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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS BEGIN



OKEECHOBEE — Members of the Okeechobee High School Band provided holiday music in Flagler Park on Dec. 2 after the City of Okeechobee Christmas Tree Lighting event. The parks were filled with community members enjoying the festive lighting, cocoa, treats and music. For more on holiday events, see page 5.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Geocaching club plans Taylor Creek cleanup day

By Katrina Elsen
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — The Treasure Coast Geocaching Club plans to clean up Taylor Creek on Dec. 14. The public is invited to come and help!

The regular CITO (Cache In, Trash Out) events on Taylor Creek began in 2018. Almost every year since, Al Cole of Okeechobee has led a group of geocachers who paddle kayaks up and down Taylor Creek pulling out trash and debris.

This year the group will meet at Centennial Park, at the corner of Southeast Sixth Avenue and Southeast Seventh Street, on Dec. 14 at 9 a.m. They will clean up the area around the park, then launch their

kayaks and paddle south to the draw bridge. Along the way, they will clean up trash and debris they find in the creek.

"It has become an almost annual event, with attendees from all over the state, country, and world. Geocachers from places like Naples, Miami, Melbourne, and Jacksonville, Florida, as well as all along the Treasure Coast, regularly attend," explained Cole. "There have also been many others, from as far away as North Carolina, Michigan, and California, and even international attendees from Canada, Germany, Sweden, and Czechia.

"For those who don't know what geocaching is, it's a worldwide, high tech scavenger hunt game, using

multi-billion-dollar satellites, GPS or smart phones, and online clues to find hidden items or interesting places hidden all over the world. We also hold different gatherings, called events, and a CITO is one of those special events, where geocachers can help nature and community by participating in these cleanup projects," Cole explained.

You do not have to be a geocacher to attend and help with the CITO.



Treasure Coast Geocaching Club members host an annual event to help clean up Taylor Creek. [Photo courtesy Al Cole]

The public is welcome. "All you have to do is show up ready to help. We can't promise you won't become a geocacher by the end of the day though," Cole added.

Glades County Library accepting entries for Art Contest

SPECIAL TO LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

MOORE HAVEN — The Glades County Library will hold the 2026 Students Around the Lake Art Contest. This year's art contest invites students to share their artistic vision of life around our beautiful lake. Whether it's nature, wildlife, family moments, community life or reflections in the water - let your artwork tell the story.

Categories are:

- Primary: Kindergarten - second grade;
- Elementary: Third - fifth grades;
- Middle School: Sixth - eighth grades; and
- High School: Ninth - 12th grades.

Art Medium: Painting and drawing.

Rules and Information

- Rules, applications and art boards are available for pickup at the library.
- All participants must complete an application with parent/guardian's approval signature.
- Deadline to turn in artwork is Saturday, Jan. 24 at 1 p.m.
- All artwork will be judged one week before the Art in the Park event.
- Art in the Park will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14.
- Artwork will be displayed in the library's meeting room for public viewing and may also appear on the library's social media platforms.
- All participants will be notified with the date and time of the "Meet the Judges" event at the library.

During this event, winners will receive their awards, and all artwork will be available for pickup immediately afterward.

• Artwork not picked up after the event will remain at the library until the end of February, after which it will be discarded.

• Unclaimed prize money will be returned and will not be reissued unless coordinated with the library director.

Artwork description

All participants must attach a short description of their artwork on a separate piece of paper.

The description should include:

- Your name;
- Brief explanation (1-3 sentences) of how it represents their Life Around the Lake;

• Any special techniques, materials or unique details you want to highlight to catch the judges' eye.

This helps judges understand your inspiration and adds context for the public viewing. Please attach the description securely with your artwork.

Judging criteria will be based on:

- Creativity and originality;
- Relation to theme;
- Artistic effort and presentation.

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Okeechobee Christmas Tree Lighting draws crowd

By Annie Wills

LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Christmas Tree Lighting was on Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the park in front of City Hall and this year turned out a big crowd. Students from South Elementary School opened the ceremony by singing a few Christmas Carols, Mayor Dowling Watford gave a speech and Santa showed up on an armored vehicle!

The crowd was packed so tightly, it took him a minute to make his way to the stage. Once Old Saint Nick was front and center, the lighting of the Okeechobee Christmas Tree went off without a hitch and to much applause.



OKEECHOBEE — Local school children sang Christmas carols before the City of Okeechobee Tree Lighting ceremony on Dec. 2. [Photo by Annie Wills]



OKEECHOBEE — The City of Okeechobee Annual Tree Lighting ceremony was held Dec. 2 in the park near City Hall. [Photo by Annie Wills]



OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee pageant queens were among the special guests at the Tree Lighting ceremony.



OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee Mayor Dowling Watford was the Master of Ceremonies for the City of Okeechobee Tree Lighting event. [Photo by Annie Wills]



OKEECHOBEE — Santa arrived to officiate at the City of Okeechobee's Tree Lighting ceremony. [Photo by Annie Wills/Lake Okeechobee News]

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

OKEECHOBEE

Christmas Festival and Parade planned

OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee Main Street will present their Annual Christmas Festival and Parade on Saturday, **Dec. 13**. The festival is from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the parade will begin at 6 p.m. The festiva is held in Flagler Park in Downtown Okeechobee off Park St. (State Road 70 West) and Southwest Third Avenue. Dogs are allowed and entry is free. There will be food trucks and other vendors with crafts. Bring the family out for this annual Okeechobee event.

Presbyterian Church holds Christmas Cookie Sale

OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N Parrott Ave., is having our annual Cookie Sale on Saturday, **Dec. 13**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a variety of cookies for Christmas.

VFW Post 10539 presents Christmas Boat Parade

OKEECHOBEE — Join VFW Post 10539 on Saturday, **Dec. 20**, for the Annual Christmas Boat Parade! Meet at Burger King on State Road 70 East at 5:30 p.m. and travel down Taylor Creek to the final stop at VFW Post 10539, 3912 US 441 SE. Enjoy a Best Decorated Contest, food, raffles, entertainment and fun for the whole family. Bring your favorite pot of chili to share! For information and RSVP call Jim Helm at 863-532-5810 or 202-300-5000.

Christmas Market at Okeechobee Feed

OKEECHOBEE — On Sunday, **Dec. 14**, Okeechobee Feed will host a Christmas Market from 4 to 8 p.m. This is a pet-friendly event



OKEECHOBEE — Community members strolled through Flagler Park on Dec. 2, enjoying holiday music and treats. [Photo by Katrina Elsen/Lake Okeechobee News]

sponsored by Loyall Life Dog Food, featuring Santa photos for the whole family. Vendors must pre-register to reserve a space. For information, call 863-763-2123.

Library hosts holiday stories

OKEECHOBEE — Join Okeechobee Public Library for a Season of Stories on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring the family for a fun-filled afternoon filled with cookie decorating, ornament decorating, face painting, and photos with Santa! Free lunch will be provided for all registered families by the Education Foundation. And stop by Santa's Workshop for a free gift bag and books provided by the Friends of the Okeechobee Library!

Santa to visit

OKEECHOBEE — Santa will be in town on Saturday, **Dec. 13**, from noon to 3 p.m. at Total Wireless, 117 S.E. 8th Drive, Okeechobee.

Ice skating in Flagler Park

OKEECHOBEE — Gilbert;s invites community members to enjoy a Winter Wonderland in Flagler Park, on Southwest Fourth Avenue and SR 70, with free ice skating, on Friday, **Dec. 12**, from 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, **Dec. 13**, from 1 to 6 p.m. and Sunday, **Dec. 14**, from 1 to

6 p.m. While you are there, meet "Chilly G," and get a photo with the coolest cowboy in Okeechobee. On Saturday, **Dec. 13**, at 11 a.m., there will be SNOW! Be there on time to enjoy it as it melts in a flash!

Santa plans to tour the city

OKEECHOBEE — Santa Claus will be at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave., on **Dec. 10 & 11** from 6 to 8 p.m.

Santa be touring Okeechobee on a city float - leaving City Hall at approximately 6 p.m. Below are the areas Santa will be touring:

- **Dec. 16** at the Northwest & Northeast section of the City
- **Dec. 17** at the Southeast section of the City
- **Dec. 18** at the Southwest section of the City

CLEWISTON

Clewiston Library Christmas events

CLEWISTON — The Clewiston Public Library, 120 Osceola Ave., will hold "Winter Wonderland Nailed It" on Wednesday, **Dec. 17** at 3:30 p.m. for ages 7 and up. Winter Card Making Workshop will be held on Thursday, **Dec. 18** at 3:30 p.m. for ages 7 and up. For information and to register, call 863-983-1493.

LABELLE

Theatre to hold Christmas Sing-A-Long

LABELLE — The Firehouse Community Theatre, 241 North Bridge St., will hold a Christmas Sing-A-Long on Sunday, **Dec. 14**, at 6 p.m. Special appearance by The Firehouse Singers in memory of Nick Fianza. Santa and Mrs. Clause will hand out free candy canes. Admission is \$10 or an unwrapped new toy worth at least \$10.

FCT presents a Christmas play

LABELLE — Firehouse Community Theatre presents The Charitable Sisterhood Christmas Spectaulcar by Bo Wilson on Friday, **Dec. 12**, Saturday and Saturday **13 at 7 p.m.** and Sunday, **Dec. 14** at 2 p.m. For information or to purchase tickets go to firehousecommunitytheatre.org.

Christmas Market planned

LABELLE — A Christmas Market will be held Saturday, **Dec. 13**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Farm Credit Plaza, 870 Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle. Entry is free. This is a free event where families can come out, support small businesses, and celebrate the season together.

GLADES COUNTY

Muse hosts Santa visit

MUSE — The Muse Community Association will present pictures with Santa Claus on Saturday, **Dec. 20** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the community center, 3897 Loblolly Road, Muse. There will be hot dogs, pop corn, chips and candy canes. Toys for Tots will be giving out presents.

OPINION

COMMENTARY

Recognizing veterans means confronting the lasting danger of toxic exposure

By Cristina Johnson

Veterans in Florida and beyond understood the risks they would shoulder the moment they entered service, while their families also bore quietly the weight of that commitment alongside them. They dedicated themselves entirely to missions that demanded courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment, often placing the needs of the nation above their own well-being. For this reason, Americans across the country set aside November each year to celebrate Veterans Day and National Military Family Month—a time meant to recognize their service and silent endurance in carrying out their mandate. Yet acknowledgment alone is not enough; proper recognition requires addressing the ongoing challenges numerous veterans and their loved ones continue to face. Among the most pressing issues is the persistent threat of toxic exposures pervasive in military installations as well as nearby communities in Florida, especially those surrounding Lake Okeechobee. Confronting these hazards is a critical step toward ensuring that veterans and their families do not just receive mere gratitude for their service—they are assured concrete protection for their health and future.

Florida Veterans and Military Families At Risk of Toxic Exposure

Florida is home to a significant military presence, with decades of training, operations, and support infrastructure spread across coastal and inland areas. That history has shaped the lives of over 1.3 million veterans now living with their families in different regions, including Okeechobee, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach County. For far too many of them, the danger did not end when their service did. This is because the toxic legacy of past military activities still lingers in their communities, quietly exposing personnel and their loved ones to risks they were never aware of or prepared to face. Such an issue primarily stemmed from the heavy use of hazardous chemicals, such as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), synthetic chemicals once widely used in firefighting equipment for their heat and water resistance. While these substances have been beneficial, they are also notorious for accumulating in soil and groundwater—causing severe pollution at military sites and in neighboring communities. Notably, Okeechobee was among the most drastically affected, with PFAS levels of 37 parts per trillion (ppt).

Even more troubling is that these findings capture only one layer of the contamination that veterans and families continue to live with. Unknown to many, asbestos—previously prized for its durability and low cost—was

also utilized extensively on Navy ships, in aircraft hangars, tanks, trucks, weapons, and military installations like Avon Park Air Force Range, just 60 miles away from Lake Okeechobee. As such, veterans who worked in maintenance, construction, or aboard older vessels were often exposed to asbestos fibers that, when inhaled or ingested, can lead to a myriad of serious illnesses such as mesothelioma, lung cancer, and asbestosis. The human toll of this crisis has unfortunately become apparent in Florida. In fact, between 1999 and 2017, the Sunshine State witnessed over 18,206 asbestos-associated deaths, with Okeechobee, Hendry, Martin, and Palm Beach Counties accounting for a total of 1,912 fatalities. Worse, the danger extends to families as well. Spouses, children, and neighbors living near contaminated facilities can also be exposed through dust, household fibers, or soil—creating a generational health burden that continues long after active duty ends.

Protecting Florida's Military Communities Requires Tackling Toxic Exposure

Recognizing veterans and military families in Florida requires moving beyond ceremonies to meaningful protections that address the risks they have endured. Thousands continue to deal with illnesses linked to in-service toxic exposure. • See **Veterans** on page 7



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Florida Boards band to play at Highlands Hammock State Park

Special to Lake Okeechobee News
SEBRING -- Florida Boards, a local Heartland band, will play their second Music in the Park concert at Highlands Hammock State Park on Dec. 13 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Founded by guitarist and lead singer Kendal Sheen, the band includes lead singer Dawn Smith, vocalist Clinton Anderson on keyboard, Harrison Havery on the bass guitar and Sawyer Humphrey on drums. This group of Highlands County musicians is known for performing the Abide and Circle of Truth concerts and other local venues. Their musical influences are diverse and include the following: Jimmy Buffet, Zac

Brown and his country music band, Stick Figure, an American Reggae band from California, Southern rock, classic rock and blues and rock n roll. In the words of Kendal Sheen, Florida Boards is "a good time sing along band." Fans and friends of the band are welcome to join in. They promise a relaxing, laid back evening of music from "happy beach" music to Southern rock. As this concert is close to the holidays, they will also perform a selection of Christmas music.

Concertgoers can celebrate the New Year on January 17 with solo artist and Indiana native Malachi Jagers who blends storytelling with



SEBRING -- Florida Boards, a local Heartland band, will play their second Music in the Park concert at Highlands Hammock State Park on Dec. 13 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. [Courtesy photo]

country and Heartland rock. Paisley Craze, known for their anthology of Sixties music covering the British Invasion to the Beach Boys to Woodstock, is scheduled for Feb. 21. Harry Havery and California Toe Jam will close out the series on March 28 with the best classic rock

of the 1960s and 70s.

Concert admission is now \$15 per adult. Accompanied children 12 years and younger are free of charge. Pets are not permitted. The Music in the Park series is sponsored by the Friends of Highlands Hammock State Park. Concert proceeds benefit park improvements. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and flashlights and enjoy an evening of music under the stars. Refreshments and food are provided by the Hammock Inn concession and food vendors. Call the Ranger Station at 863-386-6094 for more information. Highlands Hammock is located at 5931 Hammock Road in Sebring.

Veterans

• From page 6
But access to health-care and specialized treatment remains uneven across the state. Fortunately, efforts to address such challenges have begun with the passage of the Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022—groundbreaking legislation that aims to expand medical services and disability benefits for those exposed to harmful substances. Based on the latest count, nearly three million veterans nationwide have already submitted their claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA),

of which over 268,000 were from Florida. Of these, almost two million applications were verified, and more than \$6.8 billion had already been distributed to confirmed victims in 2024.

Federal measures have also extended beyond healthcare to provide critical support for families. Among these is the VA Home Loan Program Reform Act, which aims to help veterans manage their monthly mortgage payments and secure and maintain stable housing. At the same time, major reforms to survivor

benefits are bound to extend aid to families of service members who are sadly lost in the line of duty. Together, these initiatives represent meaningful progress in advancing the care and support that veterans and their families have long needed. However, even with all these, they constitute only the beginning of a much larger effort.

By committing to sustained remediation in military and adjacent communities, Florida and the nation can finally provide sturdy support to military communities, who have

already sacrificed so much to protect our liberty.

About the Author

Cristina Johnson is a Navy veteran advocate for Asbestos Ships Organization, a nonprofit whose primary mission is to raise awareness and educate veterans about the dangers of asbestos exposure on Navy ships and assist them in navigating the VA claims process. For more information, please visit our page.

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Wednesday: Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 73F. Winds light and variable.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy skies. Low 49F. Winds light and variable.

Thursday: Intervals of clouds and

sunshine. High 76F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy skies. Low 54F. Winds light and variable.

Friday: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High near 75F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday night: A few clouds from time to time. Low 56F. Winds light and variable.

Saturday: A shower or two around the area in the morning, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 73F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy skies early followed by mostly cloudy skies and a few showers later at night. Low around 55F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 30%.

Sunday: Cloudy with a few showers. High 74F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy. Low 56F. Winds light and variable.

Monday: Partly cloudy skies. High around 75F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

Monday night: Partly cloudy skies. Low 57F. Winds light and variable.

Tuesday: Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 78F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday night: A few clouds from time to time. Low 58F. Winds light and variable.

Grocery prices hit record high for families

By Richard Marion
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

According to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Urban Institute, grocery prices for an average family of four have risen to record highs this year.

The USDA produces a monthly food plan to illustrate how much a healthy diet can cost. According to the cheapest of these monthly plans, the thrifty food plan, the average grocery cost for a family of four for a month reached \$1,002.20 in September. That same plan this time last year was an average of \$984.60 for a family for four.

The Urban Institute looked at

those costs at the state level and found that the average monthly grocery prices are now \$1,140 in Florida.

The high cost for groceries comes just as the holidays are hitting full swing in the country. Walmart highlighted the return of their annual Thanksgiving meal, a list of Thanksgiving ingredients, as a thrifty way to celebrate the holidays. In a press release the retail chain celebrated the \$40 price tag for the meal, which was \$15 less than the Thanksgiving grocery package last year.

"The most affordable holiday meal yet," read the company's press release. "A full holiday feast serving

10 people for under \$4 per person — the lowest price since Walmart started the program."

However, multiple items from last year's package were either eliminated or downsized in this year's promotion, which led to the lower price. Chicken broth, Jiffy Corn muffin mix, three bags of sweet potatoes, fresh onions, celery, poultry seasoning, Marie Callender's pecan pie, frozen whipped topping, and mini marshmallows were all removed from this year's Thanksgiving meal.

According to data released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics on Oct. 24, the Consumer Price Index for food rose 3.1 percent this year.

In an effort to lower prices, on Nov. 14 President Donald Trump exempted agricultural imports like coffee, cocoa, bananas and certain beef products from higher tariff rates. Coffee prices have seen a 20.9% increase from a year ago. Meanwhile beef prices could soon reach \$10 per pound according to Omaha Steaks CEO Nate Rempe.

"We are headed for what I'm calling the \$10-a-pound reality," said Rempe in an interview on Fox News. "By the third quarter of '26, families are going to see \$10 a pound for ground beef. I don't believe we'll see prices come down in any meaningful way until sometime in 2027."

Okeechobee's Best Hearing opens in Winn-Dixie Plaza

By Katrina Elsken
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE – Hearing Aid Specialist Jamey Binneveld recently opened Okeechobee's Best Hearing in the Winn-Dixie Plaza.

On Dec. 2, representatives of the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Dowling Watford, County Commissioners Michael Sumner, David Hazellief and Frank DeCarlo and community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting at the new business.

Binneveld said she became a hearing aid specialist because she "really wanted to be in a profession where I can help people." She said her services can be life-changing for those suffering from hearing loss.

Binneveld, who has 20 years' experience as a hearing aid specialist, is originally from Sebring.

She has been a volunteer at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park since 2022. She monitors the endangered crested caracara nests, providing valuable data that aids



OKEECHOBEE -- Okeechobee's Best Hearing in the Winn-Dixie Plaza was welcomed to the community with a ribbon cutting on Dec. 2. [Photo by Katrina Elsken/Lake Okeechobee News]

prescribed fire operations.

Binneveld is an accomplished wildlife photographer. Her Okeechobee store is decorated with some of her wildlife photographs.

Okeechobee's Best Hearing, 3268 U.S. 441 S, is open Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome. The business offers free hearing tests, same-day fittings on select in stock models and 30-day risk-free trials. For more information, call 863-484-6004 or go online to www.OkeechobeesBestHearing.com.



OKEECHOBEE -- Jamey Binneveld gave community members a tour of her new business before the ribbon cutting ceremony at Okeechobee's Best Hearing. [Photo by Katrina Elsken/Lake Okeechobee News]



OKEECHOBEE -- A special booth used for hearing tests filters out any outside noise. [Photo by Katrina Elsken/Lake Okeechobee News]



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FIRST RESPONDERS

Property owner told he would be shot if he approached his own boathouse

By Cathy Womble
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — A few weeks ago, squatters were arrested after telling the property owner that he would be shot if he came near the boathouse where they was staying.

According to information released by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, the incident occurred on Oct. 21 at approximately 9 a.m. in the 3600 block of Southeast 34th Avenue. 911 received a call from a homeowner, who said he returned from vacation and went to check on his property. He found someone had broken into his boathouse and was squatting there. He said he told the

man and woman to leave his property, and the man allegedly replied, "I will shoot anyone who comes near the boathouse."

Deputies arrived in force and cautiously approached the boathouse with weapons drawn. They told the man and woman to come out, and they did. They were detained and placed into wrist restraints.

The property owner told deputies he purchased the property approximately six months earlier and brought his boat over to dock it. He said he went on vacation about a week earlier and when he got back, he went over to check the property. He said he had plans to install an RV on the property. He said when he

arrived, he saw someone on his boat and yelled at him to get off. When asked if he saw a gun when the other man threatened to shoot, he said no.

A search of the boat reportedly revealed drug paraphernalia, drugs and a .22 caliber live round.

When the property owner did a walk through, he estimated approximately \$4,000 in missing or damaged items.

The woman allegedly said she found the boat and moved into it in the middle of September. She said the man who owned the ice machine gave her permission. No further information on this man was revealed. She said the back door was damaged when she moved in and she never

saw any fishing poles.

When questioned, the man also said he saw no fishing gear on the boat.

The owner of the ice machine reportedly said he noticed the woman was living there and told her she had to leave, but she gave him a sob story.

The woman, identified as Theresa Carter, was charged with burglary, trespass, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The man, identified as Robert Leitner, was charged with burglary and trespass.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY ARREST REPORT

The following individuals were arrested on felony or driving under the influence (DUI) charges by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the Department of Corrections (DOC), Criminal Action Team (CAT) or the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force (ONTF).

♦ Cecil Vandiver, 50, at large, was arrested Nov. 21 by ONTF and

charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$3,000.

♦ Randy Ammons, 63, Southeast 12th Drive, was arrested Nov. 21 by ONTF and charged with sale of methamphetamine and possession with intent to sell. Bond was set at \$5,000.

♦ Roberto Teixeira was arrested Nov. 25 and charged with sale of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school and possession with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a

school.

♦ Cameron Haynes, 38, State Road 78 West, was arrested Nov. 21 by OCSO Deputy J. Benjamin and charged with domestic battery by strangulation. Bond was set at \$5,000.

♦ Edward Lee, 52, Moore Haven, was arrested Nov. 16 by OCSO Deputy Todd Addington and charged with DUI and driving without a license. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Doreen Hollenbeck, 69, Riviera Beach, was arrested Nov. 24

by OCSO Deputy Isobel Jean and charged with DUI. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Sebastian Rebollo, 27, Northwest 33rd Terrace, was arrested Nov. 23 by OCSO Deputy Misei Esquivel and charged with DUI. Bond was set at \$1,500.

This column lists arrests and not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone listed here who is later found not guilty or has had the charges against them dropped is welcome to inform this newspaper. The information will be confirmed and printed.

GLADES COUNTY ARREST REPORT

The following individuals were arrested on felony or driving under the influence (DUI) charges by Florida Highway Patrol FHP, Glades County Sheriff's Office GCSO or Seminole Police Department SPD.

♦ Edgerrin Billie, 26, Okeechobee,

was arrested Nov. 24 by GCSO and charged with two counts larceny and one count burglary. Bond was set at \$17,500.

♦ Lazzlow Billie, 20, was arrested Nov. 25 by GCSO and charged with drug possession and two counts DUI. Bond was set at \$7,000.

♦ Kimberly Gammons, 61, Jacksonville, was arrested Nov. 25 by GCSO and charged with four counts DUI. Bond has not been set.

♦ Victor Torres, 42, Clewiston, was arrested Nov. 25 by GCSO on an out-of-county warrant. He is being held without bond.

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FIRST RESPONDERS

Criminal Justice Academy graduates nine new corrections officers

BY SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

AVON PARK — During a ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 12, South Florida State College's (SFSC) Basic Corrections Academy Class 114 graduated nine new correctional officers at the SFSC Highlands Campus in Avon Park.

From the SFSC University Center Auditorium stage, Michael Austin, coordinator of SFSC's Criminal Justice Academy, called up the nine and handed each new officer a certificate. Those receiving a certificate were class leader Cody Deloney, Ebony Bell, Shy'lan Bush, Nashay Dixon, Destyn Katz, Damien Miner, Esmeralda Toribio, Zykeria Wilkins, and Clinton Williams III.

Four cadets were singled out for their achievements during the program. Earning top honors for academic excellence was Nashay Dixon of the Okeechobee Sheriff's Office

and Damien Minor of the Florida Civil Commitment Center. Cody Deloney of the Okeechobee Sheriff's Office was given special recognition as class leader, and Zyleria Wilkins of the Florida Civil Commitment Center was recognized as class executive officer.

Guest speaker for the ceremony was Dana Orr, who is a Florida House of Representatives District 83 aide for Kaylee Tuck. Orr is a graduate of SFSC's EMT program and was a certified EMT from 1985 to 1987. In 1987, he attended the Basic Corrections Academy at Polk State College and was employed at Avon Park Correctional Institution from 1987 to 2013, when he retired.

Addressing the cadets, Orr stressed that the profession they are entering is about personal integrity and their moral compass. "In the world you're about to enter, it's go-

ing to test your moral code, it's going to test the ethical foundation, and it's going to test the upbringing that you got. When you're in situations that you didn't expect, the ethical foundation that defines who you are as a person is what gets you through those times. It helps you make the right decision when nobody has ever instructed you on what the right decision is.

"If you set a good example, if the inmates you're charged with watching know that you abide by the law and you abide by the rules, that you're firm and fair, that they know if they have a heart attack, you'll do everything to save their lives ... if they know that, your job will be easier. They will respect you. They might not like that they're in prison or jail, but they will respect you for that consistency and that clarity.

"Remember that you want to be

the person you see in the mirror. You want to be somebody your mother would be proud of. You want to be the person your children will want to be some day. I give you this challenge: Everyday you look in that mirror, be somebody you can respect. And go out and serve your communities with pride."

The Highlands County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard posted the colors at the beginning of the ceremony.

The Basic Correctional Officer Program is 420 contact hours or approximately 11 weeks. Upon successful completion of the program, students earn a Career Certificate and are eligible to take the state certification examination to become certified officers.

For more information about these programs, visit southflorida.edu or call SFSC's Criminal Justice Academy at 863-784-7285.

HENDRY COUNTY ARREST REPORT

The following individuals were arrested on felony or driving under the influence (DUI) charges by the Hendry County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), the Clewiston City Police Department (CPD), the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), and the Department of Corrections (DOC), Nov. 24-30.

♦ Ezra Raheem Battle, 46, Palmetto, was arrested Nov. 24 by HCSO Deputy R. Gosa on charges of driving while license suspended/revoked.

♦ Tommy Lee Rau, 27, LaBelle, was arrested Nov. 24 by HCSO Deputy I. Cadena on charges of 2X felony probation violation, and misdemeanor charge of warrant for withhold support.

♦ Xavier Semar King Edwards, 24, Belle Glade, was arrested Nov. 24 by HCSO Deputy C. Link on charges of flee and eluding LEO, and operating a motor vehicle over 100+mph.

♦ Orlando Rivera 48, Clewiston, was arrested Nov. 24 by HCSO Detective K. Negron on charges of arson, criminal conspiracy and felony probation violation.

♦ Cody Jack Motlon, 31, Clewiston, was arrested Nov. 24 by HCSO Deputy R. Flores, Jr., on charges of felony violation of probation, felony failure to appear and violation of conditions of release.

♦ A 16-year-old male, Clewiston, was arrested Nov. 26 by K9 Deputy J. Newbern on charges of possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver/distribute.

♦ Nasir Antwone Jaleel Fleming,

19, LaBelle, was arrested Nov. 26 by K9 Deputy J. Newbern on charges of possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver/distribute.

♦ Tyrese Percell Love, 19, Orlando, was arrested Nov. 26 by HCSO K9 Deputy J. Newbern on charges of possession of controlled substance.

♦ Andrews Joaquin Diaz Infante, 62, Clewiston, was arrested Nov. 27 by HCSO Deputy M. Leavens on charges of felony criminal mischief.

♦ Alexis Danielle Jettie, 24, Ft. Myers, was arrested Nov. 27 by HCSO Deputy C. Link on charges of DUI, refusal to submit to DUI test, and 2X DUI damage to property.

♦ Frederick Prather, 52, Immokalee, was arrested Nov. 27 by HCSO Deputy G. Hull on charges of felony failure to appear.

♦ Victor Josue Torres, 41, Clewiston, was arrested Nov. 27 by HCSO Deputy G. Hull on charges of felony battery.

♦ Yariel Gonzalez Sosa, 25, Lehigh Acres, was arrested Nov. 30 by HCSO Deputy B. Dibernardino on charges of felony – flee and elude.

♦ Megan Anne Peacock, 45, Bonifay, was arrested Nov. 30 by HCSO Deputy H. Ramirez Garcia on charges of felony – out of state fugitive and out of county warrant.

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Driver charged with DUI after reportedly driving while sleeping

By Cathy Womble
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — An off-duty law enforcement officer from the Palm Beach County Community Policing Unit called Okeechobee dispatch recently to report a vehicle swerving all over the road on State Road 70 East.

According to the arrest report, the incident took place on Sunday, Nov. 23 at approximately 4:30 p.m. Okeechobee Sheriff's Deputy Misei Esquivel was dispatched to the 5500 block State Road 70 East regarding an impaired driver. Dispatch notified her that an off-duty officer was behind a reckless driver coming from Saint Lucie County. The officer said the vehicle was an older mod-

el Chevrolet pickup truck and was being driven by a Hispanic male. He added that he had a male passenger with him. He said at one point the driver appeared to be driving the vehicle while unconscious. The vehicle was speeding at approximately 90mph.

A second deputy was able to locate the vehicle and make a traffic stop. Deputy LaRowe talked to the driver and explained why he had been pulled over. The driver, identified as Sebastian Rebollo, allegedly agreed that he had been speeding and said he was coming from work.

When asked if he had consumed any alcoholic beverages, the man reportedly said no.

Deputy Chagnon said he smelled

marijuana but not alcohol as he stood at the passenger side of the vehicle. The passenger said he had a medical marijuana card, and this was verified by dispatch.

Deputy Esquivel spoke with the off-duty officer who had stayed at the scene. He said he first noticed the other vehicle at King's Highway and State Road 70 East. He watched as the light turned green and the vehicle cruised into the intersection while both the driver and the passenger slept. The officer honked his horn to try to wake them up but could only watch as the driver was slumped over in the seat. When the vehicle was on State Road 70, it hit a curb in front of a gas station, and this woke them up. The officer contin-

ued to follow them as they headed toward Okeechobee. He went on to say the vehicle swerved all over the road and nearly hit three cars.

When Deputy Esquivel spoke to the driver, he allegedly said he was on his way home from work. He said he was coming from Cocoa Beach. He added that he was very tired, and this was the reason his eyes were red. The deputy asked him if he was willing to perform field sobriety tests, and he said yes, but was arrested immediately after.

Rebollo's breath test reportedly came back with a reading of 0.00 so he was asked to give a urine sample. He was arrested and charged with DUI.

Drunk driver tells deputy his friend must have moved his car into the road

By Cathy Womble
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — After a call regarding a disabled vehicle, an allegedly inebriated driver was apprehended last Sunday.

According to the arrest report, the incident took place on Nov. 16 at approximately 6:30 a.m. near the 1600 block of State Road 78 West. A 911 caller told the dispatcher he saw a man sitting in a black SUV that was partially in the road. The driver

had his head in his hands.

Deputy Todd Addington responded to the scene and saw a black Porche SUV with a shattered side window, but no one was inside. The deputy went to the nearby Fast Break gas station and spoke to a man inside, asking him if the vehicle belonged to him or if he saw anyone get out of it.

The man, later identified as Edward Lee, seemed confused and said he had a black car parked next to the store, and the one in the road

was not his. However, a short while later, the deputy saw Lee walking toward the SUV. After he was asked again if the vehicle belonged to him, Lee told the deputy it was his vehicle. The deputy asked him why he denied this, and Lee seemed confused, swaying from side to side and slurring his speech. He told the officer his friend must have moved his car.

The deputy asked Lee how he ended up at Fast Break, and he reportedly said he had been playing

drums at Butch's Bar. He added that he had no alcohol there but then went to the Orioles Club where he had three drinks, the report continues. He said he let his friend drive because he was too drunk to drive.

A witness told deputies that she saw Lee park the car and walk over to the gas station.

Lee was asked to perform field sobriety exercises and agreed. He was arrested afterward and charged with DUI and driving without a license.

FDC announces up to \$6,000 hiring bonus for new hire correctional officers

BY FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is pleased to announce a \$5,000 hiring bonus offered at 15 correctional institutions across the state. The hiring bonus adds to the numerous incentives and benefits of becoming a state correctional officer with FDC. The 18 institutions already offering

a \$1,000 bonus include the \$5,000 hiring bonus as an added incentive.

"Thanks to Governor DeSantis' continued support of public safety, we can continue to provide incentives to those seeking a meaningful career in public safety," said Florida Department of Corrections Assistant Deputy Secretary of Institutions Hope Gartman. "There has never been a better time to join our Agen-

cy and serve the great state of Florida through a career in corrections. Whether you're just starting out, or looking for a new direction, our Agency offers stability, purpose, and the resources needed to succeed."

FDC correctional officers start at \$22 an hour and receive paid training, high-risk retirement benefits, ample opportunities for career advancement, as well as the array of

comprehensive benefits offered to State of Florida employees.

Once certified by FDC Criminal Justice Standards & Training Commission, new FDC correctional officers are eligible to receive bonuses at Okeechobee and other state prisons.

To learn more about FDC's career opportunities, visit FLDOC-JOBS.com.

ENVIRONMENT

Spraying is campaign issue for 'Matt the Welder'

By Katrina Elsen
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

Editor's note: This is the eighth in a series of articles examining the use of chemical herbicides to control invasive aquatic plant growth in Lake Okeechobee.

A candidate for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture has made chemical herbicide spraying of Florida waters a campaign issue.

Matt Taylor, aka "Matt the Welder" is a Republican candidate for Commission of Agriculture in the 2026 election. Taylor has been posting videos on social media explaining his reasons for seeking election.

"The top priority? We're going to end the spraying of herbicide in the Florida waterways," Taylor explained in an online video on his Facebook page. "The FWC (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission) is allowed to spray diquat and glyphosate into our waterways," Taylor explained.

"They don't even tell you where they are going to spray beforehand," he continued. "The FWC is the lead agency for spraying herbicide into our waterways. The Department of Ag though, has the authority to say what chemicals they are allowed to spray.

"I'm going to unregister the chemicals they are using right now and I'm going to bring Rodney Baretto and the FWC to the table. We're going to get oversight. We're going to get transparency."

Taylor has also shared videos of property owners and anglers who voice their own concerns about the herbicide spraying.

In a Dec. 2 interview, Taylor said he grew up on a small farm in Hills-

borough County. "I'm an outdoorsman," he explained. "I just love the wildlife."

He said while enjoying the outdoors, he often ran into fishermen who shared their concerns about the aquatic spraying, "telling me they (FWC) target the invasive species, but are also killing off the native plants."

He said diquat is sprayed in the Indian River Lagoon. Research into effects of diquat exposure is starting to point to neurological disorders, he continued. "Dolphins in the Indian River Lagoon are starting to show symptoms of neurological disorders."

Taylor said FWC claims mechanical harvesting to control the spread of invasive plants is too expensive. "We live in a time where robots deliver packages for Amazon, but there are no innovations for mechanical



Matt Taylor is running for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture. He will be in the Republican primary on Aug. 18, 2026. [Courtesy photo]

harvesting?"

While invasive plants are a problem because they crowd out the

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Patches of 'Florida snow' seen along roadways

By Katrina Elsen
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

Florida winters bring a different kind of "snow." White patches seen along roadways are masses of tiny white or pale pink flowers.

According to the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, there are several varieties of pusley – often referred to as "Florida snow" – found in the Sunshine state. Florida pusley (*Richardia scabra*) is native to Florida. Brazil pusley and largeflower pusley are native to South America.

The UF/IFAS website explains: Plants grow prostrate (creeping along the ground) and have hairy stems that grow to lengths of up to 30 inches and often have a rough

upper and lower surface. Small white flowers that form a cluster at the ends of stems are characteristic of this plant.

Some people consider the plant a weed and work to eradicate it from their yards. Others think the flowers are pretty and let them grow.

Pusley flowers quickly produce seeds and the plant can spread quickly. If you don't want it in your yard, UF/IFAS advises to deal with it when it first appears.

Florida pusley grows low to the ground and rarely infests fields with good grass cover, the UF/IFAS website states. "However, Florida pusley can become a prevalent weed in open areas during grass establishment or in areas where grass has

died. The dense, mat-like nature of this weed makes it difficult for desirable grasses to grow in its presence."

If you enjoy the appearance of the tiny flowers, let them grow. They are a source of nectar for bees, butterflies and other pollinators.

If you don't like to see "Florida snow" in your lawn, the UF/IFAS website recommends:

- Hand removal of plants when they first emerge;
- Frequent mowing to interrupt the life cycle and prevent flowering and seed-set;
- Use of pre-emergent herbicides to inhibit seed germination; and
- Careful selection of broadleaf post-emergent herbicides.



Tiny white flowers look like a scattering of snow along Florida roadways. [Photo by Katrina Elsen/Lake Okeechobee News]

Okeechobee Waterway is fully operational

By USACE

OKEECHOBEE — Attention all concerned boaters! The floating tussock hazard in the Okeechobee Waterway Route 2 has been cleared and the navigation channel is fully

operational.

For the current Lake Okeechobee water levels, please see: w3.saj.usace.army.mil/h2o/currentLL.shtml

For up-to-date Lock information, contact the shift operator 7 a.m. to 5

p.m. at:

• St Lucie Lock & Dam 772-287-2665 or 863-662-9148;

• Port Mayaca Lock & Dam 561-924-2858 or 863-662-9424;

• Julian Keen, Jr. Lock & Dam

863-946-0414 or 863-662-9533;

• Ortona Lock & Dam 863-675-0616 or 863-662-9846;

• W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam 239-694-5451 or 863-662-9908.

'Tis the season for courting iguanas

By Lourdes Mederos

UF/IFAS

Just in time for the holiday season — and the start of the iguana mating period — the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) has unwrapped a bilingual resource for living with one of Florida's most visible cold-blooded neighbors.

In Ask IFAS, the latest edition of Dealing with Iguanas in the South Florida Landscape is also now available in Spanish, offering timely, science-based insights from UF/IFAS scientists and Extension agents for understanding and managing iguanas, whether it's on personal property or property you manage.

Here is what to expect from this month's featured resource:

What they are: Green iguanas and spiny-tailed iguanas now live in many parts of Florida, largely due to pets escaping or being released into the wild.

Identification made easy: The guide helps readers distinguish between iguanas and similar-looking reptiles — an essential step for proper management.

Behavior basics: Iguanas are mostly herbivores, with adults eating leaves, flowers and fruits. Juveniles rely more heavily on insects and adult iguana droppings to build necessary gut bacteria.

Potential impacts: Iguanas can damage landscape plants, undermine structures through burrowing, eat fruits and ornamental plants and leave droppings that may carry salmonella. They can also defend themselves with strong

bites, sharp nails and tail strikes.

Management strategies: Several options are available to manage and steer them from your property. For example, avoid feeding iguanas by keeping food out of their reach, and prevent them from attracting more iguanas to your property. Crate vulnerable plants, wrap tree trunks with sheet metal, reduce dense vegetation, seal unused burrows and use visual or sound deterrents.

Legal considerations: Iguanas are non-native and unprotected in Florida. Florida law provides guidelines on what is permitted when controlling iguanas. For example, while homeowners may legally trap them on private property/ Poisons and inhumane traps are prohibited.



Iguana at the Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center. [Photo courtesy Cat Wofford, UF/IFAS]

FWC Commissioners approve proposed rule changes for green iguanas

News from FWC

BELLE GLADE — On Nov. 5, at their November meeting, Commissioners with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved staff recommendations to advertise proposed rule changes for Prohibited green iguana-

nas, including concepts relating to outdoor caging, biosecurity, collection and transport. Green iguanas are invasive reptiles that are not native to Florida.

The approved rule changes to Chapter 68-5, Florida Administrative Code were proposed to further encourage more residents to remove

green iguanas from the wild in Florida by providing practical and secure alternatives for outdoor caging of live green iguanas possessed by permittees. The proposed rule changes also include clarifying language on the transportation of Prohibited reptiles, emergency preparedness, and collection and transport of wild-caught

green iguanas possessed for sale or eradication. These newly approved rule changes are in addition to previously approved rule changes made in May 2025, which included an allowance for transfer of wild-caught green iguanas to permit holders authorized to sell live iguanas out of state.

Welder

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native plants, the invasives do help uptake nutrients from the water, he

said. The challenge is to find a way to mechanically remove the invasives from the water and efficiently get the plant material back to the shore.

Taylor said the people do not want chemical herbicides in their water.

"If the public tells you they don't want it, and you do it anyway, you're not working for the public," he added.

"It will take everyone continuing

to speak out to make a change," he said. Taylor said he also wants to update Florida's Greenbelt law so that it is easier for small farmers to get the tax break, but harder for developers to use it to dodge property taxes. "The way we do this is if you get Greenbelt, you give up development

rights for X number of years," he suggested.

NOTE: This is a continuing series. We welcome feedback from the public. Email kelsken@iniusa.org to share your views and photos.

EDUCATION

DONATIONS



SES COLLECTS FOOD FOR FAMILIES

OKEECHOBEE — Students at South Elementary School worked very hard and collected a total of 3,048 canned food items to donate to families in the community. [Photos courtesy South Elementary]



HANDS-ON LEARNING



STEM/AG PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT

CLEWISTON — Central Elementary School's STEM/Ag program received a generous \$4,500 grant from the Whole Kids Foundation - Whole Kids Garden Grant and the Newman's Own Foundation! This support will help expand hands-on learning experiences for students — growing fresh foods, exploring agriculture, and strengthening STEM opportunities at Central Elementary School! [Photos courtesy CES/Clewiston]

VOLUNTEERING



MHMHS COMMUNITY CLEANUP A SUCCESS

MOORE HAVEN — On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Students Working Against Tobacco chapter of Moore Haven Middle High School volunteered their time to help collect trash at a local park. The Glades County Sheriff's department kept everyone safe during the clean up and County Commissioner Jerry "Gator" Sapp participated with the Glades County Tobacco Free Partnership. [Photo courtesy MHMHS Yearbook Facebook]

Clewiston's Trenton Felton wins National FFA award

By Richard Marion
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

INDIANAPOLIS - Clewiston's Trenton Felton has been named the Plant Systems: Division 5 Award Winner at the National FFA Agriscience Fair.

The FFA Agriscience Fair was held in Indianapolis during the 98th National FFA Convention and Expo Oct. 29-Nov. 1. The National FFA Agriscience Fair recognizes students who gain real-world, hands-on experiences in agricultural enterprises. Students use scientific principles and emerging technologies to solve complex problems related to agriculture, food and natural resources. The agriscience fair is for middle and high school students. Students compete in one of six categories in the agriscience fair and under one of the six divisions, either individually or in a team.

Trenton served as the Clewiston FFA President in 2024 - 2025, and is a 2025-2026 Florida FFA State Officer.

"I am proud to represent the



Trenton Felton with his Plant Systems: Division 5 Award at the National FFA Agriscience Fair. [Courtesy photo]

Clewiston FFA Chapter," said Trenton. "My hometown has nurtured my love for agriculture and shaped the servant leader I am today."

The full list of Plant System winners are:

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 1,042,245 student members as part of 9,407 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

CELEBRATION

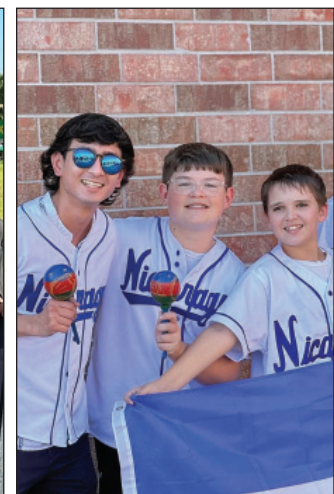


HOLIDAYS



OFC PREPARES FOR CHRISTMAS

OKEECHOBEE -- A few students at Okeechobee Freshman Campus helped decorate the school for Christmas before leaving for the Thanksgiving break. [Photos courtesy OFC]



YMS CELEBRATES HERITAGE DAY

OKEECHOBEE -- Students and staff at Yearling Middle School celebrated Heritage Day, Friday, Nov. 23. [Photo courtesy YMS]

Tuition discount offered for those pursuing graduate education

News from IRSC

FORT PIERCE — On Dec. 3, Indian River State College (The River) and Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) announced a new educational partnership designed to support the academic advancement of students and employees of The River.

Under the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions, SNHU will provide a 10% tuition discount to Indian River State College employees and students enrolling in graduate programs. The partnership reflects both institutions' commitment to expanding access to affordable higher

education and supporting lifelong learning.

"This partnership with Southern New Hampshire University opens new doors for our students and employees who aspire to advance their education," said Dr. Timothy E. Moore, President of Indian River State College. "By working together, we can help more members of our community achieve their graduate education goals while reducing financial barriers."

Dr. Heather Belmont, Provost at The River, emphasized the academic value of the collaboration. "We are excited to connect our community with SNHU's quality graduate programs. This partnership aligns

with our mission to support educational pathways and provide our students and staff with opportunities for continued academic growth and professional development."

Dr. Calvin Williams, Associate Vice President for Advising and Career Services and Chief Career Officer at The River, noted the career implications of the partnership. "Graduate education is increasingly important in today's competitive job market. This agreement with SNHU provides our students and employees with an affordable pathway to advanced credentials that can enhance their career prospects and earning potential."

"Southern New Hampshire

University is proud to partner with Indian River State College to expand access to affordable, high-quality graduate education," said Dr. Jeremy Owens, Associate Vice President of University Partnerships at SNHU. "Through this collaboration, we are empowering Indian River's student and employee communities to pursue their educational goals with flexible pathways that support their professional growth and long-term success."

For more information about this partnership and eligibility requirements, email Indian River State College at info@irsc.edu or join the River Line!

RECOGNITION



EES REWARDS POSITIVE BEHAVIOR

OKEECHOBEE — On Monday, Dec. 1, students at Everglades Elementary School were rewarded for positive behavior with dancing, extra recess, and a nice cup of hot cocoa. These students have maintained amazing behavior. [Photo courtesy Everglades Elementary]

APPRECIATION



EES HOLDS APPRECIATION CEREMONY

OKEECHOBEE — On Nov. 11, Everglades Elementary School held a ceremony of appreciation to honor veterans. The events was sponsored by the student council and Mrs. Hollin's third grade class sang a song. For lots more photos, visit the EES Facebook page at facebook.com/evergladeselementary [Photo courtesy Everglades Elementary]

SPORTS

Lady Brahmans shut out two district rivals

By Richard Marion

SPECIAL TO LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee High School Lady Brahman varsity soccer team shut out two district rivals in back-to-back games.

The Lady Brahmans shutout the Port St Lucie Lady Jaguars 6-0 on Nov. 13, and the Sebastian River Lady Sharks 2-0 on Nov. 14.

Senior Gabriela Garcia led the team with two goals against Port St.

Lucie, while senior Shyla Aguirre, junior Keira Sallette, junior Guadalupe Bucio, and freshman Kali Pineda each scored one goal. The Okeechobee defense managed an impressive 50 steals against the Lady Jaguars.

In the win against Sebastian River, seniors Dulce Leal and Gabriela Garcia each scored a goal for the Lady Brahmans. Freshman goalkeeper Josephine Snow had five saves to preserve the shutout.

The two wins make Okeechobee

2-1 in district games early in the season. Their lone loss in district play so far came to the Jensen Beach Lady Falcons on Nov. 19.

The Lady Falcons were the team that defeated Okeechobee in the district semifinal last season. The Lady Brahmans earned the number two seed in the district last year with a 12-7-1 record. It was during that season that the team broke a losing streak against Glades Day that went back to 2019, with the Lady Brahman taking a 2-1 win against the

Lady Gators.

After the district semifinal game Okeechobee played in the regional quarterfinal where they were knocked out by Archbishop McCarrthy.

Okeechobee will host a rematch against Sebastian River at OHS, with a chance to sweep the Lady Sharks on the season. Okeechobee and Sebastian River play at 6 p.m. on Dec. 11.

IRSC Foundation hosts Helicopter Ball Drop Fundraiser to support student-athletes

News from IRSC

FORT PIERCE — The Indian River State College Foundation will host a Ball Drop fundraiser on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Hammock Creek Golf Club in Palm City. The exciting event will feature hundreds of numbered golf balls dropped from a helicopter onto the driving range, with \$20,000 in total cash prizes up for grabs.

The ball that lands closest to the pin will win the grand prize of \$10,000, while the next 10 closest balls will each win \$1,000. All cash prizes are generously funded by a private donor, and 100% of donation

proceeds will directly benefit the Indian River State College (The River) Athletic Department.

"This event represents the perfect combination of community excitement and meaningful support for our student-athletes," said Scott Kimmelman, Athletic Director at Indian River State College. "Every dollar raised helps us provide our athletes with the resources they need to excel both on the field and in the classroom. We're grateful to our community for rallying behind our student-athletes year after year."

The River's Athletics Department is dedicated to athletic and aca-

demic excellence while developing student-athletes through integrity, sportsmanship, and community engagement. Funds raised through the Ball Drop will support scholarships, equipment, facilities, and programs that help student-athletes succeed.

"Indian River State College is deeply committed to developing well-rounded student-athletes who will become leaders in our community," said Dr. Timothy Moore, President of Indian River State College. "This fundraiser showcases the incredible generosity of our supporters and their belief in the transformative power of athletics.

We're building champions not just in sports, but in life."

Community members can participate by making tax-deductible donations:

\$50 donation = 1 ball entry

\$100 donation = 3 ball entries

Winners do not need to be present to claim their prizes. To register for the event, contact John Ramfjord, Senior Director of Development, at 772-462-7244 or jramfjord@irsc.edu.

The event will take place at Hammock Creek Golf Club, located at 2400 SW Golden Bear Way, Palm City, FL 34990.



Lake Okeechobee News showcases a user-friendly platform at LakeONews.com/obituaries/. This platform features paid obituaries as well as memorials to celebrate your loved one's precious life. Once posted, the obituary goes live on the site of your choosing, and our obituaries are picked up by Google Obituaries alerts.



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AGRI-BUSINESS

Researchers harvest disease-resistant grapes

By Meredith Bauer-Mitchell
UF/IFAS

In a milestone for Florida agriculture, researchers have grown and harvested wine grapes that are resistant to the main bacterial disease that has long prevented the state from establishing a large-scale wine industry. Researchers successfully grew five grape varieties in Citra, Florida, that are resistant to Pierce's disease, a bacterial infection that kills the vines and shrivels the grapes. The effort, led by Ali Sarkhosh, associate professor in the UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) horticultural sciences department, produced a harvest of grapes that resulted in 13 cases of wine.

While Florida has a thriving muscadine grape industry, the global market for muscadine wine is small compared to wine made from *Vitis vinifera*, the species of grapes behind world-famous wines such as cabernet sauvignon, sauvignon blanc and merlot. Florida is already the nation's second-highest wine-consuming state, behind only



Château Le Coeur owner John Choquer (left) with UF/IFAS associate professor Ali Sarkhosh (right). [Photo by Eva Saily, UF/IFAS]

California, with an industry valued at \$15 billion in 2022. Yet most of the wines served are produced elsewhere, primarily in California, Oregon and Washington.

Sarkhosh said he hopes this research will offer a potential additional crop for muscadine grape farmers. As of 2017, there were 547 Florida vineyards, growing muscadine and hybrid grapes.

"This could be an enormous opportunity for vineyards in Florida to expand into additional types of wine for a wider market," he said. "This could be the start of a new chapter for Florida wine."

OKEECHOBEE LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2025
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They tried to break it! Futures locked down the limit last week and it looked like local prices were sure to come down. Then Monday futures were almost locked up the limit and prices here looked steady to a little stronger on most all classes. Only 2 more weeks of sales before being closed for 2 weeks for Christmas and New Year.

OLM Barn and office will be closed from Dec. 20 through Jan. 3, for Christmas and New Years. We will accept cattle Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026 for Monday's sale.

Top Prices

♦ Circle M Cattle, LaBelle, topped the calf market with a high of

\$720/185# bought by D&S Cattle Co

♦ Graham Farms, Miami, topped the slaughter cow market with a high of \$170/1990# bought by Florida Beef

See ya next week!
Todd

	COWS	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG	MONDAY	TUESDAY
	925-1545	138.00	- 149.00	AVG	CLFS 833	827
	925-1545	145.00	- 172.00	HIGH	COWS 211	160
	925-1545	135.00	- 140.00	LOW	BULLS 37	35
					TOTAL 1081	1022
	BULLS					
	1005-2345	185.00	- 200.00	AVG		
	1005-2345	202.00	- 219.00	HIGH		
	1005-2345	172.00	- 183.00	LOW		
	STEERS MED & LARGE 1:				HEIFERS MED & LARGE 1:	
	150-250	640.00	- 720.00		150-250	530.00 - 660.00
	250-300	540.00	- 610.00		250-300	480.00 - 545.00
	300-350	515.00	- 590.00		300-350	435.00 - 485.00
	350-400	450.00	- 510.00		350-400	385.00 - 460.00
	400-450	410.00	- 470.00		400-450	365.00 - 430.00
	450-500	385.00	- 425.00		450-500	345.00 - 395.00
	500-550	355.00	- 395.00		500-550	320.00 - 360.00
	550-600	325.00	- 380.00		550-600	315.00 - 350.00
	600-700	285.00	- 355.00		600-700	290.00 - 335.00
	STEERS MED & LARGE 2:				HEIFERS MED & LARGE 2:	
	150-250	0.00	- 0.00		150-250	500.00 - 555.00
	250-300	500.00	- 540.00		250-300	440.00 - 485.00
	300-350	480.00	- 515.00		300-350	390.00 - 430.00
	350-400	405.00	- 450.00		350-400	350.00 - 405.00
	400-450	370.00	- 400.00		400-450	325.00 - 375.00
	450-500	340.00	- 375.00		450-500	325.00 - 350.00
	500-550	320.00	- 350.00		500-550	300.00 - 315.00
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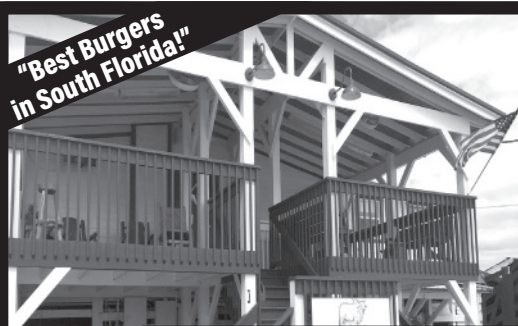
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Daniel Pelham shares his pancreatic cancer journey

News from Jupiter Medical Center

JUPITER — In recognition of World Pancreatic Cancer Day, Jupiter Medical Center (JMC) welcomed survivors, families, and care teams for a special reunion highlighting hope, resilience, and the power of advanced cancer care.

The event brought together seven pancreatic cancer survivors, including Wellington resident Lydia Krause,

who shared her journey from diagnosis to recovery. "So far, I've survived and I've beaten the odds. I am very blessed that my cancer did not spread. Everyone at Jupiter Medical Center, the specialists, the nurses, the chemotherapy technicians, the receptionists, were wonderful," said Krause, who now serves as Survivor Outreach Co-Chair for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Unable to attend, but sharing his story in advance was Daniel Pelham, 49, a fabricator welder from Okeechobee. After experiencing over 11 days of unusual abdominal pain, Daniel was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and began chemotherapy before being referred to Dr. Shanel Bhagwandin at JMC.

On July 3, Dr. Bhagwandin performed a complex, fully robotic Whipple procedure, the first of its

kind by the surgeon at Jupiter and in the region, which involved removing one-third of Daniel's pancreas and a portion of his intestine. Remarkably, Daniel was walking a mile a day within two days of surgery and was released from the hospital just four days later to continue chemotherapy and recovery.

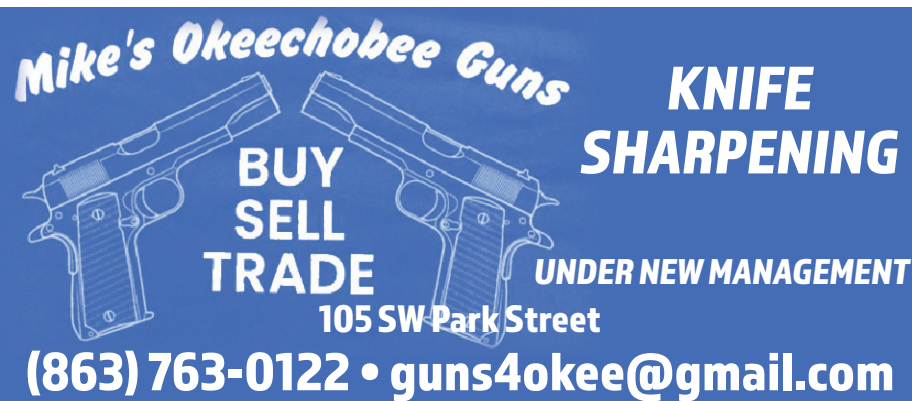
In Daniel's words: "Other than

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Pelham

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being sore, I'm doing really good. Everyone at JMC was really great, really awesome, from the staff members who brought me my food to the nurses and the entire surgical team. They're really on the ball at that hospital, and I couldn't have asked for better care. My advice to people facing serious symptoms like mine is to go to a good hospital. If I'd have stayed where I was, I'd probably still have cancer."

Dr. Shanel Bhagwandin, DO, FACS, MPH, Medical Director of the Gastrointestinal Surgical Oncology Program and Program Director of the National Pancreas Foundation Pancreatic Cancer Center Program at JMC, led the care team. "Our mission is to provide the most advanced, compassionate care possible. Seeing our patients return, thriving and full of life, is the greatest reward for our team," he said.



Dr. Shanel Bhagwandin with patient Daniel Pelham. [Photo courtesy Jupiter Medical Center]

Pancreatic cancer accounts for about 3.3 percent of all new cancer cases, but nearly 8 percent of cancer-related deaths, making it one of the deadliest cancers. Events like this reunion shine a light on the importance of early detection, innovative treatment, and the unwavering support of a dedicated medical team.

For more information about Jupiter Medical Center, visit jupitermed.com, call 561-263-2234, or follow Jupiter Medical Center on Facebook and Instagram @jupitermedicalcenter or on 'X' @JupiterMedCtr.



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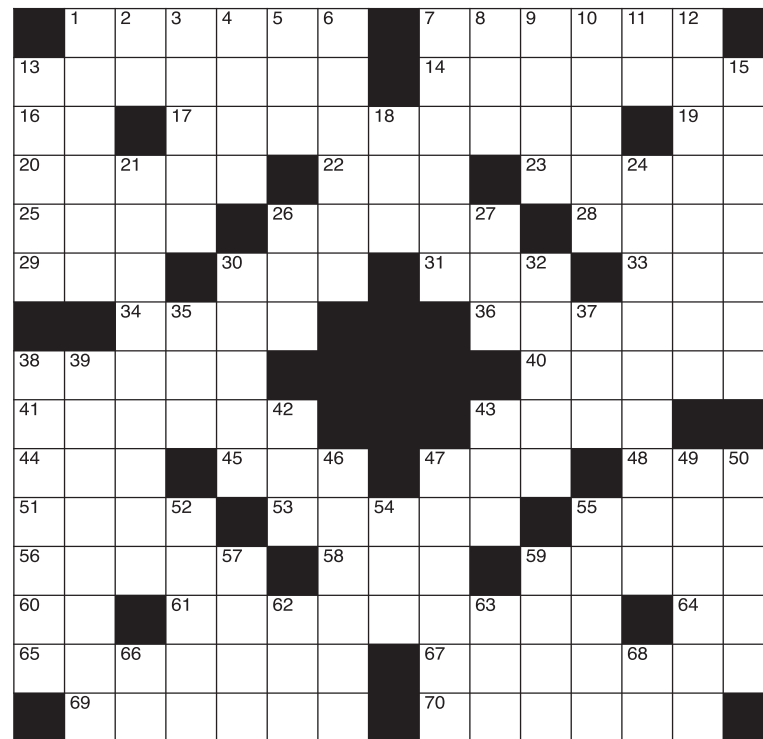
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- A type of solution
- Fortified wine
- Edible mollusk
- They precede C
- A way to compare
- Government lawyer
- 'Game of Thrones' actor Ciaran
- The eighth month (abbr.)
- Very willing
- ___ ex Machina
- Makes happy
- Type of berry
- A doctrine
- Popular Dodge truck model
- Dekagram
- Naturally occurring solid
- Company officer
- Villains
- Cricket frogs
- Influential German psychologist
- Endured
- A female domestic
- You can get stuck in one
- Cigarette (slang)
- Fiber optics network
- Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Belonging to the bottom layer
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64. Symbol for gold

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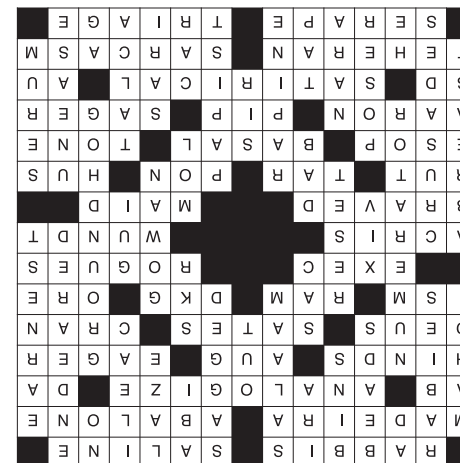
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- Commercial
- Necklace material
- Containers
- A way to save for your future
- Colorado Heisman winner Rashaan
- Dipped down
- Head injury (abbr.)
- Lay about
- Intestinal
- Opposite of yes
- Caused to be loved
- Spiritual leader of Islam
- Businesslike
- Not in
- Number above the line in a fraction
- An animal with its own day
- Pouch
- Swedish krona
- Start over
- Field flowers
- Fourteen
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- Up-to-date
- Campaigns
- Touch lightly
- 'Boardwalk Empire' actress Gretchen
- Violent seizure of property
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- Anxiety
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Divorce

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTIETH
 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
 GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Case No: 24-DR-186

In Re the Marriage of:
 EMILY ANN McNEIL,
 Petitioner /Wife,

and

JOHN BERNARD McNEIL II,
 Respondent/Hus band.

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
 (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)**

TO: John Bernard McNeil
 Last known addresses:
 17165 Knotts Landing NE, Okeechobee, FL 34974
 3556 NW 1st Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Peck Law Office, 2077 First Street, Suite 209, Fort Myers, FL, 33901 on or before January 2, 2026 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 500 Avenue 101, Moore Haven, FL 334 71 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: November 20, 2025.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: Vanessa Valdez
 Deputy Clerk

34054 GCD 12/3,10,17,24/2025

Palm Beach County

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Pahokee Housing Authority.

Date: December 18, 2025
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Vera M. Hopson Chambers, located at Pahokee Housing Authority's Central Office, 465 Friend Terrace, Pahokee, FL 33476.

The public is welcome to attend.



32720 PB 12/10/2025

Full Time

Hendry County BOCC is seeking applications for a **Water/ Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator** at Port LaBelle Utilities. Applications will be received until position is filled, please apply at the Human Resources Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. A complete job posting and application forms are available on the Hendry County website at www.hendryfla.net.

Hendry County is a VP, EEO/AA, DFWP employer and participates in E-Verify. Individuals needing assistance in the application process should contact the County Human Resources department at 863-675-5352

Public Notice

**NOTICE
 AUCTION on Friday,
 December 12, 2025
 At 9:00 am at
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Fictitious Name

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Kandara Shakya / TOGY & EDWIN INC** will engage in business under the fictitious name **CRACKER TRAIL FOOD MARKET**, with a physical address **18084 US-98 NORTH Okeechobee, FL 34972**, with a mailing address **18084 US-98 NORTH Okeechobee, FL 34972**, and already registered the name mentioned above with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 2024000130CAAXMX

U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2006-HE3 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE3,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NORMA Y. CARPIO A/K/A NORMA YANETH CARPIO F/K/A NORMA DE LA PAZ; OSCAR DE LA PAZ A/K/A OSCAR DE LA PAZ VILLA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NORMA Y. CARPIO, A/K/A NORMA YANETH CARPIO F/K/A NORMA DE LA PAZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF OSCAR DE LA PAZ, A/K/A OSCAR DE LA PAZ VILLA; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 23, 2025 entered in **Civil Case No. 2024000130CAAXMX** of the Circuit Court of the 19TH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2006-HE3 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE3 is Plaintiff and NORMA PAZ and OSCAR PAZ, et al, are Defendants. The Clerk, JERALD D. BRYANT, ESQ., shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at **Okeechobee County's On-Line Public Auction website: <https://okeechobee.realeforeclose.com>**, at **11:00 AM on January 07, 2026**, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described property located in OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, as set forth in said Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure to-wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK 19, BASSWOOD, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. The court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

Dated this 5th day of November, 2025.

JERALD D. BRYANT
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: Madalyn Pinon
Deputy Clerk

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES NOTICE

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

SPANISH: Si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita algun tipo de adecuación para poder participar de este procedimiento, usted tiene derecho a que se le ayude hasta cierto punto y sin costo alguno. Por favor comuníquese con Court Administration, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370, al menos 7 días antes de su fecha de comparecencia o inmediatamente después de haber recibido esta notificación si faltan menos de 7 días para su cita en el tribunal. Si tiene discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711.

KREYOL: Si ou se yon moun ki andikape epi ou bezwen nenpot akomodasyon pou ou ka patisipe nan pwose sa-a, ou gen dwa, san ou pa gen pou-ou peye anyen, pou yo ba-ou yon seri de asistans. Tanpri kontakte Court Administration, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 omwen 7 jou alavans jou ou gen pou-ou paret nan tribinal-la, ouswa imedyatman kote ou resewva notifikasyon-an si ke li mwens ke 7 jou; si ou soud ouswa bebe, rele 711.

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Carla Cordova
Unit Contents:
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Unit Size: ICC
(10 x 10 x 8.5)

Unit Tenant:
Gennie Lee
Unit Contents:
HOUSEHOLD MISC
Unit Size: ENCCDU
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Auction to take place on Saturday, December 20th at 11:30am, at Lake and Trail USA Storage 1200 FL-78 West, Okeechobee Florida 34974. All bids must be in person at the time of the auction.
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025000033CAAXMX

CITIZENS BANK NA F/K/A RBS CITIZENS NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

RODNEY JUSTIN PARKER A/K/A RODNEY PARKER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RODNEY JUSTIN PARKER A/K/A RODNEY PARKER; CITIBANK, N.A. Defendant(s).

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 30, 2025, and entered in Case No. 2025000033CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the 19TH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein **CITIZENS BANK NA f/k/a RBS CITIZENS NA**, is Plaintiff and **Rodney Justin Parker a/k/a Rodney Parker; Citibank, N.A.**, are Defendants. I, Jerald D. Bryant, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by electronic sale at <https://okeechobee.realeforeclose.com> at **11:00 a.m. on the 7th day of January, 2026**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 5, SOUTH OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK3, PAGE 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 7, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 908 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Dated: November 14, 2025.

JERALD D. BRYANT
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: Madalyn Pinon
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4383 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Spanish: si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita algun tipo de adecuación para poder participar de este procedimiento, usted tiene derecho a que se le ayude hasta cierto punto y sin costo alguno. Por favor comuníquese con Court Administration, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4383, al menos 7 días antes de su fecha de comparecencia o inmediatamente después de haber recibido esta notificación si faltan menos de 7 días para su cita en el tribunal. Si tiene discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711.

Kreyol: si ou se yon moun ki andikape epi ou bezwen nenpot akomodasyon pou ou ka patisipe nan pwose sa-a, ou gen dwa, san ou pa gen pou-ou peye anyen, pou yo ba-ou yon seri de asistans. Tanpri kontakte administrasyon tribinal-la, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie FL 34986, (772) 807-4383 omwen 7 jou alavans jou ou gen pou-ou paret nan tribinal-la, ouswa imedyatman kote ou resewva notifikasyon-an si ke li mwens ke 7 jou; si OU soud ouswa hebe, rele 711.

33705 LON 12/10,17/2025

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Public Notice

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Okeechobee County School Board will consider amendment or adoption of the School Board policies listed below at their meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 303 of the School Board Administrative Office at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee. Copies of the proposed amendment or adoption are available in the Superintendent's Office, Room 307, 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee.

Adoption of Use of Electric Bikes (Ebikes) On Campus – Board Policy 8.19+

- I. This policy provides guidance to ensure the safe use, storage, and operation of electric bikes on school property.
- II. Proposed adoption addresses safety concerns, establishes consistent rules for their use, and ensures a safe environment for students, staff, and visitors.
- III. Legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41, 1001.42. Laws implemented are 316.003, 316.2065, 316.20655, 1001.43, F.S.
- IV. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

Amendment of Participation of Home Education, Private School, and Virtual School Students in Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics – Board Policy 4.82*

- I. This policy is to ensure compliance with state requirements and provides clear guidelines for the eligibility and participation of home education, private school, and virtual school students.
- II. Proposed revisions reflect Legislative requirements from F.S. 1002.31.
- III. Legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41, 1001.42. Laws implemented are 1001.43, 1002.31, 1006.15, F.S. State Board of Education Rules 6A-3.017.
- IV. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

34530 LON 12/10/2025

Name Change

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 472025DR000279 Division: Family Division: Judge Mullins

Caitlyn Gaucin,
Petitioner
and
Joseph Barber,
Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

TO: Joseph Barber
Last Known address is 3655 NW 163rd CT. Okeechobee, FL 34972
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Minor Name Change has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Caitlyn Gaucin, whose address is 3655 NW 163rd CT. Okeechobee, FL 34972, on or before 12/3/2025 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 312 NW 3rd St. Okeechobee, FL 34972, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

(If applicable, insert the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located _____).

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

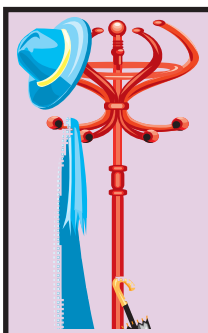
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated 11/25/2025
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Sharon Williams
Deputy Clerk

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 25000422CAAXMX**

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS
INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE
FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST,
Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD A DENTON, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of
Foreclosure dated **October 30, 2025**, and entered in
25000422CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH
Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein U.S.
BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2
ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and RICHARD A. DENTON;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD A. DENTON NKA JESSICA
DENTON are the Defendant(s). Kimberley Barrineau as the Clerk
of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for
cash at 25 E Hickpochee 2nd Floor, Labelle, FL 33935, at 11:00
AM, on **December 31, 2025**, the following described property
as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 16, BLOCK 2087, PORT LABELLE UNIT 2,
ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS
RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 60, PUBLIC
RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**Property Address: 3017 S BALSAM CIR, LABELLE, FL
33935**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if
any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis
pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes,
Section 45.031.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2025.

Kimberley Barrineau
As Clerk of the Court

By: Torie Logue
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are an
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complete the attached form (see website) and return it
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but preferably at least seven (7) days before your
scheduled court appearance or other court activity. Upon
request by a qualified individual with a disability, this
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**Public Hearing
State Road (S.R.) 70 PD&E Study
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HIGHLANDS AND OKEECHOBEE COUNTIES**

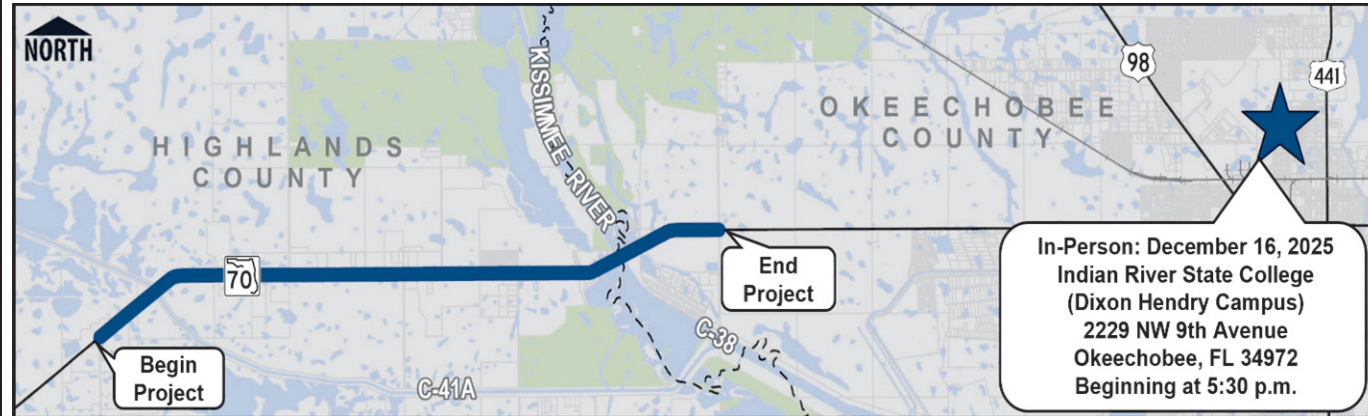


The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public hearing for the State Road (S.R.) 70 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study (FPID 450334-1).

This hearing is held to present the preferred alternative and all analysis to date, as well as to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

Project documents will be available for public viewing from November 25, 2025 to December 31, 2025, at the Okeechobee Public Library, 206 SW 16th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974 and FDOT District One Heartland Operations Center - Sebring, 4722 Kenilworth Boulevard, Sebring, FL 33870. They will also be available on the project webpage.

If you are unable to attend the hearing, comments can also be provided through the project webpage or by email (Kathern.Cothern@dot.state.fl.us) or mail (FDOT District One, Attn: Kathern Cothern, 801 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830). While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, December 31, 2025, to be included in the formal hearing record. Questions can be answered by calling the FDOT project manager Kathern Cothern at (863) 519-2331.



**IN-PERSON OPTION
Tuesday, December 16, 2025
Time:**

5:30 – 6:00 p.m.: Open house
6:00 p.m.: Formal presentation and comment
Place:

Indian River State College – Dixon Hendry Campus
2229 NW 9th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972

**VIRTUAL OPTION
Thursday, December 18, 2025
Time:**

5:30 p.m.: Project team available for discussion
5:45 p.m.: How to submit comments
6:00 p.m.: Formal presentation and comment
Register:

Scan QR code to the above
or visit <https://tinyurl.com/SR70Hearing>



This proposed project involves the use of properties protected under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The S.R. 70 over Kissimmee River Bridge, Bridge No. 910001 (8HG01236/8OB00336) is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C in the area of Engineering as an example of a removable span bridge. The Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (36 CFR Part 800). Based on an evaluation of all PD&E Study alternatives, it is not feasible to keep the historic bridge in place and the proposed improvements require the replacement of this bridge. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurred with the findings on July 17, 2024. Subsequently, a Section 106 Case Study was prepared in which the FDOT applied the Criteria of Adverse Effect to this historical property. The SHPO concurred with these findings on September 22, 2025.

Local historical societies were contacted on July 21, 2025 to provide information on the adverse effect to the bridge and to request feedback that will be considered for the development of mitigative measures.

The proposed undertaking will result in an "adverse effect" to the NRHP-eligible S.R. 70 over Kissimmee River Bridge, Bridge No. 910001 (8HG01236/8OB00336). Proposed mitigation strategies being discussed include the salvage of the existing bridge plaque and relocation to a new location, an educational exhibit to be placed in close proximity to the bridge location, and a Historic American Engineering Record document. Your input is sought concerning the undertaking's adverse effect to the resource and proposed mitigation. Persons interested in this project may review the approved Section 106 Case Study on the project website (<https://www.swfroads.com/project/450334-1>), or at the FDOT District 1 Heartland Operations Center – Sebring and the Okeechobee Public Library.

In addition, in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, FDOT is seeking comments and input from the public, interested parties, and governmental agencies concerning the effects of the project on the activities, features, and attributes of this resource and the mitigation options under consideration for the proposed impacts. FDOT intends to make a programmatic Section 4(f) impact determination for this resource.

The proposed improvements are adjacent to the Kissimmee River Public Use Area. As proposed, the project will impact approximately 2.43 acres of property from this recreation area. As part of the project development process and in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, the FDOT is seeking comments from the public concerning the effects of the project on the activities, features and attributes of this recreation area. The FDOT intends to make a de minimis impact determination for this resource.

The proposed improvements lie over the National Register of Historic Places-eligible Slough Ditch Canal (C-41A) (8HG01127) and Kissimmee River (C-38 Canal) (8HG01650/8OB00489). The project will construct one new bridge over the Slough Ditch Canal (C-41A) (8HG01127) and two new bridges over the Kissimmee River (C-38 Canal) (8HG01650/8OB00489). As part of the project development process and in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, FDOT is seeking comments from the public concerning the effects of the project on the activities, features, and attributes of these resources. FDOT Office of Environmental Management intends to make de minimis impact determinations for these resources.

FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator at (863) 519-2287 or by email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

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33866 LON 11/26,12/10/2025

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Public Notice

2026 meeting schedule announced for the St. Johns River Water Management District's Governing Board

Meetings of the Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District are open to the public for input in the governance process. As required by Florida law (189.015 Florida Statutes), this notice is given so that the public has an opportunity to attend meetings that may be of interest. Governing Board meetings are held at District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street (Hwy. 100 west), Palatka, Florida and generally begin at 10:00 am, unless otherwise specifically noted. Date, time and location are subject to change at the discretion of the Governing Board. For additional information about the District, its Board and meeting dates, visit www.sjrwmd.com.

YEAR 2026

<i>MONTH</i>	<i>DATE</i>
JANUARY	13
FEBRUARY	10
MARCH	10
APRIL	14
MAY	12
JUNE	9
JULY	14
AUGUST	11
SEPTEMBER	8
SEPTEMBER	*TBD Preliminary Budget Hearing 5:05pm
SEPTEMBER	*TBD Final Budget Hearing 5:05 p.m.
OCTOBER	13
NOVEMBER	10
DECEMBER	8

***TBD** The Preliminary and Final Budget hearing meeting dates will be scheduled in July 2026 to minimize conflicts with county and school board budget meetings.
33800 LON 12/10/2025

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED FILE #25-33 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2004** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-33-43-29-010-0000-0050**
Name In Which Assessed: **Hermanos Luna, Inc.**

Lot 5, of Turkey Run A Subdivision According to the Plat Thereof, Recorded June 30, 1992 in Plat Book 6, Page 150, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.
Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

Kimberley Barrineau
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2025000048CAAXMX Division: Civil Judge Laurie E. Buchanan

PNC Bank, National Association
Plaintiff,

vs.

Samantha Quinlin, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on **January 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., I, Jerald D. Bryant, Clerk of the Circuit & Comptroller will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by electronic sale at <https://okeechobee.realforeclose.com>** the following described real property:

The following described land, situate, lying and being in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 11, Block 23, a Revised and Addition to Plat of Connors Gates, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 15, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

Commonly known as: 542 SE 36th Terrance, Okeechobee, FL 34974

The sale is being held pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, entered on October 29, 2025, in Civil Case No. 2025000048CAAXMX, pending in the Circuit Court in Okeechobee County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from this sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

DATED this 14th day of November, 2025.

JERALD D. BRYANT
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
AND COMPTROLLER
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Madalyn Pinon
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration, 250 NW County Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4383 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following personal property of Sandra Tomich herein described, on the 17th day of December, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., on the property located at 4094 SE 25th Drive, Lot #158, Okeechobee County, Okeechobee County, Florida 34974, be sold for cash to satisfy storage fees in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 715.109:

Year/Make: UNKNOWN Recreational Vehicle
VIN No.: UNKNOWN
Title No.: UNKNOWN
Color: Biege
Approximate Size: 30ft x 22ft
All Other Personal Property Therein

PREPARED BY:
Charles Lovings, Attorney
Vector Law PLLC
1309 Thomasville Road, Suite 302
Tallahassee, Florida 32303
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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2025-CP-260 Uniform Case No. 472025CP000260CPAXMX

IN RE: the Estate of
PHILIP H. CAPOBIANCO,
Deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

TO: JENNIFER DELK, address unknown
DANIELLE GABRIEL
79 Forest Ave., Lake Grove, NY 11755-1537

1. The undersigned, DAWN A. CAPOBIANCO, as personal representative of the above estate, hereby gives notice:

a. That an administration for the estate of the above-named decedent was commenced on November 25, 2025, and is now pending as case number 2025-CP-260 in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court in the State of Florida, County of Okeechobee, whose address is: 312 N.W. 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL 34972.

b. The name and address of the personal representative is: DAWN A. CAPOBIANCO, 10245 NE 20TH LN., Okeechobee, FL 34974-8214 and the name and address of the personal representative's attorney is: COLIN M. CAMERON, ESQ., Colin M. Cameron, Esq., P.A., 200 NE 4th Ave., Okeechobee, FL 34972-2981, and that the fiduciary lawyer-client privilege in s. 90.5021 applies with respect to the personal representative and any attorney employed by the personal representative.

c. That any interested person on whom a copy of the notice of administration is served must file on or before the date that is 3 months after the date of service of a copy of the notice of administration on that person any objection that challenges the validity of the will, the venue, or the jurisdiction of the court. The 3-month time period may only be extended for estoppel based upon a misstatement by the personal representative regarding the time period within which an objection must be filed. The time period may not be extended for any other reason, including affirmative representation, failure to disclose information, or misconduct by the personal representative or any other person. Unless sooner barred by subsection (3), all objections to the validity of a will, venue, or the jurisdiction of the court must be filed no later than the earlier of the entry of an order of final discharge of the personal representative or 1 year after service of the notice of administration.

d. That persons who may be entitled to exempt property under s. 732.402 will be deemed to have waived their rights to claim that property as exempt property unless a petition for determination of exempt property is filed by such persons or on their behalf on or before the later of the date that is 4 months after the date of service of a copy of the notice of administration on such persons or the date that is 40 days after the date of termination of any proceeding involving the construction, admission to probate, or validity of the will or involving any other matter affecting any part of the exempt property.

e. That, unless an extension is granted pursuant to s. 732.2135(2), an election to take an elective share must be filed on or before the earlier of the date that is 6 months after the date of service of a copy of the notice of administration on the surviving spouse, or an attorney in fact or a guardian of the property of the surviving spouse, or the date that is 2 years after the date of the decedent's death.

f. That, under certain circumstances and by failing to contest the will, the recipient of the notice of administration may be waiving his or her right to contest the validity of a trust or other writing incorporated by reference into a will.

g. That the personal representative or curator has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228 applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by the surviving spouse or a beneficiary as specified under s. 732.2211.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing, and the facts alleged are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Signed on November 25, 2025.

COLIN M. CAMERON, ESQ., P.A. DAWN A. CAPOBIANCO,
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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, PROBATE DIVISION. CASE NO. 2025-CP-260 Uniform Case No. 472025CP000260PAXMX

IN RE: the Estate of
PHILIP H. CAPOBIANCO,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Administration of the Estate of PHILIP H. CAPOBIANCO, deceased, whose date of death was September 24, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd St, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons or entities having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims in duplicate with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE TO CREDITORS OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

That a personal representative or curator has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.229, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211.

The first publication date of this notice is December 10, 2025.

Attorney for
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Personal Representative:
DAWN A. CAPOBIANCO
10245 NE 20th LN
Okeechobee, FL 34974

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED FILE #25-27 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1219** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-22-45-29-A00-0005-0000**
Name In Which Assessed: **Mr. Stephen Carter Butler**

Beginning 420 feet East of SW Corner of SW 1/4, North 630 feet, East 702 feet, South 630 feet to POB, Exc RWY, Section 22, Twp 45S, Rge 29E, Hendry County, Fla Nine and 1/2 acres, more or less.
Also described as: Beginning at a point 140 yards east of SW Corner of said section 22, thence North 210 yards, thence East 230 yards, thence South 210 yards, Thence West 230 yards to point of beginning. Section 22, Township 45 South, Range .29 East, Hendry County, Fla.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.
Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

Kimberley Barrineau
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 47-2025-CP-000173

IN RE: The Estate of
HARVEST DUNBAR NEWTON, SR.,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Formal Administration

The administration of the Estate of HARVEST DUNBAR NEWTON, SR., Deceased, whose date of death was February 24, 2025, and whose last four digits of his social security number is 2365, Case Number 47-2025-CP-000173, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

The Personal Representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death, by the decedent property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HA VE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is December 3, 2025.

FRANK H. FEE, IV, Esquire of
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VIVIAN EARLAINE BOSWELL
Personal Representative

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-25
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **794** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-21-43-34-010-0004-0130**
Name In Which Assessed: **Ellen D Mason**

Lot 13, in Block 4 of Harlem Addition #5 to Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida According to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 48 and 49, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.
Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

Kimberley Barrineau
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 47-2025-CP-245

IN RE: The Estate of
PETER WILLIAM BOUCHARD,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Formal Administration

The administration of the Estate of PETER WILLIAM BOUCHARD, Deceased, whose date of death was September 23, 2025, and whose last four digits of his social security number is 0155, Case Number 47-2025-CP-245, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Okeechobee County Court & Comptroller, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is December 10, 2025.

FRANK H. FEE, IV, Esquire of
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BRUCE EWIN BOUCHARD
Personal Representative

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-24
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1822** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-31-44-28-A00-0162-0000**
Name In Which Assessed: **Sithidate Matchittom and Chansouda Keohavong**

The East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.
Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

Kimberley Barrineau
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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 47-2025-CP-000190

IN RE: The Estate of
DEBBIE KAY LONG a/k/a DEBORA KAY LONG,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Formal Administration

The administration of the Estate of DEBBIE KAY LONG a/k/a DEBORA KAY LONG, Deceased, whose date of death was July 27, 2025, and whose last four digits of his social security number is 9600, Case Number 47-2025-CP-000190, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

The Personal Representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death, by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse's property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is December 10, 2025.

FRANK H. FEE, IV, Esquire of
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JACKIE BRAZIL
Personal Representative



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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY,
FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 472025CP000252

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
BARBARA GLAZER,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Barbara Glazer, deceased, whose date of death was June 25, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in s. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733. 702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 10, 2025.

Attorney for
Personal Representative:
/s/ Aimee K. Arce
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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-23
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1797** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-31-42-29-A00-0007-9400**
Name In Which Assessed: **Paul Pantoja, Sr. and Francisco J Pantoja**

The West 25.00 feet of Lot 155 and the East 25.00 feet of Lot 154, NORTH LABELLE HEIGHTS, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 16, Public Records of Glades County, Florida, lying and being in Hendry County, Florida. Together with a 1993 Redman Mobile Home I.D. No. 11424255.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.
Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

Kimberley Barrineau
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk

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Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No: 50-2025-CP-003816-XXXX-MB
Division: IZ**

IN RE: Estate of
GIULIO CANDELA,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GIULIO CANDELA, deceased, whose date of death was August 31, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, File Number 50-2025-CP-003816-XXXX-MB, Probate Division IZ, the address of which is 200 W. Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444 Attn: Probate Department. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

A personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

The date of first publication of this Notice is December 3, 2025.

Attorney for
Personal Representative:
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Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO: 50-2025-CP-005607-XXXX-NB**

IN RE: ESTATE OF
VALENTINA EVGENEVNA PINTCHOUK,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of VALENTINA EVGENEVNA PINTCHOUK, deceased, whose date of death was September 29, 2025, Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

A personal representative or curator has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211.

Service on the Agency for Health Care Administration Is required, and this notice will be accompanied with a copy of the death certificate.

The date of the first publication of this notice is December 10, 2025.

Attorney for
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Personal Representative:
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Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2025-CP-192**

IN RE: ESTATE OF
LAVON B. VARNUM a/k/a LAVON MARIE VARNUM,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Lavon B. Varnum, a/k/a Lavon Marie Varnum, deceased, whose date of death was October 3, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Drawer 1760, LaBelle, Florida 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 10, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Melanie A. McGahee, Esq.
Florida Bar Number: 0962694
McGAHEE & PEREZ, PL
417 West Sugarland Highway
Clewiston, FL 33440
Telephone: (863) 983-1677
Fax: (863) 983-1973
E-Mail: mmcgahee@mcgaheeperez.com
Secondary E-Mail: proberts@mcgaheeperez.com
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Personal Representative:
Kevin C. Green
1498 County Road 658
Athens, TN 37303

Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION- IZ
File No.: 2025-CP-004902-XXXX-SB**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DENNIS GEOFFREY GUY
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DENNIS GEOFFREY GUY, deceased, whose date of death was September 25, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The Co-Personal representatives or curators has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228 applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor or a beneficiary as specified under ss732.2211.

The date of first publication of this Notice is December 3, 2025.

Attorney for Co-Personal
Representatives:
Kathleen B. Johnson, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner
Fla. Bar No. 160681
931 Palm Trail, Unit 3
Delray Beach, FL 33483
561-213-4537
tercetlaw@aol.com
34120 PB 12/3,10/2025

Co-Personal Representatives:
Heide Young Tarbet
a/k/a Heidi Young Tarbet
Marcia Pearlstein

GLADES THINGS TO DO

BHR VFW to host events

BUCKHEAD RIDGE — The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, will host the following events: On Wednesday, **Dec. 10**, burgers and fries available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and quarter five-card bingo is from 2 to 4 p.m. 9528 or 2001 member card - get one free. On Thursday, **Dec. 11**, quarter five-card bingo is from 2 to 4 p.m. Wear something patriotic and get one free! Line dancing is at 6 p.m. On Friday, **Dec. 12**, quarter five-card bingo is from 2 to 4 p.m. Wear a red shirt and get one free! Trivia and karaoke is at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, **Dec. 13**, the weekly meeting is at 5 p.m. and Bingo of Hearts is at 6 p.m. Cowboy from 6 to 9 p.m. On Sunday, **Dec. 14**, quarter five-card bingo is from 2 to 4 p.m. But four and get one free. On Monday, **Dec. 15**, five-card cookie bingo is at 5 p.m. (BOGO \$1) followed by LRC. On Tuesday, **Dec. 16**, corn-hole is at 6 p.m.

Happenings at the Glades County Public Library

MOORE HAVEN — The Glades County Public Library, 201 Riverside Drive, will host the following

events: Tiny Tots Storytime is being held every **Tuesday** at 10-11 a.m. This includes a warm-up activity, group story, craft (usually related to the story) and ends with a snack. The Lit Lab is on **Wednesdays** from 10 a.m. to noon. **Thursdays** are Family Movie Days at 3 p.m. Learn Adult Basic Computer Skills on **Saturdays** from 10 a.m. to noon.

BHR residents host pot luck

BUCKHEAD RIDGE — All Buckhead Ridge residents are invited to the pot luck dinner/meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth

Tuesday of each month at the Community Center located behind the Fire Station. For more information, call the office of Vicki Anderson at 863-634-4106.

Lakeport Christian Church

LAKEPORT — Three weekly Bible studies are held at Lakeport Christian Church, Fellowship Hall, 10947 FL-78, on the following days and times. Sunday Bible Study begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday dinner and Bible Study is at 6 p.m. and 6:30 respectively. Thursday Genesis Bible Study is at 6-8 p.m.

Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 50-2025-CP-005418-XXXX-SB
Division: IA**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CARLOS APONTE
a/k/a **CARLOS E. APONTE MALDONADO**,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CARLOS APONTE a/k/a CARLOS E. APONTE MALDONADO, deceased, File No.: 50-2025-CP-005418-XXXX-SB Division: IA, whose date of death was October 21, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 W. Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

A personal representative or curator has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 10, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: SHARI B. COHEN, ESQ Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar Number: 797928 1800 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 310 Boca Raton, FL 33431 Telephone: (561) 600-1250 Paralegal: (561) 600-0873 E-Mail: shari@sharibcohenpa.com Secondary E-Mail: cheryl@sharibcohenpa.com 34263 PB 12/10,17/2025	Personal Representative: ELSIE COFFEY 23281 Sedawie Drive Boca Raton, FL 33433
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Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 50-2025-CP-004762-XXXX-NB**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MAXINE MARION PECHNIK,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MAXINE MARION PECHNIK, deceased, whose date of death was February 7, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for PALM BEACH County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3188 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 3, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: MICHAEL D. WILD Florida Bar Number: 28643 10360 West State Road 84 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33324 Telephone: (954) 944-2855 Fax: (954) 653-2917 E-Mail: mwild@wfpaw.com Secondary E-Mail: msegall@wfpaw.com 33818 PB 12/3,10/2025	Personal Representative: Lonnie Pechnik 15681 Carriedale Lane Fort Meyers, Florida 33912
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Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 50-2025-CP-004578-XXXX-SB
Division: IZ**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MARY MCDONNELL,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARY MCDONNELL, deceased, whose date of death was July 16, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, Florida 33444. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

The personal representatives have no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse, if any, is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 3, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representatives: /s/Andrew K. Fein, Esq. Andrew K. Fein, Esq. Florida Bar No. 956430 Minerley Fein, P.A. 1200 North Federal Highway Suite 420 Boca Raton, Florida 33432 Telephone: (561) 362-6699 Facsimile: (561) 447-9884 Primary E-mail: drew@minerleyfein.com Secondary E-mail: fileclerk@minerleyfein.com 34006 PB 12/3,10/2025	Personal Representatives: /s/ Eileen Walsh Eileen Walsh 4585 Hunting Trail Lake Worth, Florida 33467 /s/ Erin LoCascio Erin LoCascio 16 North Parkside Drive Levittown, New York 11756
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Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 502025CP005257XXXAMB
Division: IA**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JORGE ARTURO PICAZA III,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Jorge Arturo Picaza III, deceased, whose date of death was May 2, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.

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The date of first publication of this notice is December 3, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Michael T. Black, Esq. The Probate Pro, 3300 W. Lake Mary Blvd., Suite 310, Lake Mary, Florida 32746 Telephone: (407) 559-5480; E-Mail: michael.black@theprobatepro.com 33821 PB 12/3,10/2025	Personal Representative: Michel C. Picaza 10333 Camelback Lane Boca Raton, Florida 33498
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CLEWISTON THINGS TO DO

Clewiston Library to host events

CLEWISTON — The Clewiston Library will host the following events: The library will be closed Dec. 24 & 25th for the holiday. On Wednesday, **Dec. 10**, Crafternoon is at 3:30 p.m. Ages 7-13. On Thursday, **Dec. 11**, Mahjong Club meets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A Winter Card Making Workshop is at 3:30 p.m. Ages 7+. On Monday, **Dec. 15**, Mahjong Club meets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Virtual Teen's Hangout is at 3:30 p.m. On Wednesday, **Dec.**

17, Book Club meets at 2 p.m. Then at 3:30 p.m., Winter Wonderland Nailed It! Ages 7+. On Thursday, **Dec. 18**, Mahjong Club meets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. At 11 a.m. make DIY Snowman Lanterns. Ages 7+. On Friday, **Dec. 19**, VR Exploration is at 2:30 p.m. Ages 11+. On Tuesdays Mats for the Cats is from 10 a.m. to noon and the Crochet Club meets at 3:30 p.m. Ages 18+.

Harry Chapin to distribute food

CLEWISTON — Harry Chapin Mobile Food Bank will be at Iglesia

Pentecostal Casa de Liberacion, 225 N Hacienda St., on Wednesday, **Dec. 10** at 9 a.m.

Amphitheater dedication is Dec. 13

CLEWISTON — Dedication of the amphitheater in the Janet B. Taylor Community Tree Park is planned for Saturday, **Dec. 13**, at 1 p.m. There will be "snow" and some rides for the children, visits with Santa and a hot chocolate bar. The event will be followed by the Senior Citizens celebration at 2 p.m.

Attend grief recovery group

CLEWISTON — GreifShare, a 13-week recovery group, is being held every **Tuesday** at the Methodist Church of Clewiston, 331 West Osceola Ave., until December. For more information, contact Mary Thomas at 863-677-0349.

Bereavement support groups meet

CLEWISTON — VITAS Healthcare, 316 Bond St., offers bereavement support group meet-

• See **Clewiston** on page 34

Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 502025CP004168XXXXAMB
Division IZ**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
BARBARA COHEN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Barbara Cohen, deceased, whose date of death was July 7, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is December 10, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Laura G. MacLean, Esq. Attorney Florida Bar Number: 0008990 MacLean and Ema, P.A. 2600 NE 14th Street Causeway Pompano Beach, Florida 33062 Telephone: (954) 785-1900 Fax: (954) 942-1006 E-Mail: lauramaclean@maclean-ema.com E-Mail: pbajana@maclean-ema.com 34298 PB 12/10,17/2025	Personal Representative: Brian Levine 7450 Pointe Venezia Drive Orlando, FL 32836
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Clewiston

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ings every
Tuesday of
the month
at 6-7 p.m.
with support team members
April McCullen and Rory
O'Sullivan. For information,
call 863-301-5450. If you
need additional support or re-
sources, contact Bereavement
Services at 239-744-2300.

Monthly breastfeeding classes held

CLEWISTON/LABELLE
— Milkyway Breastfeeding &
Chestfeeding Resources will
offer breastfeeding classes on
the second Tuesday of every

month at Barron Library, 461
N. Main St., in LaBelle and
on the fourth Wednesday of
the month at the Clewiston
Library, 120 W. Osceola
Ave., in Clewiston. Registra-
tion is required. Call 863-332-
3405.

La Leche to hold meet-up

CLEWISTON — La
Leche meets on the **second
Monday** of the month at
Montura Ranch Estates Park,
106 Ave. Del Club, from 9
a.m. to 10 a.m. Virtual Meet-
Up is held the third Tuesday
from 3 to 7 p.m., call or email

Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 50-2025-CP-005589-XXXX-NB**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DEBRA C. GIUSTINIANI f/k/a DEBRA C. BADALUCCO,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Debra C. Giustiniani f/k/a Debra C. Badalucco, deceased, whose date of death was February 20, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 N. Dixie Highway, Third Floor, Room 3.23, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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The date of first publication of this notice is December 10, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Michaela L. Roselli, Esq. Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar Number: 1033417 MacLean and Ema, P.A. 2600 NE 14th Street Causeway Pompano Beach, Florida 33062 Telephone: (954) 785-1900 Fax: (954) 942-1006 E-Mail: mroselli@maclean-ema.com E-Mail: karenkniskern@maclean-ema.com 34297 PB 12/10,17/2025	Personal Representative: James P. Giustiniani 12386 Mount Bora Drive Boynton Beach, FL 33473
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Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 50 2025 CP 005374-XXXX-NB**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DEBORAH MAY GRIFFIN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Deborah May Griffin, deceased, File Number: 50 2025 CP 005374-XXXX-NB, whose date of death was October 5, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 10, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Martyn Elberg Florida Bar Number: 100216 Circle of Life Legal Services, PA 1451 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 300 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 Telephone: (754) 800-9747 E-Mail: marty@circleoffilegal.com 34296 PB 12/10,17/2025	Personal Representative: Jennifer Sooklal 97 West Pine Tree Ave Lake Worth, Florida 33467
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Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 50-2025-CP-000426-XXXX-SB**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MARIANNE BURKE AKA MARIANE BURKE,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Marianne Burke aka Mariane Burke, deceased, whose date of death was April 17, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is December 3, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Andrew Ponnock Florida Bar Number: 195420 10100 West Sample Road, 3rd floor Coral Springs, FL 33065 Telephone: (954) 340-4051 Fax: (1-800) 809-1774 E-Mail: andy@ponnocklaw.com 33815 PB 12/3,10/2025	Personal Representative: Stephen M. Feders 6585 Southurst Terr. #103 Delray Beach, Florida 33446
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4-H SPEAKING COMPETITION



WSE STUDENTS COMPETE

CLEWISTON — On Tuesday, Nov. 18, students Maite Cisneros (front center), Myles Mata (front right) and Daisy Flores (front left) from Westside Elementary School competed in the county 4-H Speaking Competition. Maite Cisneros placed third overall and earned Most Inspirational. [Photo courtesy WSE]

for the Google Meet link. For
information, visit www.lll-florida.com/Hendry or email
Maria.LLLHendryCounty@
gmail.com or call 863-612-
6264.

Neighborhood watch

CLEWISTON — The
Clewiston Police Depart-
ment is looking for your input
on starting a Neighborhood
Watch Program. If you have
an interest in partnering with
the police department and
have spare time to get in-
volved, please let us know by
emailing Police Chief Tom
Lewis at thomas.lewis@clewiston-fl.gov.

Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 50-2025-CP-005377-XXXX-SB
Division: IZ**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MIGERDITCH MICHAEL OHANNESIAN
a/k/a **MICHAEL OHANNESIAN**,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MIGERDITCH MICHAEL OHANNESIAN a/k/a MICHAEL OHANNESIAN, deceased, File No. 50-2025-CP-005377-XXXX-SB (IZ), whose date of death was October 27, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 W. Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

A personal representative or curator has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

Attorney for Personal Representative: SHARI B. COHEN, ESQ Florida Bar Number: 797928 1800 NW Corporate Blvd. Suite 310 Boca Raton, FL 33431 Telephone: (561) 600-1250 Paralegal: (561) 600-0873 E-Mail: shari@sharibcohenpa.com Secondary E-Mail: cheryl@sharibcohenpa.com 34403 PB 12/10,17/2025	Personal Representative: MICHAEL MARK OHANNESIAN 201 Park at North Hill Street Apt. 31 Raleigh, North Carolina 27609 34403 PB 12/10,17/2025
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Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
DIVISION: PROBATE
CASE NO.: 262025CP000168CPAXMX**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SHIRLEY BRICCO,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SHIRLEY BRICCO, deceased, whose date of death was May 14, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 E. Hickpochee, LaBelle, FL 33935. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's Attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR CURATOR HAS NO DUTY TO DISCOVER WHETHER ANY PROPERTY HELD AT THE TIME OF THE DECEDENT'S DEATH BY THE DECEDENT OR THE DECEDENT'S SURVIVING SPOUSE IS PROPERTY TO WHICH THE FLORIDA UNIFORM DISPOSITION OF COMMUNITY PROPERTY RIGHTS AT DEATH ACT AS DESCRIBED IN SS. 732.216-732.228, APPLIES, OR MAY APPLY, UNLESS A WRITTEN DEMAND IS MADE BY A CREDITOR AS SPECIFIED UNDER S. 732.2211.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 3, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: By: /s/ Kevin Drummond KEVIN DRUMMOND, ESQ. (FBN 1002238) Blue Line Law Firm, PLLC 1645 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 1200 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Telephone: 888-611-9511 Facsimile: 561-892-3330 E-Service: intake@tblif.com 33825 HEND 12/3,10/2025	Personal Representative: William Thomas Buchholz 428 Akin Pl, Labelle Florida 33935
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Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 50-2025-CP-005307-XXXX-NB**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LAMONACA JEROME CARTWRIGHT,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Lamonaca Jerome Cartwright, deceased, whose date of death was February 8, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 3, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Andrew Ponnock Florida Bar Number: 195420 10100 West Sample Road, 3rd floor Coral Springs, FL 33065 Telephone: (954) 340-4051 Fax: (1-800) 809-1774 E-Mail: andy@ponnocklaw.com 33830 PB 12/3,10/2025	Personal Representative: Clarence Wildgoose 1525 42nd St. West Palm Beach, FL 33407
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Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT COURT IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO: 502025CP005615XXXXAMB**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CHARLES A. FINLEY,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CHARLES A. FINLEY, deceased, whose date of death was September 24th, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's Attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 10, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: James F. Miller, Esq. Florida Bar Number: 361003 Miller Legal PL 1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 1555 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Office: (561) 296-3252 Fax: (561) 828-3115 34350 PB 12/10,17/2025	Personal Representative: Juanita Finley 638 41st Street West Palm Beach, FL 33407
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LABELLE THINGS TO DO

Barron Library events

LABELLE — Barron Library, 461 N Main St., will hold the following events: Chess Club meets on Mondays at 5-6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 16, Storytime with Sue Coffman is at 11:30 a.m. On Thursday, Dec. 18, UV Resin is at 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 18 and up. On Friday, Dec. 19 Storytime with Santa Claus is at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 23, Storytime with Ms. Mary is at 11:30 a.m. The Library will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Dec. 24, 25 & 26. On Tuesday, Dec. 30, Storytime with City Com-

missioner Hugo Vargas is at 11:30 a.m. The Library will be closed New Year's Eve. Dec. 31.

For information, call 863-675-0833 or visit facebook.com/Barron-Library/

Harry Chapin to distribute food

LABELLE — Harry Chapin Mobile Food Bank will be at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, 785 Forrey Drive, on Wednesday, **Dec. 10**. at 9 a.m.

Bingo is Dec. 12

LABELLE — LaBelle Com-

munity Woman's Club, 382 W Hickpochee Ave., will hold Bingo on Friday, **Dec. 12** at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. For information, visit facebook.com/LaBelleCommunity-WomansClub/

Stop by the DAV Chapter #144 flea market

LABELLE — Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter #144 Flea Market is open every Saturday, rain or shine, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. located between Martin Luther King Boulevard and Miller Avenue, near the Shell gas station on Route 80.

Legion plans events

LABELLE — American Legion Post 130 is located at 699 W Hickpochee Ave., across from the Shell Station. For info, call 863-675-8300. Upcoming events include the following. Pizza & hot dogs available – all day: Sunday - Thursday 11 a.m. till close and Fridays and Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour is held on Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday Fish Fry nights is held from 5-7 p.m. Karaoke begins at 7 p.m. Friday & Saturdays, Karaoke in lounge beginning at 7 p.m.

Administration of Estates

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 502025CP005406
Division: IA**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JEANETTE KAYE,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Jeanette Kaye, deceased, whose date of death was August 24, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 3, 2025.

Attorney for
Personal Representative:
Brett Halperin, Esq.
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 109695
HH LAW PLLC
6001 Broken Sound Pkwy NW Suite 418
Boca Raton, Florida 33487
Telephone: (561) 324-2420
Fax: (561) 314-0007
E-Mail: brett@trushthlaw.com
Secondary E-Mail: brett@trushthlaw.com@gmail.com
33824 PB 12/3,10/2025

Personal Representative:
Sharon Rifkin
6 Grinnell Court
Rockville, Maryland 20855

Administration of Estates

**IN THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
Case No.: 50-2025-CP-004107-XXXX-SB
Division: IA**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
FRANCES DENKER,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Frances Denker, deceased, whose date of death was April 15th, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, Florida 33444. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 10, 2025.

Attorney for
Personal Representative:
Andrew S. Wiczorek, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 903507
Craig Donoff, P.A.
6100 Glades Road, Suite 301
Boca Raton 33434
Telephone: (561) 451-8220
E-mail Address: andrew@craigdonoffpa.com
yaolen@craigdonoffpa.com
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Personal Representative:
Michael Denker
47 Hidden Ledge Road
Englewood, NJ 07631

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Hendry County

**IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CC-543**

CHL HOLDINGS, INC., A Florida Corporation,
Plaintiff,

V.

ALFREDO MOLINA, and any unknown heirs, devisees, creditors, grantees, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under ALFREDO MOLINA, STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 25, 2025 and entered in 262025CC000543CCAXMX of the County Court in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein **CHL HOLDINGS, INC.,** a Florida Corporation is the Plaintiff and **ALFREDO MOLINA and any unknown heirs, devisees and creditors, grantees, and any unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under ALFREDO MOLINA and the STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE** are the Defendants. I, Kimberley Barrineau, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave. LaBelle, FL 33935 on the 2nd Floor of the Administration Building at **11:00 am on January 7, 2026**, the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

LOT 34, BLOCK 2193, OF PORT LABELLE UNIT 6, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF. AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 109, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Any person claiming and interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Dated on November 25, 2025

Kimberley Barrineau
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES NOTICE

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901, (239) 533-1700 within two working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
34233 HEND 12/10,17/2025

Hendry County

**IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CC-561**

CHL HOLDINGS, INC., A Florida Corporation,
Plaintiff,

V.

AARON FAGIN and JESENIA FAGIN, Husband and wife, and any unknown heirs, devisees, creditors, grantees, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under AARON FAGIN and JESENIA FAGIN, husband and wife, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 25, 2025 and entered in 262025CC000561 CCAXMX of the County Court in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein **CHL HOLDINGS, INC.,** a Florida Corporation is the Plaintiff and **AARON FAGIN and JESENIA FAGIN, husband and wife and any unknown heirs, devisees and creditors, grantees, and any unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under AARON FAGIN and JESENIA FAGIN** are the Defendants. I, Kimberley Barrineau, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave. LaBelle, FL 33935 on the 2nd Floor of the Administration Building at **11:00 am on January 7, 2026**, the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

LOT 26, BLOCK 2287, OF PORT LABELLE UNIT 8, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF. AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 131, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Any person claiming and interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Dated on November 25, 2025

Kimberley Barrineau
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

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OKEECHOBEE THINGS TO DO

We welcome community news. Submit news by emailing it to okeenews@iniusa.org. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 24 hours please call 863-763-3134. You can also post events on our website on the events calendar at southcentralfloridalife.com/calendar/. To post on the calendar you will have to register an account. The account registration is FREE. Online calendar items can be submitted anytime. The deadline to submit items for the Dec. 17 print edition is 5 p.m. on Dec 16.

Library hosts events

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee County Public Library, 206 SW 16th St., will host the following events: On Thursdays, **Dec. 11**, stop by at 3 p.m. for "A Very Country Christmas" concert. On Saturday, **Dec. 13**, attend A Season of Stories from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be an afternoon of cookie decorating, face painting and more! Then Minecraft Club meets at 3 p.m. On Wednesday, **Dec. 17**, Storytime is at 11 a.m. On Thursday, **Dec. 18**, Book Club meets at 2 p.m. On Saturday, **Dec. 20**, Crafternoon is at 4 p.m.

featuring ornament decorating. The library will be closed Dec. 25-27 for the holiday. The Crochet Club meets on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. The Adult Crafting Club meets on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Yoga at the Library is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Great for adults and seniors. Bring a mat and practice some zen! Visit the library any time to pick up a monthly craft kit, while supplies last! Each Craft Kit Box will contain all necessary materials and instructions to complete your own creation. Keep everything inside the box for free,

just return the box. Calling all readers to check out the adult Book Boxes! Every Book Box will contain a curated book choice and themed giveaways which can range from bookmarks to fun keychains to everything in between! Keep everything inside, just return the box and the book. Spaces are limited so call 863-7633536 to sign up. Call or stop by the library for information.

Sacred Heart hosts

OKEECHOBEE — Sacred Heart

• See **Okeechobee** on page 39

Hendry County

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 23000064CAAXMX**

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I
Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR SPOUSES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ROBBIE SIMMONS a/k/a ROBBIE CHRISTINA SIMMONS-RIVERA, DECEASED; GAIL BUTLER; GAIL BUTLER, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF ROBBIE SIMMONS a/k/a ROBBIE CHRISTINA SIMMONS-RIVERA, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GAIL BUTLER; WILLIAM F. BUTLER; FRANCISCO RIVERA; JUAN OROZCO, JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUAN OROZCO, JR.; AMANDA OROZCO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMANDA OROZCO; SHAUN PINEDA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHAUN PINEDA; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment entered on November 3, 2025 in the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, Kimberley Barrineau, CFCC, the Clerk of Court will on **DECEMBER 31, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.**, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash at the second floor of the Hendry County Courthouse at 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida the following described property situated in Hendry County, Florida:

LOTS 7, BLOCK 448, GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1937, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 71 THROUGH 78, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: **425 W Trinidad Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Dated: November 10, 2025

KIMBERLEY BARRINEAU, CFCC
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Torie Logue
Deputy Clerk

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Notice to Creditors

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 25000060CPMAXX
Division Probate**

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JEFFREY ALLEN CARIE
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Jeffrey Allen Carie, deceased, whose date of death was June 24, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 3, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Abigail M. Lyons Attorney Florida Bar Number: 1040206 Lyons & Lyons, PA. 27911 Crown Lake Boulevard Ste 201 Bonita Springs, FL 34135 Telephone: (239) 948-1823 Fax: (239) 948-1826 E-Mail: abby.lyons@lyons-law.com 34247 GCD 12/3,10/2025	Personal Representative: Kristy Elkas 28035 Edenberry Court Bonita Springs, FL 34135
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Tax Deeds

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-19
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1490** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-27-43-29-010-0001-0050**
Name In Which Assessed: **Hermanos Luna, Inc.**

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 33, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, run N 86 deg 22' 00" E along the South line of said Section 33, a distance of 626.00 feet to the centerline of State Road 29; thence N 03 deg 51' 00" W along the centerline of State Road 29, a distance of 2486.80 feet; thence N 86 deg 30' 00" E 450.00 feet to a concrete monument and the Point of Beginning; thence N 86 deg 30' 00" E 389.60 feet; thence S 00 deg 47' 30" E 1243.80 feet; thence S 86 deg 26' 00" W 323.80 feet to a concrete monument; thence N 03 deg 51' 00" W 1242.90 feet to the Point of Beginning being in Section 33 Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS Trace A, Turkey Run as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 150, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida and LESS the East and South 30 feet for road-right-of-way.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

Kimberley Barrineau
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-14
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **807** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-21-43-34-010-0006-0210**
Name In Which Assessed: **Carrene Mack**

Lot 21 in Block 6 of Harlem Addition No. 4 to Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida, according to plat recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 32, of the Current Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-13
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **585** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-15-44-32-A00-0280-0100**
Name In Which Assessed: **George Chemaly and Gislaine Chemaly**

The East One-half of the South East One-Quarter of the South West One-Quarter of the South East One-Quarter of the South East One-Quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida, subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof, subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to existing oil, Gas and Mineral reservations, conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, enforceable easements of record and subject to taxes and assessment of Central County Drainage District.

Also known as Lot No.2682 in Montura Ranch Estates.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

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Hendry County, Florida
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-12
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **562** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-15-44-32-A00-0157-0100**
Name In Which Assessed: **Canales Concrete Designs, Corp**

N 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 1.25 acre tract #2594 Section 15 Township 44 Range 32 also known as Montura Ranch Estates.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

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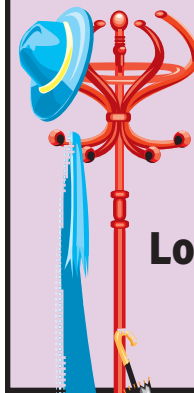


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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED FILE #25-09 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **509** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-14-44-32-A00-0234-0100**
Name In Which Assessed: **Hendry County Realty Investors, LLC**

The North One-Half (1/2) of the Southwest One-Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast One-Quarter (1/4) of the Northwest One-Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast One-Quarter (1/4) of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No.: 2891, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Together with a 1996 TRINITY Double-wide Mobile Home having Identification Nos.: FLA146M9891A and FLA146M9891B, Title Nos.: 70004193 and 70004192, and RP Nos.: 12059445 and 12059446.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

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Hendry County, Florida
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED FILE #25-06 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **349** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-13-44-32-A00-0227-0100**
Name In Which Assessed: **Neville Hibbert**

The North One-Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest One-Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southeast One-Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast One-Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southeast One-Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida.

a/k/a Lot 5511, Section J, Montura Ranch Estates, unrecorded.

Together with a 1996 SHAD Doublewide Mobile Home Vin #'s FLA14610361A & FLA14610361B.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED FILE #25-04 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **168** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-07-44-28-A00-0206-0000**
Name In Which Assessed: **Roberto Gutierrez**

The West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

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Hendry County, Florida
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED FILE #25-11 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **FIG 20, LLC FBO SEC PTY** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **553** Year: **2023**
Description: **1-15-44-32-A00-0113-0000**
Name In Which Assessed: **Mabel Hoover**

The South One-Half of the South One-half of the Northwest One-Quarter of the Southwest One-Quarter of the Northwest One-Quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida, subject to right of way of State Road No. 833, as existing, subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No.: 3116 in Montura Ranch Estates; together with 1976 High mobile home ID#3H60BQ38106 thereon.

Subject to easement, restrictions and reservations of record.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of January, which is the 8th day of January, 2026.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BEAMIF A LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **721** Year of Issuance: **2020**
Description of Property: **LOT L OF TRACT 22 WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 22, SECTION 22 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

1-22-34-33-0A00-00022-L000

Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: **KIDD EMMA MAE (ESTATE) C/O WILLIAM H CLARK, PER REP**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **8th day of January, 2026** at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

Jerald D Bryant, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Kayla Feters
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990; In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BEAMIF A LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **565** Year of Issuance: **2023**
Description of Property: **LOT A OF TRACT 7 EAST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 7, SECTION 22 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OF THE NORTH 40 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES.**

1-22-34-33-0A00-00007-A000

Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: **WILLIAM PATRICK O'BRIEN**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **8th day of January, 2026** at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BEAMIF A LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **270** Year of Issuance: **2023**
Description of Property: **LOTS M & N OF TRACT 7 WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 7 SECTION 14 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

1-14-34-33-0A00-00007-M000

Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: **BILL GOLDOLOM**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **8th day of January, 2026** at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BEAMIF A LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **129** Year of Issuance: **2023**
Description of Property: **LOT D OF TRACT 9 WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 9, SECTION 11 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA..**

1-11-34-33-0A00-00009-D000

Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: **SHAKIR JOSEPH ZULEKHA SMITH LEAH SMITH**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD003

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **SAMMY AND ANN HANCOCK** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1689** Year of Issuance: **2019**
Description of Property: **WHISPERING PINES (PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 25) THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 29.**

1-04-37-35-0010-00000-0290
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed:
GENA VILLARREAL
IDA HARRELL
HEIRS OF IDA HARRELL, DECEASED
OWNER/ POST

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD002

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **T-I 770 LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2546** Year of Issuance: **2023**
Description of Property: **CITY OF OKEECHOBEE (PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 10 & PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE 5) LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 182.**

3-15-37-35-0010-01820-0010
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed:
CAPITAL C INC
CAPITAL C INC. C/O JAMES COREY CROWLEY
CAPITAL J LENDING LLC
OWNER/ POST

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Catholic Church, 901 S.W. Sixth St., will host Monday Night

Bingo on Monday, **Dec. 15**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Games start at 7 p.m. The kitchen will be open for refreshments.

Quarters For A Cause is Dec. 16

OKEECHOBEE — Quarters For A Cause benefit to benefit George Watson will be held on Tuesday, **Dec. 16** at 7 p.m., at the American Legion, 501 SE Second St. Doors open at 6 p.m. George is battling stage 4 lung cancer. A special Raffle will be provided by Joy's Place. The event includes 50/50 drawing, Chinese raffles, vendor table raffles and cash & carry holiday gifts. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. To make a donation or for information, call Janice at 561-310-3285.

Healthy Start to host Playtime

OKEECHOBEE — Healthy Start, 114 SW Fifth Ave., will host Dads, Pizza & Playtime in the Park on Friday, **Dec. 19**, at 5:30-6:30 p.m. There will be free pizza, drinks, kid-friendly scavenger hunt, bonding, laughter and memory making. This event is open to dads, stepdads, grandfathers, uncles, and mentors, anyone who plays a fatherly role.

City Hall announces holiday closures

OKEECHOBEE — The offices at City Hall, Public Works, and the administrative offices of the Police Department will be closing at noon on Wednesday, **Dec. 24** and all day Thursday and Friday, **Dec. 25** and **26**, in observance of Christmas.

Car, Truck & Bike Show planned

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Nazarene Church, 425 SW 28th St., will hold a Car, Truck

& Bike Show on Saturday, **Jan. 24**, at 4 to 7 p.m. Registration opens at 3:30 p.m. Free entry and donations welcomed. Free water and popcorn available. Music provided by Hot Rod Nights. For information, call 260-213-0271. Dash plaques for first 50 registered. No alcohol or weapons permitted.

Airboat & Buggy Show planned

OKEECHOBEE — The Lake Okeechobee Association of Airboat-ers will hold a free Airboat & Buggy Show on Tuesday, **Feb. 24**, at 10 a.m. at the Okeechobee County Civic Center, 1750 US 98.

RLCR yard sale is open

OKEECHOBEE — Real Life Children's Ranch yard sale is back! The hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday and Friday of each week, at 7777 U.S. Highway 441 S.E. Come treasure hunt at the Real Life Barn full of gently used items, unique finds and one-of-a-kind bargains.

American Legion hosts events

OKEECHOBEE — American Legion Post 64, , will host the following events: On **Mondays** Queen of Hearts is at 6 p.m. On **Tuesdays** dauber bingo is at 6 p.m. On **Wednesdays** is Taco Day. Entertainment begins at 5 p.m. On **Thursdays** bar poker is at 4 p.m. On **Fridays** dinner is from 4 to 7 p.m. and entertainment begins at 5 p.m. On **Saturdays** quarter bingo is at 1 p.m. On **Sundays** bar poker is at 3 p.m. The post is open seven days a week beginning at noon. Every day there are lunch and drink specials, with music, pool, darts and more! Facility is smoke free.

Motherhood Unfiltered meets

OKEECHOBEE — Healthy Start will host Motherhood Unfiltered meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30-11:30 a.m. This is a free, therapist-led support group for moms with a new kids' group includ-

ed, offering a safe space to connect, breathe, and feel supported. For information, call 863-462-5877 ext 2001 or email events@healthystart.org.

Democratic Executive Committee to meet

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Democratic Executive Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month at 3169 US Hwy 441 S.E. at 6:30 pm. All Democrats are welcome to attend.

Republicans of Okeechobee to meet

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Republican Party now holds its monthly meetings at the American Legion Hall, 501 Second St., on the **third Monday** of every month at 6:30 p.m. All fellow Republicans are welcome to attend these meetings. The Republican Club of Lake Okeechobee holds its monthly meetings at Lakeside Grill, 1111 Parrott Ave., on the **second Tuesday** of every month at 11 a.m. All Republican's are encouraged to join.

Rotary Club to meet

OKEECHOBEE — The Rotary Club of Okeechobee meets every Tuesday at noon at the Golden Corral, 700 S Parrott Ave. Guests are welcome. Come join the meeting to learn more about the wonderful things Rotary does locally and internationally. For info, call Melisa at 863-634-8844.

Retired Teachers to meet

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Retired Educators (ORE) will meet on the second Monday of the month from September through May at Our Village Education Center, 205 N.E. Second Street, at 11:30 a.m. All retirees are welcome. Bring a lunch. For information, call 863-610-7290.

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