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We recently had the privilege of celebrating Renee Scurlock's remarkable 40-year career with Jackson County Emergency Management. From her early days in the department to her current role as Deputy Director, Renee has been the steadfast force guiding the County through every storm. Recognized for her unwavering dedication, moral excellence, and ability to handle any challenge with grace, Renee received a well-deserved award from the BOCC and also a special certificate of recognition from Governor DeSantis.



ENDEAVOR UPDATE

The Jackson Endeavor Convention and Museum Committee recently completed a Feasibility and Market Analysis Report, providing strategic recommendations for the convention center's development. TDC Director Kelsi Jackson presented several key initiatives for Board approval, including launching an RFP for third-party management and developing land conveyance initiatives to attract a hotel and potential retail spaces. These steps mark significant progress for the future of the convention center and the growth of Jackson County's tourism and economic development efforts. On August 7, State Representative Shane Abbott visited the site, touring the progress being made on the facility.



SHANGRI LA

The Board has approved the final closeout and payment for the Shangri La demolition project. Preslie's Construction has successfully completed the work, which has been inspected and approved by both staff and DHM.



NEXTSTEP

NextStep at Endeavor Academy welcomed their second cohort on August 20th, beginning their journey with the Class of 2026. To celebrate the first week, they hosted a meet and greet on August 23, bringing together new participants, community friends, and family for a warm and festive gathering.



VETERAN SERVICES GRAND OPENING

On August 22nd, we celebrated the Ribbon Cutting of the Jackson County Veteran Services permanent office at the Historic Russ House in Marianna. The event was marked by an amazing turnout and a delicious free lunch, thanks to our generous sponsors. The community's strong support and participation made the day memorable as we continue our commitment to helping veterans and their families obtain Federal Veterans Administration benefits. We encourage the community to spread the word about our new location and visit our website for more information on our services!