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## *From the President...*

### **Salutations!**

I cannot even sum up 2020, it's been unprecedented times for us all. We have faced many challenges, I for one am ready to back to life as we knew it. The Middleburg Civic association is looking forward to getting back to business in 2021 and hope the community is too!

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to our community, my family has personally made Middleburg home for over thirty-one years and I have been the President of our association since 2019. Middleburg is unique because it offers the convenience of a small-town atmosphere while still also maintaining the feel of the country. You will find that even though we are beginning to grow in leaps and bounds, you will still be met with that friendly and small-town welcome.

Middleburg is great for individuals and/or families because it offers a variety of things to do close to home. There are parks, rivers, museums, and a beautiful forest for the outdoor enthusiast. For the more adventurous, just an hour away are beaches, theme parks, and many other fun family activities. (Difficult to picture driving through all the road construction these days, but I promise you the beauty is there!) But to accommodate growth we must expand and improve.

For those of you considering or embarking on a new business venture in Middleburg, you will find it a great place to do business. Through the most challenging year since Irma the community poured out to support our small business communities and only few were not able to withstand the worst financial crisis since the great depression they say!

The Middleburg Civic Association has been the heart of the community and business networking for over 80 years and has been voted Best of Clay in 2019 and 2020 and 2021! This year we are focused to provide our local business a great opportunity for networking along with community outreach!

The Middleburg Civic Association offers a year-round calendar of events for the community and great marketing opportunities for businesses through sponsorship and volunteering.

Our monthly meeting is held on the last Wednesday of every month and location details can be found on our website. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see our events. It is open to businesses, members and the general public. Your membership and support to the MCA helps continue the traditions we hold so dearly in Middleburg. So, either as a community member or a business member take a moment and sign up!

On Behalf of the 2021 MCA Board, and all members, Thank you for your support and do not forget to shop local.

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## WHO WAS CATHY VALENZUELA MARTIN?

When you think of a special person who has touched so many lives, someone who is unwavering in their friendship, community commitment, patriotic duty, and beliefs, you can think of Cathy Martin. Cathy Martin was born April 6, 1965 and at the age of 56 years she passed away on April 22, 2021. She was an exceptional part of the Middleburg community. As a vital part of our community, she worked diligently and with sincere conviction to give the very best she had to offer.



She was a Junior Past President of the Aeries in Middleburg of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #4365. She was always ready to step in to help out and promote the causes with fundraisers to help others in need. Every year, Cathy would look forward to stepping up and stepping out to promote her cause which was the Alzheimer's Association Annual Walk in memory of her Dad. Even having major surgery could not keep her away from raising money to find a cure for Alzheimer's. Cathy enjoyed her comradery with the VFW in Middleburg that she would frequent with her husband Art Martin.

As well as these activities, Cathy was part of the Clay County Sheriff "NET" Program to promote the Neighborhood Engagement Team. She had recently been accepted to work with the Clay County Sheriff's Department as a volunteer. She was very proud of that fact. Every week Cathy would join her Middleburg Ladies Luncheon Group on Thursdays to offer her friends and colleagues her friendship and support without reservation.

Cathy was diligent in updating and organizing the Middleburg Museum as well as helping with the new improvements to the building. She also served as Treasurer of the Museum. Being an active Community Member for several years of the Middleburg Civic Association, she also served as Past 1st Vice President and Secretary. Her passion and dedication was never ending. She was a vibrant, vital, and indispensable member. Cathy was at every event ready to do whatever needed to be done. Our community is a better place for all of the contributions and efforts she extended to us.

Her love for her husband Art, family, friends, and community has touched so many people including those who never got to know her. We have been so blessed to have had the honor and pleasure of knowing her and she will be truly missed all.



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Area:.....	101.1 square miles
Population .....	57,305
HH With Children Under Age 18.....	28%
Over Age 60.....	20%
Median HH Income.....	63,486
Adult College Graduates.....	17.9%
% Home Ownership .....	78%
Number of Homes & Apartments .....	21,624
Zip Code .....	32068

**Public Schools**

Clay Charter Academy (Charter)  
Coppergate Elementary School  
Doctors Inlet Elementary School  
Middleburg Elementary School  
RideOut Elementary School  
Swimming Pen Creek Elementary  
Tynes Elementary School  
Wilkinson Elementary School  
Shadowlawn Elementary School  
Wilkinson Junior High School  
Middleburg High School

**Private Schools**

Annunciation Catholic School  
  
**Public Parks & Recreation**  
Four Silo Park  
Paul C. Armstrong Park  
Ridaught Landing Park  
Greenwood Park  
Jennings State Forest  
Black Creek Ravines  
Omega Community Park  
Hunter-Douglas Park  
Foxmeadow Recreational Park

**Public Boat Ramps**

Middleburg Main Street Boat Ramp  
(3788 Main Street)  
Jennings State Forest Boat Ramp  
(1337 Longhorn Road)



**Middleburg** is an unincorporated area and census-designated place (CDP) in Clay County. It began in the 1820s first as Clark's Ferry, named for the man who ran the local ferry. From 1833 to 1850, the area was known as Gary's Ferry. Then in 1853, it officially became Middleburg. When Clay County was created in 1858, Middleburg became the county seat until 1874.

One of the largest areas of Clay County, Middleburg includes both rural and small town areas and is fast growing as a center

of commerce and recreation. With access to Black Creek and Doctors Lake, the area boasts great fishing, boating and water sports activities. The beautiful Jennings State Forest offers plenty of outdoor activities including hiking, horseback riding, and canoeing.

Middleburg also is home to St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County, a full-service hospital that recently added maternity and women's services, more ER rooms and 30 additional inpatient beds.



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# Middleburg Civic Association

### Starting in 1937

On April 19, 1937 Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Budington deeded a parcel of land 150 feet by 200 feet on Palmetto Avenue to the Clay County Commissioners to be used as the ground upon which a Canning Center and Recreation Hall was to be erected for the citizens of Middleburg and for no other purpose. The property, as stipulated in the deed, was not to be used for any school purposes what-so-ever.

The building and original furniture was built by WPA workers and on Nov. 15, 1938, a committee held its first meeting to make rules and regulations for a “Community Home.” Those attending this meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Budd, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Masters, Mrs. Alice Masters, Mrs. Gussie Stewart, Mrs. Pearl Lee, Mrs. F.W. Budington, Mr. Joe Huntley and Mr. L.E. Ganann. Mr. Budd was selected Chairman and it was voted that anyone using the building would pay 50 cents, with an additional 25 cents as a guarantee that the building would be left clean and in good condition, this amount to be refunded when said conditions are complied with and accepted by the committee in charge. There was an additional charge of 50 cents if lights were used.

It was not until July 1941 that a temporary Executive Committee met for the purpose of forming a corporation and drawing up by-laws. The name was changed from The Community Home to The Middleburg Civic Association. The original sign, made by James McDonald, still hangs over the steps. The proposed Charter was approved,



as presented, by Hon. A.D. McNeil, Circuit Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida on July 14, 1941 in Jacksonville. On July 15, 1941 said charter was filed with Mr. L.T. Ivey, Clerk Circuit Court, Clay County. There were eight specific objects and purposes for which the corporation was organized. They were:

1. To promote the literary, scientific, social and philosophical improvement, advancement and benefit of its members.
2. To render aid to all worthy civic objects and purposes

3. To promote the general development of the Community of Middleburg, Clay County, Florida.
4. To cultivate public sentiment for the promotion of civic improvement and beautification of the community.
5. To develop the mutual welfare and benefit of its members.
6. To cooperate with and to assist in coordinating efforts of all similar organizations and individuals for the promotion of the civic benefit of the Community of Middleburg,

7. To own, maintain and operate a Community House in Middleburg with the full power to leave the building or equipment, to purchase equipment, furniture, fixtures and supplies and to promote meetings, dances, entertainments and other civil meetings and to charge admission.
8. To cooperate in all aspects with the Clay County Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Clay County Commssioners.

The opening date was set for September 10, 1941 and a concert was to be given.



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<b>Black Pond Baptist Church</b> 3644 Old Jennings Rd Middleburg FL Southern Baptist Convention	<b>Fox Meadow Baptist Church</b> 3227 Old Jennings Rd Middleburg FL Southern Baptist Convention	<b>Pinewood Presbyterian Church</b> 198 Knight Boxx Rd Middleburg FL Presbyterian	<b>Abundant Life Christian Fellowship</b> 5040 County Road 218 Middleburg FL Non-Denominational	<b>Vineyard Christian Fellowship</b> 1740 Glen Laurel Dr Middleburg FL Fellowship of Christian Assemblies
<b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 1532 Long Bay Rd Middleburg FL Baptist Bible Fellowship International	<b>Lakeside Community Church</b> 564 Tara Farms Dr Middleburg FL Evangelical Free Church	<b>Saint Lukes Catholic Church</b> 1606 Blanding Blvd Middleburg FL Catholic	<b>Crossroads Baptist Church</b> 1595 Baxley Rd Middleburg FL Southern Baptist Convention	<b>Family Of God United Church</b> 1530 Long Bay Rd Middleburg FL Non-Denominational
<b>Cinnamon Street Baptist Church</b> 20 Cinnamon St Middleburg FL Baptist	<b>Living Waters Of Middleburg</b> 2504 Begonia Dr Middleburg FL Non-Denominational	<b>Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church</b> 2703 Forman Cir Middleburg FL Baptist	<b>Grain Of Mustard Seed Ministry</b> 2150 Hill Rd Middleburg FL Non-Denominational	<b>ConnectPoint Apostolic Church</b> 3180 County Rd 220 Ste 1 Middleburg FL United Pentecostal Church International
<b>Clay Hill Church Of God</b> 5075 County Road 218 Middleburg FL Church of God	<b>Madeira Baptist Church</b> 1650 Blanding Blvd Middleburg FL Southern Baptist Convention	<b>Saint Peter Lutheran Church</b> 1614 Blanding Blvd Middleburg FL Lutheran Church of Missouri Synod	<b>Living Hope Baptist Country Church</b> 5540 Carter Spencer Rd Middleburg FL Southern Baptist Convention	<b>ConnectPoint Apostolic Church</b> 2728 Howard Road Middleburg FL United Pentecostal Church International
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<b>Fellowship Bible Church Christian and MA</b> 2827 County Road 220 Middleburg FL Christian and Missionary Alliance	<b>Middleburg Presbyterian Church</b> 4564 Rosemary St Middleburg FL Presbyterian	<b>Christian Faith Center</b> 4021 Everett Avenue Middleburg FL Full Gospel	<b>My Redeemer Christian Fellowship</b> 2751 Blanding Blvd Ste 108 Middleburg FL Full Gospel	<b>South Middleburg Baptist Church</b> 4565 Alligator Blvd Middleburg FL smbcfamily@att.net
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<b>First Baptist Church of Brannanfield</b> 4360 Discovery Dr Middleburg FL Southern Baptist Convention	<b>Morningstar Family Church</b> 3900 Main St Middleburg FL Non-Denominational	<b>Doctors Inlet Baptist Church</b> 384 Logan Ave Orange Park FL Southern Baptist Convention	<b>Sinai International Baptist Church</b> 1535 Blanding Blvd Apt 416 Middleburg FL Southern Baptist Convention	

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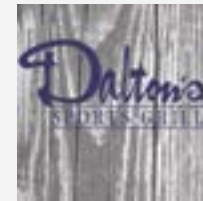
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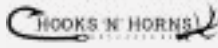
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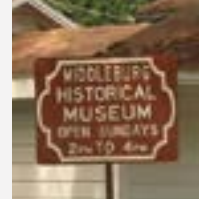
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# Calendar of Events

## JULY 2021

- 1 Christmas in July for "Operation Santa Cause" for Military kids. Contact: Kathleen Weise at 904.413.1150 to arrange for collection box or email: [OperationSantaCause@gmail.com](mailto:OperationSantaCause@gmail.com)
- 4 Independence Day
- 6 National Fried Chicken Day
- 17 National Hot Dog Day
- 25 PARENT'S DAY
- 28 **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets Last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 PM-1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with the "BEST OF CLAY NETWORKING GROUP" three years in a row! Check our website at [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCA@currently.com](mailto:MiddleburgCA@currently.com)
- 30 National Cheese Cake Day

## AUGUST 2021

- 1 **MISS HISTORIC BELLE PAGEANT** Applications open for Junior High & Up Contact: [HistoricBelle@gmail.com](mailto:HistoricBelle@gmail.com)
- 1 Sisters Day
- 2 Teachers return to School-Clay County
- 3 National Watermelon Day
- 7 National Purple Heart Day
- 7 **BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT** presented by the Middleburg Civic Association. Back Pack/ Supply Give Away! First Come, First Serve. Located at 2102 Palmetto Street in downtown Middleburg.
- 10 National S'mores Day
- 10 Students return to School-Clay County
- 21 2nd Anniversary of One Swanky Chic: Open to the Public. Food, Vendors, Prizes, Give-a ways 4159 CR 218 West, Middleburg

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- 21 Senior Citizen's Day
- 25 **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets Last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 PM-1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with the "BEST OF CLAY NETWORKING GROUP" three years in a row! Check our website at [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCA@currently.com](mailto:MiddleburgCA@currently.com)
- 28 Bow Tie Day

## SEPTEMBER 2021

- 6 Labor Day
- 12 Grandparents Day
- 11 Patriots Day
- 11 **Annual Anniversary Party** Middleburg Martial Arts- 2361 Blanding Blvd. Open to the Public. Food, Vendors & Fun!
- 17 Citizenship Day
- 22 September Equinox-First Day of Fall
- 25 **MISS HISTORIC BELLE PAGEANT - 2PM** at Middleburg Elementary Auditorium **Open and FREE to the Public** contact: [HistoricBelle@gmail.com](mailto:HistoricBelle@gmail.com)
- 29 **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets Last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 PM-1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with the "BEST OF CLAY NETWORKING GROUP" three years in a row! Check our website at [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCA@currently.com](mailto:MiddleburgCA@currently.com)
- 29 National Coffee Day

## OCTOBER 2021

- Breast Awareness Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- 5 Child Health Day
- 11 Columbus Day Observed
- 12 Columbus Day

- 14 National Desert Day
- 16 Boss's Day
- 16 Sweetest Day
- 26 Make a Difference Day
- 28 National Chocolate Day
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- 29 Middleburg Martial Arts **ANNUAL TRUCK OR TRICK EVENT** located at 2361 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg. Open to the Public. Jump House, Food Trucks, Games, and Prizes.
- 30 **HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA** presented by Middleburg Civic Association and Open to the Public 6:00PM-9:00PM
- 31 Halloween

## NOVEMBER 2021

- 1-24 "Operation Santa Cause" for Military kids. Contact: Kathleen Weise at 904.413.1150 to arrange for collection box or email: [OperationSantaCause@gmail.com](mailto:OperationSantaCause@gmail.com)
- 7 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 6 **ANNUAL HISTORIC FALL FESTIVAL 10AM-4PM** Presented by Middleburg Civic Center 2102 Palmetto Street, Middleburg - Vendors, Food Trucks, Jump House, Games, Music. contact: [MiddleburgCA@currently.com](mailto:MiddleburgCA@currently.com) or [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com)
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 16 National Fast Food Day

- 18 **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets Last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 PM-1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with the "BEST OF CLAY NETWORKING GROUP" three years in a row! Check our website at [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCA@currently.com](mailto:MiddleburgCA@currently.com)
- 22-26 Clay County School Thanksgiving Break NO School Students/teachers
- 25 **THANKSGIVING DAY**
- 26 Black Friday
- 27 **SHOP SMALL DAY EVENT – Shop Local Event** presented by One Swanky Chic located at 4159 CR 218 West, Middleburg. Vendors and Food Truck
- 29 Cyber Monday
- 30 **FIRST DAY** to drop off **CHRISTMAS LETTERS to SANTA** at One Swanky Chic Boutique located at 4159 CR 218 West, Middleburg

## DECEMBER 2021

- 5 **MIDDLEBURG WINTER FEST** Downtown Presented by Middleburg Civic Association located at 2102 Palmetto Street in Downtownm Middleburg Contact: [MiddleburgCA@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCA@gmail.com) [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com)
- 5 Operation Santa Cause for Military Kids [www.OperationSantaCauseInc.com](http://www.OperationSantaCauseInc.com)
- 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 15 **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets Last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 PM-1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with the "BEST OF CLAY NETWORKING GROUP" three years in a row! Check our website at



# Calendar of Events

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- 18 LAST DAY to drop off **CHRISTMAS LETTERS to SANTA** at One Swanky Chic Boutique located at 4159 CR 218 West, Middleburg  
20-2 Clay County School Christmas Break Dec 20-Jan 2  
21 Winter Solstice (Shortest day of the year)  
25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
31 New Year's Eve – BE SAFE

## JANUARY 2022

- 1 New Year's Day  
*Happy New Year!*  
Time to renew your **Middleburg Civic Association Membership**. Don't forget you get a \$10 discount if you renew before January 31<sup>st</sup>. **Not a member? Join now!** Contact us at:  
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Email: [MiddleburgCA@currently.com](mailto:MiddleburgCA@currently.com)
- 3 Clay County Students return to school  
4 National Spaghetti Day  
17 Martin Luther King Day  
19 Popcorn Day  
20 Soup Swap Day  
23 National Pie Day  
24 Belly Laugh Day  
26 **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets Last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 PM-1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with the "BEST OF CLAY NETWORKING GROUP" three years in a row!  
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## FEBRUARY 2022

- 1 Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day  
2 Groundhog Day  
7 National Wear Red Day

- 7 Send a Card to a Friend Day  
9 National Pizza Day  
11 Make A Friend Day  
12 Lincoln's Birthday  
13 Super Bowl Day  
14 Valentine's Day  
16 Do A Grouch A Favor Day  
21 President's Day  
23 **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets Last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 PM-1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with the "BEST OF CLAY NETWORKING GROUP" three years in a row!  
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- 26 **SCOTTISH GAMES** at the Clay County Fair Grounds  
27 No Brainer Day

## MARCH 2022

- 1 Mardi Gras Carnival  
5 National Pancake Day  
13 Daylight Saving Time starts  
14-18 **SPRING BREAK**  
Clay County Students  
19 **Annual Spring Festival 11AM-3PM Middleburg Civic Center 2102 Palmetto Street, Middleburg!** Check our website at [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com)  
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- 17 St Patrick's Day  
19 Lets Laugh Day  
20 Spring Begins  
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- 30 Take A Walk In The Park Day  
30 Clay County Fair Begins (30<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

## APRIL 2022

- 1 April Fool's Day  
5 Clay County Fair Day  
Students/Teachers Holiday  
8 Clay County Fair Ends  
12 Grilled Cheese Day  
15 Tax Day  
15 Good Friday  
17 Easter 16  
Wear PJ's To Work Day  
21 Spring Begins  
22 Earth Day  
26 Poem in Your Pocket Day  
27 **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets Last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 PM-1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with the "BEST OF CLAY NETWORKING GROUP" three years in a row!  
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## MAY 2022

- 4 Star Wars Day  
3-7 **Teacher Appreciation Event/ Luncheon** presented by One S wanky Chic located at 4159 CR 218 West, Middleburg  
5 Cinco de Mayo  
8 **MOTHER'S DAY**  
21 Armed Forces Day  
20 Clay County Graduation Day  
27 Clay County Last Day of School  
28 National Hamburger Day  
25 **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets Last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 PM-1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with the "BEST OF CLAY NETWORKING GROUP" three years in a row!  
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- 30 Memorial Day

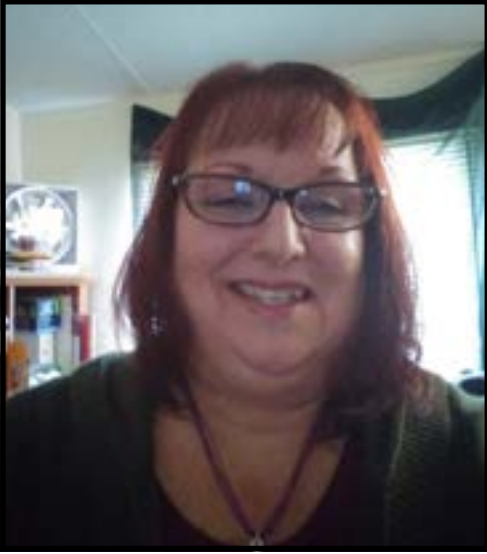
## JUNE 2022

- 1 Say Something Nice Day  
5 National Doughnut Day  
6 Drive-In Movie Day  
8 Best Friends Day  
12 Red Nose Day  
14 Flag Day  
19 Take Your Dog to Work Day  
19 **FATHER'S DAY**  
20 Summer Begins  
21 National Flip Flop Day  
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## JULY 2022

- 4 Independence Day  
6 National Fried Chicken Day  
17 National Hot Dog Day  
17 Trendy Treasures 2 year Anniversary  
17 One Swanky Chic Christmas in July Sale 10am -2pm  
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# Middleburg “2021 *MEMBER* of the Year”



With all of the great support this year, it was very hard to choose only one member in our business community to be our “**Member of the Year**”. With the great folks of Middleburg joining in to support our community, there were so many to choose from. It was a tuff decision, but in the end there can be only one.

This member has gone above and beyond to contribute her time and resources to events happening in Middleburg. Never hesitating or complaining about things, she has rallied around the fine folks of Middleburg to support and help our community move forward, grow, and prosper.

This year’s winner is **Cathy Martin!** Congratulations!

**Cathy** was a dedicated member for several years helping to guide and serve our residents both young and old. **Cathy** also volunteered her time and talents with the Middleburg Civic Association. Thanks **Cathy**, for all you did!

Come out and join us at our Middleburg Networking group, the one voted as “BEST OF CLAY” for “BEST NETWORKING” three years in a row. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month. Bring your business cards and fliers to distribute to other members as we network with each other to improve our businesses and community.

Check out our website at [www.MiddleburgCivicAssocation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssocation.com) or Email us at [MiddleburgCA@currently.com](mailto:MiddleburgCA@currently.com) for more information.

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# The Middleburg Museum... *Then, Now, and the Future*

What a change the Middleburg Museum has undergone in the last year! In the spring of 2020 we began packing up the contents of the museum to make room to work. And boy did we ever work hard! Between having seven yard sales to raise money and awareness, replacing carpet with new floors, painting the walls and rearranging the entire place, it was quite a series of tasks. Although we officially reopened at the Historical Festival in the fall of 2020, there has still been lots of work happening as displays are put back together, and new treasures are brought in from the community. We also attained our 501(c)3 status, which enables us to apply for grants. This was a huge step for the museum, and a goal attained that has been on the "to do list" for twenty years. There is a new crop of volunteers that help cover our regular Sunday hours, as well as members from the past thirty years who are still involved and keeping us going strong. We have plans to open on some Saturdays in the future, as well as weekdays here and there.

burg. Nestled between the Civic Association Building and the Senior Center, it's a small building that was built as a community canning factory by the WPA in 1938. However, there weren't enough funds for the canning equipment itself and the building was used in many different ways over the years as a storage facility, vaccinations center, and place to watch movies on the weekends with friends. In 1989 the Civic Association helped to create the Middleburg Museum, and over the years it became its own entity. It is divided into two sections, with the first half showing displays of economy and history relevant to the area. The other half is a replication of a 1850's home with a kitchen, parlor, and bedroom. It's a charming little place and I certainly hope you will come visit us and enjoy all the hard work that has been put in by the community this year. We are also on Facebook as The Middleburg Museum and will have an Instagram account up and running soon. Stop in one Sunday or follow us on Social Media to find out what extra days we will be open.

In case you've never been, the museum is located at 3912 Section St. here in Middle-

*April Watts*  
*President of the Middleburg Museum*



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## Middleburg “2021 *BUSINESS* of the Year”

Each year, the Middleburg Civic Association selects one of our businesses as our “**Business of the Year**”. This one stands out with its continuous dedication to the Middleburg area community. With all of the great businesses in Middleburg joining in to support our amazing community, there were so many to choose from.

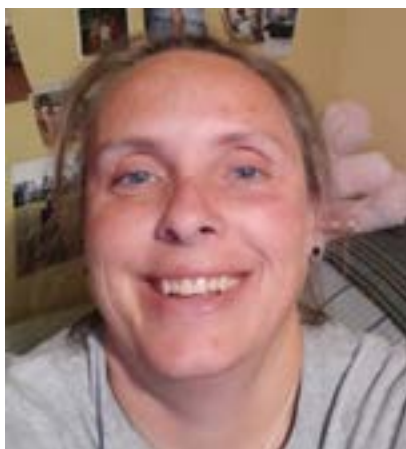
This business has gone above and beyond to contribute time, money, and resources to events happening in the Middleburg area. Never hesitating, they have rallied around the fine folks of Middleburg to support and help our community move forward, grow and prosper.

We would like to honor **Esquire Litigation Group**, our “**2021 Business of the Year**”. Congratulations **Esquire Litigation Group**, from all of us at the Middleburg Civic Association and the Middleburg Networking Group! Your dedication to the community is greatly appreciated.

**Esquire Litigation Group** serves the community in so many different capacities. **Esquire Litigation Group** is very much hands on when it come to our community. They are always there to give a helping hand and have been a huge supporter of our community from supporting our Annual Festivals or Back to School Events that are free to the public. Thanks again to your whole crew!

Come out and join us at our Middleburg Civic Association meeting on the last Wednesday of each month. Bring your business cards and fliers to distribute to other members as we network with each other to improve our businesses and community. Check out our website at [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) or Email us at [MiddleburgCA@currently.com](mailto:MiddleburgCA@currently.com) for more information.

## Middleburg “2021 *VOLUNTEER* of the Year”



Each year, the Middleburg Civic Association selects one person from the Greater Middleburg community to be recognized as “**Volunteer of the Year**”. This year our winner is none other than a Mother and Son team. Congratulations go to **Brenda Schenk** and her son **Zach**!

**Brenda and Zach** volunteer as community members for the Middleburg Civic Association where they have been working very hard by volunteering many

hours every year. They give their time to help make our community a great place to live, play, and work. For several years, they have been giving selflessly and enlisting the help of many others to join them along the way. Brenda and Zach proudly volunteer their time and talents with the Middleburg Civic Association as outstanding members.

**Brenda and Zach** thanks for all that you do! We could not do it without you and your son with your big hearts! The Middleburg Civic Association is blessed to have you both.

Come out and join us at our Middleburg Networking group, the one voted as “**BEST OF CLAY**” for “**BEST NETWORKING**” three years in a row. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month. Bring your business cards and fliers to distribute to other members as we network with each other to improve our businesses and community. Check out our website at [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) or Email us at [MiddleburgCA@currently.com](mailto:MiddleburgCA@currently.com) for more information.

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# MISS HISTORIC BELLE PAGEANT

**SATURDAY, SEPT 25th, 2021 at 2:00 PM**

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## WHAT IS THE 2021 MISS HISTORIC BELLE PAGEANT?

The **MISS HISTORIC BELLE PAGEANT** is open to all young ladies in Clay County. The requirements are simple. Contestant must be entering junior high, senior high, or be 18 years of age and up. No talent is required.

The **MISS HISTORIC BELL PAGEANT** is not a "beauty pageant" although every young lady has beauty within her that shows itself in many ways such as manners, actions, deeds, and compassion. It was, however, created under the hopes of becoming one of the most well-rounded pageantry initiatives designed for young adult women with a desire and passion to make a difference. Since the founding of the organization, the pageant has become a staple initiative for esteem building, confidence building, education, community history, social awareness, and community service.

The pageant embraces the spirit of Middleburg and the surrounding areas and challenges each of the participants to explore their own unique identity. Contestants may participate in a variety of resourceful programs such as: philanthropic efforts used to benefit the healthcare and emotional needs of children, pageantry awareness sessions exploiting etiquette, social issues, interviewing techniques, and artistic development as well as a modeling exposition geared towards fashion consciousness and self-esteem. Additionally, contestants become eligible for awards and or cash prizes for the advancement of their studies, platform initiatives or just for shopping.

We are determined to accent the positives and eliminate the negatives and vow that the only complaint one could have after completing the Historic Belle Pageant would be, "I did not win." Contestants could feel that if this was the only complaint one had after a Historic Belle event, then she had conducted a great event as



she had neither control nor input into who won. That decision rests with the judges.

Our mission was and still is inclusive of providing wholesome competition that not only the contestants but their entire family can enjoy. We create an environment where our contestants can grow, mature, develop, and exhibit their talents, personalities, interpersonal skills, and sportsmanship. We will provide many opportunities and rewards which will further enhance their lives and provide direction as they pursue their ambitions. We are extremely proud of not only who our contestants are but the outstanding folks they have become!

We celebrate our heritage, culture, and community by providing wholesome and educational experiences for the whole family. We join in as a cooperative effort to dynamically display the resources and accomplishments of the citizens of the community and surrounding areas.

We are truly vested in the overall development of our young ladies to become their best selves in all facets of their endeavors. We consider it an honor and privilege to be able to assist worthy young ladies with a focused self-development pageantry experience. We sincerely welcome all of you to join our fold and we are ecstatic about the opportunity to work with you along the journey!

Each contestant will receive dance lessons, makeup tips, a photo session, etiquette information and health and nutrition information, a self-defense and bullying class as well as other enhancing experiences. Sign up today and become part of something great, fun, and happy. **Contact us at [HistoricBelle@gmail.com](mailto:HistoricBelle@gmail.com) or Historic Belle, P.O. Box 68, Middleburg, Florida 32050.**

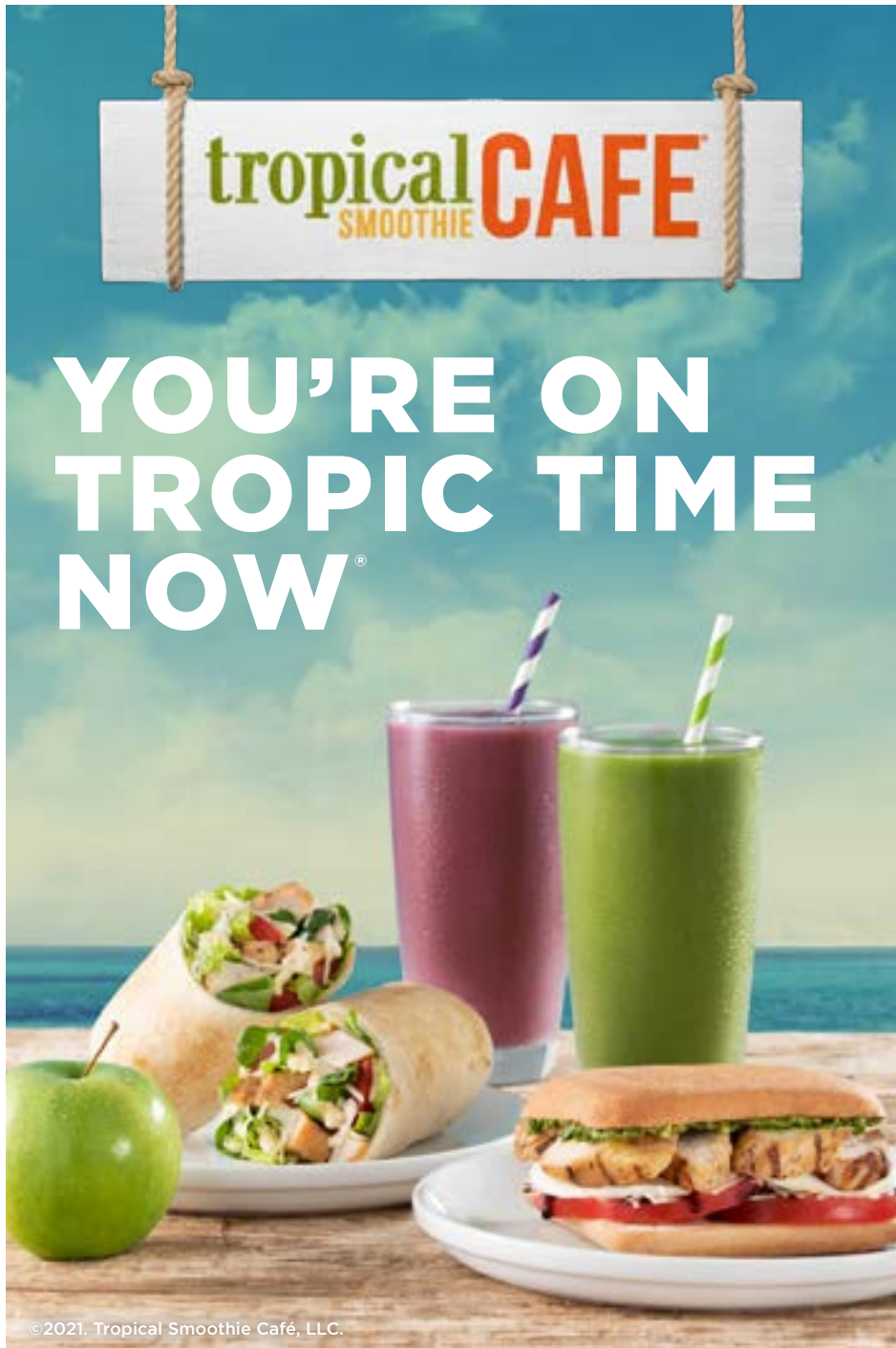
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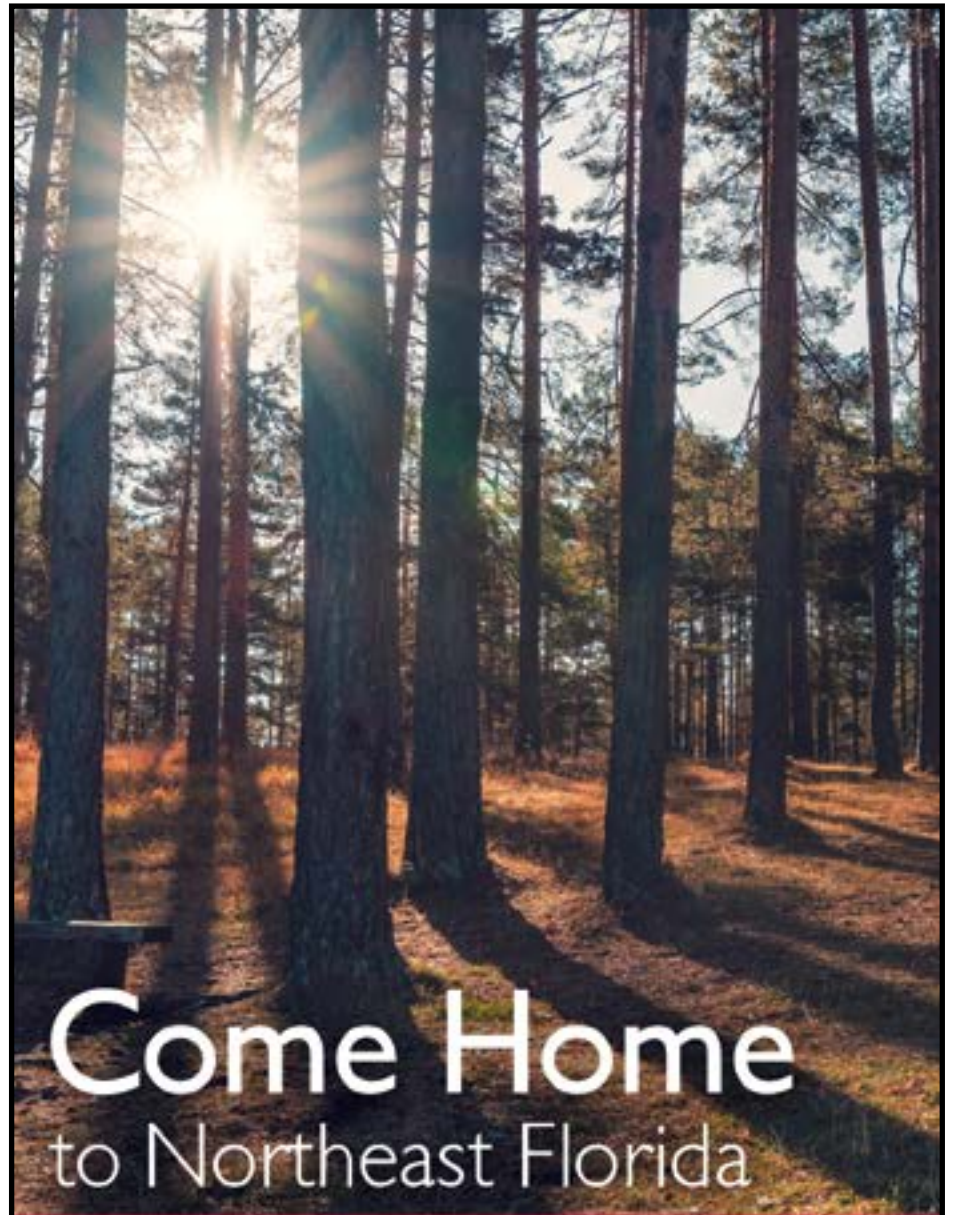


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The Clay County Sheriff's Office dates back to 1859. Elam J. Daniels was the first man to hold the highest law enforcement position in the county. From the bank robbery of 1907 in Green Cove Springs, to Bill Joe Crab's great escape, to the runaway wife, deputies with the sheriff's office have solved some interesting crimes over the years.

My family has been here for more than 50 years since my father, who was in the Navy, was stationed here. My mom is a retired nurse who stays busy with the over one dozen grandkids in the family. My parents instilled a deep respect for our country and our community, and my role as sheriff doesn't weigh lightly on me. I'm proud to hold that title.

Today, the Clay County Sheriff's Office consists of 650 employees, including more than 285 beat deputies. We handle over 240,000 calls for service a year, and we are the primary law enforcement agency for our 644 square mile county. We also manage the Clay County Jail, which is located in Green Cove Springs. On average, we have about 440 inmates who are in our care and control.

My vision for the Clay County Sheriff's Office is to foster a safe community where families and businesses thrive, and our values are integrity, caring, excellence, and teamwork. Our mission is to selflessly serve our community with honor and courage. Those statements are at the forefront of everything we do as an agency.

Our community is a great one. Hearing 'thank you' while we are out and about in our community isn't uncommon, and for that I'm grateful and proud. Clay County is changing by the day, but no matter how much it does, the men and women of the Clay County Sheriff's Office will be here when our community needs us - and that's an honor.

If you would like to learn more about our agency, I encourage you to check out our website [www.claysheriff.com](http://www.claysheriff.com) or follow us on social media! Also, please add 904-264-6512 to your cell phone now. That is the Clay County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number. Please do not ever hesitate to reach out if we can assist you. No problem or concern is too small or insignificant. We are here for you. I am here for you! Again, welcome to Clay County!

Sincerely,

Michelle Cook  
Sheriff, Clay County

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## Survey Questions

How long have you lived in Middleburg?

3 years



Ruby Martell

What is your favorite place to go in Clay County?

Nicole's On The River

Where do you work?

Culver's

Where is your home town?

Jacksonville, Florida

Name of person, children, wife (husband).

Ruby Martell

What are your hobbies?

Crafts, Cake Decorating

How long have you lived in Middleburg?

28 years



Pam Haun

What is your favorite place to go in Clay County?

Whitey's, Boating on Black Creek

Where do you work?

Retired

Where is your home town?

Alma, Georgia

Name of person, children, wife (husband).

Pam Haun

Name something you are well known for.

Baking Cakes for Family

What are your hobbies?

Flowers and Crafts

# ■ New at the Middleburg-Clay Hill Library ■

The Middleburg- Clay Hill Library, located at 2245 Aster Avenue in Middleburg, FL is open 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday to serve you.

## We have:

- Limited seating available for studying and Wi-Fi use
- Free Wi-Fi available in the library parking lot 24 hours a day
- Mobile Wi-Fi “SmartSpots” to check out for 14 days with your library card
- Patron holds kiosks that can be accessed anytime with your library card
- Self-checkout stations
- 3-D printing services. Complete this form to request your printing: <https://www.claycountygov.com/Home/Show-Document?id=7286>

**New Staff Members** - The Middleburg-Clay Hill library recently welcomed two new staff members. Library Associate III Ryan Wynn is our circulation services lead and can help with any library card or circulation questions. Children's Associate Kellie Abrahamson provides children's services for children 0 – 12 years including craft programs and kits, special programs and events, and story times.

**HoldIT™ Self-Service pick-up kiosks are now available-** This new contactless service extends library hours by allowing patrons to pick up items they have placed on hold 24 hours a day, seven days a week by simply scanning their library card. Patrons can browse the library catalog from home for books, reference materials, DVDs, music CDs, and much more at <http://insignia.claycountygov.com/Library/Home>. After you create or log in to your account, you can select up to 15 items to place on hold. You will have the option to select the Middleburg- Clay Hill branch to pick up the materials, and to select “pick up from locker” to retrieve the items.

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**Welcome Honeybees and Pollinator Garden**  
**Courtesy of the Clay County 4-H Stingers May 22, 2021-** 15,000 Honeybees now call the Middleburg- Clay Hill Library home. The Stingers club freshened up the nearby pollinator garden and installed the bees, which can be viewed through a window on the apiary enclosure. The honeybees will travel around the surrounding woodlands pollinating flowers and producing up to 50 pounds of honey each year.



**Welcome Butterfly Garden Courtesy of the Garden Club of Middleburg June 5, 2021-** On October 29, 2020, the Garden Club of Middleburg began building a Butterfly Garden at the Middleburg-Clay Hill Library. Now, with the warmer weather, the garden is in full bloom and attracting all types of butterflies. The club held a plant sale on June 5<sup>th</sup> with the proceeds going to support many of their community programs. Members also presented “Flutter Flutter Butterflies Galore” an interactive butterfly presentation and exhibit.

**Teen Anime Club-** The club meets the last Tuesday of every month from 6-7:30 p.m. Teens ages 12-18 are welcome show off their cosplay and come in their favorite Anime-themed costume.

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**Friends of Middleburg-Clay Hill Library** – The next book sale will be Thursday, July 29, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds from the book sale are used to purchase new books, equipment, and enhance programs at the library.

**Free lunch this summer, June 7 through July 21-** We're partnering with Clay District Schools to offer free lunch for kids during summer break. Their food truck will be parked at the Middleburg Library on Mondays & Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. to distribute meals to anyone 18 and under.

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**Tiffani Pearson** is the Middleburg- Clay Hill Library Branch Manager.

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<b>American Legion Post #250</b> 3939 CR 218, Middleburg 904-282-3766 Meet 3rd Thursday of each Month	<b>Fraternal Order of Eagles Aeries 4365</b> 1932 Long Bay, Middleburg : FOE4365@att.net Contact: Desiree Bryan 904.413.7542	<b>Middleburg Museum</b> 3912 Section St., Middleburg, FL 32068 Located behind Middleburg Civic Center Open: Sundays 2 PM to 4 PM or by appt. Contact: April Watts at 904-609-3123	<b>VFW Post #8255 Middleburg</b> 2296 Aster Ave., Middleburg Contact: 904-282-0475
<b>Azalea Ridge Homeowners Association</b> Contact 263-5129 Meets quarterly at Library	<b>Friends of the Library</b> Meet 2nd Tuesday of January, May & September 2245 Aster St., Middleburg, FL 32068 Email: MCHFriendsOfTheLibrary@gmail.com Or call 904-541-5855	<b>Moose Lodge #</b> 1932 Long Bay Rd, Middleburg	<b>Vietnam Veterans</b> Contact: Gary Newman 904-269-1857
<b>Black Creek Park North Neighborhood Association</b> Contact: Howard Davidson, Jr 904-282-5230 Meets quarterly at Library	<b>Girl Scouts of America-Clay County</b> Contact: 904-388-4653	<b>Moose Lodge #</b> 2108 Palmetto St, Middleburg	<b>Weigel Senior Center</b> 3916 Section St, Middleburg Contact: 904-291-3520
	<b>Magnolia Heights HOA</b> Contact: Bruce David 904-677-2930	<b>Ravines Resort Condo Association</b> Contact: 904-278-2338 Meets 2nd Monday PM at the Middleburg Civic Center located at 2102 Palmetto Street in downtown Middleburg	<b>Food Bank:</b> United Methodist Church Agape @ First Baptist of Middleburg Evangel Temple Southwest Food Bridge: Thursdays 9:30AM-11:00AM Bread Basket: Saturdays 9:00AM-11:00AM Open to anyone
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## Middleburg Middlebuilders

**Coached by Stellar employee and  
ACE mentor, Chise Nicholson** Pub-  
lished Monday, May 24, 2021

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (May 24,  
2021)** — A team of three freshman  
students from Middleburg High  
School won “Best Technical Ap-  
proach” in the ACE Mentor Program  
of Northeast Florida’s regional competition this year.



The annual contest challenges local high school students to design a building and develop a proposal in response to a mock request for proposal (RFP). On April 30, the student teams presented their projects virtually to a panel of expert judges.

The winning “Middleburg Middlebuilders” team consists of:

- Kamryn Wright, freshman (“Project Architect”)
- Connor Tison, freshman (“Architectural Designer”)
- Daniel Lee, freshman (“Electrical Engineer”)

The Middleburg High students won over the judges with their design of a tiny home that met the RFP specifications and aligned with the surrounding community and environment. The students competed against 10 other teams from five area high schools, including a homeschool team.

“This was a challenging year for the program as weekly sessions had to be held virtually, but these students persevered,” said Chise Nicholson, an architectural associate at Stellar and the team’s ACE Mentor Lead. “They are all first-timers to the ACE Mentor Program and showed tremendous growth since the beginning of the program year. I’m amazed at their hard work and the excellent project they completed — and clearly the judges were, too.”

The winning students are certified users in a number of industry-standard software programs used by professional designers such as Autodesk AutoCAD, Revit and Inventor. The team’s Teacher Lead was Middleburg High faculty member Michael Carson, and Mike Ackley of Mattamy Homes served as a supporting mentor.

Founded during the 2006-2007 school year, the ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida helps high school students explore potential careers in architecture, construction and engineering. Through the program, mentors from local industry firms meet with students once a week for 18-20 weeks. During these sessions, students work in teams to create practical solutions for “real-world” projects.

*Stellar* has long been a supporter of architecture, engineering and construction education within the community. The firm partnered to create the Stellar Academy of Engineering at Nease High School, which is now in its 15th year. The program provides students with an innovative curriculum and includes opportunities to learn from Stellar experts in the classroom and beyond. Stellar also supports college scholarships for Academy students as well as for local high school seniors participating in the ACE Mentor Program.





# Carroll, Mussante lead Broncos' athletic successes

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor



*Chase Carroll*

MIDDLEBURG - Middleburg High golfer Chase Carroll and cross country runner Emma Mussante both chased the dream of going to the state championships with both finishing their respective seasons with strong endings.

Carroll, who as a freshman, got a first ticket to the Class 2A championship tournament last year, kept his canny knack of opportunistic golf to kind of ride under the radar of more prominent golfers in the area to storm to the region 1-2A title and put his name in the hopper with the likes of golfers from Bishop Kenyy, Pensacola and Ponte Vedra; the region team champion with Bishop Kenny third.

At the state meet, Carroll struggled the first round then nearly turned his game around, but eventually finished 35th with rounds of 82 and 79.

Carroll's brother, Cody, now a golfer for the University of North Florida, remains the family's lone state golf champion.

For Mussante, after an excruciating finish in one of the toughest region of cross country last year, put a step or two more back into her training to earn her ticket the big race as a senior.

At her region race, with racing stalwarts Reilly Barber of St. Augustine and Lauren Bing of Ponte Vedra the top targets, Mussante ran a sterling race; one of her best efforts of the season, to finish third just behind Bing and Barber who won in 18:32 with Bing at 19:21 and Mussante at 19:25.

At the state meet, in super hilly Tallahassee, Bing would finish 10th, Barber would finish in 18th and Mussante would finish 24th to close out a career of an always-improving four years topped with a scholarship offer from Florida Southern College.

In the winter season, girls soccer dominated the headlines with coach Kenneth Yancey extracting a district runnerup finish and a final 11-7-2 record behind scrappy play up front from Molly Burt

In girls weightlifting, Leslie Catlett, Jewel Taylor and Emily Georgiades get-



*Kylee Crickmore*



*Stone Newsome*



*Emma Mussante*

ting state meet tickets.

Spring sports saw feisty coach and athletic director John Stilianou raising the bar of excellence in flag football for Bronco fans with a astute quarterback; Brooke Swenson, a wispy tailback in Meghan Bonser and defensive stalwarts Jewel Taylor, Desiree Hall and and glue-fingered pass interceptor Cheyenne Jenkins putting Middleburg on the playoff map with a region playoff run.

On the track, freshman Nya Russell put the track scene on notice in the long jump with a state bid while sophomore discus thrower Wyatt Underwood got his first shot at the state meet.

Both the softball and baseball team made season-ending playoff noise with the Lady Broncos getting to the region final with pseudo-upsets over Deltona, Matanzas and an near-miss against Pace High in the region championship.

Baseball had a late big bat run, but fell short in the regions to eventual region finalist Ponte Vedra in round one.

In weightlifting, Stone Newsome duked it out with Suwannee eventual state champion with a 1-2 finish at region by just a 0.1 pound difference in body weight giving Jaquez Moore the region title. Moore also won the state title at 183 with getting injured. Johnathan Floyd, at 169, was third in region and fourth at state.

Biggest news for 2021 is new football coach Ryan Wolfe who will inject a fast-moving offense to the Bronco gridiron as was evident in a 21-0 win over Keystone Heights in their spring game.



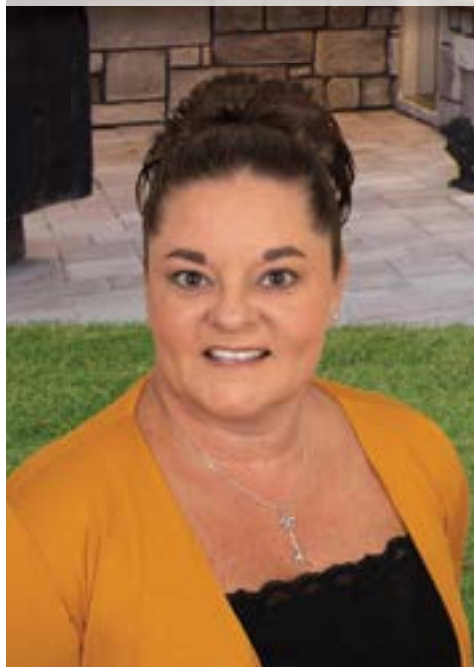
*Quarterback Brooke Swenson takes snap from center Jewel Taylor  
Lady Broncos had Region Playoff Season*



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# How the Middleburg Civic Association (MCA) Helps to Make a Difference in Middleburg

This year marks 80 years that Middleburg Civic Association (MCA) has been making a difference in our community and going strong. Over the years the services that the association has provided has changed with the needs of the community but the heart of the organization to give back has remained steadfast. In today's climate, meeting the needs has surely looked different than in years past, but the MCA board and members have risen to the challenge and provided countless opportunities to community individuals and business members alike.

Monthly meetings, held the last Wednesday of the month, provide members with an opportunity to find out what is happening right here in our community. With various speakers every month covering topics such as economic development, healthcare, Education, Sheriff's office, County commissioners, and even small business education, meetings are a great way to keep you up to date. They also provide an amazing networking opportunity to get to know not only your neighbors and local businesses, but also learn of other local happenings.

Over the past few years, the Association has been pleased to offer festivals and fun wholesome family events throughout the year that are free to the community. Thanks to our community sponsors and volunteers, these events offer something for everyone. They not only provide an array of fun activities for the children with bounce houses, petting zoos and an assortment of other activities but also provide a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and community leaders and offer local small businesses the chance to showcase their products and services that many may not be aware of. They are a great way to fill your day with friends, food, finds and fun!

Community outreach and give back is a top focus that has remained at the forefront of the Associations mission. The Back-to-School event that provides school supplies to local children and teachers has grown every year as the association provides supplies for more than 300 children within our community. The Associations give back doesn't stop there as when Christmas season rolls around our members and community partners rally together to bring home a memorable Christmas for local children in need.

Covid presented new challenges for the Civic Associations Town Hall meetings. The Association once again rose to the challenge to bring the community what they needed in a time of uncertainty. This past election they hosted a live streamed event for voters to

get to know the Sheriff's candidates. This gave the opportunity for community members to ask questions of the candidates that were important issues to them.

The Civic Association is just as active and vital within our community as ever. The past 80 years has presented plenty of opportunities for the association to grow and change within the community and we are looking forward to what the future holds for this amazing community organization.

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# The Three Houses of Chalker

**By Archives Specialist Vishi Garig, a Service of Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tara S. Green**

The Chalker Family of Middleburg is perhaps one of our most important pioneer families in Clay County. Arriving here in the early 1850's, they became an integral part of the community and left their mark on the Main Street Historic District of Middleburg.

Albert Symington Chalker was from Horry County, South Carolina. In 1852, when he was just nine years old, he moved with his parents and siblings to Clay County, Florida. When he was nineteen, Chalker joined the Company K of the Second Florida Cavalry. He spent much of his time at Baldwin, Florida, and served as a courier for General Joseph Finegan.

During the war, Chalker carried on a romance via the mail with Martha Ann Bardin. His beautiful love letters are preserved at the State Archives and are available online at Florida Memory. When he was not romancing Martha, he wrote about the conditions under which he was serving. He married Martha Ann Bardin in December 1865. Martha's father, William Sims Bardin, gave his Middleburg residence to the couple as a wedding gift. Chalker first established a ferry on the south prong of Black

Creek. The ferry helped transport produce to market and prospered. Next, he built a general store on Main Street. For seventeen years, Albert Chalker served as Middleburg's postmaster and tax collector from 1881 to 1885.



Around 1890, Chalker went out west to New Mexico, where he hoped to expand his fortune. There, he was diagnosed with Bright's disease, a kidney ailment. He returned to Middleburg, where he died on January 26, 1906. Martha Anne Chalker lived at the Clark-Chalker House until her death in 1936.

From the National Register of Historic Places: *"The most historically significant building in the district is the Clark-Chalker House located at 3891 Main Street. The Clark-Chalker House is one of Florida's few surviving antebellum period houses, and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. Constructed circa 1935 when Middleburg became a staging area for military operations during the Second Seminole War, it is the oldest extant building in Middleburg (and Clay County). The house was probably built at the behest of Captain Michael M. Clark, Quartermaster at nearby Fort Heileman, who in 1835 was instructed to construct buildings necessary to facilitate the prosecution of the war. The building likely served as headquarters for Generals Winfield Scott and Thomas Jessup. There is also evidence suggesting that it was used as an army hospital during the conflict. In 1845, Isaac Varnes purchased the property, and in turn, sold it to the Hoyt Family who operated a private school for planters' children out of the house. In 1859, William Sims Bardin acquired the house and surrounding land along the south fork of Black Creek. Bardin was born in 1817 near Picolata, Florida. He served as a soldier*





*Left to right: Martha Chalker, George A Chalker, William C Chalker holding William C, Jr. Christmas 1920*



*George Chalker's home on Wharf Street, Middleburg.*



*The Chalker Store*

in the Second Seminole War (1835-1842). After the war, Bardin turned to farming land in the vicinity of Middleburg which he had inherited from his father. It was land which his father had bought in 1826. Bardin's daughter, Martha Anne, began attending the Hoyt School in 1851. Desiring to be closer to his daughter and his land holdings, he purchased the property from the Hoyt's in 1859. By 1860, Bardin owned thirty-five slaves and had established a thriving plantation along the banks of the Black Creek. During the Civil War the Bardin house fared better than some of the other buildings in Middleburg. Although plundered of its furniture, the house itself was not damaged. Bardin's plantation, however, was virtually destroyed. At the close of hostilities, Martha Anne Bardin married Albert Symington Chalker, a cavalry soldier whom she had met during the war. William Bardin gave the newlyweds the house on Main Street as a wedding gift."

Martha's grandson, Dr. Francis Allen Copp, inherited the house and embarked on a significant restoration effort. The most profound alteration was on the front facade, where Dr. Copp removed the second-story gallery and added a small balcony and four masonry columns across the front in its place.

In the 1980s, the home was purchased by the Gaudet Family and was their primary

residence until the early 1990s. At some point, the historic Knights of Pythias lodge was moved to the Chalker property. It was restored and served as a part-time residence for the family until both properties were sold in the early 1990s.

Next, located at 3895 Main Street, right next door to the Clark Chalker house and the Masonic lodge, was one of two George A Chalker houses. George Albert was the son of Albert and Martha Chalker. He was a successful businessman in his own right, and was the postmaster for a period like his father. He owned a mercantile store on Main Street. He was involved in Scotland Mills and the Middleburg Lumber Company. In 1903, he travelled to New York on behalf of Scotland Mills. His partners in the Middleburg Lumber Co. were Edward and

Lincoln Spencer. He also had a real estate development company, and the company built the home at 3895 Main Street. It eventually became known as the Stewart house.

George Chalker's private home is found at 2160 Wharf Street, right around the corner from the other two houses. In January 1897, George purchased the lot from the Florida National Bank. The price was \$100. The original style of the house was Folk Victorian, featuring decorative spindle work and verge board in the gable ends, and a tiered front-end porch. In about 1910, however, the building was remodeled using the then popular contemporary Colonial Revival style. The building remained in the Chalker Family until it was sold to Elmer Edinfield in 1969.



*Knights of Pythias in front of their lodge.*



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2020 – 2021 was a challenging year for Middleburg Black Creek Lions Club. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were unable to meet face to face until mid-year, our primary fundraiser was rescheduled 3 times and many of our service projects were canceled. Yet, our services were still required and we found alternate methods of providing them.

The Motto of Lions Clubs International is “We Serve.” Middleburg Black Creek Lions Club serves our community by conducting;

- **Free Vision Screenings, Eye Exams and Refractions, Glasses:**  
We have conducted thousands of free Vision Screenings and have provided hundreds of free pairs of glasses to local needy.
- **Used Eye Glasses and Hearing Aid Collections:**  
We have collected tens of thousands of used eye glasses and hearing aids which have been repaired, reused, reissued or recycled.
- **Food Drives, Donations and Distribution:**  
We have collected, purchased and donated tons of non-perishable food items to support Middleburg's Food Banks.
- Each Christmas, we host a **Christmas Party** for the residents of Pine Crest Manor Assisted Living Facility in Middleburg. Santa makes a surprise visit with gifts for all the residents. Due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to host this event. Instead, we purchased a Tablet for the residents' use.
- Our members volunteer as **Salvation Army Bell Ringers** to assist Salvation Army raise funds for its mission in Clay County.
- We participate in **Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program** providing gifts for local needy children.
- Each **Christmas we provide gifts** for hundreds of local needy children.
- We provide Christmas **Dinner for seniors who attend the Weigel Senior Center of Middleburg.**
- We collect and donate school supplies for **back to school kits** for hundreds of our needy students.
- We plant trees, milkweeds, wildflowers and clean trash along the sides of the roads for Earth Day.
- We conduct White Cane Days to educate the community about Lions Sight Initiatives.
- We provided Disaster Relief to the Gulf Coast for those affected by hurricanes.

In the past year, we have donated approximately \$4000 to local and regional charities, including;

Father's Heart Ministry, Hope Therapy, Safe Animal Shelter, Miriam's Basket, Weigel Senior Center (Middleburg,) SKOA, Christmas

in a Box, Salvation Army, Agape House Food Bank, Middleburg Food Bridge, North Florida Lions Eye Foundation, Southeast Guide Dogs, Leader Dog, Florida Guide Dogs for the Deaf, Arlington Eye Clinic, Northeast Florida Hearing Aid Bank, American Diabetes Association, Florida Center for the Blind, Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, Florida Lions Foundation, International Hearing Dog, Lions Clubs International Foundation, KidSight, and Lions Quest Education Program.

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MBC Lions is organized as a member of The Lions of Florida, the Bahamas, Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. This year The Lions of Florida is celebrating our 100th Anniversary.

Middleburg Black Creek Lions meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 1 pm, at the Middleburg-Clay Hill Public Library, 2245 Aster Avenue, Middleburg, FL 32068. You are cordially invited to attend any meeting. If you are interested in becoming a Lion, you may contact John Lynch (Ph. 904.514.1333, email: jjlynch31@hotmail.com.) For more information, check out our website: [www.middleburgblackcreekclub.com](http://www.middleburgblackcreekclub.com), our Facebook Page, Facebook/Middleburg Black Creek Lions, or Lions Clubs International, [www.Lionsclubs.org](http://www.Lionsclubs.org).



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# Operation Santa Cause

## Middleburg woman is the driving force behind annual toy for Florida National Guard families



Christmas is coming to Clay in a few months and Jeanne Scholl already is collecting toys for the holiday season. Although she is not an elf, Scholl is working hard to make sure all military families have toys for Christmas.

Scholl started collecting toys after she saw a need in her community. “My family and I had started donating toys locally, mainly because when I was growing up my father was always about ‘Christmas is for the kids’...” Scholl said. “And so through my life there were a lot of



times where I couldn’t provide for my kids. And so I always told myself, you know I’ve always had good people that were just there. They just always helped me and I’m going to do the same. I just have to.”

Scholl started the nonprofit charity, Operation Santa Cause, in 2013. Operation Santa Cause focuses on children of National Guard members and gold star families in the Clay County area. Operation Santa Cause began after Scholls’ son, an officer in the National Guard, noticed many families were struggling to provide for their families, let alone provide toys to their children on Christmas Day.

At first, Scholl and her family were buying the toys with their

own money but would later start receiving toy donations. Jeanne and Bernie Scholl connected with Jeanne’s fellow coworker Kathleen Weise, and together they founded Operation Santa Cause.

Scholl likes to keep things a secret that she’s working for Santa by giving the parents the toys in December. They never see the children and only the parents are aware of the promotion. While Scholl loves to keep the process a secret and something exciting for the children, she sometimes wishes she could see their reactions.

“One of the Gold Star mothers shared a story with us that just warmed our hearts because we don’t get to hear too many stories

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but every year we've been giving toys to her son for the past three years and every year what she does is she takes the toys, she puts them under the tree, and she puts from his dad on the presents. So that way he knows that even though his dad has passed he knows that the guard is still watching over him and

his dad is still watching over him," Scholl said.

Operation Santa Cause starts collecting new toys in July but accepts toys year round. On average 300 children are participating in the promotion. Each child receives multiple toys which calls for lots of donations. New Toy donations can

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# THE HOUSES



## THE FROSARD BUDINGTON HOME

(Circa 1910) 3916 Main Street

This is Historic Middleburg's only example of Queen Anne architecture. It is unusual in that it is a single story with a rounded corner on the veranda porch. The rounded columns are called ionic. The interesting shape of the left-hand gable window when facing the front of the house is called Palladian. In 1927, Mr. and Mrs. F. Budington gave a deed to the Middleburg United Methodist Church which later added the Budington Educational Building. This home is now owned by Mrs. Pat Mueller.



## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Circa 1847) 3925 Main Street

This building is one of the oldest Methodist churches in continuous use in Florida. It is a frame vernacular Church built of Hand-wrought lumber and nails. Mr. George Branning later donated the bell which was forged in New York and shipped by steamboat. One early use of the bell was to toll the death of his son, Robert Branning, who died in 1861 at 20 years of age.



## THE STEWART HOME

(Circa 1890-1911) 3895 Main Street

This is Middleburg's only example of center gable frame vernacular architecture. It is a white two-story home with a porch. It has a front facing gable wall dormer window. The home was built by George Chalker. As Mr. Chalker had a home on wharf Street, he rented this house to Mr. and Mrs. G.P. Stewart. The Stewarts moved from the Gin House Landing area where they had a turpentine mill.



## THE BUDINGTON HOME

(Circa Late 1800's)

Originally at 3913 Main Street

This is a white two-story house with a wide L-shaped porch which extends out to an area which can be used now as a carport. The shutters on this home are functional. This frame vernacular home is thought to have been moved to its present sit by rolling it on logs from across the street where the F. Budington home is now. This home is simpler in appearance on the outside than the Frosard Budington house across the street. This house has been relocated to the Main Street Park.



## THE GEORGE CHALKER HOME

(Circa Late 1800's) 2160 Wharf Street

This white two-story home sits on a large area of land. It is Colonial Revival architecture which features a flat roofed porch with a railing above which is supported by square columns. There is a dormer window on the roof on the front of the house. A vine-covered retaining wall fronts the home on Wharf Street. The Chalker family was related to many families in Middleburg. It is presently under-going renovation and restoration.



## DR. G.E. ADAMS & DR. STONE HOME

(Circa Early 1900's) 2145 Wharf Street

This building is a small frame vernacular home. It has decorative wooden trim on it. There is wooden "gingerbread" trim at the top of the porch columns. The porch with railing is on the left side of the house when facing the front. This building served as a Doctor's office and home in 1914. Later, the house became a private residence.



## THE GEORGE HASKELL HOME

(Circa Late 1800's) 3894 Main Street

This frame vernacular home was built by Mr. Haskell as a replica of his home in Salem Mass. He was stationed with the Union troops during the Civil War in the area. He was attached to the Paymaster Corps. He later acquired 500 acres of land. The house is three stories and has been remodeled and kept in good condition. It is white with a decorative eagle on it.



# OF HISTORIC MIDDLEBURG



## THE CLARK-CHALKER HOUSE

(Circa 1835) 3891 Main Street

This is the oldest building in Middleburg. It is a white two-story columned house with a white picket fence. This open side gable frame vernacular home was built for Capt. Matthew Clark and his staff. They were with the U.S. 2nd Dragoons stationed at Ft Heilman. During the Second Seminole Indian war, the house was headquarters for General Winfield Scott. Martha Ann Chalker later occupied the house for 82 years until her death in 1936.



## OLD MASONIC LODGE

(Circa Late 1800-1889) 3893 Main Street

This building was moved to its present site from where the present Masonic Lodge is now. It is often called "the old lodge." It has an open side gable frame vernacular building built in the federal-period style. It has a one bay gable roof entrance porch on the east side. This yellow painted two-story building is balanced or symmetrical in appearance. It is beside the Clark-Chalker house.



## THE HADDEN HOME

(Circa 1912) 3887 Main Street

This is a colonial revival home with a balanced front called a symmetrical façade. This is a two-story home with round columns. It has a tin roof like several of the historic homes in the historic district. An interesting aspect of this home is that the decoration above the front door was originally made from an old bed headboard. This is called a decorative entrance Pediment.



## THE BARTHLOW HOME

(Circa 1800's) 3884 Main Street

This is a frame vernacular home, which is a typical wood frame home of the period. It is a small home with a tin roof and green metal awnings over the porch. Homes during this period were built with fireplaces for heat as is this one. This home has a metal fence. Some of the other homes have wooden, brick, metal or stone fences in front of their homes. Some do not have fences. This home remains in the Barthlow family to this day.



## THE BARDIN HOME

(Circa 1888) 3881 Main Street

This is Middleburg's only example of Italian architecture. This style is more common in other areas of the country than in the South. There is a central cupola which is a small structure built on to the house. It is often used as a lookout and for air supply ventilation. Mr. Henry Bardin's house has two wide porches across the front of the house. It also has Victorian style gingerbread trim. The Bardins used to have square dances there many Saturday nights.



## LONG HOUSE

(Circa 1890) 3858 Main Street

This home was purchased by Edward Long for his parents in 1896. It was an example of the open side gambrel frame vernacular style. This building features drop siding exterior wall fabric and an exterior field stone chimney stack.





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## Recent Ascension St. Vincent's expansion allows Middleburg hospital to expand its award-winning services



**MIDDLEBURG** – Ascension St. Vincent's completed a second expansion of its hospital in Clay County last September, which resulted in 16 additional intensive care beds and 12 progressive care beds. A progressive care unit is typically used for hospitalized patients who need more advanced care than a standard medical/surgical unit but do not require intensive care. The project also created approximately 50 jobs.

"The fact that this is our second expansion demonstrates our commitment to growing within Clay County and providing an even greater level of compassionate, personalized care," said Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County President James Machado. "It's also a testament to the rapid growth of the community itself and our desire to be there for our neighbors in the most convenient, comprehensive ways possible."

The expansion also includes an additional heart catheterization lab, which further expands the facility's heart care capabilities.

"Ascension St. Vincent's is a leader in heart care across Northeast Florida," said Dr. Omer Zuberi, an interventional cardiologist at Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County. "Whether people have the opportunity to select us to help them manage more chronic heart and vascular conditions or if it is a more emergent need, we're going to continue to add options for our patients so that they can get the care they need close to home."

Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County opened in 2013. The first expansion project which doubled the hospital's size was completed in 2016 and this most recent expansion project began in the summer of 2018.

St. Vincent's recently earned an 'A' in the spring 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction recognizing Ascension St. Vincent's commitment to clinical and service excellence, protecting patients from harm and providing safer, higher quality healthcare. The hospitals also received 'A' grades last fall.

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to healthcare quality and safety.

"Safety is essential to clinical excellence, providing an exceptional patient experience, and authentically living our Mission. Ascension Florida and Gulf Coast has clearly articulated and reinforced patient safety as a top priority as evidenced by these straight A's, multiple 5-Star ratings from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, multiple 5-Star ratings from Professional Research Consultants, Inc., and numerous other specialty-specific awards and recognitions," said Ascension Florida and Gulf Coast President and CEO Tom VanOsdol. "I'm grateful for every physician, every nurse, every caregiver, and everyone on our entire team for dedicated and selfless work to care for those we're so blessed to serve. Recognitions like

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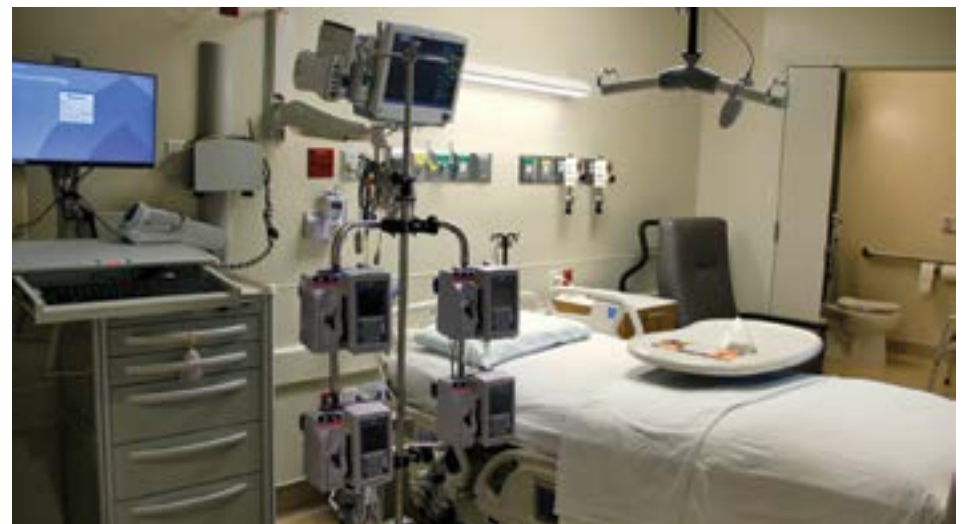
"An 'A' safety grade is an elite designation that your community should be proud of," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "The past year has been extraordinarily difficult for hospitals, but Ascension St. Vincent's shows us it is possible to keep a laser focus on patients and their safety, no matter what it takes."

The Safety Grade assigns an 'A,' 'B,' 'C,' 'D' or 'F' grade to all general acute care hospitals across the country and is updated every six months. It is based on a hospital's performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections and other harms to patients in their care.

Developed under the guidance of a national Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,700 U.S. acute care hospitals twice a year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

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9 years

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Yummy Restaurants

Where do you work?  
All over Clay County

Where is your home town?  
Jacksonville, Florida

Name of person, children, wife (husband).  
Kelly Ethier

Name something you are well known for.  
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What are your hobbies?  
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Kelly Ethier

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Where is your home town?  
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Helping Out

What are your hobbies?  
Family



Bridget Friday

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What is your favorite place to go in Clay County?  
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Where do you work?  
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Where is your home town?  
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Name of person, children, wife (husband).  
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Jonathan Sorel

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## Dreamette serves up a bit of nostalgia with every ice cream cone



The Stevens family remembers every smile at their walkup window at Dreamette Ice Cream, from the innocent looks of anticipation from children to the glances of grandparents who still reminiscence of a time when such simple pleasures defined a day.

One cone at a time, Dreamette has quickly been embraced by a community that knows about the

iconic shop from Jacksonville's Murray Hill area. The new store, which opened on Labor Day weekend in 2020, already is creating its own brand of nostalgic followers.

Mark Stevens worked with Jacksonville Dreamette owner Johnny Nettles for years. The closer he got to retirement, the more he wanted his ice cream shop.

"I wanted to copy that atmosphere," Stevens said. "What you always remember are the families, especially the kids. It is an iconic place in Jacksonville. We want to bring that same atmosphere to Middleburg."

Starting a new restaurant, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, was risky. But the Stevens said they haven't slowed down since the first banana split was made.

On opening day and with the country still dealing with the pandemic, hundreds of people stood in the rain waiting for their turn at the window. Although the line wrapped around the building, nobody complained.

"The reputation [of the Jacksonville store] sold us," said Robin Stevens.

"If we tried to start with something new, it would be a lot more difficult," Mark Stevens said. "When we opened our doors 20-25% of our customers already knew the name Dreamette."

The parents started the business as an investment for their son, Matthew. They plan to turn over the business, sprinkles and all, and return to retirement.

"The amazing thing is seeing a family enjoying some ice cream and all the phones are in their pockets," Matthew said. "It's a real family moment. You don't see a lot of that anymore."

The store is located at 2620 Blanding Blvd. at the Middleburg Crossings. To keep things simple, the corner store only offers walkup



service, and it only accepts cash.

The menu includes all flavors of ice cream and dairy treats. It doesn't sell chili dogs, onion rings or chicken tenders. Dreamette is known for its ice cream, so that's all they do.

"In a world of COVID, it's nice when a family can get out and spend about \$12 for ice cream," Mark said. "That's a wonderful feeling."

Which creates a lot of memories.



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## Grumpy's putting smiles on hungry customers' faces with new location on Blanding Boulevard

Grumpy's, the award-winning eatery that started in Orange Park, expanded its Americana style breakfast, brunch and lunch to a bunch of happy eaters in Middleburg.

"Middleburg residents will resonate with our passion and love for bringing family and friends together over great diner food," said Daniel DeLeon, owner and CEO.

Middleburg native Dell Hoard is the co-owner of the new franchise, along with his parents. He also serves as the general manager. Hoard spent a weekend in the kitchen at the Orange Park location, getting a feel for the business and seeing what it took to run a restaurant. According to DeLeon, he loved the experience, and it just went on from there.

"I had been going to Grumpy's for a few years now," said Hoard. "So for me, it was just going in there, just falling in love with the environment, I guess. I really like the Grumpy's culture; the neighborhood feel, the southern hospitality. It just made me feel welcome. I grew up in Middleburg, so for me, it just kind of fit."

Hoard loves the Grumpy's model of getting a good meal without breaking the bank, as well the good feelings he gets when he goes there. Hoard is also a fan of the good things Grumpy's does outside of the restaurant.

"I always liked going in there. I came out of there full, and I wasn't spending a lot of money," he said. "It was relatively inexpensive. It was kind of a lot of things, I guess. I liked the close-knit community that I feel that they have. I've gotten to know Danny over the last few months, but I also go to see him on social media and on the news, and I got to see the kind of person he was. Just speaking with him over the last few months while getting this restaurant set up, I also got to see that everything about him on the news is also true in person. He really promotes and wants that family feel; that environment when you go in that resonates with people everywhere," he said.

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While the COVID-19 pandemic put a stranglehold on many businesses, but Grumpy's embarked on an ambitious expansion project that now includes locations in Yulee and St. Johns. There also are plans for a fifth Grumpy's, most likely in either Green Cove Springs or on Fleming Island.

"We knew as a company that our resources were all going to be reinvested in doing this and setting up for replication," said DeLeon. "So even pre-COVID, we were capitalized to use our resources to expand and grow, so that really put us in a good position...it put us in a good position to know that ok, we were saving for a rainy day because we knew

we were planning on growing."

DeLeon believes Grumpy's still is in an excellent position to grow.

This location brought 35-40 new jobs into the Middleburg community. It's also a way for Hoard to give back to his hometown.

The new franchise, located at 1805 Blanding Blvd., opened last October. Proceeds from a soft opening benefited the local YMCA.



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