



"WHEN WE OBEY HIM, EVERY PATH HE GUIDES US ON IS FRAGRANT WITH HIS LOVING-KINDNESS AND HIS TRUTH." - PSALM 25:10

Callahan First Baptist Church Celebrates Pastor Lynn Hyatt's 40 Years of Service

Dawn S. West

This Sunday, June 30, Callahan First Baptist Church will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Pastor Lynn and Mrs. Peggy Hyatt. The worship service will begin at 10:15 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds (in the Family Life Center). Everyone is encouraged to bring enough food for your family and more. Special guests will be Pastor Stephen Peeples and Brother Mark Stewart.

Brother Lynn and Mrs. Peggy began their ministry in July 1979. Both were just kids, 24 and 19 to be exact. "It seems like just months ago we moved to town with our UHaul," said Brother Lynn. "I backed into the power lines and shut down the power in town. Now, that's a way to come to town!"

They had two children, Lyndsey and Don, who were cradled and nurtured by them, as well as the church family. Both are now adults with children of their own. The Hyatts have been a common name around Callahan for the entire time they've been here. Several things have changed in 40 years and one of the major changes was the building of a new sanctuary and Family Life Building. Those were built in 1994 and through

the years, the mortgage was paid off early.

Brother Lynn shares his heart for the Lord and is passionate about Christ. Mrs. Peggy teaches a Bible study class and sings in the choir. She has a servant's heart for lost people and is a prayer warrior. Their love for Christ is evident as is their love for each other. They are wonderful role models!

"How do you summarize 40 years?" I asked Brother Lynn.

"I'd say 40 years of God's faithfulness and of our people's faithfulness. It's truly amazing that the church would take a chance on such a young couple. But they did and they have," added Brother Lynn. "It's humbling to think about what other pastors deal with and I never have. We've had struggles, but God prevails. Our people are hungry for the word. It has been my (our) privilege to serve here. We have been through many changes through the years but we have



never changed the message and the truth of the gospel. I'm excited about the future of our church and what God has in store for us. God is so good!"

Some stats about the church and its growth since 1979 follow: The total number of people baptized from July 1979 to May 2019 is 2,536.

In 1978-79, First Baptist Callahan averaged 197 weekly in Sunday

school. In 2017-18, Callahan First Baptist averaged 485 weekly in Bible Fellowship Groups.

In 1978-79, First Baptist Callahan received \$123,763.00 in total contributions. In 2017-18, Callahan First Baptist received \$2,329,863.96 in total contributions.

In 1978-79, First Baptist Callahan spent \$15,987 for all mission causes. In 2017-18, Callahan First Baptist spent \$369,132.18 for mission.

Since the beginning of their Global Missions strategy in 2004, over \$6,420,271 has been spent on missions, sending teams from New Zealand to Africa, from Cuba to Papua New Guinea, from Jacksonville to Alaska. Locally and across the continents, under the leadership of Pastor Lynn, Callahan First is reaching the nations and obeying the Great Commission. In



2018, Callahan First established its first church plant, Exchange Church in Wildlight (Yulee) with their former youth pastor, Brother Todd Carr, becoming the Exchange Church Pastor.



Burn Ban Lifted

At the Wednesday, June 19 Board of County Commissioner's meeting, the Board approved a Resolution rescinding the Burn Ban. Therefore, the Burn Ban has officially been lifted.

Several of the County Commissioners were away at a conference and the meeting could not be held until their return, to rescind the ban. The Board granted the County Manager authority to implement and lift burn bans upon recommendation of the Fire Chief. This should help

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A Word From the Publisher

We're so blessed! I realize that we are going through some extreme temperatures right now but all in all... we're so blessed. We haven't had massive floods washing homes away or fires destroying homes and acres of land. It's very easy to complain but when you look at the big picture, we're blessed! Thank you Jesus!

This Sunday, Callahan First Baptist Church will celebrate 40 years with Pastor Lynn Hyatt. That's 40 years here in Callahan at the same church... remarkable. God has blessed the church, not only with Brother Lynn, but a host of God loving people surrounding him. The associate pastors have rallied around him along with the many men and women covering him and the many opportunities to serve the Lord in prayer. God has been so good!

I can't help but smile as Callahan First Baptist is my home church. I was saved and baptized in the church when I was 8 years old. It was a Moody Adams Crusade. I well remember getting a small red Bible for being a member of the Royal Order of the Red Ants children's group. Fortunately for me, my parents always made sure we (me and my siblings) were in church. We lived directly across from the church so I had no excuse to not go. It was a wonderful time to grow in the church. I have many lifelong friends from those precious days. As I grew older, I became a member of the youth choir. In those days, we took a choir tour to Washington, D.C. We raised money through fundraisers to get there. There were several churches that we stopped at on the way up and back to perform our musical. We then stayed in homes from people of the churches overnight

and then gathered back in the morning to continue our mission. Even way back then, missions were a thing! Precious memories I'll never forget.

My family moved to Fernandina Beach in 1977 however I continued my senior year at West Nassau. I was still active with the church but separated by distance. There were a few years that my life took a different path however I continued to be drawn back to 'my church.' After life's twists and turns I finally got back 'home' where I belonged and what a blessing that was. In some ways it was like I never left. There are so many precious people that have impacted my life through the years. Just because I'm older now doesn't mean I don't need to see the comforting smile or the precious hugs from sweet people. I think I need them more! The unique thing is I am a part of sharing that smile and hug to someone.

God has done a miraculous work in my life and I owe it all to my parents who brought me up to love the Lord and a firm foundation with a God loving church home. There have been many changes in the church I grew up in, however the message has never changed. God is the same today as He was years ago; He never changes. *"Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* John 14:6.

If you don't have a home church or are looking for one, visit Callahan First Baptist Church Sunday and join us. When God is at work, nothing can stop Him!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West



Summer Camp with 4-H

Marine & Aquatic Ecology Camp

July 15-18 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Ages: 8-11 Cost: \$75
Location: Yulee Ext. Office (86026 Pages Dairy Rd)

Join us to explore the marine and aquatic worlds of northeast Florida. Youth will experience coastal and freshwater environments and the critters that inhabit them. We'll discover a freshwater creek, seine the beach, learn marine vertebrate animal identification, look for microplastics and all of the wonders of the world below.

Art Camp

July 16-19 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$60 Ages: 8+

Artistry is challenging and fun and we're celebrating all things art for 4 days! We will provide a variety of activities that give campers an opportunity to explore ideas of art and culture through hands-on experiences including painting, photography, theater, drawing and more. We will be taking a field trip to the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, having special guests, and completing several projects daily. "Dress for a mess" and wear closed-toe shoes.

To register for a camp or for more information, call 904-530-6353.

Baby Donations needed!



The Nest, A Women's Center is in dire need of several baby items. The Nest Women's Center is a place where women can go and receive Pregnancy Testing, Ultrasound, Counseling and join a Parent Education Program (PEP) along with many other services. They also provide counseling for young mothers and provide some baby items. The Nest has two locations: Jacksonville, 8264 Old Plank Road; and in Yulee at 850966 US Highway 17. Appointments can be made by calling 904-619-4914. The items currently needed are listed below. If you can donate any of the items from the list you may bring the items to the Westside Journal office, 450034 SR 200, Callahan. Items needed are: Diapers size 3 and 4; Pacifiers; Bottles; and any kind of Baby Formula.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Hilliard First Assembly of God, 550920 US Hwy 1, Hilliard, will open their Back Field at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 4th for people to watch the Hilliard Fireworks. They will have activities including a wet inflatable slide; and hamburgers, hotdogs, pork sandwiches, chips, peanuts, nachos, candy and drinks for purchase. Proceeds will go to the Fine Arts Team for Competition.

The Nassau County Library Advisory Board will meet Tuesday, July 16, 3-5 p.m. in the Cassidy Family Conference Room, Hilliard Branch Library, 15821 CR 108, Hilliard. The public is invited to attend.

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Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) meets every Wednesday at 6-7:30 p.m. at the Hilliard Library Conference Room. PAL provides hope through education and support to parents of addicted loved ones. Visit: www.palgroup.org to learn more. Free educational support group for parents and families.

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FSCJ Holds Control Technology Center Grand Opening



Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) held a grand opening event for its new Instrumentation and Control Technology Center (ICTC), located inside the Advanced Technology Center at FSCJ's Downtown Campus. The learning lab features state-of-the-art instrumentation and controls that are utilized in the leading manufacturing systems throughout the world.

This industry-driven laboratory was developed to enhance the education of students who choose to work toward the newly created instrumentation and controls concentration within FSCJ's Engineering Technology (Advanced Manufacturing) Associate in Science degree program. Through the concentration, made possible by a \$499,655 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), participants will be able to earn five technical certificates in Advanced Manufacturing Automation, AutoCAD Foundations, Engineering Technology Support Specialist, Mechatronics and Pneumatics, and Hydraulics and Motors.

The event also highlighted the first-of-its-kind training partnership which brings together FSCJ, OnSyte Performance, Siemens, AWC, Inc., ITG Technologies, Sun Coast Hydraulic Electric Manufacturing, Inc. and Rayonier Advanced Materials. The partnership allowed FSCJ to acquire the industry-standard equipment on display in the lab, including various types of electrical controls, data acquisition systems, computer equipment and

virtual instrumentation. Representatives from OnSyte Performance, Siemens, ITG Technologies and Rayonier attended the event to help open the space.

"One of the biggest challenges facing the water industry is filling the need for qualified instrumentation and control technicians as much of the existing workforce transitions into retirement," said Jeff Littlejohn from OnSyte Performance. "We are thrilled to partner with FSCJ to put students on a path to a rewarding career in the increasingly high-tech water industry."

Working alongside Jacksonville-based technology partners, Siemens, AWC, ITG, Sun Coast Hydraulic Electric Manufacturing and OnSyte Performance also donated and installed a state-of-the-art, miniature wastewater treatment system at the Advanced Technology Center that will be used for teaching, training and research.

"As students work through the program, they will receive the highest quality of instruction combined with unique, hands-on learning opportunities utilizing the same state-of-the-art equipment and instrumentation that is actually in use by today's industry leaders," said Interim College President Kevin Hyde. "By giving students the opportunity to advance their education and training in this specific segment of manufacturing and wastewater management, we are cultivating the global change-makers of tomorrow for the benefit of the generations that will follow."

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

As I was sitting on our porch this morning drinking my coffee, I watched nature in its truest form. I watched a butterfly and a bumble bee wanting the same Hibiscus flower. Even though there were several more blooms, they each wanted the same one. The bumble bee finally won by being stronger and persistent. The hummingbirds were squabbling over the feeder even though there are four different places to collect the nectar. Two male Cardinals were at the bird feeder, but they did not like the other ones presence. The fish were steadily attacking the minnows for their morning feeding and the doves would chase off other doves as they ate the bird seed on the ground. God's creation is truly amazing if we would all just slow down and watch.

We as human beings are really no different than the bumble bees, butterflies or the hummingbirds. Life is a constant battle, but a necessary one to survive. We as a nation of free people also have to fight in order to secure our constitutional republic. Just as the bumble bee and the butterfly wanted the same bloom there are different factions that want our Republic. We as a nation have to be persistent in fighting for our God given rights.

We are being attacked from several different fronts. The Democratic Party is determined to destroy our sitting President with any fabricated scheme they can dream up. We have the Majority

Leader of the House stating she wants to see President Trump in jail, for what crimes is beyond me. We have the influx of illegal aliens invading our country at an alarming rate. We have the Muslim community infiltrating our Congress bringing with them their anti-republic dialogue. We have Bernie Sanders, a self-proclaimed Socialist, running for the president's seat and openly stating he wants America to become a Socialist Country (at least Bernie is honest about his intentions, unlike the multitude of other democrat candidates). Our biggest fight has just begun.

We were told years and years ago that America's fall would be brought about by the inside, not an invasion of foreign troops. They (the enemy) have planned their attack well. With millions and millions of illegals in our country in which the Democrats want to give full amnesty to, they will completely destroy any chance for a two party government. The Democrats will rule this country right into destruction. The Muslims will continue to win their way into our Congress and destroy our constitution because it does not align with their beliefs.

We have to be like the bumble bee, we have to remain strong and persistent and fight every day for our freedom. Do not be complacent, as our very way of life depends upon our awareness and our actions.

As always...that's just my opinion!

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Politics and Theology

Pastor Benjie Loyd, River Road Baptist Church, Hilliard



I almost titled this article "Everyone is a Theologian." I decided not to do that because people would have been immediately put off. Theology is a bad word to many in our culture and nobody seems to understand the importance of theology. This is very unfortunate, because every aspect of our lives is theological. You may not know it, but behind every type of ideology and every political position, theology exists. Theology used to be hailed as the queen of the sciences, now it is the most dismissed of the sciences. Everybody is a theologian; the only question is whether or not you are a good or a bad one. In this article, we will examine one political issue and see how theology stands behind the issue of abortion.

Think with me, what issues of theology lie at the heart of the abortion debate? The doctrine of God is in play, the doctrine of man in play, the doctrine of Scripture, eschatology, ethics and justice. As Christians, when we consider hot button cultural issues, we should view them theologically first and politically second. The doctrine of God is in place because we have to understand that God is the Creator and that we are the creation. What is involved in being His image bearer and when does God say life begins? The doctrine of man is involved because we have to understand what it is to be human. The doctrine of Scripture is placed because we have to understand the authoritative source of God's revelation. Eschatology is in place because of our accountability to God in this life and the next and the continued existence of the aborted child. Ethics are involved because theology seeks to understand how theology gives the society a context to flourish and to understand what love for neighbor and justice for our neighbor involves.

Space limits us from exploring this in detail, but I hope that you can see how this understanding of theology exists in all realms of life. We will simply take one angle that is at the heart of the abortion debate and run it through the grid of theology. What is the unborn human being in the mother's womb? Bruce Ashford summarizes the only four positions as follows:

- Part: the unborn human being is a part of the woman. Just like a woman clips her toenails and cuts her hair. The problem with this view is that the unborn child has his own DNA, not just the mother's. The child is unique.
- Parasite: The unborn child is a parasite that feeds off of the mother's body. The problem with this view is that a fetus is not a parasite who attaches itself to a host for survival. The child is created by the child's parents. Should parents have the right to kill their children until they are weaned from their mother?
- Property: As shocking as this is, this is the position of the American legal system based on Roe vs. Wade because of the due process clause. The due process clause legalizes the liberty of the woman to treat the child as property and gives the woman the right to dispose of her property in any manner she chooses.
- Person: The unborn child is a person. Personhood is not established by IQ, reason, or consciousness. If this were the case, people with Alzheimer's and other handicaps would not be considered persons. The truth of personhood is rooted in theology not psychological and physiological categories. Genesis 1:26: God created human beings in His own image and likeness. This is all theological. All of life is for that matter.

Nassau Christian Bass Club Meeting Friday



The Nassau Christian Bass Club will hold their June and July meeting this Friday, June 28 at 6 p.m. at the Hilliard Library. Plans will be made to set the trail for the fall. There will also be representatives from Bass Nation here to answer any questions about high school (8th-12th grades) and junior (8 years - 8th grade) fishing. If you know someone, who is not already a member of the club that is interested in high school fishing, invite them to be at this meeting.

Marine Corps League Donates to 4-H



On June 11, the Nassau County Marine Corps League Detachment #1017 donated an incredible amount of \$1,000 to Nassau County 4-H! This money will be used to support 4-H camping program and scholarships for military families. We are so grateful to our Marines for their service and for giving back to our future leaders.

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Callahan Awards Residential Contract to Meridian Waste



Bonnie Hayflick, Meridian Waste P.R.

Meridian Waste, an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, was awarded its first Florida residential solid waste services contract by the Town of Callahan at the June 17th, 2019 Town Council meeting. After a lengthy discussion regarding service options, current service quality and cost-effective options for the citizens, Meridian Waste's proposal was selected in favor of the incumbent's proposal. Starting October 1, 2019, Meridian Waste will be providing once a week garbage collection utilizing a 95-gallon cart and every other week recycling collection. Yard waste and bulk waste collection services are still under consideration of staff and Council. The fee for solid waste services will be paid by the Town to Meridian Waste and remain as a line item on residential units' water bills. New carts and detailed educational materials will be delivered in September to each home outlining the garbage and recycling guidelines as well as Meridian Waste contact information and the opportunity to sign up for service alerts.

Commercial collection will become an open market effective October 1 allowing businesses the opportunity to choose their waste hauler for the first time in over a decade. The commercial

hauler must hold a Nassau County solid waste permit in order to provide service. Meridian Waste is one of the approved Nassau County solid waste haulers. "At Meridian Waste, garbage service is more than just a competitive price, which we offered to the Town and was accepted," said Dave Shepler, District Manager of Meridian Waste. "We believe that the most important aspect is the team of environmental professionals who stand with the Company, who interact with your citizens, who keep the trucks running smoothly and on time and who listen to customers' needs that make a world of difference in our vital service industry. Callahan deserves quality service to keep the Town clean and healthy, and that is exactly what Meridian Waste will deliver."

Shepler and the Meridian Waste team members are veterans of the Callahan and Nassau County market, as they have led the Nassau County operations of both Advanced Disposal and Partner Disposal for many years prior to joining forces with Meridian Waste. The Town and Company will finalize a contract to be presented at the next Town Council Meeting in July for ratification.

About Meridian Waste: Headquartered in Greensboro, GA, Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy community. The company's core waste

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After almost 20 years of service to the citizens of Nassau County, Christine Keen has retired from the Nassau County Tax Collector's office. Christine began her career in 1999 in Fernandina Beach where the old Humphries Memorial Hospital was located. She has worked at every office location, but is most recently remembered for running the Hilliard Branch Office inside of the Southeastern Bank.

"Christine's dedication to the office and serving her customers was apparent in everything she did. We will miss her extensive knowledge and that wonderful Southern accent!" said John Drew, Tax Collector.

We wish her all the best as she begins her new life as a retiree!



business is centered on residential, commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in St. Louis, MO, Richmond, VA, Blacksburg, VA, Augusta, GA, Northeast Florida and Knoxville, TN, servicing more than 140,000 residential, commercial, industrial and

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Commissioners Graduate from Certification Programs

The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) presented Nassau County Commissioners Aaron Bell and Thomas Ford with the Certified County Commissioner (CCC) designation following completion of a comprehensive study program developed by the association. Both received their designations along with 14 other county commissioners during an awards ceremony held at the FAC Annual Conference in Orange County, Florida on June 13.

Commissioner Bell stated, "The Certified County Commissioner Program has taught me so much about important issues we are faced with as elected officials including managing growth and protecting the environment."

Commissioner Thomas Ford echoed Commissioner Bell's comments and added, "The Certified County Commissioner Program also provides elected officials with a greater understanding on Sunshine law, ethics, and ideas on how to provide our residents with the services they desire while keeping taxes low."

CCC certification is not a requirement to serve as a county commissioner in Florida however, county commissioners



Shown (l to r) are Commissioner Aaron Bell, Commissioner Justin Taylor and Commissioner Thomas Ford.

may voluntarily enroll in the program and complete a series of courses totaling 42 hours. The coursework is designed to provide information and enhance skills relevant to a commissioner's duties and responsibilities as an elected official.

"The program provides an overview into the intricacies of county government where commissioners can learn a variety of valuable tools necessary to assist them in their public service every

day," said Florida Counties Foundation Executive Director, Eric Poole. "Those that choose to participate in the program display an exceptional commitment to serving Florida's counties."

During the annual conference, Commissioner Justin Taylor graduated from FAC's voluntary Advanced County Commissioner (ACC) Program, a special leadership program designed for graduates of the Certified County Commissioner Program.

Launched in 2006, the ACC Program focuses on leadership with an emphasis on the future of Florida. Participants are tasked with preparing for the future by thinking and acting anew and asserting

skillful leadership in times of daunting challenges and rapid change.

"Given that this is a voluntary program, those commissioners who chose to participate have shown an exemplary commitment to the betterment of the communities they serve," said Florida Counties Foundation Executive Director, Eric Poole. "The program is structured in a way that allows veteran commissioners from across the state to work collaboratively on Florida's most pressing challenges."

Commissioner Taylor stated, "The ACC Program provided me with an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues from other counties and has helped to maximize my leadership skills. I feel certain that program has given me the knowledge needed to effectively represent my district, as well as Nassau County."

The ACC program is organized as a series of three seminars with 27 total hours of course work. Participating commissioners must commit to fully participate in all three seminars in order to graduate.

In addition to graduating from the ACC Program, Commissioner Taylor was recognized at the Annual Conference as a Presidential Advocate for his hard work during the 2019 Legislative Session. Commissioner Daniel Leeper also received this designation however he was unable to be in attendance.



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A generous Funding Program is quickly expiring for Hurricane Irma recovery survivors. We have people in our community living in horrible conditions or are still financially recovering from this devastating storm. Red Cross has money available for Irma survivors that some Nassau County residents are eligible for, yet this funding is very rapidly retiring. Hurricane Irma was the fifth most expensive hurricane to hit the United States' mainland, according to the National Hurricane Center. Property damage within Nassau County was estimated to be over \$15.4 million. There were 3,057 property owners in Nassau County that reported damage and \$5,151 was the average cost per household.

Almost 2 years later and some residents are still in need of immediate assistance. What was once a leaky roof has evolved into a catastrophic, costly home reconstruction project. These families still in need of recovery are our community members that either didn't have access to recovery resources, or didn't know where to look for recovery resources.

That is why Nassau P3-Public Private Partnership has been developing in our county for 5 years. Nassau P3 is a public private partnership based on a "whole community approach" developed by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). NP3 is a local non-profit establishing coalition of the public, private, faith-based and non-profit sectors in Nassau County. While building partnerships throughout the whole community, the goal of NP3 is to build individual and community resiliency before, during and after a disaster.

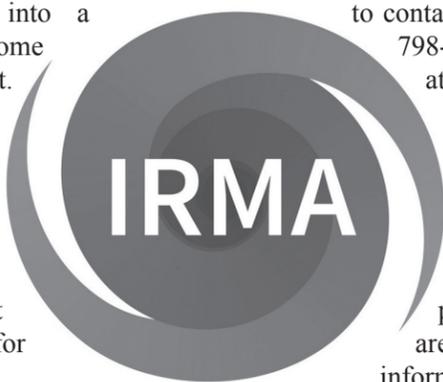
Nassau P3 has partnered with Endeavors and Nassau County

Emergency Management in order to identify residents that are still recovering from Hurricane Irma. The Red Cross has approved \$359,000, so far, for Nassau County residents through completely donated funds. These donated funds have come from all over the country, but are given specifically for Hurricane Irma survivors. It is called the Hurricane Irma Financial Assistance program, HIFA. Nassau P3 has worked tirelessly to assist Irma survivors still in need of recovery. Yet, the deadlines for this funding program are very quickly expiring. The deadline for Complex Assistance is July 23rd. The deadline for Basic Assistance is August 31st. It is imperative to assist every Irma survivor in our county that is in need of recovery before these deadlines run out.

In order to determine eligibility, Nassau County residents simply need to contact Nassau P3 at 904-798-0488 or Endeavors at 904-610-4842. A Case Manager will be assigned to the household and will work with the individuals through the entire process. Once needs are assessed and information gathered, an "application" is completed and the Case Manager will award funds. Checks are processed and received within 2-4 weeks.

In addition, to assist with recovery NP3 is soliciting bids from local contractors. These contractors will not be volunteers and will be compensated. Local contractors that work and reside within the community, please call us at 904-798-0488.

If you know anyone in need of assistance from a disaster or are interested in partnering with us, please contact us by email or phone at: annie.sinor@nassaup3.org or 904-798-0488.



Landscape Matters Class Held



County Extension Director Rebecca Jordi presented an overview on the topic "Pumpkins, Sunflowers and Gourds" at a recent Landscape Matters Class. She reviewed basic plant characteristics and which types could be grown locally in our gardens. The class was well attended by local residents.

UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardener Dee McGraw created a photo display of the different pumpkins, sunflowers and gourds that local gardeners could enjoy in their landscapes and discussed creative decorative uses

of pumpkins and gourds, including dried gourds. McGraw has developed an interest in this area and enjoyed sharing information and resources available from the University of Florida Extension. Fellow Master Gardeners looked on from a table with plants that were available for sale. Attendees were pleasantly surprised at the large variety of choices they had to select from. Master Gardeners Joanne Roach, Candace Bridgewater and Dee West supported the Landscape Matters program by offering Master Gardener-cultivated plants for sale. All proceeds benefit horticulture programs that serve Nassau County residents.

For more information on this topic, contact County Extension Director



Rebecca Jordi at 904-530-6353. Master Gardener volunteers are available at the Extension office in Yulee, Fridays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and can be reached at 904-530-6350, press '1' for the Yulee office.

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Hampton Scholarships Awarded Sunday

Dawn S. West

It's always a sweet time to visit at River Road Baptist Church. This past Sunday, scholarships were awarded from the R. Niel Hampton, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund was begun from a tragedy and has grown to be a blessing to so many. Niel and Sandy Hampton lost their son, Niel Jr., in a tragic car accident at the age of 19 in 2003. The following year, the Hamptons and River Road Baptist Church partnered with the Florida Baptist Foundation to begin a scholarship fund in memory of Niel Jr. That was 15 years ago. A golf tournament is held each year to raise money for scholarships, along with donations throughout the year.

The scholarship is available to any student, that applies, that is going into the ministry of some kind (pastor, minister of music, etc.) or attending a Christian



college. The students must apply every year. The first year, 5 scholarships were awarded. This year, 19 scholarships were awarded totaling around \$37,000. On this 15th anniversary of the fund, there has been \$520,000 in scholarships

given away. Pretty sure that means that God is blessing this special ministry.

Brother Hal McIntosh, Youth Pastor at River Road, has been hands-on since the beginning of the scholarship fund. He handles going through the numerous applications and interviews. He is very passionate about this ministry. Sunday morning, Brother Hal announced this year's award winners. "Some of the recipients were able to come while others had prior obligations or were on mission trips," said Brother Hal.

Those in attendance and the colleges they attend are: Shawn Branham, Rhett Dillhyon, Michael Myers, Kaleb

Dillhyon and Bo Hodges, Baptist College of Florida; Courtney Ard, Trinity Baptist College; and Savannah Crews, Southeastern University.

Other recipients but unable to attend included: Kathryn Large, Regent University; Kristen Wanamaker and Benjamin McMillen, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Penny Kelly and Jacob Jackson, Baptist College of Florida; Hope McLendon, Columbia International University; Davey Ferraro, Jr., Asbury Theological Seminary; Brian Stiles, Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary; Jeremy Large, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Lydia Hodges, The College at Southeastern; Sarah Branter, Boyce College; and Steven Harris, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Following the presentations, guest speaker Dr. Thomas Kinchen, President of the Baptist College of Florida, gave a very powerful message about continuing the course these students have chosen. "Don't forget it's up to us to continue to pray for these students and encourage them in their decisions," said Dr. Kinchen. "What a ministry this church has built with this scholarship fund. You are serving a cause for Christ with this mission."



Shown (l to r) are: Mike Morgan of the Florida Baptist Foundation, Sandy and Niel Hampton, Dr. Thomas Kinchen and Pastor Hal McIntosh.

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On December 27, 1965 Earnest went into the US Army. While stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina in 1966 they received great news that Brenda was expecting a baby. Two days later, Earnest received orders to be deployed to Vietnam. He didn't see their new son Darrin until he was 7 months old.

They moved to Callahan in the early 70s, then moved out west to Colorado for three years and then back to Callahan to build on their property. Earnest retired from the Department of Defense and Brenda retired from 121 Credit Union.

They have two sons, Darrin of Jacksonville and Danny of Charleston, South Carolina. They also have five grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Burnette

Thomas "Walker" Burnette and Calen Ashley Faircloth were united in marriage on May 27 at Big Talbot Island State Park. The wedding was performed by the groom's father Kevin Burnette.

Walker is the son of Dawn and Kevin Burnette of Hilliard. He is the grandson of Sandy Burnette.

Ashley is the daughter of Terrie and Kyle Williams of Buford, Georgia. She is the granddaughter of Marilyn Faircloth; Barbara and Lester Williams; and William Harrison.

Walker and Calen both are active military serving in the US Army. Walker is currently stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Calen is stationed at Camp Humphreys, South Korea. In September, she will move to Fort Bragg with Walker.



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Three unknown black males were inside the business playing on the machines. When all the other patrons left the establishment they pulled out semi-automatic handguns and robbed the business clerk of \$6,500. After the robbery, all three suspects fled the area in a small black 4-door vehicle.

One suspect was described as a black male 5'9", 18-20 years old, slender/medium build, short hair, wearing dark pants and a black hoodie.

One suspect was described as a black male 5'9", 18-20 years old, slender-medium build, dreadlocks, wearing a dark long-sleeve jacket and dark pants.

One suspect was described as a black male, 5'9", 18-20 years old, slim build, wearing tight white yoga pants and a white long-sleeve shirt.

Anyone with information can contact the Nassau County Sheriff's Office at 904-548-4034 or First Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS.



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.

Tuesday, June 18

Kyle Stevin McClellan, 28, 2758 SR 2, Hilliard: Baker County Warrant Misuse 911 or 911 System; Failure to Appear Battery

Ronnie Lee Moore, 47, 44738 Pinebreeze Circle, Callahan: Violation of Probation GTA

Jerimy Lorenzo Robson, 27, 44115 Pinebreeze Circle, Callahan: Violation of Probation Dealing in Stolen Property

Wednesday, June 19

Justin Cruz Ferreira, 23, 45292 Arline Road, Callahan: Written Threats to Kill Jarrica Danielle Rogers, 30, 371855 Kings Ferry Road, Hilliard: Possession of Heroin; Possession of Schedule 1-5 Substance

April Marie Wynn, 44, 654820 US Highway 1, Hilliard: Battery/Simple

Thursday, June 20

Dustin Stephen Altman, 38, 37154 S. Oak Street, Hilliard: Contempt of Court Writ of Attachment

Richard Ryan Cooper, 37, 45280 Stratton Road, Callahan: Duval County Warrant

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Urban sprawl: The expansion of houses, subdivisions and shopping centers on rural undeveloped lands surrounding a city. With almost 900 people moving to Florida every day, the problems associated with overdevelopment are sure to worsen unless we take a stand for the state that we love. There's no denying that Florida has been exploited to the point where we can visually see the damage all around. Pollution, flooding, fragmentation, declines in native wildlife populations, and the growing water crisis in South Florida. With all the uncertainty about Florida's future, it seems the only thing we can count on is that overdevelopment is the 'toll road' to the end of wild Florida.

"Don't be a litter bug!" We've all heard the saying from a very young age. But if you look around it's not hard to find. Trash...It's in the roadways and ditches, creeks and rivers, it's everywhere. From a cigarette butt to pieces of old furniture, litter comes in all shapes and sizes, and all of it is toxic to the environment we depend upon. The chemicals used in these products leach into the environment, polluting the water we drink and food we eat. But litter isn't the only kind of pollution we should be concerned with. As land continues to be cleared for residential and commercial development, more fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides and other harmful chemicals will be put into the environment. Some of these chemicals, such as glyphosate, have even been shown to cause cancer in humans. Others have been directly linked to the devastating declines of pollinator species like bees. Together we can do more to protect the air, water and soil, for our health and the health of future generations.

Another disastrous effect of urban sprawl is loss of wetlands and flooding. Wetlands once covered more than half of

Florida before development struck the state. Wetlands filter toxins out of the environment and are key in flood prevention. When a wetland is drained and developed the soil is no longer free to absorb rainwater and mass amounts of runoff accumulates into ditches and retention ponds until they overflow, leaving residents with a yard full of standing water. This runoff is full of contaminants that pollutes our food and water. The loss of wetlands also has negative impacts on wildlife and fish populations. These wetlands are critical for hundreds of migratory birds including water fowl like ducks that depend on these areas for annual migrations. If floodplains and wetlands continue to be filled and developed we will continue to see more flooding, water pollution, and declines in wildlife populations.

Lastly, we must address the issue of fragmentation: Dividing of the land and forests by roads and development. In rural areas with forests and tree farms, you can get a glimpse of a doe with her fawn. But these areas are being completely cleared. The wild rural lands and feel of our community here in Nassau County are being carved up. What will these places look like when development has reached every inch of the county? Where will we go to get deep into the quiet of the wilderness? Research shows being around forests and seeing trees boosts your immune system and lowers stress. These places are there for everyone's enjoyment and wellbeing.

What little forest and rural lands that remain need preserving. There's a reason why so many people move here and visit Florida, its unique beauty. These quiet rural communities are the heartbeat of Florida and worth saving. We can make a difference if we make a united stand in what we want for the future of the county, a Nassau for Nature.

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WINONA TOMLINSON ALLEN



Winona Tomlinson Allen, 90, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away Friday, June 21, 2019 at Satilla Hospice House surrounded by her loving family. She was born September 11, 1928, in Lakeland, Lanier County, Georgia to the late Isbon Ben and Alice Fender Tomlinson. She graduated from Folkston High School and lived most of her life in Folkston. She married William Robert "Bob" Allen, Jr. on October 10, 1946.

Winona was a long time member of First Baptist Church, Folkston. Over the years, she served in many capacities in the church. She was also a member of the Folkston Business and Professional Women's Club, where she served as President. During her children's school days, she was active in the Charlton County Athletic Boosters Club and the Band Boosters. She was also a founding member of the Friends of the Charlton Public Library.

She worked in several of the many restaurants in Folkston before working for Dr. Albert Fleming at his office on First Street in Folkston. After her marriage, she was employed by the Charlton County School Systems as Lunchroom Manager at Folkston Elementary School. In 1955, Mr. Theodore Dinkins asked her to come to work in his new bank, The Peoples Bank. Thus began her long successful career in the banking industry. Winona began as a teller and rose through the ranks. She retired at the end of 1992 with Bank of America as an Executive Vice President. For many years she was the "go to" person for many residents of Charlton, Brantley and Nassau County when they came into the bank for financial assistance.

Winona will always be remembered for her warm gracious smile and servants heart. Her love of God and family was the central driving force in her life. Her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many members of our community knew her as "Meme." She was a fantastic cook and her home was always filled with family, friends and good food. Her chicken and dumplings and cheese wafers are the gold standard and have been enjoyed by family and friends for years. Everyone always looked for her

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large oval white pot of dumplings at church and family functions. On her 79th birthday, Paula Deen crowned her as her "Queen for the Day", an honor she cherished. Winona was a true "Southern Lady" in all aspects of her life. She also loved sports and was an avid fan of the Charlton County Indians, the Georgia Bulldogs and the Atlanta Braves.

Along with her parents; she is predeceased by her husband Bob Allen, Jr.; her grandson Robert Joseph "Bart" Allen, Jr.; and her siblings Aldine and Rick Tomlinson, Betty Tomlinson Huggins and Kaye Tomlinson Ratliff.

She is survived by her children Joe (Marion) Allen, Donna (Randy) Nance and Bill (Patsy) Allen, all of Folkston; grandchildren Heather (Brian) Huling, Miranda (JB) Campbell, Will Nance, Paige (Jeremy) Nobles, and Forrest (Katelynn) Allen; great-grandchildren Hampton, Walker and Lilly Huling, Alaina and Ella Campbell, Tucker and Rhett Nobles and Marah Allen; her brother Kevin Tomlinson; sisters-in-law Marlene Tomlinson and Nita Tomlinson; and numerous other relatives.

Visitation was held Sunday, June 23 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. The funeral service was held Monday, June 24 at First Baptist Church, Folkston. Interment followed in Pineview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to The McCullough Mission Fund, First Baptist Church, Folkston (1320 Third St.); or Hospice Satilla, 808 Evergreen Way, Waycross, GA 31501.

JOSEPH 'COTTON' CARTER



Joseph Lynn 'Cotton' Carter, 73, passed away June 22, 2019, after a long battle with Dementia. He was born in Jacksonville on March 27, 1947 to John Dill and Mary Lee Carter. He spent most of his life as a Dairy Farmer in Jacksonville until he retired and moved to Nassau County.

He is survived by his daughter Tanya(

Chad) Locke; his son Justin (Sheryl) Carter; grandchildren Dustin, Mackenzie, Lane, Austin, Allison, Jessilyn, Jennifer and Cody; great-grandchildren Riley and Preston; four sisters Annette Myers, Lavera Rhodes, Faye Strain and Carolyn Bray; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Friday, June 28 at noon at Riverside Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to this Dementia Organization at: Dementiasociety.org.

PHILLIP TODD EVERETT, SR.



Phillip Todd Everett, Sr., 60, of Jacksonville, passed away June 1, 2019. He was born January 19, 1959 in Callahan to Mary Jackson and Alfred Everett. He was a 1977 graduate of West Nassau High School. He was an outgoing people's person who rarely knew a stranger. He was a well-known cook and chef that did not shy away from family. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his five children Phillip 'Todd' (Khadija) Everett, Phillip Tyrell Everett, Antoine Everett, Breanna Everett and Amari Everett; four grandchildren 'T'Aundria, Tatiana, Taniesha and Kyri Everett; stepfather Alvie Bacon; an Uncle Louis (Shirley) Everett; siblings Linda (Carl) Walker, Derryl Everett, Charilyn (Calvin) Rapley, Dante (Vince) Jackson, Curtis (Lisa) Jackson, Margaret (Winston) Hall, Marletha Bacon, Maleya Bacon, Alton Everett, Beverly Everett, Alfred (Latress) Everett, Jr., Stephanie Thorton, Gregory (Shante) Everett, Lanetra (Vincent) Everett-Johnson and Cheryle Grace; special friend Denise Parker; and a host of nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service was held Saturday, June 15 at Sweetfield Baptist Church, Jacksonville. The family received friends Friday, June 14 at the Mixon Town Chapel of Q. L. Douglas Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

Condolences may be expressed at www.qldouglasfuneralhome.com.

Q.L. Douglas Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements, 683-3044.

ALBERT CLAUDE GREENE



Albert Claude Greene, 82, passed away on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at a local care center. Mr. Greene was born in Brooks, Georgia and son to the late William Thomas Greene and Alma Lee Greene. He served in the US Air Force and retired after 30 plus years with SCM Glidco. He enjoyed gardening, fishing and relaxing.

Mr. Greene is survived by his wife of 58 years, Virginia Dale Greene; two sons Joseph C. 'Joe' (Pam) Greene and Mark T. Greene; five grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.

Graveside services were held Monday, June 24 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery (Lane #2) with Military Honors. Rev. Doug Sides with Yulee Baptist Church officiated.

Peoples Family Funeral Homes served the Greene Family.

Condolences may be expressed at www.pffh.com.

ALFRED RUDOLPH JOHNSON



On June 22, 2019 Heaven gained a new choir leader! Alfred Rudolph Johnson, 90, of Hilliard, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 22, 2019, with his wife Gerry by his side. Rudolph was born in Georgia on January 19, 1929 to Frank and Lounette Johnson.

On December 24, 1950 he married his high school sweetheart, Geraldine McClelland. After serving in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, he returned home and they started a family.

In 1960, the Johnson's moved to Jacksonville and called Northeast Florida home. They became very active in Calvary Baptist Church where Rudolph faithfully served as music director for many years. It was also during this time Rudolph started Rudy's Track Service, an active business

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in the area through 2015. Everyone who knew him will miss his contagious smile and tender heart. Rudolph was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Lounette Johnson; and three brothers Gene Johnson, David Johnson and Lamar Johnson.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Geraldine 'Gerry' Johnson of Hilliard; his sons Rudy (Lorie) Johnson of Hilliard, Reggie (Vivian) Johnson of Jacksonville; twin daughters Charlotte (Greg) Young of Hilliard and Charlene (Doug) Mains of Starke; sisters Montez Edge, Patsy (Sam) Floyd and Bernice (Bobby) Griffin; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, June 26 from 6-8 p.m. in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral service will be held Thursday, June 27 at Calvary Baptist Church at 11 a.m. with Pastors Jason Kratochvil and Steve Wolgamott officiating. Interment will follow in Live Oak Baptist Church Cemetery in Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

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the age of 23 at the First Baptist Church in Ft. Scott, Kansas. He was later a member of Arlington Baptist Church Jacksonville. He was currently a very active member of Callahan First Baptist Church. He made friends everywhere he went. He enjoyed telling stories and didn't mind telling on himself! His favorite Bible verse was: Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." He tried to embody that verse in his life.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Connie; his son Aaron Samuel (Amanda) Krug of Midlothian, Virginia; one granddaughter Samantha Jo Krug; and a host of special friends in Kansas, Virginia, Jacksonville, Callahan and everywhere he traveled. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ellen Wiggins.

A memorial service was held Monday, June 24 at Callahan First Baptist Church with Dr. Lynn Hyatt officiating and assisted by Pastor Joe Newton. A graveside service will be held in Ft. Scott, Kansas in the fall.

Donations in memory of Donald Krug may be sent to American Lung Association.

Jonathan (Stephanie) Brydon; two great-grandchildren Hayes Brydon and Tate Brydon; four sisters Martha (Jimmy) McLaine, Sue King, Marie (George) Thomas and Margaret (James) Walker; two brothers Eurith (Lovelie) Rice and Billy (Carolyn) Rice; a sister-in-law Katie Rice; and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

The family will receive friends Monday, June 24 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. The funeral service was held Tuesday, June 25 at the First Baptist Church of Callahan with Rev. Lynn Hyatt officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard.

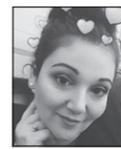
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members and friends.

A reception and lunch to celebrate Jonathan's life will be held Friday, June 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Avenue Baptist Church, 27388 W 1st Ave., Hilliard.

STEPHINE CRAWFORD VAUGHN



Stephine Crawford Vaughn, 35, of Jacksonville, went home to be with the Lord on June 18, 2019. She was born July 27, 1983 in Jacksonville to Richard W. Crawford and Sherri (Ricky) Rowell. Stephine was a beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece and friend. She was affectionately known for her bubbly personality and witty sense of humor and she always loved unconditionally.

Stephine was preceded in death by her father Richard Crawford; and Pawpaw Frank McCullough; grandfather Johnny Rowell; uncles Richard, Sr. and Eddie McCullough; and cousin Richard (Benji) McCullough Jr. Stephine, you are at rest now my child! We will see you soon.

She is survived by her husband Dallas Patrick Vaughn; children Kadence and Austin Knoble; mother Sherri (Ricky) Rowell; brother Christopher (Mackenzie, Gabriel) Crawford; step-mother Lynn Braddock, step-brothers Ricky and Cody Rowell, Caleb and Brandon Rowe; grandmothers Lillie McCullough and Joyce Rowell; aunts Debbie (Clinton) Spivey and Gail Sweat; uncle Allen (Sheila) Crawford; nieces, nephews, cousins and a special group of friends aka "Blister Group" Heather Rountree, Holly Paxton and Julia Burchfield.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Monday, June 24 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor James Conner officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

DONALD GENE 'BUTCH' KRUG



Donald Gene 'Butch' Krug, 72, of Callahan, went home to be with his Lord and Savior June 19, 2019 at UF Health Shands in Gainesville. He was born October 27, 1946 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville to Walter Eugene and Ellen Blakey Krug. He moved to the Boys' Home Association in Jacksonville at age 10.

Butch graduated from Ft. Scott Junior College and Pittsburg State College in Kansas. He played football at both schools. He married the love of his life, Connie Moorehead June 5, 1970. He was a Firefighter Engineer for the City of Jacksonville Beach for 28 years retiring in 2003. They lived in Jacksonville until 2009 when they moved to the home he built in Callahan. He worked hard caring for his family. He enjoyed sports, racquetball, football, golf and softball. He was saved at

JERRY HENDERSON RICE



Jerry Henderson Rice, 83, of Callahan, passed away June 21, 2019, in Fernandina Beach, following a lengthy illness. He was born October 6,

1935 in Manor, Georgia to the late James Curtis Rice, Sr. and Edna Henderson Rice. He proudly served his country in the US Army. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Callahan. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Mary Lee Miller and her husband Lovelle; and a brother Jimmy Rice.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sue Ellen Smith Rice; two children Dr. Kenneth Rice and Karen (Don) Brydon; five grandchildren A.J. Rice, Erin Rice, Megan Johnson, Krystle Brydon and

JONATHAN ROGER STANFORD



Jonathan Roger Stanford, peacefully passed away on Monday, June 24, 2019, surrounded by family after a lengthy illness. He was born on July 8, 1970, a natural charmer with an endearing spirit and was loved by all who knew him. Jonathan was predeceased by his father Phillip Stanford; his grandparents JB and Velma Dukes; and his brothers Buster and Timmy.

Jonathan leaves behind two dearly loved daughters Kelsey (Josh) and Macy (Dustin); and their darling children Raegan, Greyson, Emma, Presley and Audrey; his nephews Jackson and Jake; niece Vanessa; and he will be grieved by his mother Janet (Dukes) Simpson; his little sister Ashley (Jacky); his brothers Sheldon, Joe, Andrew, Scott, Wayne and Donnie; and many family

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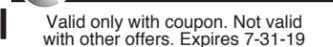
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Spotlight on Nassau Gardens

Howard and Celeste arrived to Fernandina Beach from Virginia and bought their home in 2016. Their whole yard was a sand dune. While they were clearing out areas for flower beds, they decided to only indigenous (native) Florida plants. Amy, from Liberty Landscapes, provided dozens of choices. Celeste's favorite flowers are the beach sunflowers, Helianthus debilis, which bloom most of the year. They will dieback in a frost, but like so many other perennials, they come back when the weather becomes warm again. The flowers bring Celeste such pleasure she calls beach sunflower her "Dune Baby." The sable palms and pretty coontie are especially happy there. All of the flowering plants in the landscape draw native pollinators such as butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. She has had some plants not perform well, two are very surprising-salvia and sage. She tried azaleas, genus Rhododendron, and this shrub does poorly



Howard is a happy retired US Navy officer and runs an Electronic Research and Development Company. They are originally from Florida and Georgia and are happy to be back near where they grew up.

"Spotlight on Nassau Gardens" is a monthly recognition program of the UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service featuring the beautiful gardens and plants grown by Nassau County residents. To be considered, send a digital photo with a description of your "Spotlight" along with your name, address and phone number to



along the coast. Right Plant/Right Place is always the best practice when choosing plants to put in the landscape.

The Live Oak tree with twinkling night lights wrapped around the trunk brings a special glow in the evenings and the neighbors love it! A stone walkway welcomes you to other areas in the yard acting as a perfect guide. Celeste is the third generation of timber growers and she loves the outdoors and gardening.



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Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met last Thursday night for their final meeting of June. The first agenda item was a presentation to Mayor Floyd Vanzant from Mrs. Wanda Nichols representing Relay for Life of West Nassau County. "I just wanted to present this certificate of appreciation for the support of the Town of Hilliard for the 2018 Relay," said Nichols. "With your (the Town of Hilliard) help we raised over \$27,000. Thank you for your donation and we hope you'll join us again next year!"

The next item was a request. Mrs. Bernita Dinwiddie, representing the Concerned Citizens of Hilliard, approached the podium. "We (CCoH) are asking for a rental exemption at Buck Park for our Annual Youth Explosion," said Dinwiddie. "We will have speakers, food, and giveaways as we partner with the Second2None Riders for this event. The 'Riders' hold a drawing to give away bicycles to children in attendance that register. The event will be held Saturday, July 13 at 11 a.m."

The council approved the request.

The following item was for a septic tank exception. "My wife and I bought



property off of Lee Street and plan to build our home there," said Jonathan Hart. "I talked with Greg Grooms about hooking into the sewer line. Grooms didn't feel like the line could handle it. I'm asking for a septic tank exception on my property so I can move forward on the build."

The council approved the request.

Dallis Hunter, Assistant Hilliard Volunteer Fire Chief, requested approval to refurbish the exterior of the building and paint the old Town Hall facility and Fire Department. "The money has already been budgeted for this project. Option 1 will be if minor repairs are needed; Option 2 is if major repairs are needed. We selected Intact Construction to do the work for Option 1: \$21,760; or

Option 2: \$29,122," said Hunter.

The council approved the request.

The next following five agenda items were resolutions, which were approved. The resolutions are a condition for the CDBG grant. The resolutions are: Resolution 2019-07 which concerned the CDBG Procurement Policy; Resolution 2019-08 which concerned the CDBG Citizen's Participation Plan; Resolution 2019-09 which concerned the CDBG Complaint and Grievance Procedures; Resolution 2019-10 which concerned the CDBG Anti-Displacement and Relocation; and Resolution 2019-11 which concerned the CDBG Affirmative Action EEO Policy.

The following item the council prepared to set Budget Workshop dates for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Several dates were set pending

necessity.

The final item was brought up by Council President John Beasley. "We need to possibly look for another security company. Kyle (Parks & Recreation Director) called to have Atlantic Security to come out and check the system," said Beasley. "He didn't hear from them but the guy showed up the following day with the wrong part. Now we have no idea when they're coming. I want to look at their contract and look for someone more reliable."

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis will furnish Beasley with the contract and place the concern on the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

The next meeting of the council will be held for payables and will be Monday, July 8 at 7 p.m. due to the July 4th holiday. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m.

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Q: Every year we load up hummingbird feeders in the front and back of our house and by this time of year, we'll have a dozen hummingbirds fighting each other over the sugar water. This year, there only appears to be one bird making his round between feeders. I talk to my friends with feeders and they're experiencing the same thing. Where have all the hummingbirds gone? Any idea? J. S.

A: We have hummingbirds here until September. Please remove your feeders at that time so they will migrate. There could be several issues causing a lack of hummingbirds in your area:



- Construction: altering the landscape for homes and commercial sites is a critical factor.

- Removal of native plants and trees as true nectar sources and nesting sites. This is more critical than people realize even though sugar feeders are available, vital nutrients from native flowers is available only in these plants. Sucrose does not provide necessary vitamins, minerals and proteins. Consider planting some of these in your yard and you will find the hummingbirds will be constant visitors. Bottlebrush, firecracker, firebush, firespike, plumbago, coral honeysuckle, salvia, beebalm, trumpet vine, red cardinal flower, Indian pink, red buckeye, cuphea and dozens of others.

- Use of pesticides; specifically broad spectrum (malathion, carbaryl) which kills the protein source (insects) for their young

- Not cleaning the feeders every 2 - 3 days during the warm season. Bacteria and deadly substances can accumulate

Garden Talk

Rebecca Jordi, UF/IFAS Nassau County Horticultural Extension Agent is a University of Florida faculty member. Mail questions to: Garden Talk, c/o Rebecca Jordi, Nassau County Extension, 543350 US Hwy. 1, Callahan, FL 32011 or email rljordi@ufl.edu

in the feeders and the sugar water can become rancid. The feeders should be cleaned with a small amount of mild soap and water only - never use bleach as this can harm or even kill the hummingbirds. Be sure to rinse thoroughly - 3 times is best. Be sure to boil the water used in your sugar mixture to kill potential mold and bacteria and allow to cool before placing into the feeder.

- If you have insects in the feeder, DO NOT USE INSECTICIDES. Remove the feeder to another site and clean the feeder thoroughly. In fact, avoid the use of pesticides in your landscape if you want hummingbirds to come around.

These are just a few ideas, but we would better serve these flying jewels if we planted some sources of nectar plants. Please consider doing it and telling your neighbors.

Q: What is this weed? I have never seen it before and now I am finding it everywhere. JG



A: I found it in my yard for the first time this year too, but I pulled it, so I have no seed issues. This weed is called annual trampweed, *Facelis retusa*. The good news it is about to go away because it shows up here in the late fall or early winter. The bad news? It is an annual and it produces hundreds of seeds. Remember, annuals can only reproduce by seed. At the top of each branch will be a fluffy, white clump of seeds. If you don't hand pull the

weeds or bag them when you cut the lawn, then there will be hundreds more next year. Annual trampweed does have a prostrate growth habit which often makes it difficult to get all the seeds when mowing. Best preventive method is to keep full, healthy grass. Fertilizer using 15-0-15 on April 15 and September 15. High nitrogen fertilizers can cause disease and insect issues. Water in the early morning hours, never late in the afternoon or evening. St. Augustine grass likes to be watered deeply, but less often. The goal is 1/2 - 3/4 inch of water each time the lawn is irrigated. Make sure the grass is getting the same amount of water each time and in all areas. Avoid adding lime. We recommend pre-emergent herbicides and for this weed, the application should be done in October.

Q: What is this weed growing in my yard? It is taller than the St. Augustine grass with a long stalk of white flowers twirling around the stalk. WW



A: How lucky are you to have this delicate and lovely land orchid? Your photo helped make this identification easy. This is a native, spring terrestrial orchid. The flower stalk is only about 5-6 inches long. If you look closely as a single flower, you will see how each flower has similar characteristics as any orchid. Most orchids have three petals and three sepals. Sepals generally help protect

the flower as the petals are opening and unfolding. Often the sepals are green, and you are more familiar with sepals as the leaf-like structure at the bottom of the rose bud. If the sepals are the same color as the petals, they can be mistaken for petals. The name of the plant is Ladies tresses, *Spiranthes* spp. The genus *Spiranthes* means spiral flower. This orchid is a good supplier of nectar and pollen for bumblebees – our native pollinators.

Q: I occasionally find this plant growing my ditch. What can you tell me about it? PC

A: This plant is very distinct, so it was easy to identify. The Star-rush or white-topped sedge, *Dicromena* spp., is not a rush but a sedge. The difference between sedges and rushes: rush stems are round or flat whereas sedge stems are solid and triangular. This native sedge and is commonly found in wet, open areas and ditches. Star-rush is a sedge-like plant with 3-10 white, pointed bracts at the top of the plant. A bract is a modified leaf or scale, typically small, with a flower or flower cluster in its axil. Bracts are sometimes larger and more brightly colored than the true flower.



It can tolerate both sun and partial shade and Star-rush prefers to grow around ponds or moist areas. It would be a perfect addition to any of your small homeowner backyard ponds. Cold hardiness zone is 7-10 which means is should be very happy anywhere around the County. But, it is important to remember, we do not pick up wildflowers from their habitat as we need to preserve the species in nature.



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