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**BY E-FILING**

Mr. Adam Teitzman, Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

**Re: Docket No. 20240099-EI - Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company**

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company, please find an affidavit verifying that the appropriate notices were sent to customers, as well as proof of noticing for the customer service hearings.

Sincerely,



Beth Keating  
Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A.  
215 South Monroe St., Suite 601  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
(850) 521-1706

Cc: (Service List)

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Seminole

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Kira Lake, who deposed and stated that the Customer Notice of Florida Public Utilities Company's Petition for a Rate Increase, assigned Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 20240099-EI, has been sent to all customers of the Company's regulated service in accordance with Commission Rule 25-22.0406(2)(f), Florida Administrative Code.

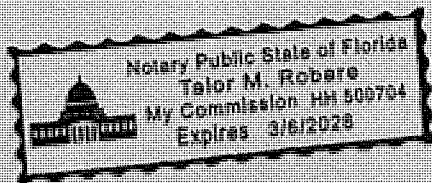
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 2025 (JP)

Kira Lake KIRA LAKE (JP)

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the State and County aforesaid as of this 7<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2025 (JP)

Taylor M. Robare

Notary Public  
State of Florida, at Large



My Commission Expires:

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# Nassau County Record

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## Hilliard library nets \$8K donation

AMANDA BISHOP  
NCR Editor & Publisher

The Hilliard Town Council made a donation of \$8,000 and tabled appointing Hilliard Planning and Zoning Board members among other agenda items in a quick meeting Thursday night.

The town council made the donation to the Hilliard Branch Library of the Nassau County Public Library System. The same amount was donated in fiscal year 2024 as the new \$8,000 for fiscal year 2025.

"In fiscal year 2024, the Hilliard Branch Library successfully issued 305 library cards and have had 17,775 people visit the Hilliard Library," NCPLS Director Julie Cannavino wrote in a letter to the council.

The town's donation will be utilized within the Hilliard Branch.

"The funds are greatly appreciated and allow the library to provide books and periodicals to the residents of Hilliard that the county would not otherwise be able to provide," Cannavino notes. "The

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## Pine Forest committee meets again Monday

JOHNNIE GREEN  
For the Record

Pine Forest Community High School was the one and only school for the African-Americans residing in the Callahan area. The school was constructed in 1951 and was occupied through 1968.

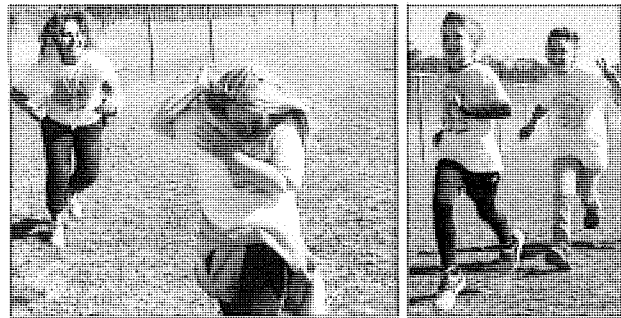
The Pine Forest Alumni Committee focuses on the legacy; our parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and friends left behind.

Presently, we have two members of our community who were among the first group of students to inhabit the halls of Pine Forest High School. They serve to remind us of our rich heritage.

The alumni committee has selected as its motto, "Never forget our legacy." This group of alumni represent the remaining members of a larger group which served during the years somewhere in 1980s and beyond.

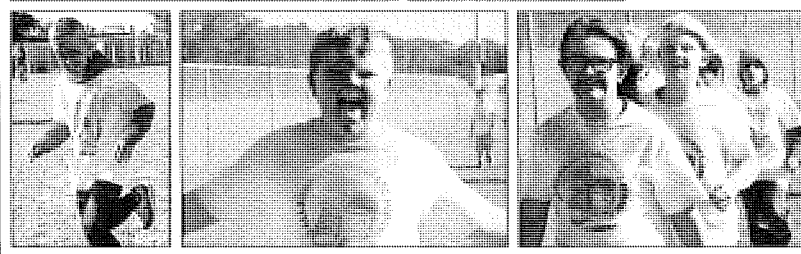
The committee has accomplished several historical moments over the last 10 years with God's help, the Callahan Middle School staff, school Board superintendent, and the entire community. These include the annual Pine Forest banquet, the Pine Forest historical marker, renaming Callahan Middle School Gym to Pine Forest Gym, the annual Pine Forest Christmas (ugly sweater) social, the annual Pine Forest

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## CIS color run fun

Fourth-grade teacher Kayliana Carson tosses color at a student during Callahan Intermediate School's Color Run Friday. The students fundraised \$32,091 to earn the run. Aiden Burch leads a classmate, Christinn Welka runs at lower left. Brantley Batura poses for the camera. Below, Lilly Howe, Kimberly Garner, and Owen Ream run a lap. Photos by Amanda Bishop



## Grease fire claims beloved pets

AMANDA BISHOP  
NCR Editor & Publisher

Two dogs and a cat perished due to a fire at a Callahan home Thursday and two residents are displaced.

"I was cooking and the grease popped and it was on after that," Lorain Hardy said.

She normally cooks dinner around 5:30 p.m. at 44395 Commanchee Road in Callahan. She tried to take the pot of grease that was on fire out the back door of the home, which caused the back porch to catch on fire and spread into the home. When she saw the flames begin, she went outside to get the water hose in an attempt to put it out herself.

"I was trying to get the water hose, but it wouldn't come on," Hardy said. "Then it came on, but it popped off (the spigot)."

At that point, she went inside for her pets. She retrieved two chihuahuas, Salt and Pepper, and placed them inside her vehicle in the carport. She attempted to enter the home again, believing her other pets were underneath her bed, but was driven out by the smoke and flames.

"I got all the way down the hall and the smoke and the fire above my head got so bad, I had to turn and walk out," Hardy said.

Nassau County Fire Rescue received the call for help at 5:45 p.m. and Rescue 50 and Engine 50 were on scene within 5 minutes.

"They had to go in there and pull my animals out from under my bed," Hardy said, adding that she moved her car out of the carport before the area also caught fire.

They administered CPR and provided oxygen to Bella, an English bulldog. Nassau County Animal Services transported her to Robinson 24-Hour Veterinary Hospital in Yulee, but eventually put to sleep.

"The condition she was in, you could see wasn't going to make it," Hardy said. She only had \$100 in her car and gave that to the veteri-



Grease caught on fire, with its attempted disposal causing a Commanchee Road home to catch on fire Thursday evening. Despite life-saving efforts, two dogs died due to smoke inhalation and a cat is presumed dead. Photo courtesy of Lorain Hardy

inary office, but still owes \$575.

The single-family home was built in 1961, according to property records on file with the Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office. It was a three bedroom, one bath home.

The American Red Cross provided a hotel room for Hardy and her boyfriend for three nights, but "right now we're in between places," Hardy said Tuesday morning. Hardy appreciates any help any-

one can provide as she faces the next steps after the fire. She did not have insurance on the contents. The home belongs to Roschelle Weber of Fernandina Beach, according to the NCFR incident report, and was not insured.

Anyone who wishes to donate may do so via her account at VyStar Credit Union, under member number 407534. editor@nassaucountyrecord.com

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**IN-PERSON SERVICE HEARINGS****December 4, 2024**

1:00 p.m. (EST)

*City Hall,*

*City of Fernandina Beach*

204 Ash Street

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

**Office: 904.310.3115**

**January 8, 2025**

1:00 p.m. (CST)

*Jackson County Agriculture  
Complex and Conference Center*

2741 Penn Ave, Suite 3

Marianna, FL 32448

**Office: 850.482.9620**

Customers are urged to be present at the beginning of the hearing, since customer service hearings may be adjourned once all customers that are present have been allowed to speak. One or more Commissioners will be present at the customer hearings. Customers who wish to speak at the in-person service hearings may register upon arrival at the venue. Please note these hearings will begin as scheduled and will continue until all witnesses have been heard. For questions, please call **1.850.413.7080**.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing accommodations to participate should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the hearing in which you plan to participate at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 or call **1.850.413.6770**.

Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at **1.800.955.8771**.



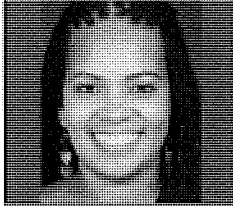
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# Teachers Who Transform

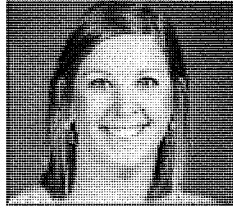
## Nassau County Schools honor 16 outstanding educators



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Amanda Walker



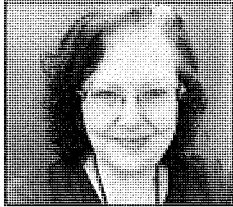
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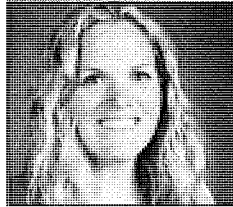
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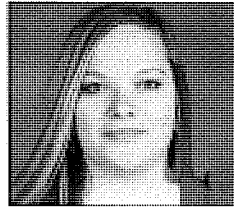
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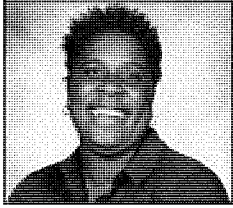
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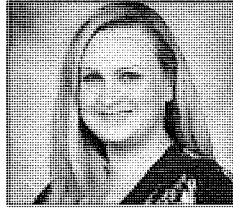
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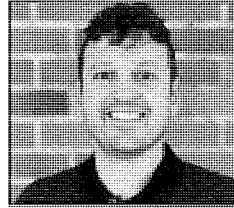
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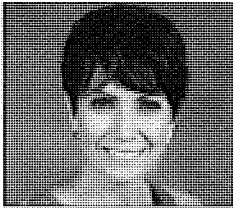
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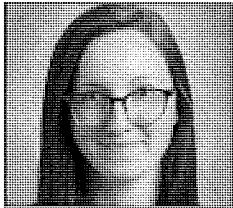
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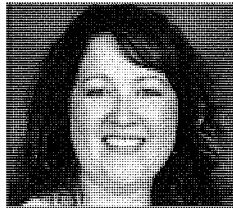
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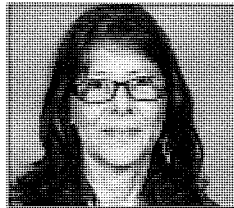
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## NASSAU COUNTY

# CLAM works to re-rank acquisition projects

## NFLT presents options to committee

ASHLEY CHANDLER  
News-Leader

Nassau County residents are catching on to the CLAM.

The county says the Conservation Land Acquisition Management (CLAM) program was created to "preserve and conserve the county's natural, historic and working lands resources by identifying, ranking and assessing conservation lands for acquisition and management."

Nassau County Director of Strategic Advancement & Economic Resources Brandy Carvalho told the News-Leader people are definitely contacting the county about potential acquisition opportunities.

"Re-ranking is an important process, as it gives an updated list of targets for potential CLAM acquisitions," Carvalho said. "What I like best is that since we started the acquisition last year, people have been contacting us about new potential properties — many of which are great additions to current projects. This gives us more opportunities to pursue."

The Conservation Land Acquisition Management met last week for a workshop and meeting, to receive a project update from the North Florida Land Trust, hear

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## NASSAU COUNTY

# County asks for input on growth-scenarios

## Vision 2050 Phase Three almost complete

ASHLEY CHANDLER  
News-Leader

Vision 2050 is reaching its final stages, and Nassau County has urged residents to give more input.

Staff working on the project are looking toward the end, which is just the beginning of the updated county Comprehensive Plan.

Last week, the county urged residents to review the growth framework presentation and provide input on the three scenarios.

The scenarios are as follows:

• Scenario 1, Trend, represents a potential future where growth within the William Burgess District, Timber to Tides Overlay District and the infill around Yulee remain minimal. Most development is concentrated west of I-95 along major roadways.

• Scenario 2, Incremental, focuses first on infill in Yulee, the WBD and T2T. There is a westward expansion of growth along I-95, near Jacksonville and around Nassau County's emerging employment centers. In this scenario, smaller commercial centers are accessible throughout the county to provide services to residents.

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### LOOKING BACK 25 YEARS

The limited demolition phase of work will begin soon on Nassau County's Historic Courthouse, as soon as electricians are finished inside.

Nov. 24, 1999

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# Your guide to pet safety this Thanksgiving

DEBORAH BIGGS  
For the News-Leader

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate the things we are thankful for like the health of family and friends and of course, our pets. The following are a few safety tips for you to keep in mind during this Thanksgiving holiday.

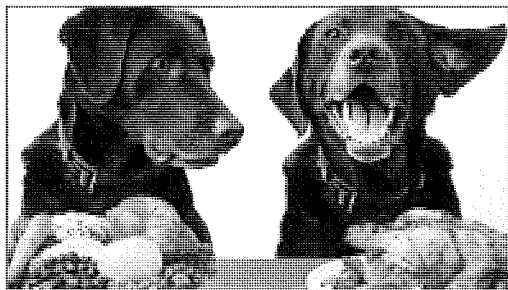
A few small boneless pieces of well-cooked turkey, a taste of mashed potato or even a lick of pumpkin pie shouldn't pose a problem. However, don't allow your pets to overindulge, as they could wind up with a case of stomach upset or diarrhea. In fact, it is best keeping pets on their regular diets during the holidays. It's OK to ask your guests not to give them people food.

If you are looking for a safe treat for your dog, try mixing a teaspoon of canned pumpkin into dry food for a special treat. Not too much or your pet may develop extremely soft, messy stools.

Always avoid giving your pet any type of meat bones; all bones can cause problems. Poultry bones easily splinter and can cause serious damage to your pet's gastrointestinal tract and even large knuckle bones can cause obstruction.

If you're baking bread, be mindful that your pet might be nosy and take a bite. The bread dough can expand in their stomach and cause major abdominal pain.

Other foods to keep your pets away from include chocolate, onions, baked goods, and of course, alcoholic beverages. If your pet does



become ill or ingests a toxic substance, contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Hotline at 888-426-4435.

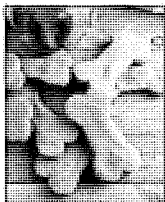
If you have guests for Thanksgiving, post a sign on both sides of your door so that everyone is careful to close it securely. A dog or cat can easily slip out and not be missed in the holiday confusion. This is one more reason to make sure that your pets are wearing up-to-date identification with your current address and phone number on it. You might even consider keeping your pet in a quiet room during the festivities. This way, you won't have to worry about them slipping out, and they won't be frightened by the noise and commotion.

After you've enjoyed your turkey, instead of putting the carcass in the trash, wrap it in two plastic grocery bags and put it in your freezer until your next trash pickup day. This way you're certain to prevent your pet from getting into your trash and a possible choking hazard.

This Thanksgiving,

remember that other pets may not be as lucky as our own and consider donating to one of our local animal shelters.

## Pumpkin and peanut butter dog treats



Use leftover canned pumpkin to make these 5-ingredient homemade peanut butter and pumpkin dog treats. They are super easy to make, and the perfect treat for your furry friend.

Note: When using peanut butter in dog treats, always check to make sure it doesn't contain xylitol. Xylitol is an artificial sweetener that a few brands use, and it can be fatal to dogs. Check out this list for more information on which

brands use xylitol in their products.

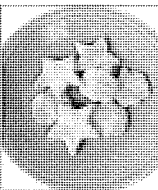
**Ingredients**  
1 cup whole wheat flour  
1/2 cup peanut butter\*  
1/4 cup pumpkin  
1/4 cup vegetable, chicken or beef stock  
1 teaspoon cinnamon

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
2. Combine flour, peanut butter, pumpkin and cinnamon in a large mixing bowl. Add stock and stir until well-combined. The dough will be thick. Once combined, use your hands to press the dough into a ball. Place dough ball on a flat surface (with a sprinkle of flour if needed) and roll out evenly with a rolling pin. Dough should be about 1/4 inch thick. Use a cookie cutter to cut the dough into desired shape and place on an ungreased baking sheet.

3. Bake for 18+ minutes or until golden brown and hard to touch. The baking time will vary based on the size of the treats. Store in an airtight container.

## Pumpkin pie cr treats



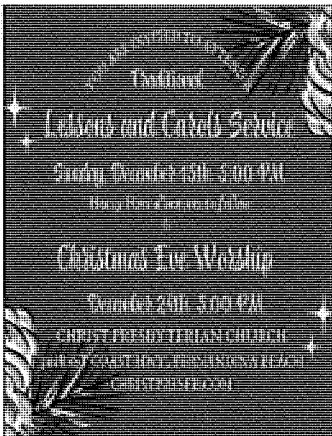
Note: Xylitol isn't toxic to cats; or at least, it doesn't appear to have the same blood sugar-lowering toxic effect in cats as it does in dogs. To be on the safe, you may want to only use products that do not contain Xylitol.

**Ingredients**  
2 cups brown rice flour  
1/2 cup uncooked oatmeal  
1 cup canned pumpkin  
1 cup grated carrots  
1/2 cup unsweetened

plain applesauce  
1/4 cup brown rice flour  
for rolling

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
2. In a food processor blend pumpkin, apple sauce, and carrots until smooth.  
3. Mix brown rice flour and oatmeal in a bowl. Add wet ingredients to the dry and mix by hand until dough forms.  
4. On a floured countertop or cutting board, roll dough to about 1/4-inch thick. Use cookie cutter to form cute shapes or cut into small squares.  
5. Place cookies on a greased cookie sheet and bake for 7 minutes.  
6. Flip the treats over and bake for another 5 minutes.  
7. Remove from oven and cool thoroughly. Store in fridge or freezer; keeps for months.



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ly commencing for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2025. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3832, Florida Statutes, as amended, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on December 9, 2024, at the Commission Chambers, James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of Resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, is on file at the office of the Ex-Officio Clerk of Nassau County, Florida, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, Florida 32097.

All interested persons are invited to be present and be heard. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, agency or commission,

with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record includes the evidence and testimony upon which the appeal is to be based.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS HEARING A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY/EVENT SHOULD CONTACT THE COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE AT CONTACT@NASSAUCOUNTYFL.COM, 96105 NASSAU PLACE, SUITE 1, YULEE, FL 32097, PHONE NO. 904-550-6010, NOT LATER THAN SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, PLEASE CALL THE FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE AT 711 OR TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-955-8771 (TTY).

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA  
ATTENT:

John A. Crawford  
Ex-Officio Clerk  
JOHN F. MARTIN  
County Manager  
FNL 4T 11-13-20-27-2024 & 12-04-2024  
#840631

**Notice of Public Sale**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to enforce a lien imposed on said property, under the Florida Sell Storage Facility Act (Section 63.801-63.809) at public sale by competitive bidding on www.storageauctions.com, ending on December 13, 2024 at 10:00am for units located at:  
Compass Self Storage  
2841 Bailey Road  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 (Nassau County)  
(904-261-5700)

The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to the items listed below. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Compass Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid. Sale is subject to adjournment.

All units listed below contain

household items.  
Unit 3104 Kindra Garcia  
FNL 2T 11-27-2024 & 12-04-2024  
#842598

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property (household goods, etc.) at public sale by competitive bidding on 11/27/2024 at 10:00 am on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at BidPreview Self Storage 474431 E State Road 200 Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 Nassau County the following:  
Clara Cameron 1053  
Lauren Wollersteig 2190  
Raymond Dice 2151

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash only.  
Dated 11/20/2024 and 11/27/2024.  
FNL 2T 11-20-27-2024  
#841531

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 2024-CP-000397  
IN RE: ESTATE OF

JORDAN HUNKIN, Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
This administration of the estate of JORDAN HUNKIN, deceased, whose date of death was August 10, 2023, File Number 2024-CP-000397, is pending in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 76347 Veterans Way Yulee, FL 32097. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3

MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
IN ADDITION TO THE TIME LIMITS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The first date of publication of this notice is: November 20th, 2024.  
KEVIN RUOIN  
Personal Representative  
401 E. Jackson St., #2340  
Tampa, FL 33602  
CHELSEA SCOTT, ESQ.  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
FL Bar No. 119394  
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Marianna, FL 32448  
**Office: 850.482.9620**

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing accommodations to participate should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the hearing in which you plan to participate at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 or call **1.850.413.6770**.

Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at **1.800.955.8771**.

**FLORIDA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Docket No. 2024-0099-EI - Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company.**

The Florida Public Service Commission announces the following, scheduled customer service hearing to be held in the following docket, to which all interested persons are invited to attend:

The following in-person hearing has been scheduled:

**IN-PERSON SERVICE HEARING**

January 18, 2025  
1:00 p.m. (CST)

Jackson County Agriculture  
Committee and Conference Center  
2741 Perrin Ave., Suite 3  
Marianna, FL 32448  
Office: 850.482.9620

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Special Events

The Times is pleased to announce the return of the annual "Real or Artificial? The Christmas Tree Debate Continues" event. This year's event will be held on December 18th at the Jackson County Agriculture Committee and Conference Center. The event will feature a panel discussion with experts on the benefits and drawbacks of both real and artificial Christmas trees. The panelists will discuss the environmental impact, safety, and cost of each option. The event will also feature a Q&A session with the panelists and a chance for attendees to win prizes. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 1.850.413.7090 or visit our website at [www.times.com](http://www.times.com).

**Real or artificial? The Christmas tree debate continues**

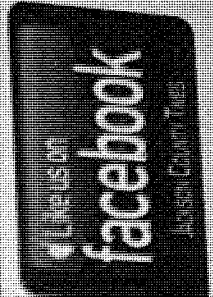
The debate over whether to use a real or artificial Christmas tree is a perennial one for many households. Real trees offer a natural look and the ability to be reused, but they are also more expensive and can be a fire hazard. Artificial trees, on the other hand, are cheaper and safer, but they lack the natural look and feel of a real tree. The panelists at the event will discuss the pros and cons of each option and provide tips for choosing the best tree for your home.

**SOURCE OF SPENDING CHANGE**

The source of spending change is a key factor in determining the overall economic health of a region. This year's event will explore the various factors that influence spending, such as income levels, employment, and consumer confidence. The panelists will provide insights into the current state of the economy and offer strategies for managing spending during these uncertain times.

**Real or Artificial? The Christmas tree debate continues**

The event will be moderated by [Name], a local news anchor. The panelists include [Name], a real estate expert, [Name], a financial advisor, and [Name], a home safety expert. The event will be held in a comfortable and convenient location, making it easy for attendees to participate.





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The following in-person hearing has been scheduled

**IN-PERSON SERVICE HEARING**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by Electronic Mail to the following parties of record this 13th day of January, 2025:

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