



Adventure Rangers are (l-r) Adler Verdery, Findlay Griggs, Braedyn Quarles, Caleb Plueger, and (back) CDR Jason LeRoy.



Discovery Rangers include (front row, l-r) Chase McKellar, Curtis Bonman, Talon Pullen, James Rowland, Hudler Cartledge, JR Quarles, (back) CDR James Tuten, CDR Jake Shelby, and CDR Jason LeRoy.



Ranger Kids include (front row, l-r) Owen Coussens, Lewis Huff, Carter Rowland, Ty Verdery, Hayden McKellar, Rhett Byrnes, Carter Pullen, Ezra Griggs, Everest Barker, Fletcher Kenerly, (back) CDR Austin Plueger, and CRD Jason LeRoy.



Rainbows participants include (front row, l-r) Ellis Griggs, Aubrey Kneece, Wyatt Quarles, Georgia Grace Wells, Emma Jean Plueger, and (back) Sponsor Katrina Plueger.



M-Pact participants include (l-r) Sponsor Kaycie Wells, Ludie Griggs, Heidi Verdery, Ali Wortz, Naomi Wortz, Evelyn Barker, Tinsley Pullen, Cynthia Wells, and Sponsor Natalie Pullen.

## First Assembly announces winners of annual Ranger Derby held Feb. 26

The Annual Ranger Derby was held at First Assembly of God on February 26, with 34 boys and girls from the M-Pact and Royal Rangers Ministries competing for prizes and trophies.

The winners from each group were:

Rainbows - first place Wyatt Quarles; second place Georgia Grace Wells; and third place Emma-Jean Plueger.

M-Pact - first place Aly Wortz;

second place Naomi Wortz; and third place Evelyn Barker.

Ranger Kids - first place Rhett Byrne; second place Carter Pullen; and third place Ezra Griggs.

Discovery Rangers - first place JR Quarles; second place Talon Pullen; and third place Hudler Cartledge.

Adventure Rangers - first place Findlay Griggs; second place Braedyn Quarles; and third place Caleb Plueger.

Overall Champion - JR Quarles.

Best of Show - Aubrey Kneece.

Most Creative - Tinsley Pullen.

Royal Rangers is a ministry of the Assemblies of God with the mission to "Reach, Teach, and Keep boys for Jesus Christ." It is open to all boys between the ages of 3-14.

M-Pact is open to girls ages 3-14. Meetings are held Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. at First Assembly of God on Thomson Highway. For further information please call the church at 706-359-7237.

## Across The Savannah

### The Flower World's Beautiful Blonds

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Daffodils. They're the beautiful blonds of the flower world and if it's possible for a flower to smile, daffodils do. They bring to mind young women standing together making plans for a party or a trip to the beach where it's sunny and warm. Daffodils don't giggle but they would if they could.

During the final days of this cold, wet winter, I spied clumps of green-yellow daffodils clustered near an old oak in bare bones winter dress. That gave me hope in this terrible time we're been mired to the knees in. Though the grass was dormant brown, the time for rebirth, another chance to get things right was close at hand. What's that old cliché? "Hope springs eternal?" Well, daffodils spring eternal from Mother Earth when we need them most.

So this time of year, I look for new places where daffodils warm what often is a cold day. I look for old home sites. Often I see fresh vibrant green stems glad to escape the earth and flaunt their colorful heads.

I'd been told that a certain road that led to a certain church sported daffodils here and there in a field. For two years running, I went and saw nothing. Timing is everything. The third time was the charm as another cliché goes. There they were upon a hillside, scattered here and there like so many settlements.

Memories. That's another reason I love daffodils. No flower brings back memories like daffodils. That's why I check my old familiar haunts. I check my grandmothers' homes this time of year, though both homes burned. My paternal grandmother's house burned a few years back and you can still see the charred timbers, ashes, and twisted iron. The daffodils at my father's mother's place? They were there when I was a boy and they're there still, standing amid charred debris like so many golden harbingers of spring.

The other grandparent's home burned not quite 60 years ago and nature has long overtaken the grounds. Apparently, my timing there was always a bit off. Until this year I'd never seen daffodils at my mother's mother's place, but they're there.

My mother used the term, "Narcissus," come daffodil season. My guess is that's because daffodils



Daffodils spring eternal from Mother Earth when we need them most. (Photo by Tom Poland).

belong to the Narcissus family. "Narcissus comes from the Greek language and means "numbness," a nod to the bulb's toxic nature for Narcissus bulbs do indeed contain a toxic substance. I bet squirrels know that.

Now I don't know if florists can get daffodils from greenhouses year-round or not. If they can, I'm sure some souls would love some daffodils at their last great send-off party. But, if florists can't get them

year-round, then March would be a good time to depart this world.

Now you may think all this talk of escaping the surly bonds of Earth is gloomy talk, but really it's not. Just think of a thick blanket of smiling daffodils on a dearly departed's coffin as the pallbearers take them to their final resting place. Why that would be like being covered up in giggling, happy blondes. If you've got to go, and you must, go out with the colors of spring upon you.

The Lincoln County Republican Party will hold its County Convention on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Said convention will be located at the pavilion in the Lincoln County Historical Park located at 147 Lumber Street. The Precinct Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., followed by the County Convention at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of the convention is to elect county party officers, elect delegates to the district and state conventions and conduct all other necessary and proper business. All Lincoln County registered voters who believe in the principles of the Republican Party are urged to participate.

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April 4, 2021

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11:00 AM Service  
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Lincolnton First Assembly of God

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