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"LET US THEN APPROACH GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE WITH CONFIDENCE, SO THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP US IN OUR TIME OF NEED." - HEBREWS 4:16

Truck Night in America Features Callahan's Matt Griffin

Dawn S. West

Truck Night in America is a new series that just started last week on the History Channel. There are 11 shows in the series which features trucks and drivers from all over the country doing 'unique' challenges with their trucks. They certainly met their match when Matt Griffin of Callahan entered his name in the pot to be on the show. Matt loves to do anything off-road. Almost every weekend, he can be found off-road in his mud truck in a mud bog or maybe muddin' on his 4-wheeler. "It's just something I've always enjoyed. In my truck I can do my thing! It's nothing like work and helps me to unwind," said Matt. "I also enjoy riding the sand dunes. Anything off-road is exciting to me!"



Matt has taken the reins of the family business and stays extremely busy so when the weekends come, he makes sure he fits in some down time. A friend told him about a Facebook post about the show Truck Night in America. Jokingly, he posted his name and phone number on the post. Much to his surprise, the next afternoon, he received a phone call from the show. He went through many phone interviews, a skype interview and had to send them a video of him doing something in his truck. "We went to the back pasture and reeved up the truck a little, did a few donuts and they loved it," continued Matt. "My video was 'above average', which put me in the show. From then on I was known as the Farm Boy from Florida! That was okay with me!"

Matt already had his truck however

he had to make many modifications for the show. For one, he had to add a roll cage and another, add a 4-point harness to his seat. He can't thank his friends Ben and Bobby who worked tirelessly to get the truck ready for the filming of the show. The show was filmed in Augusta, Georgia. Matt found out the days, a Monday through Thursday that he would need to be there. As many of you know, when you own your own business you have to make plans to be away any amount of time.

Unfortunately, Matt and his wife Stacy were not able to leave Callahan early. They ended up pulling into Augusta about 3 a.m. Monday morning. They also took along their friends Lowell, Renee and Evan for support and to also be of help if needed. Monday morning, Matt was whisked off to the filming site so the producers could spend time with him and learn a little more about Matt. Tuesday was calm. They got to spend time with the other drivers and get to know them. Two of them were from

American Legion Post 401 Grand Opening Saturday



The American Legion Post 401, in Hilliard, is proud to announce the official Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of their new state-of-the-art facility this Saturday, March 17 at 11 a.m. There will be some prominent guest speakers for the special event. Everyone is invited to attend! Come and enjoy some food from 12-1:30 p.m. and tour the facility. There will also be live entertainment all day long. The facility will be open all day for residents to come by and see the building. All military persons (active or retired) are invited to come and join the American Legion. You need to bring

along your DD 214 form if you want to join. The new American Legion Post 401 is located at 37405 Henry Smith Road, Hilliard. There will be overflow parking at Winn Dixie with a shuttle driving you back and forth to the post.

"This post is one of the few that have been built from the ground up," said Bobby Franklin, Veteran and Contractor. "Most posts have acquired old buildings to set up in. We are happy to have had a part in making the Hilliard Post a beautiful, safe facility for the American Legion."

Vermont and the other from California. Each episode includes five drivers and trucks. The show includes ten (10) different episodes with five different drivers for each one. These four days were strictly for the show Matt and the other four drivers were in and their class



was big trucks. Wednesday was filming day when they all did competitions with each other. Thursday, they all packed up and headed home. "All in all, it was a great experience. The crew was really good to us and we had a good time," said Matt. "I enjoyed driving my truck while competing and having fun while I was doing it."

Matt's episode, which is the third of the series, will air Thursday, March 22 at 10 p.m. on the History channel. Make sure to watch (or record) the episode and see how he did! He was also told that he and his truck will also appear on the 11th episode which is the Best of the Season! Way to go Matt!

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Children of all ages can enjoy the antics of Peter Cottontail and other holiday characters on a special Easter season train excursion March 24 and 31 in St. Marys. St. Marys Express takes passengers on a journey through picturesque woodlands and marshlands with entertainment all along the way.



At the Midway stage, actors from St. Marys Little Theatre bring a fun Easter Bunny story to life with lovable characters including Peter Cottontail himself. As the train's locomotive reverses directions, Peter Cottontail boards the train for the return trip and to host a special Easter Egg hunt back at the station.

"Volunteers for St. Marys Little Theatre create engaging scenarios that get the passengers involved before, during and after the train ride," said Barbara Ryan, entertainment director for St. Marys Express. "We have many returning guests because they know that each excursion is an entirely new and different experience."

Ryan said that 95% of all train passengers have come from out of the area, thus fueling the tourist trade for Camden County and helping restaurants, hotels, and retail establishments grow their customer base.

"The St. Marys Express train rides are giving people who have never come to St. Marys a reason to visit," Ryan stated. "And it gives us an opportunity to introduce a whole new market to our other destination assets including Cumberland Island, our museums, our waterfront park and the many historic features of our town."

The Peter Cottontail Express departs from Theatre by the Trax, 1000 Osborne Street in St. Marys, Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; and Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults; and \$14 for children 12 and under (children 2 and under ride free). Tickets can be purchased at www.stmarysrailroad.com or by calling 912-200-5235. Special group discounts are available for groups of ten or more by calling 912-729-1103 to get discount code.

Also, St. Marys Express' popular At The Throttle experience is also offered on all train dates. The At The Throttle experience gives people (must be 16 or older) an opportunity to actually run the diesel locomotive. The cost is \$150. Reservations for At The Throttle must be made ahead of time by calling 912-729-1103.

WN Drama Performs for Chamber



The West Nassau High School Theatre Department had a luncheon performance for the Greater Nassau County Chamber of Commerce last Thursday. The proceeds from the performance will go to drama students who will perform in a state competition in Tampa.

Piano Students Perform



Joel Pace's music students performed at the historic Train Depot Friday at the West Nassau Historical Society's Ice Cream Social! Everyone enjoyed an evening of music, ice cream, face painting and tours of the Train Museum. Next up, the students will hold an



open house/clothing giveaway/yard sale for charity on Saturday, March 17 from 12-4 p.m. at the studio, 14244 Pace Road, Jacksonville! Come supports' the students outreaches in our community!

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Preheat oven to 400°. Spray a 9x13 inch pan with cooking spray. Arrange the salmon skin side down in the prepared pan, and lightly coat with the Dijon mustard. Place the garlic and onion slices on the salmon fillets. Season with tarragon, salt, and pepper. Bake 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until salmon is easily flaked with a fork.

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Relay for Life... Meet Emily Hehn

Editor's note: As Relay for Life Nassau County West draws near, we will be sharing stories of cancer survivors for the next few weeks. The Relay will be held Friday, April 6 at 6 p.m. at the NE FL Fairgrounds. Survivors may sign up at the Westside Journal office.

Emily Hehn

Aloha! My name is Emily Leilani Hehn and I am a Warrior and a Survivor! I was diagnosed with Invasive Ductal Breast Cancer, which was successfully removed on December 23, 2016 by the amazing surgery team at UF Health North. I will never forget that date. My life changed forever and I cherish every new day. In addition to the lumpectomy removal of the cancerous and surrounding tissue, my surgeon performed biopsies on three lymph nodes. By the grace of God, the cancer was caught early in Stage 1 and was contained in the duct. Three weeks after my surgery, I began radiation treatments. I received radiation every morning, Monday through Friday then went to work at 11:30 a.m. for 4 weeks straight. I never missed one day of work throughout the 4 weeks going to Proton Therapy. My last radiation treatment was on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2017. After my last treatment, my husband Randy asked me if I wanted to ring the celebration chimes in the lobby to indicate that my time there was over. When I grabbed the rope and rang the chimes, to my surprise, everyone in the whole lobby started clapping, even the security guard who I came to know on a first name basis. Each person in that lobby has an incredible



story to tell and my time there was both therapeutic and humbling. By God's grace, my oncologist determined that I did not have to undergo chemotherapy. However, she did prescribe medications for me to take for the next five years and to undergo diagnostic mammograms every six months as a precaution. I agreed to have my cancer cells tested by the UF Health Genetic Testing Department. The tests determined that the cancer was sporadic and not genetic, which was great news to pass along to my children and grandchildren.

To me, one of the most incredible chapters of my cancer story is my job as a custodian at West Nassau played in discovering my diagnosis. My husband's grandmother told me when God closes a door he opens a window. Looking back, I can see how this applies to how I found out I had cancer. Prior to working as a custodian I had been a Store Manager of a franchise in Jacksonville for 8 years with no benefits. Although I loved my job, my bosses and my customers, the

store's landlord did not renew our lease so it closed and I was without a full time job. I had previously worked for private and public businesses and have a degree in Business Administration. I updated my resume and applied at the Nassau County School District for a job as a Substitute Teacher, passing the comprehensive Sub Training requirements. I told the head of HR I really wanted to work. She suggested that I sign up for sub everything: Teacher, Paraprofessional, Food Service Worker and Custodian. One day I was training with the Cafeteria ladies at West Nassau. I found out that Food Workers are nine month employees, but custodians are 12 month employees. I applied for the custodian fulltime position at the school, and again, by God's grace, I got the job and started working fulltime in May 2016. An insurance benefit fair was held and

I signed up to receive benefits for the first time in 10 years. Their Wellness Program includes a free mammogram for employees 50 years old. The mammogram showed an abnormality, which led to a diagnostic mammogram, then a biopsy, then my diagnosis. This is how I found out that I had cancer. I am so grateful to so many people that played a part in saving my life.

I'm so thankful to all of the doctors, nurses, hospital staff, coworkers, teachers, staff and students, church family and especially family members all over the globe who lifted me up in your thoughts and prayers. Because of you and the grace of God I am living cancer free. My goal in life is to see my five grandchildren (Gabriel, Leilani, Liam, Colton and Kaelyn) graduate from high school, preferably at West Nassau High School! Go Warriors!



EVENTS AROUND TOWN

The Bryceville Community Club will meet Tues., March 20 at 11 a.m. at the Bryceville Community Center on Motes Road. Mike Hickox, Property Appraiser, will speak about about property tax exemptions available to land owners.

Circle of Hope, a support group for women diagnosed with cancer, will meet March 22 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.

The Westside Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tues., March 20 at the Callahan County building on Mickler St. Guest speaker is Congressional District 4 candidate Monica DePaul. Dinner and a brief business meeting will follow her presentation.

The Friends of the Bryceville Library will host a free event Thurs., March 15 at 6 p.m. Thomas D. Foy, Jr., of Iris Financial Services, will be at the library to discuss financial planning and investments. For information, call 904-266-9813.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet Mon., March 19, at the Pig Barbeque, in Callahan, at 7 p.m. The SCV is a historical preservation organization.

The American Legion Post 401 meets the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. at their new post, 37405 Henry Smith Road, Hilliard. Everyone welcome! For more information call 845-7300.

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Do You Not Know?

Pastor Ted Heglund, First Alliance Church, Hilliard



I am not a flower person. Oh, I know the difference between an orchid and a rose bush but don't ask me details about the names, types and sizes of different flowering plants. Don't misunderstand. I enjoy the beauty and the smell of many kinds of flowers. Judith, my sweet wife, enjoys growing flowers and talking about them.

This past week Judith and I were in Asheville, NC. We were invited to go to the Biltmore House and were able to walk through their beautiful gardens and greenhouses. One room, dedicated to orchids had many sizes, shapes and colors of orchids; bright red, yellow, blue, big, tiny and even one that looked like fingers hanging down. The only other time I have seen so many kinds of orchids in one place was in Indonesia in a collection of orchids from the jungle.

These orchids remind me that behind everything there is a Creator. It is impossible to imagine that each flower just "grew" or "decided" to be yellow or white or very tiny. When the plant reproduces another set of flowers they are exactly like the previous ones. Just like when we looked at the huge Biltmore House, we knew that there was an architect behind the planning and building. So it is with all creation.

We marvel at the detail and development of each orchid flower. It is more mindboggling to consider the minute details God designed in each person. We each have characteristics uniquely different and yet we have each been created in the God's image and for His glory. Each person has a mind and heart with the power of choice. In Psalm 139:14 we read, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

The prophet Isaiah wrote, "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom." Isaiah 40:28 (NIV) The Creator knows every detail of our hearts and minds.

Since God created us, He knew that we could not live up to His standard. He knew that we would all sin and would deserve the death penalty. Because of His love for us, He sent His Son to take our punishment. We know from scripture that Jesus was fully God yet He chose to be born as a human being for the purpose of dying on the cross to pay for our sin.

It is interesting that the Creator, Almighty God Himself, did not just make Jesus Christ appear as a grown man but chose physical birth for Jesus to humbly take on the form of man. For some people the virgin birth seems impossible or a made up story. But consider this in view of the Creator. If He can create everything out of nothing, why do we think it would be impossible to create life in a virgin womb?

Look around and see the beauty and cycle of God's creation. In the plants and animals we see a cycle of the beginning of life, growth and death. But for us, life does not end at physical death. When we die we face eternal life or death. Our Creator gives us opportunity of choice to live in fellowship with Him or chose to reject His Son, Jesus. What is your relationship with Jesus, our Creator? Jesus said "...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10b (NIV)

It is by faith in Him that we receive eternal life.

Pinball Alley Tournament



The Pinball Alley in Callahan had 19 players participate in their kickoff tournament! The finals were held February 25 with the top 4 players going head to head on 7 games. Winners were: 1st place Cody Miller, 2nd place Carl Reedy, 3rd place Miranda Henry and 4th place Chris Henry.

Hot Breakfast at MCCI

Start your day right with a hot breakfast every Tuesday morning at the MCCI (across from CES, Callahan) activity room. Bring a friend and enjoy breakfast. Look forward to socializing, touring the facility and making new friends. The breakfast is free from 8:30-9:30 a.m. every Tuesday! Come on over and join us!

Fundraiser Car Wash



First Baptist Academy Jacksonville will have a Fundraiser Car Wash this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the O'Reilly's Callahan parking lot to raise money for their 8th grade trip. Donations will be accepted!

CHURCH NEWS

Bethany Episcopal Church in Hilliard will be selling Spaghetti dinners Friday, March 16 from 5-7 p.m. at the church. The cost is \$8 per dinner which includes a salad and drink.

Thomas Creek Baptist Church in Callahan will celebrate Homecoming Sunday, March 18 at their 10 a.m. service with special guest group Lifeline Quartet.

Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, 541668 US Hwy 1, Callahan, is having a St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. Traditional Irish food will be served! Tickets are \$15/Adult; \$7/Children (13 and up). For more information, call 904-879-3662.

The Hilliard Pentecostal Full Gospel Church will be celebrating 'Old Fashioned Day' Sunday, March 18, featuring the Happy Carter Family. Please join us for a great time in the Lord. For more information call (904) 845-8181.

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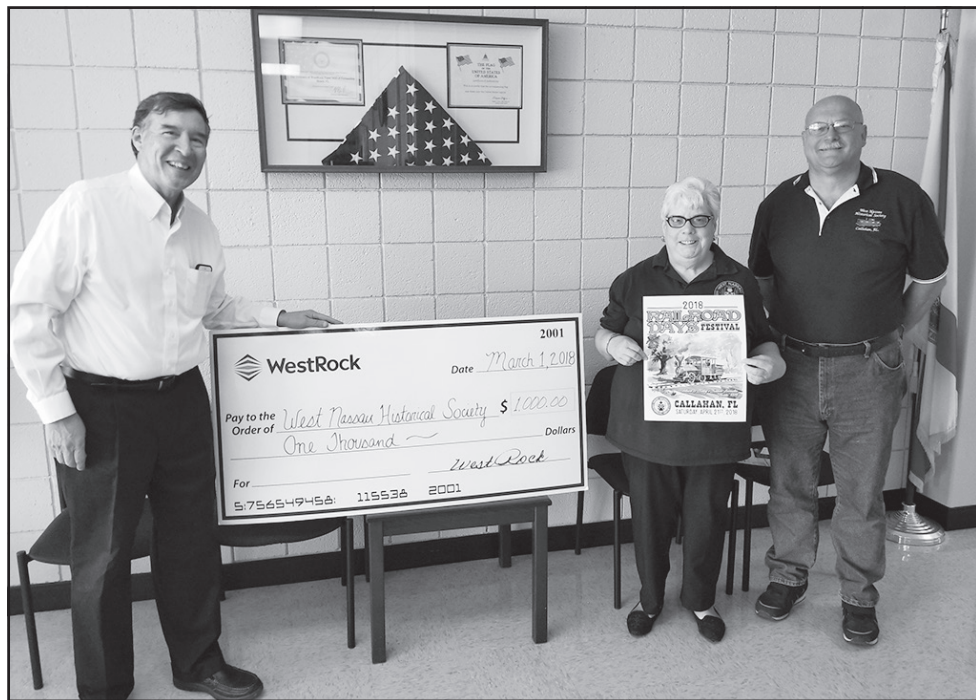
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WestRock Makes Donation to West Nassau Historical Society



Shown (l to r) are: WestRock's Eric Schmidt presenting the check to Railroad Day committee chairs Emily Baumgartner and John Hendricks.

The West Nassau Historical Society recently received a big donation from WestRock. WestRock has been in Nassau County for 80 years and is one of the county's largest employers. WestRock joins longtime Gold-Spike supporters CSX Transportation, Town of Callahan, Rayonier, Rayonier Advanced Materials and others in supporting the group as they celebrate and document our county's rich and diverse history.

The Historical Society's signature Railroad Day event is set for Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the historic Callahan Train Depot and grounds. The festival will include arts

and crafts vendors, live entertainment, model trains, antique machines, and a kids' play area. A classic car show presented by Callahan Cruisers and AB&B Auto Parts will be held at Cochrane's Collision Center from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. across from the 1881 Callahan Depot.

To become a gold-spike supporter to become a sponsor or volunteer, message us on Facebook or visit www.wnhsfl.org for more details. Individual, family and corporate memberships are available. Join the West Nassau Historical Society today and help us preserve our history and save our beloved train depot and historic rail bed.

Rodeo Fundraiser Friday & Saturday

Alyson McCullough, FFA Advisor

It is with much gratitude and excitement we announce that Hilliard FFA will be partnering with the Flying G Rodeo Company to put on an FFA Benefit Rodeo. Flying G Rodeo will provide all livestock, equipment and actually handle the operations of the Rodeo performances and entry data. The rodeo will be this Friday, March 16 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at the Rodeo Arena at the Fairgrounds in Callahan. This will be a lot of effort, hard work, but our goal is to fund the Florida FFA State Convention for every member who qualifies to attend (Orlando, June 11-15). "Hilliard FFA and the Geiger family have long worked together to advocate youth involvement through agriculture opportunities and we are so humbly grateful to reunite this spark," said Mr. Gernie Geiger.

Mr. Gernie, 76 and a longtime Hilliard resident, is a former FFA member himself. Although he uses the term "former" loosely as he still says that he lives by the FFA Motto and wants to see it instilled in each and every student that passes through the Nassau county school system. As I sat in Mr. Gernie's 'office', his kitchen table, where his sweet wife Mrs. Harriet kept my tea glass filled, I was overwhelmed by his heart for today's youth. His grandson Cliff and fiancé Brooke are following in the Geiger family footsteps with their Youth Rodeo Association. This family's passion for America's youth is evident in every aspect of their life. "FFA makes



a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education," added Mr. Gernie.

Over a lifetime Mr. Gernie, father of two, beloved uncle, and more than just a friend, has dedicated his life to using his Rodeo Company to reach far beyond Hilliard. He has worked with students from Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College all the way to Community Hospice to involve and outreach agricultural advocacy.

Make plans to attend at least one night of the Fundraiser Rodeo this Friday at 8 a.m. and Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Rodeo Arena at the Fairgrounds in Callahan.

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CES Students Study Weather



On Monday, March 5, Callahan Elementary School second graders had visitors from Nassau County Emergency Management, 4-H and the National Weather Service.

The students have been learning about weather since mid-January in the classroom and STEM lab. These presenters reinforced what to do during severe weather and showed equipment to the students such as the weather balloon launched 20 miles into the air twice a day by the National Weather Service. The students enjoyed this learning opportunity.

Fun at the Callahan Library

Some books stand the test of time...Now's the perfect time to embrace that classic that you've been meaning to read for years! Dive into a work of classic literature and discuss why it has (or hasn't!) passed the "literary endurance test" at the Callahan Library Book Club's March meeting to be held Friday, March 23 from 10:30-1:30 a.m. The Callahan Library is located at 450077 SR 200, Suite #15, Callahan, 904-530-6500 (#3), www.nassaureads.com.



NCBC Holds Fishing Tournament

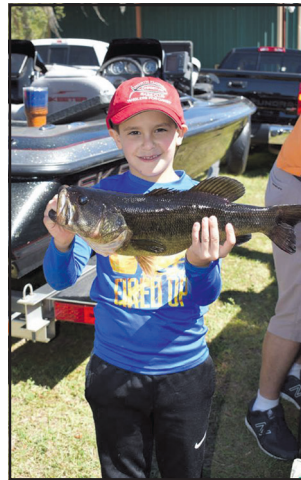


The Nassau Christian Bass Club (NCBC) held its first youth tournament Saturday, March 3. There were 12 young men and women who participated along with seven boat captains. The club fishes in three different divisions: Tadpole, ages 5-10 years old; Jr. Division, ages 11-14 years old; and Sr. Division, ages 15-18 years old. "It was a great first showing and I was very pleased with how the tournament turned out," said Club President RC Hodges.

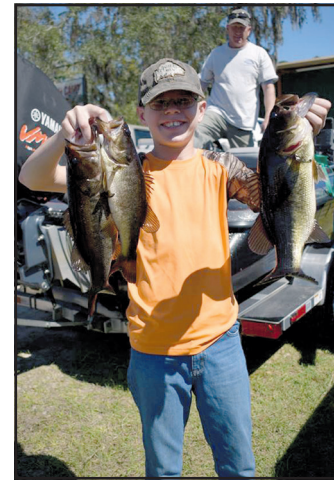
The Tadpole Division was won by Nolan Dortch with two bass weighing

in at 4 lbs. 2 oz. Dortch was also the winner of the 'Big Fish' in the tournament, weighing in at 2 lbs. 8 oz. The Jr. Division winner was Tucker Pickett, who caught a bag limit three bass weighing in at 4 lbs. 8 oz. The Sr. Division winner was Nicolas Bieker with one bass weighing in at 1 lb. 2 oz.

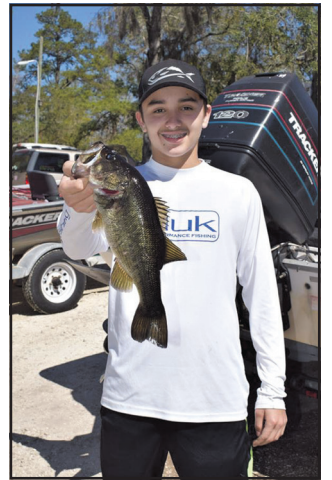
The young people had a great day on the water and are looking forward to our next tournament. If you would like more information on the Nassau Christian Bass Club, call RC at (904) 422-2242 or check us out on Facebook.



Nolan Dortch



Tucker Pickett



Nicolas Bieker



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PINBALL MACHINES ARE BACK!

Dawn S. West

I know some people think I'm ancient, especially when I talk about my younger years! Well, I do remember when pinball machines were popular and everybody was eager to take a chance playing them. Now you have a chance to play on new pinball machines right here in Callahan! The Pinball Alley has been open a little over a month and is gaining players every week. Owner Chris Henry has always been a fan of pinball machines and actually had a couple of them at his house. As he gets closer to retirement from his fulltime job he thought, why not open a pinball location close to home? "I have been traveling to Orlando to be in tournaments for a while. The thought of having my own location here quickly became a possibility," said Chris. "We are not a gaming room like the others. We are a place where you can come and play on pinball machines as long as you want. The only money involved is \$10 to play. You don't win money you just have fun accumulating points."

In fact, the entire Henry family is helping to run the business: wife Lisa and daughter Miranda are



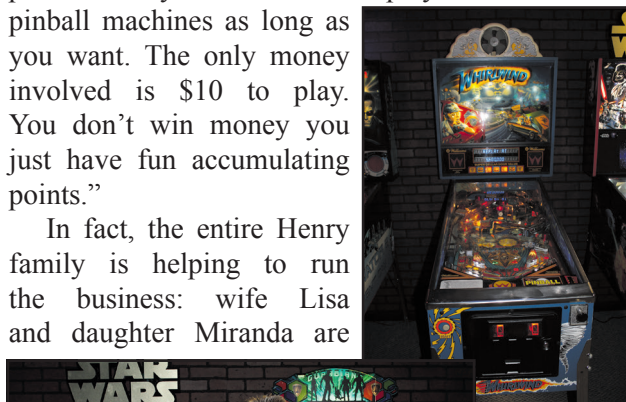
familiar faces at the store. The Pinball Alley is a family friendly place for the young and old alike. They do not offer any food or drinks in the store. However you are allowed to come in, pay your \$10, play for a while, leave to go eat and come back. It's just a fun time to have some fun or relieve some stress. I played a couple of times on one game and was surprised at how much fun it was. Chris then started showing me how you can change this or that and make more points! He was really helpful, but for me it was just fun!

The Pinball Alley is located in the same shopping center our office (Westside Journal) is, right across from Callahan Dollar General. They picked the name 'alley' because the space they are renting is long and narrow. All the machines are on the same side of the store making it easy to choose which one you might want to rack up points on. Chris has already held one tournament. The next monthly tournament is coming

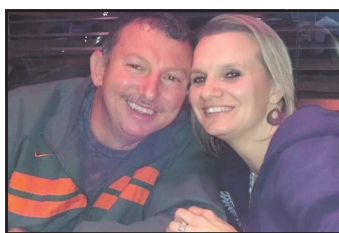
up. In fact, qualifying for the tournament is March 17-31. The top four players will play in a seven game finals Tuesday, April 3 at 6 p.m. Chris has The

Pinball Alley as a sanctioned location which means the tournaments are turned in with the state to qualify for larger tournaments. Right now he has nine machines but is waiting for three more to come in. These are all top games like: Batman, Star Wars, etc.

The Pinball Alley's hours are Tuesday - Friday from 5:30-9 p.m.; and Saturdays from 12-9 p.m. They are located at 450020-B SR 200, Callahan, across from Dollar General. Check them out on Facebook: The Pinball Alley. All ages are welcome!



Update on Billy & Angie's Home Raffle Drawing to be held Saturday



Many of you have been so gracious in donating to help Billy and Angie Everly in the cause of saving their home. Currently, they have a court date on March 21 and will find out what happens that day. We will update you when we find out! Thank you all for your support of this sweet family.

There is a gun raffle going on right now. The tickets are a chance to win a Winchester S & P Waterfowl, 12 ga, 28" barrel shotgun; or a Ruger Bolt Action 30-06 Copper Mica Stock. Tickets are: 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20 donation. All proceeds go to Billy & Angie! Tickets are available at the Westside Journal office now through Friday, as the drawing will be held at Brandies Ace Saturday, March 17 at 4 p.m. for your chance to win and to help Billy out!

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Q: I live in Yulee, and I am having problems with grassy weeds in the shady area on the lawn. I did apply a turf-builder in August 2017 and fertilized again with a winter guard in November 2017. Can I apply Bonus S Weed and Feed now? RH

A: We recommend using 15-0-15 on any of the warm season grasses grown in this area. The other fertilizers you have used are generally too high in nitrogen compared to the last number which is potassium. We have found using too much nitrogen can contribute to insect and disease stress ultimately causing its demise. If too much nitrogen is combined with too much water then I generally give the grass about 3-4 years and it will need to be replaced.



While applying fertilizer and weed killers together is convenient, it is not the best practice for the grass. We suggest applying a pre-emergent weed killer in March to manage spring and summer weeds then again in October for fall and winter weeds. This does not need to be done annually unless you notice a weed problem. The chemical label indicates the active ingredient in the weed killer can cause damage to the lawn if applied in the heat of the summer. No reason to do it in the dormant season (cooler temperatures) as the grass is not actively taking up substances through the roots this time of year.

We recommend applying 15-0-15 on April 15 and again September 15 when the grass is actively growing. We suggest applying 1-2 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet annually. Typically, we divide the amount in half

and then make the two applications. If you want to fertilize in the summer months - take care to apply small amounts as the weed, disease and insect populations are at their peak in these hot months, too.

One other important thing to know about grass: it normally requires 6-8 hours of full sun to perform well. Grass growing in shade will become thin and allow for weeds to become established. If shade is a problem, consider expanding the area under the tree canopy with mulch and possibly other types of ground cover. Grass growing in shady areas need less fertilizer and less water.

Lastly, I am available on the first and third Mondays of the month (unless it is a holiday) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can dig up a section of the lawn where you are having problems and I will look at it for you. If it has a disease, I will find it. If the grass has insects, I will find them. Be sure the grass roots are attached and you must bring me living tissue. Dead grass it just that - dead grass. I cannot give an accurate diagnosis. Take a section just outside of the area where it is doing poorly and be sure the portion is fresh.

I know I gave you a very long answer to your question. To recap: do not use winterizers, turfbuilders or weed and feed products as they generally contain too much nitrogen compared to potassium. For more complete information, we will have a lawn grass class taught by Nelson Peterson, Master

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

Gardener volunteer, on June 6 at the Yulee satellite office at 10 a.m.

Q: Can you identify this weed for me? SM

A: The weed you brought to the Yulee office is called Florida Pellitory, *Parietaria floridana*. This is a native, annual or short-lived perennial with small leaves. It does a green flower but the flowers are very small and non-distinct. It really has no outstanding physical characteristics. The only means of propagation is by seed. Most often this weed is found in grasses grown in moist, shady sites where the grass becomes thin and allows for seeds to reproduce. Florida Pellitory can be found from New Hampshire south to Florida and west to Texas. However, before you decide to destroy the weed, please consider this plant is the larval host for the Red Admiral butterfly. Here

is your chance to provide a food source for a beautiful and beneficial insect. Hopefully you will decide to leave the plant alone. Keep me posted!

Q: I came back from a trip to find my pine tree looking like this. What could be wrong? LT

A. This looks like mechanical damage. It appears to have been hit hard by something possibly backing into it. The linear line of the sap running indicates it is something manmade. The sap you see is the tree's response to the damage. It will most likely not kill the tree but the damage is permanent. This means the tree is working on sealing off the wound but the vascular tissue will probably no longer allow for water and nutrients to go to the rest of the tree in this specific area of the tree. However, 3/4 of the vascular tissue will be operating which is enough to provide the sustenance to the rest of the tree.



Thought of the week...

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TAXES

THE BEAUTY OF THE TAX FILING EXTENSION

Written by Pamela J. Soule, Enrolled Agent

Many taxpayers do not fully or altogether as yet understand that when you file for an automatic extension to file a return that the additional time is **granted only for them to file a final tax return...**

- But it is not an extension of time to pay the actual taxes you owe, and
- If indeed you owe money to the IRS and fail to make a fairly-accurate estimated payment with the extension then you still will be assessed
 - (1) Interest on the debt owed;
 - (2) 5% each month (or part thereof... even one day late) of the tax due penalty for the first 5 months (5 x 5% = 25%) for delay of payment;
 - (3) And additional kinds and types of non-deductible penalties for failure to file and/or for failure to pay by or before the first due date of your tax return if you actually owe IRS money.

The bottom line: Extensions only grant you an addition time to file your final return ... it does not grant you more time to pay the taxes you owe as of Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

WHAT IF YOU DO NOT OWE MONEY TO THE IRS?

1. You can still file for an automatic extension just in case you suspect that you might still do owe money...kind of a "fail safe" thing.
2. You can file later (one day later ... and more) without penalty (but remember, if you take too much time (3 years maximum) to file then you lose the refund(s) you might otherwise care to get).
3. You can simply file for an extension, then relax and use the additional time to see your tax pro and get the chore accomplished when the rest of the taxpayers that owe take up his or her time before April 17, 2018.

In any event, if you have not yet filed, or if you need to change the return information you already sent in and wish to amend your return within 30 days of your error discovery, you should contact:

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ELLA LOUISE DORITY



Ella Louise Crews Dority, 86, of St. George, Georgia, passed away Monday, March 5 in Jacksonville. She was born January 20, 1932 in St. George to the late Dave Anderson Crews and Emmie Crews. She loved bluegrass music and cooking for family. She retired, after 25 years of service, from the Northeast Florida State Hospital in Macclenny. Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her daughter Brenda Ann Dority; and nine siblings.

She is survived by her children Tony (Joan) Dority, Kathy (Keith) Canaday, Debbie (David) Waters and Linda (Eric) Byrd; nine grandchildren Brenda Lloyd, Anthony Dority, John (Andrea) Canaday, Becky Lynn (Matthew) Conner, Colleen (Robert) Haddock, Jamie (Cori) Waters, Daniel (Erin) Waters, David (Cassandra) Byrd and Darryl Byrd; 23 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a brother David (Cindy) Crews.

The family received friends Friday, March 9 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Graveside funeral services were held Saturday, March 10 at Boones Creek Cemetery with Rev. James Conner officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

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

OBITUARIES

and Bernice Chesser Roddenberry. She graduated from Charlton County High School in 1966 and went to Freewill Baptist Bible College.

She retired from Southeastern Bank after 30 years of service. She was a faithful member of Victory Baptist Church and served in many capacities. She served on the Board of Directors for the Okefenokee Wildlife League and volunteered at the Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge. She was part of the original "Roddenberry Sisters" singing group.

Later in life, the three things that brought her the most joy was her faith in the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, her children's choir at Victory Baptist Church and spending time with her granddaughter, Emma, whom she adored.

Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her four brothers Gadson, Clayton "Babe", Jack and Barney Roddenberry; and a sister Betty Roddenberry Owens.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Ray McMillan; granddaughter Emma McMillan; five sisters Doris (Allen) Lloyd, Debbie Todd, Latrelle (Kyle) McDowell, Judy (Revis) Drury and Sheila (Tommy) Carter; 14 nieces; 18 nephews; 63 great-nieces and nephews and 25 great-great-nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Saturday, March 10 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 11 at Victory Baptist Church. Burial followed in Sardis Cemetery with Rev. Tim King, Rev. Keith Lloyd and Rev. Ray McMillan officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

LUKE ADREN PORTER



Luke Adren Porter, 28, passed away Saturday, March 3. He was born in Jacksonville to George and Donna Hall Porter. He graduated from West Nassau High school class of 2007 and was a member of JROTC for four years, had the honor of serving as Group Commander and earned high honors during his school career. Luke loved his motorcycles, loved sport cars and big trucks. In his earlier years, he participated in band at Callahan Middle and Karate activities in Baldwin.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather Densel Ray Hall; and grandparents George A. and Elouise Porter.

Survivors include his father George Lewis Porter; and mother Donna Hall; a brother Daniel Porter; maternal grandparent Kayron B. Hall; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Friday, March 9 at Cedar Bay Funeral Home, 405 New Berlin Road, Jacksonville. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 10 in the chapel of the funeral home with Stefano Mugnaini, Chaplain, Children's Hospital of Alabama officiating. Interment will be by cremation.

and sisters Darlene and Cheryl. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter Sherry Lynn Stroud; and granddaughter Jessica Lee Stroud.

The family will have a private memorial service at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

WILLIAM LENON WALTERS



William 'Bill' Lenon Walters, 85, of Folkston, passed away at his residence March 9. He was born December 7, 1932 in Baker County. He proudly served his country in the US Navy. He retired from the Jacksonville Fire Department after 35 years of service. He was a member of the Jacksonville Retired Firefighters Association. He served Charlton County as a volunteer EMT and a member of the School Board from 1975-1978. He worked with the Florida Children's Burn Society each year after his retirement.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty Jean Minchew Walters; three children Terry L. (Susan) Walters, Sr., Douglas Keith (Debra Lori) Walters and Patti Susanne (Mark) Gantt; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and half-brothers and half-sisters.

The family received friends Monday, March 12 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 13 in the Chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Burial followed in Homeland Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

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KATHERINE ANNETTE LETT



Katherine Annette Roddenberry Lett, 69, of Folkston, passed away at her residence March 7. She was born in Folkston on March 12, 1948 to the late James G. Roddenberry

The Water Boys

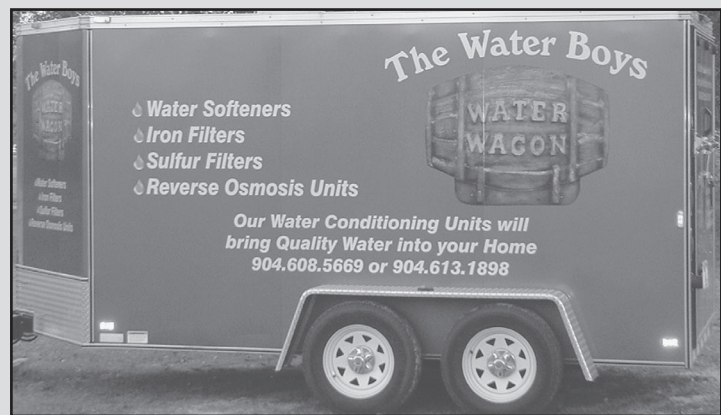
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Meg McAlpine

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If someone uses your personal or financial information, follow these steps:

Step 1: Call the companies (fraud department) where you know fraud occurred – explain that someone stole your identity. Ask them to close or freeze the accounts. Then, no one can add new charges unless you agree. Also change logins, passwords and PINS for your accounts.

Step 2: Place a fraud alert and get your credit reports. A fraud alert on your credit report notifies lenders and creditors who pull your report to take additional steps to verify your identification before they extend a credit line or loan in your name. This can help prevent a thief from opening any new accounts in your name and reduce your chances of becoming a victim of identity theft.

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), consumers may place fraud alerts on their credit reports with the three major credit bureaus, free of charge. The bureau you contact is required to notify the other two credit bureaus to place an alert on your file. You will get a letter from each credit bureau confirming they placed a fraud alert on your file.

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- Equifax.com/CreditReportAssistance 888-766-0008

Get your credit reports from all three credit reporting bureaus at annualcreditreport.com or 877-322-8228 and review all your reports.

Step 3: Report your identity theft to the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) at IdentityTheft.gov or 877-438-4338. It is important to report identity theft to the FTC and get your report because it guarantees you certain rights: Place a 90-day initial fraud alert on your credit report; Place a seven-year extended fraud alert on your credit report; Get free copies of your credit report; Get fraudulent information removed (or blocked) from your credit report; Dispute fraudulent or inaccurate information on your credit report; Stop creditors and debt collectors from reporting fraudulent account; Get copies of documents related to the identity theft; Stop a debt collector from contacting you.

Based on the information you enter on IdentityTheft.gov or give when you call 877-438-4338 an Identity Theft Report and Recovery Plan will be created. For more detailed information about what to do after completing Step 3 go to www.IdentityTheft.gov/Steps.

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RAY ALBERTIE
JUNE 13, 1957 - MARCH 14, 2017



It's hard to believe that you have been gone a year. We're thankful to know that you are in the hands of the Lord, safe in Heaven.

Love,
Your family

**TOWN OF HILLIARD
ANNUAL GREATER HILLIARD CLEAN-UP**
Saturday, April 14 • 8:30 a.m.
Keep Nassau Beautiful

The Town of Hilliard will be having its Annual Town Clean Up on Saturday, April 14, 2018. The clean up will begin with sign ups, free "I ♥ Hilliard" t-shirts and refreshments at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon with a free cookout and chances to win prize drawings for all those who volunteer.

Containers will be located at Town Hall for free disposing of appliances, tires, yard debris and household trash (no liquids or dry chemicals). Free disposing of tires will be limited to 4 tires per household with no rims or commercial tires allowed (please no businesses). Free disposing will end promptly at noon. – No exceptions.

Town employees will provide pick up services for disabled or senior adults unable to bring items to Town Hall for disposal. You must pre-schedule for pick up by Thursday, April 12. Items must be at curb-side ready for pick up on date of clean up.

The Town of Hilliard will be providing **FREE SHREDDING** at its Annual Clean Up from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Worried about Identity Theft? **KEEP IT PRIVATE!** What to Shred: personal papers, old bills, statements, receipts, envelopes, letters, folders, etc. (no need to remove paper clips, rubber bands, staples or folders). What not to Shred: cardboard, CDs, DVDs, plastics, binders, electronics, x-rays, etc. (please no businesses).

Oneblood will have the bloodmobile at our Town Clean Up again this year from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Make an appointment online at www.oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code #33717 or call 1.888.9.DONATE (366283). All donors will receive a Free Gift and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening. ID required.

For additional information or to pre-sign up as a volunteer please contact Town Hall at 845-3555. Donations to this event are welcomed and appreciated.

This is a wonderful way to work together to spruce up our town, so bring a friend, your family, a group or your entire organization and we will work together to make a difference.



**Volunteering is a great way
to show pride in your Town!**

Miss Shrimp Festival Pageant

If you know a high school junior or senior residing in Nassau County, who is interested in participating in the 55th Annual Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival's Miss Shrimp Festival Scholarship Pageant, now is the time to enter. Sponsored by Hampton Inn & Suites Amelia Island-Historic Harbor Front, pageant contestants will be judged on poise, personality, appearance, and interview responses. Miss Shrimp Festival 2018 will win a \$1,000 scholarship and participants are expected to attend several events before and after the pageant.

The first rehearsal and organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m., and remaining rehearsals will be held from 2-4 p.m. and every Sunday in April. Contestants will be coached on stage presence, learn a choreographed dance routine and practice answering interview questions.

A dinner and judge's interviews will be held Wednesday, May 2, at The Hampton Inn & Suites. Those entering the pageant must participate in the Shrimp Festival's Pirate Parade on May 3 and the pageant will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4 after the festival's opening ceremonies. Miss Shrimp Festival 2018 is required to be available during the remainder of the Shrimp Festival weekend to participate in other activities such as judging a variety of contests including the Best Beard Contest, The Best Dressed Adult Pirate Costume Contest, the Little Pirate contests, and the Blessing of the Fleet.

If you have questions, please contact Crystal Haney at (912) 674-3316, or Kristen Conner at (904) 753-2488. For contestant applications visit: ShrimpFestival.com. The deadline to enter the Miss Shrimp Festival Pageant is March 25.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



Fisher Johnson took his first deer recently with a neck shot from 60 yards out with a 20 gauge.



Reed Brickel, 9, caught his first big Drum, 61 lbs., while fishing with his Daddy, Josh Brickel, offshore in Fernandina Beach.



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Youth Leadership Nassau News



Cameron Driggers

Youth Leadership Nassau is a 4-H program composed of high school students from all over Nassau County. The program convenes once a month and is dedicated to nurturing the leadership abilities of Nassau County's future leaders. On February 21, the group focused their attention on art, history and the quality of life in Nassau County. The day began early, as the students gathered at Amelia Community Theatre



in historic Fernandina Beach. They were led on a tour of the theatre's two main components, Studio 209 and the mainstage theatre, by ACT's Linda McClain and Tener Wade. Studio 209 is a black-box theatre, meaning that it is a smaller and more intimate environment than the main stage. ACT had a minimal set for the show *Fly by Night* in place, exposing the students to how detail varies with sets and across styles of theatre. The group was also shown costumes; the infamous green room where those costumes change a thespian

into his or her particular character; tech booths for lights and sound; and the main stage itself.

From the theatre, the group went to 2nd Street to the Island Art Association. Running along the wall on the outside of the gallery was an intricate mosaic composed of nearly every miscellaneous object one could think of. The students and steering committee alike later searched on this mosaic and in the gallery as part of a scavenger hunt, but only after creating a paper cube with some representation of themselves on each face (i.e. a motto, self-portrait, logo, etc.).

After leaving the Island Art Association, the group moved on to the highlight of any day: lunch, which was held at Brett's Waterway Cafe. Following lunch, YLN migrated to the Fernandina Beach Petanque courts. Here, the group enjoyed several rounds of the game, after

its principles were demonstrated by Philippe Boets and Jimmy Weinsier; the latter being the president of the Fernandina Beach chapter of Petanque America since the chapter's founding in 2010. After spending a very relaxed hour with these two lively men, the group returned to the other side of Brett's to begin their final excursion of the day: a go-with-the-flow history tour with Amelia River Cruises.

If you would like more information about Youth Leadership Nassau or any other 4-H programs, please contact the 4-H office at (904)-530-6353.



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