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The Middleburg Civic Association has been hosting community events since 1941. All of our events are open to the public and family-friendly. And, all of the events are made possible through sponsors, donors and volunteer support.

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From the President...

Hello Everyone!

2022 is in full swing! The Middleburg Civic Association is looking forward to what 2022 has to offer and hope the community is too! On behalf of the board I would like to extend a sincere heartfelt welcome to our community,. My family has personally made Middleburg home for over thirty-two years and I have been serving proudly as 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 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 so long as we keep a little bit of why our community is so special still here.

For those of you considering or embarking on a new business venture in Middleburg, you will find it a great place to do business. Our community is a strong supporter of small business owners.

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, 2020, 2021 and 2022! This year we are focused to provide our local businesses a great opportunity for networking along with community outreach! This year you should be looking forward to Spring and our Annual Fall Festival, Town Hall meetings, outreach programs such as the Back to School Event and MCA Feeding Families.

The Middleburg Civic Association offers a year-round calendar of events for the community and great marketing opportunities for businesses through sponsorship and volunteering! This year you should be looking forward to the Spring and Fall Festival, town hall meetings, outreach programs such as the Back to School Event and MCA Feeding Families.

Our monthly meeting is held on the last Wednesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. and the location is always at the Middleburg Civic Center, 2102 Palmetto Street, Middleburg, Florida 32068. 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 of the MCA helps continue the traditions we hold so dear in Middleburg. So, either as a community member or a business member take a moment and sign up!

On Behalf of the 2022 MCA Board, and all members, Thank you for your support and do not forget to shop local.

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Middleburg "2022 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 **John Lynch**. Congratulations go to **John Lynch**!

John Lynch volunteers as a community member for the Middleburg Civic Association where he has been working very hard by volunteering many hours every year. He gives his time to help make our community a great place to live, play, and work. For several years, John has been giving selflessly and enlisting the help of many others to join him along the way. **John Lynch** proudly volunteers his time and talents with the Middleburg Civic Association as an outstanding member.

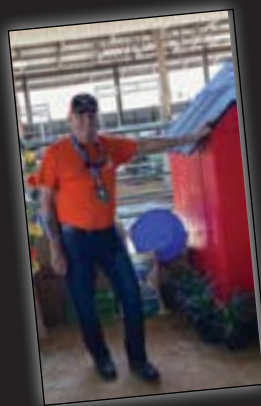
John Lynch, thanks for all that you do! We could not do it without you and your BIG HEART! The Middleburg Civic Association is blessed to have you.

Come out and join us at our Middleburg Networking group, the one voted as **"BEST OF CLAY"** for **"BEST NETWORKING"** four 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 or Email us at MiddleburgCA@currently.com for more information.



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 % Home Ownership.....78%
 Number of Homes & Apartments.....21,624
 Zip Code.....32068

Public Schools

Clay Charter Academy (Charter)
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 Doctors Inlet Elementary School
 Middleburg Elementary School
 RideOut Elementary School
 Swimming Pen Creek Elementary
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 Wilkinson Elementary School
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Private Schools

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Four Silo Park
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 Jennings State Forest
 Black Creek Ravines
 Omega Community Park
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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.

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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 Commissioners.

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



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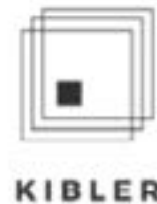
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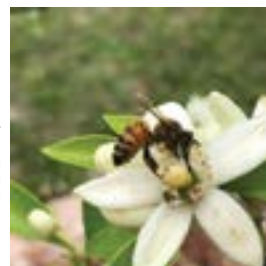
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LATEST HAPPENINGS FROM THE MIDDLEBURG MUSEUM

The Middleburg Museum has continued to make great progress this past year in spite of some challenges. We have continued to place artifacts back in the building following a remodeling effort which began last year. Dr. Cynthia Stone, who has been the Museum Curator for about a year, has spent a ton of hours working on this project, with many others, and ensuring the accuracy of the historical photos and the chronology of much of the history of Middleburg.

Dr. Stone is a self-professed history nerd. We are indeed blessed to have her. She comes to us with a Bachelor's in British History. She attended London University and American University in Athens, Greece and Rome, Italy. She has a Master's in Social Studies Education with a minor in American History from FSU and a Ph.D in Southern History from FSU. She has an impressive number of accomplishments and awards from her 40 years teaching career. Her most significant publication was "Mary's Story," which is a memoir of Mary Tabachowitz, a Holocaust survivor. We are fortunate to have her as our Curator, and she is the speaker at our monthly member meetings where she enthalls us with her engaging history of Middleburg and takes us back in time with her entertaining stories. Her passion for her beloved subject is quite apparent as she regales you with the history of our county.

Dr. Stone and several of her helpers were instrumental in helping us to get ready for the Historical Festival which was supposed to take place in November. Unfortunately, that weekend was almost record setting cold and rainy, to our dismay. Even though we had worked awfully hard as did many others, we were able to save our ideas and work for the Spring Festival which did take place in March. But, needless to say, it was quite anticlimactic after all the excitement and preparation.

We were able, however, to have a Christmas Social to which our members were invited and enjoyed a delicious array of holiday hors d'oeuvres, treats and punch to jump start the Christmas season. We enjoyed Christmas music and a special musical number which Strawberry Watts played on her violin.

The Spring Festival was a tremendous success with much participation by the community, and the Museum was grateful indeed for the funds that were added to

our humble coffers. It was delightful to see those dressed in period dress milling about the grounds and enjoying the arts and craft booths as well as the many food vendors with their assortment of goodies.

The Middleburg Museum is working hard to increase our membership and offering unusual incentives for our new members. For example, our new Treasurer, Ruth Paine, who has a strong background in technology and education, is offering classes covering digital technology including Google apps and on-line publishing software.

Ruth is another very valuable addition to the Museum Board. She filled the position of Treasurer in May of 2021 after we lost our beloved Cathy Martin unexpectedly. Ruth has an impressive background in education. Her career spans about 40 years in this field, including being a Teacher, a Network Specialist and working in County Instructional Resources, e-learning and digital technology. Ruth received her BA in elementary education at UNF; her Master's in

Instructional Design and Technology from UCF; and Systems Engineer Certificate from Microsoft. She has also been President of the Beta Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) and a founding member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

She is very much in the details and ensures we meet our deadlines and abide by all regulations and procedures covered by the Bylaws. Her goals for the Museum are to increase membership and community outreach through educating people about the history of the Middleburg area. It is critical to her that the history and accuracy of that history is preserved for posterity.

She has lived in Middleburg all her life and is probably related to most of us in Clay County. She is married to an educator, has three grown children and two grandchildren.

We are looking forward to a year filled with growth and fun events and activities. Please drop by and meet us! We are located at 3912 Section St. in Middleburg, and are open every Sunday from 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

Submitted by, Rhoda Fountain, First Vice President



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Calendar of Events

JULY 2022

- 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: OperationSantaCsaue@gmail.com
- 4 Independence Day
- 6 National Fried Chicken Day
- 7 National Chocolate Day
- 7 **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meeting 6:30-7:30PM, Come meet the candidates for School Board, 2102 Palmetto St. Email: MiddleburgCA@currently.com
- 10 Teddy Bear Picnic Day
- 14 National Mac & Cheese Day
- 24 PARENT'S DAY
- 25 **Primary Voting Book Closing for Clay County**
- 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" four years in a row! Check our website at www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com Email: MiddleburgCA@currently.com
- 7 **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meeting 6:30-7:30PM, Come meet the Congressional candidates, 2102 Palmetto St. Email: MiddleburgCA@currently.com
- 30 **ANNUAL "FILL THE BACKPACK GIVE-A-WAY EVENT!" BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT** presented by the **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION & OUR COMMUNITY**. Back Pack & Supplies Give Away! First Come, First Serve. Line up at 9:00AM Located at 2102 Palmetto Street in downtown Middleburg.
- 30 National Cheese Cake Day

AUGUST 2022

- 1 Sisters Day
- 2 Teachers return to School-Clay County
- 3 National Watermelon Day
- 7 National Purple Heart Day
- 10 National S'mores Day

- 10 Students return to School-Clay County
- 11 Play in the Sand Day
- 13 **Clay County Early Primary Voting Begins 9:00am-6:00pm 8/13-8/20 Middleburg Civic Center located at 2102 Palmetto St, Middleburg**
- 14 2nd Anniversary of One Swanky Chic: Open to the Public. Food, Vendors, Prizes, Give-a-ways 424 Walnut St, Green Cove Springs
- 20 **Clay County Early Primary Voting Ends 9:00am-6:00pm Middleburg Civic Center located at 2102 Palmetto St, Middleburg**
- 21 Senior Citizen's Day
- 23 **Clay County Primary Election Day Voting 9:00am-6:00pm Middleburg Civic Center located at 2102 Palmetto St, Middleburg**
- 24 National Waffle Day
- 25 National Second Hand Clothes Day
- 31 **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" four years in a row! Check our website at www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com Email: MiddleburgCA@currently.com
- 28 Bow Tie Day

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 5 Labor Day
- 10 **Annual Anniversary Celebration** Middleburg Martial Arts- 2361 Blanding Blvd. Open to the Public. Free admission. Food, Vendors & Fun!
- 11 Patriots Day
- 11 Grandparents Day
- 12 Hug Your Hound Day
- 17 Citizenship Day
- 22 September Equinox-First Day of Fall
- 24 **Operation Santa Cause "RIDE WITH SANTA"** American Legion #250, 2680 Black Creek Dr, Middleburg off CR218 East 904.282.3766
- 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" four years in a row! Check our website at www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com Email: MiddleburgCA@currently.com

29 National Coffee Day

OCTOBER 2022

- Breast Awareness Month
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- 1 National Homemade Cookie Day
 - 2 Name Your Car Day
 - 5 Child Health Day
 - 8 **BULLY PREVENTION SEMINAR** 10:00AM held at Middleburg Martial Arts -2361 Blanding Blvd. Open to the Public. Free admission. Registration is requested.
 - 10 **General Election Voting Book Closing for Clay County**
 - 11 Columbus Day Observed
 - 12 Columbus Day
 - 12 Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day
 - 14 National Desert Day
 - 16 Boss's Day
 - 17 Wear Something Gaudy Day
 - 26 Make a Difference Day
 - 28 National Chocolate 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" four years in a row! Check our website at www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com Email: MiddleburgCA@currently.com
 - 27 Tell a Story Day
 - 28 **Clay County Early General Voting Begins 9:00am-6:00pm 10/28-11/5 Middleburg Civic Center located at 2102 Palmetto St, Middleburg**
 - 28 Middleburg Martial Arts **ANNUAL TRUNK OR TRICK EVENT** 5PM located at 2361 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg. Open to the Public. Jump House, Food Trucks, Vendors, Games, and Prizes.
 - 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER 2022

- 1 National Calzone Day
- 1-24 **"Operation Santa Cause" for Military kids.** Contact: Kathleen Weise at 904.413.1150 to arrange for collection box or email: OperationSantaCsaue@gmail.com
- 5 **Clay County Early General Voting Ends 9:00am-6:00pm Middleburg Civic Center located at 2102 Palmetto St, Middleburg**
- 6 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 8 **Clay County General Election Voting 9:00am-6:00pm Middleburg Civic Center located at 2102 Palmetto St, Middleburg**
- 12 **ANNUAL HISTORIC FALL FESTIVAL 11AM-4PM** Presented by **Middleburg Civic Center 2102 Palmetto Street, Middleburg - Vendors, Food Trucks, Jump House, Games, Music** contact: MiddleburgCA@currently.com or www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 14 National Pajama Day
- 16 National Fast Food Day
- 16 **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" four years in a row! Check our website at www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com Email: MiddleburgCA@currently.com
- 19 **ANNUAL MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION THANKSGIVING Food Give Away.** 2102 Palmetto Street, Middleburg. 9:00 AM First come first serve food bag.
- 21-25 Clay County School Thanksgiving Break NO School Students/teachers
- 24 **THANKSGIVING DAY**
- 25 Black Friday
- 26 **SHOP SMALL DAY EVENT - Shop Local Event** presented by One Swanky Chic located at 424 Walnut St, Green Cove Springs. Vendors and Food Truck

- 28 Cyber Monday
30 FIRST DAY to drop off **CHRISTMAS LETTERS to SANTA** at One Swanky Chic Boutique located at 424 Walnut St, Green Cove Springs

DECEMBER 2022

- 5 Operation Santa Cause for Military Kids
www.OperationSantaCauseInc.com
7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
12 National Poinsettia Day
14 **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” four years in a row!
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15 National Cupcake Day
17 LAST DAY to drop off **CHRISTMAS LETTERS to SANTA** at One Swanky Chic Boutique located at 424 Walnut St, Green Cove Springs
18 National Twin Day
22 Clay County School Christmas Break Dec 20-Jan 2
21 Winter Solstice (Shortest day of the year)
25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
28 Call a Friend Day
31 New Year’s Eve – BE SAFE

JANUARY 2023

- 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 31st. **Not a member? Join now! VOTED “BEST OF CLAY” “NETWORKING” four years in a row!**
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4 National Spaghetti Day
5 Clay County Students return to school
16 Martin Luther King Day
19 Popcorn Day
20 Soup Swap Day

- 23 National Pie Day
24 Belly Laugh 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” four years in a row!
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FEBRUARY 2023

- 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
20 President’s Day
21 Mardi Gras Carnival
22 **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” four years in a row!
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25 **SCOTTISH GAMES** at the Clay County Fair Grounds
27 No Brainer Day

MARCH 2023

- 5 National Pancake Day
12 Daylight Saving Time starts
13-17 **SPRING BREAK** Clay County Students
18 **Annual Spring Festival 11AM-3PM** Middleburg Civic Center 2102 Palmetto Street, Middleburg
Check our website at www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com
or Email: MiddleburgCA@currently.com
17 St Patrick’s Day
19 Lets Laugh Day
20 Spring Begins
29 **MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets Last

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- 30 Take a Walk in the Park Day
30 Clay County Fair Begins (30th-9th)
31 Clay County Fair Day Students/Teachers

APRIL 2023

- 1 April Fool’s Day
3 Find a Rainbow Day
7 Good Friday
9 Easter
9 Clay County Fair Ends
12 Grilled Cheese Day
15 Tax Day
16 Wear PJ’s To Work Day
20 Spring Begins
22 Earth Day
26 Poem in Your Pocket 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” four years in a row!
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MAY 2023

- 4 Star Wars Day
2-6 **Teacher Appreciation Event/ Luncheon** presented by One Swanky Chic located at 424 Walnut St, Green Cove Springs
5 Cinco de Mayo
14 **MOTHER’S DAY**
20 Armed Forces Day
26 Clay County Last Day of School
28 National Hamburger Day
29 Memorial Day
31 **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” four years in a row!

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JUNE 2023

- 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**
21 Summer Begins
21 National Flip Flop 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” four years in a row!
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JULY 2023

- 4 Independence Day
6 National Fried Chicken Day
17 National Hot Dog 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” four years in a row!
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Black Creek Park North Neighborhood Association
Contact: Howard Davidson, Jr 904-282-5230, Meets quarterly at Library
Ravines Resort Condo Association
Contact: 904-278-2338
Meets 2nd Monday PM and 3rd Thursday PM at the Middleburg Civic Center, 2102 Palmetto St, Contact: 904-298-2321
Ridgewood Trails CDD
Contact: 904-940-5850
Meets occasionally at Library

Middleburg "2022 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 **DOC-TONY**, our **"2022 Business of the Year"**. Congratulations **DOC-TONY**, from all of us at the Middleburg Civic Association and the Middleburg Networking Group! Your dedication to the community is greatly appreciated.

DOC-TONY serves the community in so many different capacities. **DOC-TONY** 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 Networking group, the one voted as **"BEST OF CLAY"** for **"BEST NETWORKING"** four 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 or Email us at MiddleburgCA@currently.com for more information.

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Middleburg "2022 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 **Nina Tyndall**! Congratulations!

Nina is a dedicated member for several years helping to guide and serve our residents both young and old. **Nina** also volunteers her time and talents with the Middleburg Civic Association. Thanks **Nina** for all you do!

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“How is the housing market?” There are many ways to answer that question.

It's hard to think of a day in this beautiful community that we can't feel the growth coming. To try and remember what Middleburg was just 5 years ago is a task that we feel has gone from us way to soon. As a local Realtor® with Coldwell Banker Vanguard I hear this question more than most. I have found that there are many ways to answer this “How is the Market?” question. Many are curious about this from both a Seller thinking on listing their property or a Buyer wanting to be the newest member of our town.

1) “Our market is fast”

Regardless of if you are selling or buying this is the most accurate description of our 32068 zip code. We have less than 30 days of inventory a month and it normally takes 30 to 45 days for most buyers to secure lending and meet at the closing table. Having a Realtor® that has a plan for both sides of the field and is able to walk you through the process is critical in this market. Sellers need to make sure that their property is ready to show and go. One of the major hurdles which could be solved before getting moving is to have a Pre-Sale Inspection completed. I know as an owner occupying your property you may know the major issues. Although with a good pre-sale inspection you can get a chance to see what a buyer will know about your home. Some things may be minor, although some may be major and you didn't even real-

ize they were there. It's better to know and save us all some surprises. Buyers really need to be ready to jump on that home when they find it. I know if you have been in this market looking then you have most likely already missed out on one or maybe a few. We don't have time to sleep on it. I really find this one of the hardest things, not only as a buyer but also as a buyer's agent. I hope that maybe it can be understood that we are not trying to pressure you into the most expensive purchase you may make. We just really know how hard it could be to find another one you like enough to want to sleep on it. When you find the one it is very important to have your lenders pre-approval letter with your Realtor®. You will also need some money saved up to cover the out of pocket expenses (depending on your type of loan) and any closing cost that will be required.

2) “You have to stay open-minded and willing to accept that prices are higher for what you want now”

As a buyer in our market you should really prepare yourself for some possible sticker shock. The prices are going to be higher than you would have seen 5 years ago. Of course this worked out in your favor if you have the opportunity to sell your property and you are using the proceeds to either buy your upgraded home or everyone moved out and you are ready to downsize some from that big family property. You should not

expect to have a seller pay for closing cost or give you much in credits on repairs. Most properties are selling in “AS IS” conditions. This could mean that you as the buyer put money into the house to cure issues the inspector finds for your loan, or the appraiser finds for your lender. That way we are able to bring the purchase of your new home to the closing table.

3) “Sometimes it just won't be fair”

Regardless of how creative your Realtor® may be with writing up the offer. (I have seen and done some very creative additions for my own customers) YOU STILL MAY NOT GET THE PROPERTY. As the housing market is tightened cash is still king. Having a cash offer with a short timeline is sometimes most desirable to the seller. Seems lately it's the families moving in from out of state or the cash investors that have deep pockets. This will makes buyers with loans have to bring more to the table in some cases. These investors tend to

buy house after house and their main goal is to make rentals from them. I asked one of their inspectors one time how they could sustain that business plan. I was told that the goal is to make the home as maintenance free for 7 years. Then the investor will freshen up as little as possible and sell the property for a profit. It helps to have your Realtor® call the Listing Agent and see what the seller's motivation is. Some would be willing to have a longer closing date to give them time to buy their next home. It is important to know as much information as you can get about what will make that seller happy. This is so possibly you will be the purchaser picked for the home you want. If you would like to hear more buyers tips or have some questions about how to make your home ready for this market, give your favorite Realtor® a call. I would enjoy chatting with you more and can be reached at 352-478-5886 or CSteel@CBVFL.com

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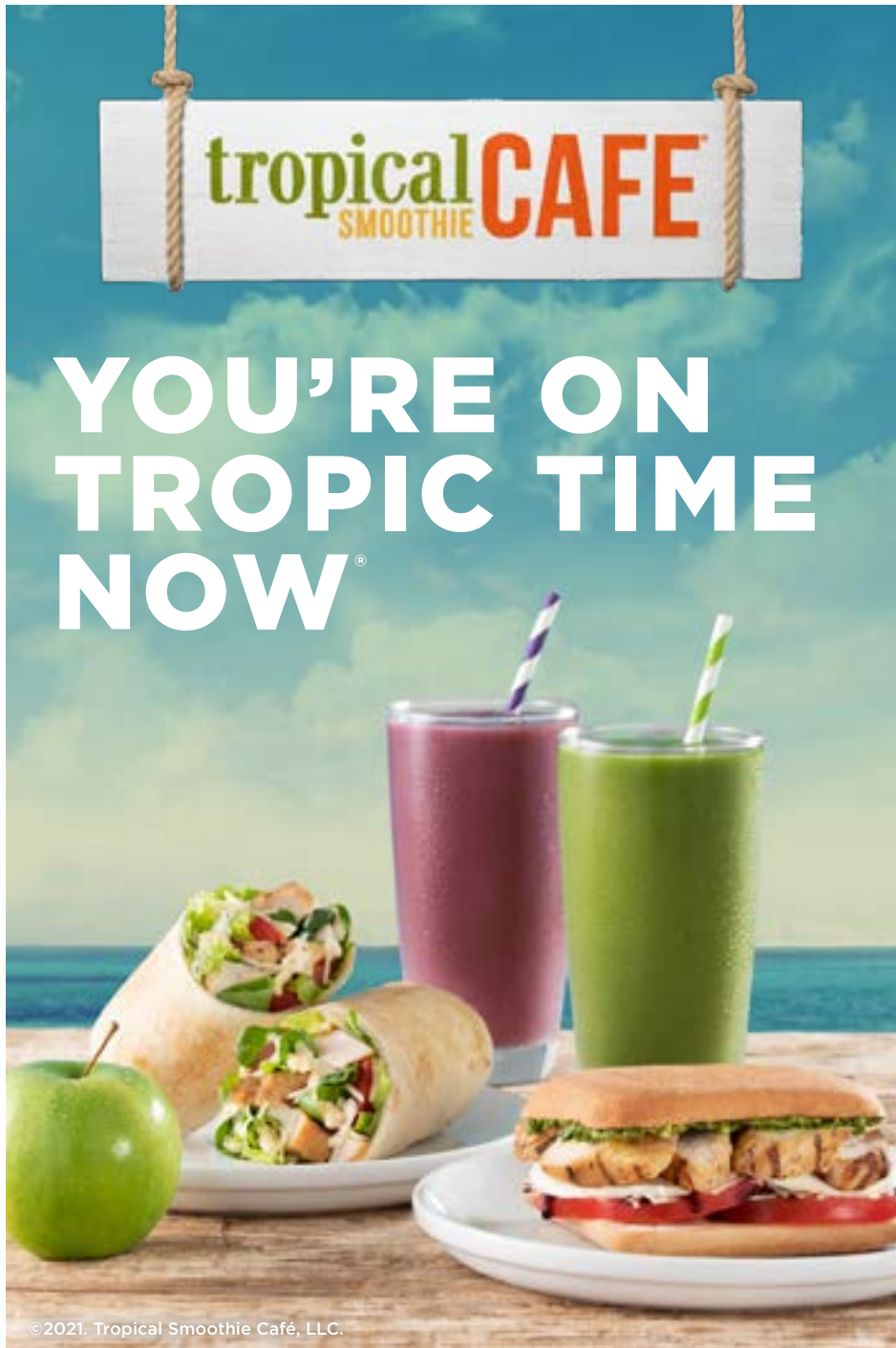


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Recently, HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital brought together EMS, elected officials, caregivers, and other community stakeholders to make their mark on the final metal beam placed inside the new freestanding emergency room. HCA Florida Middleburg Emergency, located at the crossroads of Blanding Boulevard and Everett Avenue, will be an 11-bed 10,820 square foot ER and is set to open this fall.



At the event, attendees signed their names on the final beam that was hoisted into the air by a crane and carefully lowered and guided into place atop the new structure. The “topping out” ceremony is a long-standing tradition of construction workers to commemorate the completion of a building’s structure.

The ER will be the third freestanding emergency room for the hospital. Their HCA Florida Park West Emergency is located on 103rd Street and HCA Florida Normandy Park Emergency is located on Normandy Boulevard in West Jacksonville and combined they treated nearly 70,000 patients last year.

“The experience had with our physicians, nurses and other clinicians is just one of the reasons why families continue to choose our freestanding emergency rooms,” said Dr. Shilpa Amin, Emergency Medicine Physician



and Medical Director for Orange Park Hospital’s freestanding emergency rooms. “They also really like the short wait times and personalized experience they get from being in a smaller ER.”

The emergency room will operate 24/7 providing care by board-certified physicians. Patients will have quick access to HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital’s team of specialists for maternity or women’s care, advanced cardiovascular, neurology, critical care, and surgical care. The ER will be open 24-hours a day with lab and radiology services.

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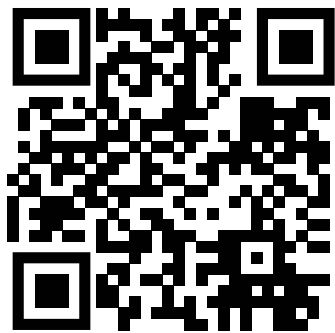
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Bronco softball highlights strong sports presence for The “Burg”

by *Randy Lefko*, Sports Editor



MIDDLEBURG - With a flurry of activity at the end of the school sports seasons, the Middleburg High softball team put the exclamation point on the 2021-2022 sports year with a first-ever school Class 5A championship.

As the final sports team to compete in a year of outstanding athletics for the Broncos, softball coach Ashley Houston laid down the blueprint for future Broncos athletes to believe that it can be done.

At press time, senior pitcher Mallory Forrester was the Class 5A player of year while coach Ashley Houston was the Class 5A coach of year in the Florida Dairy Farmer's Softball awards. Both were awaiting the association's selection as the Miss Softball player and coach of year for all classes.

In the fall, with new football coach Ryan Wolfe bringing his brand of offensive expertise to a team of willing and hungry senior players looking to walk away from a struggling first few years, the Broncos finished at 5-5, got some

college scholarships signed and put a new face on the Bronco football field that will energize the always-faithful football fans.

Most notably, Wolfe nearly pulled off what would have been a season-defining upset of rival Clay High on the Clay High field in a game that was decided in the final five seconds.

Seniors Luke and Logan Padgett, Tanner Peery, Malachi Flowers, Caleb Freytag and Austin Dillon may have set a higher bar for future Broncos players that could add to more wins for the second year of the Wolfe era.

For the upcoming fall football, Wolfe has a powerful set of returners; Mike Mitchell, Austin Cruce and T.J. Lane to put together an encore season with a few more Ws.

In volleyball, the ever-dangerous Lady Broncos got a bonus when long-time coach Carrie Prewitt was inducted into the volleyball Hall of Fame after annual strong teams for Middleburg.

With a hint of retirement, Prewitt will be possibly leaving her big engine program into the hands of some former players that have stuck by her side for years. TBD.

In cross country, senior Dylan Anderson had a wing man in junior Logan Moore with both having strong sub-18 minute finishes at the region championships under coach Kyle Brown. Kennedy Young earned a college scholarship to continue cross country at LaGrange to lead the Bronco girls team.

At the college level, former Bronco cross country ace Emma Mussante, now at Florida State College, has jumped to major improvements from her days as a Bronco with top times that erased nearly two minutes off her high school times to be in the 17 minutes range for a 5K trek.

In golf, Chase Carroll chased the shadow of his state champion brother Cody Carroll, now a fourth year player at the University of North Florida. The Carrolls have brought immense exposure to golf for Middleburg and the history will continue for one more year with Carroll finishing 24th in Class 2A in his third state tournament.

In swimming, four-sport standout Kylie McWaters was a highlight for the swim team, as well as the cross country team, as well as the flag football team as well as the girls soccer team.

Speaking of the flags, with quarterback Brooke Swenson guiding the team, the Lady Broncos and fiery coach John Stilianou nearly, oh so close, became the first Final Four team of the season.

Weightlifting; girls and boys, both had success this season with the Lady Broncos getting to bump heads with the likes of Clay, the Class 2A champions, and Ridgeview as Clay County proved formidable in the sport in 2022.

Kendall Bryan, volleyball aces Taylor Mills and Allison Cox and region champion Katlyn Griffin clawed their way to the Class 2A championships in a region chock full of strong athletes.

In wrestling, Riley Girgis, a senior and region runnerup, led a strong contingency of young faces;

Wyatt Leduc, Travis Hornback, Grady Woodard and Tucker Cody, all underclassmen and state qualifiers, with first year coach Coll Robinson putting an injection of youth into the program.

Girls wrestling used the same Cowboy mentality tough out strong seasons for Gracie Bradshaw and Cheyenne Cruce in the first year of the sport at varsity level.

Girls basketball saw a scholarship to to mighty mite guard Justice Ewig with her three point shot while volleyball net crusher Tamin Trott made a spot in the paint her second place to showcase her tough play attitude.

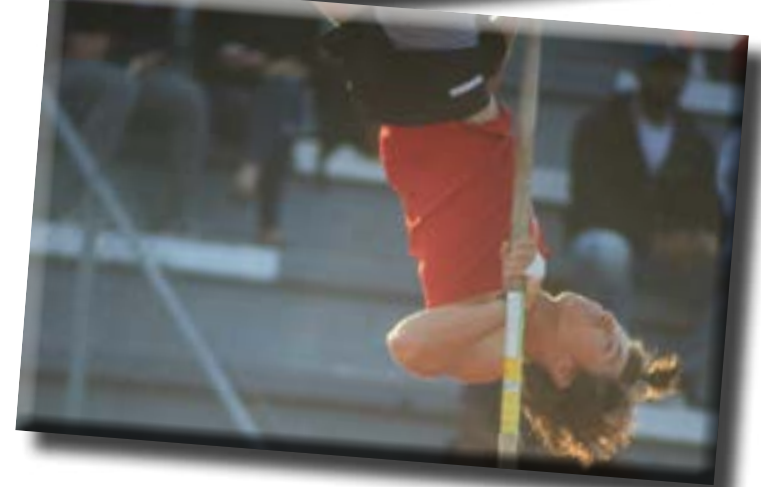
Senior power forward Malachi Flowers doubled up from his outstanding football season with a 17 points per game average on the hardwood for the Broncos.

In the springs sports it was all Middleburg softball, but baseball had its ups during the season with some upsets some big bats and outstanding play from Clay Hendry. Caleb Freytag and the Padgett brothers with Trent White manning the shortstop hole with agility.

For track, the dynamic discus duo of Underwood siblings; Wyatt and Madison, highlighted a state track championship visit with their specialty in throwing the round disc while footballers Mike Mitchell and T.J. Lane had some sprint medals along the way to regions. Pole Vaulter Chris Gray had some good ups during the year eclipsing the 10 foot mark a few times.

For the boys weightlifting, Gabe Harp had some big lifts along the the team winning the district title in a showdown with the county's powers; Clay and Ridgeview.

At the of the season, athletic director Jay Stilianou, with all of some fiery encouragement , may have changed a few hearts of some non-believers as the Broncos put it out that the next few years could see some more excitement at The "Burg."



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It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. Time truly does seem to go faster and faster each year. This year marks 81 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 and been steadily changing, 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 at the Civic Association building, 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 is 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 and stay informed of what's going on in our local community.

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. We understand that during these difficult times families struggle to provide the Thanksgiving meals they once could, so the Association was happy to provide over 200 local families with Thanksgiving meals. 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.

In the past, the Association has been host to Town Hall Candidate Forums so our local community could get to know the candidates. The Association will once again rise to the challenge to bring the community this open forum to discuss the issues that are most important to us as the newest election season is upon us. This will be a live streamed event for voters to get to know the local and state candidates alike.

The Civic Association is just as active and vital within our community as ever. The past 81 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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A Chronological History of Middleburg

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

1766 - William Bartram and son visited a trading post in the area now known Middleburg.



Bartram's Travels is the short title of the literary and scientific classic that describes his journey through southeastern North America during the Revolutionary War era.

First published in **1791**, it is an resource on the flora and fauna of the Southeast, especially Florida.

One of his most important finds was a plant called Bartrams Ixia, now critically endangered. A few small colonies of this plant were found at Camp Blanding, south of Middleburg.

1816 - George and Samuel Branning received Spanish Land Grant.

Branning operated two ferries and a toll bridge on the north prong of Black Creek. He also donated the lumber and labor to build Middleburg United Methodist Church in 1847.



George Branning



1826 - Federal Road was built through area (then known as Garey's Ferry). Federal Road is now known as Main Street and is the oldest road still in use in Clay County today. Brigadier General Thomas Jesup ordered the road built from Micanopy, Florida, northward and to cross Black Creek where Branning's Ferry was operated.

1828 - United States Post Office at Whitesville was established. Samuel Garey, at Garey's Ferry, was the first postmaster. His ferry was located at the present day Main Street boat ramp. Whitesville (named after State Representative Joseph White) was another early name for the area that became Middleburg.

1836 - Fort Heileman (Second Seminole War fort) was officially named by Capt. Charles S. Merchant. Due to the raids conducted by Native Americans, much of the population of the Black Creek District holed up at this fort for protection. Disease and food shortages marked the stay of many at the fort. The fort was located where the Main Street Boat ramp is today.



1841 - Fort Heileman abandoned as the fighting moved further south.

1843 - Garey's Ferry Post Office established; moved from Whitesville.

1851 - Middleburg Post Office established; moved from Garey's Ferry.

1858 - Clay County is created out of southern section of Duval County (legislation signed by the Florida Governor on December 31, 1858). More than 150 citizens signed the petition to become Clay County. Pioneering family names like Hatcher, Padgett, Prescott, Carter, Strickland, Dillaberry, Johns, Branning and more were involved in the effort.



1859 - Webster, an area south of Whitesville and also later known as Middleburg, is Clay County's first county seat (1/1/1859).

1864 - Civil War: The Battle of Halsey's Plantation occurs about five miles east of Middleburg on October 24th. Trouble started when Union troops raided Middleburg, set fire to warehouses and stole cattle. The battle occurred near the intersection of CR 218 and Henley Road.



1867 - Start of period of population growth due to turpentine and logging industries. Middleburg, on Black Creek, becomes the center of commerce, water transportation and government.



1871 – Reconstruction: The county seat moved to Green Cove Springs from Middleburg after a vote by the citizens. The railroad went through Green Cove Springs and a large tourism industry was developing there.

1890s to 1900s - Decline of the area occurred due to the above-mentioned decision to have the railroad bypass the area. There was less reliance on river and creek transportation. However, the timber and turpentine industries thrived. Cattle ranching and the dairy industry thrived, too.



1939 – 1946 Rapid growth took place again in the area due to construction of Camp Blanding. There was a massive influx of soldiers training at Camp Blanding in WWII. Military training continues in our area and the base (located on beautiful Kingsley Lake) continues to be a county jewel, attracting thousands of recreational visitors and military personnel year-round.



Post-WWII – Present Day: Initial development of area was focused on creating a suburb of Duval County (majority of working residents commuted). Now, expansion of State Road 21 (Blanding Blvd), development of the First Coast Expressway (\$1 Billion FDOT total project), and continued mixed-use development of Middleburg (commercial properties, hospitals, factories, schools, churches and large housing units) means Middleburg is in a prime position as a new hub for growth, revitalization and employment opportunities for citizens.

Interested in more information about Middleburg history or Clay County history in general? Visit clayclerk.com and click on the link to Historical Archives. You'll find a wealth of information and articles there. Efforts to preserve Middleburg's history and unique natural resources are ongoing thanks to the many local citizens, volunteers and local government personnel involved in maintenance of records, artifacts and photographs. Kudos to them all.

The Middleburg Museum at 3912 Section Street is open on Sundays from 2pm-4pm. The Clay County Archives (managed by Archives Specialist Vishi Garig) at 21 Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs is open Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm (check holiday schedule and/or call ahead). The Camp Blanding Museum at 5629 State Road 16 (between Middleburg and Starke) is open daily from noon-4pm. All these locations are worth a visit.

Networking in Middleburg

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If you are interested in volunteering or working with our community, please come and join us for our monthly meeting. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. The Middleburg Civic Association is located at 2102 Palmetto Street, Middleburg, FL 32068. All are **FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. Come on by a little earlier or stay a little later to promote your business or event. Bring plenty of business cards and brochures to share with others. Let us know if you have a special event happening in Middleburg.

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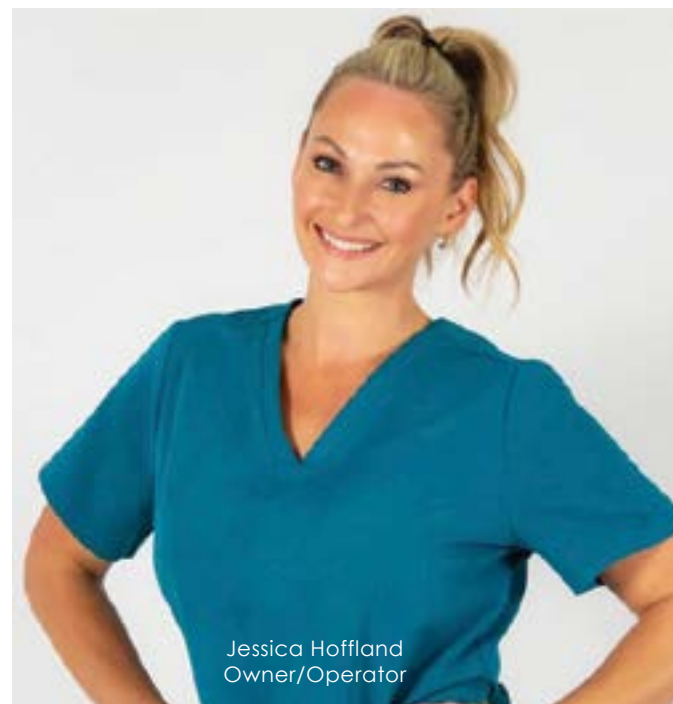

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- We were able to once again hold a food drive at the Middleburg Winn Dixie and the public donated over 650 pounds of non-perishable food items. These were then distributed to our local food banks.
- We were unable to provide the Annual Christmas Party at Pinecrest Manor Rehabilitation Center but we were able to stop by and sing Christmas Caroles.
- We provided toys to the Middleburg United Methodist Church Food Bridge's annual toy give away, provided toys to Middleburg Elementary children.
- Along with Middleburg Civic Association, we helped to provide Thanksgiving Baskets for local needy and Thanksgiving Baskets to Middleburg Elementary children.
- We donated funds to Middleburg Senior Center for its annual Christmas Dinner, Miriam's Basket, Safe Animal Center, Special Olympics, Lions Clubs International

Foundation (LCIF,) LCIF Disaster Relief and to Ukraine for relief efforts.

- We were able to hold our 15th Annual Clay Vision Charity Golf Tournament, raising over \$10,000 for our foundation account, to continue to provide needed services.

MBC Lions meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Please visit our website, <https://www.middleburgblackcreekclub.com>, Facebook page, Middleburg Black Creek Lions Club or contact John Lynch, 904.514.1333 or email; jjlynch31@hotmail.com.



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By Nichole Rockett

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- Cat whiskers are so sensitive that they can detect the slightest change in air current.
- Cats can rotate their ears up to 180 degrees.

DOGS:

- Dalmatians are born without spots! They are born with plain white coats with their first spots appearing after they are one week old.

- Greyhounds are the world's fastest dogs with the ability to reach up to 45 mph.
- Every dog has a unique nose print with no two being alike.
- The Basenji, an African wolf dog, does not bark in a normal way but may yodel or scream when excited!
- Snoopy, from Charles M. Schultz's "Peanuts" comic strip, is a beagle.
- A dog's sense of smell is 1,000 times greater than a human!
- Nine percent of dog owners will have a birthday party for their pet.
- Dogs curl up to keep warm and protect themselves while they sleep
- Dogs can pretend to be sick to get more attention.
- Dogs have 28 baby teeth and 42 permanent teeth.
- Petting a puppy will help lower your blood pressure

of a silky coated dog, which are a popular small dog for pet parents.

Grooming your pets can help prevent fleas and ticks. Fleas can jump up to 350 times of its body length. Only female mosquitoes bite and are also the deadliest insects on the planet.

Bathing your dog daily at least once a week will help with their skin and coat as well. There are different shampoos for different skin issues. Some dogs can have reactions to certain types so using a natural pet shampoo is the best option. Brushing your dog also eliminates discomfort and they like it as it makes them feel good. Finding the right brush will help remove any dead hair and help new hair to grow. Dogs with longer coats that matt easily need to be brushed daily to prevent further matting and it helps keep their coat and skin healthy. A matted coat can be a place for bacteria and fleas to grow. If your dog is too severely matted, it may need to be shaved and could require additional time and costs.

Nail trimming is an essential for general dog care. When your dog's nails are too long they will start to walk on the sides of their feet. This can cause bone deformations and arthritis if not taken care of properly. Trimming your dog's nails can be difficult but it has to be done to prevent long-term damage. Also, dogs sweat through their foot pads. When getting a groomed, the groomers will cut the excess hair in between their toes to also help them stay cool.

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Cleaning your dog's ears regularly keeps ear infections, ear mites, and other ailments away. Some dogs with long hair may need to have it plucked. Oral cleaning is also important as the American Veterinary Dental Society states that 80% of Dogs and 70% of Cats show signs of oral disease by age 3. There are kits you can purchase to also clean their teeth at home. Cats spend approximately 30% of their waking hours grooming themselves.

The most popular dog breeds are, Labrador Retriever, German Shepard, Golden Retriever. The most popular cat breeds are Rag Doll, Exotic, and British Shorthair.

94.2 million Cats are owned in the United States while 89.7 million dogs are owned. 45% pet parents allow their pets to sleep in their bed. 65% take more photos of their dogs than their family and friends. 94% of pet parents say their animal makes them smile more than once a day!!!

Information in this article was provided by the General Manager of the local PetSense store on Blanding Boulevard in Middleburg. She can be reached at the Blanding location or email at Str7190@petsensellc.com.



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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 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.



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.



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 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.



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.



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 gambel frame vernacular style. This building features drop siding exterior wall fabric and an exterior field stone chimney stack.



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 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 supple ventilation. Mr. Henry Bardin's house has two wide porches across the front of the hoe. It also has Victorian style gingerbread trim. The Bardins used to have square dances there many Saturday nights.



THE STEWART HOME

(Circa 1890-1911) 3895 Main Stree

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 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.



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.



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.

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A Few Exciting Things That The Clay Board of County Commissioners Are Bringing To Middleburg

The Clay BOCC has some exciting new things coming to serve Middleburg! First, we have signed a contract with Comcast's Bring Fiber Broadband Access to all our unserved & underserved homes in Middleburg & Clay Hill. This project will begin in April 2022. The project boundaries require the service to be available to each residence property line. There will also be low-cost equipment & service options available, so stay tuned for

more information!

Second, Middleburg is the new home of a unique, first in Clay County Regional Sports Complex & Park. Phase I will have multipurpose playing fields, restrooms, parking, sand volleyball & walking trails. It is located just north of SR 16 on the east side of SR 21. It also protects 250 acres of green space dedicated for the use of Clay County residents to enjoy some of our beautiful natural resources as

well as the opportunity to host regional sports tournaments, bringing revenue to our gas stations, restaurants, hotels, & shops. Phase I is scheduled for completion November 2022.

Last, but certainly not least, we are excited to bring the only outdoor gun range to Clay County! Located just off CR 215 in Middleburg, it will have 30 shooting bays each at up to 200 yards in length. While the range's primary user will be the Clay

County Sheriff's Office for much needed training & qualification, the range will also be open to the public 2 days a week. It is scheduled for opening July 2022.

It is exciting to share with you just a few of the exciting projects bringing your tax dollars back to the district! For more information, contact our Commissioner Betsy Condon at betsy.condon@claycountygov.com or visit www.claycountygovernment.com.

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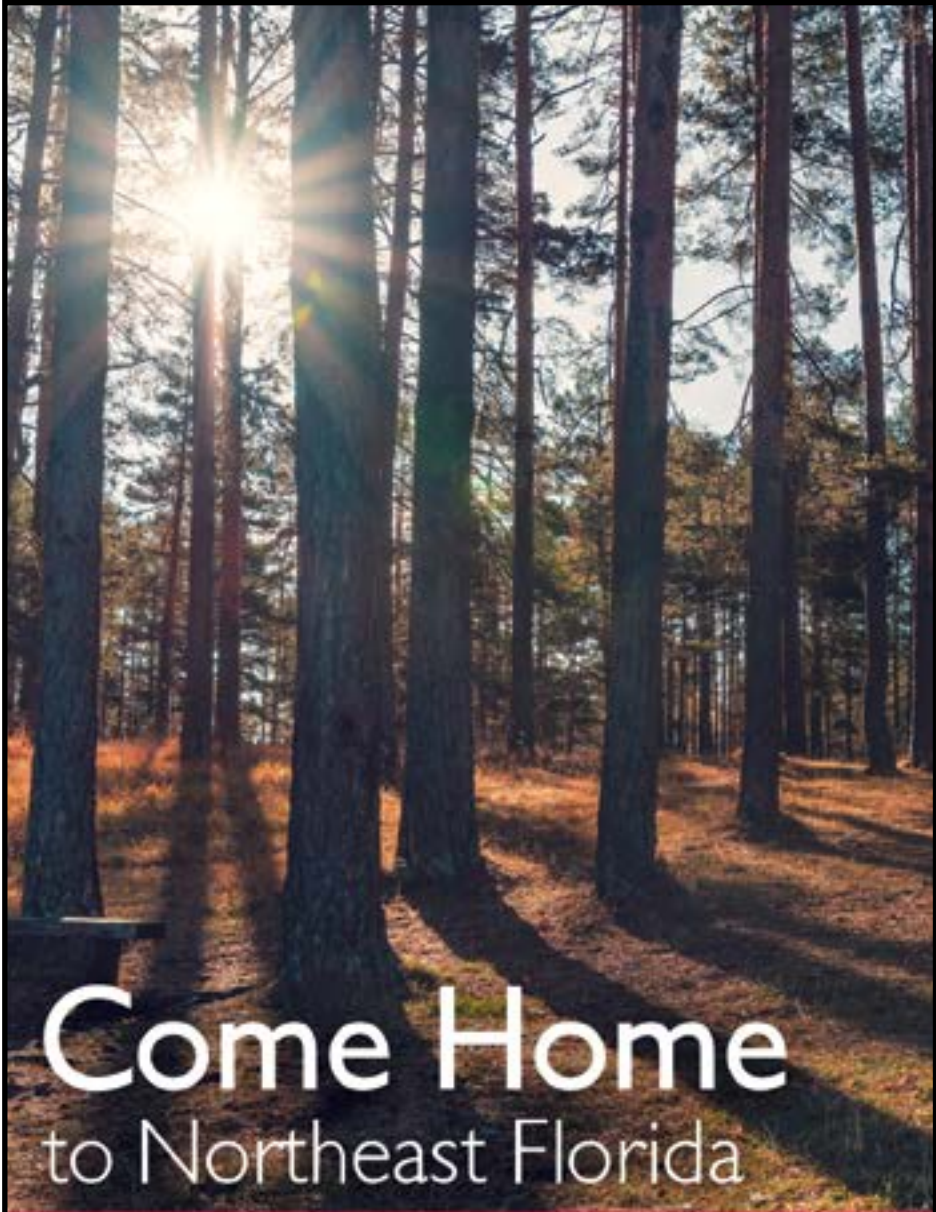
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This ministry gives hope and shares Christ's Love to people in Northeast Florida.

Every weekday our refrigerated truck travels into Middleburg and Orange Park to pick up food provided by eight retail stores through our covenant with Feeding Northeast Florida.

When the truck returns, many volunteers unload, weigh, sort and store the food items. We have a walk-in freezer and a walk-in refrigerator.

On Thursday mornings, we bag up and carry out food to the vehicles of the patrons (frozen meat, fresh produce, bread, dry goods, and dairy products).

The Food Distribution is from 7:30am-10:30am. This is a Drive-thru only process. Patrons are asked to remain in their vehicles.

The Food Bridge also provides bread, produce and dairy products weekly to our Bread Basket ministry.

We are open to volunteers, every weekday from 6:30am to 10am and Thursdays until noon.

If you love to meet and help new people and share God's love, consider the following opportunities: drivers, loaders, sorters. Answer God's call and come and get involved in this ministry.

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Facing this tragedy was a rough one for our Grumpy's family. However, the light in all of this has been OUR COMMUNITY. Immediately after the fire, The Clay County Sheriff, Michelle Cook reached out and offered a meeting place for us to meet with our employees and discuss future plans. The Middleburg Civic Association, Chick-Fil-A , Maggie D's,

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The First Coast Highlanders is an all-volunteer highland bagpipe band based in Clay County, Florida. The band was formed in May 2009 and formerly known as the Clay County Sheriff's Office Pipes and Drums is Clay County's premiere pipe and drum band. The Highlanders are under the musical direction of Pipe Major Robert Simpson. We are a performance and entertainment band, a teaching organization, and a cultural group. We are community based and promote Celtic culture through music. The band is the host band for the

Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival and the St Augustine Celtic Festival. We participate in many community events in Clay, St. Johns, Duval, and Alachua counties.

Our mission is to encourage and support the Celtic culture in our community by providing instruction to anyone interested in learning the great highland bagpipe or highland



drum. Our goal is to strive for excellence in musical performance and ceremonial drill, to increase knowledge of

Celtic heritage and culture in the community through performance of traditional Celtic music and the display of traditional dress.

Lessons are provided free of charge to anyone who is willing to commit the time and self-

discipline to learn. We meet for rehearsal at 6 PM every Thursday at the Orange Park Presbyterian Church located at 1905 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL. The band is a 501(c)(3), non-profit corporation and accepts donations which are tax deductible. Funds are used to further the education and awareness of bagpiping and drumming. Please visit our website at www.firstcoasthighlanders.com. Friend us and like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/firstcoasthighlanders



We are the Fraternal Order of Eagles #4365 located at 1932 Long Bay Rd, Middleburg, FL. Our Organization was established in 1898. We are a non profit fraternal organization who believes in "People Helping People". We hold fund raiser for various national, state and local charities through out the year. We are a private club with a full bar and food 7 days a week. On Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays we have home cooked meals by our Auxiliary from 5pm to 8pm. On Sundays we have breakfast from 9am to 11am which is open to the public. We have 2 pool tables, 3 dart machines and pull tabs.

To be eligible to join, you must be of good character and believe in a Supreme Being. We are open Monday—Thursday 2pm-10pm, Friday 2pm-12am, Saturday 1pm-10pm and Sunday 9am-8pm.

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