



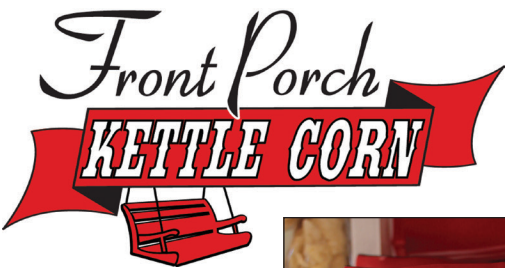
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Front Porch Kettle Corn Goes Retail

Dawn S. West

If you're lucky enough, you've had the opportunity to enjoy Front Porch Kettle Corn, doing business as Front Porch Living LLC. I was first introduced to it when we visited his concession trailer at the corner of US Highway 1 and CR 108 in Hilliard. We stopped by and got a bag and I was hooked. David Harrison, owner/operator, is a Hilliard resident. He began the business back in 2010. He researched the business and found out



met some great people and they really enjoyed my product. That's where my base customers come from. I still enjoy going up there and will again soon!"

David got his foot in the door with the former Jacksonville Suns where he had a vending booth and popped live. He was with the Suns about 6 years

it. David did just that. He made sure to bring samples in their retail ready bags, his display and his story. Hagan Ace decided to try it out in the Macclenny location to begin with as a test store. The response was so good that Hagan Ace is putting his product in all 8 of their locations.

We all love to visit Hagan Ace, now we have yet another reason to go... Front Porch Kettle Corn and Pork Rinds. The display is right past the front door on the left. David also had a sample station connected to his display however due to the current crisis, samples are not available. What an awesome story for a great guy from Hilliard! You can also find a display in Everything You Salon in Hilliard!

Congratulations David and good luck! But...we still will be looking for you at the corner in Hilliard sometimes! Actually, this Friday, he will be at the corner in Hilliard from 10 a.m. until around 6 p.m. Go get your snacks! Front Porch Kettle Corn is also on Facebook!



just how to make it and what it entailed. Obviously, after getting his license, he started the business. He and his wife sat around trying to come up with a name and that's where the original company name, "Front Porch Kettle Corn" came from. "I wanted something calming and down home but not cheesy. Front Porch sounds so laid back like many of us are! Sitting at the corner in Hilliard is always a good time for me," said David. "I've

then the Jumbo Shrimp came in. He no longer has a vending booth however the new ownership purchases his product and sells it at the games. David doesn't have much free time, as he also attends the Callahan Farmer's Market (first Saturday of each month); festivals, fairs and other events. David not only has kettle corn but now offers pork rinds (Plain, Barbeque, Hot Barbeque, Salt & Vinegar, Ranch & Hot Chili lime flavors). Let me just say... they are pretty incredible too!

Recently, he talked with the people at Hagan Ace in Hilliard about selling his Kettle Corn and Pork Rinds. He was told that the buyer would be at the store in the next day or so. Come back and talk with him about



Gaming Rooms Closure Nears

Dawn S. West

We have received many calls and emails concerning the gaming rooms and how they are allowed to have so many people in their facilities. Gaming Rooms are classified as 'non-essential entertainment facilities' through the state. During this time of the coronavirus outbreak, the County Fire Marshal has randomly inspected the facilities and found no violations.

Back in January, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners voted to close the gaming facilities in Nassau County within 60 days. During that time, a couple of the game rooms filed an injunction against the county about



the closures. Tuesday, the Judge denied their injunction.

All arcade/game rooms shall close and cease operations by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 27 which is 60 days from the adoption of the ordinance January 27, 2020 or face penalties set forth in the ordinance such as being fined up to \$1,000/per day which also attaches a lien to their property.

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Thank you to the Callahan community!

Dear Editor,
Throughout the most difficult time of my life, I have been overwhelmed by the love and support from this community. Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, support and kind words regarding my son, Trent Fort. I can never express enough gratitude to each and every one of you. To see a community come together during a tragedy and support our family the way you have, just amazes me and I'm forever grateful. From the person in line next to me who wouldn't allow me to pay for my items, to the pastors and churches in Callahan and to those who donated their time or services....I thank you. From car shows, t-shirt printing to spaghetti dinners and countless other fundraisers...I thank you.



Thank you for honoring the life of my son and allowing me to be part of your Callahan family.

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Thareus Fort (Trent's Dad)

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Where is God?

Dear Editor,
People of America: You ask the question, "Where is God?" God has always been here. My question to you is, "Where are you?" We have become so wrapped up in our daily lives and all the "material stuff" that is available

Letters to the Editor

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for us to make our lives "better" than WE (Christians as well as the 'Christless' people) have forgotten about God.

Sometimes God has to get our attention to remind us that He wants us to put our focus on Him. How soon we forget 9-11-2001 or 2008. What happened in 2008? God got us in our pocket books. Did we not learn? We "suffered" through that. WE bounced back and now WE are going full steam again. "Life is good." Oops, Covid-19.

We did not recognize what God was trying to tell us in 2001 or 2008. So...here we are again. I bet people all across America are crying out to the God that most of them do not even know. Why have you done this to us? Where are you God? Heal my mother, father, child. Do their cries fall on deaf ears? Yes and no. God hears but, that is not what He wants to hear. What He wants to hear from the Christian is, "...We have sinned, we have turned our backs on You. God, forgive us and save our land," 2 Chronicles 7:14. For those who do not "know" God, I am a sinner, Lord Jesus come into and inhabit my heart, my life and save my soul. Be Lord and Master of my life. Be the One Who heals our souls, our bodies and our land." Will God hear that sincere plea from people across America? Across the world? Most likely not. So why are we where we are today? What do WE do about it?

Our government, our medical professionals, our president seems to be

doing all they can do to get a handle on this blight (covid-19) that has taken over our land. Understand, our government, our medical professionals, our president do NOT have the answers. There is only ONE who does and He will reveal that answer to these people when and if HE desires to do so.

God has allowed us to be hit where it really and truly hurts us. Something that we cannot get back in most cases...our health, our very physical lives. When will we ever "Wake up America?" (Earl Pitts). So, take heed, let us learn from this. Let us acknowledge The One who can heal our land, Jesus Christ the only way, the only ONE who can restore us.

People without Jesus do not have any connection to God. WE Christians are their life lines. If God sees fit to allow us to get through this terrible time that we are going through now and if He doesn't, we had better take up the mantle and wake up and cry out to God to save our land and share Jesus and be the example to a lost and dying world. Christians, they need us, they NEED JESUS! Just saying....

Everybody stay safe and live!
Hank Martinez, Sr.
Callahan

COVID-19 & Callahan Game Rooms

Dear Editor,
I would like to know what's going on with these game rooms in Callahan. Evidently the County Commissioners aren't very concerned about the "social distancing" that is supposed to be practiced with this virus. The news media is telling us that the County Commissioners are considering what their next move is. I say shut them down IMMEDIATELY. You are risking the well-being of those citizens you are sworn to protect.

It's every morning and especially at night there are more than 15 cars in the parking lot. People standing wall to wall, not wearing any protective items that I can see. So I ask the question - who is supposed to be policing these game rooms.

The governor and county management made the decision to shut down all bars, restaurants, our schools and even the beaches in Nassau County. So why are these gambling places allowed to stay open? I would like to know what the answer is.

Frances Conner
Callahan

Coronavirus Affects All of Us

Dawn S. West

As we continue to deal with this crisis, every day brings new challenges. The changes are coming daily sometimes hourly. Currently, in our county and towns, all restaurants are take-out only. You can order but you cannot eat in the building. Some are offering delivery of food to your home or business. If possible, make sure to help these restaurants out as they struggle. Remember, they also have employees that they are concerned about. Eating from these establishments only helps their business during these difficult times. Use Goggle to find the numbers to call to place your order or if you're elderly, you can call us here at the Westside Journal (879-4180) and we'll be happy to look the number up for you.

Local banks have also made some changes. Below is the information we received from each one:

Southeastern Bank: Drive-thru only; Call for appointments, 879-2619.

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Country Financial Credit Union: Regular hours and entry monitored.

Wells Fargo: Drive-thru only; Call for appointments, 879-3510.

Many businesses have closed their lobbies and are asking people to call for appointments to handle their business online. The beaches have closed. Many of the 'shopping' businesses have closed their doors for 10 days. They are encouraging shopping online and having the items shipped to your home.

People seem to be listening to the requests to stay at home unless you need something. Wash your hands with soap and water and use sanitizer when soap is not available. Keep a distance between people while out working (as much as possible), and cough/sneeze in your elbow. We must be adamant about following these instructions so that we can get rid of this virus and get back to normal.

In the Kitchen...

- 1 9-inch pie shell
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- 1/2 cup sharp cheese, grated
- 1 1/2 cup milk or light cream

Bacon and Cheese Quiche

- 5 eggs
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- 1/4 cup green onions, chopped
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A Word From the Publisher

Wow what a huge change of events has happened in the last two weeks! It's crazy when you think about it all. Our lives have changed drastically. One good thing for me during this time, and I'm embarrassed to share it, is I have found myself in God's word much more than I used to. You see, He is in control. Many times I seem to think I am. That's when God sends me a little reminder that it is He who carries me through each day. Thank you Jesus for your grace and mercy!



Two weeks ago, we celebrated my sweet mama's 88th birthday! She loves ribs so she chose that as her birthday dinner. My mama, as I've shared many times, is amazing. She is truly an angel. She has been through so many medical issues these last couple of years and she's cruised through them without a sigh. She's quite the trooper through illness, comforter to her children, friend to all, and faithful to God in everything

the children were very good and we had a great time together! They love spending the night at our house and they all get along so well together, for the most part! Once we got home from picking them all up they immediately ran outside to play hide-n-seek. They love the game. After making a few grilled cheese sandwiches and a huge bowl of popcorn they all calmed down finally going to sleep after midnight. What was I thinking!

At 7:30 a.m. I was awakened gently by a sweet voice saying, "Gammie, I'm awake!" And it began again. Hunter and I got busy making some sticky buns and then grits and eggs! We finally headed out to Ft. Clinch in Fernandina. A couple of them had never been there or didn't remember it. We loved walking around the fort and reading about the history. We walked, climbed and walked until we were tired! Luckily, I brought some snacks and waters to refresh us before making a stop at the jetties and the beach. Of course, all the girls (4) headed straight for the rocks to be mermaids. I was just waiting for one of them to hit the water but it didn't happen. The water was ice cold by the way. Michael searched for sharks teeth while the girls decided to dig the biggest hole ever! It was so cool watching them be children. They were just having fun playing and acting crazy but good. It was such a joy. We enjoyed a Dairy Queen lunch complete with ice cream, of course! It was then that I realized Papa had told them they could stay another night...huh? It was all



she does and lover of my daddy through it all. They are the cutest couple. I'm so thankful to still have my mama as a huge part of my life. She's always there to listen and her advice is so soothing. She makes everything look better with her wisdom. Thank you Jesus for my sweet mama!

Later, that same weekend, Roger and I 'enjoyed' six of our ten grandchildren, all under the age of 15. Not sure what I was thinking and Roger has asked me that numerous times...ha ha! Actually,

good. Such great memories we made. I know it won't be too long before some of them won't have any desire to come to our house. Enjoy them while we can and we sure did! I'm thankful to have had that special time with our grandchildren before everything went hay wired! We are so blessed to have such sweet children and grandchildren.

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

I am at a loss for words to explain how I feel about what is happening in our world. It is unimaginable how our lives have changed in just a few weeks. Nothing is normal! Well, except in Washington. The hate of President Trump by the Democrats still rages on. I am so outraged with Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Minority Leader Chuck Schumer; they obviously have no moral fiber in them what so ever. We as a nation are facing turbulent times and they (Democrats in Washington) are hell bent on playing their anti-Trump and anti-American stunts.

We have millions of families that have no means of obtaining money to feed and provide just the necessities of life. This is not the time to play politics, but that is just what the sick and demented leaders of the Democrat party are doing. The bi-partisan relief bill would place money directly in the bank for all families. There are measures to guarantee low income families will receive equal money as everyone else. There are areas to help industry as well; however that is a sticking point for the Dems. They say the stimulus legislation is overly weighted toward industry. President Trump has made it clear that industry cannot do buy backs to drive their stock prices up. President Trump stated, "I want that money to be used for the workers and also for the company to keep the company going."

Do the Dems not realize that when this pandemic is over that the people will need to go back to work? If we allow all the companies to totally sink, then where are people going to work. It is paramount that we salvage as many companies as possible; they are the key to financial recovery.


Mark Levin says it best in regards to Pelosi. Levin tweeted, "Pelosi's poisonous politics feeds the Wuhan virus. She's exploiting this crisis to advance her radical agenda. She must be exposed and condemned for the diabolical huckster that she is. People are sick and dying and Pelosi is playing games. Apparently the Trillions the Republicans want to spend isn't enough, sickening."

What are some of Pelosi's desires? Reportedly part of her laundry list is to include legislation to wipe out up to \$10,000 in student loans per person, securing election-security funding, demanding green energy mandates and airline emissions. Pelosi is blocking direct cash payments to citizens! Let's take care of hurting families!

"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 will forgive their sins and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14. That is a fact.

The rest is just my opinion!

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It is interesting how Jesus' words stand the test of time. The events of the last couple of weeks have been very sobering. We would give anything to have a normal day right now. We have seen many of the things that we have put our hope in take dramatic and drastic turns. For many, we are in uncharted territory. The hope of a booming economy is now vanquished. The hope of unstoppable progress has been proven to be false. The reality is nothing in this world is certain. Everything can change in a moment. These times call for serious

reflection.

On a personal note, this is not the first time in my life that I have had to live with this much uncertainty. I was living in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina hit. I know what it was like to have no idea what our apartment looked like for over a month. I know what it was like to live in limbo about the next paycheck or if there was even going to be job or a home to return to. I remember one night living in someone else's house as refugee having an honest conversation with my wife and telling her even if it is all gone we would be OK. We are God's children and we have each other.

The reality was that we had lost it all. The apartment that we lived in was destroyed and all of the contents were lost. I still had my job, but my wife lost her job. We still had each other and we still had Jesus. I look back over these unforgettable times and even though they were difficult, they were some of the sweetest times of our lives. I do not remember the speaker's name, but he was talking last week about the quarantine. He viewed it as a prison sentence. His advice was to do the time, but don't let the time do you. You can come out of the prison sentence with novel or with a venereal disease. Let these disruptive moments in our lives be a novel. In due time, you will long for the opportunity to be able to take a break again. In order to make this experience a novel, we must use this time of slowdown to let God grow deep roots in you and your family.

I shared my personal experience at the beginning of this article to encourage you. I want to encourage you by letting you think for a split second that I am awesome or that my faith is always spot on. I am not awesome. I have the same fears and issues that you have. However, I am absolutely confident that Christ is sufficient for every adversity that we will ever encounter.

Let me leave you with some of Jesus' most powerful words: *"For everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet, it did not collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house and it collapsed. And its collapse was great!"* Matthew 7:24-27

Christ was enough for us when we were homeless and almost broke. The storms come to the wise and the fool. Storms and uncertainty are promised. The foundation is everything!

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Hagan Ace Rounds Up for Pinky Promise Foundation

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Thank you so much to the great people at Hagan Ace Hardware for their support of this great foundation. Pinky Promise Foundation is a non-profit organization that serves women who are diagnosed with cancer of any kind. They provide wigs, head wraps, camisoles, chemo bags and much more for those



going through this horrible disease. Pinky Promise is located in Callahan at 449595 US Highway 301 directly across from Callahan Elementary School. The hours are Tuesday and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 904-626-2855.

Okefenoke REMC Suspends Disconnections and Late Fees

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All OREMC consumer-members that are able, are encouraged to make bill payments to avoid a higher balance when disconnects and late fees are reinstated. Please call OREMC Customer Service Representatives at 800-262-5131. They will work with members individually to make payment arrangements and refer them to agencies offering financial assistance.

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Submit your essay electronically in Microsoft Word, 12 point font double spaced black text. Your name, your school and your graduating year class date must be printed in the header along with the title of your essay on every page.

The essay must be emailed to scholarship@callahanlions.org by Saturday, April 18, 2020. Essays sent after this date will not be read.

Your essay will be read and judged exclusively by members of the Callahan Lions Club. Their decision will be final. All essays submitted become the property of the Callahan Lions Club. The winner of the essay contest will be notified. Award will be made at graduation.

The local Callahan Florida Lions Club serves Callahan and Nassau County Florida. Lions Clubs International (LCI) is an international secular, non-political service organization established originally in 1916 in Evansville, Indiana by Dr. William Perry Woods. As of April 2015, it had over 46,000 local clubs and more than 1.4 million members in over 200 countries around the world. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois, United States, the organization aims to meet the needs of communities on a local and global scale.

Callahan Lions Club is made up of volunteers dedicated to helping in the community and changing lives. We provide free eye exams, free eyeglasses and free hearing aids to those who qualify. We volunteer in the Community when we find a need.

The Callahan Lions Club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at their building located just north of the NE FL Fairgrounds. If you would like to attend please contact us in advance at 879-3034.

VVA Chapter to Award Scholarships

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1088 of Nassau County will be awarding 5 scholarships to qualified seniors in Nassau and Camden Counties. Due to the current crisis the VVA Chapter would like to notify all Nassau and Camden County seniors that they are extending the scholarship application deadline from April 15 to May 20. This scholarship is for \$1,000. A thousand dollars can go a long way in your journey at college or trade school but you must apply. The scholarship is offered for both colleges and/or trade schools.



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Dr. Marks is still available for red eyes, sudden vision changes, injuries and other urgent issues for patients. During the hours listed above, please call the office at 904-879-2020.

If you have glasses or contacts ordered or ready for pickup, please call and we will arrange to meet you outside to dispense to you and make any adjustments necessary. Call the office with any questions.

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New Beginnings and Milestones

Mr. and Mrs. Kellen Clemons

Meagen Brown and Kellen Clemons were united in marriage Saturday, March 14 at Walkers Landing on Amelia Island.

The bride is the daughter of Betty and Wallace Brown of Bryceville. She is employed as a Hair Stylist at Sei Bella Salon.

The groom is the son of Lori and Kelly Clemons of Hilliard. He is employed as a Heavy Equipment Operator at Advance Disposal.

Following a honeymoon at the OMINI Resort the couple is residing in Bryceville.



Colton Shawn Hardemon



Tiffany and Shawn Hardemon, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their son Colton Shawn Hardemon. Colton was born January 17, 2020 at 4:15 a.m. at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. He weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces and measured 18 1/4 inches.

Paternal grandmother is Peggy Johnston of Callahan and the late Gary Johnston.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Tammy Lee of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents are Mert and Sam Turner; the late Clarence Miller; Bill Kilgore and the late Jackie Kilgore; the late Paul Lee, all of Callahan; the late Rev. W.H. and Coravell Dodds; Vella Johnston and the Late Waddell Johnston; Joan Slaton and the late Harold Slaton, all of Valliant, Oklahoma.

Colton was welcomed home by his sibling Chloe, Kash and Korbin!

Eating Your Greens is Easier with VeggieBoxx!

According to research, enjoying leafy greens regularly helps to reduce your risk of heart disease, certain cancers, macular degeneration, and even Type 2 Diabetes. Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia consumers now have a convenient way to enjoy those green leafy vegetables: VeggieBoxx.

Hilliard's Traders Hill Farm now offers a 3-pound VeggieBoxx direct to consumers via convenient pick-up locations. The VeggieBoxx features natural leafy greens that last longer, taste better and inspire a safer way of eating. The bonus is that leafy greens are a perfect choice for consumers who prefer a gluten-free lifestyle.

"As more and more people seek to change their lives by eating healthy, we want to make it easy for them to do just that," said Traders Hill Farm President Tracy Nazzaro. "We're pleased to be able to feed our local community and ensure that they have high-quality foods available to them as more consumers become health-conscious and want fresh, farm-to-table produce."

The VeggieBoxxes contain no pesticides, no herbicides, and no fungicides and feature Traders Hill Farm's signature green romaine lettuce grown with care in its aquaponics greenhouse. Consumers can pick between three different options of VeggieBoxx: the single purchase; 7-day subscription; or 14-day subscription. Once you decide on your subscription, you choose a local pickup location



where you receive your box of delicious produce.

VeggieBoxx soft launches with local pick up locations; additional locations are coming online by May and the company expects to add additional locations weekly.

The current pickup locations and addresses are: Callahan: Callahan Country Kitchen, 542515 US-1; Hilliard: Hilliard Meats, 551424 US-1; Folkston: Whistlin' Dixie, 3742 W. Main St.

Founded in 2013, Traders Hill Farm specializes in aquaponics, the combination of aquaculture and hydroponics, which generates leafy greens that grow faster, taste better, last longer, and wastes nothing. Its founders desired a truly sustainable food production enterprise.

In addition to the VeggieBoxx, the company has a full complement of leafy greens such as butter heads, red leaf, baby pak choi and microgreens, as well as fresh fish, that they supply to local restaurants in the Northeast, Central Florida, and Southern Georgia region.



*"Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and He delivered them from their distress."*

Psalms 107:6

We just want to let our advertisers and readers know that we remain open...business as usual. Be reassured we are cleaning our lobby and door handles and taking precautions. We feel it necessary to continue to publish our paper, as right now, it is one of the 'normal' things in our lives.

We are so thankful for our faithful advertisers that continue to support us through this storm. We ask that you support our small businesses always, but especially during these hard times. Pray for all of our businesses, families and our country and stay home if possible. Our prayers are with you all!

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Nantonio's...the Peaceful Place

Nancy Serrano

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world," - Anne Frank.



It's all about sharing. You do what you can. It started from an empty canvas and the understanding that it was time to start trying to heal from the overwhelming grief of a broken heart. Life goes on after all, season after season. This little corner of the earth began as a small, private memorial garden and fifteen years later it has grown into a lovely park-like garden to be shared with this community. Having the working nursery and garden combination is the perfect way to invite guests onto the property who might also enjoy seeing the wonder of nature and some of the beauty there is to behold in this world.

Sharing the joy of gardening is a peaceful reminder of the generations

that have gone before us. So many of us have fond memories of our parents and grandparents in their gardens, beautiful memories of simpler times, laughing and smiling, and getting dirty without getting in trouble. Remember the first time seeing butterflies and dragonflies fluttering just in front of you, delighting in the magic of hummingbirds finding their nectar and hearing the hum of bees in their never ending search for pollen. It's all here, just like it always has been in nature for those who want to see it.

Nancy and Antonio Serrano of Nantonio's Harmony Gardens are so grateful to all of the visitors who have enjoyed their gardens since opening as a nursery five years ago. It's almost like a garden co-op, meaning many of their fellow gardeners have brought us plants from their own gardens with instructions on how best to grow them. Nantonio's has added so many beautiful plants to



the nursery thanks to these generous people. They've shared plants, received and passed along helpful information, and exchanged wonderful stories of gardening adventures. The appreciation of the beauty in nature seems to draw people together.

Every flower and almost every plant is propagated on site by seeds, cuts, or division, although some trees and shrubs are from local growers and grown on site at Nantonio's until they're ready to offer for sale. We only offer plants that we can recommend, ones that have done well in our own gardens. Delivery and planting are available. New this year is on-site flower pot arrangements. Bring in your favorite planter and Nichole, Nantonio's genius 'exterior designer,' can create a beautiful mixed basket of flowers just for you. She'll also be offering fresh-cut flower bouquets from mid-April through November.

Volunteers have enjoyed helping to maintain the gardens by watering, weeding, pruning, etc. In exchange, they work side by side with Nancy, Antonio and Nichole and receive hands on learning about gardening in northeast Florida, while being immersed in this peaceful and relaxing setting.

While the posted business hours are only Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., visitors are also welcome by private appointment on other days. Please just call or text first to schedule 904-206-3027. It's our home and we're almost always here and willing to share the gardens. Please wear good walking shoes as golf cart tours have been suspended at



this time due to social distancing. Plan to enjoy the entire two and a half acres as every single square inch is in use.

Nantonio's Harmony Gardens is located at 173100 Andrews Road, north of Hilliard off of US Highway 1. Their hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. To call for an appointment, call Nancy at 904-206-3027. Check out their website at: www.nantoniosgardens.com and their Facebook page which offers occasional posts, an inspirational quote and some glorious pictures!



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Barnabas Center: Responding to COVID-19

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At this time, Barnabas and its programs will remain open for business, with some reduction in hours and services in some areas. We will continue to provide updates should anything change with our operations and provision of services to our community. As the major safety net provider for individual and families in crisis in Nassau County, our goal is to continue to serve people in need as long and as much as we can.

Currently, the most immediate community need we are working to address is the provision of food. Lower income households are being disproportionately affected by this crisis, especially those who are unable to work due to businesses closing or reducing their workforce. With the majority of jobs in our county in the service and hospitality industry,

significant numbers of people will be affected. We are working with Feeding Northeast Florida and other suppliers to obtain food for families in need. We also anticipate that families with reduced or no income and no savings will soon be facing rent, mortgage and utility bills that they will be unable to pay. We are also on the front lines as the only health care provider for uninsured adults in the county and are screening individuals who are exhibiting symptoms of the virus and connecting them to our county health department for testing. And during this critical time, we are raising funds to help support families in need of food and/or housing assistance and health care to ensure that they are healthy and stable.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at (904) 261-7000 or info@barnabasnassau.org or visit www.BarnabasNassau.org.

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NCSO COVID-19 Update

A message from Sheriff Bill Leeper: The men and women of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office are committed to protecting life and property at all times. This is more important now than ever before. Deputies will continue to patrol neighborhoods, respond to calls for service, investigate crimes and ensure your safety. If you need a deputy, please call the NCSO Non-Emergency number at 904-225-5174 or if it is an emergency dial 911.

However, out of an abundance of caution and to further implement the social distancing protocol being advised by health officials due to the Coronavirus, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office will make the following

changes effective now: Office Closings: NCSO Administration Office Lobby, the lobby will be closed to the public until further notice.

Please visit www.nassauso.com or call 904-548-4009 for Employment Applications – Incident Reports – Traffic Crash Reports – Background Check Requests.

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We are sorry for any inconvenience. We will work to reopen all of our offices as soon as we can.

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.

Monday, March 9

Ramiro Rene Cortez, 39, 27333 Georgia Street, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Damage Property

Tuesday, March 10

Devin Lincoln Southerlin, 31, 44318 Lee Drive, Callahan: Aggravated Battery/Pregnant Woman

Michael Shawn Word, 45, 45065 Pony Lane, Callahan: Duval County Warrant Petit Theft

Thursday, March 12

Alison Lin Logue, 35, 27195 W. First Avenue, Hilliard: Possession Schedule 1-5 Substance

Friday, March 13

Ashley Nicole Hersh, 34, 542459 US Highway 1, #28, Callahan: Defraud Financial Institution; Utter Forged Counterfeit Bill

Saturday, March 14

Jessica Marie Winslow, 28, 27088 Montana Street, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Possession of Controlled Substance

Justin Allen Manning, 23, 12909 US Highway 301, Bryceville: Felony Criminal Mischief

Ashton Narin Jadoo, 32, 540111 US Highway 1, Callahan: Driving While License Suspended with Knowledge 2nd Conviction

Monday, March 16

James Thomas Wood, 27, 44385 Commanchee Road, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Tuesday, March 17

Keith Harold Dansereau, 38, 54251 Ogilvie Road, Callahan: Violation of Probation Possession of Methamphetamine

Michael Edward Padgett, 53, 551915 US Highway 1, Hilliard: Violation of Probation DUI

Jessica Paige Spurlock, 31, 37183 Southern Glen Way, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Animal Control Violation (x 2)

Thursday, March 19

Clarence Edward Pickett, 32, 23190 CR 121, Hilliard: Carrying Concealed Weapon

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Q: What can you tell me about this flower I found in my yard. I have never seen it before. RC

A: Thank you for your photo. This is most likely Round-leaf Bluet, Fairy Footprints or Innocence, *Houstonia procumbens*. It is commonly found throughout most Southern states from South Carolina west to Louisiana into Florida. Many people consider it a weed in lawn grass but some of us might call it a wildflower.



Round-leaf bluets typically grow in cold-hardiness zones 7b – 11. Round-leaf Bluet grows well in full sun to part shade and in moist, sandy soils. This is a prostrate growing plant reaching a height of 6 inches but spreads to 18 inches. This might make a great ground cover if you can keep the area slightly moist. Once the threat of frosts is over the seeds can be planted outside. Seeds should be sown at a shallow depth. Round-leaf Bluet seedlings will germinate the first year and flower the second so remember to be patient. The blooming time is between March and October.

Q: I just had my grass replaced and this weed is showing up on one side of the grass. What is it? JC

A: The following information is from the University of California IPM. Annual bluegrass, *Poa annua*, is one of the most common weeds of residential and commercial turfgrass, ornamental plantings, and gardens in the United States. It is native to Europe but is distributed worldwide. Commonly referred to as "Poa," it is also a problem in golf course greens and fairways. It is a

Garden Talk

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cool season annual here germinating in the late summer and maturing through the winter.



Annual bluegrass is a prolific seed producer. Each small plant can produce about 100 seeds in as few as eight weeks. Viable seed can be produced just a few days after pollination, which allows the plant to reseed even in frequently mowed lawns. Annual bluegrass has a weak, fibrous, shallow root system and needs frequent rainfall or irrigation to survive. It prefers moist areas in partial shade to full sun and tolerates compacted soil conditions. In coastal regions or in moderate temperature areas where turf is frequently irrigated, annual bluegrass can persist all year. In warmer areas, it usually dies in summer. Pre-emergent herbicides work best in managing seed germination. The weeds are easy to pull – another option aside from chemical use. Not a bad exercise either!

Q: What is the name of the improved variety of Leyland cypress? KB

A: The new variety is called Murray cypress. It is a faster-growing tree reaching 3-4 feet a year. It is more typical for the Leyland cypress to grow 1-2 feet each year. Murray cypress has shown to be more resistant



to disease & fungus. In addition, the root structure and branches appear to be stronger when compared to Leyland. The color of the Murray Cypress is a darker, blue than the standard Leyland. Murray cypress can tolerate wet sites on a temporary basis a bit better than Leyland cypress, but both prefer well drained soils. Murray appears to be more resistant to fungus disease. This tree might be a good source or alternative for those wanting to grow Christmas trees. For home landscapes it is important to note the potential height is 40 feet with 10 -foot spread. Murray cypress prefers cold hardiness zones 6-10. It will tolerate full sun to partial shade. Remember when planting any tree or shrub-do not amend the soil. Loosen the soil in the area 2-3 times the size of the root ball. Remove the outer ¼ inch of soil around the pot from the top to the bottom of the root ball. This will help prevent circling roots. Plant the tree at the same depth as the root ball. Do not plant too deeply. Leave an area around the root ball without any mulch – just soil and air. No mulch volcanoes! Mulch should only be about 2-3 inches deep and not touching the trunk of any tree or shrub. We prefer you use a pine product since we want to support our local pine farmers. Grass should be as far away from the trunk as possible. Think about the mature spread of the tree and keep the grass outside the area.

Q: I just moved to here and the camellias have been neglected. How do I prune them? KY

A: The short answer is very little. I know it is March and everyone is excited to bring out their pruners,

but this is one plant to leave alone. Camellias grow very slowly, and they do not need to be pruned into shrubs or kept short. Any dead, rubbing or wild limbs can be pruned but it is not necessary to prune to force flowering. If they have been neglected for years, they



may benefit from light pruning to shape and remove unruly limbs. There are three types of camellias easily

grown in the Northeast area of Florida: *Camellia japonica*, *C. sasanqua* and *C. reticulata*. *C. japonica* produces the huge variety of colorful blooms and is the more tree-like form with large, serrated leaves. They start blooming later in the fall and early spring. *C. sasanqua* is more shrub-like with smaller flowers and leaves. They start blooming in November. *C. reticulata*, native to China, grows the tallest with a potential of 50 feet. The flowers can be as wide as 12 inches and the leaves are larger than *C. japonica*. *C. reticulata* is the most cold-sensitive of the camellias but can live as long as 600 years and it will be difficult to find it at local garden centers or plant nurseries. Camellias are the one plant to provide us with beautiful flowers in the cool season. All camellias prefer well-drained, acidic soil. Most prefer shade to dappled light, but they will adapt in sun if adequate irrigation is provided. However, it would be better to err on the side of less water than too much. Once established, camellias will adapt to normal rainfall. Camellias have few pests except aphids, mites or tea scale. When scouting your camellias, look under the lower, older limbs for tea scale and treat with insecticidal soap. Every Southern landscape would benefit from having a camellia in the yard.

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OBITUARIES

WALTER C. ADAMS



Mr. Walter C. 'Walt' Adams, 79, of Bryceville, passed away Saturday, March 21, 2020. He was born in Jacksonville to the late Walter Frank and Virginia Hesters Adams and was a 35-year Bryceville resident. Having grown up with a passion for short wave radios, he opened a TV and radio repair shop after fulfilling his service in the United States Navy. He was an avid collector of short wave radios and postage stamps. Mr. Adams was a talented artist and loved to surprise his friends by giving his drawings as tokens of friendship and appreciation. An animal lover, he enjoyed feeding the birds and squirrels around his home and was especially fond of his dogs. He was known as a "people person"; a happy, peace loving man who loved God and attending church when his health allowed. Mr. Adams was most happy working in the woodshop with his nephew, Clay. He held a special appreciation for his caregivers at Fresenius Kidney Care in Macclenny and loved bringing candy for them when he had appointments.

He is survived by his caregivers, nephew Clayton Hickox; and niece Cindy Hickox, both of Bryceville; sons Eddie (Brenda) Adams and David (Debbie) Adams, all of Jacksonville; brother William Adams of Jacksonville; and numerous other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother James Adams; sister Ruth Hickox and brother-in-law Eddie Hickox.

A private graveside service will be held and a public celebration will be planned at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Mr. Adams' family requests donations made to Nassau County Animal Services. Warren Funeral Services

of Baldwin is honored to serve this family.

Please leave online condolences at www.warrenfuneralservices.com.

VIRGINIA M. POWELL



Virginia M. Powell, 90, of Callahan passed away Sunday, March 22, 2020. Mrs. Powell was born in Mullens, West Virginia and moved to Callahan 28 years ago from Jacksonville. She was a member of Thomas Creek Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for many years. Mrs. Powell was a devoted wife and mother and a devoted Christian. Her favorite thing to do was go to church. She loved helping people. She was preceded in death by her devoted husband William H. Powell, Sr.

Survivors include her son Bill and Beverly Powell, Jr. of Callahan; her daughter Willadeen Powell, also of Callahan; three brothers, Paul Musser, Jim (Carol) Musser and John (Carol) Musser; five grandchildren Jason Powell, Gary Powell, Jim Powell, Rhonda Harris and Darrell Harris; and five great-grandchildren Nicholas Harris, Austin Harris, Caroline Powell, Elizabeth Powell and Mary Virginia Powell.

A private ceremony will be held at Green Pine Cemetery where she will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband. A public ceremony will be held at Thomas Creek Baptist Church at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to Thomas Creek Baptist Church, 54322 Janice Dr., Callahan, FL 32011.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.greenpinefuneral.com.

Arrangements by Green Pine Funeral Home, Cremations & Cemetery, Yulee.

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The Spencer Young family would like to thank our community for the outpouring of love and support during his recent passing. We would like to especially thank our Buford Grove Baptist Church family and friends. Our prayer is that anyone reading this will find Jesus!



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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!

COVID-19

Current COVID-19 Status in Nassau County

The "OneNassau" Joint Information System (JIS) is monitoring the rapidly changing situation in order to provide timely, accurate, unified messaging to our residents. Updates will be provided each afternoon; more frequently only if warranted.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will resume Level 2 Activation with enhanced staffing on Monday, March 23, to take calls from the public and continue processing emergency requests for resources; There have been no new cases of Coronavirus in Nassau County; Visit the FDOH website floridahealthcovid19.gov should have all you need to know about COVID19 in Florida, but anyone with questions about the pandemic over the weekend or after 5 p.m. can call FDOH COVID-19 Call Center toll-free at 866-779-6121; All beaches have been closed; Residents who are ILL and have traveled to a known "community spread" area or been a "close contact" to a known positive case of Coronavirus should call DOH-Nassau at 904-875-6100 for guidance; Nassau County Schools will begin providing meals for students beginning Monday, March 23: visit: www.nassau.k12.fl.us/ for more information; A number of Executive Orders have been issued that impact our local businesses. Business owners should complete the Florida Department

of Economic Opportunity (DEO) impact survey at <https://floridadisaster.biz/>; businesses experiencing economic injury may apply for a bridge-loan on www.FloridaDisasterLoan.org or Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan assistance at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

Continue to take everyday precautions to reduce disease transmission: If you are at risk or have underlying health conditions, avoid crowds and maintain social distancing practices; Stay home, away from others whenever ill; Cough/sneeze into your elbow, sleeve, or a tissue (and throw the used tissue into the trash); Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place; if soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol; Avoid touching common surfaces in public places: door handles, ATM buttons, handrails, etc. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something; avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth; Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces to remove germs every day (e.g., tables and counters, doorknobs, light switches, steering wheels, keyboards and mice, faucets, remotes, and phones).

Spotlight on Nassau Gardens



jump on his spring garden by using tomato and pepper seeds from Rutgers. Once the weather is warm Ray sets them outside. He plants a large spring garden almost every year which produces corn, peas, okra, beans, sweet potatoes, squash and watermelons. In the winter, he grows collard and mustard greens.



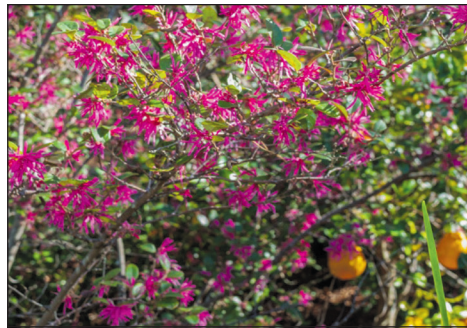
Ray Forehand moved into his Blackrock home in 1961 and has enjoyed living there for 59 years. Care was taken in the placement of buildings to preserve and enhance the many old live oak trees on the property. His gorgeous old-variety Camellia japonica bush is one of his favorite plants in the garden. In the cooler months when the camellia is in bloom, Ray enjoys viewing it from his living room through the large front picture window. The huge blossom pictured is a 'Carter's sunburst.' The loropetalums with their purple leaves maturing to green are a standout, especially when they are covered with the clusters of dark pink fringe-like flowers. For great fall and winter color, hardy gloxinia 'Bolivian sunset' and Red-hot poker lilies are show stoppers.



This plant was hybridized by Walter Tennyson Swingle in 1909. This is the same person who developed the trifoliolate rootstock called Swingle in 1907, which we recommend for citrus here in Northeast Florida. There are also Roble oranges, Mandarin tangerines, Meyer lemons, Ruby Red grapefruits, satsumas, calamondin oranges and a kumquat tree on the property. He also has a large area devoted to muscadine grapes and blueberries, with fig, pear and pecan trees out back. Keeping the property mowed and the gardens tended keeps Ray active and spry even at 93 years young!

The greenhouse is used to get a

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