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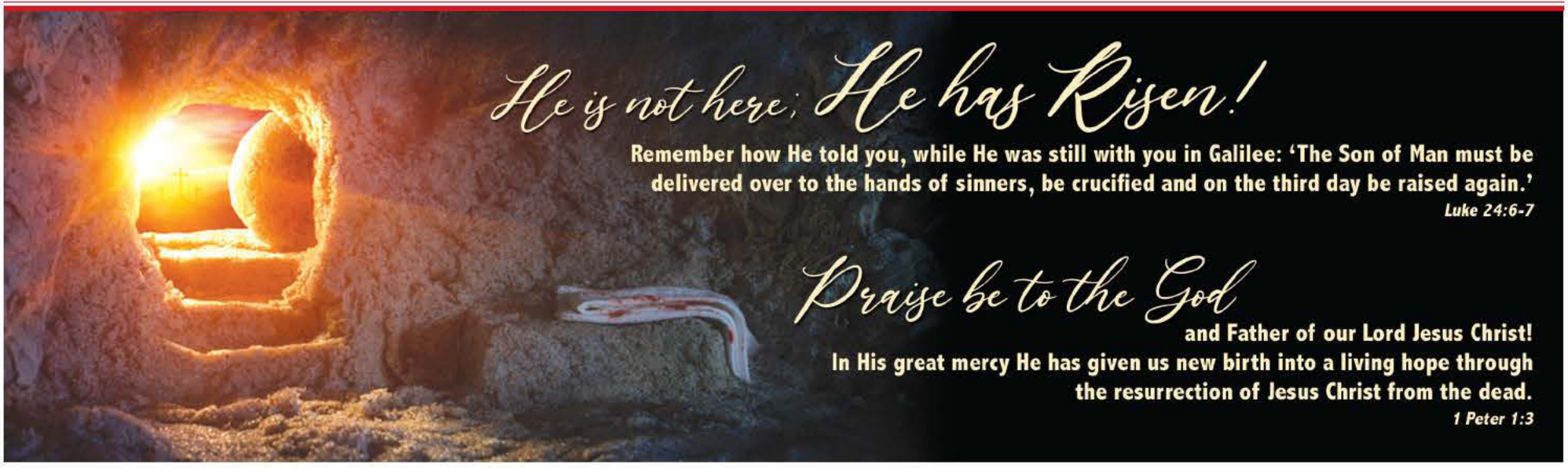
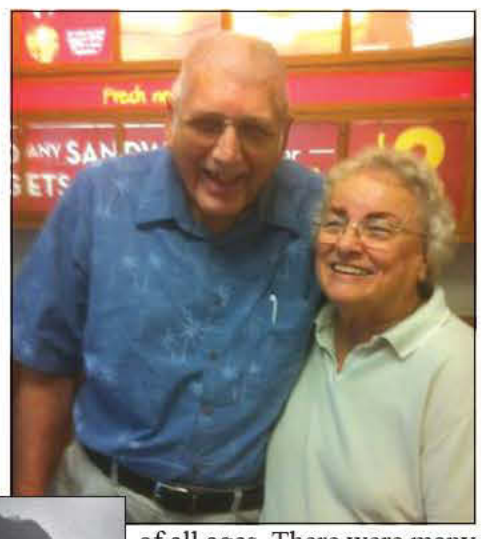


Callahan Legend Stanley Long Passes Away

Dawn S. West

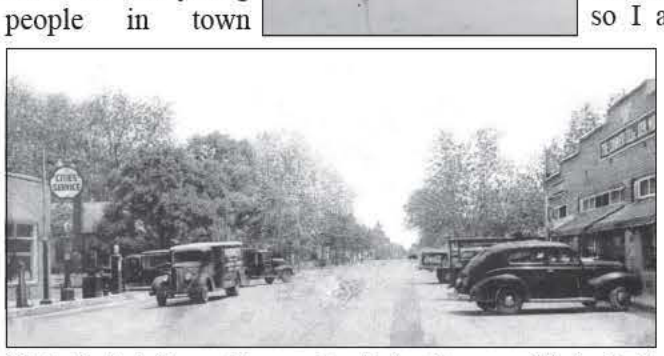
Stanley Long, longtime Callahan resident and faithful servant of the Lord, passed away Thursday, March 25, at his home. Stanley was a well-known name around Callahan for many years. As he aged and following the passing of his sweet wife Sylvia in 2017, his life slowed down. You could sometimes catch him at the post office for a brief visit and he always greeted you with that sweet smile. He truly left his mark in many lives in Callahan.

As history tells it, The Longs bought Conner's Drug Store in 1959, which was located in the Conner building (where the Ice building is now). Once purchased, he changed the name to Long Sundries. Most of the young people in town called it Stanley's! That was the hang out back then. I was young and rarely got to go there but I often heard my siblings talking about going to Stanley's and how much fun it was. Stanley's was a place where the football players hung out along with other athletes and friends. Stanley always took up for the kids. He offered soft serve ice cream, limeades, ole' time root beer, microwave hamburgers (that were amazing), hot dogs and cherry & vanilla Cokes along with many other items! When I was finally old enough to go, my friends and I would walk from the Junior High (Callahan Middle School) all the way to Stanley's. Long walk but well worth it. My favorite was a frozen Snickers candy bar and a vanilla Coke. Umm, I can taste it now! Okay, so I also loved the walnut ice cream sundae! We would wait until the football team showed up. That's usually when Stanley told us young girls to head home. He somehow always watched out for everyone. It was our safe house. I hope he realized what a mark he made on this town with the students of all ages. There were many memories on Facebook sharing: Long's was the after school/extended care in our time; he was a perfect role model for kids; he was truly loved and he loved us; he was a true Angel; and that's just a few.



In February 1992, fire consumed the 65-year-old building, leaving only pleasant memories of years gone by. Several people gathered to watch in disbelief as so many memories when up in flames that night. Nobody was hurt in the fire but the building was destroyed. The old bar top and some of the bar stools from Stanley's now sit in an ice cream shop in North Carolina called Dillsboro Ice Cream Bar.

Even though he and Sylvia ran a great business, that wasn't his priority, the Lord Jesus was. He has been a faithful servant of the Lord for most of his life. He always made time to go to church and be a part of the church. He took his salvation seriously and it showed in the life he lived. He has been on the 'counting committee' of FBC Callahan for numerous years, just recently relinquishing it due to his health. Callahan is a better town because of Stanley and Sylvia Long. I know my life is. I'm so thankful to have had such great mentors in my life. He will truly be missed.



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We all have felt the division in our country and we have all struggled through the restrictions of the pandemic. We are so blessed to live in the small towns we do (Hilliard, Callahan & Bryceville) however I think we sometimes take that for granted. Our towns are hometowns! We know our neighbors and we help each other.

The Westside of Nassau County is who we are. We are proud of who we are and what we have. Let's just remember we have it because God blessed us with our homes and property. What a special time to gather together just for a brief time and celebrate our Savior! I pray that the grounds will be overflowing with people eager to share their love for Jesus with others. It's time to join our arms and hearts together and I can't think of a better time than Easter Sunday morning.

A community-wide Sunrise Service will be held this Sunday (Easter Sunday), April 4 from 7-8 a.m. in the lot beside Hilliard Town Hall. The event will only last about one hour to allow everyone to attend their own church service. Everyone is invited to attend no matter the denomination. There will be singing of hymns praising Jesus and a brief service. Residents are encouraged to bring their own chairs for the event and come and enjoy a sweet time in the presence of the Lord. Thank you to First Baptist Church of Boulougne for organizing and hosting this event. Let's give Jesus the praise He deserves!

Our Hero…Thank You

Deanna Cubbedge

Friday, February 5, 2021, was a normal day for my mom, Brenda Silcox. She got up and went to work at the Nassau County Detention Facility where she is a Control Room Operator. As per her normal routine, she got to work at around 4:30 a.m. That time in the morning it is still dark but she does it every day! Nassau County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Josh Hyers was doing his normal perimeter searches of the property around that time. Each morning he greets Brenda and shines the light in her face to pick at her and she picks right back! This particular morning he shined the light over at her car but she didn't respond to him. Lieutenant Hyers walked over to her vehicle and found her unresponsive. He called for the nurse at the jail and Nassau County Fire Rescue. Both responded quickly. They used patrol cars to escort the rescue that was transporting Brenda, who had a medical emergency, to Baptist Nassau Hospital.

If it wasn't for Lieutenant Hyers willingness to follow through on something that didn't seem normal, Brenda might not be here today. Our family is so grateful to all those that acted quickly and for being in the right place at the right time.

Monday we were honored to present Lieutenant Hyers with a gift card of appreciation. As all of Brenda's co-workers called, texted and checked on her for the next few days, we also presented a cake displaying Hyers' badge number for the entire department. We are so thankful and grateful that mom is better today because of the quick reaction of responsible employees. Thank you again! Lieutenant Hyers you are our Hero!

In the Kitchen...

Smothered Chicken

1 Tablespoon oil
1/4 cup onion, finely chopped
1/4 cup green pepper, finely chopped
1/4 cup celery, finely chopped
1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts
3/4 oz. pkg. mushroom gravy mix
12 oz. can evaporated milk

Heat oil in a skillet. Sauté vegetables over medium-high heat for 2 minutes, or until crisp-tender. Add chicken; cook for 6 to 7 minutes per side until golden. Blend together gravy mix and milk; stir into skillet. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes, until chicken juices run clear. To serve, spoon gravy from pan over chicken.

Extreme Outdoors Raffle Fundraiser

Win a Barnett Blackcat Recurve Bow! The bow is a $285 value on Ebay. The fundraiser is to raise money to purchase equipment (archery, kayaks, ground blinds, BB guns, camping gear, etc.) for outdoor events. Purchase tickets at the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, Callahan. Tickets are $10 each or 3 tickets for $25.

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Fish Talk

Black Drum Baby!

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

Black drum can be found in nearshore waters all along the Atlantic coast from the Gulf of Maine to Florida and as far south as Argentina. With that being said, Atlantic coast black drum migrate in shore during the spring and to the south in the fall. Black drum have been known to reach over 46 inches in length, 80 pounds in weight and 60 years of age. The good news is, they are being caught all over the Northeast Florida region! Grab your family, let go of social media for a bit and get out there when you can.

As for the weekend angler, you can target black drum in the deep portions of our waterways. Here on Amelia Island, we mainly focus on the shipping channel of the St. Mary's River and on the south end of Amelia Island near the Nassau River inlet. Obviously larger fishing rigs will be required due to the size of these fish. Not just that, if you're releasing these fish, it's best to keep the fight as short as possible to ensure a healthy release. You will also need to do your best and revive them before release. They can be a great sport fish so we want to ensure their well-being for years to come.

Now as far as tackle, I primarily use a heavy rod with a sensitive tip. For me, a 6' to 7' ugly stick tiger rod is the best base to start with. I'll pair that with a 6000 to 8000 series Penn spinning reel. Mind you, all your gear should be sized to the body of water and the targeted fish. That may vary depending on depth and current as well. It's not uncommon to use lead weights up to 12 ounces or more with our heavy current. So be prepared with a variety of weights, the tide may be slow moving on the incoming and ripping on the outgoing or vice versa. For my main line, I use 40 to 50 lb. power pro which is suitable. I will use a fish finder rig with a 40 to 60 pound fluorocarbon leader and add a 6/0 to 8/0 mustad circle hook. When using the circle hooks, there really is no need to set the hook, just lean into the fish and begin reeling.

Lastly bait: you can cut a large blue crab in half or just break the legs off a whole crab and run the hook through the tough shell just past the horn. Many times breaking the corner off the crab shell can be an added advantage. After all, these fish depend on their keen sense of smell to collect food on the bottom. Find the river channel where these fish travel and drop down just inside the ledge. Again, drum use their keen sense of smell to find food, so if there's a hungry fish in the vicinity they will find your bait. Areas to target include the Nassau Sound River, the Pines just east of the Nassau Sound bridge and the North end of Amelia Island around the yellow channel buoys.

In closing, I hope you all find success this weekend, may the weather cooperate and I hope to see you on the water!

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Have you ever sat back and just wondered who is actually running our country? I have pondered it and have yet been able to come to a definite conclusion. One thing I am certain about is that it is not Joe Biden and I have a sneaky feeling its Obama calling the shots. Biden was marketed by the Democrat Party as a moderate while they were keeping him locked in the basement during the campaign, but he has emerged from hiding (somewhat) and is now the "Bernie Sanders" of the far leaning left. One of the sad parts of this whole charade is the way the Democrats are using Joe Biden. He is not mentally fit to hold any position of power let alone the Commander in Chief of America. One news outlet referred it as elder abuse, and I agree. In some ways I pity the man.

In less than 100 days he has managed to destroy so many of the policies that were making America stronger than ever before in history. Of course that makes sense being as the socialists don't like history nor do they learn from it. From cancelling the XL pipeline which contributed 0% to their "carbon footprint theory" to now transporting the oil by rail and trucks which uses thousands of gallons of their hated fossil fuel. This also led to thousands of Americans losing their jobs, a large increase in our fuel costs and decimated our standing as self-efficient in fuel production. Of course we can't help but see what his policies are doing at our southern border. I will accept their stance of their open border mentality when they remove all fences from around their own homes and leave their doors unlocked so anyone that wants to come in can. I mean it's only fair according to their illogical thinking. Oh and get ready because the Democrat Socialists are coming for our guns. Biden is already pushing for no-warrant confiscation of citizens guns. First they will attempt to pass more gun control laws and red flag laws which do nothing to curb mass murders or even a single murder. This is proven by facts, but Democrats hate facts more than they hate history. The United States is 3rd in murders throughout the world. If you remove #1 Chicago, #2 Detroit, #3 Washington DC, #4 St. Louis, and #5 New Orleans, the United States is then 189th out of 193 countries in the entire world. Of course, let me remind you, all five of these cities have strict gun control laws and are run by Democrats.

As the Democrats continue their efforts to destroy America, it is imperative that the Governors of the Red states come together to fight the unlawfulness of this regime. If they as a collective body can't stop the tyranny then there is only one other way and I don't want to see that happen.

As always…that's just my opinion!

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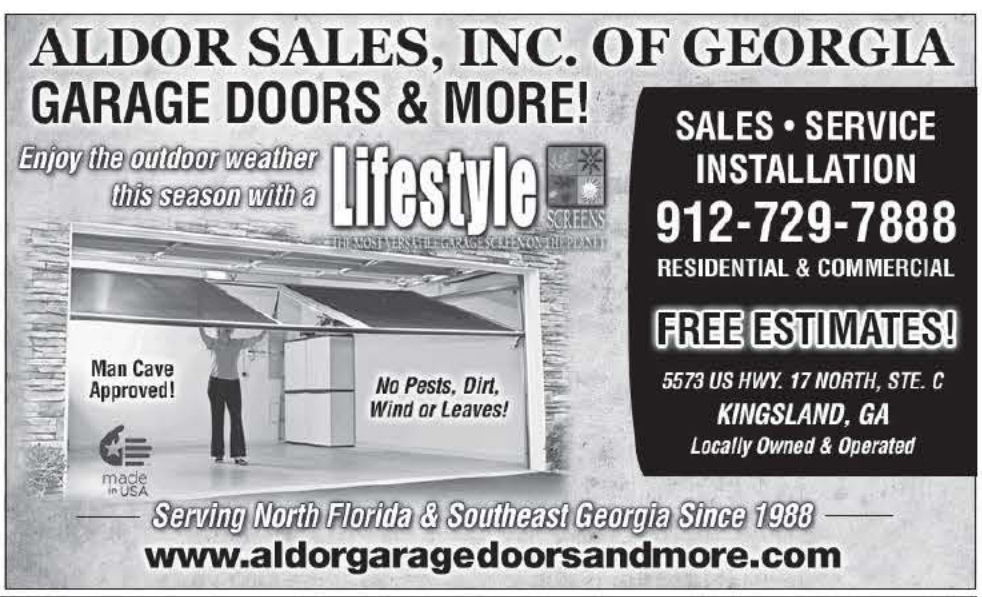

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Passion Week

Pastor Marty Paparo, Friendship Alliance Church, Callahan

When it comes to the Christian calendar, there is no more important day than Easter Sunday (this coming Sunday). It celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the single most important thing we celebrate as believers. It marks Jesus' victory over death. In 1Corinthians 15, Paul points out that because Christ rose from the dead so will we who believe in Him on our last day.

Although Easter is important, rarely do we take the time to dive into the events of Passion Week that begin with Palm Sunday and end a week later with Easter Sunday. Today is Maundy Thursday. I want to challenge you today, tomorrow and Saturday to jump into the account of these events. I am sure you are familiar with the events listed below; but when was the last time you opened your Bible and simply experienced them for yourself? Many of us want to have a deeper faith, but miss the how-to: "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17 ESV

Many of us will be in a church on Sunday where a pastor will share with us the incredible story of the Resurrection of Jesus. Let me challenge you to prepare ahead of time by reading the events that led up to the Empty Tomb:

The Plot to Kill Jesus – Matthew 26:1-5
Jesus Anointed at Bethany – Matthew 26:6-13
Judas to Betray Jesus – Matthew 26:14-16
The Passover with the Disciples – Matthew 26:17-35
Jesus Prays in Gethsemane – Matthew 26:36-46
Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus – Matthew 26:47-56
Jesus Before the High Priest – Matthew 26:57-75
Jesus Delivered to Pilate – Matthew 27:1-23
Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified – Matthew 27:24-44
The Death of Jesus – Matthew 27:45-66

Letters to the Editor

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Stand Up & Speak Up

Dear Editor,

Donald Trump is a worker. He knew the value of work. He also knew the destructiveness of not working. It didn't matter to him whether the work was gardening, teaching school, blue or white collar employment or charitable work. When he appropriately dubbed the other party the "Do nothing Democrats," he exposed a truth the Democrats prefer to keep hidden.

They don't know much about work, because they don't believe in working. Their economic panacea is to throw money at people, illegals as well as citizens. They are the equivalent of economic drug dealers. They offer you a fix to keep you from seeing the devastating effects of their bumbling, incompetence. The dollar extra you are paying now to maintain your life is only the beginning of the economic sleigh ride downhill. Handing over our economic lives to them is a mistake. If we don't want to face this today, maybe we will when the 2022 elections roll around.

B.R. Mc Connell

New COVID-19 Vaccination Site Open in Yulee

Nassau County Emergency Management (NCEM) Director, Greg Foster, announced that AMC Theaters in Yulee is cooperating with NCEM to establish a new COVID-19 Vaccine Point of Dispensing (POD) for the county. The POD will be located on the east side of AMC Theaters' 96012 Lofton Square Court property in Yulee.

The POD's nurses are administering Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine by appointment only, Tuesdays through Fridays from 1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Residents currently eligible for vaccination can self-schedule their first dose appointments online at www.OneNassau.com/covid-19-vaccine-appointments/.

Second doses are automatically scheduled for three weeks later (21 days after the first dose) at the same time and location.

Individuals must wear a face-covering over the nose and mouth while at the POD. To be vaccinated, individuals must provide identification and complete the Florida Department of Health's COVID Vaccine Screening and Consent Form. To streamline the process, Director Foster suggests printing and completing the two-sided Screening and Consent form in advance to take with them to the appointment. That required form and the Pfizer-BioNTech Fact Sheet are available to download from the www.OneNassau.com/covid-19-vaccine-appointments/ website.

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Town of Callahan Calls for Employee Investigation

Dawn S. West

The Town of Callahan Town Council called for a special meeting Monday night. The agenda item was titled Internal Investigation of Employee. Council President Ken Bass opened the meeting with prayer. "We (council) have called this meeting because we need an investigator about a situation that has come up that could possibly result in the dismissal of an employee," said Bass. "There are always two sides to every story and only one side has been told. We need to have someone to listen to the other side. Has everyone on the council heard about this?"

Councilwomen Jacquelyn Fleming and Ashton Bishop-Vargas both answered no.

Bass requested Town Manager Mike Williams to take over the explanation.

"I placed Mrs. Krista King on Administrative Leave until further investigation of the allegations," said Williams. "I've talked with our Interim Attorney Christian Waugh and he will talk to the parties involved and find the facts, if the council so desires. Once he has the facts, he will return to the council with the facts to present to them."

The council voted for Interim Attorney Waugh to do the fact finding investigation.

Bass asked for any comments from the audience.

"She (Mrs. King) puts her heart and soul in this job and has a passion for her job," said James King (husband of Krista King). "I know because she is constantly working on things for this town. She's done all she does for you and this is what she gets? This is bad! That's all I'm going to say."

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, April 5 at 7 p.m.

Living Financially Free

The Shackles of Debt

Yvette Outler

The topic of money brings all kinds of emotion with it. Do you cringe at the thought of a financial discussion or are you at peace with where you are at financially? If you are knee deep in debt, then you probably dread opening the bills. Thirteen years ago, we were in a boat load of debt and I did not like to see our mail carrier coming. I was "existing" financially, but barely. With debt comes an overwhelming sense of bondage. (Proverbs 22:7) I felt shackled to it!

In 2008 life hit me hard and pulled the proverbial financial rug out from under me. I then realized that to get different financial results I had to begin doing something different. Sounds easy enough, right? Well, it is not easy, but it is definitely worth it! Albert Einstein said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

The key that would unlock my shackles of debt was the book, "Total Money Makeover" by Dave Ramsey. God used that book to help set a healing course of action in motion for me. I have walked his "Baby Steps" for the last 13 years and have found freedom and release from the chains of debt! Since I have experienced this freedom I want to be "the key" to help others be set free too!

Money is very important to God. There are more than 2000 verses in the Bible about money. As a believer in The Lord Jesus Christ, I have adopted the mantra that 100% of what I own is His. I am just a steward of it. God never intended money to be a source of contention but a source of provision.

Significant debt doesn't happen over-night, so an over-night remedy is an unrealistic expectation to have for yourself. Sometimes debt comes to you through no fault of your own, you may have lost your job, or gotten a serious illness and have a mountain of hospital bills. Whatever the case may be, I would like to encourage you that with some intentional moves on your part you will be able to see the light of day again!

My monthly column will highlight various financial savings, tips and ideas to assist you in your journey!

Yvette Outler is a Dave Ramsey's Designated Personal Financial Coach. She is a self-proclaimed financial nerd. She has 15 years of banking experience, touching every position inside of the branch, along with several important positions in Deposit Operations for a few institutions.

If you need help contact her at Fiscallyfree7@gmail.com.

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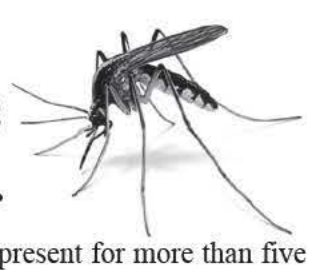

Mosquitos can develop in any standing water that is present for more than five days. To reduce the mosquito population around your home and property eliminate all standing water and debris.

- Remove any container around your home that holds standing water, store them upside down. Don't forget to dispose of empty bottles and tin cans.
- Check to make sure windows and doors have screens to keep the mosquitos out.
- Clean and Change the water in containers like birdbaths and dog bowls.
- Remove standing water from parked boats and any other recreational items.
- Discard old tires.
- Check and fix outside plumbing leaks. Don't breed mosquitos!

The Town of Hilliard is beginning to spray. Let's help each other in the control of mosquitos in our area.

CHURCH NEWS

River Road Baptist Church will hold a Clothing Giveaway Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 1 - 3 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Clothes for everyone! Bring a bag to fill! Safety guidelines will be in place. The church is located at 21067 CR 121, Hilliard.

Hilliard First Assembly of God, 550920 US Highway 1, will hold their annual Giant Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning, following the 10 a.m. service. Eggs, prizes, candy and refreshments. Come and join us at 10 a.m. for adult worship and children's church.

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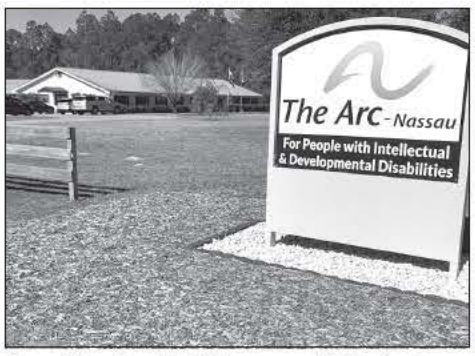
What's Going on at The Arc?



Jennifer Paulk, Director of Marketing

If you've taken US 17 North as you are driving through Yulee, you've most likely noticed a sign reading 'The Arc Nassau.' (You may even know about Fabulous Finds, the resale store located on the property.) What you may not realize is the work that is going on inside of the small non-profit that focuses on individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). As a bona fide chapter of the nationally recognized organization, The Arc, this small rural chapter caters services to a small segment of the population here in Nassau County.

The Arc Nassau has a firm foundation in the community as it was established by a small group of family and friends in the early '70s. The organization began as Hearts & Hands, an organization seeking to provide services for family and friends with various intellectual and developmental disabilities. With more than 45 years as an established organization, it has grown in leaps and bounds to what it is today. The Arc Nassau is governed by the mission, which is at the touchstone for the work they do: The Arc Nassau is committed to educating, motivating, and encouraging individuals with varying abilities to achieve independence, and enjoy successful and fulfilling lives.

The Arc Nassau has services and programs for the I/DD community that provide: life skills development, supported employment, employment services, and transportation for clients. Life Skills Development provides a foundation of enrichment and support for individuals to attend Monday through Friday. Clients come to the organization primarily through Medicaid Waivers, a system for which the waiting list can be upwards of 12 years to receive services. Private pay is an option available to families that are currently on the very exhaustive waiting list. A way to help offset those expenses is through the onsite revenue stream of Fabulous Finds, a small resale shop that directly contributes to the Life Skills Development program. 100% of proceeds go directly to support the program.

Employment Services & Supported Employment are provided through Vocational Rehabilitation. Clients are referred to The Arc Nassau, where staff members work within the community to identify an occupation that fits the client's abilities. This vital program provides opportunities for clients to work through an on-the-job training program, where both the employer and employee discover those abilities that lead to gainful employment. Another program in-house is the contract through RESPECT of Florida, which provides employment for clients in Nassau County. You may have noticed clients actively working in the community at sites such as the weigh station and the Florida Welcome Center.

For more information, please visit The Arc Nassau at www.thearcnassau.org. They can also be found on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

Spreading Easter Joy!

"Be the Change NE FL" visited the Oceanway area of Jacksonville last Saturday along with the Easter Bunny! They gave out candy and care bags to children and also to senior citizens in the area! For more information visit: Facebook.com/bethechangenefl.

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Nassau County Sheriff's Office Announces...

Retirements

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office recently honored Director Mike Edwards on his official retirement Sunday, March 28, 2021. Edwards has served as the Director of Administrative Services at NCSO for the past eight years. "We are very thankful for his service to our agency as well as our community as he has served in law enforcement over 43 years," said Sheriff Bill Leeper. "Director Edwards has made our organization better and we will certainly miss him. Please wish him well and thank him for his many years of dedicated law enforcement service."

Chaplain Ted Heglund was also honored for his recent retirement from NCSO. Chaplain Heglund has served for over 15 years providing spiritual comfort and guidance when called upon.

Director Mike Edwards

Chaplain Ted Heglund and wife, Judith

New Hires

NCSO is proud to welcome three new dispatchers to the department. They are: Stephanie Knagge, April Persinger and Alexis Baird.

Employees of the Year 2020

On Wednesday, March 24, 2021, Sheriff Bill Leeper recognized the Nassau County Sheriff's Office's Employees of the Year for 2020 at a ceremony held at the Sheriff's Office in front of family and co-workers.

2020 Employees of the year are (back row l to r): Chaplain John Kasper, Communications Officer Isaac Carter, Corrections Deputy Elizabeth Smith; (front row l to r) Deputy Hope Herrin, Supervisor Sgt. Charlie Lucas, Civilian Sara Winkle and Investigator Brandy Turman.

Achievements

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2021 County 4-H Events Scores

Traders Hill Ranch graciously hosted the Nassau County 4-H County Events on March 19th. We were able to host a successful and safe in-person competition for our youth all thanks to their support! A commemorative photo plaque was given to the Ranch as a thank you for hosting this important 4-H event.

County Events is the annual speech, demonstration, photography, and talent contest for 4-H members. This night celebrates the diverse projects and talents of our 4-H'ers.

This year our members earned an unprecedented amount of high scoring awards! All of our youth speeches qualified to move forward to 4-H District Events.

- Kee Laurendine, Intermediate- How to Care for a Sheep
- Kai Laurendine, Junior- How to Care for a Sheep's Hoof
- Lainey Walters, Junior - Do's and Don'ts of Feeding Rabbits
- Parker Tew, Junior - How to Clean a Horse Saddle
- Charlie Norstrem, Senior- The History of Guns
- Emma Norstrem, Senior - The Normal and the Abnormal
- Raelin Tew, Intermediate - English Saddles
- Jack Norstrem, Intermediate - The History of the Lamborghini
- Lauren Walters, Intermediate - Caring for Goat Hooves
- Eli Hatton- Trumpet Instrumental
- Lauren Walters, Lainey Walters, Raelin Tew - Restaurant Comedy Skit

We also had 16 youth enter photos in the County Contest: The top photo from each category will be sent forward to the State Contest!

Junior Competitors: Simeon Benenate; Emily Nelson; Niki Crosby; Laci Crosby; Lainey Walters

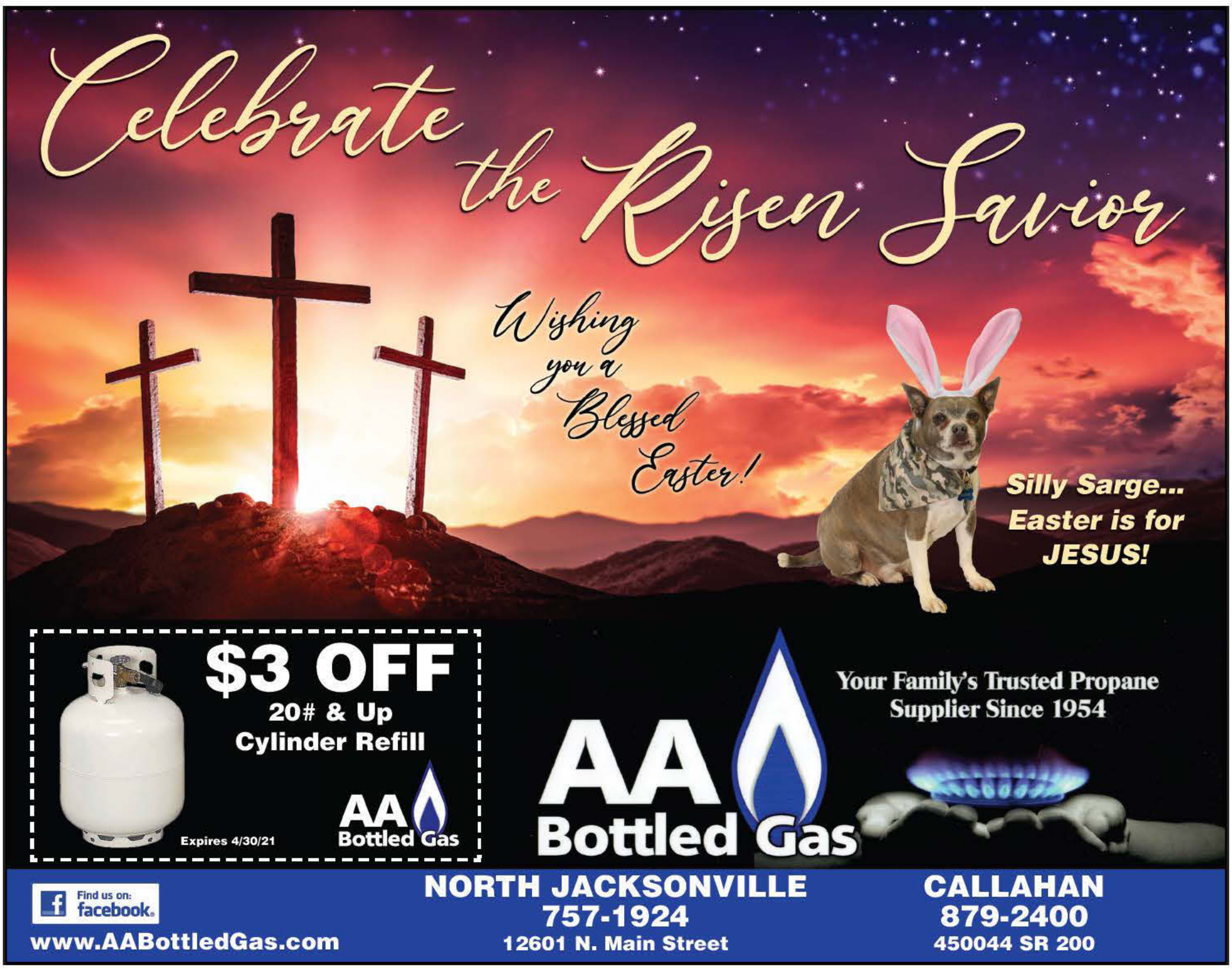
Intermediate Competitors: Jack Norstrem; Garrett Bennett; Seth Benenate; Elijah Hatton; Lily Crosby; Lauren Walters

Senior Competitors: Natalie Stevenson; Charlie Norstrem; Emma Norstrem; Joan Kramer; Emma Crosby

Junior Winner: Lainey Walters

Intermediate Winner: Garrett Bennett

Senior Winner: Emma Norstrem



NCSO Explorers Compete Well!

We are so proud of our Explorers! They competed at the Florida Sheriff's Explorer Association-FSEA March Delegates, hosted by St. Lucie Sheriff's Office. The Explorers participated in firearms competition bringing home the following awards:

- Explorer Ricky Rajkumar- Sharp Shooter, 22 Caliber pistol
- Explorer Kylyn Paton- 1st Place Match Winner, 22 caliber pistol
- Explorer Admin Assist Liberty Dee- 1st time shooter/competitor 2nd place, 22 caliber pistol
- Explorer Corporal Tristan Murto- 1st time competitor 4th place, 9MM pistol

The NCSO Explorers also trained in team building activities, response to domestic calls, physical agility exercises, communication skills, and they participated in the business operations of the FSEA.

They also assisted with vehicular and pedestrian traffic at TPC and accompanied St. John's & Duval County Explorers. It was a very beneficial training event in the areas of mutual aid, traffic control, communication, team building, decision making, problem solving, critical thinking, leadership development, and community service. If you want more info on the Explorer program visit our website at: http://nassauso.com/programs/explorer-program/.

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The Last Supper

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Jesus is Tried and Beaten

Following Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane for claiming to be a king, Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip. The soldiers made a crown of long, sharp thorns and put it on his head, and they put a royal purple robe on him. "Hail! King of the Jews!" they mocked, and they hit him with their fists. When the crowds saw him, the leading priests and Temple guards began shouting, "Crucify! Crucify!" (John 19:1-6a Summarized)

His Crucifixion

Carrying the cross by himself, Jesus went to the place called Skull Hill. There they crucified him. There were two others crucified with him, one on either side, with Jesus between them. And Pilate posted a sign over him that read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among the four of them. (John 19:17-24 Summarized)

Jesus' Death

Jesus knew that everything was now finished, and to fulfill the Scriptures he said, "I am thirsty." A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:28-30 Summarized)

His Burial

Afterward Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus wrapped Jesus' body in a long linen cloth with the spices, as is the Jewish custom of burial. The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before. And so, because it was the day of preparation before the Passover and since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there. (John 19:38-42 Summarized)

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. An angel was there on the stone and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." The women hurried and told the disciples what they saw. The disciples arrived and went inside. They noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side. They saw and believed.

Jesus later appeared to the women and his disciples telling them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (John 20:1-8; Matthew 28:1-8 Summarized)

He is not here;
he has risen,
just as he said.
Matthew 28:6

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Residents that live on Old Dixie Highway have endured a long process just living on Old Dixie and how horrible the road has been for years. The road has finally had the shoulders extended, repaved and finally striped and lined last week. The process, that seemed to take forever, is finally over for the residents that drive it every day. It looks amazing and we pray it stays that way for a long while!

BEHIND THE BADGE:
Deputy Nick Davis

I'm Deputy Nick Davis of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office. I've been employed here since 2018. I know it's cliché but everyone says they want to help the community and that's definitely me. I just want to help people and be part of something bigger than myself. I like being out doing something new every day and it's an adventure every single day you go to work. You never know what you're going to get and never know who you're going to meet. It's exciting every single day you come to work. I usually try to run some traffic out in the construction zone here at State Road 200. I know the Nassau drag strip here is between still quarters and I-95 everybody likes to speed. Unfortunately, I think if everybody just took an extra 20 minutes out of their day and get your day started a little bit earlier you won't be in that rush to get to work or get your kids to school. If you take a little extra time every morning just to yourself it might help in the long run. You know we don't like to give people tickets out here. I try to give a lot of people warnings. If I pull you over multiple times you're probably going to get a ticket but for the most part we try to give warnings.

We try to just make people aware that there are construction workers in the zone and they want to go to home to their families just like we do. So if we can slow just a couple people down it might save one construction worker's life or save one driver's life for that matter. That's what we're out here for. I've been married for six years. I have a beautiful wife and am blessed with two children; a four-year-old boy and a three-year-old girl. Family is very important to me. I've got all my extended family here. Nassau County is a great place to raise a family. I couldn't ask for a better community or better schools. It's just a great place to raise a family!

I think meeting new people in the community and letting them know that law enforcement's here for them is one of my favorite things about my job. We try to get out in the community every morning, have breakfast and talk to some people and you know interact with the community. I enjoy meeting new people and putting our faces out there so people know and recognize us. I want people to know they can call the sheriff's office when they need it. Hopefully there's a familiar face when they call and we show up to the scene.

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OBITUARIES

Donald M. Cowart, Sr.

Donald Maurice Cowart, Sr., 52, of Jacksonville, passed away on March 29, 2021. Donald was born on April 8, 1968 in Folkston, Georgia, to John Calvin Bell and Patricia Ann Cowart Bell. Donald had a passion for hunting and fishing. He was an avid outdoorsman. Donald was a gun collector and a firm believer of the 2nd Amendment. He was preceded in death by his grandparents John Randle Cowart, Sr. and Elizabeth Fouraker Cowart.

Donald leaves behind his parents John Calvin Bell and Patricia Ann Cowart Bell; sons Joseph Christopher (Miriam) Cowart, Sr. and Donald Maurice Cowart, Jr.; sisters Jennifer Pratt and Rebecca (Jack) Dejnozka; grandchildren Adam Levy, Joseph Cowart, Jr. Serenity Cowart, Daniel Cowart, Trevor Cowart and Gabriel Cowart.

A Celebration of Donald's life will be held Friday, April 2 at 11 a.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Thursday, April 1 from 5-7 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home.

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

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

Harriet E. Huber

Harriet E. Huber, 82, passed away March 27, 2021. She was born July 16, 1938. The family received friends Tuesday, March 30 at Callahan Funeral Home. The funeral service was held Wednesday, March 31 in the Chapel of Callahan Funeral Home. Burial followed in Bethel Cemetery in Hilliard.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 879-2336.

Cecil Stanley Long

Cecil Stanley Long, 86, left us to be reunited with his wife Sylvia in the presence of Jesus Thursday, March 25, 2021. Stanley was born September 10, 1934.

He was a deacon at First Baptist Church Callahan and spent most of his Sundays in the counting room. A native of Callahan, he is best remembered as the owner of Long Sundries, where he provided ice cream, cherry and vanilla Cokes and lime freezes to several generations of Callahan residents. He had a second career, working for Western Southern Insurance. He loved this community and helping people whenever he could. He was a friend to everyone he met and loved to visit with the staff and children at Nana & Gee Gee's Preschool.

He is survived by his daughter Laurie Long (Cat Tomlinson); and Becky Moody (who he regarded as a daughter); his brother Glenn (Delores) Long; and his sister Clarice Trawick; and many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Monday, March 29 at the First Baptist Church Callahan. The funeral service was held Tuesday, March 30 also at the church with Rev. Lynn Hyatt officiating. Interment followed in Jones Cemetery, Callahan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, Inc., 879-2336.

Bro. Joe Midyette, Sr.

Bro. Joe Midyette Sr., 84, a native of Jacksonville, went to be with Jesus in Joanna, South Carolina on March 20, 2021. He was born March 19, 1937 in Jacksonville. Bro. Joe was an anointed minister and pastor of the Gospel for 65 years. He dedicated his entire life to serving Jesus, his mother Nettie having instilled in him from an early age, "The Lord will provide." He started preaching under his Uncle Buddy Harris's Tent Revival Ministries, according to the Old Time Faith in Holiness. Bro. Joe founded God's Faith Tabernacle in Callahan and served as pastor there for many years. Bro. Joe was a vital part of the Highway and Hedges Ministry in Joanna, SC, working alongside Evangelist Johnny M. Powell, for the last ten years. He was full of love and compassion for the soul of man, full of faith and power and will truly be missed and never forgotten.

He is survived by his siblings Sammy, Joanne and David (Carol); his children Joe, Jr., Terri, Richard, Larry and Daniel, all of Jacksonville; his family of Joanna, SC. (Help Mate) Deborah Powell Midyette and stepchildren Emily, Mandy and Joshua; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and multitudes of very dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Nettie and George Midyette; siblings Sarah, Walter, George Jr. (G.J.), Andrew (Ander) and Bernette; daughter Hannah Midyette; and grandson Nicholas Midyette.

The funeral service honoring the life of Bro. Joe Midyette Sr. was held Tuesday, March 30 at Manning Cemetery in Jacksonville, with Bro. Larry Carter and Bro. Johnny M. Powell officiating.

Any monetary donations can be made to the Highway and Hedges Revival Center, 112 S. Main St., Joanna, SC 29351. (Attn. Bro. Johnny M. Powell.), or your time and effort given to those less fortunate for the love of Jesus and The Gospel in memory of Bro. Joe Midyette Sr.

Terra L. Nordquist

Terra L. Merritt Nordquist, 49, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at Community Hospice in Jacksonville. She was born March 10, 1972 in Jacksonville, to Hal and Barbara Merritt. She was a 1990 graduate of Hilliard Middle-Senior High School. She married Carlos H. Nordquist on November 3, 2001 in Hilliard. She was genuine, big-hearted and loved everyone. She was a loving wife and mother, daughter and sister who truly loved life.

She is survived by her parents; her husband Carlos; daughters Mallorie and Madison; her grandfather Wallace Strickland; sisters Ena (Wayne) Kelly and Amanda (Al) Gordon; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins, whom she loved very much.

Visitation was held prior to the funeral service held Tuesday, March 30 at Buford Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Curtis Harrington officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.

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Monday, March 22

Samantha Marie Edwards, 37, 36073 JW Elliott Drive, Callahan: Violation of Probation by Changing her Residence without First Procuring the Consent of her Probation Officer; by Failing to Successfully Complete or Remain in Drug/Alcohol Residential Treatment until the Provider Determines that Residential Treatment is no longer Necessary

Wednesday, March 24

Matthew Maliq Thompson, 23, 37772 Oxford Street, Hilliard: Writ of Bodily Attachment

Christopher Lee Vancoonis, 38, 28180 Lake Hampton Road, Hilliard: Violation of Probation Felony False Imprisonment

FSCJ Volleyball Alumna to Lead Sports by USA Today

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) alumna Christina Hovestadt was recently named one of the top women to lead sports over the next 10 years by USA Today. Hovestadt played volleyball for two years at FSCJ (2006-08) and graduated with her Associate in Arts degree before going on to earn her Bachelor of Science in Communications from the University of North Florida (UNF). Hovestadt, a Jacksonville native, has been working as a Community Relations Manager with the NFL since 2018. Prior to the NFL, she was the Executive Director of the Rashad Jennings Foundation. "Christina's passion for giving back and making a difference in the community is unstoppable," said FSCJ Director of Athletics Ginny Alexander. "It is so great watching her do it now at such a larger national level."

USA Today put Hovestadt in a category with many other great women in sports making an impact and breaking barriers in 2020. Hovestadt was recognized for her work as a founder for A Seat at the Table (ASAT), a community of women in sports and entertainment who are dedicated to equipping and empowering the next generation of female game-changers through mentorship.

Hovestadt recently joined FSCJ students virtually this fall for an Introduction to Sport Psychology class to talk about her college experience at FSCJ and how that student-athlete experience prepared her for the next step in life.

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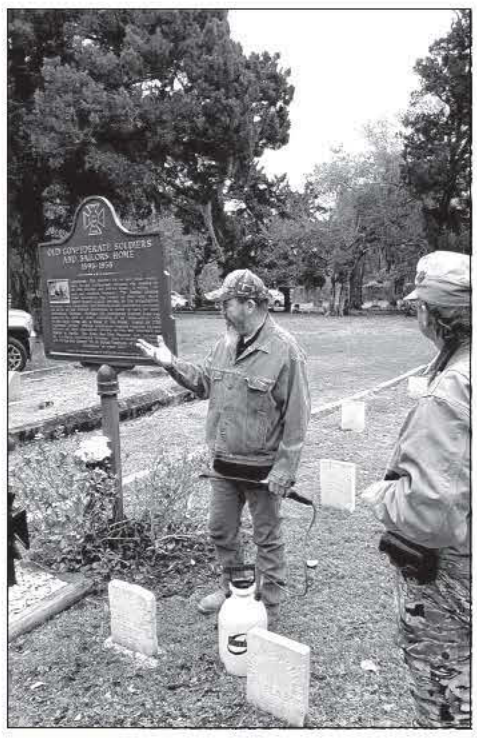
S.C.V. Conduct Workshop

Kim Hoffecker

The weather turned cold, windy and overcast on Saturday, March 20, not ideal conditions for an outdoor workshop. However that did not deter 37 members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, United Daughters of the Confederacy and Order of the Confederate Rose from participating. The 8-hour, hands on workshop dealing with the safest and most effective methods of cleaning and preserving cemetery headstones. The participants travelled from throughout the state of Florida to attend. It is of the most importance to use only cleaning products that are safe and do no harm to the marker being cleaned.

After some initial 'classroom' instruction, students divided up in small groups throughout Old City Cemetery to make practical application of the techniques shown. The instructor was Wayne Moon, an S.C.V. member from Covington, Tennessee and certified to teach others so that they may in turn be certified to teach others with methods approved by the National Park Service. The workshop was sponsored by the Kirby-Smith Camp 1209, Jacksonville and the Florida Division of the S.C.V.



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Local Wins on Discovery Channel's Master Distiller

Dawn S. West

Callahan resident Darrell Flack was thrilled when he found out he was selected to appear and compete on the Discovery Channel's Master Distiller program. Flack, who is an ordinary hard working person, was completely self-taught in trying to be a distiller. Now his vision is to open his own distillery. "I read a lot of books, studied YouTube videos and learned," said Flack. "Trying to figure things out is good stress release therapy for me. Getting the right combination, changing things up…that's what it takes."

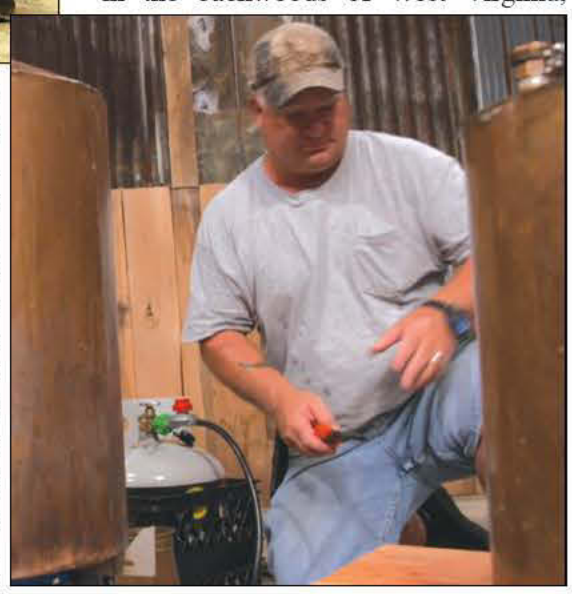
Flack actually saw an ad on Facebook about entering a competition with Discovery. He filled out all the information and low and behold he was chosen. He traveled to Sevierville, Tennessee and spent 10 days. There he met the other two contestants whom he would be competing against. The event was sponsored by Sugarland Distillery and that's where the competition was filmed. Each of the contestants did a first and second run then one of the three was eliminated from the competition. The final run, which was the contestant's own recipe, was voted on. The judges were Mark Ramsey, Digger Manes and Time Smith, who are all legends in the industry. Flack was chosen the Master Distiller of his episode.

Unfortunately, the episode aired (the first time) in February. The episode that includes Flack is: Season 2, Episode 6, Ultra High Proof. Of course, Discovery has re-runs and now you can stream it on Discovery Plus to see the entire show. The winner will be allowed to have his recipe, with a limited run, bottled and on the shelf at the Sugarlands Distilling Company in Gatlinburg. Flack will be notified and will be given a release party at that time.

Flack is still thrilled about the opportunity and appreciates his wife Cindy and her support with this endeavor and also many friends. He has actually experimented for about 3 years before trying anything like competitions. Since the filming, Flack is in constant contact with the guy he competed with and met many other people through the show. He and his wife just recently returned from a trip to Maggie Valley, North Carolina to be a part of the Hillbilly Jam. He plans to go to the next Hillbilly Jam in Maggie Valley July 22-24. He has t-shirts, mugs, key chains, etc. and all can be found on his Facebook Page: Uncle Dum-Dums Swamp Juice.

America's favorite and only spirits-making competition show is back with an all new season of Discovery's Master Distiller: three competitors, three judges and one winning spirit. Across the country, distillers each from a unique background and with a specific specialty, come together to compete and earn their place in the liquor hall of fame. Judged by legendary moonshiners, Mark, Digger and Tim of Discovery's Moonshiners, as well as appearances from some familiar faces as guest judges, three competitors will faceoff each week in a series of challenges focused on making a specific type of spirit, including gin, peach brandy, absinthe, Navy strength rum, and more.

With backgrounds that range from learning the traditional outlaw ways in the backwoods of West Virginia,



to discovering how beer was brewed in West Africa, to bartenders and mixologists finding their niche at renowned legal distilleries, these vastly different contestants each have the same goal in mind – claiming the prize of Master Distiller. Master Distiller is produced for Discovery Channel by Magilla Entertainment.

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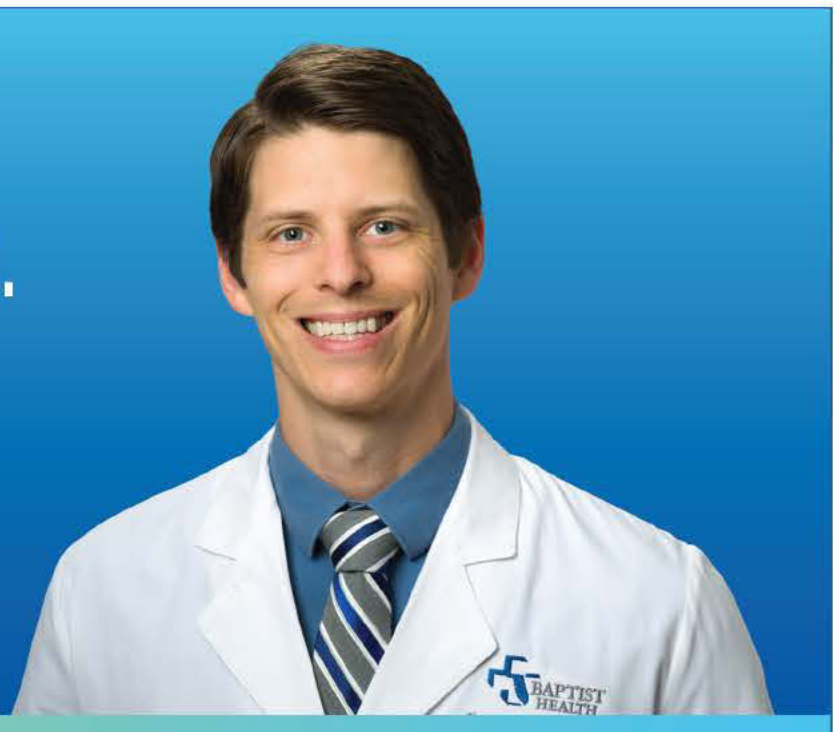

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The WN AFJROTC held a Flag Folding Ceremony, and led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the ride. In attendance were Chief Ed Spezio, Cadet Dallen Jenkins and Cadet Destiny Rose. Chief Spezio and Cadet Rose later accepted the donations from Mike Mekara (ALR Asst. Director), Dave Lewis (VFW Commander), Glen Beck (BCS Nassau Pres.) and Wesley Baker (AL Commander). The WN AFJROTC was very appreciative.

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