

Teacher Pam Blue: 'I love the kids'

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In one of his letters to the church in Corinth, the Apostle Paul told the church members: "If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal." (I Corinthians 13:1 NIV)

Visiting the classroom of Madison County Central School (MCCS) first-grade teacher Pam Blue, one can easily see this Bible verse being personified on a daily basis. Blue's sincere love for the students in her care is clearly a driving

force for this third-year teacher.

Blue, a 1984 graduate of Taylor County High School, in Perry, Fla., knew from an early age that she was called to be a teacher. One could even say it was genetic. Her great-grandfather, Calvin McLain was a traveling teacher who served schools in Madison, Jefferson and Taylor counties many years ago.

After raising her own children, Blue decided to put aside her job as a medical transcriptionist and go back to school to pursue the profession she had been called into.

"I always knew I wanted to be a teacher," said Blue. "When I graduated from high school, it just wasn't possible financially. Later, I had children of my own and working as a medical

transcriptionist was a good fit.

"When my youngest graduated, I decided it was time to follow that calling. I enrolled in school at North Florida [Community College] in 2015 and later transferred to the University of West Florida. It was all in God's timing, because I would not have been nearly as successful if I had gone to college right out of high school."

Blue graduated with honors from both North Florida Community College and the University of West Florida.

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"I love the kids," says Blue. "My favorite thing is

building relationships with these kids."

Blue makes a concerted effort to spend time with each student in her class in order to build those relationships. So far, those relationships have proven to be lasting.

"I have students from my first class who are in third grade now who still come by just to say 'hello' and to get a hug," says Blue with a sincere smile.

Blue says that life was not easy as a child. She did not enter the first grade until she was eight. She says the financial hardships she faced as a youngster helps her to relate to many of her students today.

"Some of these students have had a rough life outside the classroom. I can relate to a lot of that," said Blue.

Both of Blue's children are currently working, or have worked, in the education field in Taylor and Jefferson counties. Along with Blue working in

Madison County, they have served the same area that Blue's great-grandfather served decades before. No doubt he is looking down with pride.



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The meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. at Citrus County -- College of Central Florida Citrus Learning Center, located at 3800 S. Lecanto Hwy. in Lecanto. Registration opens at 9 a.m.; public comments begin at 4:30 p.m. and comment stations will be available all day.

A community open house will follow the next day on Thursday, Oct. 24, at Old Town Education Center (823 SE 349 Highway) in Old Town.

Among those expected to be in attendance at the meeting is Taylor County Commission Chair Pam Feagle, who is among the 41 people appointed to the task force.

Following the task force's first meeting in late August, Feagle provided an update to her fellow commissioners at Taylor County's Sept. 3 meeting and listened to questions and concerns regarding the project.

With most local county commissioners considering the toll roll's future path through Taylor County more of an issue of "when" rather than "if," the biggest issue raised was the route and commissioners' desire that it does not "bypass" Perry and its businesses.

"They did not have a route yet," Feagle told the board. "All of us were

interested in where the road is going to go. I feel like from everything I've heard, this road is coming. The governor is behind it, and the legislature has passed this bill. I believe it's coming."

"If it does pass through Taylor County -- and I believe it will -- I sure don't want it to be out there somewhere and bypass our business area here. As it is now, many people stop and gas up and spend the night and eat here. That's a real concern that it will take people away instead of bringing them in."

"Where it hits I-10 will be hub," Commissioner Jim Moody said. "That'll be a big industrial hub right there."

"Unfortunately, we don't have [I-10]," Feagle said.

"Well, we're not that far from I-10," Moody said.

"My greatest fear is if you build the road say nine miles out into the Bay, then there's got to be a nine-mile road to Perry," Commissioner Malcolm Page said. "Nobody is going to turn off nine miles to come get gas. I hope if it comes through Taylor County, whether it's on the west side of U.S. 19 or the east side, that it's relatively close so you can see signage and can get off at certain interchanges so we can still draw some extra local business."

"My long-term hope is we can attract something like what they have near

Marianna, a Family Dollar distribution warehouse, even if we're not at the hub," Page said. "If you build it halfway between here and Mayo, it's not going to benefit us a whole lot."

"If that road does come through Taylor County, then my job will be to try my best to get them to work with what we've got," Feagle said. "Now, I don't know how they would do that. I don't want it nine miles out there so that everybody that is coming through Taylor County won't stop here."

During the discussion, Feagle said she also had concerns about the possible impacts to local emergency response agencies with the increased traffic resulting from the parkway making its way through Taylor County.

Future task force meetings include one set in Taylor County on Dec. 17.

The task force was created by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to Senate Bill 7068, which the Florida Legislature passed this spring, kickstarting the largest statewide highway expansion plan since the 1950s.

In addition to the Suncoast Connector, two other projects -- each with its own task force -- are also proposed, including a Northwest Turnpike Connector, which would connect the Florida Turnpike to the Suncoast

Parkway, as well as a Southwest-Central Florida Connector linking Polk County to Collier County.

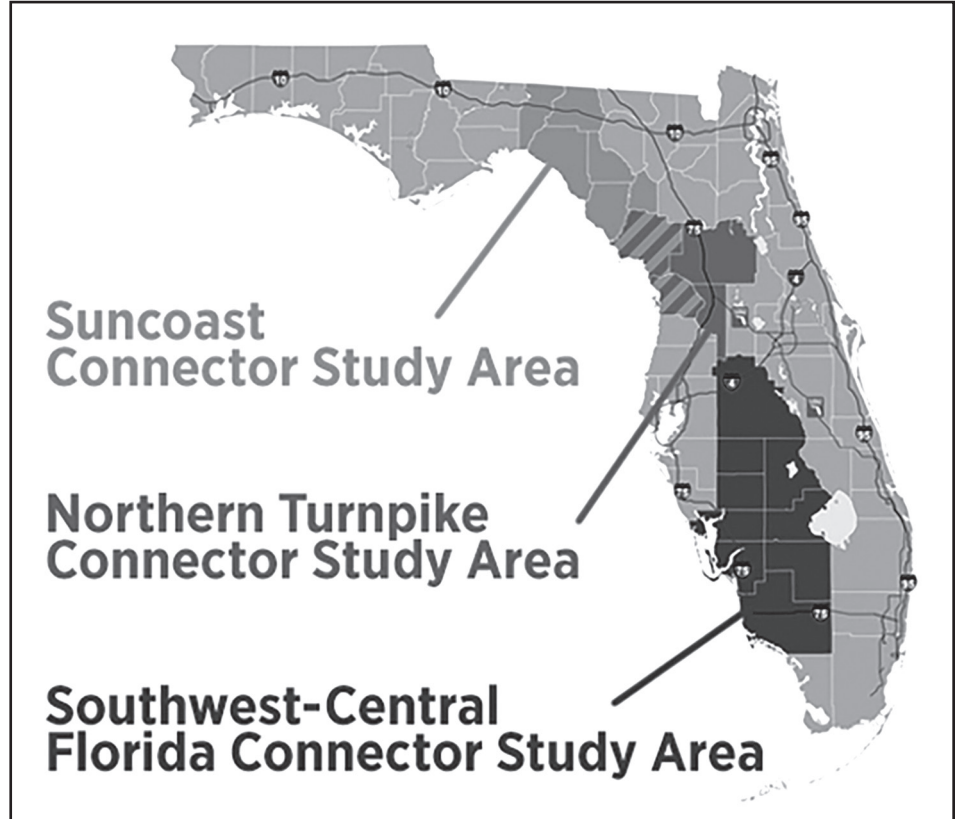
The legislation requires each task force to present its report to Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and legislative leaders by Oct. 1, 2020. Along the way, they will be asked to develop guiding principles, including recommendations to FDOT for both potential actions as well as approaches to avoid.

The official website of

the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) has undergone some recent updates. The site, FloridaMcores.com, has been streamlined and each task force page has been updated. Documents from the Aug. 27 plenary session and task force meetings have been added to the site, and there are links to the videos of all three task force meetings.

In addition to speaking at

the meetings, the public can offer feedback via email at FDOT.Listens@dot.state.fl.us or through the comment form on FloridaMcores.com. The public can also stay updated by visiting FloridaMcores.com and clicking the "Stay Informed" tab to learn more, see a calendar of upcoming meetings and open houses, and sign up to receive news and notices of upcoming meetings.



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Description of Property:
Parcel Number R05122-000
Located in Spring Lake Heights Lot 15 Block B & Lot 15A Block B described as commence at the North west corner of Lot 15 as a point of beginning then run North 0 degrees 39 minutes West 75 feet then run North 72 degrees 00 minutes 55 seconds East 18.21 feet then run South 24 degrees 03 minutes East 66.91 feet then run South 65 degrees 57 minutes West 47.9 feet to point of beginning part Lot 17 Block B together with easements. Section 26 Township 04 Range 07. Containing .21 acres MOL. Taylor County Official record Book 271 Page 302
Name in which assessed Mary Mitchell
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 18th day of November 2019 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.
Dated this 16 day of October, 2019
Signature: Annie Mae Murphy
Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida
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Description of Property:
Parcel Number R02075-000
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