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"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all WITHOUT FINDING FAULT, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU." - JAMES 1:5

# **NCCOA:** Feeding Local Seniors with New Trucks

Liz Dunn,

Nassau County Council on Aging

Nassau County's safety net for seniors is now powered by two brandnew Meals on Wheels delivery trucks, enabling Nassau County Council on Aging (NCCOA) to cover even more ground to feed local residents. NCCOA's two new MOW trucks are each equipped to deliver up to 200 hot meals at a time with the built-in warmer and more than 125 frozen meals, milk and juice in the refrigerated compartment. Manufactured by Ford Motor Company, the 2020 F-250 vehicles were retrofitted by Delivery Concepts, Inc., based in Indiana. The trucks were delivered via Pfeiffer Enterprises, an Indiana-based transport company.



"Watching the two Meals on Wheels delivery trucks roll off the auto transport carrier at our Fernandina Beach Life Center, I couldn't help but feel immense pride for our expanded ability to feed seniors during this challenging time," said Janice Ancrum, NCCOA President & CEO. "COVID-19 has truly leveled the 'playing field' for seniors. It doesn't matter where you live in Nassau County, seniors have a common bond – the need for nutritious food."

With the outset of COVID-19. NCCOA's MOW program expanded from serving 117 seniors to 685 each week, a 485% increase. Seniors are a vulnerable population to the virus, many being not able or afraid to leave their homes. Each delivery includes meals for one week.

Last year, NCCOA received a \$296,000 appropriation from the State



of Florida to purchase MOW delivery trucks, two walk-in freezers and a generator. The generator will provide back-up electricity in the event of any type of disaster (natural or otherwise) to convert the Fernandina Beach Life Center into a disaster response center. Championed by Sen. Aaron Bean (R-District 4) and Rep. Cord Byrd (R-District 11), the 2019 appropriation followed additional state-approved funds for a Nutrition Support Program the previous year to continue progress in our commercial kitchen, named the

Allen and Sharon Lennon Kitchen in honor of the Lennon's generous donation.

NCCOA's MOW program also allows staff and volunteers to check in with the seniors we serve (currently following appropriate social distancing guidelines). For seniors with pets, NCCOA even delivers MOW for Pets to canine and feline companions. NCCOA staff and MOW volunteers will operate the new vehicles in both east and west portions of Nassau County. The first MOW truck-delivered meals will arrive

at seniors' homes this summer.

"In addition to the hard work and commitment of our staff and volunteers, the unwavering support from Nassau County is a valued constant – in both challenging and 'normal' times," Ancrum said. "State, county and city government; corporations and organizations; and countless individuals and groups have provided critical support to Nassau County's senior safety net. Our new MOW trucks represent increased capacity to take care of our seniors and are a beneficial addition to our community."



# Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night, via teleconferencing, for their first meeting of June. The first order of business was the approval of Resolution 2020-R04. The resolution concerned the authorizing of the

mayor to submit the application for a CDBG Mitigation Grant. "This is money for damages from Hurricane Irma. The electrical room at the wastewater treatment plant sits on the side of the property where the creek

is," said Town Manager Mike Williams. "If we get the money we will use it for relocating the electrical room and also to purchase generators to use at lift stations throughout the town if the

power goes out."

Williams advised the council that he found a 2020 Ford F350 Super Duty truck off of the state website for \$44,280.00. "This truck can be used in both the street department and the water

department," said Williams. "The funding can be split between both departments."

"I make a motion that the funding come from the general fund as the vehicle will be used mostly for the street department," said Councilman David Mellecker.

After some discussion, the council approved the purchase with funding coming from the general fund.

"At the next meeting (June 15) we will have the first reading on the

Impact Fee increases," said Mayor Marty Fontes. "Does anyone have any questions about the impact fees?"

"I think we should also have a street/ road impact fee," said Councilman Mellecker. "We will be having so many people coming in to town with new construction. I think it is necessary. How else are we going to maintain our streets? I would suggest a \$200 street/ road impact fee."

The council agreed to add a \$200 street/road impact fee to the ordinance before the next meeting. This fee will be for all new construction within the town limits.

Mayor Fontes advised the council that the State of Emergency continues in Callahan. "Because of that, due to

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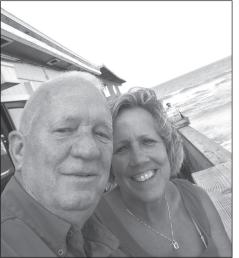


# MA Word From the Publisher

My, what 'interesting' times we are going through. I use the word interesting because I don't know how else to understand it all. Every day it seems that things change. However, through it all, God has remained the same...faithful! If you haven't learned anything from this entire experience, I hope you have learned to trust in God as your provider for all your needs. He may not provide all of your wants but your needs will be met.

Last weekend, Roger and I slipped away to Daytona Beach, to celebrate my birthday. Of course, he had already booked a cruise for the special weekend but the virus canceled all that. The beach was just what we both needed. My birthday is always special but this year, especially, the time away was much needed. It really felt pretty normal on our trip. Of course, there were signs all around the hotel about COVID-19 procedures but nothing drastic. People were friendly, the pool was refreshing, and children were running and playing. It was actually almost normal. And of course, the beach didn't disappoint! It is truly my safe haven and happy place. It's like I can just sit right there on the beach and stare for hours. It's a great place to experience God's majesty at its

We stopped on the way down and had a great late lunch, yes in the restaurant. We sat right there and ate without any complications. Yes, the waitresses had on masks, as required by their boss, but it was fine. Hopefully, soon that will also be over (masks). There was so much food we actually carried some out which took care of our meal for the evening. Shortly after we got to the hotel the dark clouds began to build. We stood on the balcony and just watched the clouds change in formation. Those were some angry black clouds. I've never seen clouds like that and down so low to see all the formations. We got a nice rain following that but not really a storm like I was expecting.



The next day we spent sitting on the beach, walking swimming and enjoying the shade of our umbrella! We were blessed to have an easterly wind off of the ocean so it was a wonderful day! We went to one of our new favorite places, Crabby Joe's, to eat. It's located on the pier and is a super casual place. In fact the fishermen walk through the restaurant when they're through fishing. It is great food and beautiful scenery with the waves crashing right under you.

Saturday, we were excited about the Dragon space lift off. We just knew we would have a great view from where we were. As all the people on the beach rotated to the south in anticipation the clouds grew thicker. Unfortunately, all we got to see was a little smoke before the clouds took over. So thankful it was a successful lift off but sorry we didn't

I'm so thankful for the opportunity to get away for a little relaxation and thankful that my sweet husband planned something special for my birthday! We had a great time and are looking forward to the next getaway! I pray that our world will soon be back to some kind of normalcy soon!

Have a blessed week!



# Letters to the Editor



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#### Great Column!

Dear Editor,

It was so wonderful to read your column about 2 weeks ago on the globalists. My dad, Willie L. Lowe, Jr., who passed away in 2015, was an advocate on this subject for many years. I am my father's daughter and continue to advocate against and educate others on all the wrongs they are doing in our country and world today. Also, it is SO refreshing to see someone else address the CoV-19 virus, as well as other things, on all the UN-Constitutional shut downs, lock downs, mandatory mask wearing and social distancing. The one on the Bill of Rights is also excellent.

Many people are truly ignorant of and unwilling to educate themselves and (re)learn about our founding documents including the Declaration of Independence, which is the foundation of all Law, the Constitution, which is the framework of all government authority and jurisdiction, and its capstone Bill of Rights, which is the judge of all acts, is the "Law of the Land" and is not to be violated. These founding documents clearly define the order by which all authority flows: (1) Laws of Nature's God; (2) Laws of We the People; and (3) Lawful Acts of government. Any act of legislation, administration or judicial that cannot trace its authority back to the Constitution is an unlawful act and the proper remedy against any such act is nullification. Case law even states that unlawful acts are repugnant and should be made null and void as if they were never created or written. The highest authority is God, the Sovereign Governor of the universe, the creator of all things and whose jurisdiction is eternal and even the very souls of man. These founding documents have NO expiration date and are still valid through today.

The Constitution, as you know, does

not grant rights. It limits government. Government is already limited, in that what authorities were not delegated to it, it doesn't legitimately have. Government still usurps authorities directly from among the rights of the People in expanding beyond its legitimate scope of delegated authorities. The behavior of the People has been managed and controlled unlawfully by our servant representatives for many years. The powers and authority to rule, regulate, and oversee our behavior is defined and written into our founding documents specifically the Constitution. This IS the Supreme Law of the Land and "we the People" did not at all vest our legislators, judicial, or the executive branches with the powers to rule over our behavior. These are based on what God instills in our hearts and minds which is why our country was founded upon Common (Natural) Law not Civil Law which is law based on human reasoning, rules, and regulations.

I trust my thoughts will let you know you're advocating for our founding documents, rights, and all of these things are crucial and I for one agree completely with you! Keep educating our community because with all the things going on today we certainly need "we the People" to understand and learn all of these things. We can reclaim Common Law thereby reclaiming the courts and our country as well! But it takes everyone to accept God and His Divine Will and Principles and His Son Jesus. And for the people to understand our founding documents are still valid and should be followed by all of our servant representatives in every branch of government because they took an oath to uphold and honor our founding documents. If they don't then it is tyranny.

> Thank you for all you do! Rhonda Lowe



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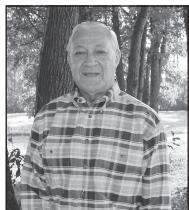
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# Fish Talk

How about some wind!

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

We were able to get out Saturday before the evening thunderstorms. I noticed several decent schools of mullet along the bank during my run out. Jack Crevalle and lady fish were busting on these mullet schools at every bend. As usual, we started off top water with trout in mind. Most of the fish just wouldn't commit. Not long after, I switched to subsurface bait for a more subtle approach. There we found a few trout but nothing to get excited about.

A short time later we decided to cast net for a few mullet and start focusing on structure for flounder. What I didn't find at either of our normal locations was that consistent bite. Thinking back to earlier that morning, the water was a bit dirty and yes I failed to pay attention to that huge sign. As we moved along, Talbot Island gave way to a few decent fish but nothing to be impressed with. Targeting the creek mouths and oyster beds along the ICW gave way to a few fish but still nothing to peak our interest. As the boat traffic picked up we tucked ourselves into some of the back creeks with similar results. About mid-morning, the focus became clear, we needed that cleaner water.

By making that minor adjustment, we were able to find some nice flounder. The further south we went, the more abundant the fish became. The closer to the mouth of the ocean, the bigger the flounder we found. We covered a bunch of water and stayed focused on funnels and heavy structure. That's about the time we started landing reds, trout along with flounder. Just by making that simple adjustment, we were able to find a consistent bite.

The moral of the story is this. If the fish aren't biting in spots where you absolutely know they should be, don't be scared to move. If a certain area doesn't feel right in your gut, then there's a good possibility you're on to something. Now that doesn't mean leave an area where the tides not right yet. It just means find an area where all things come together. Tide, bait movement, clean water and current. If you have all of these items, many times your chances are much greater. At first the bite was slow, so our presentation was slow as well. Pay attention to what's happening and follow suit, everything else will come together.

As always, thank you for following along on our adventures. By no means are we professionals, we've just put a little time in and we hope to save you some trouble. Be safe and I hope to see you on the water!

### Callahan Town

the Governor's orders, we will continue with teleconferencing," said Fontes. "Right now, the order is 50% capacity of your building. We would have a hard time fulfilling that, especially if we had a lot of people to show up. Hopefully, by our July 1st meeting we'll be back together."

Mayor Fontes advised the council that the West Nassau Band Director Jason had contacted town hall concerning senior (graduates) banners. "He wanted to know if we could hang

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the banners around town to honor our graduates," said Fontes. "Do we have a consensus of the council to hang graduates' banners?" The council agreed.

Any West Nassau graduate that has a banner can bring their senior banner to Town Hall to be hung around town at some point. Banners will be hung in a rotation due to space restrictions, so be on the lookout for your senior!

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, June 15 at 7 p.m.





## JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

Don't you just know that the liberals are feeling as if they are living in the most perfect fairy tale ever? It's the critical Presidential election year and everything they could ever hope for is happening. They themselves could not have planned a better scenario. Or could they? President Trump, after launching our economy to never before seen and lowered unemployment to record levels, is now facing the effects of a pandemic which has crushed our economy, increased unemployment to near depression levels and having groups of idiots rioting, looting and burning down businesses. None of the above is of any part of President Trump's fault; however there are many that will place full blame on him. Those are some tough challenges to face this near to the election. However, God is in control, and nothing is too large for Him to overcome!

The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota last week is a travesty and a true black-eye to all law enforcement agencies. There is no reasonable explanation as to why that police officer kept his knee pressed into Floyd's neck for such a long period of time, None! The city took the appropriate route by firing the officer and placing him under arrest for murder. The other three officers that were both watching and participating in this event were fired but no charges filed against them, yet. I think there should be.

I am also in full agreement with the individuals in Brunswick, Georgia being charged with murder for killing Ahmaud Arbery. Plain and simple that was murder! The men involved stepped way across the line and deserve to be punished.

With that being said, the rioting across America does not in any form or fashion represent justice. These worthless thugs that are chanting "no justice no peace" as they burn down businesses, churches, police vehicles and destroy everything in sight are proving that they don't care about justice or peace. They are strictly being thugs. Looting a Target store does not represent justice, it represents lawlessness. The very thing they say they are protesting. This is just an opportunity to destroy and steal. I am not sure what justice they are speaking of; the perpetrator of the crime was immediately fired and arrested, charged with murder. What more justice is there to want?

If you missed President Trump's remarks Monday evening, you missed what a President should be. He boldly declared himself as, "a law-and-order president" and "ally of all peaceful protestors." Concerning the rioting he stated, "These are not acts of peaceful protests. These are acts of domestic terror. The destruction of innocent lives, and the spilling of innocent blood, is an offense to humanity and a crime against God." He added, "Our country always wins. That is why I am taking immediate presidential action to stop the violence."

Spoken like a true leader! The violence must end and the behind-thescene instigators must face charges, then there can be peace because justice has prevailed on both sides.

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

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## Whose Side Are You On?

Pastor Marty Paparo, Friendship Alliance Church, Callahan



As I write this article on Monday night, I just finished praying for my wife. She is a nurse at one of the hospitals in the center of Jacksonville. My prayer is that she will arrive safely. With all the recent violence in larger cities, I asked her to text me when she arrives, so I know she is safe.

Just when things were making slow steps toward "normal" following Covid-19, our country erupts into chaos and division. On May 25 in Minneapolis, an African American

man, George Floyd, was killed while in police custody. A Caucasian officer's knee pinned his neck for 9 minutes. I have spoken to many people who have viewed the video, including some current and retired police officers. They all agree; it was an injustice. There was no reason for this to have happened.

Shortly following, another injustice took place. It didn't start out as an injustice. It started out as internet outrage as the video went viral. It turned to peaceful protests. And then came violent protests, the burning down of buildings in cities. People in places unrelated to Minneapolis watched their businesses and cities being destroyed.

Then a third injustice took place, people at home chose sides. The division has mostly fallen down the lines of skin color with some exceptions. We decided we are either more outraged by the 4 officers involved in Floyd's death or we are more outraged by the senseless violent protests in these cities. And then we as an internet equipped nation make our case for one or the other, not understanding why others on our social media timeline would not see it our way. Of course we give lip service to the other side, but make a strong case for our side; pointing out how much worse the other injustice is.

So here we sit, a country divided. And what does God's word have to say about all this? I believe the book of James clearly identifies what we struggle with in this time. "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger." James 1:19, ESV

It is time for us to slow down and listen to the other person. How many of us who are outraged by the burning cities have stopped to listen to those who see a repeating injustice toward African Americans? I mean really taken the time to listen to this group. How many of us who are outraged by the killing of George Floyd have taken the time to listen to those who see an injustice in the destruction of American cities?

Is it OK for us to be angry about what is going on around us? Yes, but God warns us, "...in your anger do not sin." Eph. 4:26 NIV

We must make sure we are expressing godly anger which drives us to godly action, not human anger that drives us to human action. James goes on to say, "... because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires." James 1:20 ESV If you want to know the difference, use these two verses as your guide: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love," Ephesians 4:2 NIV. "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins," 1 Peter 4:8 NIV.

So whose side are you on? Is it possible to find both events as an injustice and for us to listen to the other? For us to love the other?

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A child's path to a brighter future is paved with books. Over 95% of Ferst Readers parents

who responded to our most recent survey report reading with their child at least 2-3 times per week.

As a fellow believer in the power of books, we are reaching out to you to help us continue this vital work for children across Nassau County. Ferst Readers of Nassau County currently sends books to 939 children each month. A gift of \$30 would ensure 5 children would receive a book each month for the next two months during this critical period.

There are two (2) ways to donate: online at www.ferstreaders.org or mail a check to PO Box 2 Hilliard, FL 32046

Providing families with the resources they need, will help more children start school ready to learn and succeed. We know that the pandemic has affected the financial situation for many, but if you are able to give today, your support of our county's children will have impact for a lifetime.

# **Genealogy Tidbits**

Just a little tidbit, to help with your research while we have suspended our regular meetings. Legacy News and Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter are two websites for news and new technology about genealogy. They also keep you informed on upcoming events such as seminars, conferences and webinars, so be sure and check them out.

Our meetings have been postponed indefinitely due to the virus. Hopefully, we will return to our normal scheduled meetings soon. Pray for our country, be safe and don't forget to support your local businesses.

Our normal meetings of the West Nassau Genealogical Society are the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Callahan Lions Club, located on US Highway 1, north of the fairgrounds. Visitors are always welcome.

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We are continually watching the updates on the reopening phases of our state, and will implement additional changes in our procedures as needed. Stay up to date with these changes on our website, and by following our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The Clerk and his staff would like to wish all of the soon-to-be newlyweds a lifetime of love and laughter.

Let the wedding bells ring!

### WestRock Donates Boxes for Seniors

WestRock recently came to the rescue of Nassau County Council on Aging (NCCOA) with 21,000 boxes to package meals for seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic. From the outset of COVID-19, NCCOA's Meals on Wheels program expanded from serving 117 seniors to 685 each week, a 485% increase. Meals prepared by local restaurants were packaged in WestRock boxes and delivered to seniors not able



Pictured among a fraction of the donated boxes are (left to right) Wallace **Bennett, NCCOA Development Director:** Janice Ancrum, NCCOA President: Bryan Graves. General Manager, WestRock; and Eric Schmidt, WestRock Training.

or afraid to leave their homes. A longtime NCCOA supporter, WestRock also provided financial support toward the "boots on the ground" effort to feed Nassau County seniors. WestRock, the first paper mill built in Fernandina, will celebrate its 82nd anniversary this year. Today, the pulp mill manufactures containerboard and corrugated containers.



**Transportation** NCCOA Mike Hays (left) and NCCOA Volunteer Philip Chapman roll one of multiple pallets of WestRock-donated boxes into the Fernandina Beach Life Center where volunteers assemble and package meals for seniors.



# Johnson Announces Candidacy for School Board Seat District 4

Russell L. Johnson, your current District 4 School Board member, has filed his intentions for the upcoming election on August 18, 2020. He is a lifelong resident of Hilliard, graduate of West Nassau High School class of 1972 and the University of North

Florida class of 1976. He married Nancy Carroll Johnson 42 years ago and they have two sons. Nancy, a retired educator of 35 years with the Nassau County Schools, worked her entire career at Callahan Intermediate, and continues to volunteer and tutor in our schools.

While attending West Nassau, I became interested in Vocational Agricultural through Future Farmers of America, which initiated my attention for cattle production, and later assisted with college tuition. My degree in Political Science/Public Administration has served me well throughout my career with the United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA). Before retiring, I occupied significant positions within the agency allocating millions of dollars in assistance to farmers both locally and statewide through conservation programs. This necessitated interpretation and following the strictest of federal guidelines so as to not misappropriate federal funding. I believe these constructive skills enable me to bring a conservative voice to our school board.

As a vital one fifth vote on any decision proposed and passed by our

board, I seriously consider every best option when dealing with finances outcomes. and global This is why I believe my commitment to schools and community will continue to thrive as we endure to focus on: PROFICIENCY in all school functions, preserving

our level of excellence, maintaining exemplary educators, supporting noninstructional employees who want to start and/or continue their educational journey; PRODUCTIVITY to improve global performance, continuation of vocational training to include hospitality, welding, small engine repair and commercial truck driving, while continuing to partner with local businesses for on-the-job training and the advancement of our local economy; and PROVISIONS for every employee as new standards and practices come into play, including salary allocations to broaden the gap between a seasoned educator and a new teacher.

It is a pleasure to serve as your District 4 School Board member. As a hard working conservative, I believe my role to our school board is to listen to concerns, seek for answers and support my findings for the global advancement of our schools. Your vote on August 18 for Russell L. Johnson will continue this expectation for a child's better tomorrow in the Nassau County school For more information visit system. my webpage www.voterusselljohnson. com or Facebook @Russell Johnson for Nassau County School Board.

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# Fudy Lovvorn to Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Judy Lovvorn will celebrate her 100th birthday June 8, 2020. She was born June 8, 1920 in Washington, Georgia, the youngest of eight girls. She was married to Tex Lovvorn for 62 years before his passing in 2010. Judy retired as secretary bookkeeper from Callahan Elementary school and began a full-time farm life with Tex, growing, canning and preserving everything they grew, including their meat. She had a huge love of cooking and was one of the best country cooks ever! Her passions were flowers and quilting. Her flowerbeds were always immaculately groomed. There was a saying that was so true with Judy and Tex, "who plants a seed beneath the sod, then waits to see believes in God." And they certainly do believe in God. Judy is now a resident of Hilliard Life Care and always has a smile for

everyone that comes along. She dreamed of living to be 100 and on Monday, June 8 she will have accomplished that! This Sunday at 10:30 a.m., her family will have a drive-thru at Life Care Center in Hilliard to honor her!

She had two daughters, Carolyn of Salt Lake City, Utah and Marjie Haynes of Callahan. She has six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; nine great-greatgrandchildren and one due any day.

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### Jackson Retires After 36 Years

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Last Wednesday, the faculty and friends of Hilliard Elementary School held a retirement celebration for Mrs. Lee Ann Jackson. She will officially retire June 30, 2020. Surrounded by her family, friends, teachers and administrators, Lee Ann was all smiles (and some tears) at the special occasion. The HES cafeteria was decorated beautifully for the festive event. She retires with 35 years in Nassau County and one year in Folkston.

"It went so fast!" were the first words she said as I asked her about her career. "I was so happy when I started this job and I'm still happy being here," said Lee Ann. "Freddie (her husband) and I were talking about it the other day. We came home from our honeymoon on Sunday and Monday I was in Folkston getting my classroom ready. In fact, Freddie and my dad had to go to my room and put a window unit air conditioner in my classroom. It was one of the favorite rooms of all the students!"



Lee Ann couldn't say enough about the support from her husband and parents through all the years. She and Freddie dated in high school and Lee Ann was determined to get married. Her father (Hardy Loyd) saw it in a different way telling her you are going to college first! With her determination, she finished college in 3 years and then got married quickly after. "I'm so thankful for my parents. They worked so hard. And my mom gave up her



wants for us (children)," said Lee Ann. "She sacrificed so much. I am who I am because of them. My mom passed away 2 years ago. I miss her so."

Lee Ann moved around a few times throughout the county before settling in as Principal of Callahan Intermediate School for 22 years. After that, she

> found herself coming home to Hilliard Elementary, where she has been for the last six. "I'm proud to say our school has made leaps and bounds and I couldn't be happier," continued Lee Ann. "We have achieved success in many different levels."

> She doesn't have any future plans, as of yet, except to go on vacation and she is looking forward to that. She, Freddie and her dad, will be traveling to Ohio for a visit. "It's great having my dad as one of my best friends! He's always been there for me

and still is! I think if I do anything it will be a fun job...one that I'm not in charge!" said Lee Ann. "I have a great appreciation for our county and schools. We are so fortunate to live here and raise our children here. I hope people realize that! One of my greatest rewards is to see former students out in the community being leaders in their field. It has been such a joy to love what I've done for so many years and still love it!"



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# Rayonier Boosts NCCOA's Home-delivered Meals Program

Rayonier Advanced Materials (NYSE: RYAM) recently contributed \$15,000 to Nassau County Council on Aging's (NCCOA's) Home-delivered Meals Program-delivering a muchneeded boost as Nassau County seniors continue to shelter-in-place amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

NCCOA's meal delivery program is part of a "boots on the ground" initiative, providing balanced, nutritious meals to seniors who cannot leave their homes due to the risk of contracting COVID-19.

"Rayonier Advanced Materials" generous contribution could not be more timely and we are extremely grateful for their support during this challenging time," said Janice Ancrum, President & CEO, NCCOA. "Our mission is taking care of seniors. When a pandemic has confined seniors to their homes, it means we must take our services to them. Rayonier Advanced Materials' contribution will go a long way in providing food security to those who simply cannot leave their homes at this time."

NCCOA is now delivering meals already on hand and has 4,000 frozen meals on order supplemented with



Janice Ancrum, NCCOA President & CEO, accepts a donation from long-time supporter Rayonier Advanced Materials. Presenting the check in the Fernandina Beach Life Center are (from left to right) Wayne Peterson, Operator Utilities & President of United Steelworkers Local 395; Mark Homans, General Manager; and Mark Turner, Mechanic & President of United Steelworkers Local 766.

shelf-stable food. This type of food can be safely stored at room temperature in a sealed container for up to six months. NCCOA has also created a partnership program with local restaurants to provide an additional 2,300 meals per

"Weathering this crisis means pulling together," said Paul Boynton, President and Chief Executive Officer at Rayonier Advanced Materials. "It's our responsibility to help our neighbors in need. Nassau County Council on Aging is keeping seniors safe, healthy and fed

and we're proud to support them."

Since COVID-19, NCCOA's meal delivery program expanded from serving 117 persons to 650 each week. As a result, meal cost rose significantly. Rayonier Advanced Materials' contribution helps offset that cost.

"We set out to identify local organizations that are filling critical needs during this crisis," said Jay Posze. President of the RYAM Foundation. "Nassau County Council on Aging stood out as an organization with an urgent mission. We know this contribution will make a difference for our neighbors in need and we hope it will encourage others to give as well."

Any Nassau County senior (age 60+) may request a week of free meals by calling NCCOA at 904-261-0701.

If you are able to lend your financial support for Nassau County seniors, please contact Wallace Bennett, Development Director, 904-775-5481 or wbennett@ nassaucountycoa.org. You may also visit NCCOA's website at https:// www.nassaucountycouncilonaging.org/ donate/funding-help-needed/.





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### NCSO Swears in New Employees



The Nassau County Sheriff's Office swore in several new employees on May 26, 2020. Those who were sworn in will work in communications, evidence/property, fleet and public information. Shown (1 to r) front row are: Jesse Holbrook, Heather Delk, Danielle Hamlin (standing), Ashley Spicer and Julia Clayton. Back row (1 to r) are: Peggy Watters, Joseph Hall, Chad Fencik, Natalie Bullard and Hanna Collins.

# Stabbing in Yulee

On Tuesday, May 26, 2020 in the early evening hours, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office was called to 86096 Britt Lynn Lane in Yulee in reference to a stabbing. Two individuals were involved in a verbal altercation with the suspect outside their home

in the Nassau Acres Trailer Park. The suspect who also lives in the trailer park pulled out a pocket knife and stabbed the victim then ran towards the rear



of the trailer park. It is noted that the individuals had been in altercations before over narcotics. The victim was transported to UF Health in Jacksonville with serious injuries. NCSO deputies found the suspect hiding in his bedroom and arrested him.

John Austin McCulloch, 21, from Yulee, was arrested and charged with Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon.

#### 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.

#### Wednesday, May 20

Randall Lee Blaylock, 33, 56049 Nassau Oaks Drive, Callahan: Duval County Warrant False Representation as a Licensed Contractor CT2 Communications Fraud Rebecca Jean Johnson, 41, 5062 River Road, Hilliard: Habitual Traffic Offender **Thursday, May 21** 

Bryan Wayne Box, 36, 20227 Deer Run Trail, Bryceville: Duval County Warrant Grand Theft

#### Monday, May 25

Tara Geneene Whittier, 37, 53347 Clear Lake Drive, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Residue

Samuel Thomas Rozier, 31, 601 Agmac Avenue, Callahan: Resist without Violence

#### Tuesday, May 26

Christopher James Nolan, 25, 56256 Colby Drive, Callahan: Writ of Attachment Child Support

#### Thursday, May 27

Floyd Wayne Moore, 41, 54055 Debra Lane, Callahan: Duval County Warrant Burglary Structure/Conveyance

Robert Lee Williams, 42, 37059 Tractor Lane, Hilliard: Brevard County Warrant Domestic Battery by Strangulation; Domestic Battery 2nd Offense Friday, May 28

Rachael Elizabeth Baisden, 28, 37099 Testone Lane 5; Hilliard: Trespass on Real Property; Driving While License Suspended with Knowledge

Richard Holoka, 32, 553683 US Highway 1, Hilliard: Trespass on Real Property Flaviu Papaza, 19, 36578 Wedgewood Way, Callahan: Reckless Driving

#### Saturday, May 29

David Lee Stokes, 34, 45014 Gail Drive, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Schedule 1-5 Substance

Chad Elijah Moody, 37, 54526 Vontz Circle, Callahan: Grand Theft over \$5 less than \$10K

Michael Ray Wilson, 27, 44112 Pinebreeze Circle, Callahan: Violation of Probation Armed Burglary

Joshua Tyler Creamer, 22, 15095 CR 108, Hilliard: Tamper Destroy Evidence; Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams Sunday, May 31

Melissa Lee Brown, 39, 45199 Ingleham Circle, Callahan: DUI

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#### Neil 'Tadpole' Chesser



Neil 'Tadpole' Chesser, passed away May 28, 2020 in Folkston, Georgia. He was born December 6, 1961 in Bunnell, Florida. He was preceded in

death by his mother Barbara Ann Chesser; and his brothers Ronnie Chesser, Danny Chesser and Steven Chesser.

He is survived by his daughter Delecia (Justin) O'Berry; father Francis Eugene Chesser; two sisters Margaret Varnes and Peggy Gay; grandchildren Travis Levi and Marisa O'Berry; his best friend Gloria Delene Davis; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The family will receive friends Saturday, June 6 at his home on 419 Peach Street in Folkston at 1 p.m.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

#### STANLEY P. GOLASZEWSKI



Stanley Peter Golaszewski, 92, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2020, in Brunswick, Georgia. He was born in Jermyn, Pennsylvania, to the late Leopold and Anna

Porosky Golaszewski. He proudly served his country in the US Navy during WW II. Mr. Stanley retired from banking after many years with a number of banks in Georgia and Florida. He was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Folkston. He received many community awards during his life including the Melvin Jones Fellow Lions Club Award in 1996-1997, Bishop Gorland Service Award in 2002, Citizen of the Year in 1990-1991 and the Golden Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America in 2013. Mr. Stanley faithfully served his community as City

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Along with his parents: he was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Nevada Jordan Golaszewski; and siblings Henry 'Hank' Golaszewski, Helen Yadlosky, Irene Radzelovage, Joseph Golaszewski, George Golaszewski and Jean Yurkanin.

He is survived by his daughter and sonin-law Wanda and Randy Lane; a sister Gladys Lorenzetti; a brother John 'Jack' (Karen) Golaszewski; a sister-in-law Jewell Wells; in-laws Walstein and Vivian Jordan; and a sister-in-law Judith Golaszewski.

A private family graveside will be held in Pineview Cemetery.

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#### HENRY L. HINES, JR.

Henry L. Hines, Jr., of Callahan, passed away May 1, 2020. Mr. Hines was retired from the U.S. Navy, where he served over 20 years. He also was an Investigator for the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, as well as a Private Investigator. He passed peacefully after a brief illness. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be missed greatly, but we will see him again. Mr. Hines was predeceased by his son Henry L. Hines, III.

Survivors include his spouse of 65 years, Betty Jo Hines; his daughter Deborah Lyons and her husband Yogi Lyons; five grandchildren; and eight greatgrandchildren.

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#### ROBERT E. MEARES

Robert E. Meares, 73, of Callahan, passed away May 26, 2020. He was born on October 21, 1946. He graduated from Ribault Sr. High School, Class of 1964. He was a Mason and a member of Morocco

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sharilyn Meares; daughters Tammy (Jerry) Garner and Shannon (Charles) Carter; six grandchildren Cody (Sandi) Garner, Hunter (Emily) Garner, Rhett (Rachael) Garner, Bryan Carter, Cameron Carter and Savannah Carter; and two great-grandchildren Bane and Kimberly Garner. He was preceded in death by a grandson Clayton Garner; and his parents.

We will honor his wishes to be cremated and have a private family gathering.

#### WILLIE JAMES NELSON, SR.



On Thursday, May 28, 2020, Willie James Nelson, Sr., also known as 'Big Will', peacefully went home to be with the Lord.

The family will receive friends Friday, June 5 from 5-7 p.m. at the Northside

Chapel of Sarah L. Carter's Funeral Home, 6665 New Kings Road, Jacksonville. Viewing will continue Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. until the hour of service. Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 6 at 11 a.m. at Greater Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 45031 Historical Lane, Callahan, with Pastor Reginald R. Edwards, Sr., officiating. Interment will follow at Callahan Community Cemetery.

Sara L. Carter Funeral Home is assisting the family.

#### TERRY ALAN TRAINOR

Terry Alan Trainor, 73, of Callahan, passed away on May 26, 2020. He was born on November 9, 1946 in Clifton, New Jersey to John and Mary Trainor. Terry loved wood working and working on cars. He was an avid reader and most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Terry is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Andrea Trainor; sons Christopher and Alexander; daughters Wendelin and Dustee; mother-in-law Mary Capwell; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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

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# Recreation Workshop Monday

On January 2, 2020, Nassau County announced the kick-off of a long-range parks, recreation and open space master plan for the entire County, with the goal of the plan being complete in the fall of 2020.

The County secured the services of the parks planning firm Barth Associates, LLC, to evaluate the existing parks and recreation system; conduct a County-wide needs and priorities assessment; develop a long-range parks and recreation vision; and work with the County to develop a fiscally sustainable implementation strategy for capital improvements, operations, and maintenance.

recently-completed Assessment phase of the project incorporated a number of public involvement forums to make sure that the planning process was citizen-driven, and that every resident had an opportunity to participate.

These included: Two public outreach events. The events were interactive and open to all residents, groups and corporate entities to attend. A statistically-representative survey of residents' needs and priorities. To ensure the integrity and validity of the data collection process, ETC Institute, an independent research firm, conducted the survey and complied the data for utilization in the plan creation process; An online survey to provide opportunities for all residents to participate in the survey; A working session with a diverse group of individuals representing organizations across a wide spectrum of focus and backgrounds. This included representatives from education, social services, organized athletics, outdoor enthusiasts, the arts community, park operations, public & mental health, environmental stewards, and many others; A series of roundtable discussions with

individuals and organizations who share common interests around particular aspects of recreation, i.e. cyclists, conservation, youth athletics, etc.; One-on-one interviews with elected officials and key County staff members including budget and operations

The information received from these events, meetings and surveys - along with park visits and evaluations, a level-of-service analysis, and review of existing reports - provided the data necessary for Barth Associates to project the parks and recreation needs and priorities of County residents. This approach ensures the parks, recreation and open space master plan is truly representative of all the citizens of Nassau County and not just a select few.

On Monday, June 8, at 5 p.m., Dr. David Barth will present the findings from the Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment phase of the project to the Board of County Commissioners. The workshop meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers located at 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee. The meeting is open to the public with limited seating, however residents can also participate remotely by watching the meeting live at www.nassauclerk.com/watch-meetings and submitting comments by calling (904) 530-6009 and leave a message or email: comments@nassaucountyfl.com. Residents can also use these two methods to request a call during the meeting.

We encourage all Nassau County residents and organizations to participate in the meeting to hear Dr. Barth's presentation to the Board regarding his team's effort to create a world-class parks and recreation system master plan for the citizens of Nassau

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### Unicorn Rescued

On Thursday, May 27, Nassau County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to 27391 Missouri Street in Hilliard to assist Nassau County Animal Services. Upon arrival, contact was made with two Nassau County Animal Services Officers. Both Officers advised they were at the listed residence on an anonymous tip conducting an investigation on a case about a dog (subsequently named Unicorn) that was shot in the head with a crossbow, which was reported on May 16. When the dog was found the arrow was still lodged in its head.

The suspect who lived at the above address admitted to shooting the dog with a crossbow because the dog was in her yard peeing on her car tire and previously tried to kill her chickens. The suspect, Carey Marie Wilson, 37, of Hilliard,

was placed under arrest by NCSO and transported to the Nassau County



Jail. She was charged with Felony Cruelty to Animals.

The original owner of Unicorn turned over the rights to the dog to Nassau County Animal Services due to the veterinary care that is needed. Unicorn later had surgery where

the arrow was removed. He is currently recovering from his injury.



The Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office released the 2020 estimated preliminary market values showing an increase for all taxing authorities. These figures reflect the value of property and new construction completed as of January 1, 2020.

According to the Property Appraiser, Mike

Hickox, the real estate market in Nassau County continued to increase in value through the end of the 2019 calendar year. Hickox said, "The total market value for the County has reached a new record high over \$15.5 billion and the taxable value has also surpassed any previous year in Nassau County exceeding \$10.1 billion. This includes a continuation of new commercial and residential construction projects completed during 2019.

Overall, the market remained stable to slightly increasing for most existing property. Once again, the record new construction in the County is driving up the overall taxable value for the taxing authorities. "Our office will be reflecting any impact from the Covid-19 pandemic in the values for next year at this time," continued Hickox. "The real estate market is in the process of adjusting to the economic situation we are currently facing today. As market values change, we will reflect them, as we are required to do, in the subsequent tax roll year. Therefore, the 2021 tax roll will reflect what is happening in the market this calendar year. We still have about half the year to go to see how this year ends."

Approximately 40% of the over \$835 million increase in County-wide taxable value, from the previous year, was a result of new construction completed in 2019. That's about \$335 million in taxable new construction. The 2020 total market value for Nassau County of \$15.5 billion is up approximately 8.85% over the previous year. The market value includes all property before any



exemptions, classification reductions, or capped assessments.

Although taxable values have increased county-wide, many property owners are protected by the Save Homes (SOH) amendment which caps the amount the assessed value can increase. "Homestead properties

can increase no more than 3%, or the consumer price index (CPI), whichever is lower," said Hickox. "Based on the CPI used for 2020, previously homesteaded properties will increase no more than 2.3% this year." Non-homesteaded properties are capped at 10%

In 2020, Nassau County's taxable value is estimated to be about \$10.2 billion, up about 9% compared to last year. The City of Fernandina is projected to see an increase of 9.3%, bringing their taxable value to above \$2.7 billion. The Town of Callahan is estimated to have an increase in their taxable value to \$103 million, up by over 5.3% from last year. The Town of Hilliard is expected to see about a 7.4% increase in taxable value, bringing their value to slightly over \$107 million.

Hickox provided the 2020 estimated values to the taxing authorities on May 29, so they can begin their budget process using these estimated preliminary figures. They will use the values to help determine their tax rate for the property owners in Nassau County later this summer.

The official preliminary tax roll is expected to be released to the taxing authorities and the Department of Revenue by July 1. Property owners are encouraged to visit the Property Appraiser's website at www.nassauflpa. com, in mid-July to view their 2020 property values.

For more information, please contact the Property Appraiser's Office at (904) 491-7300.

# Remember to Pray for Our Troops

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

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

**God Bless our Troops!** 

#### Q: What is this vine? PL

A: Queen's wreath, Petrea volubilis, has beautiful purple flowers drooping a grape-like cluster – similar to wisteria. Other common names: Petrea, purple wreath, or sandpaper vine. The leaves

are stiff and feel l like sandpaper. Florida gardeners in zones 9B and south live in the perfect climate



for growing this vine putting this plant in the tropical category. Unless planting along the coastline here in Northeast Florida, cold temperatures could be a problem for this plant. Remember those living west of I-95 are in zone 8B. The plant is originally found in areas of Mexico down to portions of South America. It blooms from spring through early summer. Queen's wreath



prefers full sun but will tolerate some shade. As with most other sun loving plants – it blooms better with adequate

sun. Soil pH preference is between 6 to 7. It is highly drought tolerant once it is established and it often takes 2 years or more before it produces flowers - so be patient. Once established, it requires little if any care except to prune away dead branches. It can grow up to 40 feet so give it plenty of room and something to climb on. Queen's wreath provides nectar butterflies and bees. It will drop it's leaves during storms, winds and seasonal temperature changes-no worries, they will come back. Remember when planting from a container, do not amend the hole. You can amend the whole bed instead. Water is the most important thing to do the

# 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

first months after planting. No fertilizer for six weeks after planting. Queen's wreath can be propagated by seeds or stem cuttings.

#### Q: Is sedum a succulent? RW

**A:** Yes, sedum is a type of succulent. There are several different types of sedum also known as stonecrop available in our area. Sedums are a versatile group of succulents which can be planted throughout Florida. They typically have small, leaves displaying a variety of colors such as green, chartreuse, gray, red, or variegated which provides great color and texture in the landscape. These low-growing plants work great at the front of landscape beds or spilling over the sides of containers. You can also plant them in drifts to create a textural groundcover. Sedums thrive

in poor, sandy soils, and need only occasional watering. In fact, too much water can



lead to disease and cause the plants to rot. They typically crave full sun. 'Florida Friendly Gold'TM is a versatile groundcover tolerating both heat and cold in Florida landscapes. 'Coral Reef' and 'Sea Urchin' are also dependable choices.

Q: Will you give me a few examples of clumping bamboo we can grow here? BS

**A:** First, it is most important to only plant clumping bamboo. It can spread but it is not nearly as aggressive as the running type. Management of the clumping occurs when the rhizomes are removed by



shovel and either planted in appropriate areas or thrown away. Bamboo can be added to a landscape as a screen, add a more tropical look or used to create furniture and utensils. Here are a few bamboo to consider: Bambusa multiplex: 'Tiny Fern' prefers a loamy acidic, high organic matter moist soil. It can withstand some shade or full sun; 'Alphonse Karr' up to 40 feet tall and 10 feet wide. This is in our demonstration garden at the James S. Pages Governmental Complex. Drought tolerant - full sun; variegated stems; 'Fernleaf stripestem' has small delicate fern shaped leaves, similar to B. m. 'Tiny Fern'. It is an outstanding small clumping bamboo growing well in most outdoor landscapes or containers. Grows upward to 8 feet; 'Golden Goddess' has a well-mannered clumping easy to maintain at under 8 feet tall; Bambusa chungii 33 feet tall, culms (stems) are covered with white powder; Bambusa lako: Timor black bamboo grows to 30 feet tall with black striped 3-inch stems - can be found at the Jacksonville Zoo

There are dozens of other clumping

bamboo, so do some research before planting it. If you do end up with running bamboo you must construct



a root barrier and install it properly. Dig a trench approximately 36 inches deep. Use rolls of fiberglass or 60 mil polypropylene in the trench. Leave about 2 inches of the barrier above the soil to discourage rhizomes from growing over the top of the barriers.

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