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"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS." - EPHESIANS 1:16

New Pavilions at Ewing Park

Dawn S. West

The Town of Callahan council met Monday night for their final meeting of April. Bernard Jones addressed the council concerning opening a new business in town. "I just wanted to get your feel about me opening a new Bar & Grill in the old Butt Hut location," said Jones. "I've been in business for myself in Jacksonville for about 20 years. I thought a respectable eating place would be good in Callahan. A place where people could watch college football games on Saturday and NFL games on Sundays."

"What kind of alcohol are you talking about?" asked Councilman Marty Fontes. "Just beer and wine, no hard liquor," added Jones. "I think any new business is great for Callahan," said Fontes.

The first agenda item was a presentation from Dr. Lynn Hyatt, First Baptist Church Callahan. "Our church family and mission team have partnered with the Town of Callahan on the pavilion project at Ewing Park," said Dr. Hyatt. "We found a contractor to take the job and we're going to supply the labor, however our labor could only work on Saturdays. We realized that the project had a tight time frame. In keeping with our partnership we wanted to present the town \$5,000 to pay for the labor cost for this project. We love Callahan and our community and we (the church) want to do all we can to help out."

Dr. Hyatt presented the check to Parks & Recreation Commissioner Kathy Smith and Mayor Bobby Rau. "We really appreciate this so much," said Smith. "I went to the park today. The pavilions look great. Thank you again."

In other business, the council gave the mayor the authority to approve the municipal election agreement, barring the agreement changes the turnaround



to 3 days versus 24 hours.

Resolution 2018-R07 was approved which concerned donating \$500 to the West Nassau JROTC Program.

During around the council table, Mayor Rau advised the council that the town has hired Krista King as the new Water/Sewer Clerk. "I think she is a great addition to our staff," said Mayor Rau.

Councilman David Mellecker advised the council that the west side Chamber had merged with the east side chamber. "What does this mean for the Christmas parade? I don't think the east side is going to do a Callahan parade."

"We'll wait and see where they go with this," said Fontes. "I've done parades before. We can do it. The parade will not die. We've had it here too many years."

"The Chamber director Regina Duncan has already contacted us (the Town)," said Town Clerk Stephanie Knagge. "I will invite her to our next meeting."

Knagge also advised the council that National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 3. "Do we want to have it at the park or Fire station and what time," asked Knagge. "Maybe we could also have our unveiling of the park that day and have refreshments."

The council agreed to have the Prayer service at the Park at 5:30 p.m. on May 3. They will further discuss refreshments and finalize plans this week.

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

RAILROAD DAYS FESTIVAL

Dawn S. West

The 13th Annual Railroad Days Festival will be held this Saturday, April 21 at the Historic Train Depot between Brandies and Dixie Avenues in Callahan. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. All the activities will begin at 9 a.m. when the festival opens with crafts, food vendors, exhibitors, Depot Tours and Caboose Tours! As always, set up outside and running, will be Thornton Brothers Antique Engines; Bob Eubanks Speeder; Tommy Clayton's engines; and much more!

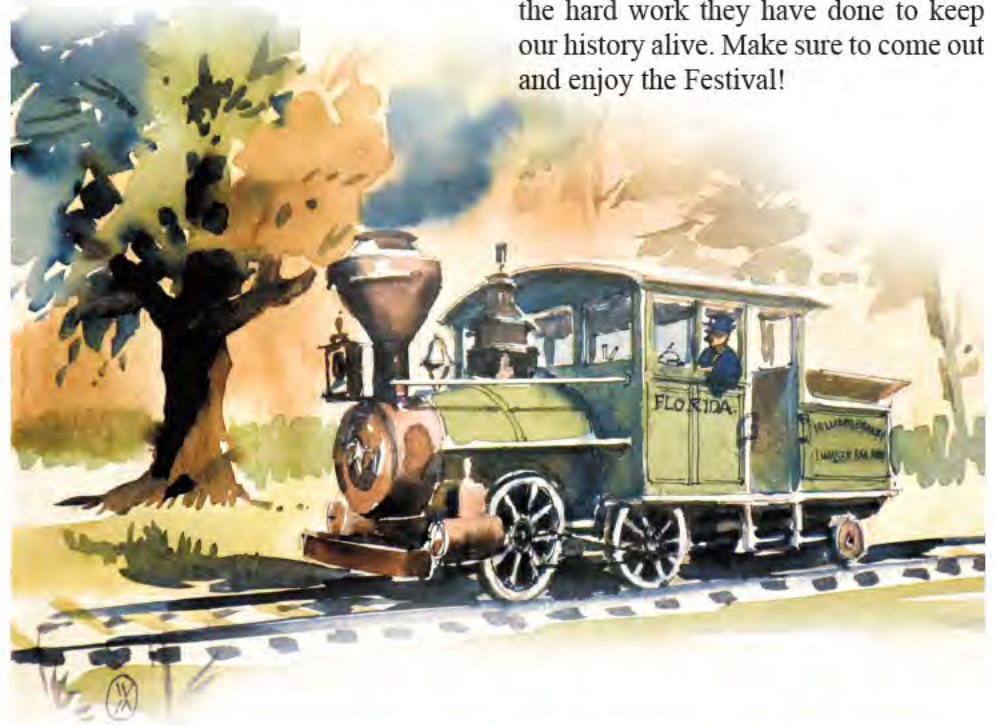
There will be live entertainment all day long on the Liz Mobley Stage on the back side of the depot with Buck Lucontro emcee. Some of the entertainers to check out are: Callahan Middle School Chorus (9 a.m.); Dinsmore Bluegrass Jam (10 a.m.); 12 Gauge Country (11 a.m.); Dale Wingo Band (noon); Liz Mobley and Randall

Smith (1 p.m.); Yellow Moon (1:50 p.m.); and BandontheRun (3:20 p.m.).

The kids play area: bouncers and climbing wall will open at 10 a.m. Joel Pace's music students will have hands-on instruments on the front deck of the Depot all day! Make sure to check out the museum in the Depot. In the annex you will find railroad modelers.

The Classic Car Show, hosted by the Callahan Cruisers, Cochrane's and AB & B Auto Parts, will be held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Cochrane's Collision Center across the street from the Depot. The winners of the Car Show will be announced at 2:30 p.m.

The Railroad Days Festival is a one day event full of entertainment, vendors and lots of food. Bring your lawn chairs and plan to enjoy the entire day. Vendors will be set up all along the old railroad bed. Come and support our West Nassau Historical Society and all that they do to preserve the history of West Nassau County. We appreciate all the hard work they have done to keep our history alive. Make sure to come out and enjoy the Festival!



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A Word From the Publisher

In my job, as many jobs, I try to be organized with each day. I do have a planner that I have to write down appointments, interviews and events so I don't forget them. I've learned the older I get, I have to write down everything or I will forget it. My weeks are routine, as when you are on a deadline like we are with the paper, things must be completed in an orderly fashion. And trust me; there are variations to our routine when things happen.

A couple of months ago, my routine changed. It was a Wednesday and I was heading out to do our afternoon deliveries to Callahan and Hilliard. I called Roger as I always do to let him know I was on the road and would be home eventually! It was around 6:30 p.m. when I finally got home. I began fixing us some supper. Roger came into the kitchen and leaned on the counter beside me and told me he wasn't feeling well. He said his chest felt tight. He had me convinced it was probably indigestion or maybe it was anxiety making him feel this way but maybe we should go check it out. "Check it out? Where?" I questioned. "Let's go to the hospital," he said.

We drove to Baptist North both of us silent and holding hands all the way. I thought to myself...this wasn't in my planner. Dear Jesus, help us through this. Everything started moving real fast as we got to the hospital with chest pains. They did an EKG and blood work immediately. The doctor came in and questioned us, as Roger had a heart attack about 11 years ago and received one stent. "At this point, I'm going to transfer you to Baptist downtown for a stress test tomorrow. But first we'll see what the blood work shows," said the doctor.

"Is this really happening?" we both asked. We held each other and prayed. Shortly the doctor returned to say

Roger's blood enzymes were elevated and he had a minor heart attack or still was. Now he would still be transferred but now they would do a heart cath Thursday. Long story short, Thursday morning Roger had a heart cath and received two stents: one on the left side and one on the right side of his heart. Both sides were 90% blocked. The heart muscle was not damaged, thank you Jesus. Roger (and me) continues to heal and strengthen each day.

I say all of this to say even the best of plans can be changed. We can all be so wrapped up in events and activities that we don't make time to rest. We don't make time for the important events in life. I'm so thankful to have a loving heavenly father who takes our weary bodies and mends us. God is so good to me every day of my life. I have learned that through these 'valleys' in my life, God continues to stand tall and make me a stronger better person. There have been many tragedies in our community. My heart breaks to see people suffer. I also pray that they also have the healing comfort of a loving heavenly father. God never changes. He is the same today and every day with an unconditional love for his children.

Our lives have changed for the better through this event. We were reminded to lean completely on God for His direction in our lives. We knew that we should, He just gave us a reminder. If you don't have the Lord as your Savior, I pray that you would take that opportunity today. I'm thankful that God provided a wonderful doctor to give Roger back to me! Let's all make sure to keep God as a top priority in our planners as we go through each day! I certainly do!

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

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Letters to the Editor



Pray for our Country

Dear Editor,

To use an old World War I or II expression that I heard when I was a kid: Something is rotten in Denmark! Let me explain. I applaud the recent destruction of the chemical units in Syria. The reason for the bombardment given by our President and the leaders of France and the UK was because of use of chemical gas upon innocent men, women and children. I whole heartily agree with that statement. But let me ask you, what about the senseless destruction of over a half million innocent people through conventional means which was carried out by the Assad regime over these many years. What about the millions whose lives have been uprooted and displaced to other countries. Did that make it any less horrifying because it wasn't chemical warfare? Why wasn't something done early on to dismantle Assad's capability to use his weaponry? Had we or one of our allies destroyed his aircraft entirely early on that would have crippled his ability to have completed such horrifying crimes!

One reason is because of the weak, feckless leadership that, for political reasons, couldn't or wouldn't lift a finger to help those innocent and devastated people. In addition, our Commander-in-Chief at the time was systematically reducing our own military capabilities! I know that in most cases we should not interfere in other countries' affairs but this is one we messed up big time! Now we have to worry about what Russia and Iran will do when and if Assad is deposed. There is never a simple solution to this type of problem where a dictator is in control. Hopefully the message sent by the US and our allies will have a lasting impression upon Assad and his cronies and to any other country, such as the leader of North Korea, who doesn't give a hoot about his own people! What can we do about it? We can pray that God will guide our Commander-in-Chief in the coming months and years and that He will protect our brave servicemen and women as they go about their duties both here and abroad.

Frank Kearns, Sr.

Florida Friendly Plants Presentation



UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardener Karl Shaffer recently conducted a presentation to the Amelia Island Community Association homeowners. The topic was on plants that are considered Florida-Friendly. The term is used for native and non-native plants that do not require lots of water and are disease- and pest-resistant in our area. UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardener Shirley Lohman met with homeowners after the formal presentation to further assist them in deciding which Florida-Friendly plants they can consider for their landscapes.

Upcoming Landscape Matters classes that will be held at the Yulee Extension office are: Hummingbirds (May 2). Homeowner groups interested in hosting an Extension Horticulture presentation should contact the Extension office at 904-530-6353.



In the Kitchen... Sunday Best Fruit Salad

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| 1 (20 oz.) can pineapple chunks, juice reserved | 2 bananas, peeled and diced |
| 2 apples, peeled and cored | 3 kiwis |
| 1 (21 oz.) can peach pie filling | 1 pint strawberries |

In a small bowl, toss the chopped apples in reserved pineapple juice. Allow to sit for 5 to 10 minutes. In a large salad bowl, combine the peach pie filling and pineapple chunks. Remove apples from pineapple juice and add to pie filling and pineapple mixture. Add chopped bananas to reserved pineapple juice and let sit for 5 to 10 minutes. Peel and slice kiwi and 1/2 of strawberries. Chop the other 1/2 of strawberries and set aside. Remove bananas from pineapple juice and add to pie filling mixture. Add chopped strawberries; toss together. Arrange kiwi slices around the edge of the serving bowl and alternate with strawberry slices. Chill and serve.

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Fish Talk

Fishing Forecast

Chris Cockerham, Reel Habit

This weekend should hold a great bite during the early morning hours. Our tide will begin its way in a little after day break. Start with natural colored paddle tail grubs or just tip a Reel Habit Flounder Jig with a live mud minnow or live shrimp. Focus on oyster beds around creek mouths in the Intracoastal. Remember less is more and what I mean by that is don't over work the bait. Allow some pauses in between your retrieval to mimic an injured or dying bait. Redfish and Speckled Trout are targeting bait as they head for cover. Having said that, there are many really nice trout congregating around both the Nassau Sounds and the mouth of the St. Johns River up to White Shell. Trout like the cleaner water so the first of the outgoing and last of the incoming have seemed to produce best. I've had some great reports from Blount Island to down town. Bait has begun to run along the rocks and docks. Larger predatory fish stack up around those bait sources all through the day.

Next, BIG Blues are still a dime a dozen. Nearly everywhere you turn, you have a run in with one. There's not much you can throw that they won't inhale so be prepared to lose some tackle. We've had some huge blue fish caught this month. Many of those have been upwards of 36 inches or better.

Moving on, flounder are moving in but still spotty from Jacksonville south to Vilano Beach. I've seen a few caught in the 2 lb. range most are still running small. Triple Tail has begun to show from Brunswick to St. Augustine. Bull reds are still frequenting our river channels along with black drum. Stud sheepshead are still being caught on all of the Jetty's and of course most of our inshore structure. With that said, look for a great weekend of fishing, if the winds subside. Tides for Saturday the 21st: low tide around 8:30 a.m. and a high tide around 1:45 p.m.

Have a great weekend and I hope to see you on the water!

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Circle of Hope, a support group for women diagnosed with cancer, will meet April 26 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Pinky Promise (Harper Rose Cottage), across from Callahan Elementary, 449595 US Highway 301, Callahan. To RSVP, call (904) 626-2855.

Keene Family Reunion

The 2018 Keene family reunion will be held Saturday, April 28 at the Hilliard Pentecostal Full Gospel Church, (behind the post office) at 551821 US Highway 1 from 12-3 p.m. The theme will be "Patriotism." Don't forget to bring your favorite food, dessert, and drinks. We look forward to seeing each of you there! For information, call Elizabeth (Keene) Phillips at (904) 707-9832, (904) 879-0870 or phillipsnl@juno.com.

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

BREAKING NEWS: It is rumored that President Donald J. Trump is now being investigated for apparently cutting the tags off his mattress and even worse, there is a possibility that he cheated on his sixth grade math test. What a deplorable person he must be.

When are we as American citizens going to standup to this out of control liberal sewer pit known as Washington D.C.? It is beyond me as to how President Trump has maintained his resolve through the endless attacks upon his Presidency, his family, his campaign and his personal life. Never in modern day history has a President been attacked so fiercely on a daily basis. The Democratic Socialist Party is determined to ruin Trump because we the people elected him to correct the out of control elites that were supposed to be representing us in this great Republic.

I highly commend President Trump on the Syrian attacks this past weekend. He drew a red line and when it was crossed, he reacted appropriately, unlike the spineless Obama. No we cannot police the whole world but when an out of control dictator decides to kill innocent people utilizing chemical weapons, something has to be done. President Trump did just that. Unlike Obama, countries now know beyond any doubt that when America draws a line, we will defend that line, just as we used to do in the past.

The icing on the cake comes with the FBI raiding the offices and home of President Trump's personal lawyer Michael Cohen. This is partly a referral

by the Office of Special Council, Robert Mueller. Mueller as you know is still conducting the witch hunt for the collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. Of course, they have found zero evidence after nearly two years of tax wasted funds. The other reason behind the raids was to try and find evidence against President Trump due to a two-bit porn star who has said she had an affair with Trump in 2006. Now, personally, I couldn't care less if he had a fling in 2006. What difference does that make on him being our President today? Nothing! This is just another means of attempting to discredit the best President we have had in decades. Why did they not investigate the homosexual encounters of Obama that came out after he was elected President? Oh yea, the accuser died unexpectedly.

The Socialist Democrat Party will stop at nothing to ruin this man. Yes, I have heard all the liberal come-backs stating, "Mueller is a Republican and Comey is a Republican so why are we conservatives upset at the investigation." Well let me tell you, John McCain is a registered Republican but the traitor to this country is not a true conservative Republican, same goes for Lindsey Graham, Paul Ryan any many more. They are just Republican-In-Name-Only (RINO)! They are as deep in the swamp muck as the Democratic Party. In the meantime, Go Trump Go! We true red-blooded conservative Americans are with you!

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

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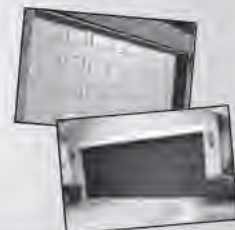
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Missing the Gift

Pastor Ted Heglund, First Alliance Church, Hilliard



The Mayor called out a name drawn from the bowl of tickets. It was the annual Hilliard Clean-Up Day. There were, if my observation is correct, over 80 "door prizes" contributed by businesses, churches, individuals and the Town of Hilliard given away. Any of the over 260 volunteers that signed up had a possibility of receiving a "door prize" if their name was drawn.

One of the simple rules was: if your name was chosen, you had to be present to receive your gift. I was amazed at the number of people who forfeited a nice gift of a tool, gift card/certificate for food or supplies at a local store, etc. because they were not present.

This principle can be applied to life. There are many opportunities that we miss simply because we do not follow through or are not present when we should be. Perhaps we lost a job because we never arrived to work on time. Maybe there was an opportunity to help someone and now you regret letting that opportunity slip between your fingers.

Do we miss out on God's blessing because we are not available? As the Lord said in Revelation 3:20 (NIV) "*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*" The problem is that we often hear God speaking, calling our name, but do not respond because we have turned a deaf ear to God.

God's gift to you and me is not a "door prize" because by chance our names were pulled from a bowl of names. The gift that God gives to you and me is far greater and of more value than any gift man can give. His gift is forgiveness of sin and eternal life. "*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" Romans 6:23 (NIV)

To win the "door prize" at the Town of Hilliard's event you had to be present and no one could pick up your gift for you. No one can make the decision for you to seek Jesus and His forgiveness of your sin except you. One great thing is that Jesus will meet you where you are, at any time - at home, in your car, at work, or even mowing the lawn. "*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the GIFT of God [to you].*" Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)

CHURCH NEWS

Bethany Episcopal Church in Hilliard will be selling Spaghetti dinners Friday, April 20 from 5-7 p.m. at the church. The cost is \$8 per dinner which includes a salad and drink.

Please join the Second Baptist Church this Sunday, April 22 for their Annual Friends and Family service. We can't do it without you and bring a friend or family member with you at 3 p.m., 45019 Johnson Road, Callahan. For more information, call 879-4649. Dr. Malachi L. Clowers, Moderator/Pastor.

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Griffin to Speak at Hilliard First Assembly

Pastor Arlie Johns of Hilliard First Assembly invites everyone to come hear Allen Griffin! Allen Griffin was the guest speaker at the Baccalaureate services last year for the class of 2017. He is one of the most influential and effective speakers today. His dynamic presentation is both humorous and insightful. His message has led thousands to be eternally changed and empowered to in turn reach others.



Allen Griffin will be speaking this Sunday, April 22 at the 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. services at Hilliard First Assembly of God, located at 550920 US Highway 1, a quarter of a mile south of the caution light at Eastwood Road in Hilliard.

For more information, call 904-845-2642.

Eastern Star Members Thankful

Members of Fernandina No. 55 Order of the Eastern Star visited Nassau County Fire Rescue Station 50 recently to deliver candy bags to thank them for their service. Even though it was a training day at the station for firemen, Engineer Jason Murphy took time along with Fire Fighter Chris Arnold to welcome the Eastern Star members. Engineer Murphy expressed appreciation to the OES for recognizing the service firemen provide to Nassau County.

After visiting the fire station in Callahan, the members continued to deliver thank you bags to the personnel at the Fire Rescue headquarters in Yulee. Chief Brady Rigdon expressed his thanks to the members. Worthy Matron, Norma Storms presented Chief Rigdon with two laminated copies from articles in the News Leader reporting fires that his firemen had extinguished.



Shown (l to r) are: JoAnn Wilder, Norma Storms, Jason Murphy, Shirley Ramsey and Chris Arnold



Shown (l to r) are: Asst. Chief Greg Roland, Shirley Ramsey, Kim Grubbs, Chief Brady Rigdon, Norma Storms and JoAnn Wilder

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The Town of Hilliard would like to take this opportunity to offer a sincere thank you to all who participated in this year's very successful Town Clean Up, including Keep Nassau Beautiful, Walmart, Advanced Disposal, Sandhill Recycling and Stokes Sanitation. It is concerned citizens and businesses such as you, that help make this event a success and to instill pride and a spirit of volunteering among our citizenry.

Special thanks to the support of our local businesses and organizations. They should be commended for their contributions to the rewards given to the citizens that donated their time and hard work to make the Town of Hilliard's Clean Up beautification project a tremendous success. We are truly grateful for all the effort and assistance that was displayed.

The Town of Hilliard would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to everyone that was involved with the Clean Up.

Thank You

on behalf of the Town of Hilliard

Next Generation 4-H News



Allie Claire Mizell, Reporter

Did you know Zebra Longwing is Florida's state butterfly? Ms. Janet Shaw taught members of the Next Generation 4-H Club this fun fact and much more! At our meeting Monday, April 9, Ms. Janet told us all about flowers that attract butterflies.

Then, we got to plant flowers in two big planters. We had a great time digging in all that potting soil. On Thursday, we got to deliver the planters to Callahan Elementary School and Hilliard Elementary School. Thanks for letting us use your truck, Mr. Jeff. Planting big flower pots and giving them to our schools was a fun community service project!

The Next Generation 4-H Club will meet again on Monday, May 14, at 4:30 p.m. at the multi-purpose building in Callahan. Come have fun with us!



Young Actors Sought for Music Video



"Mrs. Kate" Carpenter, local songwriter, is seeking young actors ages 9-14 to perform in her new stamp out bullying music video, "Be a Friend." Auditions will be held by appointment (in person or Skype), with filming in early June. Boys and girls are needed for a variety of roles.

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Reddish Named Life Care Center's Director of Nursing of the Year

Loren Reddish, Director of Nursing at Life Care Center of Hilliard, was named Director of Nursing of the Year for Life Care Centers of America's Southeast Division on April 9.

The award was given during Life Care's annual Directors of Nursing Meeting held at the company's headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee.

It is given to the director of nursing in each of Life Care's divisions who best demonstrates outstanding qualities in several areas, including customer service ratings, staff development and successful state surveys.

Starting as a registered nurse on the acute rehab unit, Reddish proved not only to provide excellent clinical care but natural leadership abilities. She has been director of nursing since 2015 and upon her promotion, worked to create a team of knowledgeable, dependable and experienced nurse managers. The nursing leaders then took on more mentorship of the certified nursing assistants, providing quality through servant leadership.

The results have included a five-star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, as well as back-to-back deficiency-free state surveys in 2016 and 2017.

The level of care even made an impression on visiting residents who had to evacuate another skilled nursing



facility during Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

"Loren has been a great asset to Life Care Center of Hilliard for more than nine years," said Anthony Rimmer, Executive Director. "Her extensive knowledge of nursing practices and her genuine love and compassion for others have made a lasting impact on this facility and the community it

serves."

"Loren is a living example of what the honorable nursing profession is all about," said Beecher Hunter, Life Care president. "She administers her God-given talents in a spirit of love and compassion to help make the lives of others better. We're proud of her and all of our nursing award winners."

Life Care honored seven other division winners and a Company-wide Director of Nursing of the Year, as well as a customer service winner.

Life Care Center of Hilliard, located at 3756 W. 3rd St., is one of 21 skilled nursing and rehab facilities in Florida managed by Life Care Centers of America.

Founded in 1976, Life Care is a nationwide health care company. With headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee, Life Care manages more than 200 nursing, post-acute and Alzheimer's centers in 28 states.

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Nassau's Mitigation Plan Will Help County Better Prepare

Nassau County and its municipalities are better prepared for disasters with the recent federal approval of their local hazard mitigation plan, a long-term strategy to reduce the community's vulnerability to natural disasters. Nassau County's Board of County Commissioners, the City of Fernandina Beach, Town of Hilliard and Town of Callahan have each adopted the plan by official resolution.

Drafted by Nassau County Emergency Management planners, this risk-mitigation plan identifies local hazards and potential vulnerabilities throughout the county, and creates a framework to help community officials make decisions that may ultimately protect lives and property. The plan also outlines a strategy for implementing mitigation projects in Nassau County. Through projects such as drainage improvements and structure elevation, Nassau County is taking proactive steps

to lessen the impact of future disasters and the costly expenses associated with them.

History shows that the physical, financial, and emotional losses caused by disasters can be reduced significantly through hazard analysis and risk mitigation planning. The planning process encourages communities to integrate mitigation with day-to-day decision making regarding land-use planning, floodplain management, site design, and other activities.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reviews and approves state, tribal and local hazard mitigation plans, which are required as a condition for states and communities to receive certain types of disaster assistance, including funding for wind, flood and other hazard mitigation projects. State and local mitigation plans must be updated, reviewed and approved at least once every five years.

Stronger Together

The Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Nassau Chamber of Commerce have unified into one organization. "We are excited about uniting both Chambers as this will help strengthen the business community throughout Nassau County," said Jim Bush, President of the Board, Greater Nassau Chamber of Commerce.

According to Bob Hartman, Chairman of the Board of the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee

Chamber of Commerce, "The Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce and Greater Nassau Chamber of Commerce have entered into an agreement to join forces as the 'Nassau County Chamber of Commerce'. We will be better positioned to work with local governments and provide greater reach, services and support to enhance the economic vitality of the Nassau County business community."

Prom Dress Drive



The Westside Journal will once again be accepting donations of new or gently used formals, pageant or prom dresses through Friday, April 27. Dresses may be brought to our office at 450034 SR 200, Callahan. All donations will go to PACE Center for Girls located on University Boulevard in Jacksonville.

Thank you in advance!

HES Jr. Beta Help Clean-Up



HES Jr. Beta helped with Hilliard Town Clean-Up by walking a few blocks around the school and picking up litter prior to the actual clean-up. They were excited and eager to help the community with this service project.



Fun at the Callahan Library April Book Club

It's time to revisit one of your favorite books of all time! Experience a treasured text again while preparing for April's Book Club meeting at the Callahan Library. Refreshments will be provided at this meeting Thursday, April 26, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The Callahan Library is located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15, Callahan, 904-530-6500 (#3), www.nassaureads.com.



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Maritime Museum Expo This Weekend

Have you ever wanted to find sunken treasures? You can find it now at the Maritime Museum of Amelia Island. On display, there are silver and gold Spanish coins found right off Fernandina Beach, a silver bar from a Spanish galleon sunk off the Florida Keys, a silver cross on a rosary found in Yulee near the Bell River and a 40.2 carat emerald smuggled out of Brazil long ago in a conch shell filled with sand. A mannequin of Luis Aury (aka Jose Gaspar), who raised the Mexican Rebel Flag as the 6th of the 8 flags to fly over Amelia Island, stands guard over the valuable artifacts, weapons and pirate flags. You can also speak with the underwater treasure salvagers, some of whom are from Hilliard (Matt Batten and Scott Jensen, Maritime Archeologist) who found some of these and other items that are on display.

If antique firearms spark your interest, you can find a "duck's foot" pistol with 3 barrels like the ones used



Silver Cross found in Pirates Woods near the Bell River

by the pirate Blackbeard (aka Edward Teach). Muskets from the 1600s and 1700s are displayed with a musket made of rare African Tiger wood along with a blunderbuss musket used to scatter shot at close range. A variety of musket balls and cannon balls are also on display, including the cannon ball shot on March 4, 1862 at the Confederate train leaving town carrying coal and passengers, including (allegedly) David Yulee. On display is a model of the Union gunboat USS Ottawa that fired a cannon ball from a Dalgren Gun Cannon, also on display. Next to that display is a cannon from the 1715 Silver Plate Fleet from Jupiter, Florida. That cannon is 12 feet long and weighs 3,300 pounds.

Civil war artifacts also include Griswold pistols, Confederate money printed at the Bank of Fernandina and the personal effects of Confederate General Richard Taylor.

World War II artifacts include an I-beam from the USS Arizona, the only

known piece from that ship outside the state of Hawaii. The Arizona was sunk when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 ("A day which will live in infamy," as FDR declared). Another artifact on display from that fateful day is a Japanese flag from the jacket of a Japanese bomber pilot, whose plane was shot down by the curator's grandfather.

On April 21 and 22, the Maritime Museum is sponsoring its Annual Treasure Hunters' Expo, which will feature treasures that local groups have

found. Metal detecting equipment will also be on display and will be available for purchase.



All of these artifacts are on display at the Maritime Museum from Tuesday through Saturday at 9:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. The Museum is located at 115 South 2nd Street, Suite B in

Fernandina Beach, next to the distillery. Tours are available at no extra charge. Additional information may be obtained by calling Curator Billy Taylor at 904-432-7086.



Fatal Accident Sunday Morning

According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, a fatal motorcycle accident occurred around 1 a.m. Sunday morning on SR 200 near Gressman Dairy Road. The FHP report states that a motorcycle, driven by Curtis Bollinger and his passenger (wife) Shannon Bollinger, was traveling westbound on SR 200 in the left travel lane. For an unknown reason the motorcycle went off the roadway to the left. Both the driver and passenger were thrown from the motorcycle and both landed in the

westbound lane. A Hyundai Elantra driven by Brandon Graham whom was also traveling westbound struck Shannon Bollinger and debris from the accident scene.

Shannon Bollinger was pronounced deceased at the scene, Curtis Bollinger was transported to UF Health by Nassau County Rescue in serious condition. The driver of the Hyundai and his passenger Rainey Rowe were not injured.

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Hilliard Town Clean-Up Successful

Dawn S. West

Once again, the Town of Hilliard and its residents had a very successful clean-up day! Saturday, the weather was perfect with a few clouds and a breeze and lots of volunteers. The clean-up signups began at 8:30 a.m. Saturday however there were many people signed up prior to that. The total amount of people that signed in was 264. The number grows every year. Volunteers signed in, picked up their pink 'I Love Hilliard' t-shirts, gloves and bags and headed out! Each person or group was given a destination area to clean-up. Each year, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office provides prisoners to clean-up Henry Smith Road, which is one of the worst areas, from US Highway 1 to CR 108.

Around noon all the volunteers joined back up in the lot beside town

hall where they enjoyed a hamburger and hot dog lunch. Following the lunch, ticket numbers were drawn and donated gifts were given out to the winners. It was a wonderful day of fellowship with residents!

OneBlood was also on site during the day for blood donations. They reported collecting 16 pints. Shred-it was also on site and many people took advantage of the free shredding provided during the day! Shred-it reported 11 totes of material which is approximately 99 boxes of personal records shredded. Sandhill Recycling had a total of 7 tons of yard debris; Stokes Sanitation collected 3 tons of metal; and approximately 100 tires. Totals from Advanced Disposal weren't available at press time. Great job to all the organizers of the event and many thanks to all the volunteers who made the day so successful!



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Hilliard Community Fun Day Saturday



The 3rd Annual Community Fun Day will be Saturday at Oxford Park in Hilliard at 10 a.m. The event will also have a parade, car show, basketball tournament, food, health screenings and bounce houses! "We have organized this event to be a time to reach out to families within our community through acts of kindness," said organizer Tawana Webb. "Our effort is to promote 'Unity in our Community' along with health awareness for all. Being and living healthy is very important!"

Tawana was diagnosed with Sarcoidosis a few years ago. Since her diagnosis, she vowed to try to make her community a healthier place to live and make people more aware of being healthy. Sarcoidosis is the growth of tiny collections of inflammatory cells in different parts of the body, most commonly the lungs, lymph nodes, eyes and skin. Doctors believe sarcoidosis results from the body's immune system responding to an unknown substance,

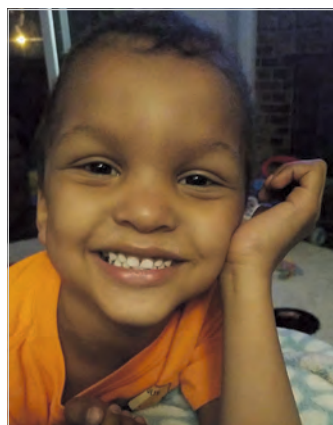
most likely something inhaled from the air. There is no cure for sarcoidosis, however, sarcoidosis could last for years and could cause organ damage.

The Community Fun Day will kick off at 10 a.m. at Oxford Park. Car enthusiasts are encouraged to enter your car, truck and/or motorcycle in the Car Show, which will also be in the parade. Car clubs are welcomed to enter the event. For more information or to enter call Kevin at (904) 349-5569.

The parade will begin at Hilliard Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. travel down CR 108 to Oxford Street where they will turn left and finish at Oxford Park. The vehicles will be displayed following the parade to be judged. There will also be basketball tournaments and Tawana is looking for teams (schools, churches, businesses, etc.) to register. Call Tawana at (904) 673-3086 for more information. Again, the day will be a fun time for everyone! The event will be held from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Bring it Brayden Fundraiser & Trail Ride!

Brayden Stephens is a 4-year-old boy who has been diagnosed with a Wilms tumor, which is a type of kidney cancer. Thankfully, Brayden is currently in remission. However, due to the extensive treatment he has just finished, medical bills have continued to rise. A fundraiser is being held Saturday at Scoreboard Sports Bar & Grill, 6051 Merrill Road, Jacksonville, to help with medical bills now and in the future as Brayden will have to have more treatments.



purchase tickets, call 744-6199.

There will also be a trail (horse) ride Monday, April 23 at 9 a.m. in Hilliard in Ralph E. Simmons State Forest. It takes a big heart to want to go on a 10 mile ride through the state forest on a horse, some have never ridden. Also, the ride will be an obstacle trail, made

very interesting for the riders! There will also be side trails available for beginners. Riders must have a good trail horse and a sponsor to ride. A sponsorship is \$200 (\$20 per mile) and all proceeds go to Brayden's family. Also on site Monday for the ride will be members of the Halo Keepers. This group makes fun wigs out of yarn for children going through cancer treatments. The Halo Keepers will provide different colors of yarn for riders to braid their horse's tails in honor or in memory of someone. The riders will meet at Cynthia Wade's home at: 274098 Murrhee Road, Hilliard to begin the ride. If you are interested in taking part in the ride or donating to the cause, call Cynthia at: 904-314-8992.

Bring it Brayden is a benefit geared to help Brayden, who is the son of the JAXSCOREBOARDS family. Donations are welcome. There will be a huge raffle Saturday at Scoreboard Sports Bar & Grill. Items for raffle are encouraged and there are raffle items at: \$1; \$5 and \$10. Check out the group Bring It Brayden to see the updated list of raffle items. Saturday, April 21 at 4 p.m. Mixon's Fixin's BBQ will be available; at 6 p.m. the \$1 raffle drawing; at 7 p.m. the \$5 raffle drawing; and at 8 p.m. the \$10 raffle drawing will be held. For more information or to

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CLEARANCE SALE at The Shop Around The Corner, 35569 Okfenokee Dr., Folkston. Saturday, April 21 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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For adults we can process first time applications, and renewals for passports if issued over 15 years ago. For minors 15 and under we process first time AND ALL renewals. We process all applications for those 16 & 17 years old as well. Has your passport been lost or stolen? Did you have a name change? We can do these also. Don't forget, now you can get a passport card in addition to the book!

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done quickly, if you are prepared! You will need to bring three items 1) evidence of your identification such as your FL driver's license; 2) evidence of your citizenship, typically your birth certificate. The birth certificate must be the original or a certified copy and 3) two checks for payment. We are happy to take the photographs for you! Passport fees are paid to the U. S. Department of State; the \$35 facility fee is for processing the application and the photo is fee is \$10. We have all forms available at the library, stop in before-hand to pick up yours.

Please check the library's website for details www.nassaureads.com; or visit travel.state.gov. Call 904-530-6500 Opt. 2 for appointments or email: libraryinfo@nassaucountyfl.com. Refreshments provided by Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library.

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Summer Fun Guide with 4-H

Are you looking for a fun and educational experience for your kids this summer? 4-H summer camps offer unique, hands-on experiences and are open to all youth ages 5-18. Camps meet at the local Extension offices in Callahan (543350 U.S. Hwy 1) except for Food, Fun & Fitness which will meet in Yulee (86026 Pages Dairy Rd). All camps require closed toed shoes and a packed lunch. Spaces are limited and filled on a first come, first served basis. To register, or for more information, contact Kristen Poppell or Kelsey Irvine at 904-530-6353 or visit: www.facebook.com/nassaucounty4h.

Summer Day Camps

Love a Horse Level 1 - June 8-7

Do you love horses? 4-H does! Come spend 3 days with us learning the basics of horsemanship; no horse required! We will have fun crafts and even celebrate our last day with a group trail ride. This camp is an excellent introduction into the world of horses. This camp is for youth ages 8-11 and runs 9:30-2:30. The cost is \$65.

Love a Horse Level 2 - July 24-26

Ready to take your horse knowledge up a notch? This camp is designed for older youth with the fundamentals of horsemanship or who have previously completed the Love A Horse camp and are ready for the next step. There will be more hands-on horse work as youth practice horsemanship, showmanship, grooming, and much more! This camp is for youth ages 11-15 and runs from 9:00-2:30. The cost is \$75.

Food, Fun and Fitness - June 28-28

Do you like to cook, eat, and stay active? This camp will include all 3, plus multiple field trips to practice how to eat healthy and how to be healthy. Taking care of yourself has never been so fun or delicious! This camp is for youth ages 8-12 and runs from 9:30-2:30. The cost is \$70 and takes place at our Yulee Extension office.

Teen Life Skills Boot Camp - July 17-19

Are you a teen hoping to learn how to be more independent? Join us for Life Skills Boot Camp and learn a wide variety of essentials skills you'll need in life all in one place. Topics will include cooking, car maintenance, finances, scheduling, and more. Lunch will be provided. This camp is for youth ages 12-18 and runs from 9:30-2:30. The cost is \$60.

Exploring the Great Outdoors - July 31 - Aug 3

Calling all Cloverbuds! This summer we will explore the world around us through games, activities, and adventures. We will take a hike in the woods and have an indoor camp out. Bring your sunscreen and bug spray and get ready to explore the outdoors! This camp is for youth ages 5-7 and runs from 9:30-2:30. The cost is \$50.

Wild Hearts - 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2

Wild Hearts is a premier summer camp that challenges older youth to learn the concepts used to protect the wildlife they love! We will cover both native and exotic wildlife. Youth will attend exciting field trips for authentic hands-on experiences. At the completion of camp, youth will design and present a conservation plan on any animal they choose. Presentation Night is 7/2 at 5:30pm. This camp is for youth ages 12-18 and runs from 9:00-4:00. The cost is \$80.

Camp Cherry Lake Residential Camp

July 9 - 13, Madison, FL

This summer Nassau County will be at Camp Cherry Lake from July 9-13. Kayaking, archery, campfires, singing and games are just a few of the many activities youth will have the chance to participate in while at camp! CCL is open to all youth ages 8-13 (as of 9/1/17) - not just 4-H members! The cost is \$250 for members and \$275 for non-members. Scholarships are available!

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POLICE REPORTS

Names, Addresses and all information appearing in the Police Reports are taken from the Sheriff's Department files and do not necessarily indicate guilt, only that arrests were made or charges were filed.

Monday, April 9

Audrey Machel Moore, 28, 54011 Wanda Way, Callahan: Contempt of Court Writ of Bodily Attachment

Tuesday, April 10

Mack Edwin Manuel, 36, 45105 Mickler Street, Callahan: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

Darrin Corey Moore, 30, 54421 Sheffield Road, Callahan: Writ of Attachment Child Support

Thursday, April 12

William Alan Petree, 34, 39244 Silver Trail, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Driving While License Suspended/Revoked Felony

Devin James Hibbs, 18, 54050 Penny Lane, Callahan: Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams

Ronald Dustin Crawford, 34, 3769 Higginbotham Drive, Hilliard: Theft of Motor Vehicle Felony of Motor Vehicle; Felony Criminal Mischief

Friday, April 13

Winifred Evelyn McLemore, 52, 554820 US Highway 1, Hilliard: Failure to Appear Battery on Law Enforcement Officer

Sheriff's Golf Tournament in June

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office and NCSO Charities, Inc. are sponsoring the 4th Annual Sheriff's Golf Tournament Friday, June 22 at The Golf Club at North Hampton Fernandina Beach. Registration starts at 7:30 am; and the scramble shotgun start begins at 8:30; followed with the awards ceremony and a great meal.

Please join us and test your skills against Sheriff Bill Leeper, fellow law enforcement officers and our area leaders while helping raise money for NCSO Charities, Inc. to benefit our community.

Form a 4-person team for \$500; or \$125 per person. If you are not a good golfer, don't worry. You can still support a great cause by being a sponsor! Sponsorship levels are:

Hole Sponsorship (signs)	\$150
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For further information or to sign up please contact Larry Boatwright at (904) 548-4027 or email at lboatwright@nassauso.com. NCSO Charities, Inc. is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization whose main goal is to assist children and families in need within Nassau County.



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SHANNON SALMON BOLLINGER



Shannon Marie Salmon Bollinger, 29 of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on April 15.

A celebration of Shannon's life will be held on Thursday, April 19 at Christ Fellowship in Yulee beginning at 1 p.m. Interment will follow in the Live Oak Baptist Church Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest book at www.nassaufh.com.

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

GLENN R. BRYANT, SR.



Glenn R. Bryant, Sr., 74, of Jacksonville, passed away on April 12 at his home. He was born on July 29, 1943 in Jacksonville to Robert and Katherine Bryant. He was a man of many talents, including but not limited to being a master mechanic and machinist. He enjoyed cooking, tinkering with mechanics, music, ceramics and shooting guns. He loved being in the woods and enjoying the country life and was quite the history buff. He enjoyed formula one racing but had a passion for foreign cars. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his sons Glenn (Connie) Bryant, Jr. and Shean (Patricia) Bryant; granddaughters Darian Fay and Mallory Bryant; and his sister Joyce (Harry) Christian. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Katherine Bryant; and his wife Teresa Bryant.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 21 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel at 11 a.m. Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

OBITUARIES

KATHLEEN J. COLLINS



Kathleen Jannotti Collins, 74, of Hilliard, passed away April 11 at her residence following a lengthy illness. She was born August 11, 1943 in West Point, New York to the late Peter P. Jannotti and Edith Crowell Jannotti. Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Leland C. Collins.

She is survived by her children Irean Jo (Jr Boy) Dasher and Donnie L. Collins; grandchildren Amber Johns, Crystal Collins, Benjamin Collins and Landon Knudson; and a great-grandson Ryker Waylon Ochoa.

The family received friends Monday, April 16 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home.

Memorialization will be by cremation. Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of NE Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

PHILLIP MELTON CREWS



Phillip Melton Crews, of Hilliard, passed away Monday, April 16. He was born in Hilliard to the late King and Minnie Crews. He was

preceded in death by his brothers Eugene, Marvin, Earl, David and Troy Crews; and his sisters Dora Lee Murray and Yvonne Shoupe.

Phillip served in the United States Army where he bravely fought in the Vietnam War and was a Purple Heart recipient. He retired from Delta Airlines after 33 years of faithful service. He was an avid reader,

farmer, fisherman, Civil War buff and big game hunter out west.

He is survived by his wife Virginia Crews; children Tina (Jack) Elmore, Tammy (Robert) Parks, Connie (Craig) Rowe, Ricky (Sherry) Tison and Randy (Rebecca) Tison; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; a brother Lynn (Jackie) Crews; and sisters Margaret (Ferrell) Zittrower, Marjorie Murrhee, Vivian (Keith) Ritsma, Cindy (David) Burkett and Nelda (Chris) Mayberry.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his memory to Community Hospice & Palliative Care, Fernandina Beach, (904) 268-5200.

The family will receive friends Thursday, April 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 20 at 2 p.m. Interment will follow with full Military Honors at Mill Creek Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, is in charge of arrangements, (904) 879-1770.

DEBORAH S. HIGHTOWER

Deborah (Debbie) L. Schwenn Hightower, 64, was called to Heaven on April 10. She was born and raised in Jacksonville and later moved to Callahan where she lived the last 33 years of her life. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend, she leaves behind a legacy of loyalty, kindness, devotion and love. She was married to Richard Hightower, Sr., for 45 years. During her lifetime she had many achievements. She graduated from high school with honors at the age of 16 and went on to work for USNR Irvington Moore for the next 30 years of her life. Her last work project involved being a purchasing agent for Honeywell, and she assisted the Marine Corps with stocking the ships at sea with supplies. She was an avid animal lover and enjoyed her equine adventures of her youth. Her life was spent caring for her family and being there for anyone who needed her. Her biggest gift was her generous nature, she never wanted anyone to go hungry or without and she made sure to take care of anyone who reached out to her. She was a kind soul who was often referred to as a second Mom or the favorite aunt and cousin. Her work colleagues enjoyed her candor, and the firm hand it took to run the show. She is preceded in death by her parents Evelyn and John R. Schwenn, Sr.; and her brother Ronnie Schwenn.

She is survived by her husband Richard Hightower Sr.; son Richard Hightower, Jr.; daughter Felicia (Jason) Cohoon; grandchildren Richard Hightower, III, Kody Hightower and Evelyn Cohoon; her sister Vicki (Gerald) Thorn; sister-in-law Sylvia Toth; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial will be by cremation as it was her final request.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her name to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, as they provided a lot of help and care for her comfort for the final few weeks of her life.

SANDRA ROTH GRESHAM



Sandra Roth Gresham, 68, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord on April 11. She was born on July 28, 1949 in Jacksonville to Clarence and Vera Roth. She was a lady of many talents in which she used in her employment history such as working in retail for Pic N Save; being a CNA for St. Lukes Hospital; working for Kuhns Five and Dime in Nashville; and Winn Dixie as a General Merchandise Manager.

Sandra is survived by her daughters Sherry (Kimbal) Hutchinson and Sara Lynn (Buba) Feagle; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; her brother Ray Austin Roth; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband James Bliss Gresham; a daughter Regina Ann Ramey; and a sister Shirley Louise Manning.

A viewing was held Monday, April 16 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service was held Tuesday, April 17 also in the chapel with Pastor William H. Wooten officiating. Interment followed in the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

JOHN ALAN JACKSON

Mr. John Alan Jackson, of Maxville, passed away Sunday, April 8 at his residence.

Mr. Jackson is survived by a daughter Shelby Jackson of Middleburg; siblings Patricia (Bill) Tuck, Diane Strickland, Tom Stovall and Jo Ann (Harry) Hatcher.

A graveside funeral service was held Wednesday, April 11 at Long Branch Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Harry Hatcher officiating.

Prestwood Funeral Home of Baldwin served the Jackson family.

Help Understanding Medicare

The University of Florida, Nassau County Extension Service is offering weekly individual consultations at the Barnabas Center, 1303 Jasmine St., Fernandina Beach. If you will be new to Medicare, have questions about Medicare or want to know if you qualify to save money on your Medicare drug costs, Medicare monthly premium, deductibles and copays then please call (904) 530-6359 to schedule your private appointment. Appointments are being scheduled every Friday for the following dates: May 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Extension information and services are available to all individuals regardless of race, color, sex or national origin.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT BRYAN PADGETT

Robert Bryan Padgett, 66, of Manchester, New Hampshire, passed away April 12 following a lengthy illness. He was born May 4, 1951 in Miami to the late Bryan Anthony Padgett and Lorena Catherine Saunders Padgett. He was of the Baptist faith. Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by his wife Donna Padgett; a son Bryan Padgett; and a brother Donald Padgett.

He is survived by his children Robert Padgett and Dawn Padgett; six grandchildren Kristen, Sarah, Amber, Cameron, Alexis and Nick Padgett; three sisters Mary Lou Clark, Rose Marie Martin and Catherine Padgett; a brother Raymond Padgett; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The family received friends Tuesday, April 17 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 18 in the Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Jones Cemetery in Callahan.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

Cathy (Steve) Cotton of Gotha, Florida and Tammy (Thad) Penland of Jacksonville; 11 grandchildren Milton Nelson, Kevin (Ami) Nelson, Jonathan Dotson, Joshua (Kelly) Dotson, Jordan Dotson, Kyle Cotton, Austin Cotton, Luke Penland, Sarah Penland, Peyton Penland and Olivia Penland; five great-grandchildren Haley Nelson, Alana Nelson, Ethan Nelson, Everett Dotson and Rixci Ann Dotson. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Angie McWhorter; and seven siblings Herman McWhorter, Grover McWhorter, J.C. McWhorter, Arthur McWhorter, Ruby Gilliland, Edna Dobbins and Ella Mae Witherspoon.

A viewing was held Friday, April 13 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service was held Saturday, April 14 at Live Oak Baptist Church with Pastor Steve Wolgamott officiating. Interment followed in Gethsemane Memorial Gardens in Jacksonville.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

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

daughters Candi (Zack) Lewis and Caitlin Prescott; two grandchildren Kenzie and Liam, all of Brunswick; a brother George M. Prescott of Folkston.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Sunday, April 15 in the Chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston with Rev. Randy Wainright and Rev. R.B. Gaskins officiating. Burial followed in Corinth Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Harrell, Paul Smith, Dean Rowel, Terry Steedly, Jason Haddon and Andy Harris. Honorary pallbearers were his cousins.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

GEORGE W. STEELE



George W. Steele, 82, of Callahan, passed away April 14. Mr. Steele was born on November 1, 1935 in Bellaire, Ohio to William and Anna Steele. In addition to his parents; Mr. Steele is also predeceased by siblings Lula Steele Soderlund, Kenneth and Melvin Steele; and grandchildren John Paul Ladson and Brittannie Ladson.

Survivors include his loving wife Mary Ann Steele; daughters Kelly Steele (Wayne) Johnson and Leslie Steele; stepsons Don (Carol) Ladson of Jacksonville and Paul (Phyllis) Ladson of Callahan; his grandchildren William, Robert, and Matthew Johnson, Madison and AnnaBelle Whitten, Lindsey Sowers, Jobeth Vanzant, Wesley, Jessie and Jacob Ladson and Shay Sawyer; sisters Shirley Steele Esposito, Nancy Steele (Patsy) Tedeschi and Sarah Steele (Chug) Horne; as well as several loving nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, April 19 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Callahan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Callahan, 449648 US Highway 301, Callahan, FL 32011.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements under the direction of Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

DOROTHY M. PERTZOG



Dorothy Jean McWhorter Pertzog, 82, of Callahan, passed away April 11. Dot left this life and passed into the arms of her loving heavenly Father after a courageous battle with cancer. She trusted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church in Jacksonville for many years and was most recently a member of Live Oak Baptist Church in Callahan.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Michael J. Pertzog; and her four daughters Linda (Lucky) Gatlin of Callahan, Patty (Pat) Nesbitt of Acworth, Georgia,

JACK M. 'J.M.' PRESCOTT, JR.



Jack M. 'J.M.' Prescott, Jr., 52, of Folkston, passed away at his residence Friday, April 13 following an extended illness.

He was born September 7, 1965 in Waycross, Georgia to Jack and Carolyn Steedly Prescott. He was a member of Hickox Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching children play and having a good time. He also loved visiting with family and friends.

He is survived by his parents Jack and Carolyn Steedly Prescott of Folkston; two

WAYNE ACTON SMITH, JR.



Wayne Acton Smith, Jr., 66, of Callahan, passed away April 15. He was born on May 5, 1951 in Thomaston, Georgia to Wayne Acton and Edith Smith, Sr. Wayne retired after 25 years of devoted service to Stone Container. He enjoyed golfing but his passion was being Papa to his grandchildren.

He is survived by his parents Wayne Sr. and Edith Smith; daughters Jennifer Stokes and Kimberly Yawn; grandchildren Kathryn Stokes, Stephen Stokes and Evan Stokes. He was preceded in death by his wife Victoria T. Smith.

A graveside service will be held Friday, April 20 at Jones Cemetery at 11 a.m. with Pastor Cliff Ryan officiating.

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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 rjordi@ufl.edu

Q: What is wrong with my roses? It is happening only on part of the rose bush. CA

A: This was so unusual, I had to photograph it and take it to UF/IFAS Pathology Diagnostic Center for identification. Initially, they thought the cause was the use of herbicide which typically causes abnormal growth in plants. However, since you assured me



there had been no herbicides sprayed on your property, I asked them to look elsewhere. They decided to test for phytoplasmas and found them in all the rose leaf specimens. Phytoplasmas are parasitic microscopic organisms which live in the cells of plants and cause various diseases. They are bacterial-like organisms which cannot live outside of living tissue. These phytoplasmas are spread mainly by leafhopper and planthopper insects feeding on the phloem tissues of infected plants. In instances of highly expensive plants like palms, it is possible to inject an anti-biotic into the vascular tissue to manage the disease. This injection into a palm tree will require the expertise of a certified arborist. In this case, the UF/IFAS Pathology specialists recommended pruning out the diseased portion and destroying the cut branches. Do not allow the plant material to remain as litter around the base of the plant as this can provide additional sources of the phytoplasma and disease. If the whole plant is infected then it is best to

destroy the whole plant. As it turns out, some of the roses in our demonstration garden were also affected and we will need to remove several plants too. Very sad. A special DNA type test must be conducted to detect phytoplasmas in the cells. These tests are expensive and take special training and time to complete. The costs of diagnostic tests run from \$40 - \$125 each.

Q: Is bee balm easy to grow here? LW

A. Bee balm or Horsemint, *Monarda punctata*, is very easy to grow. It will reach heights from 12 to 18 inches. Bee balm plants are classified as herbaceous perennials which means they do not develop hard, woody stems. Bee balm or horsemint produces fragrant, beautiful pink flowers lasting from the summer through the fall. It is native to moist, coastal upland sites in Florida including the northeast part of Florida. This wildflower does well in partial shade to partial sun so be sure to avoid full sun exposure in westside afternoon sun. Bee balm is moderately drought tolerant if planted in organic well-drained soil. Bee balm attracts butterflies, bird and other native pollinators. One interesting fact: bee balm was used by Native Americans to make a "sweating tea." This was generally a process done for ritual ceremonies.



St. Marys River Clean-Up Saturday

The 21st Annual St. Marys River Clean-Up will be held this Saturday, April 21 from 9-11 a.m. Saturday is also Earth Day! What better way to celebrate Earth Day than by volunteering to help clean up our St. Marys River! This is the 21st Anniversary of the clean-up. To volunteer, pick the location nearest to you: Florida locations: Kings Ferry; Scotts Landing; St. George; Boy Scouts Camp; SR 121 (FL/GA); Georgia locations: Traders Hill; and Camp Pickney; and signup at: StMarysRiverkeeper Facebook page. There are other locations these listed are the west side of Nassau County locations. Come and be a part of helping our river be fishable, swimmable and drinkable!

An hour following the clean-up (noon), White Oak Conservation will hold a celebration luncheon for volunteers. The event is only for river



clean-up participants who have a wrist band to enter White Oak, no exceptions. Wrist bands will be passed out at each clean-up site. At this unique Earth Day event, volunteers will receive free hot dogs, refreshments and the chance to meet with conservation partners and special guests! To sign up for the St. Marys River Clean-Up visit: StMarysRiverkeeper Facebook page; or <http://tinyurl.com/StMarysRiverCleanup> or email: stmarysriverkeeper@gmail.com or call (912) 673-7150.



HES Jr. Beta Positive

HES Jr. Beta created positive posters for the upcoming FSA testing to be placed around campus. Pictured are the top five posters chosen by the judges. They earned a free pizza lunch for their creativity.

ATTENTION LOCAL TAXPAYERS:



Many Federal Tax Extender Provisions Retroactively Extended by Congress and You Definitely Need to Know This!

Written by Pamela J. Soule, Enrolled Agent

On December 22, President Donald Trump signed into law THE TAX CUTS and JOBS ACT. While many local taxpayers know about that event, very few yet know that congress and the courts (and even IRS) changed and/or "corrected" additional laws even during the recent tax season.

We highly recommend an immediate review of all local tax returns that incurred (check the list and then check the boxes that you might need to review with our office for possible tax return amendments):

- Taxpayers paid mortgage insurance premiums according to their mortgage escrow statements but were first denied that deduction prior to February 9, 2018 and then (and now) permitted to claim it now as mortgage interest as it was before back in 2016.
- Taxpayers were denied cancelation of debt for home acquisition debt up to \$2,000,000 but are now more likely to be approved
- Taxpayers were denied tuition deductions "above the line" on the front of your 1040 tax return... it is likely now deductible with the change in that law
- Taxpayers were denied tax credits for insulation, storm doors, etc. that are now allowable
- Taxpayers were denied tax credits for geothermal, wind, and solar power expenditures that are now allowable
- Taxpayers in the construction business were denied "Builder's Credit" (a \$2,000 tax credit to professional builders for building energy efficient homes); that is now changed and available for 2017.

• Summary of substantial improvements to deductible claims for casualty losses due to Hurricane IRMA (missed too often by more or less ALL tax professionals and do-it-yourselfers alike) for individuals and both large and small businesses. The biggest change here is the first \$500 loss to the property owner (instead of the previous 10% of AGI plus \$100 rule) with the remainder potentially a far larger deduction on Schedule A Casualty Loss than it was in the past.

These and a considerable number of other changes occurred on January 22, 2018, then again on February 9, 2018, and others since the start of the 2017 tax filing season. That means potentially hundreds to even thousands of dollars due taxpayers that a "second look" might improve on of their already- filed or unfiled 2016 and/or 2017 tax returns.

If you need a "follow-up-checkup" on your 2016 and/or 2017 tax return(s) OR if you extended your filing date, please consult with:

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SECOND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

PURPOSE: To address issues about a planned new Assisted Living Facility in or near Callahan, Florida

PLACE & DATE: The Pig, Callahan. Monday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Tea served, buy your own meal if desired.

INTENT: Seeking qualified members of our 13 member Board of Directors with Christian ethics to address various and immediate issues.

SPEAKER: Cathy Sirmans, local patient companion & advocate about Cathy's Circle of Care, Inc., President.

1. 30-Bed to 300-Bed Facility, north or west of Callahan, concepts and ideas
2. Design and layout of proposed assisted living quarters
3. Filing of applications for Federal Funds for local economic development of western Nassau County
4. Hiring and housing of staff for proposed facility
5. ...and more
6. Remember: "Apathy is a terrible waste of disabled and senior citizen lives"
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Callahan Soccer & Little League Show Support for Children

This past weekend, the lives of many people were changed by a tragic vehicle accident that took the life of a young Callahan mother of five young children, Shannon Bollinger. Some of the children play on teams with Callahan Soccer and others play with Callahan Little League.

Both organizations have joined together to raise money for the family of these children. Donation boxes will be at both of the concessions stands. There will also be a 50/50 raffle going on. At the end of the day, both organizations will donate a portion of their concessions proceeds to the family.

Also, an account has been set up at VyStar Credit Union for the children. The account number is: 75072799.



CMS Wins County Championship



The Callahan Middle School baseball team recently won the county championship with a win against Fernandina Beach Middle School by a score of 7-2. Go Ramblers!

Relay for Life Raises \$17,000



This year's Relay for Life event was held Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7 at the fairgrounds. "Thankful for great weather, the event was very successful," said organizer Wanda Nichols. "There were lots of people at the event, which makes the event a great time!"

up throughout the evening with their tents, sleeping bags and snacks! "All in all everything went well," continued Nichols. "We learned a lot from this event and are already making plans for next year's event!"



At this time about \$17,000 has been raised for the event. Teams are allowed to continue to collect money until August 31, so they are expecting the total to rise. The survivor dinner was catered by The Journey Church and around 75 survivors attended. Walking through the Relay, there were three food booths all offering different delicacies. There were also 15 teams who were set



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Esther Ann Thomas



Marshall and Crystal Thomas, of Dothan, Alabama, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Esther Ann Thomas. Esther was born February 13 at 7:32 a.m. at Alabama Southeast Regional Hospital. She weighed 10 pounds 2 ounces and measured 20 ½ inches.

Paternal grandparents are Bruce Thomas; and Pam Cato, both of Callahan.

Maternal grandparents are Becky Saltford; and George Faircloth, both of Callahan.

Proud great-grandmother is Betty Faircloth of Jacksonville.

Westside Journal Visits St. Maarten



The Westside Journal recently traveled with Chris and Carey Book, of Bryceville, to Grand Turk Island, San Juan Puerto Rico, St. Maarten and St. Kitts. Carey and her copy of the Westside Journal struck a pose at the St. Maarten Welcome Center after a full day of shopping and island exploration!

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