Hello everyone:

Hope all is well.

Summer is definitely here so stay cool everyone. Check on those who are most vulnerable to the heat.

Thanks to all who helped at our table at the July 4 fireworks at the fairgrounds Friday July 4 from 5p to 9p. We made some good contacts.

Also, thanks to all who helped at our kids art classes on July 12th and our July 18th Ice Cream Social.

We still have plenty of Railroad Days t-shirts available for sale. Contact us today or attend our meeting this Thursday.

We are finished with our phase one of our Smithsonian Institute Food exhibit in collaboration with the Florida Humanities Council. This a pilot program for the State of Florida as we will get to research, design, program, and exhibit a display on how Food has influenced our local culture. It is an 18-month long project with the exhibition with be on displayed in 2026.

**We are still interview people about their thoughts on food and gatherings centered around food, especially dairy history, church functions, farming and history.**

**We can also accept artifacts to go in the exhibit.**

**Phase 2 starts in August. Update August 28.**

**Memberships still available.**

We are an all-volunteer nonprofit enjoying our 50th year of preserving the future of our past. Journey with us as we explore and discovery the rich and diverse tapestry that is our history and culture of Nassau County. Help us document, celebrate and preserve our county's rich and diverse history and culture by renewing or joining today. Annual dues are: $20 single, $30 family, $100 single lifetime, $150 couple lifetime, plus we have corporate memberships for businesses who want to help us reach our goals. Download a membership form from our web site [www.wnhsfl.org](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http%3A/www.wnhsfl.org/__;!!MCdlZ3mBhEzVqfc!Vxd8M_n5cvRlfpIiM9BvtkMwURYoaT5xHBRsbZaKlo3-FkTol324Gm8HyKn9HO1TPI11Hw$). Don't think of it as dues but as an investment in the future of our past. **New members who join in July get six free months.**

Planning your estate? If you are interested in remembering the West Nassau Historical Society in your estate planning, contact us for details.

Like our Facebook page so you can get the latest happenings and interesting history tidbits.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 24, 6:30 pm meal, 7pm meeting, monthly meeting. Speaker: Emily Floore and St Marys River Keepers.

We will take a group pic of us with our Nassau County Record's People's Choice Award that we won last month.

Thursday, August 28, 6:30 pm meal, 7pm meeting, monthly meeting. Speaker: John Hendricks on the 2nd Phase of the Smithsonian Institute's Nassau = Food + Culture exhibit.

Thursday, Sept 25, 6:30 pm meal, 7pm meeting, monthly meeting. Speaker: TBA

Saturday, Oct 4, 9a-3p, 9th Hobo Day Tractors and Veterans Appreciation

Thursday Oct 9 thru Oct 19. West Nassau Historical Society's Trains and Turpentine exhibit at the NE Florida Fair.

Thursday, Oct 23, 6:30 pm meal, 7pm meeting, monthly meeting. Speaker: TBA

**Saturday, Dec 6. parade 10:45 am, craft fair 9a-3p. 52nd Town of Callahan Christmas parade and craft fair, the West Nassau Historical Society is the official hosts of the parade and craft fair again this year so we will need as many volunteers as possible to make this biggest one-day event in Callahan possible.**

Again, thanks to everyone for your continuing support of our group and our history.

See you soon. Stay safe.

John Hendricks, President

West Nassau Historical Society