callahan. Interment will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Jacksonville National Cemetery on Lannie Road. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

Flu Vaccinations Critical

The Florida Department of Health is strongly encouraging all unvaccinated residents to get their flu shot as soon as possible. Flu vaccination is the best way to prevent the flu and its potentially serious complications.

"Getting vaccinated is the best way to avoid the flu; it reduces the spread of the virus and can also help make illnesses less severe for those who do still get sick", said Florida Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees.

Get the Flu Shot! The vaccine is recommended for everyone six months

and older, including pregnant women. Individuals that are at most risk for getting severely ill from the flu are young children, pregnant women, people with certain chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, heart disease or lung disease, and people aged 65 years and older.

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The Property Appraiser's Office will be available at various locations around the county so all property owners may have the opportunity to file for exemptions and ask questions.

"Many homeowners have to rearrange their day just to come apply. This is a customer service initiative that will make the process easier and less time consuming for the homeowner," said Property Appraiser, Mike Hickox.

Our office understands that because of their schedules, people are not able to come into the office to fill out exemption applications. Therefore, we will be present at the Hilliard and Fernandina Beach public libraries and the Callahan and Fernandina farmers markets to assist you with exemptions and questions. The list of dates and times are listed at the bottom of this article.

Homestead exemption is a constitutional guarantee that reduces the taxable value of residential property for qualified residents. If you own property in Nassau County and it is your primary residence,

you may qualify for an exemption of up to \$50,000 off your assessed value. Per Florida Statutes, homeowners must own and occupy the residence prior to January 1st in order to receive the benefit for the 2020 tax year.

If you are unable to come to the office, or one of the events the Property Appraiser's Office will be attending, you may still file for homestead online at nassauflpa.com

You may stay up to date on important deadlines and other information by following the office on our Facebook page, A. Michael Hickox, Nassau County Property Appraiser.

The deadline to file for any property tax exemption is March 1, 2020. For questions, please contact the Property Appraiser's Office at 904-491-7300.

You can visit representatives at any of these locations:

Hilliard Library, January 16, 30; February 13, 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.; or Callahan Farmer's Market, February 1 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Art Classes for Senior Citizens

The West Nassau Historical Society will offer of a series of art classes for seniors ages 55 and over to be held this winter. Each class will be held inside the historic Callahan Train Depot, 45383 Dixie Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays, February 4, 11 and 18. The climax of the art sessions will be a public reception and exhibit of the seniors' art work on Saturday, February 22 at 6 p.m. A nominal fee of \$10 per class or \$25 for all three will be charged to defray the cost of the art supplies.

Classes will be taught by Historical Society Director Elizabeth Karoly, a retired instructor of art from the New York state school system. Ms. Karoly earned her Master of Fine Arts degree

from Long Island University in NY. She also served on the faculty of Long Island University, Stony Brook University and Nassau Community College, Long Island. Her art has been exhibited extensively in the New York area.

Class sizes are limited so preregistration is required. A registration form is available from the West Nassau Historical Society website www.wnhsfl.org or by calling 879-3406.

The West Nassau Historical Society is an all-volunteer nonprofit dedicated to the promotion of history and culture in Nassau County. The 501c3 group is an active member of Arts and Culture Nassau, an advocacy for art and culture throughout Nassau County.



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The Westside Journal would like to pay tribute to all the brave servicemen and women. Please take time to remember each of these service members in your daily prayers.

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

God Bless our Troops!



Q: Can we grow tulips here? JM

A: The quick answer is no. However, you can plant them if you want to treat them like annuals or you want to go through the tedious process of refrigerating the bulbs for next year once the flowers are spent. Tulips will need to have a period of cold which is why placing them in the refrigerator can mimic the required cold. The chilling process takes about 2-4 months. The bulbs can be planted in the late fall, probably around November here. I would recommend planting them in containers where the soil can easily be manipulated. There are too many disease issues and nematodes (microscopic worms) which could damage the bulbs and spoil all your hard work. The ideal soil should be mostly sand, well-drained with plenty of organic material. Soil pH should range between 6.0 to 6.5. Overwatering can cause the bulbs to decay and encourage diseases. Bulbs generally do not grow well in clay soil because clay tends to hold too much moisture. Your local garden centers will have the perfect soil made specifically for bulbs. Here is other bulb type or rhizome perennials we can easily grow in Northeast Florida so please consider



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 Rebecca Jordi, Nassau County Extension, 543350 US Hwy. 1, Callahan, FL 32011 or email rjordi@ufl.edu

of few of those instead: African iris, agapanthus, amaryllis, caladium, cannas, crinum, crocosmia, gladiolus, hurricane lily, rain lily, society garlic, or spider lily. All of these can be planted directly in our sandy soil.

Q: What is the name of this moth and is it good or bad? SR

A: This large caterpillar is the larvae of the imperial moth, *Eacles imperialis*. It really does not do enough damage for us to worry about trying to control it. The imperial moth is found from southern New England south to the Florida Keys and west through the southern Great Lakes region to eastern Nebraska and central Texas. The larvae feed on pine (preferred source), maple, oak, sweetgum and sassafras. Mature larvae come in a variety of colors ranging from light to dark brown, burgundy, or green. The dark brown forms may be marked with burnt-orange patches dorsally and surrounding the breathing holes or spiracles. The area immediately



around the spiracles is white in brown larvae and yellow in green larvae. The external spines of green larvae are yellow. Brown larvae are more common than green ones. Adults do not eat and live only a short period of time. They live long enough to find a mate, lay eggs then die. Eggs hatch in 10 days to two weeks depending on the temperature. Newly hatched larvae eat their egg shells. One other interesting fact about this caterpillar: they swallow air and expand to a length of 7-8 mm within about five minutes of hatching and it sounds like they are filling a balloon.

Q: What is this weed? JK

A: This weed is called Carolina geranium, *Geranium carolinianum* L. is a semi-erect, grows 8-28 inches in height. It is often found in shady areas. Here in Northeast Florida, it is a winter annual. It can be identified by the greenish-pink to red, densely hairy stems as well as its round to oval, hairy leaves, with blunt-toothed margins. The leaf lobes are very distinct and once you recognize this plant, you are unlikely to forget it. Carolina geranium produces tiny flowers which can be either pink or white. Carolina geranium can be found throughout the United States and Hawaii. For best control, apply a pre-emergent herbicide in October to prevent the seeds from germinating. Remember, annuals have only one way to reproduce – seeds.



RED DOT PROJECT COLLECTION

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



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\$1.00/Dozen
Limit 3 With this Coupon

16-20 Large Shrimp
Head-off
\$8.00 lb.
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Fresh, Clean Texas OYSTERS
\$6.00 Bushel
1/2 Bushel \$3.50
Super Salty!
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Whole Oxtails
\$4.95 lb.
Cut & Trimmed the way you like them!
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Filet Mignon Ribeyes or NY Strips
\$4.95 ea.
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1 lb. Can Claw Crab Meat
\$8.95

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Fresh Lean Ground Beef
\$1.99 lb.
Family Pack
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10 lb. Bag JUMBO Chicken Wings
\$22.00
40 lb. Case \$87.50
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100 lb. SUPER DEAL!

10 lb. Spare Ribs
20 lb. Leg Quarters
10 lb. Corn Dogs
10 lb. Fryer Drumsticks
10 lb. Pork Chops

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10 lb. Boneless Chicken Breasts
10 lb. Ground Beef
10 lb. Beef Patties
10 lb. French Fries

\$169.95



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