



# MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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## FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



**All Middle and High School Students are  
Invited to Enter the 2024 Student Essay Contest  
See Page 5 for Details!**

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## **Our Vision**

For all of Marion County's Children to have a safe, healthy and nurturing environment in which to grow.

## **Our Mission**

"To improve the lives of Marion County Children"

## **~ Partners in Excellence ~**

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## TUSCAWILLA SCULPTURE STROLL

Saturday, Feb. 24 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
*Free to attend*



Celebrate 10 new sculptures displayed through Tusawilla Park with self-guided tours, live music, fair games, and more!

Visit [ocalafl.gov/artpark](http://ocalafl.gov/artpark) for more information or call 352-629-8447.




Themed Activities • Ocala Street Cruisers  
Dance Lesson by Arthur Murray Dance Center

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ocalaculturalarts


# '80s

**FREE**

## Retro Sounds

at First Friday Art Walk

March 1 | 6 - 9 p.m.  
Downtown Ocala



Headliner Carlene Mitchell as  
Diana Ross & Tina Turner



For more information visit [ocalafl.gov/retrosounds](http://ocalafl.gov/retrosounds).



*Join Us!*

for the

# Alliance Monthly Meeting

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at the Mary Sue Rich Community Center,  
1812 N.W. 21st Ave., Ocala, FL 34475

## **Agency Spotlight:**

**Timothy Bowman,**  
Director of Business Development  
The Vines Hospital  
Youth Residential Treatment Program

## **Guest Speaker:**

**Davida Randolph,**  
Program Coordinator  
Howard Academy Community Center

# 2024 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Sponsored by:

The Marion County Children’s Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup

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All Marion County students attending a public, private or homeschool in grades 6th through 12th are invited to participate in the Family Violence Prevention Workgroup’s essay, poetry or video contest to make teens more aware of teen dating violence, how it impacts our community and ways to prevent it.

February, designated nationally as Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month, is a national effort to raise awareness about dating abuse in teen relationships.

Students are encouraged to submit a piece based on the theme:

**“It’s Not Just About You: Committing Together to Stop Teen Dating Violence.”**

Students may enter in one of three categories:

**Visual Arts:** includes drawings, paintings and/or posters

**Videos:** includes public service announcements, music videos, songs and all social media platforms i.e. Instagram, Reels, Tic Tok, etc.  
(Maximum length: 3 minutes.)

**Written Works:** includes poetry and essays (Must not exceed 500 words).

**Deadline for submissions is Thursday, February 29, 2024.**

**Judging Criteria:** Visual Arts, Videos and Written Works will be judged based on: Content, Originality, Creativity and Clarity of Message.

**Winners will be notified by Friday, March 15, 2024.**

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**FIRST PRIZE - \$200 Visa Gift Card**  
**SECOND PRIZE - \$150 Visa gift Card**  
**THIRD PRIZE - \$100 Visa Gift Card**

First, Second and Third Place Prizes  
will be awarded at the middle and high school level.

**See Page 12 and 13 for Entry Form and Contest Rules**

Marion County Public Library System

# *African American Read-In:* **A Celebration of Black History Month**



Celebrate a rich heritage in  
literature, film, music and art  
with your friends and neighbors.  
Readers, performers and  
listeners of all ages welcome!

**Reddick Public Library,**

15150 NW Gainesville Road, Reddick ~ Saturday, February 10, at 11:30 a.m.

**Forest Public Library,**

905 S. Hwy. 314A, Ocklawaha ~ Wednesday, February 14, at 11 a.m.

**Dunnellon Public Library,**

20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon ~ Monday, February 19, at 2 p.m.

**Belleview Public Library,**

13145 SE County Hwy 484, Belleview ~ Monday, February 19, at 2 p.m.

**Sankofa Public Library,**

1821 N.W. 21st Ave., Ocala ~ Monday, February 19, at 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Marion Oaks Public Library,**

294 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala ~ Wednesday, February 21, at 1 p.m.

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The PTO & Alumni Associations  
of Fessenden Elementary Presents:



# LEGACY DAY 2024

REMEMBERING THE PAST ~ CELEBRATING THE PRESENT ~ PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

## BRIEF HISTORY OF FESSENDEN ELEMENTARY

Fessenden Elementary School has a rich history beginning in 1868. Local freed African American families established a school on the current grounds. Originally called the Union School, it grew in response to the need for black student education in the segregated Deep South. In 1889, Ferdinand Fessenden supported the school's development, and the school was renamed in his honor upon his death. Joseph L. Wiley, a pivotal figure, expanded the school's reach and secured funding for its development. Fessenden faced challenges but continued to thrive, eventually becoming Fessenden High School in 1953. After 1971, it became Fessenden Elementary School. Fessenden's Parent Teacher Organization is supported by dedicated members of the alumni as well as community volunteers. In 1994, the school grounds were designated a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.



**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2024**  
**FESSENDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**  
**4200 NW 89TH PLACE, OCALA, FLORIDA 34482**

**8AM — 4PM: CF's PATHWAYS TO FREEDOM BLACK HISTORY EXHIBIT**  
**A MINISTRY OF SHAMGAR MINISTRIES, INC. (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)**  
**11AM — 11:30AM : OPENING CEREMONY (ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND)**

**\*\* FOOD AND FUN ACTIVITIES ON SITE \*\***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**

**PRINCIPAL STACIE NEWMONES**  
**(352) 671 - 4935**  
**STACIE.NEWMONES@MARION.K12.FL.US**

**LINDA WARD**  
**(PTO PRESIDENT)**  
**(954) 993- 4249**

# Howard Academy Community Center

Cordially invites you to celebrate with us  
the  
Black History Museum of Ocala

## *Archive Inductees*

Past & Present  
and

Meet the members of the

## *African American Administrators Council*

Thursday, February 15, 2024  
6:00p.m.

Howard Academy Community Center  
306 N.W. 7th Avenue  
Ocala, FL 34475

For more information,

call (352) 671-4175



Howard Academy Community Center

## SAVE THE DATE

# Annual Black History Awards Gala

This formal gala is an annual event that acknowledges the accomplishments and contributions of individuals who have made and continue to make contributions to the Ocala/Marion County, FL community. Proceeds from this event will go to Howard Academy Community Center to continue providing programs to the community and the Black History Museum of Marion County.

Friday, February 23, 2024  
6 o'clock in the evening

Venue:  
Mary Sue Rich Center at Reed Place  
1821 N.W. 21st Avenue  
Ocala, Florida 34475

For more information, please call (352) 671-4175



@HowardAcademy



Marion County Public Schools  
"Helping Every Student Succeed"

www.marionschools.net

*Save the Date*

**2024  
International Women's Day  
Celebration**

Friday, March 8, 11:30am-1pm  
at the CF Klein Center

**HONORING**  
*Women in Law  
and Government*

Marion County Public Library System  
FLORIDA HUMANITIES AND THE FRIENDS OF THE Ocala LIBRARY PRESENT

**Magdalena Lamarre**  
"Southern Road to Freedom:  
Florida's Underground Railroad"

Discover Florida's early history as a Spanish territory, the escape routes used by runaway slaves and the black communities they established before the abolition of slavery in the United States.

**Saturday, Feb. 3, 11 a.m.**  
Sankofa Public Library  
1821 NW 21st Ave., Ocala | 352-438-2550

Florida HUMANITIES PARTNERED WITH CULTURE  
When you enter a library endorsed event or program, you enter a public area where photography, audio, & video recording may occur. For more info.

A sign language interpreter, or help with other needs, may be provided with one week's notice.

Program made possible by contributions from the Friends of the Ocala Public Library

Marion County PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

**OPEN CALL TO ARTISTS**

**Levitt AMP Ocala Music Series**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:  
February 18, 2024**

Paint a new Ocala Skate Park panel live during a Levitt AMP concert. Apply online at [www.ocalafl.gov/levittamp](http://www.ocalafl.gov/levittamp).

We're looking for artists to live paint double-sided metal panels (8ft x 4ft) during the 2024 Levitt AMP Ocala Music Series. These newly painted panels will eventually replace the current art panels in the **@ocalaskatepark**.

This opportunity is open to artists currently working and residing in Marion County, and the surrounding counties. All designs will be approved before the start of the 2024 Levitt AMP Ocala Music Series to ensure artwork will be family-friendly, non-political and without copy right infringement. Accepted artists or art groups will receive a \$250 honorarium at the conclusion of the concert series.

For more information and to apply, visit our website at [www.ocalafl.gov/levittamp](http://www.ocalafl.gov/levittamp). Entries can be submitted online, via email to [artinfo@ocalafl.gov](mailto:artinfo@ocalafl.gov) or mailed to City of Ocala Cultural Arts, 201 S.E. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Ocala, FL 34471. It is FREE to apply.

**“Let's Talk”**



**MAYOR  
BEN  
MARCIANO**



**Town  
Hall  
Meeting**

**MARY SUE RICH CENTER  
AT REEDS PLACE  
1821 N.W. 21ST AVE.  
OCALA, FL. 34474**

**OPEN  
TO ALL**

**Wednesday  
March 6, 2024  
6 P.M. – 7 P.M.**

**An opportunity to meet  
your newly elected  
Mayor, and hear him  
share his vision for  
Ocala's future.**

**For More Information:**

**Tara Woods, Community Liaison  
352-369-7182**

# STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

## "It's Not Just About You: Committing Together to Stop Teen Dating Violence."

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Select **ONE** Category only: Visual Arts \_\_\_\_\_ Video \_\_\_\_\_ Written Works \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** Contest winners will be notified by **Friday, March 15, 2024**. All contest winners' entries will be posted on the Alliance Website, Facebook, and/or in the Alliance monthly newsletter. Entries must be postmarked by **Thursday, February 29, 2024**.

The Family Violence Prevention Workgroup Celebrates  
Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month February 2024

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### MEDIA RELEASE FORM

Parents/Guardians:

I, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby give permission to the Marion County Children's Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup to change and publish entries as needed for advertising. I understand that the student's name, grade and name of school may appear with the published version, I do further release and discharge the Marion County Children's Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup and its volunteers and community partners from and against all damages, complaints, cost and fees resulting from said use of such work. I agree to refrain from instituting, pressing or in any way aiding any claim, demand, action or cause of action for damages, cost, compensation or fees against the same in connection with such use,

By signing below, I verify that I understand and agree to the above release. Entries must be signed to be eligible to be submitted in Essay Contest.

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Signature of Student

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian (Required if student is under the age of 18 years old).

For more information, call Valerie at **(352) 438-5990** Monica at **(352) 438-5993**.

Entries must be postmarked on or before Thursday, February 29, 2024 and can be e-mailed to **monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org** or mailed or dropped off to Marion County Children's Alliance, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475.

# **STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST RULES:**

- The Contest is only open to Marion County students in grades 6th through 12th grade attending a public or private school or homeschool.
  - Visual Arts and Written Works can be submitted via e-mail to **monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org** or hard copies can be mailed or dropped off to Marion County Children's Alliance, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475.
  - For video and social media entries, students can email the link to view the entry or entries can be mailed or dropped off to the address above. Entries must be postmarked by **February 29, 2024**.
  - All entries must be the student's original work. The use of copyrighted material and AI (Artificial Intelligence) is strictly prohibited, including the use of copyrighted cartoon characters, music or other material.
  - Winning entries may be changed and used as appropriate for advertising, posters, fliers, T-shirts, etc., in future family violence prevention campaigns.
  - First, second and third place winners will be selected from both the middle school and high school level. Winners will be notified by **Friday, March 15, 2024**.
  - Entries will be judged by members of the Family Violence Prevention Workgroup.
  - A Media Release form must accompany each entry. If the student is under 18 years of age, a parent must sign the Media Release form.
  - Collaboration is encouraged. If winning entry is part of a group, the winning prize will be divided among the students' in the group.
  - Entries cannot have already been entered and judged in a previous contest or published prior to the deadline for entries.
- \*The decision of the judges is final. Entries will not be returned. All entries become the property of the Marion County Children's Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup.



# Does Your Preschooler Have Challenging Behaviors?

Sleep Struggles

Temper Tantrums

Whining

Join a **FREE** Preschool Parenting Program for families with children 3-5 years old.

Tuesdays, beginning February 13, 2024 (Ends May 21, 2024)  
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Lillian Bryant Community Center, 2200 NW 17th Place, Ocala



Space is limited.  
Registration is required.  
**SCAN HERE.**



## Child Care & Dinner Provided

Receive a \$50 bonus when you attend at least 11 sessions

For more information, contact Ruth Velez at (352) 369-2315, Option 8  
or [ParentingPrograms@ELC-Marion.org](mailto:ParentingPrograms@ELC-Marion.org)



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**FEBRUARY 23, 2024 • 7PM**  
**OCALA DOWNTOWN MARKET**

**D**ust off your boots for an evening of countrified casino excitement benefiting abused and neglected children in our community! Tickets are regularly priced at \$75, or a fantastic discount rate of two tickets for \$125.

- Featuring Craps, Blackjack Roulette, a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, and Slot-Style Games!
- Use your winnings to bid on fabulous prizes!
- Food and refreshments will be provided.

**P**lease contact Maureen Quinlan at **352.387.3411** to learn more about this event, or to become a sponsor.



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# **BLOOD DRIVE**

**IF YOU REALLY WANT  
TO LEND A HAND,  
LEND AN ARM.**

**Saturday, February 10, 2024 / 12:00pm – 4:00pm**

**New St John,**

**Missionary Baptist Church**

**2251 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Ocala, FL 34475**

**EAT AND DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS &  
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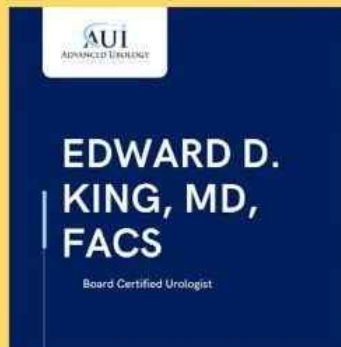
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**AWARENESS**

**Saturday, February 10, 2024 / 11:00am - 12:00pm**

**New St John, MBC  
2251 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> St,  
Ocala, FL 34475**




Originally from Albany, Georgia, Dr. Edward King received an A.B in biochemistry from Dartmouth College and an M.D. from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He completed a urology residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore and has practiced in Ocala and The Villages, Florida since 1996. Dr. King is a past president of the Marion County Medical Society and a former Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the Ocala Regional Medical Center. He has held numerous leadership positions at the Munroe Regional Medical Center (now Advent Health Ocala) including Chief of the hospital's medical staff and vice-chairman of the Munroe Medical Center Board of Directors.

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- \* FOOD AVAILABLE ON-SITE \* AZALEA SALE \* CRAFT VENDORS \* ANTIQUE VENDORS
- \* CAR PARTS SWAP SPACES

**SHOW OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES**  
 -PAST & PRESENT-

**MCPHERSON GOV. COMPLEX**

503 SE 25TH AVE OCALA, FLORIDA  
 9:00AM-3:00PM FEB 17th 2024

Make checks payable to MCTC Employee Fund \$15.00 Pre-registration by February 15th, 2024 \$20.00 at the gate  
 Mail to: PO BOX 63 all vehicle and car part swap spaces same price.  
 Ocala, FL 34478

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Make \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Year/Model \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

By execution of this form I hereby release the Marion County Tax Collector's Office from any or all damages during this event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 For more information contact Jacob Wicklein at 352-368-8206 or e-mail at [jwicklein@mariontax.com](mailto:jwicklein@mariontax.com)



# SAVE THE *Date*

## Founders' Day 2024

"Building Better Together"

February 12th & 13th ● 7:00 P.M. Nightly

February 12th - Founders' Day Musical

February 13th - Founders' Day Program/Director's Address

Reverend Standley Gillings, Sr., Moderator

Sister Darion Tyler, Women's Auxillary President

Sister Fredna Thornton Wilkerson, Director of Founders' Day

Second Bethlehem Baptist Association

1205 NW 4th St., Ocala, FL 34475



# FAMILY FOCUS VIRTUAL LEARNING SESSIONS

Each month, MCPS will connect, collaborate, and partner with families in learning through a virtual setting. Families can participate in our live online session at 5:30 PM or visit the recorded sessions on our YouTube channel.

February 21, 2024

For the Love of Literacy

March 13, 2024

Preparing Your Child to Thrive Digitally: Cool Kid's Code

April 10, 2024

MCPS Summer Learning Opportunities

[Register Here!](#)



Fl  rida KidCare

For more information, email:  
[EngageMCPS@marion.k12.fl.us](mailto:EngageMCPS@marion.k12.fl.us)



**MCPS**  
MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Helping Every Student Succeed"

"AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT"

*Save the Date*

## **FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT EVENT**

Howard Academy Community Center  
306 NW 7th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**FREE EVENT**

*Apply Action Steps to Own a Home, Improve Credit Score,  
Connect with Financial Institutions, Leave a Financial  
Legacy, Develop Will & Trust*

***Giveaways***

***Food***

***Prizes & (1) Grand Prize \$250 Value***

***Free And Open To The Public***



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# Come Jazz with Me!

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**The African-American Administrators' Council**

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 23rd**  
**7PM-10PM**

Mary Sue Rich  
Community Center at  
Reed Place  
1812 N.W. 21st Avenue  
Ocala, Florida 34475

*Featuring*  
**LIVE JAZZ BAND**

*The*  
*Next Level*  
*Production Band*

Refreshments & Hors D'oeuvres Provided



Ocala Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



# Save The Date

May 4th, 2024 ~ 4:00 - 8:00 pm

## *Derby Divas*

**A Day  
at the**



**Delta  
Downs**



**An evening of elegance and  
excitement at our Derby  
Gala Fundraiser & Watch  
Party!**

**Join us for an  
unforgettable blend of  
food, fun, and festivities all  
in support of a great cause!**

**Klein Conference Center  
Ocala, Florida**



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♥ **HAPPY**  
*Valentine's*  
**DAY** ♥

**celebrate**

**BLACK**  
**history MONTH**

## ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- February 12** Family Violence Prevention  
Monday 11 a.m.  
First Responders Campus on MLK  
Annual Luncheon
- February** Community Council Against  
**No Meeting** Substance Abuse (CCASA)  
Noon  
Zoom
- March 6** Safe Streets of Marion County  
Wednesday 10 a.m.  
Mary Sue Rich Community Center
- March 13** Safe Kids Marion  
Wednesday 9 a.m.  
Florida Dept. of Health
- March 26** Substance Exposed Newborns  
Tuesday 9 a.m.  
OPD Community Room

## UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES



- March 6 Alliance Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday 11:30 a.m.  
Mary Sue Rich Community Ctr.

## **Agency Spotlights:**

### **Timothy Bowman**

Director of Business Development  
The Vines Hospital  
Youth Residential Treatment Program

### **Guest Speaker:**

### **Dauida Randolph**

Program Coordinator  
Howard Academy Community Center

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to view the Calendar to see what's  
going on in our community; to sign  
up to receive a free copy of this  
newsletter or to join a workgroup.

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