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KNB Plants the First Trees of Adopt-A-Tree Project



Keep Nassau Beautiful introduced its newest program, Planting Nassau's Future by committing to a project which will plant 300 trees in Nassau County by April 30, 2020. The project kicked-off with the planting of a donated tree at Central Park, Fernandina Beach.

The tree was donated by a local couple who are committed to protecting habitat and contributing to the community. They gifted the tree to Fernandina Beach in the hope that their gift may encourage others who can, to do the same. Through this project Keep Nassau Beautiful plans to distribute trees through public and organization specific educational events, and by coordinating spaces throughout Nassau County that may receive the gift of a larger, donated, legacy tree.

During the planting ceremony, participants were advised of the many ways to get involved in Planting Nassau's Future, Adopt-A-Tree project. The project seeks individuals who have interest in planting trees on private property, and businesses and organizations that have interest in planting multiple trees on business-owned or public property. Educational support will be provided so adopted

trees may be given the best possible support for on-going good health. For individuals and organizations who would like to donate a legacy tree, Keep Nassau Beautiful will coordinate a tree planting on public property or your private property location. The donor may select the location and the tree species based on the right tree for the location.

"Keep Nassau Beautiful thanks the organizations and individuals who have helped make this project possible," said Lynda Bell, Executive Director. "We are looking forward to working with the individuals, volunteers and donors who are committed as we are to beautifying Nassau County."

A free Adopt-A-Tree workshop will be held Saturday, February 8 from 9-11 a.m. at the Callahan Extension Office. Residents will earn free trees by completing the workshop. For more information and to register for the event, call 904-261-0165.

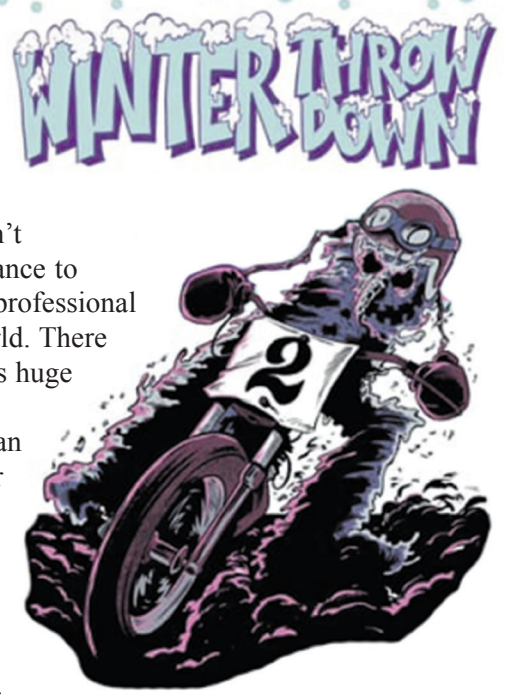
Keep Nassau Beautiful, Inc. is working to inspire, educate, and equip individuals, groups and businesses to take action to make our county a place where residents, visitors and wildlife can thrive and experience the beauty.

Winter Throw Down at Callahan Speedway Saturday

This Saturday, the Callahan Speedway will welcome one of the biggest Flat Track Motorcycle Races to Callahan. These racers travel on the national circuit and also bring big sponsors and large crowds. If you like motorcycle racing at high speeds and close contact, you don't want to miss this one! This is your chance to come and watch some of the fastest professional motorcycle riders from around the world. There will be over 200 racers on hand for this huge event right here in Callahan!

The event is being hosted by Callahan Speedway and produced by Cory Texter Racing. The race will be shown live on Cory Texter Racing Facebook page beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday. The gates open for racing at 11 a.m. Saturday. The entry fee is \$20 per person; 6 years old and under are free.

The Strider Cup Race will be at 1:30 p.m.; Heat races begin at 4 p.m. Opening ceremonies are set to begin at 6 p.m. with racing following shortly after! Make sure to come out and see some fantastic racing from professionals!



Thank You Firefighters!



Lights flashing and sirens blaring! On the Saturday before Christmas, our day was interrupted by the sights and sounds of two fire trucks coming down our normally quiet street and stopping in front of our home. Our two young grandsons were thrilled to see Santa Claus climb down from one of the trucks. Santa spoke to them, ensuring that they had been good all year and then presented each of them with a brightly wrapped gift!

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MLK Parade and Scholarship Sponsors Needed

The Patricia V. Williams Chapter of The Concerned Citizens of Nassau County is proud to present the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and parade Monday, January 20. The celebration service will be held at 10 a.m. at the Second Baptist Church, 45019 Johnson Rd, Callahan. The parade will follow at 11:30 a.m. beginning at Second Baptist Church, turning right on US Highway 1, left on Ewing Park Road where the celebration lunch will be held at Ewing Park.

The Patricia V. Williams Chapter of The Concerned Citizens of Nassau County provides scholarship

opportunities to students that apply. Persons wishing to donate to the scholarship may mail checks payable to: Patricia V. Williams Chapter, PO Box 332, Callahan, FL, 32011. A sponsorship breakfast will be held Saturday, February 8, where sponsors will be recognized. Sponsorship opportunities are: \$100, 1 breakfast ticket, 1 Concerned polo shirt; \$200, 2 breakfast tickets, 1 Concerned polo shirt; or \$500, 5 breakfast tickets, 2 Concerned polo shirts.

For those interested in participating in the parade with a float, vehicle or walking, please call 904-507-9580.

Callahan Town News

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first meeting of 2020. Lynda Bell, representing Keep Nassau Beautiful, approached the podium to announce to the council about the new Adopt-A-Tree Program. "We (KNB) have worked hard and secured a grant that will allow us to plant trees in the county," said Bell. "Our incentive is to plant 300 trees by April! We will be having an Adopt-A-Tree workshop Saturday, February 8 from 9-11 a.m. at the Callahan Extension Office (multi-purpose building) at the fairgrounds. Residents can earn free trees but they must register to attend."

Pastor Walter Cooper, representing the Patricia V. Williams Chapter of the Concerned Citizens of Nassau County, reminded the council and visitors about the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. "The MLK Celebration service will be held Monday, January 20 at 10 a.m. at the Second Baptist Church in Callahan," said Cooper. "The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the church and will continue down US 1 to Ewing Park where a lunch celebration will be held."

The first agenda item was a presentation by Adrienne Burke, representing the Nassau County Planning and Economic Opportunity Development Department, concerning the Western Nassau Heritage Vision Book. "After four years of talking with residents, schools and concerned citizens we have finally produced the Vision Book. The book was a vision to the year 2032 but has been expanded to 2045," said Burke. "The Vision Book is a book of goals, objectives and strategies to follow as Nassau County continues to grow. As the Crawford Diamond becomes a reality we (Planning &

Economic Development) will be having town hall meetings about the planning. Make sure to be a part of the planning."

Michelle Maddox, representing Ferst Readers, advised the council the in 2019 Ferst Readers impacted over 1300 children. "We have been in Nassau County 5 years and have served over 20,000 children. Children are signed up in the program at birth or under 5 years old," said Maddox. "The children receive 1 book per month, mailed to them. The books are age appropriate and also have fun activities to do with their family. It takes \$36 to sponsor 1 child per year. I am asking for Callahan's sponsorship again this year."

"We will do a resolution for the next meeting for Ferst Readers," said Council President Ken Bass.

"Last year we did 10 children, I recommend we sponsor more this year," added Mayor Marty Fontes.

Mayor Fontes addressed the Department of Economic Opportunity Grant update. "We will meet Wednesday with FPL to look over the first draft of the engineer plan," said Fontes. "We hope to have the first reading in March to award the contract and have the project finished by the end of the year."

There was much discussion concerning the Charter change to do away with the Mayor position and make it a CEO Town Manager instead. Councilwoman Shirley Graham advised the council she would like to have a workshop on the issue, as there were things she still didn't understand.

Council President Bass also advised he would prefer a workshop. "I have been asked by numerous residents about this issue," said Bass. "All have said they prefer to vote for a mayor for the town."

Bass asked the council about having a workshop prior to the first meeting in February. The council agreed to have the workshop concerning the Charter changes on Monday, February 3 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Genealogy Tidbits

Claude Arpen

If you have an ancestor from the colonial period of America, you may be interested in the new book The Royal Descents of 900 Immigrants, by genealogist Gary Boyd Roberts. This is a two-volume expansion of the earlier edition Royal Descents of 600 Immigrants. This new work also includes some Canadians that came to America during this period.

Boyd and other genealogists estimate fifty percent of Americans are descended from royalty. The only place I know the book is available locally is the Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society in Jacksonville.

The library is manned by volunteers. Check the website, www.sgesjax.org, for hours of operations before you go and also give them a call.

Quote: "History remembers only the celebrated. Genealogy remembers the rest!"

The program at our Monday, January 13 meeting will be presented by Janet Edwards and her topic will be Letters from World War I.

To learn more, come join us at the West Nassau Genealogical Society Meetings, the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Callahan Lions Club, located on US 1 north of the fairgrounds. Visitors are always welcome.



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Hilliard Town News

Dawn S. West

The Hilliard Town Council met Thursday night for their first meeting of 2020. The first order of business was the organization of office and departments. A motion was made to keep both the office and departments the same as last year. They are: Council President and Parks & Recreation Department Commissioner John Beasley; Council Pro Tem and Street Department Commissioner Kenny Sims; Water & Sewer Department Commissioner Lee Pickett; Fire Department Commissioner Jared Wollitz; Airpark Department Commissioner Callie Kay Bishop.

Resolution 2020-01 was approved which concerned the Town Council to adopt the holiday dates for 2020 for all Hilliard employees.

Resolution 2020-02 was approved which concerns the MLK Walk that will be held Monday, January 20, 2020. The resolution authorizes the permitting of the MLK Walk organized by the Concerned Citizens of Hilliard to be held on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 20.

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis requested direction of what the council wants to do concerning the town owned property, 105' x 105' on West 5th Street. The council wants the property advertised in the newspapers with a minimum bid for the property. Bidders will mail or bring in their bids in a sealed envelope to purchase the property. The bids will be opened February 20.

Three upcoming workshop dates were set up: Bobby Franklin, a possible PUD Apartment & Commercial project on US 1, workshop Tuesday, January 21 at 6 p.m.; Town Personnel Policy & Procedures, Thursday, February 6 at 6 p.m.; and Fee Resolutions Review & Discussion, Monday, January 13 at 6 p.m.

Public Works Director Ritchie Rowe requested approval for a Capital Purchase of Equipment sheds for the Waste Water

Treatment Plant and also the Water Treatment Plant. The department feels they get better use to purchase three building versus one, as for one reason they don't have a place for such a large building. A \$30,000 amount was budgeted for this purchase and the three buildings will come in under that amount. They request a: 20x26 shed at the water plant; a 30x80 building at the spray field; and a 20x31. Rowe recommends S & S Steel, who offers a 20-year warranty and 26-gauge tubing at a cost of \$28,405. The council approved the request.

Recently, the Hilliard water tower was sprayed with graffiti. Since this happened, the town has been looking into security measures around both of the plants. Rowe advised the council that he had talked with Atlantic Security and also Florida Power & Light concerning lighting at both the WTP and the WWTP. Rowe advised that he recommended FPL, who walked the property with him, and will use existing poles at the WTP to put up high voltage LED lights (the town will add cameras). At the WWTP, FPL will add one light pole with an LED light and FPL will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the lights. There will be no upfront cost however there will be a monthly payment of \$105.98 for the new lights and power. The council approved the recommendation.

Parks and Recreation Director Kyle Malucci advised the council that the sand filters at the pool and the splash pad are both in need of changing and replacement. Of the bids received, Malucci recommended FPSI at a cost of \$6,327 to do the work needed. "All of the bidders came out but I felt most confident with FPSI. They were very professional and good to work with," said Malucci. The council approved the recommendation.

The next council meeting will be held Thursday, January 16 at 7 p.m.

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

An Iranian journalist and activist proclaimed that the people of Iran did not mourn the death of Iranian General Qassem Soleimani. Soleimani was killed in a well thought out plan by President Trump and our military experts. He was directly responsible for the deaths and maiming of hundreds of American service and contract personnel. Once again, President Trump is being blasted by the Democrat Party and the main-stream news media. It's as if they support the acts of terrorism this man has produced against America. The thing that concerns me greatly is the resemblance of our leftist political party and leftist news media by what Alinejad says about the country of Iran.

While Alinejad was being interviewed by Sandra Smith, she stated that the Iranian media staunches freedom of expression throughout the country. She said, "So, all you see in Iranian state television, state media, is like showing some people took to the street mourning and showing their sympathy towards Qassem Soleimani, but, the fact is this: many Iranians do not see him as a hero and if you go to social media, they are very happy." The reason she gave was, "Because

they have been witnessing how the Revolutionary Guard killed people in the streets across Iran." She added that many Iranians realize that Soleimani and the Revolutionary Guard are killers and torturers and responsible for acts of terror in much of the Middle East.

I said that to say this, the State controlled media in Iran all too much resembles the American news media. They show us what they want us to see and hear, thereby controlling the populations views and opinions. A prime example was the 2016 Presidential election. For months the news media plastered the air waves with poll after poll to show Clinton was going to sweep the nation. None of it was true however they were attempting to convince the American people who they should vote for so as that they could be the victors.

Don't be fooled by the main-stream media, their agenda is to brainwash you with their one sided socialistic propaganda which just so happens to be the Democratic Platform.

Think for yourselves, don't trust me, FOX news or any mainstream media source. Research and make your own decision. Don't be a sheeple.

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New Beginnings and Milestones

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Tomlin to Celebrate 40th Anniversary

J.C. and Martha Tomlin, of Callahan, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary January 12. They were married January 12, 1980 in Jacksonville. J.C. served in the US Coast Guard for 6 years. Following his service, he worked and retired from Glidco Chemical Company after 35 years of service. Martha worked 20 years for a dentist in Jacksonville before retiring. They attend Callahan First Baptist Church. They enjoy fishing, camping and playing golf together but more recently enjoy family gatherings at their home!



They have two daughters Donna and Scott Jones of Callahan; and Sonja and Steve Marsh of Jacksonville. They also have several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Tanner Lee King

Travis King and Elisha Padgett, of Hilliard, are proud to announce the birth of their son Tanner Lee King. Tanner was born December 2, 2019 at Baptist Nassau Hospital in Fernandina Beach. He weighed 9 pounds 11 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Latasha King; and William Pierce.

Maternal grandparents are Carmen Rodgers; and Paul Statzer.

Proud great-grandparents are Primo and Betty Paradero.

Tanner was welcomed home by his siblings Landen, Layden and Audrie King!

Petree Recipient of Modern Warrior Award

Action Martial Arts magazine has inducted Callahan native, Jonathan Petree, into the Hall of Honor by naming him the 2019 Esteemed Modern Warrior. A 1990 graduate of West Nassau High School and former Nassau County School Board member, "Si Fu" Jonathan Petree is the founder of Atlantic Warriors, a self-defense and martial arts school headquartered in Jacksonville. Atlantic Warriors provides personal protection training for a wide variety of customers, including corporate and civic organizations, civilian, military, law enforcement and government personnel.

Based on the Action Martial Arts Magazine Board of Directors criteria, Petree was chosen because of his pursuit of excellence in effective training methods, 7 student's lives (both men and women) have been saved since



2010 from violent, random attacks around the world.

SiFu Petree was previously voted Self-Defense Instructor of the Year for Women's Self-Defense and his company, Atlantic Warriors, received the Community Enrichment Award for making the community a safer place.

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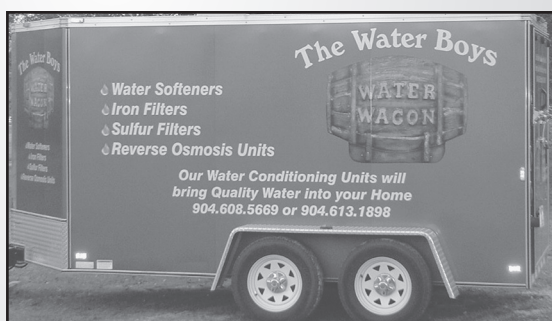
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Barnabas Thanks the Amelia Island Club for Support

In November, the Amelia Island Club hosted its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive which benefits Barnabas Center. In total, the club collected 275.5 pounds of non-perishable Thanksgiving food and over \$2,000 to help feed hungry families over the holidays. What an incredible effort! Thanks to the Amelia Island Club and many other supporters, Barnabas can continue the battle against hunger in Nassau County. During this special time of giving, Barnabas Center



Shown (l to r) are: David Shepler, General Manager of Amelia Island Club and Brian Tennyson, Club Board President

thanks the community for their ongoing support in helping us bring joy and hope to people in need in Nassau County. For more information about Barnabas' programs, please visit www.BarnabasNassau.org.

County Adopts Western Nassau Vision Book

The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has adopted, by resolution, the Western Nassau Heritage Preservation Vision Book. The adoption of the Vision Book is the culmination of a community-driven process to proactively plan for the future of Western Nassau County, including all of West Nassau County (west of I-95).

Nassau County Department of Planning and Economic Opportunity (PEO) facilitated an extensive public outreach campaign to gather input from residents, property and business owners, and state and local agencies to craft their vision for the future. On March 26, 2019, after a full year of community engagement, the WNHPC adopted the following mission statement:

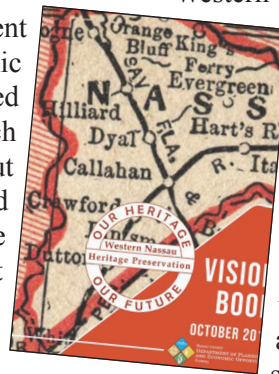
The Western Nassau Heritage Preservation Committee exists because there is a genuine desire on the part of our citizenry to ensure what our name implies--Preservation! We enjoy a rich heritage in Western Nassau County.

Through purposeful community engagement, we are driven to gain perspective and insight for inevitable growth. The underlying impetus of our goal is to maintain a high quality of life, preserve rural character, and ensure fiscally sustainable and appropriately controlled development.

The Vision Book was approved by the Western Nassau Heritage Preservation Committee on October 22, 2019. The full County Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval to the BOCC in November 2019. The WNHPC and County staff extend many thanks to the numerous citizens who took time to attend meetings and events, or stop to talk to staff during community events.

The Vision Book is truly a citizen-led plan and would not have been possible without their time and interest.

More information on the work of the Western Nassau Heritage Preservation Committee and the Vision Book can be found at: www.nassaucountyfl.com/westernnassau.



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The Town of Hilliard will hold a Community Workshop on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hilliard Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 15859 West CR 108. The purpose of this workshop is for the citizens of the Town of Hilliard to identify community preferences and provide input on public facilities, land uses, how to address growth in Hilliard through 2045, and other community issues.

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SANDRA M. BURNETTE



Sandra 'Sandy' June McConnell Burnette, 79, of Hilliard, passed away Saturday, January 4, 2020 at her residence following an extended illness. She was born August 22, 1940 in Jacksonville, to the late Ivor and Iris Walker McConnell. She was a homemaker and a lifelong member of First Baptist Church Hilliard. Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband of almost 51 years, Jack Norman Burnette, Sr.; and a sister Lois Lloyd.

She is survived by her children Jack Burnette, Jr., Kevin (Dawn) Burnette and Suzanne (Roger) Pickett; six grandchildren Brandon Burnette, Suzannah (Chase) Howell, Peyton (Ryan) Morgan, Elisabeth Burnette, Walker (Calen) Burnette and Aaron Burnette; seven great-grandchildren Annaleece Burnette, Isaac Burnette, Natalie Grace Howell, Abigail Faith Howell, Jayce Norman Howell, Adalyn Hope Howell and Bryson Emanuel Morgan; a sister Iva Jo (Lee) Germany; a brother Cris 'Mackie' (Peggy) McConnell; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 7 at First Baptist Church of Hilliard with Rev. Josh Tillman officiating. The family received friends prior the service. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com. Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

ELEANOR 'BEA' GARDNER



Eleanor 'Bea' Gardner, 95, of Brunswick, Georgia, died peacefully in her sleep Friday, January 3, 2020 while at home. Eleanor is predeceased by her husband Miles Gardner.

Eleanor was born in Jacksonville on August 10, 1924 to Charles and Emma

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McLeod. She attended Robert E. Lee High school and Anderson College, the sister School of Clemson University in the 1940's. Returning to Jacksonville, she became a lifelong resident of Florida. Eleanor was an accomplished artist, a gift that has been passed down through the generations to her daughters and granddaughters. She played the piano, was an avid reader and accomplished equestrian in her youth. She raised her children as loving Christians and always saw the beauty and wonder in the natural world that God created. She will be sorely missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.

She is survived by her four children, Lani (John) McClendon, Leslie (Keith) Holland, all of Jacksonville, Dean (Heather) Gardner of Bryceville and Daryn (Doug) Osbourn of Brunswick; nine grandchildren, Stacey, Damon, Brian, Amanda, Emma, Samantha and Erin; and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held January 6 at Hewell Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

because she will be the one on the bench by Jesus, with a brand new body, eating Debbie cakes and drinking a Mountain Dew.

She is survived by her daughter Tiffany Ann King of Jacksonville; her son Corey Lee Hagan of Jacksonville; her parents Fred and Frances King of Jacksonville; brother Freddie (Tammy) King, Jr.; two sisters Joyce (Bruce) DeBoyd and Angela (Ben) Sheppard; two aunts Annette (Marvin) Taylor, Mary (Andy) Miller; uncle James (Elle) King; cousins Tina (David) Johns, Albert (Amy) Taylor and Brenda (Rocky) Taylor; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews that she loved.

The funeral service was held Thursday, January 2 at Callahan Funeral Home, 617365 N. Brandies Ave. A graveside service followed at High Bluff Church Cemetery in Waycross, Georgia.

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loving pet of 14 years, Patches; and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Saturday, January 4 at Callahan Funeral Home with Bro. Steve Dubose officiating. Interment followed in the Ferreira Cemetery in Jacksonville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Callahan Funeral Home, 617365 N. Brandies Ave., Callahan, FL, 32011, to help with burial expenses.

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Callahan Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements, 879-2336.

JAMES R. WOOTEN



James R. Wooten, 59, of Keystone Heights passed away on January 2, 2020. He was born on September 24, 1960 in Jacksonville to Garnett Russell Wooten, Sr. and Thelma Ruth Alexander Wooten. James lived in the Jacksonville area all of his life and graduated from Forrest High School in 1979. He enjoyed fishing and playing the piano. James was a fun-loving guy with a big heart who loved his family dearly. He is preceded in death by his father.

James is survived by his mother Ruth A. Wooten of Jacksonville; son Shayne Wooten of Keystone Heights; sisters Edie (Mickey) Knapp and Cynthia Lord (Bernie Blalock), all of Jacksonville; six nieces and nephews; many cherished friends.

A Celebration of James's life was held Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Lannie Road Baptist Church with Pastor Buddy Wimberly officiating. Interment followed at Holly Hill Memorial Park. The family received friends prior to service.

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

To sign the family guest book, visit www.nassauffh.com.

TERESA ANN KING

Teresa Ann King, 51, passed away December 29, 2019. Teresa was born January 3, 1968 in Jacksonville and was a lifelong area resident. She was a mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend to many. Teresa would like to let you all know that her work here is done. She received a call, a sort of offer you can't refuse, for an appointment from which she will not be returning. This assignment comes with a huge sign-on bonus, a reunion with family and friends she has not seen in a long time. Her new mission has taken her to a wonderful place, where she will be saving a seat for the rest of us that know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. You'll recognize her

FRANCES ELAINE WILSON

Frances Elaine Cowart Wilson, 63, of Jacksonville, went home to be with the Lord on December 30, 2019. She was born August 12, 1956 to the late Hoot and Frances Cowart. She was a graduate of West Nassau County High School. She was retired from the Duval County School Board.

Mrs. Wilson was preceded in death by her husband, Rufus Wilson Sr.; her parents; two brothers Norman and Calvin Cowart; a stillborn granddaughter and twin granddaughters.

She is survived by her three children Rufus Wilson, Jr., Chattanooga, TN and twin daughters Felecia and Amanda Wilson of Jacksonville; one brother Terry (Elaine) Cowart, Sr. of Smithville, TN.; and her

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Monday, December 30

Christian Michael Durham, 21, 27223 Kara Circle, Hilliard: Violation of Injunction

Gary Brian Hickox, 41, 241852 CR 121, Hilliard: Clay County Warrant Scheme to Defraud; Grand Larceny by Use of Credit Card; Fraudulent Use of Credit Card

Winfield Scott Potter, 49, 43200 Smitty Road, Callahan: Possession of Methamphetamine

Virginia Dale Long, 41, 37051 W. 5th Street, Hilliard: Duval County Warrant Writ of Bodily Attachment

Tuesday, December 31

Ray Shaun Bryant, 37, 45171 Mickler Street, Callahan: Failure to Appear Felony Battery

Thursday, January 2

Stanley Milton Courson, 61, 29155 Pigeon Creek Drive, Hilliard: Bradford County Warrant Failure to Appear on Willful and Wanton Reckless Driving

Attempted Murder Arrest Made

Two juveniles from Callahan were arrested for attempted murder in a drive-by shooting. On Monday, December 30, around 11:55 p.m. (close to midnight) the Nassau County Sheriff's Office was called to a residence in Callahan in reference to gunshots and a vehicle being struck.

The victim stated that some unknown suspects in a white Dodge Charger drove past her vehicle near her home, which had her son, daughter and another adult female inside and fired a gun at least three times at her vehicle striking it then leaving the scene. Deputies observed three bullets had

struck the victim's vehicle one in the rear hatch door, one on the passenger side door and one on the front hood.

While the investigation was ongoing, other NCSO deputies conducted a traffic stop on a white Dodge Charger in the vicinity of Dornbush Road and Bea Road. After further investigation, two juveniles were arrested: Cody Bradley Cummings, 15, from Callahan: charged with Attempted Murder; and Discharge of a Firearm from a Vehicle; and Sean Alvin Epperly, 17, from Callahan: charged with Attempted Murder; and Discharge of Firearm from a Vehicle.

Spin City Burglary

On Tuesday, December 31, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to 542834 US Highway 1 in Callahan. A burglary occurred to the Spin City Arcade business sometime during the early morning hours. The investigation revealed that a side glass door had been broken out and investigators found empty cash drawers on the floor near the cashier area. There is one unknown male suspect at this time who was last seen in a blue 4-door vehicle.



Anyone who may have information is asked to contact the Nassau County Sheriff's Office at 904-225-5174 or First Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845 TIPS.

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