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Eustis supports Mount Olive Cemetery Association with up to \$30,000 matching grant
City further challenges citizens and local organizations to assist

EUSTIS – The Eustis City Commission officially proclaimed the City’s support of up to \$30,000 in matching funds in a challenge grant to the Mount Olive Cemetery Association during its regular City Commission Meeting on February 5, 2009. Funds raised by the Association will be matched by the City for the procurement and installation of a cemetery perimeter fence.

In his proclamation, Mayor Scott Ales stated, “I further challenge all citizens and organizations of Eustis to assist the Association in meeting this goal so that these sacred grounds may be properly protected.”



Mount Olive Cemetery Association Members Elliott Myers (left) and Patricia Miller (middle) display the ceremonial check as Mayor Scott Ales (right) reads the proclamation

“The City’s challenge grant will match dollar-for-dollar all cash contributions made to the Association for the perimeter fencing project up to \$30,000.” said John Schneiger, the Deputy City Manager, Economic Development. This challenge grant will assist the Mount Olive Cemetery Association and Lake Eustis Institute, which has provided fundraising assistance to the Association, in raising additional funds required for the project.

The Mount Olive Cemetery Association has a proud heritage that predates the purchase of its cemetery grounds in 1909. In 2004, Mount Olive Cemetery was designated as a Historic Landmark and continues today to strive for national historic preservation standards through compliance evaluations and from the Center for Historic Cemeteries Preservation. The need for fencing became apparent with increased traffic around the site and occasional acts of vandalism.

For information about the Mount Olive Cemetery, visit the Eustis Memorial Library at 120 N. Center Street. To make a contribution towards the cemetery fencing project, contact the Lake Eustis Institute at (352) 357-3995.

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