



# CHECKS & BALANCES



Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office Newsletter

March 2026

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## Clerk's Message

2026 is off to a great start as we celebrate several big "wins"! For example, our office's third-year-in-a-row recognition as a regional **Top Workplace** (thanks to your survey responses) is a feather in all of our

caps. I sincerely hope that you enjoyed the special TWP-inspired treats provided for you in Admin recently and that you know how much your workplace efforts are highly appreciated year-round. Other good news includes our Employee APR Breakroom renovation completion — thank you, county partners. We now have kitchen facility access there. Speaking of construction, thank you for your continued patience during the noisy but necessary work being done on the courthouse's 2nd Floor. I do feel your pain as there is a trash chute and tractor used daily over my office and outside my window. The county is moving as quickly as possible on that work plus on a new project that began last month to construct a different exit by our Civil Department (even more secure and results in better flow at the front lobby). Lastly, I'm very proud to represent you here in Clay County and in Tallahassee, too. The recent Clay Day 2026 event was a great opportunity for me to brag about your services and dedication to all those I meet, including to our very engaged legislators and their staff.



Like you and like them, I love Clay County!

*Tara S. Green*



## For the Youth in Our Lives and in Our Community

Got an extra no-longer-needed formal gown or cocktail dress in the closet? Pace Center for Girls would love to hear from you! Know a patriotic and artistic K-12 student who loves to write in your family or circle of friends? The State of Florida would love to hear from that student during their *America 250 Florida* campaign! Check out these opportunities for youth. Thanks!

**PROM DRESSES NEEDED**  
All Sizes!  
Please drop them off by April 11<sup>th</sup> to:  
429 College Dr  
Middleburg, FL 32068  
M-F from 7am-3pm

America turns 250 and Florida students can help tell the story! K-12 students are invited to submit original art or essays celebrating Florida's contributions to our nation's history.

For contest rules and submission guidelines, visit: [america250floridacontest.com](http://america250floridacontest.com)

**AMERICA 250 FLORIDA**  
**ART & ESSAY Contests**  
Celebrating Florida's Contributions to America  
Learn more:  
[America250FloridaContest.com](http://America250FloridaContest.com)

**Don't forget our office's Public Tour Program, too....available all year long by contacting PIO Justino or Archives Supervisor Garig any time!**

## Waiting Room Décor Comforts All Ages

A waiting room went from “blah” to “ahhh” in our court-house thanks to the Village Improvement Association (VIA), Quigley House staff, and several Clerk’s Office members and county friends. Citizens coming to the court-house to complete forms in Civil (injunctions for protection from DV, HT and SA) often require more time, may be upset, or even embarrassed. In these situations, some privacy, peace, and quiet go a long way. Unveiled to the public in January 2026, the space is beautifully decorated and much more welcoming. This project was completed without cost to our office because of the generosity of VIA members, the community, and their affiliated businesses/organizations. It remains our joint goal to help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic and sexual violence abuse. A heartfelt thank you to all involved!



## Employment Milestones — Congrats!



Let’s celebrate your milestones and share a glimpse of everyone’s career progress this quarter—the employment anniversaries for the months of January, February, and March. Please note our longest-serving colleagues (those with twenty or more total years of service here) are highlighted (in bold) each quarter as well.

*Then you have legends...like Civil’s Tammy Rosenbaum — congrats on three decades! Tammy is beloved and respected by her coworkers and is proof that you really can form a happy work family that can be enjoyed for years and years all while doing a great job, too!*

| Employee Name               | Years of Service |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Cindy Revels-Plummer</b> | <b>27</b>        |
| Mitchell Mackoul            | 2                |
| Jennifer McMahan            | 2                |
| <b>Tammy Rosenbaum</b>      | <b>30</b>        |
| Jamie Davis                 | 1                |
| Nick Miller                 | 1                |
| Rick Dingle                 | 16               |
| Judy Thomas                 | 19               |
| Theresa Blankenship         | 6                |
| Nikki Clark                 | 6                |
| Tawnya Disparti             | 6                |
| Taylor Lemire               | 2                |
| <b>Marge Maney</b>          | <b>20</b>        |
| Carrie Arcusa-Rosa          | 15               |
| Stacey Smith                | 9                |
| <b>Elaine Burgess</b>       | <b>21</b>        |
| Michelle Rodgers            | 13               |
| Stephanie Hudson            | 5                |
| Tessa Pena                  | 5                |
| <b>Amanda West</b>          | <b>27</b>        |
| Barbara Cotter              | 1                |
| Leeanne Hestness            | 1                |



## Students Meet Clerk of Court, Judge, and More During Commissioner for a Day Program Visit



Our office forms new, meaningful community partnerships annually. One such new effort is the *Commissioner for a Day* program through the BCC which brings in high school student leaders and shows them the MANY facets of local government, including ours. Kudos to all involved for creating this excellent program!

## All-Star of the Quarter

This quarter's All-Star Award recipient, Civil Department Specialist II Chelsey Mason, was nominated by numerous colleagues, one who said, "Her excellence is impossible to overlook." She also embodies our core values—efficient in streamlining workflows, and accountable for every detail she touches. Her helpful, empathetic, and fun spirit makes her a favorite among colleagues and our judicial partners alike. Her early mastery of her job stands out. Consistently delivering high-quality work with strong attention to detail, she can be counted on to follow through with tasks and support the team and is especially great in high pressure situations. When it comes to customer service, she is described as attentive, responsive, and professional in every interaction. One nomination noted that this clerk is the kind of person who turns a customer's day around with great service and a positive attitude. Likewise, her smile and encouraging manner make her "an absolute joy to work with" said one colleague. Congrats, our new All-Star!



Seen here happily "passing the torch" is last quarter's All-Star from our IT Department, Ryan Peters. Great job!



## Clay Chamber of Commerce Hosts Archives/History Presentation



Kudos to our office's Historical Archives Supervisor Vishi Garig for providing an excellent presentation to the Clay County Chamber of Commerce members last month. Clay County history and our many Archives services go hand-in-hand. Plus, we are also a proud Clay Chamber member so we appreciate the community outreach opportunities we find there!

## Welcome Home — Clerk Green and Staff Have Important Role in County's Annual Memorial Ceremony for Our County's Vietnam Veterans



Did you know that our Facilities and Archives staff assist the county, volunteers, and CCSO inmate work crew each year with preparing this site for this very special event and many others? **Great job by all!**

Held on **Saturday, March 28th** at the **Historic Triangle** in GCS, military veterans, government officials including Clerk/Comptroller Green, and local families gathered again to remember the fallen at this annual Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It is our honor to be involved each year.



Help spread the news!

# OPERATION

# GREEN LIGHT

April 13 — 17, 2026 & April 20 — 24, 2026

TWO LOCATIONS!

Clay County Courthouse in Green Cove Springs  
& Branch Office in Orange Park



Call (904) 278-4772 for info. Thank you,

Clay County Clerk of Court  
and Comptroller

Did you know.....The most viewed page on our public website, [clayclerk.com](http://clayclerk.com), is always the [Search Records page](#), most recently making up 42% of all our traffic, followed by the [Home page](#), making up 27% of all traffic. Executive Team members keep an eye on these stats provided monthly by our website host to make sure we are well-informed about how citizens use our site.



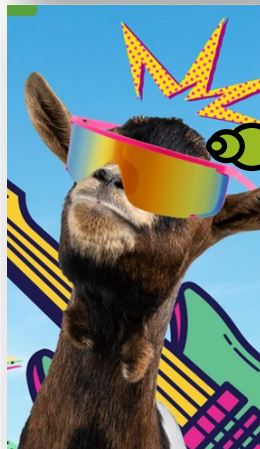
Let's celebrate 250 years of the USA! Our office is proud to be your trusted source for preservation of records, photos, and maps dating back many generations. Did you know that well before Clay County's founding in 1858, our region of Florida played a major role in our state's growth and in our great nation's future. Though under the thumb of Spain and Britain during the Revolutionary War period of the late 1700s, our ancestors here set the stage for eventual independence. Visit our Historical Archives Division's [USA 250th exhibit in Bldg 2](#) to learn about Clay County's era as *British East Florida*. Then, add your "John Hancock" to the Declaration of Independence and gather patriotic supplies to join in the celebration. When you do, please tag us in your Fair 2026 Facebook photos ([claycountyclerkofcourt](https://www.facebook.com/claycountyclerkofcourt)). Enjoy the Fair!



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CLAY COUNTY



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See you at the Fair!

40 CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR

2026 CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR  
CONCERT LINEUP

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|---------|--|
| APRIL 2 | CURT TOWNE, BIG ENGINE, & DUVAL COUNTY LINE                        |
| APRIL 3 | TERRI CLARK<br><small>WITH OPENER JESS KELLIE ADAMS</small>        |
| APRIL 4 | GEORGE BIRGE   |
| APRIL 5 | BRETT YOUNG<br><small>WITH OPENER ADAM CALVERT</small>             |
| APRIL 6 | CROWDER  |
| APRIL 7 | THE ISAACS<br><small>WITH OPENER ALASKAN SUNNYSIDE SISTERS</small> |

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS - CLAYCOUNTYFAIR.ORG

## News from Partner Agencies /Colleagues

Clay County's own Magistrate Beth Luna volunteers with the Adaptive Riding Program at J & S Performance Horses. She shared news about these amazing youth excelling at a recent Special Olympics where they won multiple medals! As the only Special Olympics equestrian team in Clay, the program provides year-round adaptive horsemanship and riding opportunities for all ages and abilities, serving both local participants and those from surrounding counties (eight athletes, and more than ten volunteers), all in support of accessibility, inclusion, and growth through equestrian sport. For Clay County, this team is more than a program—it's a place where determination meets opportunity, and where every ride is another step forward. Congrats to all the athletes and to Magistrate Luna, too! **More info can be found at [jandsperformancehorses.com](http://jandsperformancehorses.com) or find them on Facebook.**



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Most of Clay County's \$779.8 million budget is set by law — only about \$74 million can be adjusted by Commissioners.**

Property taxes help fund services you use every day

- Public Libraries
- Parks & Recreation
- Veterans Services
- Animal care & adoption

Proposed state bills could lower property tax revenue, significantly reducing funding for these services.

**How does Clay County compare to other counties in the state?**

- Lower taxes than most Florida counties (47<sup>th</sup> out of 67 counties)
- Spends less per person (60<sup>th</sup> out of 67 counties)
- Growing community (25<sup>th</sup> in population)

**What are we doing now?**

- Starting budget workshops earlier to educate our community
- Recommending departments limit increases to 3%
- Continue to look for potential cost savings

# TOUCH A TRUCK

★ SALUTING THOSE WHO SERVE ★

Presented by VyStar  
Credit Union

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## Saturday, April 25

Quiet Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.    Lights & Sounds: 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

The Clay County Fairgrounds: 2463 FL-16, Green Cove Springs

Join us for food trucks, kids activities, veterans resource sessions, emergency preparedness resources, and a special celebration of 250 years of the United States of America!

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA