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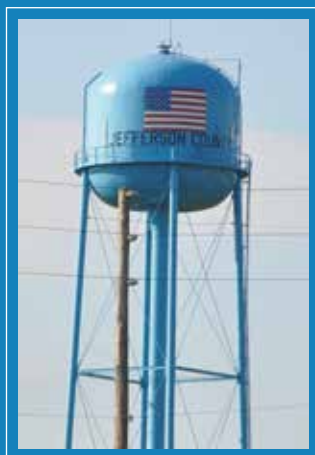
Monticello, the county seat founded in 1827, is located five miles north of I-10 (Exit 225) and 24 miles east of Tallahassee where US 19 and 90 intersect in the middle of town. A quaint roundabout encircles the Courthouse. A National Main Street Community, Monticello is one of the most charming and historical towns in Florida.

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Did you know?

Established in 1827,
the City of Monticello
is in the center of
rural Jefferson County.

The city is experiencing
steady private reinvestment
in its downtown retail
business sector.





City of Monticello

The City of Monticello is the hub of the county's commercial and business scene, welcoming one and all to experience Southern charm at its best. Established in 1827, the city of Monticello is in the northern part of Jefferson County. A small, historic community, it has a population of 2,411 residents and serves as the county seat.

In the City of Monticello, we are defined less by boundaries on a map than by the sense of shared values our residents hold dear. Small town values, guided growth, and preservation of historical, cultural, and natural heritage are just a few of the core principles that make the City of Monticello a wonderful place to call home.

Established July 13, 1958, the **Chamber of Commerce** has been a driving force in Jefferson County's economy for decades. The chamber works to represent member interests to the City Council and Board of County Commissioners.

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The **Tourist Development Council** is housed under the same roof located at 420 West Washington Street and also serves as the local Visitor Information Center fielding inquiries about local businesses, organizations and events to residents, newcomers, and visitors.

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 Discover Monticello, FL

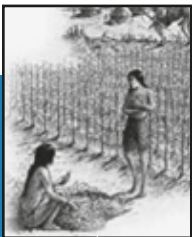




History and Timeline

Three features drew early settlers to Jefferson County – thousands of acres of available land, rich soil, and a temperate climate. Wealthy southern planters seeking new cotton lands joined forces with rugged individuals possessing little more than a determination for a better life. Together they created a county rich in history.

Jefferson County's settlers were leaders in the social, economic, and political affairs of the new Florida Territory, and their influence continued during the antebellum era. After the Civil War and into the twentieth century, adversity continued to plague the county, but its citizens remained steadfast. After years of declining population, the trend had changed. Urban dwellers are seeking what Jefferson Countians have enjoyed for 190 years – a quiet lifestyle in a setting of natural beauty. Jefferson County's forefathers were good stewards of the land and left today's residents with a rich historic heritage set amidst green fields, tall forests, and sparkling pristine rivers. This is a county deeply aware of its heritage, meeting today's challenges, and looking forward to the promises of the future.



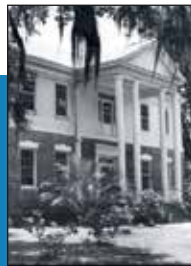
13,000 B.C. - 1800

Paleoindians came and found this a good place to live. Apalachee Indians, then later Seminoles established villages here and lived an agrarian lifestyle.



1827

Jefferson County was formed in the newly created "Florida Territory." Named in honor of Thomas Jefferson, the county seat was named "Monticello" for Jefferson's Virginia home.



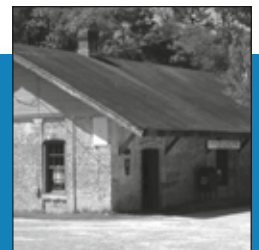
1840-1860

Cotton plantations flourished and population grew rapidly. Most of our lovely antebellum homes were constructed during this era.



1852

The historic Jefferson Academy was constructed in 1852. While in use as a school facility, it was one of the ten oldest brick school buildings still in use in the United States.



1858

Built when the railroad crossed Jefferson County, the Lloyd Railroad Depot is the oldest brick railroad depot in Florida.



1890-1920

The Perkins Opera House was built in 1890 to help attract northern tourists to Jefferson County.

Northern industrialists began purchasing plantation lands for winter homes and hunting plantations. Our present Courthouse was built in 1909. It is modeled after Thomas Jefferson's "Monticello." The watermelon seed business, and production of pecans and nursery stock grew rapidly after the 20th century began.



1930-1940

In the 1930s, another local nurseryman, Fred H. Mahan, generously provided over 35,000 ornamental plants to beautify US 90 between Monticello and Tallahassee. During this time Jefferson County produced over 80% of all the watermelon seed in the world. In 1936 and 1940 Howard Academy was built by the Rosenwald Fund that provided schools for African American children.



1949-1970

The popular Watermelon Festival held here each June began in 1949. Our county population continued to decline. Agriculture was still the basis of our economy and offered few jobs for young people, who reluctantly left our county to find employment.



1980s

Folks seeking to escape the congestion and urban sprawl of south Florida began moving to Jefferson County to enjoy the green spaces, sparkling waters and forests, and the peace and quiet we offer here. Our population slowly increased and we enjoyed controlled growth.



1990s-2016

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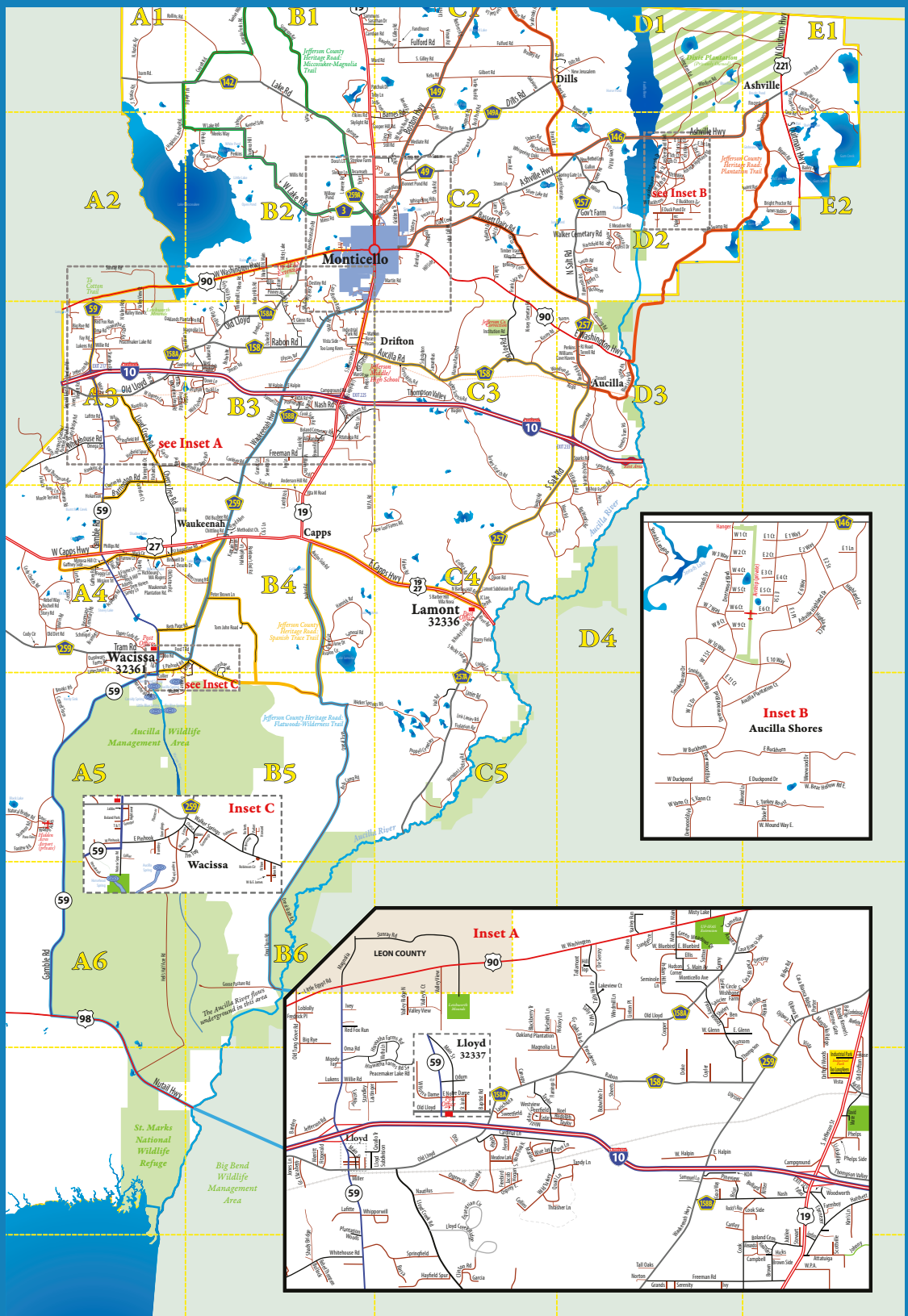
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Facts and Demographics

COUNTY SEAT: Monticello

MILES TO TALLAHASSEE: 24

MILES TO THOMASVILLE, GA: 23

CITIES AND TOWNS: Ashville, Aucilla, Capps, Cody, Drifton,
Fanlew, Lamont, Lloyd, Monticello, Wacissa, and Waukeenah

SQUARE MILEAGE: 609; four square miles of water

MEDIAN RESIDENT AGE: 44.8

LARGEST CITY: Monticello, population 2,411

JEFFERSON COUNTY POPULATION:

1980 - 10,703

1990 - 11,296

2000 - 12,902

2010 - 14,761

2013 - 14,194

2020 - 14,825 (projected)

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME: \$20,731

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$41,862

LARGEST PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS:

Simpson Nurseries - 150

Brynwood Center - 125

Cross Landings - 100

Conway Freight - 47

Aucilla Christian Academy - 46

P.S. Art - 32

PUBLIC SECTOR TOP EMPLOYERS:

Jefferson County Correctional Institute - 282

Jefferson County School District - 157

City of Monticello - 43

LABOR FORCE AS % OF POPULATION:

1990 - 66.1 %

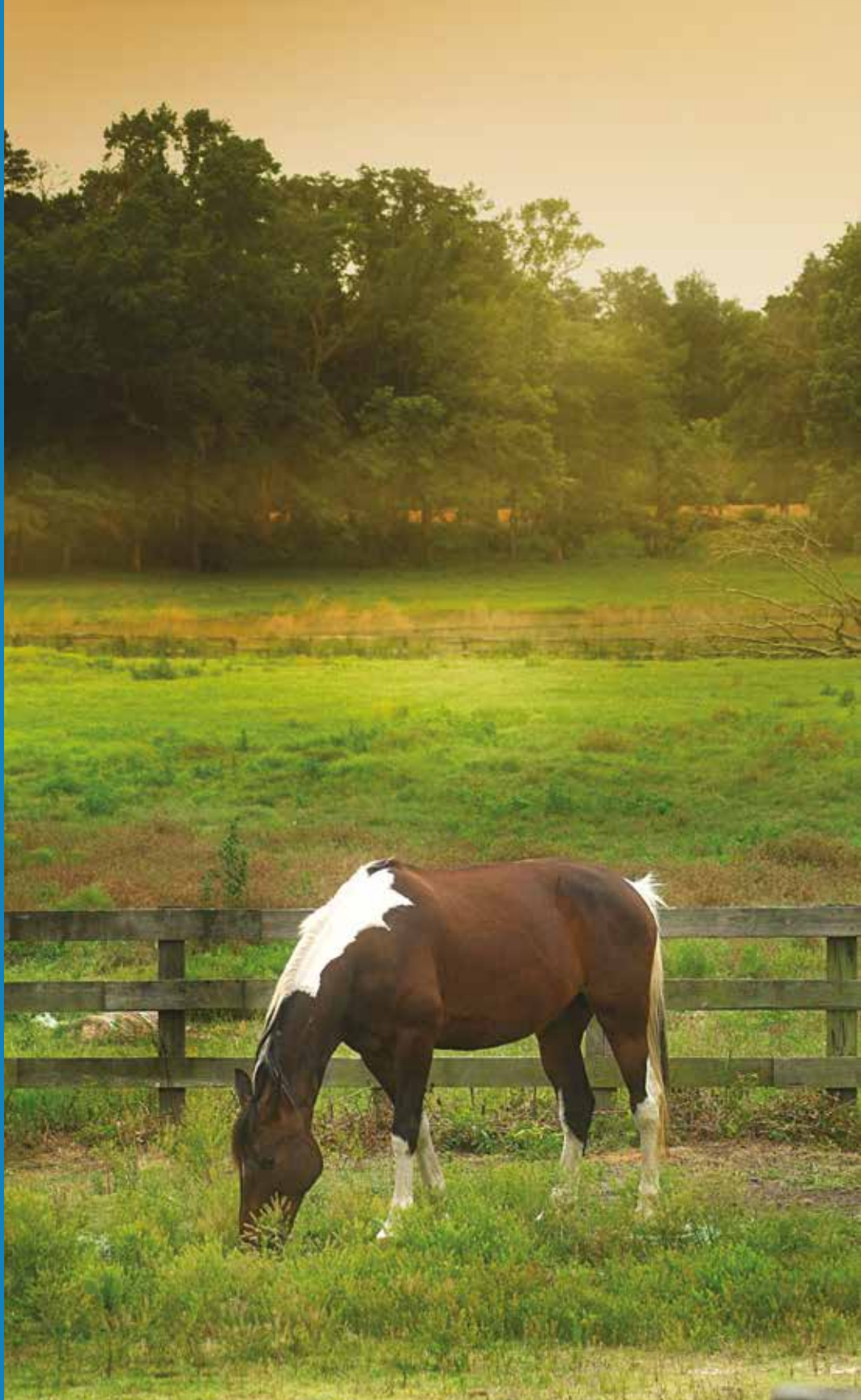
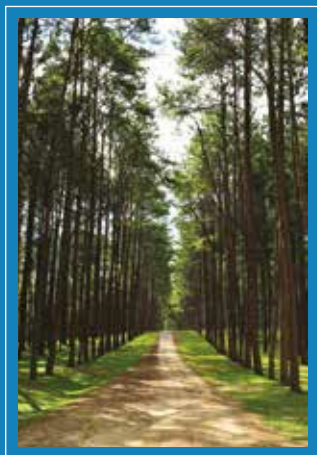
2000 - 60.8 %

2010 - 50.3 %

2015 - 45.1 %

Did you know?

About 900,000 acres of the County are held as plantations, primarily mixed use timber and wildlife habitat. Of those acres, over 37,000 are managed under perpetual private conservation easements.



Jefferson County Plantations

Fertile soil and beautiful rolling hills attracted Jefferson County's first aristocratic planters in the 1820's. There are approximately eighty thousand acres of plantation land in Jefferson County. The plantations are still working to this day. The emphasis has shifted from self-sustaining and cropping to hunting, trail riding and conservation. Plantation gentility, grace, and charm survive in the 21st century.

Hunting on these plantations is usually done on horseback or in the comfort of one of the horse-drawn hunting racks. Trail riding, birding, and nature hikes allow the invited guest to glimpse the past and the present at the same time. Conservation measures protect these lands so they will never be developed. See the past, and experience the present, and view the future of Jefferson County.

LARGER PLANTATIONS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY:

Avalon - 31,000 acres
Pinckney Hill - 14,525 acres
Norias/Gem Land - 10,466 acres
Dixie Plantation - 8,959 acres
Mays Pond - 6,182 acres
Woodfield/Humphries - 5,096 acres
Red Hills - 3,573 acres
Jumpie Run - 2,812 acres
Merrily - 2,652 acres
Old Fields/Osceola - 1,183 acres
Kissaway - 1,010 acres



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Our Communities

ASHVILLE - In the late 1830's, a country store was operated by James Morris and Samuel Sessions. The location came to be known as Rhodes Store, and by the late 19th Century it was renamed Ashville.

AUCILLA - Originally called Williamsburg, the community was established with a store in 1845. When the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad came through, it was renamed Aucilla. In the 1800's common spellings of the town's name were "Ocilla" and "Oscilla."

CAPPS - During the 1940's and 1950's, Capps was the headquarters of an agribusiness known as Tungston Plantation, comprised of approximately 16,000 acres. Each year, the tung nut was harvested and processed into tung oil for use in paints, varnishes, and other products.

CODY - Cody was the headquarters of the Gudenrath Lumber Company and became the location of a post office in 1911, serving the Fanlew community.

DRIFTON - In the late 1850's, the railroad company established its Station No. 3 around the small community of Walker's Mill. At the time, the location consisted of a depot, several mills, and one store. The community grew and was renamed Drifton in the 1870's.

FANLEW - Originally known as Delph, Fanlew was a community of approximately 450 in 1910. At the height of activity, Fanlew had two stores, a large hotel, a sawmill, and several turpentine stills.

LAMONT - Originally referred to as Beasely's Store, the location was renamed McKanes Store shortly before the Civil War, and was sometimes referred to as "Licksillet." It was renamed "Lamont" in the 1800's.

LLOYD - Baily's Mills was established in the early part of the 1800's, and grew into a large farming community when the railroad came through. By the mid- 1800's, the town's name had changed to Lloyd in honor of Walter F. Lloyd, who had established the first post office and built the town.

WACISSA - During the Antebellum Period, the town was only a small community that many people expected to become a major port town at the head of the navigable Wacissa and Aucilla Rivers.

WAUKEENAH - In the mid-1800's, Waukeenah was the second largest community in Jefferson County and was the home of two plantations: Waukeenah and Welaunee.

Did you know?

Our ecological offerings
are majestic.

Pristine rivers and streams,
hunting and fishing
preserves, vast woodlands,
and plantations offer a
spectacular and unique
identity to Jefferson County.





The Great Outdoors

THE AUCILLA RIVER – The Aucilla and Wacissa River pass through the 42,532 acre Aucilla Wildlife Management Area. The Aucilla River Canoe Trail, designated as part of the Statewide System of Greenways and Trails, is a swift river that passes its way from the swamps where it originates to the Gulf of Mexico. For a distance of 8 miles, the river appears above ground and disappears in a series of rises and sinks. The final one, Nutall Rise, is located about half a mile north of the US 98 Bridge. The Canoe Trail is 19 miles long and begins at the US Highway 19/27 bridge in Lamont. The Hiking Trail, part of the Florida Trail, runs northeast to southeast, and its eastern terminus is located on a forest road 1.75 miles west of CR 257/14, in Taylor County. This trail crosses CR 257/14 one and a half miles south of the Aucilla River Bridge. For more information, call the Office of Greenways and Trails at 850-245-2052, or visit their website at www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt.

THE WACISSA RIVER – The Wacissa River, also part of the Statewide System of Greenways and Trails, is a clear, spring-fed stream that has several springs at its headwaters. It is a swift, narrow stream that is fairly easy to navigate in a canoe or kayak; however, the lower section can be extremely difficult to follow as there are numerous tributaries that may take you off-course. There are 12 springs that feed the river. Access to the river can be made at Wacissa Springs. From the town of Wacissa (at the intersection of SR 59 and CR 259) take SR 59 south. When SR 59 turns west, continue straight ahead on the lime rock road to the county park. Canoe and kayak rentals are available near the park entrance. For more information, call the Office of Greenways and Trails at 850-245-2052, or visit their website at www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt.

LAKE MICCOSUKEE – Lake Miccosukee is a 6,266 acre “lake of grass” that borders Leon County to the east. It is named for the Miccosukee Indians, a branch of the Creek Indians, who later became part of the Seminole nation. The Miccosukee Indians inhabited the Jefferson County area when the first American settlers came to the area. The lake is famous for its duck hunting in the fall and winter, and for fishing in the spring and summer. For more information, call the Office of Greenways and Trails at 850-245-2052, or visit their website at www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt.

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The Great Outdoors *continued*

LETCHWORTH MOUNDS – The eighty acre park includes one of the tallest and most architecturally complex pre-Columbian earthen mounds in Florida. Archaeological research indicated that Letchworth is one of the oldest mound complexes in the Southeast, dating to the Late Swift Creek and Early Weedon Island periods (ca. A.D. > 200-900); the Letchworth Mounds significantly predate the near-by Lake Jackson Mounds site. The function of the Letchworth Mounds site is not yet known, but experts agree that the 50-foot tall mound is most likely where important ceremonies were conducted. Letchworth Mounds Archaeological State Park is located in Jefferson County, approximately six miles west of Monticello on US 90.

ST. MARKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE – The St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1931, is one of the oldest national refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System. It encompasses 68,000 acres and spreads out across Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor Counties. It was established to provide wintering habitat for migratory birds. Seven rivers run through St. Marks, which encompasses coastal marshes, islands, tidal creeks and estuaries, and is home to a diverse community of plant and animal life. For wildlife enthusiasts, the diversity of animal life will not disappoint. Alligators, turtles, herons, egrets, and osprey are easily spotted, and swallow-tailed kites and migratory song birds may be seen in the spring and fall. The refuge is home to a large variety of migrating ducks, has a large population of bald eagles, and is the winter home to many species of song birds. The Refuge is nationally renowned as a quality birding site. Hunting and fishing activities require permits, and for information on permits or other general information, contact St. Marks Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, 1255 Lighthouse Road, St. Marks, FL, 32355, (850) 925-6121, or visit the website at www.fws.gov/refuge/st_marks/.

THE FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL – The Florida National Scenic Trail covers more than 1,400 miles across the state of Florida, with volunteers from all over Florida seeing to its maintenance, expansion, protection, and promotion. Their goal is to establish a continuous wilderness corridor in which our footpath enables hikers to enjoy Florida's natural habitats. After 40 years, nearly 1,000 miles of "Florida's Footpath Forever" lies within a protected corridor, connected by orange blaze along back roads where we have not yet been able to protect the corridor. The Trail passes through the very southern tip of Jefferson County and follows along the Aucilla River.

COTTON TRAIL – While you are out and about, be sure to visit the Cotton Trail on the Old Magnolia Road. It runs from eastern Leon into Jefferson County. You'll step back in time as you notice the historic look and feel of the trail. The red clay road is cut deeply into the banks by decades of travel by foot and wagons, not by bull-dozer. In some places, the road is significantly below the banks. Magnificent ancient trees have claimed their place in the sun stretching their limbs across the ancient pathway in arched canopy displays. From I-10 Exit 217 go north on Hwy 59 until you dead end into Hwy 90. Continue across Hwy 90 to the clay road on Old Magnolia Road.

BICYCLE TRAIL – Spin your wheels enjoying lush country-side on the 1.5 mile Ike Anderson Bike Trail. The trail runs north-south through the heart of Monticello and replaced an abandoned rail corridor that once ran between Chicago and Tampa. Overnight, the railroad workers crept into town and removed the rails. (It is speculated that this was due to a feud between John Perkins who built the Monticello Opera house and a rich competing businessman from Thomasville, GA.) Want a longer ride? Monticello has routes to include a 100 mile (century), a 60 mile (1/2 century) and a 30 mile (metric) bike ride. Jefferson County is currently an untapped resource for cyclists. The quiet, rolling hills and canopied roads bring city-cyclists to Jefferson County for a change in venue. Call the Chamber for more details – 850-997-5552.

MONTICELLO ECOLOGICAL PARK – Visit Monticello Ecological Park and immerse yourself in nature! Come enjoy a leisurely walk on the loop trail through towering mixed hardwoods and pines. Be sure to stop on the elevated boardwalk that offers an exceptional view of a braided, spring-fed stream on the forest floor below. As you leave the upland hammock and continue into the wetlands, keep an eye out for the many birds' species that can be found in the park. Take advantage of exercise stations along the trail or just enjoy this beautiful old-growth forest and immerse yourself in nature. This park is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail.

MASTODON BONES DISCOVERY – A Mastodon bones discovery made on May 13, 2016 may hold clues about the first Americans. Prehistoric mastodon bones and a stone knife found in Florida's Aucilla River provide further evidence of early humans in the Americas. The findings, radiocarbon dated to around 14,550 years ago, puts humans in the southeast US about 1500 years earlier than previously thought.

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BETHEL SCHOOL – (c. 1600); on C.R. 149, northeast of Monticello

DENHAM-LACY HOUSE – (c. 1872); 555 Palmer Mill Road, Monticello

DENNIS-COXETTER HOUSE – (c. 1859); East of junction of S.R. 158 and 59 in Lloyd

GIRARDEAU HOUSE – (1890); 950 East Washington Street, Monticello

LETCHWORTH MOUNDS ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE – 45 Sunray Road west of Monticello

LLOYD-BOND HOUSE – (c.1864); Bond Street, Lloyd

LLOYD RAILROAD DEPOT – (c. 1858); east of junction of S.R. 158 and 59 in Lloyd

LLOYD WOMAN'S CLUB – (c. 1939); Bond Street, Lloyd

LYNDHURST PLANTATION – (1850); 15 miles northeast of Monticello off C.R. 146

MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL – (1852); 425 West Washington Street, Monticello

PALMER-PERKINS HOUSE – (c. 1836); West Palmer Mill Road, Monticello

PALMER PLACE HOUSE – (c. 1840); Corner of West Palmer Mill Road and South Jefferson Street, Monticello

PERKINS OPERA HOUSE – (1890); 183 West Washington Street, Monticello

SAN JOSEPH DE OCUYA – in Lloyd

SAN JUAN DE ASPALAGA SPANISH MISSION SITE – (c. 1640); near Wacissa

SAN MIGUEL DE ASILE SPANISH MISSION SITE – (c. 1607); near Lamont.

TURNBULL-RITTER HOUSE – (c. 1859); South of I-10 and west of US 19

WIRICK-SIMMONS HOUSE – (c. 1831); corner of North Jefferson and East Pearl Street, Monticello

Did you know?

Businessman and Horticulturist, Fred Mahan was well-known in the State of Florida, having created the Mahan pecan while working in his own nursery in Monticello where he is buried.





Farms and Ranches

Farming is a way of life in Jefferson County, FL. At one time, Jefferson County produced eighty percent of the world's supply of watermelon seeds. Farms have become travel destinations for visitors from all over the world who love to experience this unique lifestyle. Jefferson County has everything from ranches that specialize in cattle, goats, sheep, chickens, ducks, turkeys, hogs, peacocks and geese to farms that raise bees, grapes, vegetables, herbs, mayhaw berries, soybeans, pecans, peanuts, corn and trees. Many farmers practice organic and natural farming, making sure everything they produce is full of nutrients and free from harmful pesticides. Several popular local restaurants feature this "farm-to-table" practice with great approval from their enthusiastic patrons. We encourage everyone to eat and drink local!

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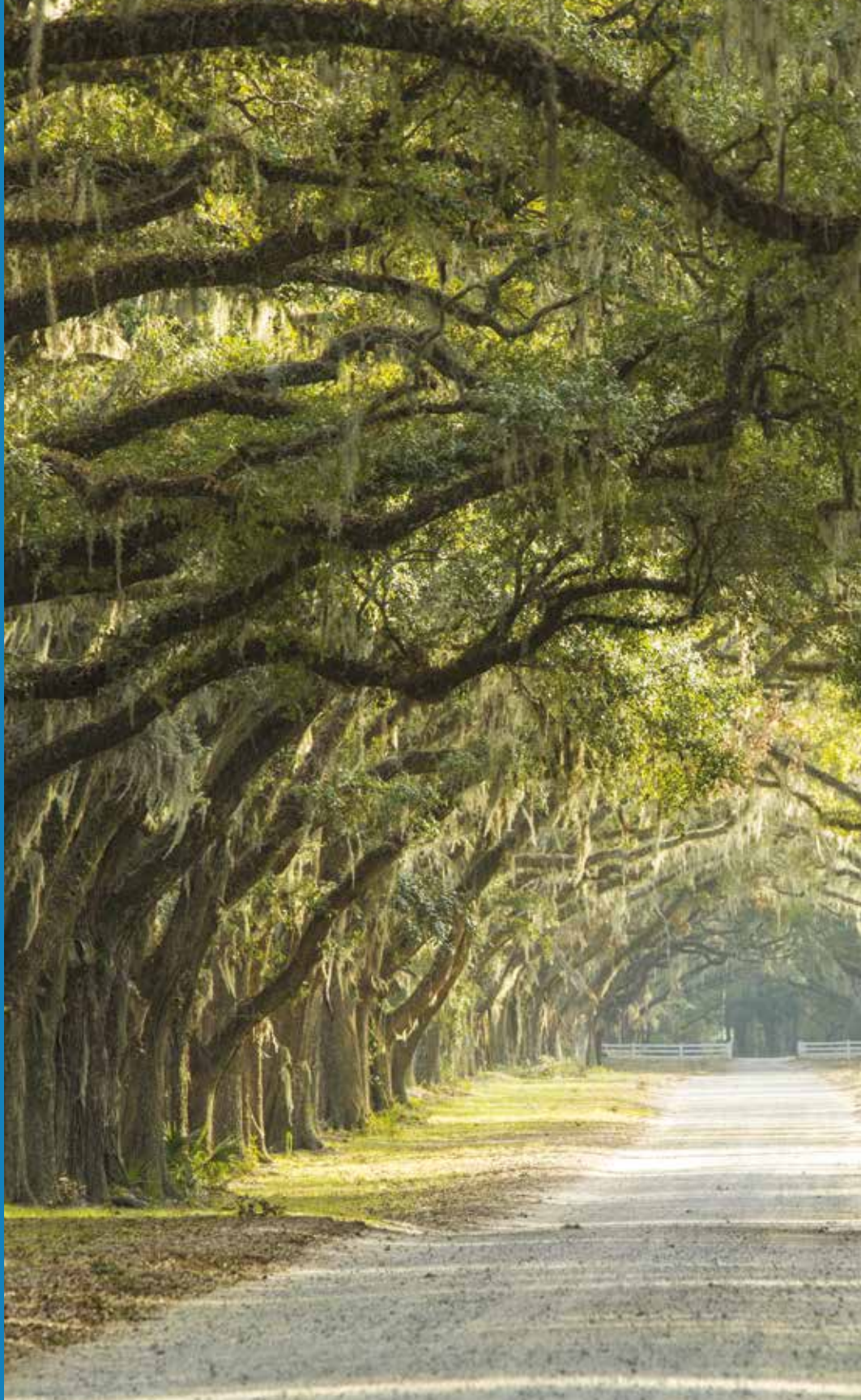
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www.heritageroadsjeffersoncountyfl.com

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Arts and Festivals

When visitors to Jefferson County arrive, what they might not expect is the exceptional artistic and cultural community, making Monticello a hidden gem for the visual and performing arts. Monticello is home to the **MONTICELLO OPERA HOUSE**, built by entrepreneur John Perkins in 1890. Mr. Perkins was a visionary. He saw Monticello as a stop for wealthy northerners who made their way south to hunt and fish, stay overnight in a grand hotel, and possibly take in a show. Originally, the Opera House housed mercantile shops on the bottom floor of the building. Theatre patrons entered at the corner and walked the winding staircase to the upstairs foyer before entering the seating and stage area which was visually and acoustically grand for its day. Restoration of the Opera House started in the 1970's and maintenance continues thanks to fund-raising, grants, and generous gifts. The downstairs area of the Opera House boasts a banquet hall for weddings, meetings, conferences, parties and catered dinners. Theatre patrons can enjoy a variety of Broadway style musicals, musical performances, children's theatre and speakers. The Opera House season begins in September of each year with a rich array of shows and events held on most weekends.

www.monticellooperahouse.org



MARCH

TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES - This biennial tour is held on the 3rd weekend in March and is sponsored by the Jefferson County Historical Association. Visitors walk through the homes and gardens of 1800's historic buildings, most of which are still lived-in and utilized today. On occasion, the tour includes a visit to Roseland Cemetery, where tourists learn about Monticello's historic past through storytelling by the gravesides.

APRIL

Chamber of Commerce hosts the **MONTICELLO BIKE FEST** – come ride 100 miles (century), 60 miles (1/2 century) 30 miles (metric) or just a family ride for 10 miles at the annual Bike Fest. Jefferson County is currently an untapped resource for cyclists. The quiet, rolling hills and canopied roads bring city-cyclists to Jefferson County for a change in venue.

JUNE

JEFFERSON COUNTY WATERMELON FESTIVAL (see following page)

JULY

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS SHOW – Jefferson County Celebrates America on July 4th with live entertainment, ending with a dazzling fireworks display. Sponsored by our local veterans. The fireworks are provided by our local pyrotechnic, W.O. Bullock, who is a nationally known.

AUGUST

TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT – Hosted by the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, this annual tournament will be held to raise funds for the Chamber's building fund which contributes to necessary annual repairs. Join us for a fun evening, including a rich assortment of prizes!

SEPTEMBER

The annual **FLEA ACROSS FLORIDA** stretches from Coast to Coast in Florida on Hwy 90. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce – call 850-997-5552 to reserve your spot to sell your junk and priceless treasures!

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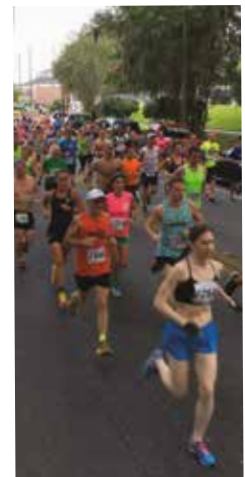
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June - Watermelon Festival

Jefferson County has enjoyed its Watermelon Festival, the largest event of the year, since 1949. The festival attracts between 5,000-7,000 visitors annually and is always the third weekend in June. With arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, whacky watermelon games, rodeo, talent show, Children's Theatre, children's activities, bed race, parade, BBQ, fashion show, car show, street dance and the crowning of queens – there won't be a minute left to spare in this quintessential small town festival!





Arts and Festivals *continued*

OCTOBER

MONTICELLO HISTORIC GHOST TOURS – Take a walking tour of the most haunted buildings in downtown Monticello. This event is held during the last three weekends of October. Call the Chamber for reservations 850-997-5552.

HAUNTED MAIN STREET – walk amongst the ghouls and ghosts of Dogwood Street, if you dare. Main Street Monticello sponsors this event and provides trick-or-treaters with thrills and chills for all ages. The Monticello Opera House also hosts an event: either a chance to kick up your heels and dance, or “live” entertainment on the main stage in the upstairs theatre.

NOVEMBER

JEFFERSON BBQ FEST, CAR SHOW AND CHILI CHALLENGE – all in one weekend... come hungry! Get your fill of tasting BBQ from the sanctioned Florida BBQ Association judged BBQ competition – and sample the various Jefferson County chili contestant’s entries. College football will be aired, as you enjoy the car show!

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS AROUND-THE-DOWNTOWN – Main Street hosts this annual celebration held downtown Monticello on the first Friday night in December. With music, arts & crafts, food vendors, art exhibits, carolers and a visit from Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, you are sure to be in the spirit. The Opera House sponsors a theatrical performance as well.

December also brings **BETHLEHEM IN MONTICELLO**, provided by the First United Methodist Church and various other volunteers. This live Nativity scene is produced every other year and lines stretch for blocks as visitors hear carolers, drink hot chocolate and pet camels, goats, donkeys, and various sheep while learning about the true reason for the Christmas season.

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	1872 JOHN DENHAM HOUSE B & B (www.johndenhamhouse.com) 555 West Palmer Mill Road, Monticello - 850-997-4568	2-4	5	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no
	THE COTTAGE B & B 295 West Palmer Mill Road, Monticello - 850-342-3541	3	2	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	no
	THE DAFFODALE HOUSE (www.daffodaleestate.com) 620 West Washington Street, Monticello - 850-997-1111	3-4	3	no	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no
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CAMPING	A CAMPERS WORLD RV PARK 397 Campground Road, Lamont - 850-997-3300	1	35	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no
	A STONE'S THROW RV PARK 97 Cumberland Drive, Lamont - 850-997-8167	1	20	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	no
	TALLAHASSEE E. CAMPGROUND & CABIN (www.tallahasseeeastcampground.com) 347 KOA Road, Monticello - 850-997-3890	1-3	20	yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no
HOTELS	BRAHMAN INN 1530 East Washington Street, Monticello - 850-997-3525	1	12	yes	no	no	no	no	no	yes
	CAPRI LAZY DAYS INN 2465 North Jefferson Street, Monticello - 850-997-5712	1	22	yes	no	no	no	no	no	yes
	DAYS INN OF MONTICELLO (www.daysinn.com) 44 Woodsworth Road, Monticello - 850-997-5988	2	35	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes
	ECONO LODGE (www.econolodgereservations.com) 2616 Gamble Road, Lloyd - 850-997-0020	1-3	45	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes
	SUPER 8 MOTEL (www.super8.com/monticello) 140 Pafford, Monticello - 850-997-8888 or 800-536-071	2-4	52	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes

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Beta Sigma Phi
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911

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445 W. Palmer Mill Rd., Monticello

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342-0218

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2729 W. Washington St., Monticello

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1238 N. Jefferson St., Monticello

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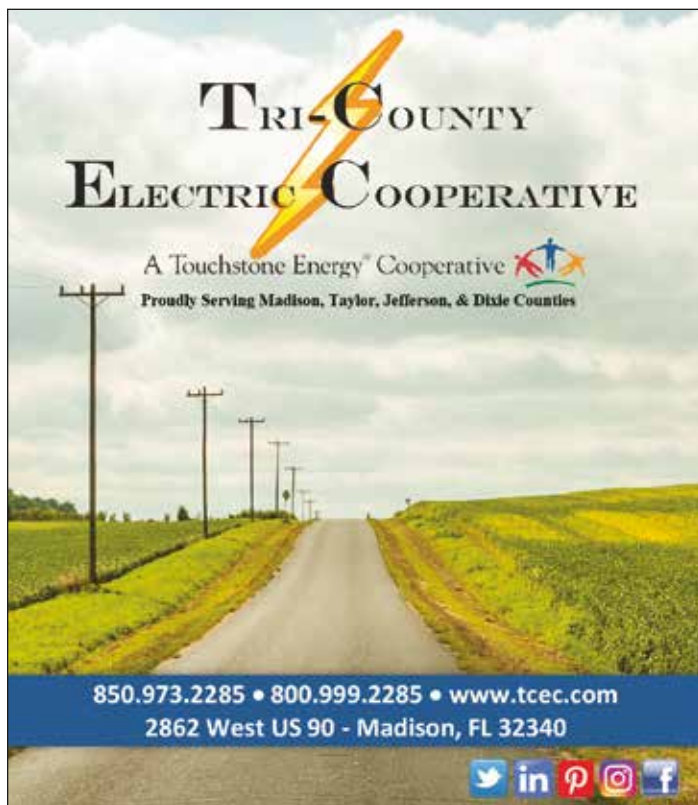


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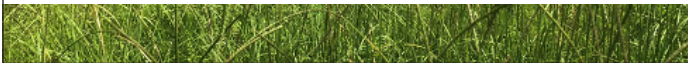
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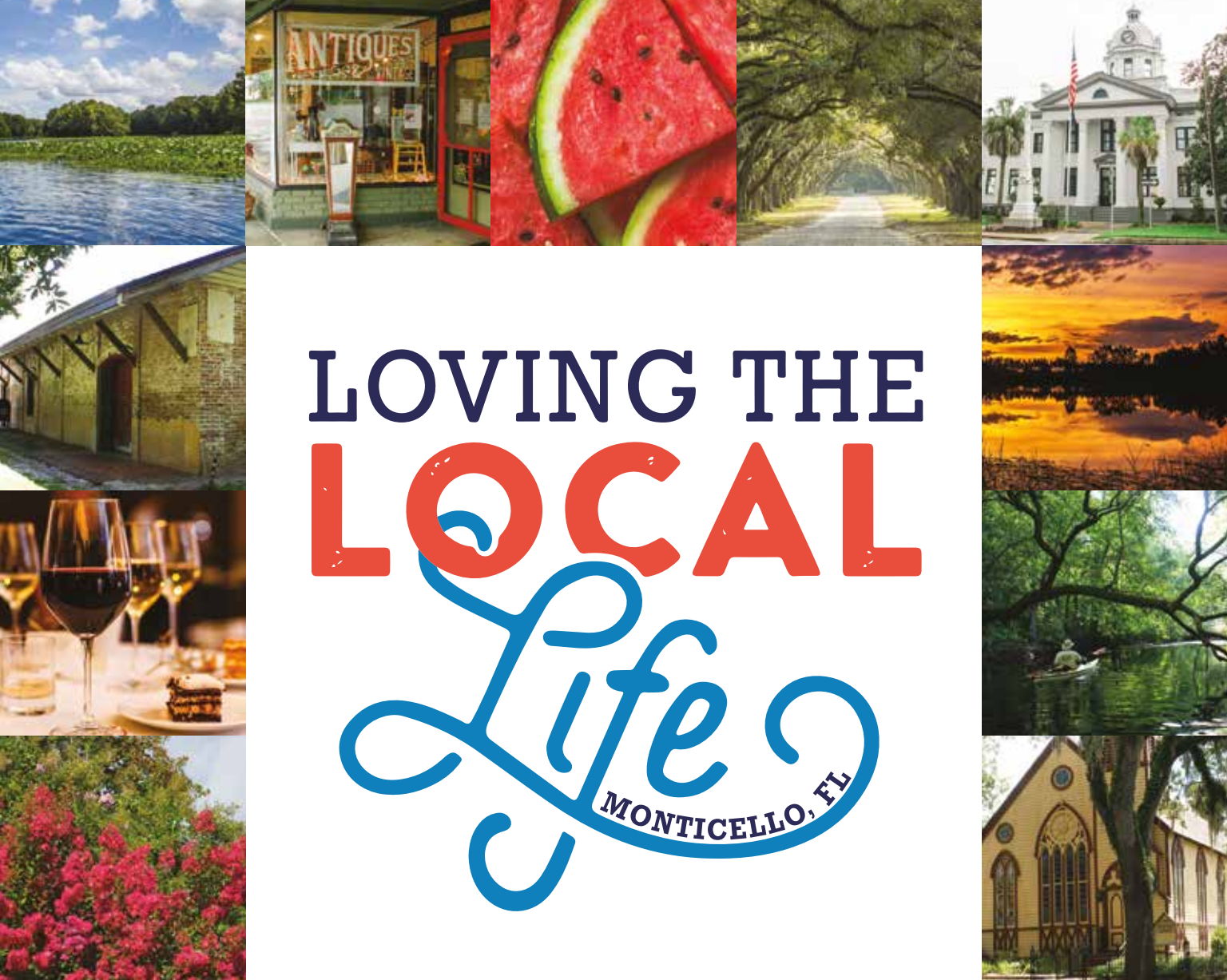
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