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"SO DO NOT FEAR, FOR I AM WITH YOU; DO NOT BE DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD. I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU AND HELP YOU; I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND." - ISAIAH 41:10

Annual Senior Walks Held at HES, CES and BES



The Annual Senior walks were held last Thursday and Friday at Hilliard Elementary, Callahan Elementary and Bryceville Elementary Schools. This is a time where the graduating seniors from Hilliard Middle-Senior High School and West Nassau High Schools walk through their former elementary schools among the cheers, claps and signs from the elementary students. It's

a special time for everyone!

Hilliard High School graduation was held Friday, May 18 at UNF. Their Valedictorian was Riley Tuggle and the Salutatorian was Grant Graves.

West Nassau High School graduation was held Monday, May 20 at the Jacksonville Arena. Their Valedictorian was Raymond Pace and Salutatorian was Ashley Barber.



Arrest Made in Missing Hilliard Mother's Case

Joleen Rebecca Jensen Cummings, 34, of Hilliard, has been missing since May 13, 2018. She was last seen leaving her job in Yulee at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 12. She was supposed to meet her ex-husband in Hilliard, May 13 to pick up her children and never showed up. The Nassau County Sheriff's Office visited the salon and talked with all the employees. One employee, Jennifer Sybert, was not at work on Tuesday, May 15. Also on Tuesday, May 15 Joleen's vehicle was found in the Home Depot parking lot in Yulee, but there was no sign of Joleen. NCSO obtained surveillance video from surrounding businesses of the location. From the video footage, Sybert was the person that



got out of Joleen's vehicle at 1:17 a.m. Sunday. The NCSO located Sybert in the northbound rest area of I-95 in St. Johns County. Her vehicle, a black 2016 Kia Soul, was parked between

Sybert was arrested on Grand Theft charges of Joleen's vehicle. She was later charged by the FBI with a federal offense of a fraudulent passport and using an alias. Her real name is Kimberly Kessler of Butler, Pennsylvania.

"We have received some evidence to believe that Jolene is not alive," said Sheriff Bill Leeper in the news conference on Tuesday. "The NCSO and other local authorities are continuing to gather more information."

If you have information that could aid in the location of Joleen Cummings please contact NCSO at 904-548-4003. If you want to remain anonymous call the First Coast Crime Stoppers at: 1-866-845-8477. You can also post tips online at www.fccrimestoppers.com.











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After a membership vote on April 12th and many months of research, and discussions, Country Federal Credit Union will be changing its name and charter to become Country Financial Credit Union effective June 1, 2018.

The credit union believes making this move will provide opportunity to serve its membership more effectively. This transition will allow the credit union to serve a larger community, be more involved with lawmakers who affect changes relating to financial institutions, provide the ability to increase member convenience, and help maintain commitment to local decisionmaking.

Country Financial Credit Union will remain devoted to the rural and underbanked communities and will continue to be a positive influence through community events promoting financial literacy.

"We are guided by the 'people helping people' credit union philosophy and are committed to meeting all of our members' financial needs at every stage of life." Anita W. Crews President/CEO of Country said about the change. "We want to thank our membership, staff and volunteers for their support during this transition and look forward to serving



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Through the encouragement of state officials, this conversion will allow the credit union to immediately meet the needs of surrounding areas and provide opportunities to serve other communities. Country's FCU current field of membership includes residents of and persons who work in Baker County, Florida and persons who live or work within six-miles of the credit union's Baldwin branch. Over the years it has been challenging for the credit union to explain to people who are outside of this area "why they can't join". Under the new charter, membership will be permitted to all of Nassau County and West of 295 in Duval County.

Country will remain focused on serving the underserved and meeting the needs of its communities while staying true to its core values of Integrity, Service Excellence, Empowerment, Community and Accountability.

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you!

Dear Editor,

Last week, Nassau County 4-H hosted a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to support sending local youth to 4-H camps. On behalf of 4-H, we would like to thank all of the community members who purchased tickets or made donations toward this event! Nearly 100 people bought tickets and many more donated supplies for the event. We would also like to extend our gratitude to several local businesses that generously supported our efforts through their giving including: Callahan Barbeque, Junior's Seafood, Callahan Meats and Nassau County Farm Bureau. Finally, we would like to thank all of our members and families who worked hard selling tickets and running the event. We are so grateful to have the support of our local community members and businesses! Your generosity has made it possible for more youth to attend the 4-H residential camping program this summer where they will spend an entire week at Camp Cherry Lake learning outdoors skills, making new friends and creating lasting memories. Thank you for your support! For

more information about 4-H, please contact our office at 904-530-6353.

> Thank you, Kristen Poppell 4-H Extension Agent

Thank you!

Dear Editor,

The Officers of the Callahan Cemetery Association would just like to take a moment and say a very special THANK YOU to all the citizens of the community that took the time out of your busy schedule and came out to assist in the Clean-Up Day on May 12. It was an awesome job and it looked wonderful when the clean-up was completed. Thanks again for coming together as a team and getting the job done. Where there is unity there is strength so we will continue to work together to make our cemetery look even better. And a special thank you to the fellas who spear headed the job! Your Mom's would have been well pleased on Mother's Day!

> Sincerely, Maxine Simmons

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Local Rodeo Riders in Finals

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SJRA's Rodeo Finals will be held this weekend at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia May 25-28. In keeping with the tradition of rodeo, SJRA awards pay back money to winning competitors in each event at each rodeo in all divisions. Also, the

top 15 contestants will receive finals buckles. The Jr/Sr Division awards each events winner a trophy, saddle and buckle. The Reserve Champion receives a buckle also. In addition the top five competitors will receive various awards ranging from breast collars, saddle pads, spurs and/or halters, all engraved or tootled with the association logos and their placing. Top award is All Around Cowgirl saddle and buckle and All Around Cowboy with the most total points at the end of the year in all divisions, plus college scholarships are eligible to all graduating seniors.

SJRA's total awards that will be given back to the children this year is over \$180,000 which includes pay back for winners at each rodeo, travel money and all awards.

Good luck to these local riders in the finals this weekend! They are: Makenna Seldomridge, 12, of Hilliard; Logan Trouille, 14, of Hilliard; Brandon Whitley, 17, of Hilliard; Darrian Wright, 17, of Callahan; Samantha Johns, 18, of Hilliard; Clay Moody, 9, of Hilliard; Hadley Moody, 6, of Hilliard; Zeke Smith, 18, of Winokur; and Savannah Mullis, 18, of Hilliard.



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Roger R. West

Last Sunday, Dawn and I visited Live Oak Baptist Church which was celebrating their 173rd Anniversary. As we drove up my emotions began stirring as the view was the perfect setting of a down home country church. We entered the church with so many handshakes and smiles from the members. Once seated, something happened that I have not experienced in years. After the opening prayer, we all were asked to take a hymnal and turn to a certain page. WOW! They also displayed the words to the song on a large screen but I never looked up. It was so wonderful singing an old hymn from the hymnal.

After the singing, Pastor Steve asked if there were any visitors. Dawn and I raised our hands and then it was on. Pastor Steve whom has the greatest sense of humor, spotted us and told the lady in front of us (Mrs. Beverly) to behave because he expected at least a page and a half in the paper this week about Live Oak Baptist. Then he asked me what my opinion was of their church thus far. I quickly gave him thumbs up. Next a group from Old Plank Baptist Church, Pure Heart Trio, performed. May I just say they were awesome! The sermon was given by what I describe as a home-grown Nassau County man who is also a former Pastor at Live Oak, Wayne Higginbotham. He gave a powerful sermon on the Church. After the service we were invited to eat with them all, how could I say no? We preceded to the fellowship hall and oh my goodness at the spread of homemade dishes awaiting us. Every imaginable southern dish you could think of, from potato salad to chicken-n-dumplings to green beans,

etc. And yes at the end of the long row of food was fried chicken! I'm not even going to describe the desserts, wow.

Sunday took me back to my youth where we attended a small church, sang from the hymnals and frequently had "dinner on the ground." The men would set-up saw horses and place sheets of plywood on them to serve as tables to hold all the homemade dishes that the women of the church had prepared. It was such a slower paced and simple world back then.

I said all of that to say this, where did we go wrong? We have let technology ruin our lives. Everything seems to be at full throttle. Parents don't parent anymore; it's so much easier to give the child some electronic devise to pacify them so the parents can play on their own devices. Churches have become entertainment productions.

We all seem to live our lives in a selfcontained bubble. We have become a "get out of my way" society. Many do not even know their neighbor's name. We have lost the love to our fellow man, we are offended at everything and as a result we have lost the common fiber that held this country together for over 200 years. May I suggest that we slow down, take a look at our lives and the lives around us? Let's become community oriented once again. Let's promote love and discipline within our families as it used to be. Instead of continually moving forward at top speed, perhaps we would all as a country be better off if we moved backwards a little. The world was a much better place back then than

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This means that we have to rethink some of the teaching that you have heard your entire life. For starters, eternal life does not begin when we die. Eternal life begins when we are resurrected from our life of spiritual death. Regeneration is the act of God in which He raises the spiritually dead sinner from the dead and gives the new believer a new life. This new life is hidden in Christ and it is marked by our union with Christ. In Christ's death, we died with Him and in Christ's resurrection we were raised with Him. Through our union with Jesus, we have been raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:11). This newness of life is marked by the work of God in our lives by progressively transforming us more and more into the image of Jesus.

Since God's purpose for our life is to be like Jesus, we need to see how the writers of Scripture instruct us to become like Jesus. There are many passages that I could point to, but I want to focus on II Corinthians 3:18, "We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, this is from the Lord who is the Spirit."

The truth is that our unions change us. The deepest human union that humans can have is the union of marriage. Marriage is the mingling of souls and marriage cultivates a oneness that no other human relationship could ever replicate. I have been married for 14 years. This union with my wife has radically changed me for the better. True unions always transform us. The same is true with our union with Christ. When we behold Him through the Scriptures, through prayer, through corporate worship, through the preaching of the word, through sharing life with other believers, and through the Lord's Supper we are utilizing the means of grace that God uses to transform us into the image of Jesus. We become like who or what we behold. The mirror doesn't lie. The mirror is a reflection of who we really are. It is my personal prayer and my prayer for all of you that are reading that Christ would continue to chip away at us until we become like Christ.

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a high donation total.

This year will be no exception, Hagan Ace Hardware will participate in numerous events such as round-up campaigns and the CMN bucket sale to support Children's Miracle Network. Hagan Ace Hardware continues to raise

funds for CMN in 2018 with a recent round-up generating over \$19,000 for these local hospitals and has set a companywide goal to exceed their 2017

"At Hagan Ace Hardware we're proud to help make miracles happen for children in need." said Bill Hagan, Owner/President at Hagan Ace Hardware.

Hagan Ace Hardware plans to continue giving back to our local communities as well through our round-up campaigns, which benefit

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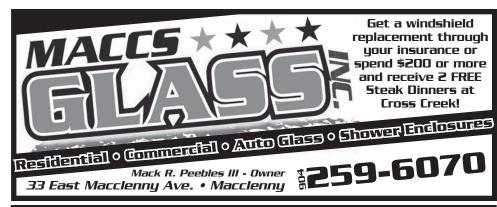
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Williamson Appreciates Her Former Students



Alma Bailey-Williamson was pleased to show appreciation to some of her former students who are now teachers and/or custodians that she has taught along the way at Callahan Elementary School! Williamson gave each of them a special 'Best Teacher Ever' flower and vase. The photo was taken during Teacher Appreciation Week!





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'Sarge' Mike recently announced candidacy to run for Ocean, Highway and Port Authority, District 5.

Mike has been an active member of the community after he moved to Nassau

County in 1994. A Jacksonville native who served in the military for 27 years, Mike is a former culinary instructor for the Nassau County School Board, small business owner in Callahan and served as a volunteer firefighter who prides himself as someone people in the community from all walks of life can turn to. Mike currently serves as a Board Member at the Greater Nassau County Chamber of Commerce, has previously served as Chairman of the Nassau County Economic Development Board, served as a member of the OHPA Charter Revision Committee and as a Mentor for Take Stock in Children.



"I believe that my

experience in the government and the private business sector are part of what makes me a great candidate to represent the interests of the Port on behalf of the county. I'm thankful for the opportunity to run," said Cole.

Mike resides in Callahan with his wife of 24 years, Angel. He enjoys spending his free time cooking, fishing, attending service at Liberty Baptist Church and being "Gwampa" to his grandchildren.

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New Beginnings and Milestones

Happy 1st Birthday Beau Mitchell Carter



Beau Carter celebrated his first birthday April 7! He celebrated his special day with a party in his honor at the Harper Rose Cottage in Callahan with lots of family and friends joining in the fun! His proud parents are T.J. and Taylor Carter of Callahan.

Proud grandparents are Del and Beverly Miley of Callahan; and Tony and Bonnie Carter of Jacksonville.

Proud great-grandparents are Delvin 'Pop' Miley, Sr. of Callahan; and Alyce 'Mema' Baker of Mandarin.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Thompson Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Phillip and Teresa (Bell) Thompson, of Hilliard, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary May 8. They were married May 8, 1978 in Folkston, Georgia. Phillip and Teresa met as teenagers while attending Callahan Church of God.

They are faithful members of The Anchor Church in Callahan, where their youngest son, Ethan, serves as Youth Pastor. Phillip works at Go Auto Recycling, Jacksonville and Teresa works at Lighthouse Christian School in Callahan. They enjoy spending time with family and their four grand-furbabies Lucy, Linus, Jack and Molly.

They have three sons, Phillip (Ashley)

Thompson of Hilliard, Cory (Miranda) Thompson of Yulee and Ethan Thompson. They have one granddaughter LilyRose.

They celebrated their 40th Anniversary with a surprise Vow Renewal Ceremony and dinner surrounded by close friends and family.



Happy 1st Birthday Peyton Wren Arnold

Peyton Arnold celebrated her first birthday March 7! She celebrated her special day with a big birthday party in her honor with her big brother Waylon and lots of family and friends joining in the fun! Her proud parents are Christopher and Evelyn Arnold of Callahan!

Mr. and Mrs. Fonathan Higginbotham

Heather Ashley Nettles and Jonathan Wade Higginbotham were united in marriage in an afternoon ceremony Saturday, May 12 at the Littleberry Farm in Fernandina Beach.

The bride is the daughter of Earl and Becky Nettles of Callahan. She is employed with Vital Statistics in Jacksonville.

The groom is the son of Lamar Higginbotham of Lake Butler; and Debbie Cribb of Callahan. He is employed with West Rock.

Serving as bridesmaids were Caitlin Manning, Hanna Higginbotham, Ashley Beasley and KanaDee Bray.

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Holton Signs with Webber University



Last Wednesday, West Nassau High School senior Travis Holton signed a letter of intent for a full scholarship to Webber University for his achievement in track. Webber University is located in Babson Park, Florida, just south of Orlando. Webber is a member of the Florida Sun Conference.

Travis has excelled as an athlete in almost every sport at West Nassau. He played football, basketball, baseball and of course ran track. "Travis is a very self-motivated and disciplined young man. I'm so excited for this opportunity for him," said Coach Jackie Lankford. "There is so much good in him. He is always willing to help, always prompt and always prepared. He is the same with his academics as has maintained a 4.0 grade point average through the school year. I'm really going to miss him!"

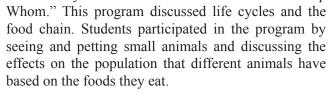
Travis completed all of his school years, from Kindergarten through 12th grade here in Callahan. It will be awesome to see what Travis will accomplish at Webber, as they have a year round track program and he can focus on one sport! I'm pretty sure we're going to hear a lot more about this athelete. "I'm really excited about the opportunity and looking forward to my future," said Travis. "I just want to thank my family for supporting me in all I have accomplished. I couldn't have done this without you! I want to thank my friends for their friendship and support. We've had a lot of fun!"

Coach Richard Pearce also added, "I'm so proud of you (Travis). You have worked so hard in everything you have done and achieved so much!"

Travis is the son of Randy and Cindy Holton of Callahan.

HES Students Enjoy Zoo

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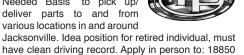
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Jason Ashley Gee, 37, 37639 W. First Street, Hilliard: Possession of Schedule 1-5 Substance; Violation of Probation Possession of Controlled Substance

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Christina Michele Heathcott, 44, 45378 Green Avenue, Callahan: Theft of Controlled Substance

Fill the Boot Drive this Weekend

The Nassau County Fire-Rescue Professionals Local #3101 showing their support for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) as its members kick off the annual Fill the Boot fundraising campaign to help kids and adults with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle-debilitating diseases live longer and grow stronger.

Continuing a more than 60-year tradition, dedicated fire fighters from The Nassau County Fire-Rescue Professionals Local #3101 will hit the streets with boots in hand asking pedestrians, motorists, customers and other passersby to make a donation to MDA on Sunday May 27 and Monday, May 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We are thrilled to be working with the NCFR Professionals Local #3101 for another year of Fill the Boot to help provide the funds needed to find treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases that severely limit strength and mobility," said Jasmyne Stanley, Senior Fundraising Coordinator. "The

dedication of these fire fighters to MDA's mission is unwavering, spending countless hours both with Fill the Boot and MDA Summer Camp to care for the kids and adults in Nassau County. We know that their devotion to our families will make this year's drive a success."

Funds raised through Nassau County's Fill the Boot events in 2018 empower families who inspire everyday Americans to help kids and adults with Muscular dystrophy and related muscle-debilitating diseases live longer and grow stronger, displaying how we all can truly live unlimited no matter what limits we may face.

Contributions also help groundbreaking research and lifeenhancing programs such as stateof-the-art support groups and Care Centers, including the MDA Care Center at Shands in Gainesville and Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. They also help send more than 40 local kids to "the best week of the year" at MDA summer camp at Camp Umatilla all at no cost to their families.





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GERMAIN 'TATE' DAVIS



Germain (Tate) 'Papa Tater' Davis, 74, of Hilliard, whose battle with a rare cancer ended at his home on Friday, May 11 when God reached down and

declared Tate the winner and gave him an everlasting reward. He was a beloved son, daddy, papa, brother, uncle and friend. He was a native of Buckhannon, West Virginia, born on May 27, 1943 to Charles and Letha Davis, who both preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by his brothers Chuck Davis and Homer Davis.

Tate had a witty sense of humor and always had a joke to bring a smile to everyone. He is a Veteran of the US Army. As a professional he was an over the road truck driver for 45 years. He traveled many miles all over the country, which afforded him the opportunities to visit his beloved daughters, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, numerous family and friends quite frequently. When he wasn't on the road, he could be found tinkering with just about anything for anyone. He enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking and sharing these. He will always be remembered for his unconditional love and never ending support. He was so loved and will be truly missed by all who knew him.

He leaves to treasure his memory his daughters Donna Jo and Dionne Rachel, both of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; his son Jeffrey of North Carolina; six granddaughters Shana, Sherra (Slim), Samantha, Caidence (Noodle), Casynn (Snowball) and Sidnee (Sister); grandson Ryan (Roo Roo); greatgrandchildren Tayden (Taz) and Emma; and sisters Helen Miller and Dorothy Slusher; brothers Bill Davis and Neil Davis; and

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numerous nieces nephews and other family and friends that adore him.

A celebration of Tate's life will be held Sunday, May 27 (his 75th birthday) at 4 p.m. at his home in Hilliard. All who knew and loved him are welcomed.

ANTHONY 'TONY' B. GRIFFITH



Anthony "Tony" B. Griffith, 55, of St. George, Georgia, passed away Friday, May 18 in Brunswick, following a lengthy illness. He was born November

23, 1962 in Jacksonville. He was preceded in death by his father Barry Griffith; a brother Reggie Griffith; and a sister Sheila

He is survived by his children Kristen (Johnny) Dugger and Tony Griffith; his mother Wanda Smith; his step-father James 'Junior' Smith; a grandchild Raylan Dugger; a sister Cheryl (Aubrey) Mapp; brothers Jackson (Cathy) Griffith and Kevin Griffith; and nieces and nephews Lindsey Mapp, Camden Mapp and Sherri Henley.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 23 at Moniac Baptist Church with Rev. Matt Rouse officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.

A private committal service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202.

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Arrangements were under the direction of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in

NANCY CHARLENE GUERRANT

Nancy Charlene Musgrove Guerrant went to be with the Lord Wednesday, May 16. She was born August 26 in Folkston, Georgia. She was born August 26, 1971 in Folkston, Georgia.

She is survived by her sisters Susan (Mitchell) Reeves, Lynn (Richard) McClellan and April (Kelly) Norman; sister by heart not blood Fran Davis; stepmother Cookie Musgrove; nieces Dale Nelson, Christina McClellan and Erica Norman; nephews Daniel McClellan, Wyatt (Kelsey) Reeves and Jesse Norman; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul Guerrant; and parents Richard and Delores Musgrove.

JOHN C. LAWLER



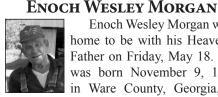
John C. Lawler, 75, of Pell City, Alabama, passed away on May 17.

He is survived by his wife Ann Lawler; daughter

Debra Lawler; grandchildren Kayla (Trey) Cunningham, Tabatha Edwards, Dawn (Erice) Wilson and Aaron (Erica) Lawler; brother Kenneth (Mary) Lawler; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son Johnny Clay Lawler, Jr.; father and step-mother John C. (Thelma) Lawler.

Condolences may be expressed at www. nassaufh.com.

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



Enoch Wesley Morgan went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Friday, May 18. He was born November 9, 1937 in Ware County, Georgia, to

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Pasco Wesley and Ruth Harris Morgan. In addition to his parents; he is predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law Russell, Bobby (Nell) and William Morgan.

Wesley is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Lou Robinson Morgan; his daughters Patsy (Bill) Allen of Folkston, Paulette (Larry) Griffin of Hoboken, Hazel (Gary) Wood of Red Springs, North Carolina and Rebekah (Jason) Rifenbark of Folkston; nine grandchildren Eustace (Ginger)

Griffin, Charles Rodgers, Aaron Griffin, James (Hope) Rodgers, Paige (Jeremy) Nobles, Sabrina (Wyatt) Hutcheson, Jeremy (Kerry Beth) Griffin, Forrest (Katie) Allen, Gwin Rifenbark and Jimmie Robinson; a special nephew; 19 great-grandchildren; siblings Walter (Glenda) Morgan, Josephine (Clinton) Robbins, Ruth (Jerry) Garland and Sarah Ann Morgan; a sister-in-law Ernestine Morgan; and numerous nephews and nieces.

He attended school in Ware County, Georgia until the 6th grade. Wesley worked with his father cutting cord wood until 1954. He worked in the logging industry until 2006 when he retired at the age of 69.

Wesley enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, and piddling in his

The family received friends, Sunday, May 20 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Monday, May 21 in the Chapel at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home with Rev. E.C. Crews officiating. Burial followed in Morgan Cemetery, Folkston.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heartland Hospice, 664 Scranton Road #103, Brunswick, GA 31520, American Heart Association, 10 Glenlake Parkway, NE South Tower Suite 400, Atlanta, Georgia 30328 or your favorite charity in his name.

Condolences may be expressed at www. shepardfh.com.

Arrangements were under the direction of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

DEBORAH L. THORNTON

Deborah 'Debbie' L. Thornton, quietly passed away May 17 at UF Shands in Gainesville, while surrounded by her loving family, as she went home to be with our Lord. She was the daughter of the late Jack G. Jessee and Jacqueline L. Jessee.

Debbie met the love her life, David D. Thornton, in Jacksonville, where they married and spent 42 loving years together until cancer took him in 2014. Her greatest accomplishments were her family. She took great pride in her home and preparing meals. She loved spending time with her family and some of her fondest moments were times spent at the lake with her grandchildren, family and friends.

Debbie was survived by her daughter Lisa (Joe) McClean; grandsons 'LJ' McClean and Austin McClean; her sisters Kathi (Terry) Tillman and Donna G. (Buddy) Gore; and numerous family and friends.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, May 22, in the chapel of Giddens-Reed Funeral Home, Baldwin, with Pastor Joey Rountree officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.

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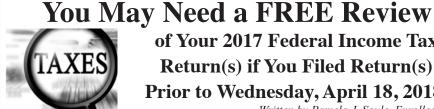
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- 3. Penalties and/or tax abatements now have "open" possibilities on IRA and Qualified Pension funds taken out in 2017 to repair damages caused by Hurricane IRMA (whether repaid or not to the IRA or pension plan).
 - **4.** This is NOT by any means an exhaustive list.

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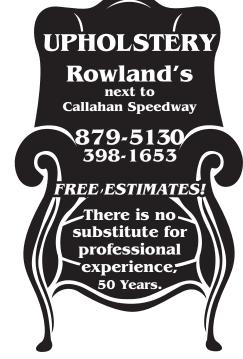
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Q: I heard a presentation about magnolias and they mentioned one called Ashe's magnolia. I have never heard of it. What can you tell me about it?JK

A: Dr. Gary Knox is Extension Specialist and Professor of Environmental Horticulture with

the University of Florida at the North Florida Research and Education Center in Quincy. He has done research into several varieties of Magnolias and



Ashe's magnolia, Magnolia macrophylla Michx. var. ashei, is one of them. One of my former Master Gardeners gave me one about 8 years ago. Last year was the first time it produced flowers and it was stunning. The flower is difficult to believe as it is nearly as large as a dinner plate. The flowers appear in the spring and are quite large measuring 6 - 12 inches with purple coloring at the base of every petal. The shiny, green leaves have silvery-white hairs underneath making the underside lighter than the top. Unlike the common magnolia, the leaves are not dark green with a waxy covering on the top. The edges of the leaves of the Ashe magnolia are wavy and they measure between 15-30

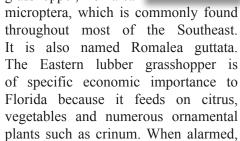
Garden Talk

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

inches long. The leaves and the flowers appear together in early spring. The Ashe tree commonly grows from 15-20 feet tall. It is deciduous, meaning it drops its leaves in the fall or winter. The Ashe tree is a native American tree found in states from the Pan-handle of Florida through the New England area. While it is rare to find it this far east, my Ashe magnolia is growing quite well in my shady, treed back yard. Initially, I watered it regularly but not, it only gets rain water. It has few diseases or insect issues and it is a wonderful addition to the natural areas in my back yard.

Q: What type of grasshopper is this? KS

A: The insect is a young nymph of the Easter lubber grasshopper, Romalea



lubbers will spread their wings, hiss and secrete foul-smelling froth from their respiratory pores. They can expel a fine spray of toxic chemicals as far as 5-6 inches, which can deter predators from eating them. Fully grown males can grow to slightly over 2 inches long while females can grow to 3.5 inches long. Best management practices on this insect would be applying a growth regulator when the insect is still in the voung, dark colored stage under an inch in size. The insect growth regulator does not allow it to molt from one early stage to maturity and it will therefore not be able to produce offspring. Once it becomes too large the chemical has no effect. Broad spectrum chemicals can work but they also will destroy the native pollinators which are critical for fruit production. For more thorough information, please see the University of Florida publication from "Featured Creatures", http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/ creatures/orn/lubber.htm.

Q: What is growing on the bottom of my grape leaves? MM

A: This is so pretty. The first time I saw this tube gall was in graduate school. The galls are formed by small insects called midges. The galls look like tiny, red peppers hanging from the bottom of the grape leaf. Tube galls are caused by a midge, Cecidomyia viticola,

which form on leaves after the insect deposits its eggs into the leaf tissue. The galls are cone-shaped and can be red or green. They are



small and generally no larger than 1/4 of an inch long. The egg develops into a larva which will exit the gall, fall from the leaf to the ground and burrow into the soil. Once in the soil, the larvae will pupate then develop into an adult and start the process all over again. Like most galls, grape gall midges seldom cause any real problems and generally do not reduce the number of grapes produced. Therefore, we do not recommend using chemicals especially because of the risk of killing native pollinators and honey bees. Pruning galls is the best management practice – especially before you see any exit holes in the gall.

STEELE FAMILY THANK YOU

Words cannot express the overwhelming of love, visits, cards, food and phone calls we have received since the passing of our loved one, George Steele. It is such a blessing to have such compassionate, caring friends who reached out to us in many ways. I want to thank Callahan First United Methodist Church for the wonderful dinner provided to our family and friends following the service. We appreciate your continued prayers. May God bless each and every one of you.

Mary Ann Steele and family



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CMS Holds Career Fair

Callahan Middle School held their annual Career Fair recently. There was plenty of room for the students to visit each career booth they were interested in, as the event was held in the CMS cafeteria. The cafeteria was full of different types of employers sharing their careers with the students. The Nassau County Sheriff's office was on hand to introduce students to the Explorers Program. Students were excited about the landing of Trauma One on the football field at the school. The

Trauma One team was also a part of the Career Fair. Students were allowed to go up and look into the helicopter and talk with the flight crew about their jobs. Also outside was Florida Fish & Wildlife with their boat and Nassau County Fire Rescue with Engine 50 and Rescue 50.











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