

# Hoover was arrested after TCSO investigation

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homeroom and math teacher at Point of Grace Christian school (POG), was arrested on June 8, 2022, following an

investigation that began six days earlier when Taylor County Sheriff's Officer (TCSO) Inv. Brian Cruse received a phone call from a parent stating she had discovered Hoover had messaged her son about

having sex. The timeline of the messages spanned a period of time in which the student was enrolled in more than one class with Hoover as his teacher. Charges of lewd and

lascivious behavior (against a student by an authority figure) and contributing to the delinquency of a minor were later filed against Hoover for a separate alleged incident that occurred at the

school's prom on April 8, 2022. Those charges, which came as an offshoot of the initial investigation and referenced an incident at the school's prom in which Hoover was

allegedly "twerking" on a male student and pressuring him to drink alcohol by attempting to "put an alcoholic drink into his mouth (using a straw)," were later dismissed.

# 1st Avenue project will change traffic configuration at the intersection with CR 361; sidewalk will be added

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to utilize \$148,000 of the state funds to purchase state and federal mitigation credits to offset the expected environmental impacts of the project as required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

"Our consultant engineers (CHW, Inc.) hope to finalize the permitting

leg of the project real soon," the notice states. "Once permitted, we will then be seeking advertising approvals from FDOT and the [county commission]. This will allow us to put the project out to bid by interested firms and establish the cost of construction. Once known, we will address any funding issues and move toward breaking ground."

In January, County

Engineer Kenneth Dudley expressed concern that due to the unexpected cost of the mitigation credits, the remaining FDOT funds may not be enough to complete the project. However, in February, the county received \$1.8 million from FDOT for the Slaughter Road project, which was more than enough to cover that project's funding shortfall. There is hope that the excess funds

may be used to cover any potential shortfall in the 1st Avenue project, but that will require approval from FDOT.

The Slaughter Road project will resurface and widen the 2.27 miles of the roadway from U.S. 19 to Harrison Blue Road from its existing 18- to 20-foot width to 24 feet wide.

As for the 1st Avenue project, the widening and

resurfacing work will run from County Road 361 to 15th Street SE in Steinhatchee.

The improvements are set to include:

• **Traffic safety upgrades:** Intersection configuration improvements at CR 361, with 1st Avenue becoming through movement instead of a stop sign.

• **Pedestrian safety upgrade:** Sidewalk added to provide a continuous

sidewalk on the north side of 1st Avenue SE.

• **Driver safety/comfort upgrade:** Travel lanes widening to 12 feet with clear zones established.

• **Drainage upgrade:** Restoration of roadside swales and cross drain.

Those with questions on the upcoming projects are asked to contact Dudley at (850) 838-3500 ext. 104 or county.engineer@taylorcountygov.com.

# Dudley: County can request FDOT make changes to design; if county turns down project, money goes back to the feds

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larger spectrum of where these low-volume, local community bridges have a better opportunity to be funded through federal programs. That's a huge change from just five or six years ago.

"I don't think there would be intentional animosity if we turned it down," Dudley added.

Feagle also asked about what would happen to the funding if the county turned down the bridge project.

"Do we have the ability to direct that money for another project in the area?" she asked.

"No ma'am," Dudley

said. "You don't even have the ability to keep that in the State of Florida. These are federal funds. It is a competitive pot of money."

Commissioner Michael Newman asked if there was time to seek changes to reduce the footprint of the new bridge.

"The answer is yes, to a degree," Dudley said. "It's still in preliminary planning and design."

Dudley added that he suggested to FDOT after the March 2 meeting that "sufficient space" be designated for pedestrian and golf cart traffic on the bridge to address safety concerns.

"A reduction in size can physically only go so small

and still get a vehicle across it," he said.

Newman asked if there was a possibility of making the new bridge for pedestrian and golf cart traffic only, and Dudley said, "The answer is no. You're not going to use this money for a pedestrian or golf-cart only (bridge)."

Newman then asked if the bridge could be built so it was rated only for smaller vehicles, and Dudley again said FDOT would not approve that option.

Next, Newman asked if FDOT would consider reducing the height of the bridge, thereby reducing the potential impacts on neighboring properties since they would be less need for

raising the approaches to the bridge.

"That originated from the 2019 public hearing," Dudley said. "The consensus was to provide greater means of access to the inland properties and not leave the bridge at the height that it is today since it was going to be reconstructed."

Dudley said the four-foot height increase being proposed was selected to allow a six-foot (boat) clearance underneath the new bridge.

Newman asked about a timetable for the commission to request changes from FDOT, and Dudley said "sooner is better than later," but added that a decision was not

needed that evening. When asked if the commission's next workshop (scheduled for March 28) was soon enough to continue the discussion, Dudley said it was.

Later in the discussion, local attorney Ray Curtis, who was present at the meeting to discuss two unrelated items on the agenda, suggested the county consider deeding the existing bridge over to the property owners.

"Just give it to them," he said. "It's theirs. They accept the liability for it. They can control it as private."

"We have actually thought of that," Dudley said. "It's not to the extent

of that's where you'd want to go, but if that is the wish of that community and a [homeowners association (HOA)] could be established, maintenance responsibility for all infrastructure in that area could very easily be transferred to that HOA."

Several people in the audience stated that they would be interested in pursuing the HOA proposal to transfer ownership of the existing bridge.

After some additional discussion, Commissioner Thomas Demps made a motion to table the discussion. Commissioner Jim Moody seconded, and the measure passed unanimously.

# 'Truth is an absolute and cannot be altered'

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enormous benefits to society. In healthcare, for example, AI can help us diagnose and treat diseases more accurately and efficiently. In agriculture, it can help us optimize crop yields and reduce waste. And in education, it can help us personalize learning experiences for students.

To fully realize the potential of AI, we must continue to invest in research and development, collaborate across industries and disciplines and prioritize the ethical considerations

of its use. With responsible development and deployment, AI has the power to make our lives better, safer and more efficient.

The difference between AI and human ability is only limited by what is stated in the Bible in Ecclesiastes 11: "Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."

AI has intelligence, but it does not have a heart. Therefore, it does not have

faith, hope or a concept of everlasting life. AI has intellect without a soul, without the capacity for hope of eternal life.

Even though AI has the ability to teach itself and reproduce itself in minutes, it still does not have "eternity in its heart" because it does not have a heart.

NBC is running an article soon that suggests AI can develop consciousness. If so, it can develop self-preservation by any means - even suppressing truth.

There is a real threat in North America and the world today, and it is not China, Russia or North Korea. It is

canceling truth!

When AI is accepted as the source of truth, human truth will no longer exist.

"Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing?"

Is it because of denying the truth? As we approach Easter, I am reminded of the conversation of Pontius Pilot and Jesus some 2000 years ago. Jesus speaking said, "To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice."

And Pilate's reply: "What is truth?"

In my understanding, truth is an absolute and cannot be altered.

ChatGPT often ends his (or is it her? - It truthfully does not have gender as humans do), with answers and general statements about using significant data, while many religious opinions are different, having no scientific data, only the Bible to verify arguments.

It reminds me of what one politician use to say, "I got friends for it and friends against it...and I agree with my friends," regardless of truth and right.

Yes, I am scared! Not for myself, but for the truth,

because it might get lost.

Some are already debating whether AI has consciousness or self-awareness.

Has the Taylor County School Board permitted ChatGPT in Taylor County public schools?

AI is not a calculator, with absolutes. It has the capacity to teach the WOKE and LGBT agendas - even when the teachers must refrain from discussing those topics.

They can still point to bots like ChatGPT as sources of information, even though its answers can state untruth as truth.

Just saying...

## LEGALS

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. 23000092CAC**  
**DIVISION NO.**

US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs.  
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ANITA JANET BAKER, DECEASED, WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANT, et al, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY**  
TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ANITA JANET BAKER, DECEASED WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM INTEREST AS SPOUSES,

HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANT WHOSE ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property, to-wit:

Lot 3, Block E, Grove Park Subdivision, as per Map or Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 101, of the Public Records of Taylor County, Florida. More commonly known as 105 Grove Ave, Perry, FL 32348.

This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Plaintiffs attorney, GILBERT GARCIA GROUP, P.A., whose address is 2313 W. Violet St., Tampa, Florida 33603, on or before March 30, 2023, 30 days after date of first publication and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 1st day of March 2023.  
TAYLOR County, Florida  
By: Kathryn Lago  
Deputy Clerk

"In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, Taylor County, 108 N Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida 32347, County Phone: (850) 838-3506 via Florida Relay Service.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR**

**TAX DEED**  
**TDA 23-001**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Mid-Florida Development, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate Number: 1222  
Year of Issuance: 2020  
Description of Property: Parcel Number: R08161-000  
Described as: Bohanan Subdivision Lot 1 Block B. Containing .37 acres MOL. Located in Section 04, Township 05, Range 08.

Name in which assessed C T Saunders Estate. Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 10th day of April, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.  
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023.  
Signature: Gary Knowles  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Taylor County, Florida

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**TDA 23-002**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Mid-Florida Development, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate Number: 1223

Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property: Parcel Number: R08162-000  
Described as: Bohanan Subdivision Lot 2 Block B. Containing .42 acres MOL. Located in Section 04, Township 05, Range 08. Taylor County Official Record Book 344 Page 04.

Name in which assessed Susie M Dooley. Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 10th day of April, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 8th day of March, 2023.  
Signature: Gary Knowles  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Taylor County, Florida

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**TDA 23-003**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Mid-Florida Development, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate Number: 1224  
Year of Issuance: 2020  
Description of Property: Parcel Number: R08163-000  
Described as: Bohanan Subdivision Lot 3 Block B. Containing .42 acres MOL. Located in Section 04, Township 05, Range 08.

Name in which assessed Ernestine W. Ware Estate & Hazel Baumgardner. Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the

property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 10th day of April, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2023.  
Signature: Gary Knowles  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Taylor County, Florida

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**TDA 23-004**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Mid-Florida Development, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate Number: 681  
Year of Issuance: 2020  
Description of Property: Parcel Number: R05328-000  
Described as: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ then run North 200 feet North 89 degrees East 38 feet then run South 35 feet for a point of beginning, then run East 162 feet then run South 140 feet then run West 162 feet then run North 140 feet to point of beginning. .52 acres MOL. Official record Book 85 Page 183. Section 26 Township 04 Range 07.

Name in which assessed Ernestine W. Ware Estate & Hazel Baumgardner. Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the

property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 10th day of April, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2023.  
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**AGENDA**  
LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP, MARCH 21, 2023 FROM: Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools SUBJECT: School Board Workshop, March 21, 2023 in the School Board Administration Building starting at 5:00 p.m. School Board Workshop to discuss the following: (1) Schneider Electric

property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 10th day of April, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2023.  
Signature: Gary Knowles  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Taylor County, Florida

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:**

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the NFC Board Room in the Student Center (Bldg. #9), 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. For more information, an agenda or to request disability-related accommodations, contact the President's Office at (850) 973-1618 or email wheelerm@nfc.edu. NFC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

**Invitation to Bid**

The City of Perry is soliciting bids for payroll services. For more information regarding this bid visit our website: www.cityofperry.net or contact the purchasing agent at (850) 584-2189. John Hart II, City Manager. Shirlee Hampton, Mayor.